S. C. ACQUITTAL STIRS ENTIRE COUNTRY

S. C. MOB DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED

GREENVILLE, S. C. (NNPA)—All twenty-eight defendants were acquitted on all counts by a Greenville County jury here last Wednesday of charges of lynching Willie Earle on last February 17th.

dicts the defendants were freed

court, rejected altogether the al-leged confessions of the accused men. None of the defendants recudiated in court the confessions attributed to them. Judge J. Rob ert Martin, Jr., whe presided over the trial, had instructed the jury that they could consider each statement as evidence against its maker.

Eight of the statements named ger man in the mob, but under Roosevelt Carlos Hurd as the trigjudge's ruling these statements could not be considered as evidence against him. In his own statement Hurd said he did not know who fired the fatal shotgun blasts.

Twenty-one of the defendants after the fact to conspiracy.

structed the jury to disregard day night.

Sany so-called racial issue."

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Gar loads of Judge Martin, in his charge, in-

LYNCH TRIAL LEAVES MIXED FEELINGS

Acquittal of the 28 defendants by FBI, would guarantee his safety. defendants, their families, friends Bush escaped from the mob.

white men were even brought to if there should be another case,

I'm gonna run for sheriff of Greenville county in the next lerwards, sound of a guission was the academy he will join one other they have been forced to resign, election." Another taxi driver, heard and the mob's cars drove colored youth there. Wesley Brown, the last two appointed prior to give your net involved in the next away. who was not involved in the case, believed that in the future Negrees would not attack any more cab drivers. "This verdict," he said, "should teach them a les-

On the contrary, Dr. C. Frank Fittman, president of the Greenville Ministers association, said, When men admit they've done a thing. I don't see how you can

turn around and acquit them."
Likewise, the Southern Regional council considered the action of the jury "a burden to the conscience of the south."A statement from the Council declared that to acquit these men in the face of evidence and many signed confessions, strikes a hard blow at the south's already weak foundations of respect for law and jus-tice for all men."

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to commit murder and of being accessories before the fact. The jury, composed of eight textile workers, two salesmen, a shipping clerk, and a farmer, in freeing the first lynch mob ever to be prosecuted in a southern court, rejected altogether the al-

Statutes Upheld In Chapel Hill

MAN ESCAPES LYNCH MQB

were charged with murder, acces- tim of a lynch mob which stormsory before and after the fact of ed the little red brek jail at Jackmurder, and conspiracy. Judge son about 2:00 Friday morning, Martin had reduced the charges surrendered to Solicitor E. R. Tyler against the other seven detend- of Roxbel at an undisclosed point ants from murder and accessory Sunday and is confined to Central Prison here, it was reported Sun-

Bush, who was seized by four car loads of boodlums after he had been arrested and confined to jail on an alleged attempted criminal attack on Mrs. Margaret A. Bryant, white, last Thursday night, said he had been hiding since Friday morning when he broke away from the

Tyler said Bush surrendered to him about 4:00 Sunday morning after a Negro preacher who had arranged for his rescue informed Tyler that the prisoner would surrender if Tyler, and agent of the

Tyler refused to disclose where an all white male jury for the tynching of Willie Earle has left the surrender took place, but anmixed feelings in its wake. Satis- nounced calmly that it was in the faction was greatest among the general vicinity of the place where

and sympathizers, but question. Miss Rosa Heward who lives in marks lingered in the minds of a house across the street from the cthers about southern justice. Some local leaders saw "prog-lati provided the first concrete evi-action and the same saw "prog-dence that the mob victim might still be alive when she told offinstill be alive when she told offictrial for the murder of a Negro the mob and had seen and heard a According to one public official, sun shot. Later in the morning when the builet was discovered in perhaps we may get a mistrial the rafter of a small meathouse. Lester Banks, a junior at Howard with a hung jury. Eventually, the investigating officers proceeded on south may return convictions." theory that Bush was still alive.

One of the defendants, Hendrix | Three masked men had gone into Roctor, is reported to have said the jail and taken Bush outside jubilantly, "I'm gonna stay drunk where three cars of hoodlums liam L. Dawson, Democrat, of Ill. Johnsin and George Trivers, both for about four weeks and then were waiting. A few moments afterwards, sound of a gunshot was

> CORRESPONDENTS VOTE TO CHANGE PRESS GALLERY RULES

WASHINGTON (NNPA) -The Standing Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Press Galleries announced last Monday that gallery members had voted approval, 123 to 11, of the proposed change in gallery rules.

The committee said it will submit the proposal at the earliest possible time to the Speaker of the Senate Rules

Undr the proposed change. represenatives of news associations servicing weekly newspapers would be admit-



Rep. Dawson

Appointment

Rev. Holder Delivers

Challenging Sermon

proved of God, the preacher stat- er concluded.

Brown was appointed by Represen- year.

service Sunday afternoon.

I that it is easy to win approval.

Makes Academy *

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)- tatve Adam C. Powell, Democrat,

University, was appointed to the remained at the Naval Academy

United States Naval Academy last long enough to graduate Though

Wednesday by Representative Wil- Brown's appointment were James

If Banks passes the physical ex- hazing and physical or mental de-

mination on June 10 and enter ficiences, either real or imaginary,

who is now in his third year of whom withdrew in their first

to make this a better world?" This of the world may be transitory, but

uating class of St. Augustine's Col- of God, however humble their

mercy, love and sacrifice.

Anti-Lynch Laws

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NAACP Calls For New

tute - Above are the persons ter NAACP. The institute taught

Social Studies at Johnson C.

MISS. SENATOR ON ANTI-LYNCHING COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON (NNPA) -Senator Homer Ferguson, Republican, of Michigan, who won fame as a racket buster in Dertoit, has been appointed

lary subcommittee to consider anti-lynching legislation. Other members of the subcommittee will probably hold hearings on an anti-lynching bill introduced in the Senate Albert Hawkes, Republican, of New Jersey, January 6, last. No date has yet been set for the hearings.

MOB CASE

Released Under \$2,500

RALEIGH - What can you do for from desirable. The approval Bond Each

was the challenge offered the grad- close who store for the approval RICH SQUARE - Seven Northlege by the Rev. Oscar E. Holder work or lowly their station, will ampton County white men in his sermon at the baccalaureate be remembered for their works of charged with kidnapping and breaking into the county jail at Taking as his text the admoni- "The most certain contribution Jackson in an attempt to lynch" tion of Paul to the young Time you can make to a better world is Godwin Bush, who was charged thy, "Study to show thyself ap to be a better person," the speak- with attempted assault on a white (Continued on back page)

TEST CASE **TRAVELERS** SENTENCED

white man and a Negro were found guilty of trying to buck North Carolina's jim crow stat-utes requiring segregation of white and Negro passengers in public transportation vehicles in Juage Henry A. Whitfield's court

The two men were Bayard Rus-tin, Westchester, Pa., and Igol Boodenko, white New Yorker. Roodenko drew a 30-day road sentence, and Rustin was ordered ble. Such persons will be prose- er arrested several mob partici-

the judge's interpretation of in- theer attached to the State Bureau on charges of unlawful assembly. terstate travel. The two men had of Investigation is to be assigned At Cherryville on April 13, 1941, been part of a party of two Ne- there if it is necessary. from Durham to Knoxville, send representation to Northamp- ton County to be of any possible state's officials regarded it as a sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a northern group organized for the purpose of fur-thering interracial relations.

the arrest of the group hap the rend here when the two Negro phenson to make the a report in the removal of the party refused to sit in the rear of a Carolina Coach stance.

I cite these instances as an indication of our determination here in North Carolina not to allow The arrest of the group hapcompany bus and the white mem- North Carolina has not had a this sort of thing in our State. We bers refused to similarly obey lynching since July 30, 1935, and have set and are setting this prethe segregation laws and instruct we have set a precedent in this cedent tions of the bus driver. Ned H. State for the punishment of white. For 12 years Leonard of Lincolnton.

R. Avant, both of Durham, and Herman L. Taylor of Raleigh, argued that since Rustin and Roodenko held through state tickets, they were not subject to the segregation provisions of the state law. They cited the Morgan vs. State of Virginia case in which he supreme court held that local aws of segregation cannot apply passengers of bus lines operatssengers using tickets from a int in one state to a destination

(Continued on back page) HARLEM WOMAN GETS YWCA POST

NEW YORK (ANP) -The national board of the YWCA has announced the election of Mrs. Edward S. Lewis of New York as a member of the executive committee.

Mrs. Lewis, who is the wife of Edward Lewis, executive secretary of the Urban League of Greater New York. is well known in the eastern area as a leader in civic and social welfare work and has long been connected with the YWCA.

Goodwin "Buddy" Bush is

hown above with Warden H.

H. Wilson, safe in Central Pris-

on after making an escape from an armed mob which took him

from the Jackson jail in North-

ampion County. Bush came to the home of a Negro farmer three miles south of Jackson after spending two days in the woods without food and in terfor for his life to make his sur-

Governor Cherry Makes Statement On Jackson Case

He Escaped N. C. Lynch Mob

nchings and mob violence.

unfortunate happening at Jackson, guilt and to locate those responsi- Patrol stood the mob off and latcuted to the full extent of the law, pants. Five white men served pri-Their conviction was based on My instructions are that every of son sentences following conviction

I have also asked the North tween a group of white men and on a "journey for reconciliation" Carolina State Highway Patrol to Negroes. In some places that has assistance to law enforcement of fight between groups of different ficers in searching out the guilty races. But at any rate three white

men who form mobs and mistreat seen no such shameful thing as has Defense Attys. C. J. Gates and Negroes. No such incident has just heappened at Jackson. This vithout persons responsible being not be tolerated within our bord-

last such incidents, when in 1942 Immediately upon hearing of the a mob of white men tried to gain I ordered the State Burean of In- entrance to the Person County Jail investigation, seeking to fix any a Roxboro to get a Negro who the scene and make an exhaustive was being held there on a rape investigation , seeking to fix any tharge. The Sheriff and Highway

men were convicted and drew pri-I have asked Sheriff J. C. Ste- son sentences from that occasion.

passed in this State for many years is a civilized State. Lynching will

EQUAL SALARY SUIT RESULTS IN DISMISSAL

Birminghom (ANP) - The wholesale firing of Negro teachers who attempts to secure equalization of pay with white teachers through court action, was disclosed here last week by the national teachers division of the United Public Workers of Amer-

seeking pay parity is Mrs. Ruby Jackson Gainer, who was charged with insubordination and neglect delegates in attendance and with of duty. A hearing on her case over three thousand visitors and was held last Wed esday, the de- freinds present the State Elks As cision on which will be rendered sociation adjourned last Thursday

growth of court action instituted borc. On hand were J. Finley Wilby Mrs. Gainer, who is president son, Grand Exalted Ruler of the of the Jefferson County Teach- Eiks and Judge W. C. Houston, J. E. Bryan for his refusal to Grand Commissioner of Education. comply with a two-year-old court decision ordering salary equalization for Negro teacheres. This The following officers were electcase was heard in the Birming ed for the new year: ham federal court on April 1. President, K. P. Battle, Rocky Atty Crampton Harris, formerly Mount; 1st vice president, M. E. of the law office of Supreme Alvis, Scotland Neck; 2nd vice Court Justice Hugo L. Black, and president. George Allen, Wilming-Arthur D. Shores represented the ton; 3rd vice president, B. S. teachers.

teacher leaders participating in Esquire, J. W. Rogers, Williamston the fight for equalized salaries, inner guard, Joe Blunt, Farmville, Specific charges against other Tyler, Graut Bell, Greensville, leaders were not revealed.

teachers division, the board's ac- her: Commissioner of Junior Herds tion amounts to a "flagrant case L. S. Potts, Charlotte; Commission of intimidation of teachers and er of Athletics, J. N. White, Green an attempt at unoin-busting. It ville, State Chaplain, Rev. J. B. has been precerded by a series of Brown, Washington; Assistant State efforts by the school superintendent, such as attempting to get teachers to sign statements that lette.

K. P. BATTLE OF ROCKY MOUNT PRESIDENT; L. P. Leader of the teacher group DARRIS RE-ELECTED SECT.

TARBORO - With one hundred with the out come very satisfactory The dismissals were the out- to all who braved the heat of Ter-The next Association meeting

Rivers, New Bern; State Secretary, son County Board of education served dismissal notices to all urer. J. T. Hawkins, Durham; Commissioner of Education, R. J According to Miss Sara T. Johnson, Rocky Mount; Commis Walsh, director of UPW's national siner of Civil Liberties. J. A. Joyville; State Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Chaplain, Rev. P. E. Davis, Char

Spingarn Medal To

ed Friday by the National Associa-lamong a distinguished group of tion for the Advancement of Color- prospective recipients for his bril-The hire and cry over the "in- ed People that the Spingarn Medal liant contributions in the field of

Dr. Percy L. Julian NEW YORK - It was announce | Award selected Dr. Julian from

columnist for the NNPA News Series at the Spingara Medal that the Spingara that the Spingara Medal that the Spingara that the

In nearby Spartanburg, approxi-(Continued on back page) ted to the galleries. Supreme Court Asked To Revise Civil Rights Act

sity Law School, last Monday ask- vitude.

whole summer to pass on the ques- ment were invalid because the In brief, the laws are for the white tion and asked Mr. Cobb to sum- Fourteenth Amendment to the people; if one is white, one is right, mit him some cases in point.

The request was made during only to state action.

the District of Columbia Municipal places, common carriers, or places Court and teacher of the constitu- of amusement on grounds of race, tional law in the Howard Univer- color or previous condition of ser- line lynching trial only adds to year, the United States Attorney apon it promptly

United States Constitution applied even though a lyncher.

argument on a motion to dismiss In 1913, in Butts v. Merchants line lynchers are known. The re- justify the continuation of the lot those enjoyed by white chil- sue of non-discrimination in govthe complaint of Edwin & Hender- Transportation Company, the court cord of their action was spread jim crow school system and a dren, Dr. Hobart M. Corning re- enument services received a mason, director of physical education decided that the same act could be upon civit records so plainly that racial quota policy by the use of ported to the board last week jority "ave" vote with little disin the colored public schools of the sustained in its operation outside no one doubts their guilt despite District of Columbia and a sports the states as the provisions of the the verdict

llowing statement.

the proof that state action cannot ed Municipal Court Judge Nathan | The United States Supreme Court | b- expected to punish the crime of Margold to reverse the decision of held in the civil rights cases de- lanching. Notice has been served the United States Supreme Court cided in 1883 that the provisions of co Negroes in South Carolina and holding the civil rights act of the civil rights act of 1875, with the oughout the South that they are 1875 inapplicable to the District of respect to the equal enjoyment of new at the mercy of mobs, and that the privileges of itms, public con- the law is powerless to defend Judge Margold said he wants the veyances and places of amuse- them or to punish their murderers.

NEW YORK - Officials of the means of protecting themselves. Deneral's office, through Assistant School Issue Sparks

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, stun-Mr. Cobb contended that under ned by the South Carolna acquit- tile gesture, but logical and under-WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)— the civil rights act of 1875, it is tal of the 28 defendants in the standible in the circumstances. James A. Cobb, former judge of illegal to bar anyone from public lanching trial Friday issued the Following the infamous quad- was introduced in the House, May be loose at the annual ruple lynching of two men and 15 by Rep. Clifford P. Case (R., open meeting of the white Vote-"The verdict in the South Caro- heir wives near Monroe, Ga., last N. J.; and the Congress should act less District League of Women

Use Statistics To Justify JC D. C. School

"The names of the South Caro- officials here are seeking to

figures showing the percentages that 44.27 per cent of the district sent. of money spent on education for money goes to Negroes although

D. C. Women

voters here last week, when the subject of "Should the league" work toward elimination of racthe government, and intergroup that of white teachers.

Trustees. C. E. Evans. New Bern.

II. F. Lee, Wilmington; Rev. J. A. the government, and intergroup that of white teachers, education in public schools?" was (Continued or page 8) brought up. The league was meeting in Pierce hall, All Souls' Unitarian church. The furore was created

over the portion of the subject Washington (ANP) - School en education opportunities equal cation in public schools." The is-