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JURY CLEARS

their client had acted maliciously and used excessive force in arresting Williams.

DEFENSE SCORES

Attempts of the prosecution to establish the fact that the preacher's present mental condition, which has resulted in continued confinement at the State Hospital at Raleigh, were damaged by testimony of Williams' wife and of Dr. R. G. Blackwelder, hospital superintendent.

Mrs. Williams admitted under questioning, that her husband preached a one-hour sermon to their children on the night before his encounter with Whitten and that he had complained of pains in his head for several years.

D. Blackwelder testified that the minister is suffering from dementia praecox and that there is no possibility that this condition could have resulted from Whitten's blows.

At the time of his arrest which Whitten undertook after seeing Williams acting in an allegedly "futile manner," the preacher, who also operates a farm near Chadbourn, was carrying a guitar and a Bible.

LAST RITES

of 4th and Orange St. This church was later moved to 16th and Market streets. The Rev. Mr. Miller who read the funeral services for the deceased, is rector of the present St. Paul P. E. Church.

Mr. Jackson's mother played the organ and sang in the choir of this church, which at that time had a mixed congregation. Mr. Jackson was confirmed in St. Mark's church. He was responsible for this church becoming a parish. He was a vestryman for many years.

He was a shoemaker in his early days, his shop being located downtown. He and his faithful wife, "Ada," worked hard and saved their money, which was the beginning of the fortune which he amassed in cash and property.

A son, Henry, and a daughter, Mrs. A. D. Watkins, died some years ago.

Mr. Jackson was one of the organizers and served at one time as president of the now defunct Metropolitan Building and Loan Association, which added many Negroes here to own their homes.

He longed, and school for children of St. Mark's and the community. In later years, he talked of erecting a parish house for St. Mark. He made provisions for these things in his will, which will be printed next week. Should his plans be carried out, it is thought that this will mark the first time that a Negro of Wilmington left his church such a substantial amount.

Mr. Jackson was of the "old school," quiet and unassuming. He was the complete gentleman, erect, kindly, and courteous. He counted many white and Negro people among his friends. A large crowd, including several whites, attended his last rites.

He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Madeline Thomas and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mildred Rowe, both of New York City.

NEGRO NEWSPAPER

significant position of the Negro press, and to highlight some of its major activities.

Details of Newspaper Week are being worked out by Dowdell H. Davis, general manager of the KANSAS CITY CALL, chairman, William M. Nantz, managing editor of the PITTSBURGH COURIER and Frank L. Stanley, editor and publisher of the LOUISVILLE DEFENDER, who are members of the association's National Negro Newspaper Week committee.

According to Mr. Davis, the NBC radio program has been scheduled for 12:15 p. m. on Saturday, March 13, as one of the network's regular public service features. The ABC program will be heard on Thursday evening, March 11, at 10:30 o'clock. The time for the CBS program is being worked out with officials of the network and will be announced next week.

In addition to the national program contemplated, each member newspaper of the association is conducting its own local observance with features such as essay contests, open house at their plants public meetings and local radio programs.

Complete text of the proclamation issued by the NNPA president follows:

WHEREAS the first Negro newspaper, FREEDOM'S JOURNAL, was founded by John Russwurm in New York City 121 years ago, and

WHEREAS the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association desires to commemorate annually the anniversary of this historic event by directing the attention of the nation to the scope, function and purposes of the Negro Press, and

WHEREAS it is desirable and proper that the role of the Negro Press in our country be better and more fully appreciated,

THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, I hereby proclaim the week of March 7-13, 1948 as National Negro Newspaper Week, and urge all member papers of the Association to direct their best efforts to the fullest realization of the objectives of this observance.

STEP IS

the Governor, ordering him to observe the state Constitution.

In addition, the New Jersey Governor sent a wire to Secretary Royall, informing him of the New Jersey Constitutional provision and his objections to continuing the orders for the Jim Crow of Guard personnel.

This week Secretary Royall applied to Governor Driscoll stating that War Department regulations issued in 1946 required the segregation of Negroes in all units below battalion strength.

Declaring that he and his staff felt that this provision is in the interests of national defense, Secretary Royall said that it is still in effect in the Regular Army and generally Federally recognized civilian components of the Army.

Exception Made

While yielding no Army authority for the regulation of the National Guard, the Army chief voiced recognition of "the importance to a sovereign state of a constitutional provision" and stated that an exception would be made in the case of the New Jersey Guard unit "for the present."

This provision against integrated utilization of Negroes in Army units below the battalion was contained in the Gillem Board report issued in April of 1946 following the report of a special Army board created to study Army problems related to Negro manpower utilization.

The text of Secretary Royall's letter to Governor Driscoll follows:

"Dear Governor Driscoll:

"On January 8 you addressed to me a telegraphic inquiry concerning the utilization of Negro manpower in the militia of New Jersey. I have had the matter carefully reviewed by the military Staff of this Department and have myself given it full consideration.

"In accordance with a report of competent and experienced officers, the War Department on 27 April 1946, issued regulations which, among other things, required subject to certain exceptions that when Negroes are employed in Army units below the battalion, they be segregated into separate units.

"This provision was considered to be in the interest of national defense, and both the Staff and I feel that this is still the case. Therefore, these regulations will be continued in force for the Regular Army and, subject to the exception noted below, will also be effective for the Federally recognized civilian components of the Army.

"I have noted the fact that the people of New Jersey by direct majority vote have provided in their Constitution that 'no person shall . . . be segregated in the militia because of race, color . . . While the authority to determine all questions relating to the Federally recognized National Guard must necessarily be exercised by the Department of the Army, yet I recognize the importance to a sovereign state of a constitutional provision such as yours, and I have determined that for the present, Army militia units of New Jersey, if otherwise qualified, will not be denied Federal recognition on the ground of non-segregation.

Sincerely yours,

KENNETH C. ROYALL
Secretary of the Army

CME BISHOP

At the time of his death he was 60 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. C. L. Russell.

A native of Alabama, he lived in Louisville, Ky., until he went to Washington following his election to the bishopric.

CANDIDATE WALLACE

hospitals in which the wounded must be healed.

"A reckoning on this whole segregation question is long overdue.

"We cannot afford to wait any longer and we cannot afford to have constructed a monument to Jim Crow in the form of a hospital to treat the veterans of the wars. \$144 must be defeated. The needs of all our veterans for hospitalization and medical care must be met fully, and in accord with the democratic principles for which they and their brothers fought."

In his message to Senator Ferguson, Wallace declared:

"By providing Federal protection and strict penalties for lynch mobs who attack persons or property because of race, color, religion or national ancestry, and for state officers who wink at lynching," Wallace declared, "the Wagner-Morse Case bill can do much to halt practices which horrify every decent American and disgrace us throughout the world. The time has come for bi-partisan action in Congress just as there has been disgraceful bi-partisan action in the past to maintain it. Republicans and Democrats who refuse to take effective action against lynching or mob attack upon those of different races or religions are themselves guilty of crime. The WMC bill is one of several which must be passed in the present session of Congress to help end Jim Crow."

Wallace also reiterated his demand for passage of a Federal FEPC law and for a Presidential Order to outlaw discrimination in employment by the Federal government.

TWISTED PICTURE

the South and of the nation which were made up of these Negroes and their components.

"Such a government," he added, "is created the first and foremost public schools in South Carolina."

"The darker brother has had a part to play in American Democracy," he said and decried the "tendency of some historians tainted with racism, to 'blame certain people as responsible for all

contributions and other people as a burden.

They study to prove racial wrongs, and finally, and justification of an attitude toward maintaining second class citizenship," he said.

Dr. Franklin expressed surprise at "modern students of history who emerge from universities, trained in scientific and objective research, and then express biased points of view." He opined, however, that "education in history and research does not change convictions, though in such cases education has failed."

The speaker called for history which is "fair and true; unswayed by spurious interpretation based on race; honest history by persons of integrity, courage, and a sense of justice. Otherwise, innocent and unsuspecting Americans will drink deep of venomous writings on the races and in consequence will be guided by untruth, sentiment and distortion," he concluded.

Dr. Franklin was introduced by Prof. Nathan A. Pitts, chairman of the Shaw University social action division, sponsoring the Negro History Week observance. Dean William R. Strasser of the School of Religion, directed opening devotions. Music was furnished by the University Choir, directed by Harry Gil-Synthe, with a number by the trio: Geraldine Jones, Amanda Filmore, and Dorothy Jones, and solo work by Enola Laws.

HONOR ROLL

ment, restraint and sportsmanship.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, for his selection as head of the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on Palestine.

Willard Motley, for his best seller, "Knock On Any Door."

Margaret Harris, three year old prodigy of Chicago, for ability and personality.

Theodore Ward, for his Broadway play, "Our Land."

NAACP especially for its court victories and its petition to the United Nations on the rights of minorities.

Oliver Randolph, for his proposal incorporated in the revised constitution of the state of New Jersey prohibiting racial segregation in any of that state's institutions, including the military.

Ensign John Lee, first Negro to receive a commission in the regular United States navy.

Paul Williams, for winning the largest commission ever granted to a Negro architect.

Ulysses Kay, for his creative music, having won four awards in one year.

Judge Herbert E. Millen, of the municipal court, of Philadelphia, who became the 13th Negro judge in the United States.

Sadie Alexander and Channing Tobias, for their work on the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

SENATE PROBING

and "will go down there to investigate these charges." On the complex situation, he will have files of the NAPE which show that "under supervision of a C. C. Campbell, the Negro employees have suffered much." Campbell was identified as supervisor of the motor vehicle services.

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