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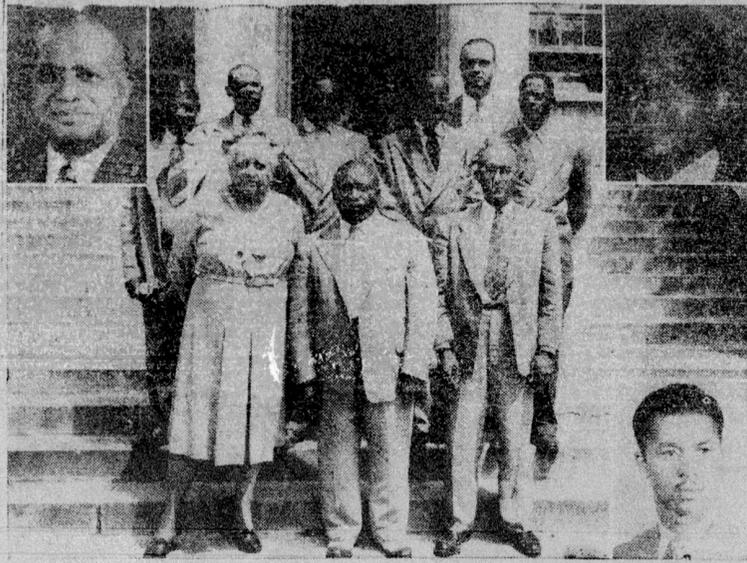
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (WDL)—filed on behalf of the two sharecroppers in Desha county circuit court was for only \$885, they claimed that the damages have to amount to at least \$3,000 for the federal court to assume jurisdiction. Henderson and Hawkins contended that the prior suit was unauthorized and that the damages exceeded \$1,000.

U. S. Judge Harry J. Lemley set a hearing for early September after the Cox brothers contended that the case does not come under federal jurisdiction. Pointing out that a prior suit Hawkins and Henderson, whom the WDL have removed from the area for safety, will return to Little Rock for the September hearing. Their possessions were confiscated and they were ousted after an unsuccessful attempt by the Cox brothers to chisel an increased share of the crop. Hawkins was seriously beaten.

NEGRO LIFE SPAN SHORTER

WASHINGTON (G)—According to the Federal Security Administration the average longevity non-white persons is 55 years for women and 57.5 for men, while white women have a life expectancy of 70.3 years and white men can expect to live 65.1 years.

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PRINCIPALS ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL AT A. AND I. COLLEGE — Left insert Dr. F. D. Binford, president of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C. Right insert Warmoth T. Gibbs, Director of the summer school and Dean of the College. Second row left to right: J. J. Spearman, Mr. H. R. McKethen, Mr. E. D. Sinclair, Mr. O. D. Gill. Third row left to right: R. T. Hoffman, and N. H. Mitchell.

Old Confidence Game Costs Cripple \$500

ST. LOUIS (ANP)—A disabled and unemployed custodian, Paul Dryer, added his name to the long list of people who have learned that there is no such thing as something for nothing last week when he lost \$1,500 to two confidence men.

Dryer, who recently received \$2,700 for injuries he received while working at the West End hotel, fell for the old pigeon drop game.

First, an "insurance adjuster" dropped by his house and told him he should have received more money from the hotel accident, and led him from the house to make "arrangements" for his additional sum.

As they were on their way they spotted a man picking up something. The adjuster ran over to the stranger and asked him what did he pick up. The stranger told them it was a wallet with a large sum of money. The adjuster demanded that the money be split three ways. The finder agreed—if Dryer put up some money for good faith.

The victim rushed to his bank, the Jefferson Bank and Trust company, withdrew \$1,500 and returned to the corner and gave his money to the men. They disappeared across the street. Dryer waited 11 hours before he concluded that they did not plan to return.

ST. LOUIS GETS RENT CONTROL

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis citizens adopted by a 105,502 to 53,216 vote in primary elections here a Progressive Party rent control ordinance authored by Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, Negro attorney and congressional candidate of the Henry Wallace party.

The victory climaxed a year's fight begun last July when, on the heels of the 15 per cent increase allowed by Congress, Mayor Kauffman declared that the rent ordinance, then proposed by Mrs. Wilson on behalf of the Progressive Citizens of America, was unconstitutional.

Within 36 hours Mrs. Wilson and Wallace supporters started a campaign to put the rent ordinance up to the voters by referendum. By the end of August, after the St. Louis Property Owners Association first began to collect opposition signatures and then abandoned their move, the Wallace group had obtained 33,000 signatures.

Real estate owners are now expected to start a legal fight to keep the ordinance from being made effective. Mrs. Wilson said the Progressive Party "would use all its power" to see that it is enforced and that St. Louis rents are kept down.

Ala Draft Official Won't Enforce Truman Order

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ANP)—Negro soldiers would have no many rights under President Truman's recent executive order banning discrimination in the army, so a Talladega County draft board member quit his job last week.

Ortis R. Burton, Talladega County tax collector, resigned his post on the county draft board in protest of the President's decree. Gov. Folsom's office has accepted his resignation.

He is a veteran of World War I and served on the county draft board during World War II. He issued the following statement on his position:

"I am today informing Gov. James E. Folsom that I cannot accept appointment as a member of the draft board for Talladega County.

"I observed from news stories that the President of the United States declares his equality of treatment order for the armed services is aimed at the end of racial segregation in the army.

"I cannot in conscience conscientiously have a part in sending young men from Alabama into a situation in which the traditions and customs under which they were reared will be totally disregarded."

REV. CARRINGTON IS MAIN SPEAKER AT CONVOCATION

HAMPTON, Va.—Hampton Institute's Summer Convocation address in Ogden Hall on Friday, August 20, to be delivered by the Rev. W. E. Carrington, will be in the nature of a "return engagement by popular demand."

The pastor of the St. Catherine AME Church of New Rochelle, N. Y., Dr. Carrington made such a deep impression on students and staff in his first sermon as a visiting minister at Hampton last fall, that he was called back later in the 1947-48 session. Now he is returning again in a new role. A former member of the faculty of Livingstone College, Dr. Carrington holds the A.M. and S.T.M. degrees.

Preceding the Convocation and opening the summer exercises will be a Baccalaureate Sermon in the Memorial Church on Sunday, August 15, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. J. W. Nicholson, Ph.D., the Institute's Summer Chaplain, as the speaker. Dr. Nicholson is Professor of Pastoral Theology at Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, Virginia.

A candlelight service by the graduating class will take place at the regular 7:30 Vespers hour on the same day.

Completing the schedule of Convocation events will be a reception to the graduating class, their relatives, and visiting friends, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 19th.

Fayetteville St. Baptist Church Raises \$2,734 To Remodel Structure

The Fayetteville Street Baptist Church has raised \$2,734.25 in a successful campaign to raise funds to remodel the church auditorium. Frank Peterson, church clerk, has reported.

Since the first drive is over and the anniversary of the Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor, has been celebrated, the Rev. Jones is now planning to take his vacation in the north where he will visit relatives and friends.

Under the Rev. Jones' leadership, the congregation of the church has grown so rapidly that much more room is needed to accommodate them, members of the parish said, and thanked the many friends of the congregation who have helped in the campaign.

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Sinatra Fans Raise Funds For Europe's Destitute Children

NEW YORK (G)—Immediately following the announcement of the arrival of Frank Sinatra's new daughter, Christina, the Sinatra Fan Clubs of New York held a gala "Welcoming" party and turned the entire proceeds running close to four figures, over to the American Overseas Aid United Nations Appeal for Children — one more very worthwhile project to which the hundreds of Frank's fan clubs contribute daily.

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