

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

EXTRADITION REFUSED IN 'ASSAULT'

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A 15-year-old Henderson County farmer who claims that he was forced to flee his valuable North Carolina farm in order to escape threatened mob violence, was granted at least temporary sanctuary this week when Ohio State officials refused to permit his extradition.

The farmer, Ira Coston, is being held at Lorain, Ohio pending the outcome of the extradition battle

which is being waged between North Carolina and Ohio State officials.

Accused late last summer of an attempted criminal assault upon Miss Belvie Laughter, an eighteen-year-old white girl of Henderson County, Coston fled the state when the threats of mob violence developed.

Although no indictment had been returned against him, Coston was picked up in Lorain on August 7, but

was released by a United States Commissioner in the absence of charges against him.

Immediately following his release he was again picked up by a Cuyahoga County deputy sheriff and turned over to Deputy Sheriff Sam Rhodes of Hendersonville, N. C. who put him aboard a train to bring him back to North Carolina without the formality of extradition.

Coston's attorneys, however, secured a writ of habeas corpus and had him taken off the train at Cincinnati. Upon his return to Cleveland he was set free by Judge Charles McNamee of the Court of Common Pleas.

Despite the fact that still no indictment had been issued against him, he was picked up again a few weeks

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Find The Newborn Babe And Slay Him

(An untold story of the nativity)
By HARRY LEVETTE For ANP

"Ho there, thou black man, whither did they go?"

The Roman captain shouted. With clanking swords and shields before Lem, the Cyrenian's horse, the thundering troop roared to a halt. Lem's group of dark-skinned children sat on the stoop.

"We've ridden this rugged road from Bethlehem seeking a man, his wife and baby child born a few nights ago and hailed as King of Jews. By Herod we will be reviled unless we find and slay Him" — old Lem smiled and silently breathed a prayer: "Please Lord forgive This lie that I must tell." — "Oh sire, turn right and take that pass through the mountains, and there thou canst overtake them. They passed at first light." The horses and soldiers rumbled away, soon out of sight.

Headlong they swept, entering the narrow gap then an open meadow — but then they deemed not that they had slushed into quicksand until too late. Then men and seed, all screaming, sank to their 't of death. Old Lem sighed his thanks, "God, this Thou wrought."

And down the road that led to Egypt land, Joseph, his donkey led while Mary rode.

She clasped in her arms the Christ child who was to give the world a blessed hope, a reverent code of life, and some day eternal abode.

AREA FIGHT IN COURTS

REGIONAL PLAN IS SCORED BY NEGRO LEADERS

Adoption of the Regional School Plan, announced last week following the meeting of Southern State officials and educators, moved toward a court test this week as the NAACP urged qualified Negro students to apply for admission to college and graduate schools within their states.

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, declared that the segregated regional college program proposed by the Southern Regional Council is a violation of Supreme Court mandates handed down in the Gaines and Sipuel cases.

"We maintain," he declared, "that the plan to ship colored students from one state to another for graduate training is in violation of the U. S. Supreme Court's decisions.

Accordingly, we urge all qualified colored youth desiring a medical education to only to seek existing publicly supported medical schools in their respective states rather than submit to this unlawful plan.

The NAACP attorney's statement was in keeping with the views expressed by the board of directors of the Association two weeks ago in the adoption of a resolution which scored the plan as "false economy contrived to make the public believe that equality is attainable within the framework of segregation."

Lashing out at the myth of "separate but equal facilities" and the futility of placing of the rights of Negroes in the hands of the southern states, the resolution continued to state that "Equality is attainable only thru unrestricted access to identical facilities.

The NAACP took the lead in condemning the program by saying the "plan did not meet the requirements of the supreme court decision that each state afford equal educational opportunities regardless of race."

The NAACP statement, made public in New York last Wednesday, declared that the program involves "false economy contrived to make the public believe that equality is attainable within the framework of segregation, and it is a device to circumvent the clear intent of supreme court decisions. Inequalities of educational opportunity are inevitable in a segregated system."

An opposite view was taken by a host of southern educators, who held that the plan is not what Negroes want or deserve, but that it is an improvement over existing conditions.

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Carnegie Grants For 9 From NCC

DURHAM — Dean A. E. Manley of North Carolina College announced here last week that grants-in-aid from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching have been approved for nine North Carolina College professors. All of these teachers have begun research projects.

Dr. Joseph S. Himes of the department of sociology is beginning a study called "Some Factors in State Selection Among Young People," Benjamin F. Hudson, professor of French, is using as his subject "Determining the Reasons For Disparity in the Level of Achievement of Pupils at North Carolina College at Durham."

C. Handy, professor of biology, was given authorization to begin a project which is entitled "A Study of the Incidence of Infectious Nematodes in Chickens of Durham County."

The study which is being begun by Professor C. A. Jones of the "The Influence of the Slaves Brought from the Empire of Songhay with Special Reference to their Injection of African Ideals into American Civilization," Professor J. B. Mcendon, director of the For Disparity in the Level of

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CITY BEGINS YULE FESTIVITY

\$58,000 SUITS NAME CHURCH IN N. Y. COURTS

New York — The bitter denominational strife which has plagued the AME Church for the past several years cropped up again this week as the church was named as defendant in two suits totaling \$58,000 in the New York courts.

In the major action the New York law firm of Smitow and Smitow sought and obtained extension of a warrant of attachment for \$49,000 which the church owes the firm in legal fees.

In the second case the Rev. Charles Taylor of Coates, L. I., sought to collect \$9,000 which he charges that the church owes him for his services to the New York conference, as traveling minister from June, 1914 to November, 1914.

The law firm's action was based upon its desire to collect fees which it charges are due it for services rendered during the denomination's battle to unshackle former Bishop David H. Sims.

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RALEIGH GROUPS START YULETIDE WITH PROGRAMS

Heralded by school and church programs and lighted by glowing Christmas trees and windows, the Christmas spirit moved this week from the crowded streets of downtown Raleigh and into the residential areas of the city.

Although lighted garlands of Christmas green continued to festoon the packed streets of the shopping district, the week saw the emphasis shift from the city's stores to its homes, churches and schools.

The round of Christmas programs in the city's schools began Sunday afternoon as the junior musicians of the elementary grades were presented in their first concert, an afternoon program of Christmas music staged at the Bloodworth Street YMCA.

The young musicians, whose age averages eleven years and most of whom have had their instruments for three months or less drew the enthusiastic applause of an audience of teachers, parents and friends once they

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FIVE-HOUR MANHUNT FOLLOWS HOAX BY 2 'TEEN-AGE D. C. GIRLS

Washington (ANP) — One of the largest manhunts in Prince Georges county in years was called off here last week when two 12-year-old white girls admitted to police that their tale of being ransacked by a colored man search and attendant INSURU was a fabrication. The five-hour search and attendant investigation drew FBI agents, Maryland State troopers, detectives and uniformed policemen of the county and its towns into the case.

At least 50 policemen, many in cruising cars, were engaged directly in the hunt for the mythical criminal, while officers in the District, neighboring counties and states were alerted to watch for the man.

All the time, the two girls were receiving examinations and treatment for hysteria at the Leland Memorial Hospital. Finally they admitted that no one had touched them and that they had ripped their own clothing to indicate maltreatment.

According to police, the two girls had concocted the story to "cover up" their absence without permission from a northeast Washington church home for children.

Richard Cliff, white, found the girls crying in a mud bank near Queens Chapel Road in the College Heights Estates area. When he stopped his car to see what was wrong, the girls sobbed out a tale about being attacked by a colored man. They said they thought Cliff would take them back to the home, but instead, the man rushed them to the hospital and then notified the police.

KKK PARADES, BURNS CROSS NEAR SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, Va. (ANP) — Aroused by the growing demands for equality by Negroes here, the Ku Klux Klan stirred up its venom once more last week as close to 100 hooded persons paraded near here and burned a 15-foot cross at midnight.

Gov. William M. Tucker telegraphed Col. C. W. Woodson, superintendent of the Virginia state police, to investigate the cross burning to see whether any laws had been broken.

"The activities of the Klan organization are offensive to the sensibilities of the law-abiding citizens of Virginia," he said. "We'll not allow any of our people of any race to be subjected to terrorist intimidation in any form by the Klan or any other organization whose aim is strength and force is based on terror."

Klan activity is believed to be stirring in this vicinity because of the prominent civic activity of Negroes in this area.

Among the Negro accomplishments are the election area during the past year.

Oliver W. Hill, Jr. of the Richmond City council, the election to the board of supervisors of William A. Lawrence of Nansomond county, the naming of a Negro deputy sheriff in Nansomond county and the appointment of Dr. S. H. Penn as a member of the school board in Roanoke.

It is believed that the Klan has also objected to the efforts of the NAACP in securing equal school facilities for Virginia children of both races.

Police reported the cross burning on the night of Dec. 10. State Trooper J. L. Collins said he found a charred cross the next morning near here.

GA. COURT REVERSES CONVICTION OF MAN IN WHITE SHOOTING

ATLANTA (ANP) — A Negro convicted by a lower court to six to ten years for shooting a white man found himself a free man last week when the Georgia Court of Appeals here reversed the decision.

Joe Pinkston of Glascock County was vindicated of charges when the higher court decided that he shot Ray Reese, a Warren County farmer in self defense. The appellate court said he had a right to shoot "in defense of himself and his family."

According to the court, Reese crossed the county line to Pinkston's home "seeking revenge" following an altercation between Reese's two sons and the Negro. Reese was quoted as saying he "would have been crazy" not to have carried a gun.



HEADS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes, headed by S. L. Duncan, held its 15th annual convention in Wilmington, N. C., last week. Outstanding as the supervisor of Negro high schools, Mr. Duncan brought the association for the first time to a secondary institution for an annual meeting.

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WISE IN HOSPITAL

Smithfield — Following a hearing before a jury which decided that he was incapable of taking care of himself, Paul Wise, 25-year-old white farmer charged with assault on a 6-month-old infant, was sent to the State Hospital for the Insane last week.

Wise was charged with assaulting the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hunter while Mrs. Hunter was in the Wise home near Smithfield caring for Wise's aged and ill mother.

NEGROES GREATEST VICTIMS OF HIRING BIAS, REPORT SHOWS

TRENTON, N. J. (ANP) — Negroes suffer more from discrimination than any other minority group, the New Jersey anti-bias committee under the state board of education revealed in its third annual report last week.

Although much has been done since the state's anti-discrimination laws were put into effect three years ago, still more achievements can be made, the report stated.

In its efforts to improve inter-racial relations in New Jersey, the commission plans to study the practices of private hospitals in the acceptance of patients and the hiring of employees.

The committee has also asked the legislature to act to halt every serious act of discrimination in admission policies of private business schools.

BASED ON COLOR

According to the report, which covered the past three years, the greatest number of complaints came on the basis of race and color. Most of these came on the question of employment and in the manufacturing industry.

Each year a large number of complaints have been made. In 1916, 123 the year before, and 136 the first year. This increase, the report pointed out, was not because of more discrimination in the state but because "more people are becoming acquainted with the provisions of the law."

Of the complaints during the past three years 229 were on employment, 38 on discriminatory business, 100 on refusal to work with, 12 on upgrading or downgrading, 13 on refusal to accept, two on discriminatory advertising, seven on discriminatory working conditions, and two on refusal of union membership.

Of these cases, 237 complaints were based on race and color, eight on creed, and one on national origin.

CLASSIFICATION

Classified according to employment groups, 174 cases were against manufacturing industries, 23 all on most of these came on the question of employment and in the

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124-YR. OLD MAN RECEIVES HELP IN PROVING AGE

Memphis, Tenn. — Some proof has been secured that Jerry Edmondson knows what he's talking about when he says that he will be 124 years old on Christmas day.

Eldon Roark, columnist for the Press-Scimitar, first quoted the aged Negro about his years and said he saw no reason to doubt it. Some people wrote they didn't believe it.

Recently Roark received a letter that gives evidence from 75-year-old H. T. Grills of West Point, Miss.

Grills states that Edmondson was an old man when he was a small boy. "I was born in 1873," Grills wrote.

The National Committee on Senescence in the National Capital is distributing a 26-page booklet entitled "Senescence in Washington," a dramatic indictment of democracy gone astray at home, the shame of America.

JANITOR PLACED ON PROBATION IN THEFT FROM BANK

GREENSBORO, N. C. (ANP) — Because of his good reputation, a bank janitor who stole \$6,500 from the bank and had returned nearly all of it before being caught was given a fine of \$540 and a probationary sentence of three years in the U. S. District court here last week.

The Janitor, Romaine Albee, was also placed under a suspended sentence of a year and a day at the federal reformatory in Petersburg, Va. He worked at the High Point Savings and Trust company of High Point.

Albee originally took the money June 13 and 14 from a cash box a clerk had left out by mistake. He was picked up by the FBI after he had passed one of the missing bills to a doctor in High Point. When caught he quickly admitted he had taken the money.

However, in the meantime Albee had returned all the money to the bank except \$838 he had used to pay bills. He repaid the other money by taking out all his savings and also getting a loan of \$800 on his home.