

CIVIL RIGHTS FILIBUSTER TIES UP U. S. SENATE

WASHINGTON — The legislative wheels of the U. S. Senate ground to a halt this week as a group of southern Senators plumed their wings of bitter oratory in an effort to talk to death a motion to halt filibusters in the nation's highest legislative body.

Spearheaded by Connally of Texas and Georgia of Georgia the Dixie bloc held the floor into the third day of their battle to use unlimited debate as a weapon to block a Senate rules change which would per-

mit the invoking of cloture (calling of a time limit upon debate) in the Senate. The aging and florid Texan charged on the floor of the Senate that the rules change is being pushed as the opening wedge of an effort to enact three of

the basic measures embraced in President Truman's civil rights program, anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and FEPC legislation. This was not denied by advocates of the rules (Continued on page 8; first section)

RELIGIOUS WEEK MEET TO HEAR DAYTON PASTOR

Religious Emphasis Week services will be held at Shaw University Tuesday through Friday of next week. The annual series of religious services will be directed by Dr. H. Laurence McNeil, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Services Tuesday and Thursday mornings will be held at 11:30 and Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10.

Dr. McNeil, a graduate of Virginia Union University, Richmond, completed his work in Theology at McMaster University, then located in Toronto, Canada. In great demand as a lecturer and forum participant, Dr. McNeil has been guest speaker at many of the colleges of the country. At Shaw in 1937, he took part in a panel discussion on Race Relations with Dr. Newbold and Prof. Forester.

In Dayton, Dr. McNeil is influential in civic affairs. He is chairman of the Interracial Committee for Better Housing, chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Employment, co-founder of the Dayton Urban League and a member of its Board of Directors; Chairman of the Civic Committee against discrimination in Flood Service. The militant minister prosecuted two flood discrimination cases in open court and walked picket to secure employment of Negroes as clerks. These are only a few of the campaigns he has waged against second class citizenship.

At Shaw University, thousand classes will be held as usual, all extra-curricular activities and entertainment features will be supplemented during the Religious Emphasis week. The entire campus will cooperate to encourage even greater than usual emphasis upon religious life for the week. Instructors customarily deter tests and written assignments in keeping with this policy.

KEY NAACP LEADERS TO ADDRESS PARLEY TO BE HELD IN CITY

A group of key NAACP leaders in the South will address a meeting of the Southeastern Regional Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to be held here, March 26th and 27th.

Southern leaders scheduled to address the conference are: Dr. William Madison Boyd, president of the Georgia State Conference of NAACP branches; Harry T. Moore, executive of the Florida State Conference of branches; Kelly Alexander, president of the North Carolina State Conference; and Rev. J. M. Hinton, president of the South Carolina State Conference.

The sessions, at which delegates will discuss plans for increasing the Negro electorate and for obtaining civil rights legislation in their respective states, will be held at the First Baptist Church and the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. The NAACP National Office will be represented by Chester B. Current, director of branches, and Miss Lucille Black, membership secretary.

Walter White, executive secretary of the organization is scheduled to speak at the final session which will climax the conference; at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on the 27th.

COL. PAGE QUILTS NY POST WITH VA

BY ALBERT ANDERSON
NEW YORK (ANP)—Col. David P. Page, deputy administrator of the Veterans administration's New York branch, resigned unexpectedly last week. The resignation was effective immediately.

Negro newspapermen knew Col. Page when he was in charge of the Negro section of the press division of the war department, prior to the establishment of the section with Negro officers. Then Lieut. Col. Page, he was transferred to the American Military Government school at the University of Virginia. Upon completion of that course, he served abroad.

Col. Page paved the way for the first Negro war correspondent accepted in World War II, and saw that others followed. All had to clear through his office.

On terminal leave at the end of World War II, Col. Page was persuaded to enter the veterans administration by Gen. Bradley, the administrator at the time. He was given the difficult New York area to handle. It is the VA's largest sub-division.

With more than 2,100,000 veterans in New York, the branch operates at a cost of \$600,000,000 a year. Eleven hospitals are included in branch No. 2, six regional offices, more than 50 field offices, and 18,000 employees.

When Col. Page first came to the branch he was assistant to the deputy administrator, Col. Oliver (Continued on page 8, this section)

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DR. J. E. SHEPARD HONORED BY NC STATE LEGISLATORS

MISSING ATTORNEY FOUND

URGE BUNCHE FOR NOBEL PRIZE

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (ANP) — Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting UN mediator in Palestine, is being nominated for the Nobel peace prize by some of his closest friends at UN headquarters. It was learned here last Thursday. The nomination is based upon Bunche's success in winning the Egyptian-Israeli armistice against such odds as age-old feuds and nagging ill-health.

The acting mediator is set to return to the U. S. after finishing his Palestine assignment, to spend six weeks in a hospital. He is said to be suffering (Continued on page 8, this section)

N.C. LEGISLATURE PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER OF NCC

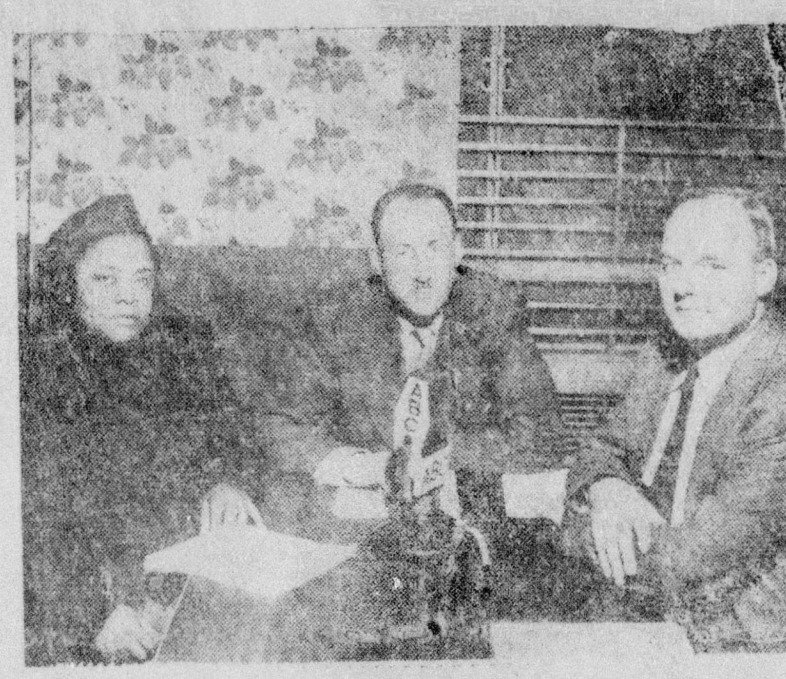
DURHAM — In the February 17th session of the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh a joint resolution was passed by both houses expressing appreciation of the life and work of Dr. James E. Shepard, founder of North Carolina College at Durham.

The resolution was introduced by Representative Robert M. Gannt of Durham, member of the North Carolina College of Trustees, and he described Dr. Shepard as an educator "greater than Booker T. Washington."

He gave the late educator credit for giving "his life and his all for the success of the college and for the advance of better understanding between the races."

Representative Gannt was joined in his encomiums to Dr. Shepard by Representatives R. L. Harris of Person County, John W. Umstead of Orange County, W. Frank Taylor of Wayne County, and J. T. Prichett.

The resolution stated in part that (Continued on page 8, this section)



RANSOM FOUND IN JERSEY AFTER 4-DAY SEARCH

WASHINGTON — A four day search for Leon A. Ransom, nationally-known rights crusader and former Howard University Law School dean, ended Sunday night when the prominent Washington D. C. attorney was found at the home of a friend in Union City, New Jersey.

Mr. Ransom, who has played a major role in fights for equality of educational opportunity and teacher salaries as a member of the NAACP legal staff, was first reported missing by his wife, Mrs. W. Ransom Friday morning after he failed to return home or to keep engagements which he had slated for Thursday.

At about 11 a. m. of that day, Mrs. Ransom said, he had called her to say that he planned to go to his office from the Municipal Court building.

Although Mr. Ransom made stops at the office of several Washington lawyers, and talked with former Municipal Court Judge James A. Cobb and his partner, George E. C. Hayes and with Joseph Waddy, he never reached his own office.

Fear that the attorney might have been the victim of an attack of amnesia was strengthened by the fact that his health had not been too good since shortly after his participation as associate defense counsel in the 1945 Columbia riot trial in which he and Z. Alexander Looby were successful in defending 23 of the 25 Negroes accused and indicted. (Continued on page 8, this section)

NEWSPAPERMAN IS PRESS WEEK RITE SPEAKER

Lemuel E. Graves, Jr., 1934 graduate of St. Augustine's, was guest speaker as the college began its observance of Negro Newspaper week.

Mr. Graves, now head of the Washington Bureau of the Pittsburgh Courier, has spent 15 years in the field of journalism, having served on the staff of the Norfolk Journal and Guide in the various capacities of reporter, city editor, sports editor and overseas war correspondent. (Continued on page 8, this section)

YWCA Secretary Wins Woman of Year Award

On Sunday, February 27, Omicron Zeta and Omicron chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority of Raleigh (climax) their observance of National Finer Womanhood Week by presenting Mrs. Emma Perry Boyer as "Woman of the Year" for her outstanding character and achievements.

SPEAKING UP for justice in the case of six Trenton, N. J. men who have been condemned to death in a "northern Scottsboro" are 1-to-r, Miss Bessie Mitchell, sister of one of the condemned men; United Electrical Workers Commentator Arthur Gauth, and former U. S. Assistant Attorney General O. John Regge, defense attorney for the

men who have been sentenced to death in the slaying of a Trenton furniture dealer.

Although only two or three men were said to have been involved in the killing by witnesses, all of the six have been condemned to death, despite the fact that all six had alibis which proved that they could not have been near the scene of the slaying.

JOE LOUIS RETIRES TO BECOME PROMOTER

Miami Beach, Fla. — The Champ has abdicated.

The question of when Joe Louis was going to hang up his gloves, brooded about among sports fans and writers for more than a year was answered this week when the Brown Bomber sent in his resignation to the National Boxing Association and requested permission to stage a championship bout between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

Louis submitted his resignation (Continued on page 8, this section)

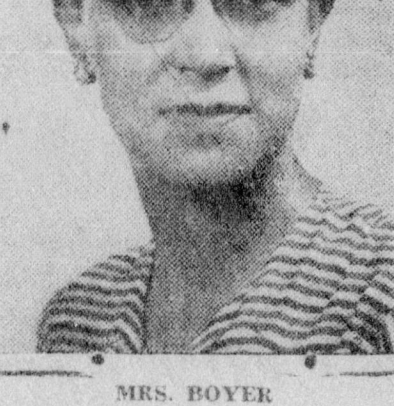
formally in a letter to NBA Commissioner Abe J. Greene and NBA President Flamen B. Abee.

The letter, which was presented to the NBA officials by Harry Mendel, Louis' publicity director, informed the ring officials that Louis, Arthur Wertz and James D. Norris had organized the International Boxing Club which will stage the fight to determine the new champion.

It pointed out that the new club (Continued on page 8, this section)

MARSHALL DEMANDS FHA POLICY CHANGE

New York — Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, charged today that the circulation of a "secret and vague" memorandum within the Federal Housing Administration does not constitute an effective policy change as demanded in a recent NAACP memorandum exposing FHA's discriminatory actions.



MRS. BOYER

"A non-discrimination policy cannot be made effective by pussy-footing around," declared Mr. Marshall, asserting that the memorandum currently being circulated in FHA offices is phrased in vague and indirect language and makes (Continued on page 8, this section)

Union, N. J. (ANP) — A flaming wooden cross five feet high, bound in burlap and soaked in kerosene for better burning — planted in a schoolyard in the Negro neighborhood here recently misfired in its intent to frighten citizens. Instead, a militant group composed of Jewish, Christian, Negro and white, was formed last Wednesday under the leadership of a Baptist minister to combat local bigotry and promote better group relations.

Named head of the permanent organization is the Rev. Carlton A. Whitlach, white, pastor of First Baptist church. The cross-burning incident came at a time when a meeting was held in the school in protest against a death sentence given six Negroes in Trenton for the murder of a furniture dealer. It was sponsored by the Progressive.

The Rev. James William King, leader in the Vauxhall district where the cross was burned and where 3,000 Negroes live, said of the incident:

"I am sure the cross wasn't burned to scare people out of politics. The people here are frightened. The racial tension is acute. You see it everywhere you turn. And there isn't a Negro anywhere who doesn't have somewhere in his soul the image of the flaming cross."

Town officials and the police chief "poochoed" the idea that the cross-burning represented anything other than a prank. However, citizens recalled the KKK days after World War I and the Bund in the '30s. The hate sheet "Commonsense" is still published in this town.

JOB LAG HITTING RACE DECLARES GRANGER

NEW YORK (ANP) — Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, said here last week that Negroes throughout the country are already feeling the effects of a depression.

Addressing the urban league at its annual meeting in the Russell Sage foundation, he said that the increasing dropoff in business is being heralded by the loss of jobs among Negroes. He cited the bureau of labor statistics which pointed out that nation-wide unemployment may come close to 5,000,000 by the end of the year.

In Detroit, 71 percent of all relief cases are Negroes, while in Omaha, one of every four Negro workers is out of a job. "If these figures are typical of the country as a whole, our Negro population is already in the midst of a depression, even though the nation as a whole has not felt the shock," he said.

He urged the 56 regional league groups to continue improvements of race relations in their work and with relief, employment and social security officials, as well as among union members and leaders.

Lloyd K. Garrison was reelected president of the league at the meeting, and Elmo Roper and Willard S. Townsend, reelected vice presidents.

Wilkie Awards For 1948 Listed

The Wendell L. Wilkie Awards for Negro Journalism in 1948, given by Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer of Washington, D. C. were announced today by the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University.

The award for the best public service by a Negro newspaper went to the Norfolk Journal and Guide, "for the quality of its overall performance, based on a variety of entries submitted for the Wilkie Award, and in particular for the consistently high calibre of its editorial page," under the direction of P. Bernard Young, Jr., editor.

The award for objective reporting went to Louis R. Lautler, Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Daily World, "for distinguished correspondence afforded member newspapers of the NNPA clear, comprehensive and objective coverage of events significant to their readers."

The award for articles other than news went to Simeon Booker, Jr., of the Cleveland Call-Post, "for a searching series of feature articles exposing discriminatory conditions in Cleveland's public schools."

The judges were four Nieman Fellows: Alan Barth, editorial writer on the Washington Post; Grady E. Clay, Jr., reporter on the Louisville Courier-Journal; David E. Dreiman, science writer on the Minneapolis Star; and E. L. Holland, Jr., editorial writer on the Birmingham News, who served under chairmanship of Louis M. Lyons, Curator of the Nieman Fellowships, at the request of the Wilkie Awards Committee.

The awards were \$250 in cash to each winner, and a plaque to the Norfolk Journal and Guide.

High Court Gets Railroad JC Case

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The lawsuit of Elmer Henderson against the Southern Railroad company was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The suit started back in 1942 when Henderson, then an employee of the President's Fair Employment Practices committee, was denied service on the diner while traveling between Atlanta and Washington.

Henderson claims that the two tables nearest the kitchen, which are normally set aside for colored passengers when he went into the diner for service, he was told that he could not be served then as the colored section was already occupied. Although there were vacant tables in the other part of the dining car, Henderson was not permitted to use them.

LEFT DINER
Following instruction of the person in charge, Henderson left the dining car for a while and returned later, expecting to find the jim crow table vacant by that time, but

on the contrary they were still occupied and were not vacated during the entire dinner hour. Consequently, the Negro passenger received no food at all, following his refusing to be served in the coach.

A complaint was filed with the Interstate Commerce commission in October, 1942. The ICC held that the railway's regulation was not a violation of the ICC act and dismissed the complaint on September 5, 1947.

The case was appealed to the U. S. District Court of Maryland in October, 1948, which upheld the dismissal of the complaint.

VERDICT UPHOLD
The Maryland Federal court held that the regulations of the railroad company did not set up any inequality or unjust discrimination and that segregation of interstate passengers is not forbidden providing there is no real inequality of treatment of passengers.

The appeal was made to the U. S. Supreme Court last week. How (Continued on page 8, this section)

SHOOTS FOUR, GETS 18 MONTHS ON ROAD

GREENVILLE, S. C. — In an effort to evade payment of \$10,000 damages for the lynching of Willie Earle, attorneys for Greenville and Pickens counties this week served motions to dismiss the complaint of Mrs. Tessie Earle, the lynch victim's mother, filed last month by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Argument on the motion to dismiss is scheduled to take place at the County Court House here on March 31. The NAACP suit filed at the request of Mrs. Earle, seeks \$5,000 damages from each of the two counties involved in the lynching of Earle two years ago.

The young Negro was murdered by a mob of white men for the alleged robbing and fatal stabbing of a white taxicab driver. Following a spectacular trial held here the accused slayers were acquitted by an all-white jury.

Early this year, NAACP attorneys Harold R. Boulware of the Columbia, S. C., and Thurgood Marshall and Franklin H. Williams of the National Office filed suits for damage under Article VI, Section 8, of the South Carolina Constitution, which makes the county in which a lynching occurs liable in the sum of \$5,000 to the estate of the lynch victim.

Charges of assault with a deadly weapon which were the outcome of a shooting fray in which four persons were shot resulted in a 18-month road sentence for one of the participants and a 12-month suspended sentence for another.

Sentenced to 18 months on charges of shooting four persons with a shotgun was Leon Miller of 15 West Johnson Street. Given a suspended sentence of one year and placed on probation for five was Marvin Peacock, who fired a pistol twice at Miller.

According to police the shooting took place on February 19 at the corner of Lenoir and Bloodworth Streets, near the Bloodworth Street YMCA.

These struck by pellets from Miller's shotgun included Mildred Griffin of 314 Brag Street, Marvin Taylor of the YMCA, Owens Evans of 513 Patterson Alley and Peacock (Continued on page 8, this section)