

# APPOINTMENT OF HASTIE LAUDED

NEW YORK — Appointment of Governor William H. Hastie to the federal bench in the Third Circuit of Appeals "will be hailed by all Americans who are concerned with maintaining the high standard of the federal judiciary," Roy Wilkins, acting NAACP secretary, assured President Truman in a letter to the Chief Executive expressing the gratification of "his officers and overwhelming majority of the membership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People."

Governor Hastie, a member of the NAACP board of directors, is also a member of the Association's national legal staff. "He is a brilliant and distinguished American whose career has shown him to possess the ability and integrity so desirable in public service," Mr. Wilkins said.

## FACT OR FABLE?

CHICAGO (AP) — There is a story making the rounds that Gen. Robert E. Lee, the great Confederate soldier-leader of the Civil War, knelt beside a Negro at communion a few weeks after that historic war.

The story says that shortly after the Civil War at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Richmond, Va., whites were surprised when a tall, well-dressed Negro knelt for communion. They refused to kneel. Seeing this the story says, Gen. Lee walked to the chancel rail and knelt beside him. Others followed suit and the communion was held in peace.

Is this story true, or is it legend? Stanley E. Horn in "The Robert E. Lee Reader" newly published biography says it is fact. Another Lee biographer, Dr. Gunglath Southall Freeman, author of a Pulitzer prize biography, says it is fable.

Horn is a native of Nashville, Tenn. He is president of the Tennessee Historical society and editor of "The Southern Lumberman."

Of the story Dr. Freeman said: "There is absolutely no foundation in fact for it. All my researches show that this is a story that grew up after Gen. Lee's death. There is no contemporary record of it whatsoever."



**ACCREDITATION NEAR** — According to a statement of Atty. Gen. Harry McMillan last week following the filing of a Federal suit by two students the North Carolina College Law School has received recognition in the past by the National Bar only because of lack of adequate housing for its library.

(Picture 1) — Harold Epps, Peter Bell, William Warner, Floyd McKissick and Reuben Bailey are shown leaving classes in the present temporary Law

Building the former Avery Auditorium now affectionately called "Epps Hall" which was renovated with a \$26,000 appropriation last summer and completely equipped with new furniture. This was done, authorities stated last week to make it possible for the eleven seniors this year to graduate from an accredited school. The National Bar Association is scheduled to send an inspection committee here in a few weeks.

(Picture 2) — This is an over-

all view of the present law library. With a library assistant reaching research volumes back into the more than seventeen stacks installed this fall.

(Picture 3) — Shows the roomy accommodations made for the present students and their study desks in the library. Bill Warner, standing and Reuben Bailey sitting.

(Picture 4) — Five of the twenty-six students of the school are "taking a lesson" from Atty. H. Wilson Gray, librarian and in-

structor who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School. This is one of the ten temporary classrooms. Other instructors include Dean A. L. Turner, law graduate of Western Reserve University who holds a Phi Beta Kappa Key and a doctorate from the University of Michigan; Atty. Harry McCormick of Marquette University, and Atty. Joseph J. Sanson, Jr., a member of the N. C. Bar who studied under the nationally known J. E. Blayton at More-

house for a business background.

(Picture 5) — Law students (left to right) William O. Warner, Floyd B. McKissick, DeWitt Andrews, and Peter H. Bell are studying in a section of the present library made possible through a recent \$20,000 appropriation for a temporary school which will make accreditation possible by the early part of next year. The Attorney General desires.

(Picture 6) — Not until this year did the law instructors have their own offices for private consultation. Atty. Frank Caldwell,

a graduate of the University of Denver and a member of the North Carolina Bar, is making notes for his next class.

(Picture 7) — NEXT YEAR'S LAW BUILDING at North Carolina College. The present temporary law building in upper left foto will be torn down next year, according to a statement by Dr. Alphonso Eder last week, which is the present general library of the college will be next year's law school. The general library will be moved into the new \$551,000 James E. Shepard Me-

morial Library which is now under construction. The original \$15,000 set aside for the renovation of this building into a law school has not been touched by the construction of the present temporary Law School building. The present equipment of this general library will remain for the use of the Law School.

**VALUABLE COAT** — Petaluma, Calif. (Global) — Although Giuseppe Merga, 70 years old was seriously injured in an automobile accident he insisted that someone look for a missing part of his coat.

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The Talmadge case is scheduled to come to trial in the Federal District Court on November 16. The NAACP announced that it would not be deterred from going through with the case by the Governor's attack.

Following the August 25th court order of 1948, has been regarded as a landmark in the history of the State University.



**CIO GOES HARVARD** — Hartford, Conn. (Global) — Two CIO members are among the sixteen nominees who will study at Harvard this year as Labor Fellows under the University's Truman Union, began in 1947 under the auspices of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

**SATCHIMO IN ITALY** — GENOVA, Italy (ATLAS) — Paul Armstrong and his jazz band, head of the C. H. Hines, Johnny Bigard, Jack Thompson, Arvid Shove, Cory Cole and singer Virginia Middleton are scheduled for a series of jazz concerts in several Italian cities. Dates set for are: Bologna, Oct. 22, 23 and 24; and Genoa, Nov. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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