

Claims He, Others Caused Her To Be Fired:

# Teacher Sues Moore's Campaign Mgr.

## Says Voter Work Brought Dismissal

BY STAFF WRITER  
ENFIELD—Mrs. Willa Johnson, a Halifax County school teacher, is suing Joseph Branch, attorney for the Board of Education for the county and campaign manager for Dan K. Moore, victorious democratic candidate, for loss of her job because she took part in a Negro voter-registration drive recently.



Mrs. Willa Johnson

Also being sued are 14 other residents, including her former principal, L. M. Williams, of the T. S. Inboden High School.

The English teacher is asking for \$250,000 in damages, and is being represented by Raleigh attorney Samuel S. Mitchell, and two New York lawyers, Martin R. Bradley, Jr., and the law firm of Kunster, Kunster and Kinney.

This suit was filed Monday in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Wilson Division.

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John R. Salter, Jr.



Joseph B. Smith



L. M. Williams

John R. Salter, Jr., field secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, who lives in Raleigh, told the CAROLINIAN Tuesday afternoon:

"This lawsuit, which has mighty powerful backing, will be taken as far as is necessary to secure a full measure of justice. It will be pushed with the greatest intensity."

Mrs. Johnson also seeks reinstatement at the high school by contract renewal and to enjoin the defendants against similar acts.

A founder of the Halifax Voters Movement, Mrs. Johnson admitted she was engaged in poll-watching, picketing, and assisting Negroes to register to vote from June of 1963 until May of this year.

Her husband, A. Reid Johnson, was a candidate for the position of Town Commissioner of Enfield in the general election held in April, 1963, and a candidate for State Senator from Halifax County in the recent May 20 election. Mr. Johnson was unsuccessful both times.

Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. and has engaged in substantial

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WASHINGTON (ANP)—More than 2,000 NAACP members marched to the Justice Department last week, emphasizing a futile request from a leaders that the Federal government provide protection for civil rights workers in the state of Mississippi.

The 28-block round trip march was held on the third day of the Association's 55th annual meeting, and was capped by an appearance from Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy who delayed a scheduled flight to Berlin to hear the NAACP leader's plea.

It was also the third day in which no word had been received concerning the fate and whereabouts of three youthful civil rights workers who had disappeared near Philadelphia, Miss., after being released from a Philadelphia police station where they had been held for an alleged minor traffic violation.

It was their disappearance last Sunday night, June 21, which prompted the originally unscheduled march.

Prior to the march's beginning, NAACP officials, headed by Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, were cloistered with the Attorney General for

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WEATHER

Temperatures Thursday through Monday will average normal or slightly below. Rainfall will average about an inch to one-half an inch. Rather warmer with only changes Saturday and Sunday. Scattered or thunder showers during the afternoon or evening Thursday or Friday.

From Raleigh's Police Files

HITS GIRLFRIEND OVER HEAD WITH STICK

Miss Roberta Wright, of 550 E. Cabarrus Street, came to police headquarters at 7:45 p.m. Sunday and told the officer on duty that her boyfriend, Luther Johnson, 45, who lives at the same address, got mad with her and "hit me over my head with a broom stick at home."

The woman signed a warrant charging assault with a deadly weapon and Johnson was placed in Wake County Jail.

GOES TO SLEEP THINKING HE'S AT HOME

Joe Smith, of 147 Fayetteville Street, informed Officers John Baker, Sr., and Alfred

L. Grigsby at 6:31 a.m. Sunday, he awoke to find a strange man fast asleep on the couch in his living room.

Fleming Wight, 28, of Rte. 1, Lillington, told the officers he had been drinking and thought he was at his home in Harnett County.

Further investigation revealed entry had been gained by removing the screen from a front window. The man's clothing was found on the front porch.

After a warrant was signed Wright was taken to Wake County Jail, charged with illegal entry

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## Now Free To Vote As Others

Division Six, North Carolina Negro Legionnaires of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, won a forty year fight to end segregation in the Department through an appeal to the National Department following a denial of the Durham Convention, June 18-21, to remove from the North Carolina Department Constitution those sections which segregated veterans by race and denied to Negro veterans the right to vote in the convention.

Amendments to the Department Constitution striking down those sections were presented to the Constitution and By-laws Committee by a special committee of which Charles G. Irving, Sr., of Raleigh, is chairman, and came up for consideration on the convention floor Saturday, June 20.

A motion to table until next convention was made and the Commander ruled that "a motion to table is not debatable," and the matter was tabled. Whereupon notice of appeal was given.

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## Victim Of Shooting Dies Talking

DENVER, Colo. (ANP)—A Denver man, who had survived four bullet wounds inflicted earlier this year by his wife, died last week in court as he was talking against the woman.

"Can you tell the court what happened about 9 p.m. the night of Jan. 1, 1964?" Deputy Dist. Atty. Harry Titcombe, Jr., asked Ellison McCoy, 32.

"It wasn't 9 p.m.," McCoy, seated in the witness chair, began. It was 8-8:30.

McCoy gasped, his face contorted. The dying man's right hand clenched as his arm flailed toward his face.

Dist. Judge Edward J. Keating recessed court as Detective Carl J. Malpede and Deputy Sheriff Sgt. John Duffy assisted McCoy from the stand. McCoy's right leg kicked spasmodically as the two law officers laid him on the courtroom floor.

"I think he's gone," Duffy remarked quietly as an ambulance was called.

A medical examiner pronounced McCoy dead a few minutes later.

Both McCoy's wife, Mrs. Romie Lee McCoy, 25, and the woman with whom police said she had been living, also present at the trial, broke into loud wails.

The future disposition of the case against Mrs. McCoy is now uncertain. Judge Keating declared a mistrial.

"If it can be shown that this (McCoy's) death had anything to do with the shooting, we will charge her with murder," Titcombe said.

However, Dr. George I. Ogura, Denver pathologist, reported that preliminary tests indicate McCoy died of natural causes.

Titcombe said Mrs. McCoy admitted shooting her husband twice in the chest, once in the abdomen and once in the thigh outside the home of Miss Della Bolts at the Jackson Street address. One slug from Mrs. McCoy's 22 caliber automatic punctured McCoy's lungs, he said. Titcombe said a 5th bullet struck Miss Bolts.

Defense Atty. Charles Ginsberg said in his opening statement Mrs. McCoy married when she was 15 and was dependent over having to share her husband with the other woman for the past two years.

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## Raleigh Man Only Tar Heel Invited:

# John W. Winters Guest Of LBJ

## POLL VISITS BY COPS BACKFIRES HERE

## City Councilman Meets Notables In Washington



JOHN W. WINTERS

BY CHARLES R. JONES  
Raleigh's lone Negro City Councilman received a signal honor last Wednesday afternoon which was not accorded any other North Carolinian.

John W. Winters, now completing his second two-year term as a councilman, was invited to a luncheon at the White House by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The luncheon was to honor the Prime Minister of Australia, Robert G. Menzies. Winters received his invitation via telegram, which stated:

"The President invites you to a luncheon, honoring the Prime Minister of Australia, Robert G. Menzies, Wednesday, June 24, at 12:45 o'clock. Please present."

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STILL MISSING.—James Chaney, 22-year-old civil rights worker from Meridian, Miss., is one of the three young workers who disappeared during the night of June 21, after Chaney paid a \$20 fine for speeding there. The two other men, both white, are Michael Schwerner, 23, and Andrew Goodman, 20, both of New York. 400 sailors were added to the search Tuesday on orders from President Johnson. (UPI PHOTO).



A DIRECTOR OF W. T. GRANT CO.—Asa T. Spaulding, President of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Durham, was elected a Director of W. T. Grant Co., the 1000-store national general merchandise retail chain, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held here June 22. Mr. Spaulding is a Director of the Company he heads, and of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank and the Mutual Savings and Loan Association.

## Mayor Tells Officers To Leave Polls

Charges of police interference were discussed Tuesday afternoon by the Wake County Board of Elections at two Negro polling places during Saturday's run-off primary. However, the Board decided not to launch its own investigation yet.

The Board, composed of three members, voted to wait for a report on an inquiry now being conducted by the Raleigh Police Department.

John W. Winters, a city councilman, said Monday that the presence of the cops in uniform inside the polling places was "intimidation to a certain degree."

Appearing before the Board to ask why the police officers (all were white) were sent to his precinct (35) was Wiley J. (Bull) Latham, chairman. He wanted to know whether the Board or the Police Dept. had requested their

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## Over 500 Meet In Forsyth To Choose Nat'l Prexy

WINSTON-SALEM—More than 500 delegates elected Mrs. Minnie J. Hitch of Frankfort, Ky., president of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers last Tuesday. The PTA representing 281,000 members in 14 southern states and Washington, D. C. held its 38th annual convention June 21-24 at Winston-Salem State College in Winston-Salem.

In addition to Mrs. Hitch, others elected to office were: Mrs. Clara B. Gay of Athens, Ga., vice-president; Mrs. F. M. Bumpus of Memphis, Tenn., secretary; Mrs. M. S. Jackson of Prairie View, Tex., assistant secretary, and Mrs. Alfred F. Nixon of Montgomery, Ala., treasurer.

Mrs. Hitch moved up from the office of vice president. She succeeded Mrs. Jerome Z. Morris of Montgomery, Ala. A past president of the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers, Mrs. Hitch is a life member of the white Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers, an honor received in 1950 for meritorious service for youth.

She works as principal of the Laboratory School of Kentucky State College. A graduate of Kentucky State, she holds the M.A. degree from Ohio State University and has done further study at the University of Chicago. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and is vice president of the Kentucky State Chapter of the American Association of University professors.

Mrs. Gay, mother of two, teaches English and speech at the Bernice-Harris High School in Athens, Ga. She is a former president of the Georgia

## National Newspapers Publishers Association Meets In California

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The 24th Annual Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association was held here June 25-27, with the retiring president, E. Washington Rhodes, editor and publisher of The Philadelphia Tribune, presiding.

Keynote speaker for the three-day confab was Whitney Young, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League.

The following issue was put into resolution form to be discussed by the body:

"Now that the Civil Rights bill is near complete passage, something on the order of a national position paper, which could be printed in all member papers simultaneously, to satisfy the prevalent feeling that this is the time to chart positive, definitive steps to be taken in order that we may stabilize and consolidate any gains or openings resulting from the Bill's passage."

"This position paper would cover all facets of individual group activities and act as a systematic guideline for Black people all over the country, and consequently all over the world."

A portion of the address delivered by Whitney Young, Jr., follows: "I am deeply grateful to have this opportunity to address you today on the new problems and challenges which the civil rights struggle has imposed upon the nation, and the Negro press, in particular."

"I commend and congratulate the Negro press for its role in helping to make the new civil rights bill a reality. In the past few years, Negro citizens have found their voice. But the direction of the current struggle and their protests have been largely shaped by the Negro press."

"Your responsibility, like your influence, is enormous. No matter

what the editorial writers in the "white press" say—Negroes will not listen to them as closely. The Negro people know that, only in the past several years, has the white press decided to hire Negro reporters and trainees. If there are any Negro editors on white newspapers, I haven't heard of them—and the same is true for Negro editorial writers."

Ruseum awards, the Association's highest honor, was presented to ten persons: two of them, President John F. Kennedy and Medgar E. Evers, have been slain by assassin's bullets. The other are: Dick Gregory, Clarence Mitchell, the Rev. Dr. M. L. King, Jr., Carl T. Rowan, A. Phillip Randolph, Dr. Aaron Henry, Justice Thurgood Marshall and Jomo Kenyatta.

New president of the NNPA is Frank Stanley, publisher of the Louisville, (Ky.) Defender. Stanley also served as president of the organization from 1945 to 1948.

The NNPA also voted to hold its Silver Anniversary convention in Louisville in June 1965, and its mid-winter workshop in Houston, Texas in January, 1965.



THE JOHN RUSSWURM AWARDS went to Dick Gregory by Julius Carter, Publisher, FORWARD TIMES, Houston, Texas, at the Sun-Reporter farewell party. From left to right: Thomas Fleming, City Editor, SUN-REPORTER; Carlton B. Goodlett, M. D., Publisher, SUN-REPORTER and co-convention host; Gregory, C. C. DeJoi, Jr., Managing Editor, LOUISIANA WEEKLY; Carter, and Garth Reeves, Jr., Managing Editor, MIAMI TIMES. (See story).

## HOW AMBITION PAID OFF

Julius Person, Jr., 12, shown in photo, was determined to sell at least 100 papers last week. Armed with this ambition, this young man did sell 100 papers and vows to top this mark in future weeks. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Person, Sr., of 1919 Fort Street, Julius is a sixth grade student at the Lucille Hunter Elementary School.

He has sold The CAROLINIAN for over a year and now joins the exclusive "100 Papers A Week Sellers."

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