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RACE VOTE HELPS DEFEAT AIRPORT

Many Homeless As Arkansas Flood Rages; 3 Drowned

Negro Citizens Refuse To Be Herded To Polls By Political Crooks

(By L. E. Austin)
The airport bond issue which was defeated here this week by a three to one vote proved conclusively that Negro voters are not to be herded to the polls by a group of irresponsible, paid workers.

Although the Negro vote was not the lone deciding factor in defeating the measure it was an important force in rolling up the biggest majority against a bond issue ever recorded in this county. More than 2,000 Negroes had registered for the special election and it is safe to say, that with all the coercion, persuasion and money spent by proponents of the airport bond, a hundred Negroes voted in favor of it. All in all the campaign was conducted as much above board as the average political contest, with the exception of an attempt made by one white politician to intimidate Negro voters, several of whom were kept from casting their ballots by his activities. The Committee on Negro Affairs has the matter under consideration and will possibly see that federal action is brought against the person or persons responsible for the intimidation.

Negro, political hogs, who always offer to sell themselves and the race for the highest dollar were great disappointment to their white overlords who paid out perfectly good cash money with the promise that these Negroes of unscrupulous purpose and intent could deliver the Negro vote hog-tied and hide-bound.

Several of the Negroes were caught redhanded accepting money from both sides of the campaign. One is well known in business circles and will be closely watched henceforth. The others have always been watched.

Much praise should be given R. N. Harris, Secretary-Manager of the Bankers Fire Insurance Company who bore the brunt of informing Negro voters as to how they should vote. Mr. Harris conducted, above board, the campaign among Negroes and was able to administer a disgraceful defeat to cheap peann Negro politicians.

One Negro political hog who sells his services to the highest bidder had promised, as we understand it, to vote personally 500 Negroes for the bond issue. We understand that he and his man Friday after making several attempts to hog-tie Negro voters gave up in disgust and were seen sitting in a car asleep.

The campaign is over, the bond issue has been defeated and time will soon heal all political wounds, if there have been any made. Lets get back to work to make Durham a bigger and better city in which to live.

105 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIES

NASSAU, Bahamas, March 2.—Ma Robinson, reputed to be 105, died this week. She was the oldest living resident of the Bahamas and the last link to the days of slavery.

Colonel Grimley Loses Post As Infantry Head

NEW YORK CITY, March 2.—(ANP)—Harlem military circles were given a decided shock last Wednesday when it was learned that Colonel John G. Grimley was discharged as commanding officer of the famous 889th Infantry of New York, the only Negro regiment in the state's National Guard, on recommendation of a military examining board.

During the World war, as part of the American Expeditionary Force, the famous fighting unit was known as the "Devil Dogs" and marched into the thickest of the battle in France, to the stirring tunes of the regimental band led by the late Jim Europe, acknowledged as the greatest bandmaster of them all.

The board which recommended Colonel Grimley's discharge was appointed by Governor Herbert H. Lehman at request of Major General William N. Haskell, commanding general of the National Guard, to determine Colonel Grimley's "capacity and general fitness for service." Brigadier General Walter G. Robinson announced the discharge, but no reason was given other than that the Colonel "did not possess the capacity and general fitness for service." The order of discharge was issued by the Governor.

First indication of an investigation into Colonel Grimley's conduct of the famous fighting unit was last Fall after a routine report on the regiment made by three Regular Army officers detailed from the 2nd Corps Area. General Haskell said then that the report "brought matters to a head by confirming" his own opinion of Colonel Grimley's professional capacity and general fitness.

General Haskell's objection to the Colonel was said to center about the fact that Colonel Grimley joined the National Guard as a medical officer, without fundamental experience in the command of infantry or other line troops.

BLACK LEGION ACTIVE AGAIN IN MICHIGAN

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., March 2.—(ANP)—County prosecutor, Vincent L. Fitzgerald, charged here this week that the terrorist Black Legion is again active in Macomb County.

The prosecutor, convinced that the hooded band has gained a strong foothold in the county, petitioned Justice Donald Parent for a Grand Jury investigation. The petition was granted.

CAROLINA FUNERAL HOME PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

The Carolina Funeral Home, local undertaking establishment owned and operated for several years by Messrs William Amey and E. G. Spaulding, gave notice this week that the entire ownership of the organized had been purchased outright by Mr. Spaulding.

Mr. Spaulding stated to a representative of the Carolina Times this week that the establishment will be operated in the same manner as heretofore, and with the same force of men and equipment.

Mr. Amey at present is operating the Midway Service Station and stated he will have an announcement to make as to his future plans in the very near future.

Sec'y. Manager Southern Aid Succumbs

(By Special Wire To C. Times)
RICHMOND, Va., March 4.—B. L. Jordan, age 62, Secretary-Manager of the Southern Aid Society of Virginia died at his home here Friday morning after an illness of only two weeks. Mr. Jordan attended the Trustees Board meeting of the Virginia Seminary and College about two weeks ago and complained of not feeling well, but due to the importance of the meeting attended its session anyway. The deceased was born in Louisa County, Virginia and was the

husband of Mrs. Blanche Jordan of this city. He was one of the founders of the Southern Aid Society of Virginia and an outstanding civic leader in this city. He is a director in this city he was a Director of Consolidated Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, member of Board of Directors of Bankers Fire Insurance Company of Durham, member of board of Directors and treasurer of Richmond Hospital. In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Daisy Black of Richmond and

Miss Marion Jordan, supervisor in the city school system. One brother also survives him, W. A. Jordan, assistant secretary of the Southern Aid.

In addition to being a trustee of the Virginia Seminary and College, Mr. Jordan was also a trustee of the Ebenezer Baptist church of this city and one of its staunchest members.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Ebenezer Baptist church. Interment will be in the Woodlawn cemetery of this city.

Principal Of Illinois High School Denies Race Discrimination Practice

ROCKFORD, Ill., March 2.—(By Lt. Raymond Watkins for ANP)—In no uncertain terms James E. Blue, principal of the Rockford high school, denied that racial discrimination was the cause of the elimination from the ROTC unit of its only Negro member, George R. Rogers. Rogers was dropped three months ago after being in the unit for 2 months.

"The regular physical examination given to all incoming freshmen, whether ROTC or not, found Rogers along with two white students as being physically disqualified for ROTC training. Rogers in particular for high blood pressure and flat feet," stated principal Blue. He further indicated that when Dr. Richard S. Grant, local physician and president of the Rockford Branch of the NAACP, called his attention to the storm of protest last December, from people throughout the state, two other physical handicaps. The two white students were not readmitted.

At the present time there are two other Negro students enrolled in the military unit. They were admitted last February. Rogers was the only Negro student to apply for enrollment last September and according to school reports was rated as a poor student, particularly in ROTC work. It apparently was for this low scholarship and other infractions of school disciplinary rules regarding ROTC training that Rogers was dropped from military training. The physical disqualification was only one of many causes for his separation.

Mr. Blue admitted that there had been some talk by minor school officials concerning the advisability of placing Rogers in a physical training class instead of ROTC "where he would be happier" but this was promptly vetoed.

Closing his interview Mr. Blue stated, "I want it distinctly understood that we have pupils of all races in every department in this school. There has never been

BLIND MAN GIVES TO CHARITY

NORFOLK, Va., March 2.—(ANP)—A blind man found his way to the King's Daughter's headquarters here last week and contributed twenty five cents to the drive they have on to raise \$20,000.

The King's Daughters, white, is a branch of the King's Daughters of America and is conducting a money campaign to support its clinic here which provides medical aid for underprivileged children and expectant mothers.

The blind man said that years ago the clinic "took his sick daughter and made her well" so that today she is able to earn a living.

racial discrimination here in any form, and it never has been the policy of our school system to foster any such practices."

Charge Of Rape For Which Kentucky Negro Died Proved To Be False

FISK PRESIDENT TO AFRICA



DR. THOMAS E. JONES

The Board of Trustees of Fisk University has announced that a five-months' leave of absence has been granted President and Mrs. Thomas E. Jones for extended trip to South Africa. They will sail from New York May 11 going direct to England where they will attend the London Yearly delegation of English Friends sailing June 1 for Africa. Their itinerary includes Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Johannesburg, and schools and communities in Basutoland, Dutch Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Kenya Colony.

Regal Theatre To Install Balcony

A permit today was issued for enlarging the Regal Theatre by installing a balcony, which will provide 250 additional seats. Plans and specification for this work were prepared by R. R. Markley, local architect, and have been approved by the City Building Inspector, John T. Still and by the State Building Inspector. It is estimated that this remodeling will cost approximately \$5,000.00.

The Regal Theatre is leased and operated by Milton Starr of Nashville Tennessee who operates a chain of 41 colored theatres through the south and southwest. Mr. Starr is also affiliated with the Crescent Amusement Company in Nashville which company operates 150 additional theatres. He has been in the Negro theatre business for the past twenty years and is by far the largest operator of Negro theatres in the business.

F. C. Dwen, attorney for Mr. Starr stated that Mr. Starr also had a lease on the Wonderland theatre and in the event the increased facilities which the new addition to the Regal would provide were not sufficient to comfortably serve the theatre going public that it was the purpose of

That a 23-year-old Negro hanged last December at Covington, Ky., just across the river from Cincinnati, was innocent of the charge of rape against him, was asserted by the American Civil Liberties Union in a statement on "The Frame-Up of John Montjoy," issued from New York headquarters today.

The Cincinnati branch of the A. C. L. U. had interested itself in the case almost from its inception in 1935, and had formed the Montjoy Defense Committee to air him.

Montjoy's execution was four times postponed through court proceedings and appeals for executive clemency. Governor Albert B. Chandler of Kentucky, who has consistently refused to issue a single pardon, declined to act in his case, despite the recommendation of the Attorney General and the Lieutenant Governor. One unsuccessful attempt was made to get the United States Supreme Court to review the conviction, which rested upon the sole word of a white woman and the repudiated confession of a companion of Montjoy. At the original trial Montjoy was represented by counsel who failed to make a record on which an appeal could be fairly based.

The story in essence, according to the Union, involves the "assumption, common in the South, that any white woman's word is to be taken against a Negro's." The white woman who alleged she was raped by a Negro whom she had never seen and whom the possession of the police, was later shown to have been on friendly, if not intimate terms with Montjoy for three years.

The story, as it came out at the original trial, was that on the night of March 22, 1935, Mrs. Irene Cummings, wife of a postal clerk, rushed into a cafe on the most populous street of Covington in an hysterical state and screamed that she had been attacked and robbed. Her clothing was not disordered and her appearance gave no signs of struggle. Two Negroes, she said, had accosted her but one had fled prior to the crime. Later in the evening she was able to identify the assailant from a rogues gallery of several thousand Negro faces.

When John Montjoy, was arrested, he denied the attack and after several days of grilling, police reported that Montjoy confessed. He was indicted on charges of rape and armed robbery, both capital offenses in Kentucky. At trial, Montjoy declared that he was returning after an evening in Cincinnati with his companion, Willie Black, when police arrested him. Charges of robbery and rape against Black were withdrawn after he testified against Montjoy for the prosecution.

Like the nine days between Montjoy's arrest and indictment, his first attorney, Bert King, failed to conduct a genuine investigation of the charges. King, who openly declared he did not believe the Negro's story, did not permit Montjoy to take the stand at the original trial; only the prosecution had witnesses. No Negroes were on the jury; in fact there never have been any in Kenton County trials. The prosecuting attorney was allowed to use language designed to arouse race

DOINGS OF USHERS

By RUTH BUCHANAN

GREENSBORO

The Greensboro City Usher's Council entertained last week at the home of the chairman, C. B. Craig in honor of a special financial group. Games were played and several short talks were made after which a three course dinner was served.

The Trinity A. M. E. Zion usher board had a great day Sunday February 27. One of the leading young ministers of the city delivered a wonderful sermon. The amount of money raised was \$20.81. W. M. Ellis is president of the board and Miss Lelia Alexander is secretary.

The City Usher's Council held its regular monthly meet at the home of W. M. Ellis, 1301 S. Ash street on last Tuesday evening. After the regular routine of business, J. W. Deak, state treasurer was asked to preside over the election of officers. Officers elected were as follows: C. R. Craig, chairman; W. M. Ellis, vice chairman; Mrs. L. A. Foster, secretary; A. H. Bynum, treasurer; J. T. Broadnax, Chaplain. The officers were installed by O. G. Donnell, chairman of the board of directors of the state association. Mr. Donnell gave some very encouraging advice to the newly elected officers. A nice repast was served by the hostess.

DURHAM

C. C. Craig, chairman of the finance committee of the state association held a lengthy conference with the state president in Durham last week concerning the drawing up of a budget for the organization. The plans will be presented to the organization at its Easter meeting which will be held in Raleigh.

The Durham Usher's Union held its regular monthly meeting at the White Rock Baptist church on February 21 with a large number of ushers present. The meeting was presided over by J. R. Mitchell, president of the organization.

The Ladies Department of the Durham Usher's Union will entertain in honor of Mrs. Ollie Sims who served for nearly five years as chairman of the department. Mrs. Notie Sims is the newly elected chairman.

HIGH POINT

Ushers of the state, especially those in and near High Point are requested to join the state president and the state treasurer who will be in High Point on the second Sunday March 14. Preparations are being made to render an interesting program.