

FLA. TEACHERS SUE FOR EQUAL PAY

Killer Policeman To Have Preliminary Hearing Friday

NAACP Aides High School Head In Salary Suit

TITUSVILLE, Florida, June 8.—John Gilbert, teacher and principal in the Cocoa junior high school (colored) of Brevard county, has filed a petition with the circuit court of the county, seeking a writ of mandamus to compel the Board of Public Instruction to establish equal salary schedules for white and colored teachers.

The petition was filed May 24 by the law firm of McGill and McGill of Jacksonville. S. D. McGill of the firm is receiving advice and assistance from the legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in New York.

The petition of Principal Gilbert states further that he holds a second grade certificate from the state department of education and is in his eleventh year of teaching. His salary is \$50 a month for a nine-months term. Mr. Gilbert also receives an additional \$288 per year as principal of the school, making a total of \$738. White teachers with the same grade certificate and the same teaching experience receive \$100 a month or \$900 per year. White teaching principals are paid an additional amount above the \$900.

Pointing out that the salary differential to teaching is 100 per cent, the petition asserts that the said differential is based solely on race and color of the teacher and "denies to petitioner and others of his race the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

At first the petition was filed in the supreme court of Florida which has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts in mandamus actions. The supreme court, however, can refuse to take original jurisdiction and in

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1,600 Vote For Race Candidate

In the local primary held Saturday June 4, M. Hugh Thompson, Durham Attorney who sought a seat on the Durham County Board of Commissioners, polled 1518 votes which was not a sufficient number to merit his nomination for the position. While attorney Thompson was not successful in this primary, the number of votes which he polled does show that there was a bit of solidarity in the Negro voting, although there could have been a great deal more. A more solid front might have been presented by the Negro voters if there had been greater organization and greater familiarity with the manner of procedure in the support of a candidate.

L. E. Austin, candidate for the County Board of Education, became automatically nominated and his appointment will more than likely be confirmed by the legislature if the proper pressure is brought to bear by those who are interested in the progress of the race in this section. The importance of a Negro on the board of education must be underestimated because the numerous purely racial issues which are to come before the board in the very near future make the presence of a member of the race on the board an important factor for all Negroes.

In the next primary held for these same offices, there will be

GRADUATES WITH HONORS



John H. Gattis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gattis of this city, has successfully completed a four year course in the liberal arts department of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Gattis leaves his Alma Mater with high recommendations, having served for two years as an assistant in the college library and for two years as a student professor in the department of English, in which his major field of concentration was. Having maintained better than an average of B for the four years Mr. Gattis is graduated with honors. He plans to do work on his master's degree at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

"AUNT MATILDA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY" AT HILLSIDE SCHOOL

The Seventh Day Adventist School will present a play at Hillside Park High School, Monday night June 13th at 8:15 P. M. Admission will be 10c.

MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT HITS USURIOUS PLANTERS

JACKSON, Miss., June 8.—(AP)—Mississippi's state supreme court, which has recently departed from the concepts of those in sister states by rendering decisions favorable to Negroes, took another step in this direction Monday by condemning the system of bookkeeping whereby plantation owners charge exorbitant interest rates to sharecroppers and tenant farmers and forfeited to a colored tenant the entire sum he had paid his landlord in principal and interest, amounting to \$2,275.91.

The court, in a decision written by Justice Anderson, reversed a Washington County Chancery decision and rendered a judgment in favor of Less Taylor against J. W. Copeland, white landlord. The \$2,275.91 judgment represented the entire amount Taylor had paid Copeland for "advances" and interest during 1936. The court said Copeland charged more than 20 per cent interest per year. This was usury and entitled Taylor not only to recover the interest but forfeited the landlord's right to the principal.

Not two Negro candidates in the fight but several with the backing of every Negro voter.

Jay Walker Sues Wife For Divorce

There is no further hope for the realization of the desire that friends have held for the possible reconciliation between William Jay Walker and Mrs. Georgia L. Walker, due to the fact that last week, Mr. Walker, who is assistant secretary of the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company, filed suit for absolute divorce from Mrs. Walker, teacher in the City School system, on the ground of two years separation.

The couple was married August 28, 1913 in Cooke County, Illinois, and lived together for about three years, having separated June 3, 1936. At the time of their separation Mr. and Mrs. Walker lived in their cozy apartment 1204 Fayetteville St.

Mr. Walker's attorney in the case is M. H. Thompson.

COLORED BUSINESS MAN SLAIN BY NEGRO COP

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 8.—(ANP By Dr. O. B. Taylor)—Clarence Kennedy, a well known resident here, who has been in the restaurant and billiard parlor business on Vine street for more than 20 years, was shot to death last Saturday morning during a pistol duel with Policeman Guy Vance. Both men are colored.

Earlier Saturday night, according to reports, Vance, with several other police, raided Kennedy's place, alleging that liquor was sold there. Kennedy was arrested, but later released on bond. Vance is then said to have gone back to Kennedy's place of business and arrested a waiter, and Kennedy, angered, is said to have threatened to thrash the policeman.

N. Y. RESTAURANT OPENS "HEADQUARTERS FOR JOE LOUIS FANS" 6TH TIME

NEW YORK—(C)—An original booster of Joe Louis from the time he first came to Harlem to fight Primo Canera, John D. Thomas, owner of Gray Shop No. 2, 2465 Seventh avenue, is decorating his place and calling it "Chicago Headquarters of Joe Louis Fans" for the sixth time, to welcome Joe's friends from the West and throughout the country to the Louis-Schmeling fight June 22.

Mr. Thomas recently celebrated the eleventh anniversary of his opening the Gray Shop, and received congratulations from many friends and some customers who have been regular patrons since the opening of the business.

Mr. Thomas will welcome Joe's friends personally when they come to Harlem, and they are invited to receive mail in care of the shop, and to make appointments for meeting friends there.



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N. C. College Graduates 56; Dr. Sockman's Address Tops Closing Program

"Youth must unite and chart some peace-making course of conduct in facing the new horizons which face us in everyday life" was theme of Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New York, who delivered the commencement address to the fifty-six candidates for graduation at the North Carolina College on Tuesday, June 7.

Dr. Sockman, who was making his second visit to the campus, was very emphatic in expressing to the graduating class and the 6000 members of the audience (as well as listeners on the air) the importance of regarding "where and when we are" in charting a course of conduct. "Where and when we are," he said "make a certain difference in what is the right course to take and how to apply even an eternal principle."

Bilbo Tirade Against Negroes Falls Flat

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—The four-hour speech by Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi against Negroes, urging deportation of 12,000,000 colored people to Africa in order to solve the unemployment problem, fell flatter than a pancake. The Bilbo tirade was so nauseating and so silly, by turns, that the Mississippi race-hater did not have even a half-dozen senators to listen to him. As soon as he got into his speech they left the floor.

Bilbo admitted after his talk that he really did not wish to make an amendment to the relief bill as he stated in order to get the floor, but solely to make a speech against Negroes. This admission disgusted the senators and even the veteran news cor-

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Prizes Awarded

Outstanding students were presented with prizes by Dr. C. Spaulding, President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. Miss Maybelle Cotton won the W. G. Pearson prize for excellence in Mathematics above the freshman year. The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity prize for the freshman young man maintaining the best scholarship record for the year went to Robert Bond; Bond also won the Omega Psi Phi fraternity prize for having held the highest general average among Freshmen young men in Initiative perseverance and general deportment. Juanita Olive Yeates received the C. C. Spaulding prize for excellence in the Commercial Department for four years; The Volkemena Club prize for excellence in English for four years went to Miss Elizabeth Poindexter, and Miss Mattie Laws received the Volkemena Club prize offered to the young woman in Freshman class making the highest general average in scholarship, initiative, perseverance and deportment.

BISHOP WRIGHT'S DAUGHTER TO WED

PHILADELPHIA—(C)—Bishop A. M. E. Wright, Jr., 5320 Vine street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace Lydia, to the Rev. Dwight Vincent Kyle of Boston. The marriage will be solemnized during the summer. Miss Wright and the Rev. Kyle met as students at Wilberforce university, where Miss Wright won the B. S. degree in '37, and the Rev. Kyle the A. B. and B. D. The prospective groom has won the A. M., S. T. B. and S. T. M. degrees at Boston university, and has also completed residence work for the Ph. D. there. He is a member of the New England conference of the A. M. E. church.

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