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JAMES WELDON JOHNSON KILLED

Chicago Policeman May Get Prison Term For Murder

Four Cops Beat Negro To Death; Citizens To Push Prosecution

(Special to the Carolina Times) CHICAGO, July 1.—Negro organizations and their white sympathizers won a smashing victory today when four Maxwell Street station police were suspended by Police Commissioner James P. Allman for the fatal beating of James Weldon Johnson, 33 year old West Side Negro on April 2. First exposed by the Midwest Daily Record, Record, Robinson's death occurred on April 6th in Bridgeport Hospital after policemen had attacked him in the apartment of Mrs. Viola Mays, 1232 Washburn Ave. where he had been carried after being knocked down on the sidewalk by Officer Fred Harman of Maxwell Station. Since that time The Record has carried on a consistent campaign for the suspension and prosecution of the Officers who are alleged to have inflicted the beating which resulted in the Negro's death. The paper has conducted an intensive investigation into the case, and given wide publicity to 20th Ward Citizens organization formed to prosecute the murder.

Commissioner Allman announced that the four officers—John Bowen, Ed Brown, Bernard White and Fred Harman would stand suspended until they were arraigned before the Civil Service Commission. Police Inspector E. J. Daly of the Personnel Department stated to the Record, yesterday that in his opinion the facts did not involve the suspension of another Maxwell Street officer implicated in the case—Frank J. Tristano. Police headquarters stated that Inspector Daly had been before the Grand Jury all yesterday morning testifying in the cases of the four men. We will not stop with the suspension of these men, Napoleon Gillett, of the 20th Ward Citizens Organization, declared to the Record. Our Organization will intensify its effort to have these men prosecuted and put in the penitentiary where they belong. One of the most active groups throughout the long campaign to bring the officers to justice the International Labor Defense yesterday expressed its congratulations to others who helped prosecute the issue: "Congratulations, 20th Ward statement signed by Lillian Goodman, acting ILD Secretary.

Morticians To Meet In Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, July 2nd, (ANP) Hundreds of morticians from all sections of the country are here this week attending the 13th Annual Convention of the Independent National Funeral Directors' association, June 28-30. R. R. Reed of Chicago, founder of the association and its executive secretary, reports to the largest convention the group has ever held. Problems of the profession and business, methods of service to the public questions as to how to advance and protect this major industry to the race were discussed and solutions form. Another feature of the convention was organizing the wives of Funeral Directors into an auxiliary of the Independent National Funeral Directors' association. The association is listed by Federal authorities as the race's largest trade organization. William J. Morsell of Chicago is president. The Atlantic Coast Line States are backing C. P. Hayes of Richmond for president, while Baltimore and New York seek the 1939 convention.



The opening of the James A. Whitted playground located in this city attended by many dignitaries and numerous children, among whom were Marvin Jackson, (left) Floyd Peace (center) and Edward Jackson (right). The youngsters caught by the CAROLINA TIMES photographer seem to be wondering why there has to be so much speech making just because a wading pool is being opened.

Reading Club Organized

The librarians at the Durham Colored Library have announced the formation of a vacation reading club which is made up of children in the elementary grades. While the club has created a degree of interest among the children, there is still great room for new members. As a special project for the members of the vacation reading club a miniature house has been set up in the library. This house is to be covered with bricks. When a member reads and reports on a book, a brick with his name on it is placed on the house and this will continue until the house is completely bricked. Those reading ten books will receive a certificate.

Teacher Seeking Equal Salary Fired By Md. Board Of Education

BALTIMORE, Md., June 28.—The campaign for equalization of salaries paid to Negro and white teachers has resulted in the firing of at least four teachers in two counties and the intimidation of many others, it was learned here this week. Howard Pindell, who had been teaching five years in Anne Arundel county, and who thus had tenure and could not be fired without cause, was transferred two years ago to Frederick county where he was offered a better job as principal. However, his tenure earned in Anne Arundel county was not good in Frederick county and he had to work two years in Frederick county before he earned his tenure. His two year period was completed this spring and he was fired. Mr. Pindell was the first teacher in the State of Maryland who offered to cooperate in the legal action to force equalization of salaries. Evidently the school authorities feel that he is a dangerous person to have on the payroll, especially if he has tenure, because he may consent to be the plaintiff in a salary equalization suit at anytime.

In Somerset county, Namon Allen, who was not being considered as a plaintiff in a suit, but who was one of the leaders among the teachers in the community in the agitation for equal teachers' salaries, was dropped this spring by the school board. He had not been teaching more than two years and so could be dismissed without cause. In Prince George's county, the superintendent of schools, Nicholas Orem, has declared open war in the movement to equalize teachers' salaries and has stated that he will fight it through the courts and by intimidating the Negro teachers in anyway, in his power. As a first step in his campaign of frightening colored teachers, he has dismissed at least three probationary teachers to prevent them from earning tenure and thus escaping dismissal except by cause. Evidently the intention is to keep replacing teachers with-in the two-year period so that there will be a fresh crop always on hand completely at the mercy of the superintendent. It was Superintendent Orem who first objected to NAACP attorneys examining the minutes

Former NAACP Secretary Succumbs To Injuries Sustained In Auto Wreck

WISCASSET, Me. — Sunday, June 26.—The Negro race and America as a whole lost one of its greatest authors and poets when the automobile of James Weldon Johnson crashed into an East bound Maine Central train at a grade crossing in Wiscasset, Maine. This fatal collision ended one of the most brilliant and most serviceable careers that can be pointed to in history. To learn of the death of James Weldon Johnson is like hearing of the passing of one's intimate friend for in the course of his 67 years he touched the entire citizenry of America with his writings and through the many varied activities in which he participated. Dr. Johnson was Professor of creative literature at Fisk University and since 1930 had been visiting professor of literature at New York University. At the time of his death he and his wife were in residence at their summer home at Dark Harbor, Me.

James Weldon Johnson was known chiefly for his many literary contributions and is whose ever songs are sung as the writer of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Negro National Anthem. However, in addition to his many contributions to American literature he led a life which was, to say the least, diversified. He served as United States Consul in Venezuela and in Nicaragua from 1906 to 1913 undergoing many trying experiences. It was during this period that he wrote a great number of his poems.

He translated the libretto of the Spanish opera, Goyescas, produced by the Metropolitan Opera Company in 1915. For 14 years he devoted his services to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as field secretary and executive secretary. Johnson achieved his finest effects, however, through his poetry for he brought to the content intellectual substance and a craftsmanship less spontaneous than Dunbar's.

GEORGE SCHUYLER'S DAUGHTER, SIX, WINS MUSIC PRIZE

NEW YORK CITY, July 2, (ANP) Little Phillipa Duke Schuyler, 6 year old daughter of George S. Schuyler, widely known author and newsmen and Mrs. Schuyler, who paints and writes under the pen name of Heda Jannath, last week was awarded first prize in the group of 6-to-9 year old children in the City junior musical instrument contest. Phillipa has composed 30 piano pieces, started taking lessons when she was 5. Contest finals were held on the Mall in Central Park under auspices of the Park department. The child's prize, a gold medal, was awarded for her piano renditions of "Sonatina in C" by Clementi.

Senator Wagner Tells NAACP Conference America Must Set Example Against Barbarism

COLUMBUS, O., July 2nd, (Special) America must set the world an example against a tragic tide of barbarism now sweeping across the world, Senator Robert F. Wagner declared tonight in a speech at the opening meeting of the 28th annual conference of the N. A. A. C. P. in Shiloh Baptist church. America can best set this example, the New York Senator declared, by strengthening democratic institutions, promoting democracy in the economic order, and fortifying it as a way of life; specifically, with reference to the Negro, by passing a federal anti lynching law, by wiping out discrimination in employment and in labor legislation, and by providing decent low cost housing. After reviewing briefly the campaign for passage of a federal anti lynching bill and paying tribute to the work of the NAACP, Senator Wagner declared: "In the face of this record, we cannot afford, we dare not attempt to give up the fight as won. The spirit of the mob has not been quenched. The most continue to be in the position to do the least. Need I recall to mind the blow torch lynching of a year ago? Need I tell you that last July, two hundred beings were taken from a jail-house by a lynching mob within a stone's throw of a state capitol, with that it looks a lot

of carelessness here by somebody?" Need I recount now nine months ago another human being was shot to death with the pistol taken from the officer supposed to guard his life, while the mob shouted: "To hell with the law!" Need I remind you that not a single arrest, prosecution or conviction is recorded for any of the eight lynchings last year? For myself, I renew the pledge I made on the Senate floor last February: I believe in this cause; I believe it is righteous, and I know that eventually we will succeed. The fight will go on, so far as I am concerned and I know I speak for the others interested until we ultimately carry out our point, because a righteous cause, while it may be temporarily defeated, will eventually prevail. In discussing the handicaps of Negro in seeking employment and economic security Senator Wagner cited the picketing of a Washington, D. C., grocery store because it did not employ Negroes, although it enjoyed a large trade from the colored neighborhoods. Paying tribute to the U. S. supreme court opinion which sustained the picketers, the Senator said: "This pronouncement gives the Negro an avenue of dignified protest; it does not in itself make available the jobs denied solely because of the color of PLEASE TURN TO PAGE EIGHT

CLARKESDALE, Miss., June 30, (ANP) Local officials of the U. S. District Court last week were notified that the conviction of J. Shelley Decker Tallahatchie county planter, on a charge of peonage had been upheld by the U. S. Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

Decker, in his trial at Clarkesdale at the last term of Federal Court, was convicted on a peonage charge brought by the Government, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to three years in Federal prison at Atlanta. The government charged that Decker held J. W. Wiggins and Ethel Lee Davis, both colored, in bondage on his plantation 10 miles from Charleston on account of a debt allegedly owed him by Negroes.

The Davis woman testified that she was chained to her bed in a cabin on the Decker farm in order to force her to work, but that otherwise she had not been mistreated. Wiggins said he had also been held in bondage, but managed to make his escape and reported to Sheriff Harry Dogan of Charleston. The sheriff and G-men made the investigation which resulted in Decker's arrest.

COLUMBUS NEGROES AROUSED IN FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

COLUMBUS, July 2nd, (ANP) Negro citizens of this city are very much aroused because of the current fight being waged for Civil Rights. The loss of the Turner case a case on theater discrimination against the RKO theatre in which Dr. Albert Banner Turner was the complaining witness has served to awaken the people to the seriousness of the present situation. Last Friday several young men, very prominent in civic and social activities in the city, sought admittance to one of the downtown theatres. They were refused and an argument ensued. They then proceeded to the police station for the purpose of having a warrant issued for the arrest of the manager of the theatre. The manager of the theatre also appeared at the station where he had warrants issued for the arrest of two of the young men: Steve Calomel and Harry Woods. They were lodged in jail on charges of disturbing the peace and assault and battery. Such techniques only serve to infuriate the colored people. In connection with this, it will be remembered that the local NAACP tried in vain to erect a change in policy of the downtown theatres in a more powerful manner, when the organization started the present drive for civil rights. The colored people of Columbus are more than ever determined to carry this fight to a logical and successful conclusion.

Clarence Norris Is Placed On Death Row At State Prison

MONTGOMERY, Ala. July 2nd, (Special) — Clarence Norris, one of the nine framed Negro boys in the Scottsboro case was placed in Kilby State Prison's death row today. Norris was placed in a cell close to the electric chair. He and another Negro, Jim Orr, were brought to the death house by Sheriff J. S. Sandlin of Morgan County. The Alabama State Supreme Court affirmed the death sentence against Norris on June 16, and set August 19 for the execution. Original sentence was imposed last July. In setting execution date, the State Court refused plea for a new trial, holding that the record disclosed no reversible errors and the judgment of the trial court must be affirmed. Norris was the first to be tried in the July, 1937, trials and was convicted on the same evidence on which four of the Scottsboro boys were freed. Two of the others tried at the time, Andy Wright, Charles Weems, were sentenced to 99 and 75 years imprisonment on the same testimony. Four other, Olan Montgomery, Willie

Reberson, Roy Wright and Eugene Williams, were freed. Norris and four co-defendants filed notice at Decatur, Ala., of intention to appeal to Governor Bibb Graves for pardons. Norris, Wright, Weems, Hayward Patterson and Ozie Powell published advertisements in accordance with state law, saying they intended to ask pardons.

MRS. MOTON ROYALLY ENTERTAINED ON FIRST VISIT TO HARLEM

NEW YORK — (C) — Mrs. Jennie B. Moton, wife of Dr. R. R. Moton and president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, was royally entertained last week-end on her first official visit to Harlem. Oldswoman turned out in full force to greet the national president at a conference at the YWAC, beginning Saturday morning at 10:30. Two sessions were held and Mrs. Moton was the main speaker at the afternoon meeting, telling the story of clubwork in the South, changing family life through instruction in canning, planting, and general home-making, and the promotion of campaigns for state supported homes for delinquent boys and girls.