

PRESIDENT GREET'S NAACP WITH PRAISE

Southerner Slaps Race Man; Gets Jail Term

(Special to the TIMES)
NEW YORK CITY—A show of white chauvinism in New York took a beating last week when John Backett, a white man from North Carolina, was arrested for assaulting W. C. Handy, Jr. son of the "Father of the Blues" and author of the "St. Louis Blues" in the Hardart Automat at 47th St. and Broadway.

Young Handy had entered the Automat, secured his food, and was about to sit down, when Backett said to him: "Oh no, you don't sit at this table. I'm from North Carolina and no 'n-' sits at a table with me."

Handy ignored this statement and started to place his tray on the table, when the white man struck him on the mouth and knocked him down while he still held the tray in his hands.

Rei Otley, a journalist friend of Handy's who was eating at an adjoining table, came to Handy's aid, when

white friends of Backett, seated at the same table with Backett, started to gang up on Handy. Soon the Automat was in an uproar as Otley and the white man knocked down tables and food as they fought.

The police were called in and Otley and Backett were arrested and taken before Magistrate Andrews of the 7th District court on charges of disorderly conduct and assault.

Backett was found guilty and sentenced to two days in jail or a fine of five dollars; he was unable to pay the fine.

Magistrate Andrews in sentencing Backett, lectured him on the difference between New York and the south as it affects Negroes, and informed him that "NEGROES HAVE RIGHTS WHICH YOU ARE BOUND TO RESPECT." The case against Otley was dismissed.

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Lauds Negro's Contribution To U. S. Rise

RICHMOND, Va.—The full operation of democracy in our country is that which makes it possible to "delight in recognizing the contributions which members of the Negro race have made to American life and the part which they have had in the progress of the nation."

This was the sentiment expressed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a letter of greeting read at the thirtieth annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which opened here at the McQue auditorium, Tuesday, June 27 at 8 p. m.

Referring to the Negro people of America as "an integral group in our American democracy," the President said, "we look to you to uphold its ideals to help to carry its burdens and to partake of its blessings."

The complete text of the President's letter, which was addressed to Walter White executive secretary of the Association, follows:

"The opportunities of a democratic people to participate in national progress are legion.

Their responsibilities for sharing in the achievement of that progress are equally great. We delight in recognizing the contributions which members of the Negro race have made to American life and the part which they have had in the progress of the nation.

My sincerest wish for all of you is that your opportunities may be increasingly shared and your responsibilities continuously accepted in helping the Negro race to hold fast to the advancements already made and in moving forward to high planes of accomplishment. As an integral group in our American democracy we look to you to uphold its ideals, to help to carry its burdens and to partake of its blessings.

In extending cordial greetings to the Thirtieth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, may I express the hope that the Negro race will find steadily expanding fields in which to serve with industry, loyalty and distinction.

Protest Job For Heflin

NEW YORK, Characterizing the reported proposal to appoint Thomas J. Heflin, notorious Negro batter and one time Senator from Alabama, to a Justice Department post as an assurance to American bigots that "dealing in racial hatred will be rewarded," the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wired a vigorous protest Wednesday, June 21 to U. S. Attorney General Frank Murphy.

The text of the telegram which was signed by Walter White, executive secretary of the association, follows:

"Note in public press report of plan to give federal job, perhaps in Department of Justice, to ex-Senator J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama. If any such recommendation contemplated may we respectfully request it be held up until we can file with you formal protest against such appointment based on Mr. Heflin's attitude in Scottsboro cases, defense of lynching, reputed membership in Ku Klux Klan and his general attitude of intolerance and bigotry, particularly so far as Negroes are concerned. We greatly fear that an appointment given Mr. Heflin would be considered by bigots as justification of bigotry and assurance that dealing in racial hatred will be rewarded."

The telegram was based upon the following items in a report outlined by the association: That in the state of Alabama he was reported to be the leading Klansman for many years; that when the pardon applications in behalf of the Scottsboro boys was submitted to the Board of pardons of the state of Alabama on October 11, 1938 the only reason appearing in opposition to this application was former Senator Heflin who stated that he would stomp the state from one end to the other to oppose the application, distorted the facts in the case and attacked many persons including the Scottsboro Defense Committee as a unit for pushing the pardon petition.

That, in December, 1936 Heflin appeared before former Governor Graves of Alabama, when the latter interviewed the Scottsboro defendants in the case and is now special assistant to Robert Feldner, Corps director, Grier added.

CCC Enrollment To Take 1,357 In July

RALEIGH, N. C. Twenty CCC camps and three enrollment centers at Raleigh, Wilmington, and Asheville will accept 1357 junior enrollees between July 5 and 8 in North Carolina's regular third quarter enrollment, T. L. Grier, State CCC selection supervisor, said yesterday. The 1357 requirement for July represents approximately half the number called for in April when many replacements were made because of the number who had completed their final enlistment. The policy of accepting the applicants at camps nearest their homes saved \$45,000 in January and April enrollments this year, Grier said, the actual cost for each youth accepted in April amounting to 39 cents as against an expense of \$3.43 for each man enrolled at last October.

The United States Department of Labor now has no connection with the Corps, Grier stated, since the President's reorganization plan shifted the organization to the new security group. W. Frank Persons, national selection director, moved from the Labor department to the office of the director

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND NORTH CAROLINA; DURHAM COUNTY:

— UNDER AND BY THE virtue of a power and authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed by W. H. Wilson and wife, Fannie L. Wilson and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of Durham County in Book 161 at page 159 the default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided and having been requested by the holder of the said note the undersigned Trustee will on MONDAY, JULY 10, 1939 AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Durham County the following described property:

BEGINNING at a stake on the Western side of Surrilla Street, from the intersection of Bryant and Surrilla Sts.; thence North 79 deg. 30' West 151.5 feet to a stake in the Eastern line of Lot No. 12, thence with the Eastern line of No. 2, 583.5 feet to a stake, thence South 87 deg. 10, East 156 feet to a stake on the Western side of Surrilla Street, thence with Western the of Surrilla Street South 18 deg. 32' West 79.5 feet to the beginning. Being Lot No. 2, formerly No. 13 and Northern 1-2 of No. 14 of the Larkin Woods' property. Recorded in Plot Book No. 5, page 5, Register of Deeds Book for Durham County N. C. Reference is hereby made to Trustees Deed from W. H. Wilson, Trustee to T. D. Pugham, dated October 1 1927 and recorded in Book of Deeds—page—Office of Registrar of Deeds of Durham County.

See also, deed from T. D. Pugham and wife to W. M. Wilson and wife, recorded in Book of Deeds—Page—Office of Registrar of Deeds of Durham County. This 9th day of June, 1939.

R. L. McDOUGALD, Trustee
C. O. PARSON, Atty.

THIS SALE WILL REMAIN OPEN TEN DAYS AS IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY

EXECUTRIX NOTICE HAVING QUALIFIED as executrix of the estate of C. G. O'Kelly, late of Durham County, North Carolina this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 116 W. South Street, Raleigh, North Carolina on or before the 6th day of June 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 5th day of June, 1939.

(MRS.) FAY PEACE MAY

absence of any representative in behalf of the boys and repeated the same statements made before the Board of pardons.

EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF C. G. O'KELLY Deceased. C. J. GATES, ATTORNEY.

TRUSTEES SALE OF LAND NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY

— UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power conferred upon the undersigned Trustee by a certain deed of trust dated August 19, 1931 executed by Trustees of Union Mission Church, and duly recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for Durham County in Book of Mortgages 293 at page 186; and whereas, default was made in the payment of the indebtedness, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the courthouse door in Durham, N. C. to the highest bidder for cash on MONDAY JULY 17th 1939 at 12 noon, the following described land, to-wit:

ADJOINING the lands of R. B. Fitzgerald et al.

BEGINNING at a stake on Morehead Avenue and running thence west 74 links to House line; thence South 2.41 chains; thence East 74 links; thence North 2.41 chains to the beginning, as surveyed by Rufus Massey. The above lot was conveyed to Lillian A. Fitzgerald (now Lillian Dudson) by R. B. Fitzgerald and wife S. A. W. Fitzgerald by deed dated May 4, 1908 and recorded in Book 19, at page 280 in the Office of Registrar of Deeds of Durham County. This lot contains one single story house with four rooms. Also as recorded from J. A. Dodson and wife, Lillian A. Dodson to Trustees of Union Mission Church, dated July 24 1931 and duly recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds of Durham County in Book of Deeds—page—

THIS SALE WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR TEN DAYS, to receive increased bids as required by law.

THIS PROPERTY is sold at the request of the holder of said note.

This 15th day of June 1939.

MECHANICS AND FARMERS BANK, TRUSTEE
M. H. THOMPSON, Atty.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA, DURHAM COUNTY.

HAVING QUALIFIED as executors of the estate of Mrs. Martha Merrick late of Durham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned executors at the North Carolina Mutual Building, 114 W. Parish Street, or P. O. Box 201, Durham, North Carolina on or before the 10th day of May, 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th day of May, 1939.

E. R. MERRICK and C. H. DONNELL, EXECUTORS.
M. H. THOMPSON, Atty.

NORTH CAROLINA, EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

DURHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the estate of Mrs. Luetta Haskins late of Durham County, North Carolina this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 114 West Parish Street, Durham, North Carolina on or before the 23rd day of May, 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 23rd day of May, 1939.

MECHANICS AND FARMERS BANK, Executor of the estate of Mrs. Luetta Haskins, deceased.
M. HUGH THOMPSON, Atty.

Enrollment Reaches 400 At Shaw U.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Four hundred ninety nine students from eleven States including fifty North Carolina counties were enrolled in the Shaw University Summer School at the close of registration on June 14 according to announcement of the Shaw registrar. The enrollment this year represents the fourth largest registration since the organization of the summer school on a college basis in 1921.

According to officials of the University this unusually large enrollment is due to the attempt of teachers to complete requirements for "A" grade certificates before Sept. 1, 1940 after which the North Carolina State Department will allow new certificates or raising of old certificates only to those persons who hold degrees. Many in service teachers at the Raleigh school are also fulfilling degree requirements.

States represented in the enrollment include Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Maryland, Mass. New Jersey, New York; North Carolina; Penn., South Carolina and Virginia.

Children In Jails Decrease

RALEIGH, N. C.—The best figures we have available indicate there were 878 children confined in county jails in 1938, much less than the 7,070 in 1937 and the 1,231 in 1936," W. C. Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State welfare department said this week.

"We believe this trend is a direct result of the efforts on the part of county welfare superintendents to eliminate the unsocial practice of keeping minors in kindergartens or crime where they come in contact with seasoned professors of law breaking."

"During April, 1939, there were only 58 children reported held in the county jails, which is the smallest number since we have been keeping records. The

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