

# 5 LYNCHED IN 1940 SAYS NAACP

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# Fights Service In Jim Crow Army

## VENEZUELA COLORED BAR UNDER PROBE

# 13-Year-Old Girl Raped By School Teacher

According to Durham police up to nine o'clock Wednesday evening on warrant had been issued for William Strudwick accused of rapping a 13-year-old girl at his home here last Saturday afternoon.

Strudwick, who is a scion of a well known Durham family, and son of the late Dr. William L. Strudwick of this city, is a teacher in the public school system in Fayetteville. It is reported that he had been drinking at the time he committed the crime, and that as soon as he was discovered that he left the city for Fayetteville or parts unknown. It could not be learned at a late hour here Wednesday whether he had resumed his work at Fayetteville or not.

It is alleged that Strudwick enticed the young girl to his home under the pretense of wanting her to go on an errand for him. The child at the time was in the company of another girl about her own age, and left her little friend on the outside while she entered the house to receive instructions concerning where she was supposed to go. Instead of sending her on the errand Strudwick is alleged to have committed the crime, afterwards craming the frightened and helpless girl in a dog house at the rear of the home where she was later discovered by her parents.

When questioned concerning the crime, it is reported Strudwick denied the accusations of the young girl and immediately left the city.

The accused man is well known throughout North Carolina in social, insurance and educational circles. For the past two or three years he has written a column in various newspapers of the state under the caption "As Time Marches On."

### EARNEST WORKERS MEET WITH MRS. ALEX MOORE

The Earnest Workers' Club of St. Joseph A.M.E. Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moore Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

### STANFORD LIBRARY EXTEND HOURS

According to announcements made this week the Stanford L. Warren Library will remain open on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening until nine o'clock. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays the library will remain open from 10 a. m. to seven p. m.

### Coach H. R. Jefferson's Wife Passes In Petersburg

Petersburg, Va. — Funeral services for Mrs. Esther McNeill Jefferson, 26, wife of Harry Rupert Jefferson, Head Coach at Virginia State College, who died here Friday after a brief illness, will be held at 3 p. m. Monday at the St. Joseph Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Jefferson, the former Miss Esther Scott McNeill, was born in Fayetteville May 10, 1914, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. McNeill. In 1935, she was graduated from the Secretarial Course at Virginia State College. Upon graduation, the deceased took a position as secretary to John P. Davis, Negro Representative on the National Labor Board, in Washington, D. C. In 1937 Mrs. Jefferson matriculated at Northwestern University on a scholarship. On September 3, 1938 she was married to Harry Rupert Jefferson and made her home on the Virginia State College campus where Mr. Jefferson has coached athletic teams for several years. During the past two years Mrs. Jefferson acted as secretary to the Dean of the College. However, she was on leave of absence for the present school year.

Surviving are husband, Harry R. Jefferson; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McNeill, her son of three months, Harry McNeill Jefferson; her stepson, John R. Jefferson, three sisters, Misses Helen and Mallie McNeill and Mrs. Ruth McNeill Cook of Washington, D. C. and four brothers, Thurman McNeill of Fayetteville, Charles and Dr. Howard McNeill of Washington, D. C. and Thomas McNeill of New York City.

Barnwell, S. C. — A midwife revealed today that on Christmas day she delivered quadruplets, one of which died soon after birth. The quads were boys. The three living were reported doing nicely. The mother is Ada Way, of Red Oak district.

### MRS. SOUTHERLAND HOSTESS TO MOXAHALA CLASS THURSDAY

The Moxahala Class met at the home of Mrs. Eva Southerland on Glenn street Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

### First Postgraduate Assembly for Negro Physicians In South Carolina Being Held

Columbia, S. C. — The first post graduate seminar for Negro physicians in South Carolina will be held at State A and M College, Orangeburg, January 28, 29 and 30 according to Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins, director of the Negro tuberculosis association. Similar meetings conducted under the supervision of C. St. C. Guild, M. D. director of the Negro program of the National Tuberculosis Association, New York City, have been held annually in Jacksonville, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Saint Louis, Pittsburgh and other cities. Cooperating sponsors for the meeting are the United States Public Health Service, the National Tuberculosis Association, the South Carolina Board of Health, the Palmetto Medical Association, State A and M College and the South Carolina tuberculosis association. A special invitation is extended to physicians in the neighboring states of Georgia and North Carolina. There will no registration fee.

Among clinicians and lecturers for the meeting are P. Martin Santos, M. D. of Chicago, Robert E. Seibels, M. D. of Columbia, and R. W. Ball, M. D. director of the Division of Maternal and Child Hygiene, South Carolina Board of Health, obstetrics; Wm. B. Perry, M. D., Special Consultant, U. S. Public Health Service, and Sedgwick Simons, M. D. director of the Division of Venereal Disease Control, South Carolina Board of Health, syphilis; Nolan A. Owens, M. D. of Washington, William Weston, Jr., M. D. of Columbia, and R. W. Ball, M. D. pediatrics.

A reception and dance honoring seminar registrants and their guests will be given on the evening of January 29. Members of the dental and pharmaceutical sections of the state medical association are being invited.

Not satisfied with the worries on this world, some scientists are trying to solve the problems of

### RED CAP OFFICIAL OPPOSES SERVICE IN THE ARMY

Chicago — Ernest Calloway, educational director of the United Transport Employees of America and who had one of the first numbers called in the selective lottery in Washington, is opposed to conscription because "the present United States army is the most anti democratic institution in American governmental life" he told his local draft board on receipt of his questionnaire a few days before Christmas. He asked to be exempted until "true citizen ship" is conferred upon him.

The red cap official's complete statement in which he protests being drafted follows: "As a Negro, I have accepted many of the responsibilities of my limited citizenship without benefit of a number of its blessings. To me, the present United States army is the most anti democratic institution in American governmental life. Its callous disregard for the elementary principles of fair play with Negro citizens, reeks of 18th century 'mercenary' instead of an army, by and for and of the people."

"The constant refusal of this military branch of our government to pursue a non discriminatory policy in its attitude towards all the citizens is far out of portion with the large measure of social, economic and political progress that has been made during the past few years in America. For a number of decades, the U. S. army has withstood democratization especially in its relations to Negroes, and there is no visible indication of an immediate change in this vicious racial status quo despite the fact that American democracy is preparing for its greatest struggle against the forces of ignorance, prejudice and dictatorship."

"The practice of relegating special types of service to Negroes and refusing their services in other branches of the armed forces is neither conducive to effective morale or obeying the spirit and letter of the constitution of the United States. When the U. S. army denies me or any other Negro the right and opportunity to make an equal contribution to the welfare and defense of my country, it violates a basic right guaranteed by the constitution. Therefore, to insist upon my (Continued on page three)



Dr. Willa Easley, prominent physician of Whitteville who is creating a sensation in the eastern part of the state in a clinic which she operates together with Dr. M. N. Muldrow (left). During the course of a year thousands of patients are treated by the two young women for diseases of all kinds. The institution has been a life-saving station in Whitteville and vicinity where lack of medical aid has often meant a high death rate.



# NEGRO TEST OF DEMOCRACY CLAIMS NAACP

New York — During 1940, the American Negro proved to be the surest standard for testing, in terms of concrete action, our Government's oft repeated assertion that American democracy gives full justice to all the citizens of the United States, according to a report made by Walter White at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held here Monday, January 6.

On the credit side of the NAACP secretary pointed to four decisions won before the United States Supreme court, affecting the rights of Negro citizens. The first of these decisions, read by Justice Hugo L. Black last February 12, denied the right of Florida courts to obtain confessions from four Negro youth, through torture, and termed conviction after such action, unconstitutional. The case of *Dave Canty*, in Alabama and *Bob White* in Texas, were also reversed on similar grounds. The fourth decision denied the right of persons to bar Negroes from buying or living on property in property in areas of a city retrieved by agreement among property owners.

The Association also won a notable case in its six year fight to equalize the salaries of Negro and white teachers in southern and border states, when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to review a Circuit Court of Appeals decision denying the right of the

Norfolk, Va. school board to pay lower salaries to Negro teachers solely on the basis of color. This victory added \$129,000 to the salaries of Negro teachers in Norfolk.

Pointing out that 1940 marked the most crucial period in our country's history, the NAACP executive secretary said it was nevertheless true that the Administration muffed a great opportunity to prove how democracy can work in times of stress to preserve civil liberties for 14,000,000 American Negroes who have suffered more than any other group in our country from the denial of even basic citizenship rights.

Chief among the happenings Mr. White listed was the failure of Congress to pass a federal anti lynching law at a time when the majority of American citizens in the South as well as the North believe such a law should be passed. He declared this demonstrated that there are men in our Congress who are willing for Hitler to show us all that he has learned from this American crime, before taking action to curb it.

"On of the most shameful pages in our Congressional history was enacted" he said "when Congressional leaders with the tacit approval of the White House, dodged the issue of bringing the bill up time after time, despite (Continued on page three)

# Petersburg Teachers Seek Equal Pay

## Color Ban At Club, Union Changes Site Of Xmas Party

Chicago — Discrimination was given a punch in the eye by the International Fur and Leather Workers union, Local No. 45, recently when the Evans Fur Company, the largest retail furrier in the middle west, sponsored a Christmas party for its employees at the exclusive Colony club and the Colony club refused to permit the attendance of two Negro workers employed in the Evans factory.

Strong resentment was manifested by the members of the union in the Evans shop. When the union was called upon to ask two Negro workers to voluntarily refuse to come in order to facilitate the arrangements, Abe Feinglass, manager of Local No. 45, refused to acquiesce and declared that the fur factory will not attend such an affair, and furthermore, would call upon its members and the National Negro congress to picket the Colony club.

The workers of Evans, when advised at a shop meeting for the position of the union, gave it staunch support and immediately volunteered for picket duty. This resulted in the company cancelling its arrangements with the club and making the party in another hall where every worker attended.

The two Negro women involved were Mrs. Attilla Greene and Mrs. Anna Bell, both long standing and active members of the union.

In appraising the situation, Feinglass declared, "The trade union movement cannot only give lip service to quality but must be ready to fight for that equality which is so essential to its very life to the necessary unification of all labor."

### Notes and Comments

We rarely think these paragraphs are smart or witty nevertheless, we have to write 'em whether you read 'em or not.

Advertisers who are well known owe their popularity to the money they spent to attract new customers.

There is no real competition between the radio and the press, both have a part in the life of a people.

Petersburg, Va. — The Negro Teachers' Cooperative association asked the city council Friday to take under advisement the question of bringing about parity in the pay of white and Negro teachers in the city school system, based upon qualifications and services. Attention was called to the recent decision of the United States Supreme court involving the Norfolk system, in which the plaintiff won a decision.

Speaking for the council, Mayor Alexander Hamilton, Jr. said that he had been advised that the matter had already received some consideration from the school board, and that further study would be given it by council and the board. He pointed out, however, that no provision for increases in salary had been provided for in the budget to be adopted, and that no action could be taken at once.

## National Urban League Names New Assistant

New York — The National Urban League has just announced the promotion of Miss Ann Tanneyhill, for a number of years secretary in the Department of Industrial Relations, to the post of Assistant in Charge of Guidance and Personnel in the Department.

For several years Miss Tanneyhill has rendered an important service in planning and directing the Vocational Opportunity Campaigns of the National Urban League. Her new post gives her responsibility not only for planning these campaigns in the future, but also for carrying on the year round guidance and placement activities of the Department. She is the author of the pamphlet, "Guiding Negro Youth Toward Jobs" which was issued by the National Urban League during the Vocational Opportunity Campaign of 1938.

A graduate of Simmons College in Boston, Miss Tanneyhill received the degree of Master of Arts in Vocational Guidance and Personnel Administration from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1938.

Previous to coming to the National Urban League in 1930, she was a member of the staff of the Dunbar Community League in Springfield, Mass.

The Italian navy, it seems to us is entitled to the Nobel Prize for peace in 1938; It's Duce's fleet did its best to prevent battle.