

# MEMBER NAACP BARRED FROM JURY

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# Admiral Says Negroes Would Dominate The Navy If Enlisted

## Race Man Barred From Strubbing Jury Because Formerly NAACP Member

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (Special to the CAROLINA TIMES) — Solely on the ground that he had at one time been a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Robert A. Thompson on Wednesday was excluded from the jury panel sitting in the trial of Joseph Spell, 31-year-old chauffeur and butler, whose white socialite employer, Mrs. John K. Strubbing, Jr., charges that he raped her three times on the night of last December 10.

Thompson, an employee in a local shoe shining and hat cleaning establishment, was one of two Negro prospective jurors examined by the State and the defense, during the past two days. Both Negroes were excluded. The Rev. James W. Watson was rejected, January 22 by State's Attorney Lorin W. Willis, after the minister had done; if he is chosen harm might be done. He then excused Thompson's question, "asking him if he would be embarrassed" by serving as a juror in the case.

Thompson was excluded by Judge Carl Foster after he answered the question by State's Attorney

## Death Compensation Of Laborer Shared By Two Widows

RALEIGH — Two two wives and three children of a laborer injured here last Sept. 30 shared in death compensation under an agreement approved Thursday by the state industrial commission.

The agreement was between Lollie Byrd Hailey, the first wife, and others, and Herbert and Annie Seligson and the latter's carrier, the Indemnity Insurance company of North America.

By terms of the agreement, Lollie Hailey was awarded a lump sum of \$1,567. One hundred dollars each was given to three children born to her and William Hailey, the deceased, and \$710 to Janie Williams Hailey, the deceased's second wife.

The commission found it to be a fact that Hailey abandoned Lollie and remarried, without getting a divorce, under the assumed name of William Henry. He was injured while digging an excavation and died on October 14.

## The "Conquering Judah Lion" Takes Over



North Africa. — Haile Selassie, Emperor in exile of Ethiopia, in company of British officers, inspect some native Abyssinian troops in the Sudan, following his return recently to Africa. It was reported that the Emperor is actively leading his troops against the Italians in an effort to drive them out of his land. It was reported, also, that these have been secretly training for several months getting ready to strike.

## More Civil Service Exams Announced

WASHINGTON, — (A. N. P.) — The United State Civil Service commission announces competitive examinations for the following positions: high speed radio equipment operators, applications to be filed immediately and until further notice is received; engineering draftsman, chief engineering draftsman, senior engineering draftsman, principal engineering draftsman, and assistant engineering draftsman, applications to be filed until Dec. 31, 1941; junior veterinarian, medical guard attendant, medical technical assis-

## Mrs. Stephens Laid To Rest

DURHAM, — Mrs. Roan Stephens, of 402 Powe Street, widow of the late George Stephens, prominent merchants of the western section of the city, departed this life on Friday, January 24, 1941.

Mrs. Stephens was born in Person County near Roxboro, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Baker Bumpass of Person County. When a young woman she was married to the late George Stephens of Caswell County, who was a successful merchant, operating a grocery store on West Pettigrew Street for over forty years.

Mrs. Stephens was a woman of fine christian character, having united with the New Bethel Baptist Church in early childhood. She was kind with a pleasing personality, which endeared her to all who knew her.

Surviving are the following relatives: three daughters, Misses Ruth, Mary Louise, and Margaret Stephens; the latter two teachers in the Lyon Park and Pearson Elementary Schools respectively. One son, Mr. George W. Stephens, Jr., three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Mebane, Misses Mary F., and Nora Bumpass of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. One niece and nephew, Miss Geneva and Mr. Claude Mebane.

The funeral services were conducted from the New Bethel Baptist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. L. F. Carter, the pastor. The senior choir rendered music and remarks were made by the following: Revs. T. C. Graham, E. B. Lipsey, Mr. W. M. Roberts, Mesdames Martha Williams and Rosetta Webb.

The remains were interred in the Hickstown Cemetery.

Home economic specialists, senior home economic specialist, associate home economist, associate in food composition, psychiatric nurse, family economics writer. Further information may be obtained at local postoffices.

## Naval Officer Says Average Negro Too Intelligent For Navy

## \$1,600.00 Red Caps Wage Fight Nears Close

CHICAGO, (ANP) — The United States district court in this city has been the scene of one of the key suits in a series of nationwide civil actions filed against railroads by the United Transport Service Employees of America. It was expected that final arguments in the \$1,600,000 wage recovery suit of the red caps against eight railroads would be presented in court Friday.

The suit is concerned with the payment of 18 months' back wages and indemnity to 75 percent of the nation's red caps' salaries. In this particular suit which covers more than 1,000 employees, recent figures filed by railroads before the federal court show that between October, 1938, and in early 1940, these employees worked a total of 3,138,509 hours to earn under the provision of the Fair Standards Labor act, \$840,677, of which they were actually paid \$65,058. The difference of \$775,619 (Please turn to page six)



CHARLES EDGAR DICKERSON

Recently appointed teacher on the staff of the Agriculture Department at Lincoln University of Missouri, sees "attractive opportunities" for Negro youth in the field of landscape architecture. Mr. Dickerson obtained his degree in this field from Ohio State University, and has engaged successfully in private practice.

BULLETIN  
By Associated Negro Press  
WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP) — NMA Committee Confers With Knorr and Officials; Secretary Says 'Putting Colored in Navy Like Putting Them in Hell' But Considers Black Marines for Base in West Indies

WASHINGTON, — If Negroes were to be allowed to enlist in the navy, they would be "so superior in general to the whites who enlist that they would have to be made petty officers, and the enlisted whites would not stand for this," Admiral C. W. Nimitz told a special committee from the National Medical Association which recently met here with high ranking naval officers on the color bar in this branch of the armed forces.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox reiterated earlier statements that it would be "impractical" to use the two races in the navy, declaring that "putting Negroes in the navy would be like putting them in hell," but did promise to seriously consider using Negro marines for the new naval bases in the West Indies leased from Great Britain.

Those taking part in the conference were Dr. Roscoe C. Giles, Chicago, chairman of the liaison committee; Dr. William McKinley Thomas, Leavenworth, Kan., chairman of the executive board; Dr. G. Hamilton Francis, Norfolk, Va. speaker for the house of delegates; Dr. W. G. Alexander, Orange N. J., chairman, commission on public health; all of the NMA; and Seey. Knox, Admiral Nimitz, Capt. Clark and a captain in charge of naval enlistments, representing the U. S. navy. Details of the conference, held on Jan. 8, were not revealed until this week.

Dr. Giles, after calling attention to Col. Knox's statement that a Negro could be enlisted only as a messman, pointed to the race's record as gunners under Admiral Perry, Admiral Farragut and at Saratoga and Manila in the Spanish American war. He termed the official attitude an "innovation" and said it was resented in speeches and radio broadcasts by liberal whites and Negroes, pointed to the growing sense of justice even in the South and the liberal record of the Knox newspaper, the Chicago Daily News.

In his reply, Seey. Knox declared, "We have our problems; we are all sufficiently intelligent to know we must be realistic. If we put Negroes in the navy it would be like putting them in (Continued on page six)

## Henninburg Condemns Attitude Of New York "U" Head On Negro

In a letter to Chancellor Harry Chase of New York University, this week, Dr. A. Henninburg of the North Carolina College for Negroes, condemned the attitude of the head of a famous school for not wanting a Negro, Jim Coward, to play against the University of North Carolina when NYU recently played in Chapel Hill. The UNC officials expressed themselves as not objecting to Coward playing in the game.

Dr. Henninburg's letter is as follows:

Chancellor Harry Chase  
New York University  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am certain that you will be interested to have some information on the reaction which is being expressed in this part of North Carolina relative to what is reported as being your attitude in the matter of permitting Negro athletes from New York University to participate in games with Southern institutions.

In a release carried in a local newspaper, you are reported as saying that "the time has not

arrived when Southern Schools can be asked to play against Negroes in Southern games." In the first place, it is possible that you understand the southern situation with a greater degree of clarity than I do because you have been, or certainly you HAD been before you left the South, in very close touch with the social and economic factors which are at work in this part of the country.

If your attitude in this matter is correctly interpreted by the article to which I have referred, the question which arises is this: How do we know that the time (Please turn to page six)

## AMERICAN NEGROES ARE GETTING READY TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY



All over America Negro students are anxious to prepare themselves to serve their country if and when the emergency arises. Pictured above is a typical scene now going on in various industrial schools of the nation. The picture above was taken at Tuskegee Institute.