

### Censorship Office Instructs Branches Not to Discriminate

New York — After telling the NAACP that the Office of Censorship does not discriminate against Negroes who want jobs there, Byron Price, director of the Office last week took a positive step to make sure the discrimination will not occur in the future.

He had already spoken to "those responsible for personnel" that they must follow Executive Order 8802, the director said. "As a further precaution," he told the NAACP more recently, "I am calling the attention of all executives of the Office of Censorship throughout the country to the Executive Order of June 25, 1941, and I am reiterating that we must be governed by the President's instructions that there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers."

### Jim Crow Case On Way To High Court

High Point — James Harper was found guilty of violating the North Carolina Jim Crow Law and was ordered to pay cost of court in High Point Municipal Court here Wednesday.

He was convicted on a charge of refusing to "take a seat in the back of a public bus when requested to do so by the driver in charge of the bus," but counsel gave notice of appeal to Superior court.

Harper refused to move "from a double seat of a Carolina Coach Company bus to the rear seat of the bus," according to prosecuting testimony, "where another seating space was available beside other Negroes, when the bus driver requested him to do so in order to make room for white passengers standing in the aisle."

He was taken from the bus at the terminal here and arrested on a warrant Friday July 3.

### ART TEACHER

(a correction)



**MISS EULALEE M. CORDICE** Beginning with the academic year 1942-43 Miss Eulalee Marion Cordice will occupy the post of instructor of Art at the North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, North Carolina. In June 1942 Miss Cordice received the degree of Master of Arts in Art from Columbia University, New York City.

Miss Cordice was graduated from Howard University in 1941 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During her four years in the Art Department at Howard she received special recognition for outstanding original contributions displayed at the Annual Art Exhibition of Students' work eliminating her undergraduate career with a water color painting, "The Nativity" and a few pieces of ceramics at the 1941 Exhibition. During the past session Miss Cordice was a member of the Summer School faculty of the State Teachers' College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

### -75th Anniversary-

Convention; a Thanksgiving sermon by Dr. A. S. Croom, pastor of Union Baptist Church, Durham; and a sermon by the Rev. C. W. Anderson, pastor of the United Institutional Church, Greensboro. According to record the con-

vention was organized in 1867 in Goldsboro by men newly emerged from slavery, with the assistance of a few interested white Baptists. It was the purpose of the organizers to begin this organization to organize more churches for the freed Negro and to secure more ministers and educators for their ignorant brethren.

The convention since its beginning, has encouraged and promoted missionary and educational work wherever and whenever such was needed. Though its beginning was meager the convention has grown large and strong. Present record indicate that there are 1700 colored Baptist churches with an approximate total membership of 270,000.

Five full time workers are employed by the convention, excluding office secretarial assistants, to promote the work of the organization.

An official organ, an eight page book paper, is published semi-monthly by the convention, edited by the director of publicity.

An objective of the convention, since its beginning, has been the support of Shaw University, leading institution for the religious education of Negro youth. Special donations from the convention has made possible the erection of many structures on the campus of the institution.

Convention's officials are: The Rev. T. A. Bishop, Rich Square, president of the General Convention; Mrs. Viola McMillan, Tarboro, president of the Women's State Convention; E. M. Butler, Wilmington, president of the State Sunday School Convention; The Rev. J. F. Wertz, Maxton, president of the State Training Union Convention; The Rev. C. F. Griffin, Raleigh, executive secretary of the General Convention; and Dr. O. S. Bullock, Raleigh, chairman of the Executive Board of the General Convention.

It is about time for some "prophecy" to predict the end of the world on a day specified.

### U. S. Representatives Respond To Pleas To Get Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill To House

New York — With the signatures of about 33 more Congressmen needed on the discharge petition to get the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax bill before the House of Representatives, the NAACP, this week said that there may be a number who favor the bill but have not signed the petition for reasons of legislative procedure.

The Association cited the example of Representative Frances P. Bolton, Ohio, who answered the NAACP's appeal to Congressmen who had not signed the petition by saying that it was against her policy to sign any petition because she considered it a threat to the orderly process of government.

Last week, however, the Association received another communication from Mrs. Bolton stating it was still her policy to be against petition signing, "but because the very existence of the poll tax is a denial of constitutional rights I have waived my strict policy and have affixed my signature to the petition."

Another representative who had technical objections to signing the petition—not to the bill—but who waived his objections after an appeal is William T. Pfeiffer, New York, who stated: "I have long been convinced that there is only one valid side to the poll tax question and that the franchise violates the democratic principle of our form of government. I resided, and practiced law for many years in Texas, which has a poll tax law. Therefore, I have first hand knowledge of the evils and un-American nature of the poll tax system. Hence I signed the discharge petition without hesitation."

The NAACP also heard from Congressman J. E. Charon, Rhode Island, through his secretary, that he was surprised to learn that his name was not on the list of signers of the petition and that when the matter was brought to

his attention, he immediately signed, "because he believes this unfair and unjust practice should be abolished and that every American citizen should have the right to vote whether or not he pays a poll tax."

### Sikeston Lynching Cited As "Shameful Outrage" -- FBI.

Washington. — (Special to the TIMES) — The Department of Justice announced that a Federal Grand Jury sitting at St. Louis, Mo., yesterday handed up a special report in the Sikeston lynching case describing the occurrence as a "shameful outrage" and censuring the Sikeston police force for having "failed completely to cope with the situation."

The report states that the Grand Jury sought to determine whether any Federal statutes had been violated, but "with great reluctance, has come to the conclusion that the facts disclosed do not constitute any Federal offense." No indictments were returned.

The case, which involved the lynching of Cleo Wright, Negro, by a mob at Sikeston, Mo., on the night of January 25, went to the Federal Grand Jury on May 13. Representing the Government was Jacob M. Lashly, of St. Louis a former president of the American Bar Association. Delibera-

tions have continued since that time except for a recess between July 3 and July 20.

Attorney General Francis Biddle, acting upon the recommendation of Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge, in charge of the Criminal Division, ordered an FBI investigation of the Wright lynching on February 13. On February 28, at the request of Governor Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri, the preliminary report of the FBI was made available to the Governor for his use in making the presentation on a charge of murder to the Grand Jury of Scott County, Mo. This Grand Jury failed to indict.

In his letter transmitting the report to Governor Donnell, the Attorney General pointed out that the Department reserved the right to institute Federal proceedings if, at a later date, this course should seem desirable. In consequence of the failure of the local Grand Jury to return an indictment, a Federal Grand Jury investigation was ordered on May 13. The special report handed up yesterday is the result of the deliberations of this Grand Jury.

The full text of the report is as follows:

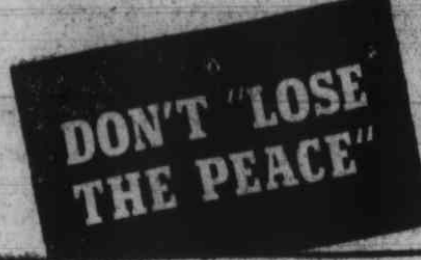
The members of your grand jury have finished a painstaking and exhaustive inquiry into the alleged lynching of a Negro at Sikeston, Missouri on Sunday, January 23, 1942. The evidence showed that this Negro, after breaking into the home of the wife of a National Guardsman away at war, in the middle of the night, had dangerously slashed the woman across the abdomen and then had seriously stabbed the policeman who arrested him. In the course of the arrest the Negro was shot four

times and was pronounced at the point of death by the attending physician.

New River, (CP) — The only Negro marine training camp in the United States will open at Montfort Point on the New River reservation August 1 with the arrival of the first marines. The camp will have a capacity

for 1200 men, frame huts, 120 providing for 10 men each, and a chapel, recreation building, theatre, library, dance floor and soda fountain are being erected for their use.

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