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Shipbuilding Company Ordered To Cease Discrimination DURHAM HOST TO AMEZ CONFAB

Florida Man Faces \$5,000 Fine For Holding Negro

Washington — Attorney General Francis Biddle has announced that a Federal Grand Jury, sitting in the Northern District of Florida, at Pensacola, Wednesday, returned an indictment charging Charles A. Gaskin, of Wewahatcha, Florida, with violation of the Federal Anti-Peonage Statute.

The indictment charges Gaskin with "unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously" arresting a Negro, James Johnson, for the purpose of holding him in involuntary servitude to work off and alleged debt.

Maximum penalties under this statute (Section 444, Title 18, U. S. Code) are five years imprisonment, or a \$5,000 fine, or both.

The indictment followed an investigation by the FBI into a report that on August 5, 1940 Gaskin forced Johnson to accompany him from Panama City (Florida) to Wewahatcha to work out a debt. According to a statement by Johnson, he was beaten on the public highway by Gaskin and forced, at gunpoint, to enter the latter's automobile. Johnson stated that he had left Gaskin's turpentine camp near Wewahatcha in 1937 "free of debt" but that Gaskin in July, 1940 claimed "a look at the ledger" disclosed a \$22.00 debt. Johnson escaped from the automobile before he reached Gaskin's camp.

The Grand Jury investigation, requested by Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge, in charge of the Criminal Division, was directed by United States Attorney George E. Hoffman and Frank Coleman, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Negro Corporal Cuts Final Link In Alaska Completing Highway

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, — In the spruce forest of Yukon Territory this week the final link in the Alaskan Highway was completed with dramatic suddenness when Corporal Refines Sims, Jr., Negro of Philadelphia, driving a bulldozer from the north, saw trees starting to fall toward him. As he quickly backed his big machine away, a bulldozer driven by Private Alfred Jafuka, white of Kennedy, Texas, broke through the underbrush.

Working from the north and the south, the crews on the high way at last had met. Corporal Sims, leaped from his bulldozer and warmly shook Jafuka's hand. It was the Yukon Territory version of the driving of the golden spike.

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AT COLUMBIA



MISS PEARL WALKER, Fisk and Howard graduate who is now doing work on her doctorate degree at Columbia University in Sociology. Miss Walker was last year's winner of the \$1,300 Public Service Fellowship. It was the first time a student of either race in the south had been able to win the coveted prize.

BRILLIANT YOUNG RACE GIRL GETS \$1300 FELLOWSHIP

Each fall since 1934 a Public Service Fellow has entered some American university to pursue graduate study but this year will be the first time that Public Service Fellow has been given a Negro. Miss Pearl L. Walker, a graduate of Howard University in the class of 1937 and with the degree of Master of Arts in Sociology from Fisk University in 1941, is now studying at Columbia University to work on the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology. Miss Walker, competing with scores of women graduates from all the outstanding white colleges and universities of the South, is the eighth person to receive this coveted award.

The Public Service Fellowship, an all expense fellowship amounting to \$1300, was organized in 1934 by the former Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform and is awarded each year by the Public Service Fellowship Faculty Committee of Barnard College. It was established for "women graduates who show promise of usefulness in public service." This does not include the ordinary field of teaching. Each year the award is made in a different section of the country thus giving candidates from all regions of the United States a chance.

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Baptist To Raise \$20,000 For Shaw This School Year

Raleigh, — The General Baptist Convention will raise and contribute to Shaw University the sum of twenty thousand dollars this school year as the first effort to match the forty-five thousand dollars donation already assigned to Shaw by the General Education Board of New York. The announcement was made by the Rev. C. E. Griffin, executive secretary of the General Baptist Convention, to President Robert P. Daniel immediately following a special meeting of the convention Wednesday, October 28, at which these were present, moderators and ministers from all sections of North Carolina. This new General State Baptist Convention project for Shaw University is the convention's second in as many years. The first which was designed to raise sixteen thousand dollars for the renovation of the Shaw University Leonard Hall matured in August when the Baptist reported the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars and pledges to account for the total amount of the sixteen thousand dollars sought.

In accepting the Convention's pledge President Daniel stated that the funds now being received by Shaw are the realization of dreams which he and all Shaw supporters had upon his election.

It was significant to note the convention's special meeting was held in the recently restored Leonard auditorium which had been closed for more than twenty years. In this connection Dr. Daniel declared that the renovated Leonard Building and the provision of Baptist headquarters there was a tribute to the Negro Baptists "who are now aware of the fact that Negroes can and will open doors long closed to them by some in-Please Turn To Page Eight



DR. G. L. HARRISON, president of Langston University, Langston, Okla., who was elected president of the Conference of Negro Land Grant colleges at the annual meeting held in Chicago last week.

Another Negro Says He Will Not Fight In A Jim-Crow Army

Jamaica, Long Island—(Calvin's News Service)—Winfred Lynn, a 1-A man and ordered to report for induction since September 18th, has refused to answer the call in a Jim-Crow army, "Unless I am assured that I can serve in a mixed regiment, and that I will not be compelled to serve in a unit undemocratically selected as a Negro group. I will refuse to report for induction."

This, Lynn wrote way back in June. Yet the Board asked him to appear August 16th to state his case and he did. Lynn assured the apologetic board that he would never appear for induction so long as there was a Jim Crowed army.

Wins in Nationwide Essay Contest on Tuberculosis



BEST essay on tuberculosis from among more than 25,000 Negro college students was written by Eugenia Henrietta Carr, above, senior at Cheney (Pa.) State Teachers College.

Bishop W. W. Matthews To Preside At Annual Conference Of AMEZ

500 NEGROES TO BE CALLED FOR MARINES

Washington — Plans for the immediate enlistment of approximately 500 additional Negroes in the United States Marine Corps Reserves to be trained as occupational specialists were announced today by Marine Corps Headquarters.

Although enlistment for the new quota for Negro marines will be for general duty, special consideration will be given those possessing the qualifications of the specialists desired. The new recruits will be trained in fifty different occupational fields at the huge New River Marine Corps training center or at accredited schools.

Civilian occupations corresponding to specialist vacancies under this quota include, clerks, musicians, truck drivers mechanics, accountants, telephone radio maintenance and repair men, electricians, warehouse men, electricians, warehouse men, mechanics, and cooks and bakers.

Each miner from a Government closed gold mine if working in a copper mine, can dig enough copper in one month for copper content of six heavy tanks.

10% OF INCOME
IS OUR QUOTA
IN WAR BONDS



H. I. FONTELLIO-NANTON recently appointed to the staff of the General Disease Education Institute for North Carolina under the United States Public Health Service. He will be concerned with Public Relations and will help publicize the work throughout the state. Mr. Nanton was formerly connected with the National Youth Administration as Assistant Negro Affairs Officer. He is ably fitted for his new position and has had considerable experience as a newspaper editor and Public Relations Officer.

Equal Teacher's Pay Causing Big Battle In Florida Courts

Dade County, Fla. — Apparently copying the procedure followed in other Florida teachers' salary cases, the defendant school board in Dade County, filed this week additional defenses to the bill of complaint making the excuse that salaries paid to both Negro and white teachers and principals have been based upon and determined by the respective economic requirements of these teachers and principals, according to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People whose special counsel is fighting for the equalization of teachers pay.

The school board relief upon the following ridiculous arguments in their effort to deny to the Negro teachers their constitutional rights.

The defense pleaded that the payment of higher salaries to white teachers and principals than have been paid to Negro principals and teachers has been based upon the fact that the cost of living of white teachers and principals is greater than that of the Negroes and that it

The Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church will convene here Wednesday, November 25, at St. Mark AME Zion church located on Pine street it was announced this week by Rev. S. P. Perry, host pastor of the conference. The conference will close Sunday evening, November 29, and will be presided over by Bishop W. W. Matthews.

Five Presiding Elders and approximately 250 ministers and delegates will be present for the five-day session, in addition to a large number of visitors. Presiding Elders who will attend are: Rev. J. R. Funderburk, Fayetteville District; Rev. J. W. Smith, Sanford District; Rev. T. J. Young, Raleigh District; Rev. C. F. Martin, Laurinburg District; Rev. W. W. Long, Durham District.

The budget for the conference is approximately \$15,000 of which \$8,000 is the conference apportionment plus \$3,000 for education. An additional \$2,000 will be paid in by missionaries and conference workers.

The opening public session will be held at the church on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock with a welcome address by Mayor W. F. Carr on behalf of the city. Dr. James E. Shepard, president of N. C. College will deliver a welcome address on behalf of education. Other addresses of welcome will be by Dr. C. C. Spaulding, on behalf of Negro business; Rev. A. S. Croom, on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance; Rev. Stanley Harrell, on behalf of the Minister's Association and Miss Willie Blue on behalf of the church.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Senior, Junior and Gospel Choirs. The Children's choir will render several number also.

The presiding officer for the Wednesday evening session will be Rev. S. P. Perry, pastor of St. Mark.



Fair Employment Committee Cracks Down On New Orleans Shipbuilders For Barring Negroes

Washington — President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice has ordered the Delta Shipbuilding Corporation, New Orleans, La., and Local No. 37 of the International Boilermakers, Shipbuilders, Welders and Helpers of America, AF of L, to "cease and desist" from discriminating against Negroes in the employment of skilled shipyard workers.

The order and findings of the President's Committee was based on the record of a public hearing held in Birmingham, Ala., on June 20, 1942. R. B.

Ackerman, Vice President of Delta represented the corporation at the hearing, and James B. McCollum, International Representative, appeared for the union.

The formal complaint alleged that investigation by the Committee's field representative disclosed that out of a total employment of 7,000 at the Delta Shipbuilding Corporation there were only a few hundred Negroes; that all Negroes were employed as common laborers or in menial capacities; that the Corporation had a preferential hiring agreement with the New Orleans Metal Trades Council through which it recruited most of its workers and that the efforts of Negro organizations and a representative of Local 27 of the Auxiliary Boilermakers union to secure the employment of Negroes in skilled and semi-skilled positions had met with no success.

By virtue of the authority conferred upon it by Executive Order 8802 "to take appropriate steps to redress grievances which it finds to be valid," the Committee made the following findings and issued the following directions:

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