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Fayetteville Host To Ushers Mid Year Session Sunday

LONE NEGRO SOLDIER HALTS MOB

Mississippi Lynchers Face Conviction In Federal Court

Patterson Denies State Trying To Get Control Of Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — There have been conflicting and misleading statements in the daily and Negro newspapers of the country regarding Tuskegee Institute and a proposed relationship to the State of Alabama. This statement is offered in clarification in order that our friends and well wishers may have the facts.

There is not now nor has there ever been considered plans whereby the State of Alabama would exercise administrative control over Tuskegee Institute. The speech of Governor Sparks at Tuskegee Institute on Founder's Day, April 4, made reference to a matter that has been under consideration for several years. It is related to a south-wide study of education available to both white and Negro youth and is part of a plan to develop regional institutions as a means of meeting the educational needs of the South and nation on a sound and practical basis.

There is no truth in the published reports that the Governor has initiated a proposal "to swap a \$100,000 annual appropriation for six trustees. The Governor has responded to a proposed quarter of a million dollar program of graduate and professional education by stating that he was willing to recommend to the Alabama Legislature that it take the first step by appropriating \$100,000 toward the amount needed and that six trustees (three more than the Tuskegee Institute Charter now provides for) should be set up as an instrument through which the state funds could be transferred. He, the Governor, stated specifically that he did not wish to interfere with the control of Tuskegee Institute and requested the Attorney General and his Legal Adviser to prepare a bill that would leave the control of Tuskegee Institute completely in the hands of its Trustees with nineteen of the twenty-five self-perpetuating. By staggering the terms of the six Trustees herewith proposed from three to five years no Governor will have the power to change more than three of the six in a given



Ambrose Evans, president of the Fayetteville Ushers Union, under whose leadership the Fayetteville ushers will act as host to the 19th annual mid-year session Sunday May 2. Mr. Evans has informed the state president that everything is ready to entertain the many delegates and visitors who will attend the meeting.

600 BRANCHES TO ATTEND MEET IN DETROIT,

NEW YORK, N. Y. — A call to attend the NAACP emergency war conference in Detroit, Michigan, June 3 through 6 has been sent to the more than 600 branches and youth councils of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People throughout the United States. The conference will focus attention on the solution of problems confronting the Negro in wartime America. "Because of the seriousness of the situation," the NAACP said, "we call an emergency conference on 'The Status of the Negro in the War For Freedom. We invite not only our branches, youth councils and college chapters but Americans of every race who recognize the seriousness of race prejudice as a menace not only to our national welfare but to general security as well.' (Please Turn To Page Two)

TEXAS PRIMARY CASE GOES BEFORE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C. — On April 21, for the fourth time, the question of the "white primary" in the South was taken before the United States Supreme Court by legal counsel of the NAACP.

The decision of this case will determine the fate of the "white primary" not only in Texas but in the other states of the deep South where the "white primary" is now excluding all Negro voters.

The present case arose when Lonnie E. Smith of Houston, Texas was denied to vote in the 1940 primaries. Suit was filed against the election judges of held that the plaintiff had been Harris county. The complaint (Please Turn To Page Two).

New Dormitories Built for D. C. War Workers



One of the 600 skilled workers employed in the construction of Wake and Midway Halls, new dormitories for 1,000 Negro women war workers in Washington, D.C. The million-dollar job was recently completed by Samuel Plato, Negro contractor.

500 Delegates Expected At Ushers' Mid Year Meet In Fayetteville Sunday

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INDICTS SHERIFFS FOR ACTS OF BRUTALITY TOWARD NEGRO, WHITE PRISONERS

The Department of Justice announced Friday (April 23) that a Federal Grand Jury at Montgomery, Ala., had returned three indictments charging Sheriff Edwin Eugene Evans and Deputy Sheriff Henry Franklin Faucett of Macon County, Ala., with acts of brutality toward prisoners over a period of three years. The case was developed as a result of an FBI investigation requested by Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge. The three indictments charge on fifteen counts, that the sheriff and his deputy whipped, beat and abused prisoners to extort confessions from them,

FAYETTEVILLE, (Special to the TIMES) — Advanced information from the office of the president of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association indicates that more than 500 ushers, visitors will be on hand here next Sunday, May 2 to attend the 19th annual mid-year session of the organization which is scheduled to open promptly at 1:30 P. M. The scene of the meeting will be the Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church, located at 301 Cool Spring street. According to Ambrose Evans, president of the Fayetteville Ushers Union, nothing has been left undone on the part of the local organization to make the meeting a success. One of the main features of the meeting this year will be a report on the first annual drive for the Oxford Orphanage. (Continued on Page Three)

Unidentified Soldier Holds Angry Crowd At Bay Until Police Arrive

Last Rites Held At White Rock Tuesday For James R. Evans

Last rites for James Rufus Evans, 77, respected citizen who died at his home here, 812 Glenn street, 2:30 P. M. Sunday, April 25, were held at White Rock Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, pastor of the church delivered the eulogy. Interment was at the Beechwood cemetery on Fayetteville Road.

Mr. Evans was born in Orange county, but came to Durham around 60 years ago. He attended school at Markham's Chapel and Shaw University. During his early life he taught school and later engaged in the barber business here, being one of the first to establish a barber shop in this city. In 1902 he was married to Miss Effie R. Sellers of Chapel Hill.

The deceased was one of the pioneer business men of this city, and figured much in the growth and development of many of the Negro business institutions of Durham. For a long number of years he served as a director of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, and at one time was one of its vice presidents. Several years ago he helped to organize the Community Damp Wash Laundry, and as its president devoted his personal attention to its management.

For a long number of years Mr. Evans was a deacon of the White Rock Baptist church and a member of its pulpit committee. His sound advice and judgement in both these positions made him an important factor in the growth and development of the church.

Mr. Evans is survived by his wife, and five daughters who are: Mrs. Elsie Green, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Ruby McNeill, Wilson; Mrs. Julia D. Freeman, Durham; Miss Mary Evans, Durham and Mrs. Ernest Young, Durham. Two grandchildren also survive.



James R. Evans, respected Durham citizen who died at his home here, Sunday afternoon, May 25. Funeral services were held at the White Rock Baptist Church, Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

GREENVILLE, (Special to the TIMES) — An unidentified Negro soldier defied a mob of several hundred Negroes at Grifton Saturday night and prevented serious trouble when the mob attempted to storm the jail and prevent police officer from placing a Negro woman, Mrs. Rosa Lee Picott, in jail on a charge of being disorderly, and creating a disturbance.

According to Mayor Ivan Bissette the Negro soldier stationed himself at the door of the jail and warned the mob not to approach the jail, which is located in an isolated part of the town. The soldier held the mob back until the arrival of highway patrolmen who took the woman, her husband, John Picott, William and Booker T. Peyton, brothers of the woman to the county jail in Greenville, to await trial.

According to information obtained from various persons in Grifton the trouble was the outcome of a fight between the soldier and a white man. (Please Turn To Page Two)

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Sheriff Gives True Testimony In Lynching Case

HATTIESBURG, Miss., (AP) — With two men freed Wednesday by the government, the trial of three others charged with violation of federal civil rights statutes in the lynching last year of Howard Wash continued to create one of the biggest sensations ever witnessed in the south. This is the first time since 1903 that the federal government has sought to convert mobsters.

The two men set free on directed verdicts by U. S. District Judge Sidney Mize on motion by the government that it had failed to produce any evidence connecting them with the crime were William Oscar Johnson, farmer, and Nathaniel Shotts, clerk.

The remaining three white men who faced penalties of 10 years' imprisonment each and \$5,000 fines if convicted included Luther Holder, deputy sheriff and jailer in Jones county where the lynching occurred; Barney Jones, factory worker, and Allen Pryor, also a factory worker, whose signed confession as to his part in the atrocity was admitted as evidence over the protests of defense counsel. Pryor is a relative of the white dairy farmer for whose death death Wash was convicted.

Immediately after Johnson and Shotts were freed, defense lawyers moved for directed verdicts of acquittal for the others on the ground of insufficiency of government evidence. The motion was denied. As the prosecution had completed its case, defense testimony began. The government gave no testimony against the two freed men. (Please Turn To Page Two)

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