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Manpower Commission Says Trouble At Mobile Settled

BORLAND FREES OFFICER AND FINES SCHOOL GIRL IN BUS CASE

BUSINESS WOMAN



Pictured above is Mrs. W. J. Smith, manager of the Grand Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina. A native of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Smith has spent the greater portion of her life in Greensboro. Since she became manager of the hotel eighteen months ago, she has made it one of the South's most modern hostleries.

NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD ANNOUNCES END OF ALABAMA STRIKE

MOBILE, Ala., (ANP) — De-
scribed as a "cure-all" for labor
troubles between whites and
Negroes at Addco, the regional
office of the War Manpower
commission at Atlanta an-
nounced late Wednesday night
that "it understood" the U. S.
Maritime commission has ap-
proved a plan for separate ship-
ways for Negro workers at the
Alabama Dry Dock and Ship-
building company in Mobile.
Trouble brewed at Addco

last week between white and
Negro workmen over what the
company said was the upgrad-
ing of Negro welders in com-
pliance with a directive from
President Roosevelt. The riot
between the workers sent sev-
eral persons to the hospital.
Under the new plan the sepa-
rate shipways will be super-
vised by white workmen while
Negro laborers and helpers will
be continued in other job
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MISS LYONS DRAWS \$5.00 FINE FOR BEING ATTACKED

Judge A. H. Borland, presiding
over the Recorders Court here
Thursday, in spite of preponder-
ance of evidence to the contrary,
pronounced a verdict of guilty
against Miss Doris Lyons, 16-
year-old high school girl for
violation of the North Carolina
segregation law. The young girl
was fined \$5.00 and cost for
the "offense."

W. E. Gates, Durham police
officer charged with assault and
battery on the young girl was
absolved of all blame in the case
by Judge Borland, as had been
expected by a majority of Negro
citizens of Durham. Neither the
verdict against the young girl
nor the one in favor of the police
officer caused any measure of sur-
prise among Negroes here who
are acquainted with Judge Bor-
land's record of cases involving
the rights of Negroes.

Miss Lyons is the daughter of
the late Henry R. Lyons, prom-
inent carpenter of this city
and Mrs. Viney Lyons. The
family is one of the oldest and
highest respected here among
members of both races as was
evidenced by several prominent
white woman, as well as persons
of her own race, who appeared
in court and testified as to the
unimpeachable character of the
young girl.

The young girl was represent-
ed by M. H. Thompson and C.
J. Gates, prominent Negro at-
torneys of this city.

The case was the outgrowth
of an attack on Miss Lyons by
Officer Gates, when the young
girl refused to move from her
seat on a Durham Public Service
bus while on her way to school.

According to witness Miss
Lyons took a seat in the bus
beside another young girl of her
own race, two seats from the
rear. Both girls was ordered by
Gates, who had not disclosed
identity as a police officer, to
move to the rear of the bus
where there was only one vacant
seat. The young girl with whom
Miss Lyons was sitting got up
and took the seat in the rear of
the bus, Miss Lyons remaining
where she was. Gates again or-
dered her to move to the rear.
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Packard Strike Hit At Opening Of NAACP War Confab

DETROIT, Michigan — "Tokio
and Berlin rejoice tonight at
the effective and unexpected aid
given them today by the manage-
ment of the Packard Motor Com-
pany," Walter White, NAACP
executive secretary, told dele-
gates from 36 states at the open-
ing meeting of the NAACP
Emergency War Conference here
on June 3.

White blamed three of the
Packard officials, C. E. Weiss,
personnel manager, George Sch-
wartz, general foreman, and Ro-
bert Watts of the personnel di-
vision for the striking of 26,
000 white workers and the
stoppage of the production of
Rolls Royce airplanes.

The management of the Pack-
ard Car had urged whites to re-
fuse to work on machines along-
side Negroes qualified by senior-
ity, training and experience.

"American boys will die on
some far off battle field for
lack of engines which were not
made in Detroit today," White
said. He was applauded when he
added "every man responsible
for those strikes and every other
one like it is an ally and an
agent of Hitler and Hirohito and
an enemy of America."

White was the keynote speak-
er at the opening of the confer-
ence on "The Status of the Ne-
gro in the War For Freedom"
at the Second Baptist Church,
441 Monroe Street.

Conference delegates were
welcome to Detroit by Albert
E. Cobo, city treasurer; L. C.
Blount, leading Detroit business
man; Ramon Scrubbs of the
NAACP Detroit branch, Shelton
Tappes, who spoke for labor,
Rabbi Morris Adler, and Rev. R.
L. Bradby, pastor of the Sec-
ond Baptist Church.

In greeting the delegates on
behalf of the citizens of De-
troit Rabbi Adler asserted: "If
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Popular Minister



REV. M. W. MORGAN, pas-
tor of the First Baptist Church
of Roxboro and popular young
Durham minister who has been
called to the first Baptist Church
of Goldsboro. Rev. Morgan has
resigned his pastorate at the
Roxboro Church and has already
assumed the duties of his Golds-
boro Church.

NEGROES IN THE PARATROOP UNITS

NEW YORK, — In response
to demands made by the NAA
CP to War Department for the
training of Negroes in parachute
units, the NAACP was informed
on June 4, by J. Ullo, Major
General in the Adjutant Gen-
eral's Office of the War Depart-
ment, that although there is
no such organization in exist-
ence at present the War De-
partment has under considera-
tion the activation, at a later
date this year, of a unit of this
type. When the unit is activat-
ed volunteers for this training
will be called from Negro or-
ganizations of the Army. The
NAACP has continually insist-
ed, especially since Pearl Harbor,
that Negroes be integrated into
all branches of the military
service.

State Health Officer Fined \$500 And Given Suspended Sentence

Brooklyn Committee Blasts Insurance Co.

BROOKLYN, (ANP) — With-
drawal of the estimated 2,000,
000 Negro held policies valued
at \$800,000,000 from the Metro-
politan Life Insurance company
will cause a change of attitude
on the part of Metropolitan life
which is to construct a hous-
ing project here from which Ne-
groes will be barred, Prof. R.
Grann Lloyd said at the ban-
quet of the Brooklyn Protest
committee held Tuesday night.

"Usually after consuming
such a meal as I have tonight"
the speaker began, "I don't feel
like talking. But, tonight I am
ready to protest—protest against
prejudice, segregation, and
discrimination, and their ill ef-
fects on the American Negro."

After dealing with a large
number of these undesirable
practices Prof. Lloyd came to
the Metropolitan Life Insurance
company. "This company, I
understand," he said, "wants to
erect a segregated housing pro-
ject in New York. Well we won't
let them get away with it. I
understand Negroes have ap-
proximately 2,000,000 policies
in this would be jim-crow com-
pany, valued at about \$800,000,
Now, if this jim crow housing
project is erected in New York
let 2,000,000 Negroes withdraw
from the Metropolitan Life In-
surance company - cashing in on
their policies, where possible.
Take \$800,000,000 from a com-
pany because of its policies and
attitude, and I'll guarantee
those policies and that attitude
will change."

Southern congressmen were
next on the list, and again the
speaker was firm. He execrated
John Rankin, of Mississippi,
Conally and O'Daniel, of Texas,
and most of the rest of what he
called "those ignorant dixie-
damogogues." Then in a half
broken laugh he chided, "Pres-
ident Barclay's (president of
Kappa Alpha sorority.
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Becomes Bride



Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Davis an-
nounce the marriage of their
daughter, Miss Earnestine E.
Davis to Staff Sergeant M. Boyd
of Camp Butler. Mrs. Boyd is a
student at North Carolina Col-
lege and Sergeant Boyd a student
at Lincoln University, in Miss-
ouri before entering into the
Army.

MINNESOTA U. HIRES FIRST NEGRO TEACHER

BY J. W. PATE
MINNEAPOLIS, (A N P) —
Elizabeth Moore has been given
a position as library assistant
on the library staff of the Uni-
versity of Minnesota. Miss
Moore will take up the duties of
her new position immediately
upon graduation in June.

Miss Moore, who is the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis
P. Moore, has made a brilliant
record at the university and
has been especially active in
extra curricular activities, be-
ing a member of the University
singers for three years. She is
a member of Eta chapter, Alpha
Kappa Alpha sorority.

RALEIGH — Dr. Robert F.
Young, iron wrench doctor, of
the North Carolina Health De-
partment, charged with a brutal
assault with a deadly weapon
with intent to kill on Mrs. Men-
shaw Burt, Raleigh USO secre-
tary, enter a plea of guilty to
an assault with a deadly weapon
here today. The "iron wrench"
doctor drew a 12-months road
sentence, suspended on three-
year probation and on condition
that he pay \$500 to Mrs. Burt.

The plea was accepted by
the state after attorney for
Mrs. Burt held a conference.
The USO secretary was repre-
sented by Solicitor William Y.
Bickett and three Negro pri-
vate prosecuting attorneys, M.
H. Thompson and C. J. Gates
of Durham, and T. J. Carnage of
Raleigh.

JUDGE REMARKS

Before passing judgment in
the case following conclusion of
testimony, Judge J. J. Barney,
presiding looked at the large
crowd of Negroes in the court-
room and said, "I know that
judgment in this case isn't going
to meet the approval of many of
you. This is a very sordid case,
and Dr. Young's conduct was
unjustified. At the same time,
freedom of speech doesn't give
a person, whether Negro or
white, the right to talk 'sassy'
to another person.

"The white people of this
State have done a great deal for
the Negroes," he continued.
"They have helped support their
schools by paying taxes, and all
in all the Negroes and white
people have gotten along fine,
with a few exceptions. I want to
see the races work together as
much as anyone wants.

"There is no excuse for crim-
es such as stealing, forgery, and
so forth, but if you show me an
assault case or a murder case, I
guarantee you that there is mo-
tivating force behind the action.
As a prominent judge once said,
"Homicide cases should be care-
fully tried because half the peo-
ple who are killed should have
been killed."
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