

### Open South Carolina Teachers' Pay Battle

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP) — The expected court battle to force equalization of South Carolina teachers' salaries opened in a sudden and surprising move Wednesday when Atty. Harold R. Boulware of Columbia filed copies of a petition on behalf of Miss Malissa Therese Smith of the Burke school faculty with the Charleston School board and superintendent of schools, Burnett Rhett.

The copy to the school board was sent to John F. Seignius, chairman.

Mr. Boulware said the petition did not constitute the suit itself, but was the preamble, that "after a reasonable time — say about 30 days," if equalization is not granted, court action would begin. Papers for the court battle are about ready, he said, and would be filed promptly, if no consideration is given.

This move came by surprise to those close to the state NAACP office. The equal pay move began among Sumter county teachers and it was expected that the suit would come from that city. Boulware said, however, that other cases would be started shortly and that several cities were to be named defendants.

Miss Smith, a graduate of Avery institute, attended Alier university for two years and completed her college work at South Carolina State College,

Orangeburg. She taught history at Burke school and has just completed her third year's work in the Charleston system. She left June 29 to do work on her master's degree at New York university.

Interviewed in the home of her aunt Monday, Miss Smith said she was glad to lead the attack for freedom of her people. "I believe firmly in these words of Rousseau," she said, "He who would be free, must himself strike the first blow." Miss Smith explained that she taught her students to seek the justice due them and had long felt that her teachings were not justified so long as she herself smarted under injustices and discriminations because of her race.

"How can I teach the future citizens to fight when I refrain from fighting myself?" she asked.

Miss Smith and other teachers at Burke school have just emerged from a battle over 1943-44 contracts, she said. Although the legislature granted 15 percent increases to all teachers the Charleston board has refused increases to the Negro teachers and when asked to explain the matter to Burke teachers, said in substance, "You'll either sign or we'll close the damn school."

"I've worked hard to be a good teacher," Miss Smith said, "have done everything to make a record and give good service. Why should we be treated like

### TOLERANCE CARDS IN GARY BUSES

#### New Group Begins Good - Will Drive

NEW YORK, — Last Tuesday the 120 buses and street cars in Gary, northern Indiana city, began carrying the first of the colorful Tolerance Cards which the Association for Tolerance in America, 270 Convent Avenue, this city, is using to "sell" the Negro to the masses of white people. The card, executed by Elton C. Fax, prominent Brooklyn Negro artist, is in red and black, size 11 by 28 inches, and shows the large helmeted head of a colored American soldier. The simple text reads, "500,000 of These Lads Are Fighting for you. Let Them and Their Share in Our Democracy." They will appear for 90 days.

George S. Schuyler, director of the group of 500 prominent colored and white people sponsoring the campaign, says "This is only the first step. Similar cards will appear all over the country as bus space is available. We are also planning to use every medium generally to secure a mass market. We are out to change the mind of white America about the Negro."

### 500 Delegates At Seventh Annual Ministers' Institute Held At Shaw "U."

RALEIGH — Five hundred delegates at the seventh annual minister's institute, the sixth annual woman's missionary conference and the first annual Sunday School and BTU training conference which held five day joint sessions from June 14 to June 18 passed unanimously a resolution to seek to provide more widespread teaching of the Bible in secondary schools.

The announcement was made by President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw, who as director of the Shaw University department of religious promotion under whose sponsorship the combined conferences were held, revealed also that on the basis of members in attendance and expressed results of the instruction classes the conference was the most successful in the history of the organization.

"Why should we some teachers be forced to live on substandard wages? I know of many students (girls) at Burke who are making more on part time defense work than I make on full time teaching."

Miss Smith saw nothing unusual or heroic in her action. "It's just a job somebody has to do," she said. "I am glad I can do it."

She isn't worried about the future. "I have thought the matter over from all angles," she advised, "I am of age and have made a decision which will benefit me, my colleagues in the teaching profession, and my race. No price can be too high for being able to render this service."

### News From The 930th Field Artillery Battalion

BY SGT. JOHN V. HAMILTON

The week past and up to, including the present, has been a busy one for the Battalion. The soldiers have been going through intense training on the field. Training in firing the Howitzers has been ceaseless and physical conditioning has also played a very active part in the daily routine program. However it is the desire of the Commanding Officer of this Battalion to have

The 1943 meetings were characterized by ten hours of classroom religious education study in several courses under the direction of the Reverend Horations Hill, director, the Baptist Educational Center, New York City; the Reverend William H. Borders, pastor of the Wheat Street Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga.; and Miss Eunice Jackson, religious education instructor at Shaw University; Miss Mary Ayscne, associate, Baptist Book Store, Raleigh; Dean John L. Tilley, Dean school of Religion, Shaw University; the Reverend J. F. Wertz, director of religious education; and Mrs. J. E. McGrier, supervisor, Junior department.

### Ethiopian Clowns To Meet Black Barons

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Confronting the Cincinnati Ethiopian Clowns is a schedule that will test their mettle for the second-half Negro American League pennant race, as they meet the Birmingham Black Barons under the lites at Louisville this Friday night, July 2nd; take on their deadly rivals, the fast-stepping Cleveland Buckeyes in an afternoon double-header Sunday, July 4 at Indianapolis; and again at Crosley Field, Cincinnati on Monday afternoon, July 5, where fans have awaited this local meeting of the Clowns and Buckeyes since last season. Following the holiday double

put their hearts and souls into the work is proof enough that the discipline and military bearing exemplified is not to be surpassed.

The Battalion Players, backed by the sweet music of the Air Base Security Band, entertained the soldiers of Camp Butner, at Service Club Number 3. Specialties were offered by Technical Sergeant Mervin H. Bohannon, Corporal Louis V. Day, Privates Bill Durvin and Leon Ragsdale, and Corporal Betha Brown. Good refreshing drinks were served from the cafeteria and an enjoyable time was had by all.

headers, the Cincinnati Clowns and Cleveland Buckeyes windup their 5-game series at Red Bird Stadium, Columbus under the lites on Tuesday night, July 6. And then the national famous Clowns plays the white Cincinnati Cloaks at Municipal Stadium, Springfield, Ohio on Wednesday night, July 7. The Clowns, composed of major and minor league stars last week defeated the Memphis Red Sox 4-3 in an exhibition tilt.

Lloyd "Pepper" Bassett has finally returned to the Clowns and is adding power and experience to the infield, as well as scoring a hit with the fans who are applauding his "Rockin' Chair" stunt and style of receiving behind the plate. The additions of LeRoy Moroney and Henry Smith to the infield has likewise done much to place the Clowns back on their current winning streak.

### Mrs. Florence Best Leaves For Philly

Mrs. Florence Best, manager of the Old Star Cafe, left the City Tuesday, June 22 for Philadelphia where she will spend two weeks with her friend, Mrs. Claude Jones in the City of Brotherly Love.

### Miss Nora Allen Weds Pvt. Ione Allen Thursday, June 17th

In a quiet but impressive ceremony the wedding of Miss Nora Allen, daughter of Mrs. Delia Edwards and Pvt. Ione Allen was held at the home of the bride, 1018 Kent street, at eight o'clock on June 17 in the presence of a few friends and her mother.

The bride is well known in Durham, having been employed as a barber at the Palace Barber Shop on Mangum Street for a long number of years. Her husband is a former resident of Dallas, Texas, and prior to being inducted into the army was a barber in Dallas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of that city.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. E. McLeister, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Durham.

### Gayladies Club Hold Weekly Meeting, Friday, June 25th

Friday evening June 25, marked the third weekly meeting of the Gayladies, a newly formed club consisting of about fifteen senior high school girls whose aspirations beam toward the greater heights of society. Durham

ing the course of the meeting current news, the social status of a high school girl and other issues of high and worth while interest to the girls and their welfare were discussed. On the first and third Fridays of each month this group contributes to the war effort by making Red Cross bandages at the Stanford L. Warren Library.

### On Vacation

Clarence Fancette Jr., is accompanying his sister, Mrs. J. W. Currie to Wilmington, Ohio. From there he will go to Chicago where he will spend ten days.

### INTERRACIAL

(Continued From Page Four) tural friendliness and insistence of fair play, those two officers have won the respect of their men and the admiration of local civilians.

Besides these men Elliott stated that several community organizations had assumed responsibility for the efficient management of the center. He said that more than 170 persons give freely of their time to see that the soldiers are never lonely.

Some of the organizations represented are the Shiloh Baptist church, the United Travelers, the Russian club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the P.N.A.I. Sisterhood, the NAACP and the Pocahontas Club and First Methodist church.

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