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### MORRISTOWN COLLEGE NEWS

Morristown College Homecoming Saturday, November 10, climaxed all previous Homecoming events. The day, being an ideal one, brought from far and near, a record-breaking crowd, which jammed the Burke-Toney Stadium.

The festivities started Friday night with a rousing bonfire and an unprecedented demonstration of school spirit which boded ill for the boys from Haines College who had arrived from Augusta, Georgia, during the day with firm confidence in their ability to puncture Morristown's undefeated record. If any of them happened to be at the bonfire and observed the fighting spirit of the student body, especially of the girls, they must have retired with some misgivings.

Before the game Miss Morristown, in person or the attractive Miss Billie Patricia Morton of Abingdon, Virginia, was carried through the downtown business section of Main Street in her special limousine followed by a number of class cars, each decorated in the school colors and carrying its contingent of gaily cheering students.

The game being called promptly at 2 p. m. the mammoth audience of homecomers centered their attention upon the scrimmage between Haines and Morristown's Red Knights. Coach Mackey had instilled into the Red Knights power, speed, punting, god long and short passes and great defiance. The game ended with a score of 26-6 in favor of Morristown.

At 6:30 P. M. the Alumni Banquet was held in Kenwood Refectory, every detail of which Mrs. Mackey, the dietician, had painstakingly perfected. A turkey dinner with all trimmings was served. Mrs. H. R. Walker acting as mistress of ceremonies introduced Dr. M. S. Davage, secretary of the Board of Education for Negro Schools of the Methodist Church. Dr. Davage lauded Dr. Boyd for his splendid work at the College and exhorted the Alumni to keep faith in what he is doing here. Dr. Dennis Branch discussed the necessity for a financial program and some means of carrying it out. Dr. Boyd gave a brief resume of some accomplishments during his administration. Cash to the sum of \$150.00 was raised for the school, besides a goodly number of pledges.

At 8 p. m. the Alumni Program began in the Kellogg Gymnasium with the arrival of Christine Chatham and her Decca Recording Orchestra. A capacity crowd filled the beautifully decorated gymnasium and ended the celebration in fine spirits.

### CLUBS NO. 3-4 GIVE TEA FOR FRIENDSHIP HOME

Recently Club No. 1, with the assistance of Clubs 3 and 4, and the General Club, gave a musical tea at the home of Miss Jennie Allen, 77 Hill Street, for the benefit of the Friendship Nursing Home. The table was beautifully decorated with the Halloween style. Principal speaker was Mrs. L. B. Michael, her subject was "We Are Our Brothers Keepers". Miss Juanita Weaver gave a musical reading. Mrs. Gladys Cowans and her group of children rendered two numbers; Mrs. Mamie Howell presided at the piano. Mrs. Pearl Jones rendered a solo; Mr. Weaver a solo. The hostess with Miss Jennie Allen and Mrs. Madara Hughes Serving at the tea tables were Mrs. Estella Barnard and Mrs. Watts. In charge of tickets were Mrs. Mary Gordon and Mrs. Josephine Spills. Mrs. Bettle Avery was in charge of the program.

Proceeds from the tea amounted to \$54.00.

### ASK U. S. TO PROBE FLORIDA KLAN CROSSSES

New York—A request that Tom C. Clark, United States Attorney General, institute an immediate investigation of the burning of five fiery crosses near Negro homes in a subdivision of Miami, Florida, November 2, was made last week by Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel of the NAACP.

"This method of intimidation by the recently rejuvenated Ku Klux Klan and kindred organizations most certainly deserve the immediate attention of the Department of Justice," Marshall wrote. "This is especially true in the light of the recent lynching in Florida."

Marshall also wired Governor Millard F. Caldwell of Florida, urging an investigation of the incident by the Governor's office.

### 9 LIBERTY SHIPS REMOVED FROM 'GRAVEYARD' FOR TROOP TRANSPORT SERVICE

Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, announced today that as a result of the Union's nationwide campaign, supported by the general public and servicemen, to speed the return of GI's stranded overseas, the War Shipping Administration this week removed nine Liberty ships from the James River anchorage for repair and use as troop carriers.

Curran asserted that "This action, involving vessels laid up months ago, is a start in the right direction. It proves the correctness of the position taken by the National Maritime Union that no ships should be laid up while a single GI abroad awaits transportation home."

The vessels are the ANGUS McDONALD, BENITO JUAREZ, THOMAS H. SUMNER, JOHN SHEAR WILLIAMS, JAMES B. HICKOCK, GEORGE G. CRAWFORD, ARLE CLARK, GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE and the ROBERT RODGERS.

Thousands of letters and telegrams have been received by the Union, Curran said, in support of the Union's determined stand not to provide crews after December 1 to vessels other than troopships, unless the Government allocates increased shipping facilities to troop transport service. Most of the communications are from wives and parents of servicemen and from stranded GI's overseas.

One cablegram received today by Curran was sent from England by twenty officers and forty enlisted men. It stated: "Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your courageous and righteous protest against the shameful delay and callous indifference of the War Department in returning our troops home. You have won our admiration and gratitude by your forceful stand on the re-employment muddle. Be assured your statement has given us our first real encouragement in many months. With renewed hopes and best wishes we remain, twenty officers and forty enlisted men."

A wounded sergeant, writing from the 115th Evacuation Hospital in Bremen, Germany, declared: "I appreciate the interest you and your organization is taking in helping the GI's to get home to their loved ones before the holiday season, Christmas and New Years. It would mean more than anyone could ever begin to realize the happiness that would reign in the hearts of thousands of families throughout the United States. I have 56 points and have been in the service of our country 39 months with no ideas as to when I can expect to get home to my wife. I have spent 3 holiday seasons away from home and now that the war has ended, I would like to be sent home. The boys over here surely appreciate the grand effort that you and your organization is putting forth to get us home by this Christmas season."

Signing themselves "Ten Disgruntled GI's", a group of servicemen in France sent a V-mail letter, to Curran hailing his statement demanding more ships for GI's as published in Stars and Stripes. "We wholeheartedly agree with you", they wrote. "We are in an outfit of approximately 600 men and have been waiting in the Marselles Staging Area for a ship for twelve days and as yet we don't know when we'll leave. All the men in our unit have over 50 points. We have been in various camps in France awaiting shipment for a month. There is definitely something wrong with the shipping as you say, and we are wholeheartedly behind you and agree with you on your policy concerning troopships."

### STUDY THE ADS.

## ALL BUT THREE FEPC OFFICES ARE FORCED TO CLOSE

"The President's Committee on Fair Employment has been forced to close all but three of its regional offices exactly at the moment when unemployment is growing at a terrifying rate and at the time when their services are urgently needed to prevent a reconversion to pre-war discrimination against minorities," said Anna Arnold Hedgeman, Executive Secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC in a statement released today.

Congressional action thus far indicates that the United States Employment Service is being defederalized and turned back to the states. Congressional inaction on Permanent FEPC, and the closing of all but three of the regional of-

## WILL APPEAL ICC RULING IN MAYS CASE

Washington, D. C.—NAACP lawyers will file exceptions to the report of an Interstate Commerce Commission examiner who found that the Southern Railway had not shown prejudice or any violation of the ICC Act in denying dining car service to Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta.

Dr. Mays filed suit in May of this year against the Southern, alleging discrimination on account of color in their refusal to serve him on the company's diner. A hearing was held on July 19 before an Interstate Commerce Commission examiner here. Briefs were filed on September 20 supporting his claim of discriminatory treatment by the carrier.

The exceptions filed by the NAACP will be in the nature of an appeal to the entire Interstate Commerce Commission.

### COUNCIL OF NEGRO REPUBLICANS FORMED

The National Council of Negro Republicans begins its organizational career this month.

Formed recently at a luncheon at Hotel Roosevelt, attended by Chairman Brownell, the Council was launched with wide approval from labor and industry. "We will raise our own money and speak our own mind," said Council Chairman, Joseph V. Baker, of Philadelphia, executive secretary for Negroes in American Industry. Baker said the Council function would be to advise the Party, the National Committee, to disseminate information, sponsor meetings, and to publish a monthly magazine commencing this month.

Commented by the new organization, Chairman Brownell said: "The formation of the National Council of Negro Republicans is gratifying evidence of a growing realization on the part of American Negroes that their interests are identified with the Republican Party. We welcome their cooperation and support. "For three-quarters of a century the Republican Party has exerted itself unceasingly to protect the rights of the Negro. It will continue such efforts in the future. The Republican record in this respect speaks for itself—in marked contrast with the record of the opposition party, which depends, for its very existence, upon the continued support of a section in which millions of American citizens are persecuted and denied the basic rights of citizenship."

"The fact that the National Council of Negro Republicans is an organization completely independent of the Republican National Committee does not in any way decrease our gratification at the formation of the new group. The issue of inter-racial justice transcends party organization. "I am confident that American Negroes know that their prospects for victory in the long up-hill fight to justice will be enhanced tremendously by a Republican victory in 1946. The Republican Party welcomes the opportunity to render this service to the cause of human justice."

Directorate Named  
The Council's directorate, in the process of formation, already is national in scope. Named to the board to date, in addition to Chairman Baker, are:

Harold Burton, Assembly District leader, New York, vice chairman; Sidney R. Redmond, St. Louis attorney and former Western cam-

panies of wartime FEPC definitely parallels the pattern which emerged after the last war and resulted in industrial confusion, widespread discrimination and joblessness, and ultimately in riots and violence. Positive action by the Congress may still prevent widespread discrimination before unemployment reaches its peak. If the Senate, where the bill establishing a permanent FEPC is high on the calendar, and the House, where only about 60 signatures are needed to bring the bill to the floor, pass the bill, hope will be given to the desperate and disillusioned minorities of the country, and the basic forward step towards democracy taken.

## EDITORIAL

### EDITORIAL — ANOTHER HOMICIDE

There have been six murders this year in the city of Asheville—three of them on Eagle street. This newspaper along with other civic organizations has asked the city council to appoint Negro officers in order that law and order may be enforced among Negroes.

Two of these murders happened in the last two weeks. Last month another Negro shot one block from police headquarters and the bullet went through a business firm and like to have killed the owner.

To the members of the city council with such recklessness and carelessness of Negroes killing one another will not stop with Negroes alone.

Again we ask that Negro officers be appointed that they may help to break up these dives and joints that are just incubators for crime. If this is not done very soon Asheville will be the leading city of the state in homicide.

Negroes have been killed on Ralph street, Brick street, Valley street and Eagle street. Will it be Pack Square, Patton avenue or Haywood street next and it may not be a Negro.

### 1946 NAACP CONFERENCE TO MEET IN CINCINNATI

New York—The 1946 annual conference of the 850 branches and youth councils of the NAACP will meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, it was decided here November 12. The National Board of Directors received an invitation from Theodore Perry, president of the Cincinnati branch, and promptly voted to accept. Cincinnati had been voted the conference by the delegates in Chicago in 1944, but the wartime ban on conventions forced the cancellation of the gathering in 1945.

Joseph S. Mitchell, Jr., Massachusetts; James M. Stockkett, Jr., attorney, Rhode Island; William O. Walker, editor, the Cleveland Call-Post and member of City Council, Ohio; William A. Dart, Assistant City Solicitor, Atlantic City, N. J.; Sidney Davis, Assembly District leader, New York; William C. Wingard, cosmetic manufacturer; Joseph W. Givens, Assistant to the Attorney General and Bishop David H. Sims, both of Pennsylvania; and Dr. Emmett J. Scott, District of Columbia.

### TO SING IN EUROPE



ANNE BROWN, the glamorous soprano, will sail for Europe in May to fulfill engagements in the opera houses of Paris, Copenhagen, and Zurich, and recitals in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Paris, London, Lisbon, Zurich, Amsterdam, and other capitals. Miss Brown recently turned down an offer to do the greatly controversial "St. Louis Woman" in spite of the attractive financial bait held out by the producer. She will instead fulfill her contractual obligations on the con-

### EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED ON EAGLE STREET

E. W. Coleman, 123 Poplar St., was cut to death by Louis Arnold. This resulted from an argument in a gambling game, Arnold cut Coleman's jugular vein. Coleman ran about 75 feet and fell. He was carried to the Asheville Colored Hospital and died.

### WOULD LOWER DISCHARGE PETITION NAMES TO 10

Washington, D. C.—Leslie Perry of the Washington Bureau NAACP said it would support and press for early consideration of Legislation to amend the rules of the House of Representatives so as to substantially lower the number of signatures required to bring a bill up on a discharge petition. Currently, 218 Congressmen, a majority of the House membership, must sign a petition but recently Congressman Matthew M. Neely (D. W. Va.) introduced House Resolution 353 which would lower the requirement to 100.

A change of the House rules along the line of the Neely measure, the NAACP said, would make it possible to get a vote on the FEPC bill which, according to informal polls, has 147 signatures and the anti-lynching bill which has 118.

Perry pointed out that prior to 1935, when the present 218 rule adopted, it was only necessary to secure 145 signatures, or one-third of the House membership, to try a bill loose from a committee. He declared that a further change in the rules is imperative "because it is increasingly apparent that the present requirement only serves to frustrate the plain will of the people."

### Probe Syrup Sale By Sugar Mills

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16—The Agriculture Department is preparing to investigate a group of Louisiana raw sugar mills for possible violations of price and rationing regulations, with "prosecution contemplated" if violations are discovered. The department announced its plans for the inquiry following reports that the sale of syrup in place of sugar is widespread in some parts of the country. Syrup is not rationed.

## EDITOR SPEAKS AT ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL

### NAACP HOLDS SESSION ON VETERANS' PROBLEMS

Washington, D. C.—A nationwide attack on the problems of Negro veterans was launched here November 9-10 at a conference called by the Veterans' Bureau of the NAACP, headed by Capt. Jesse O. Dedmon, Jr.

Delegates meeting in Carver Hill heard discussions of employment, education, loans, health, and legal aid and legislation. Discussion leaders included representatives of the United States Employment Service, Selective Service, War Department, Veterans Administration, Department of Public Housing Authority, Department of Agriculture, National Bar Association, National Medical Association, Howard University, American Council on Race Relations, and the NAACP.

Walter White, NAACP secretary, welcomed the delegates and pledged that the Association would spare no pains to see that the special problems of Negro veterans received proper attention. Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel of the NAACP, stated that legal action would be instituted where discrimination could not be wiped out otherwise. The Veterans Bureau of the NAACP was set up last January 1 in the office of the Association's Washington Bureau here at 100 Massachusetts avenue, N. W. Capt. Dedmon, who served in World War II with the 366th Infantry at Fort Revens, Mass., began his duties at that time.

### M'Arthur, Premier Confer Secretly

TOKYO, Nov. 10—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today disclosed a new meeting with Japan's Premier, Baron Kijuro Shidehara, on what was termed "routine matters of administration."

The uncommunicative announcement followed the Premier's controversy with Supreme Allied Headquarters over the question of food imports for war-torn Nippon.

The local FEPC Council raised \$500.00. Rev. L. A. Brown, chairman, announced this week that the campaign would close Friday night at the headquarters of the Southern News office.

All committeemen and workers are asked to make their final report.

### PRES. TRUMAN ASKED TO END JIM CROW IN FEDERAL PRISONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Harry S. Truman was urged this week by the NAACP to issue a directive "forthwith to the Bureau of Prisons to be transmitted to the wardens in all Federal prisons directing them to discontinue all rules, regulations and policies with respect to all prison activity and endeavor based upon race."

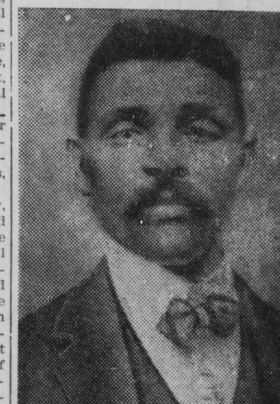
Describing conditions in Federal prisons as "shocking," Walter White of the NAACP requested immediate action by the President. His letter declared: "The policy of arbitrary segregation and racial discrimination in Ashland Federal Prison, Ashland, Kentucky, has led to disciplinary measures such as solitary confinement by the prison authorities against conscientious objectors, Jehovah's Witnesses and Negro inmates who have gone on food strikes rather than submit to these unconscionable policies. Similar disciplinary measures were imposed on the inmates at Milan Federal Prison, Milan, Michigan, for the same reasons."

The letter asserted that for three years the NAACP has been active in investigating and protesting discrimination and segregation in Federal prisons and that the matter had been brought repeatedly to the attention of James V. Bennett, Director of Prisons. "All of our efforts to obtain a directive from the Bureau of Prisons to abolish segregation during these three years have been unsuccessful," the letter said.

Pinning the segregation policy on Director Bennett, the NAACP quoted from a letter he wrote August 22, 1942: "It is, however, a fact that for administrative reasons we usually house the Negroes separately." NAACP action was taken following severe disciplinary measures used against persons in the Ashland Federal Prison, who protested against dining hall segregation of Negroes and whites.

Editor Eugene Smith spoke to the student body and faculty Monday at 9:30 a. m. His subject was Youth of Tomorrow. He stated that Negro youth would find his place in this great country in which we live in the way which he prepares himself.

Public conduct among Negroes were eighty per cent of social justices and equal rights.



### By Mary Smith

REV. JAMES HENRY DAVIS, age 76, was born in Elabon Russell County, Virginia, September 20, 1869. Rev. Davis entered the ministry in 1896. Joined the Zion connection in 1900. He was ordained elder at Hopkins Chapel, A. M. E. Zion Church in 1915. Rev. Davis pastored in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia. Rev. Davis served in the ministry forty-five years.