

# Charges Fly In Recorder Probe

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**For the NNPA News Service**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Bible says Jesus told the woman who was caught in the act of adultery and, under the Mosaic law, should have been stoned, "Go and sin no more."  
But that is not what the House District of Columbia appropriations subcommittee said in the case of a socialite matron, who is a division chief in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia.

A number of years ago, this socialite, following an impulse to steal without an economic motive, was arrested several times for shoplifting. Under various aliases, she pleaded guilty to nine charges.  
At the time the now Mrs. Marshall Shepard, Philadelphia, Pa., was nominated to be the Recorder of Deeds, the socialite, a clerk in the division which she now heads,

# Supremacists Ask End To Vote Seeking

**LITTLE ROCK (ANP)** — Vote solicitation by Democratic candidates for city offices "is detrimental to the best interests of the city," was the cry issued here last Friday night during a meeting in the city hall of the North Little Rock Democratic City Central Committee.

The committee was speaking of activities of nominees in "attending Negro rallies at churches," "formation of a Negro voting league" and the transporting of Negro voters to the polls at the recent preferential primary election for the purpose of securing their votes.

In a resolution, adopted by all members, with the exception of one who was absent, the group declared that "the Democratic party in Arkansas is a party founded by white people and used by the white people in Arkansas as their medium in making their choice to fill the various public offices."

It is detrimental to the best interests of society to have white candidates soliciting Negro votes and shaking hands with Negro electors and speaking before Negro gatherings and placing themselves on equal social standing with the Negroes of this community by such actions.

Further, the resolution asked that "candidates for Democratic nomination for city offices refrain from soliciting Negro votes, in the city Democratic primary elections; that such action is detrimental, degrading and contemptible to the white Democrats of North Little Rock."

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**Car Purchased**  
Instead of buying a light car with the appropriation for the purchase of an automobile, Mr. Shepard has bought a 1946 four-door Buick sedan which is used for violating the intent of Congress that the car be kept in the central garage by keeping the car in the recorder's garage and not making it available to other District officials.

**When Mr. Shepard took office in 1944, he is charged, there were 27 employees in the office working forty hours a week. At present, the office and its work is being done by four employees in the office.**

**Between \$80,000 and \$90,000 a year could be saved in the operation of the office if photostating machinery were installed, Rufus S. Lusk, president of the Writers Taxpayers Association, declared in a protest against "taxpayer's methods of copying documents in the recorder's office."**

**Kept Church Job**  
Mr. Shepard's salary is \$9,775. Since his appointment he has continued as pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Philadelphia, at a reported salary of \$5,000 a year. Another charge against him is that he spends 90 per cent of his time away from the recorder's office on his pastoral duties.

**At the time the FBI began its investigation last August he was vacationing in Maine. When the House District appropriations committee's investigators moved in he was reported to be in California preaching.**

**A physics Professor at St. Louis first deputy recorder of deeds in charge of the office in Mr. Shepard's absence. Mr. Thompson's salary is \$6,150 a year. The second deputy recorder receives \$4,400 a year and the executive assistant, \$4,475.**

**Records of deeds, mortgages and other documents are turned over to the tax collector's office, which in turn passes them with the Treasury. House Appropriations Committee records show a steady rise in receipts of the office from 1943, when \$105,669 was reported, to the estimated \$189,000 for the current fiscal year.**

**The investigation of the office reportedly is centering now on examination of evidence of patronage practices, duplication of independent fiscal audits, and other factors relating to the charges of inefficiency, irregularity, or increased administrative costs.**



**MOVED INTO JAPAN** — Troops recently joined the 24th Infantry Regiment are shown debarking at Kobe from the U. S. A. T. General F. J. Collins which brought them to Japan from their former station at Camp (U. S. Army photo from Public Relations Division).

# JOE LOUIS WRITES HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Do you know how Joe Louis felt when he was in the ring? "I've been looking for a book to read about Joe Louis and his career," said Max Schmeling, Joe's opponent in his last fight. "I've been looking for a book to read about Joe Louis and his career," said Max Schmeling, Joe's opponent in his last fight.

Next evening they went over a boxing instructor offered to teach them how to box and they bought some boxing gloves.

# Detroit Sees Chance For First Judge

**DETROIT (ANP)** — A Negro judge for a state court in Michigan is being considered by the Michigan State Bar Association.

While Smith was being nominated, another Negro candidate, fallen in the nomination for the common pleas bench.

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**Besides action before** "My life story" will be an autobiography written by Joe Louis and Max Schmeling.

**Plan to Conting Fight** — And in "My Life Story" a book, published by "Dorsey" and Pearce, Inc. of New York.

# Clark Sees Bias, Hatred As Increased Crime Spurs Brotherhood Speaker In No. Carolina

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**CHARLOTTE, N. C. (NNPA)** — Rare hatred, discrimination and information lead only to increased lawlessness and crime, Attorney General Tom C. Clark declared Thursday evening.

Clark spoke before the North Carolina Conference of Christian and Civic Leaders on the occasion of its observance of American Brotherhood Week.

**Close to Truman** — Mr. Clark said he was close to President Truman in his view of the situation and that when the President decided to select a Committee on Civil Rights he immediately thought of Dr. Graham.

"This committee is Harry Truman's answer to those who would set themselves above the Constitution and try to substitute their own concepts of personal power and special privilege for the equality, brotherhood and the common process of law upon which our society is founded," the attorney general declared.

**Greatness Through Unity** — We have risen to greatness through unity, not through the disunity which some subversive groups would like to foment upon us.

**Failed Minimum** — Another defense likely to be made of the color barrier has been the argument that it is a minimum requirement for enlistment in a post office by recruiting officers.

**Sent To China** — The Presbyterian church has selected a Negro missionary for China. They are the Rev. Benjamin J. Anderson and his wife, who will leave for their post in the near future.

**Time Tested** — Wavine hair dressing is a product that has stood the test of time and is still popular today.

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# Justice Dept. To Defend Dual Standards Court Suit

**WASHINGTON (NNPA)** — The Justice Department is preparing to defend the suit filed in Pittsburgh seeking to enjoin the War Relocation Authority from enforcing the Army regulation which sets different standards for enlistment of colored and white men in the Army, it was learned last Friday.

**Urban League Plans Annual Meeting** — The Urban League of America is planning its annual meeting in New York City.

**Jordan Case Is Postponed Again** — The case of the Rev. Benjamin J. Anderson and his wife, who were denied entry to China, has been postponed again.

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