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Has Now Qualified

Hendrix Rector, one of 31 white men "oplauded" for the kidnapping of Willie Earle, an epileptic, jubilantly announced after the jury acquitted that he would run for sheriff of Greenville county in 1948. Ernest Stokes, another of the lynchers, boasted of being a former deputy sheriff: "I know how to get a confession out of a nigger."

But why should Rector, one of the three illiterates in the mob and one of the men accused of gouging out flesh from Earle's body before the killing, confine his ambitions to the office of sheriff? Pay and prestige are greater in the offices of state and federal senator or, as governor. Moreover, he already has endorsement from a dozen jurymen, four lawyers and a lot of state radio commentators and editorial writers.

He would of course have to offer in the "white man's primary" but could raise the entrance fee through tin can contributions, perhaps in the same places where an undisclosed amount of "defense money" was raised for him and his associates in the lynching trial.

Having thusly "put s. n. r" in his place, Rector has proven his belief in, and allegiance to, "white supremacy," the only necessary item for holding public office.

The 'Rape' Hysteria

In a broadcast from Columbia last week the commentator lashed out at Negro leadership for what he held its failure to halt a series of rape against white women, citing 3 recent instances in South Carolina and implying stily that lynching itself might be the best protection for white women.

The record of course will show that Negro leadership has always hit hard at any type of crime among its people. At the same time, however, it has had no cooperation from officers, judges who have "winked" at number writing, bootleggers, offenses against other Negroes and moved only when whites have been offended. Simultaneously, these have also "winked" at white men mistreating Negroes.

But to the rape charges themselves this newspaper seriously doubts at least two of them. In one reported at Columbia, one is to believe that the offender, yet unseen by anybody, escaped through the legs of men surrounding the Negro and vanished before the entire aroused community. A Negro, even while attempting rape, is not endowed with "Houdini" escape powers.

In the case reported from Hartsville, the accused was in church services at the time of the alleged offense. Returning home and learning of the charge, he went immediately to law officers and gave himself up "until you all can get this thing straight." And the entire church is witness to his presence in services.

However, and if these facts shall be upheld later, the newspapers and persons now blazing away at "crime in Negroes, will skip the exonerations. They will not take to task the white women complaining who, protected by law, can scream charges undercover so long as there is this will.

In bold contrast is the rape of a colored woman at Bennettsville a few weeks ago by three white men. Newspaper didn't print a word. Two weeks ago, a white man broke into the room of a mother and three children in the Taylors section around Columbia and attacked her in bed. Arrested, he wasn't given the charge a colored man would have been given had the woman been white. He was charged with burglary.

Hysteria, whatever its foundation, is dangerous. Though temporary, its disaster can leave permanent blot. Especially is this true in the field of race relations.

Riding The Gravy Train

Dr. Charles L. Hill, the learned and eminent minister-professor, hit the bull's eye again when he told Progressive Democrats last week that what Negroes need is a leadership not seeking only to "ride the gravy train" and to sop up personal gains.

Negroes have more "leaders" than any other race in America. These are self-styled white and black men looking for gold mines.

Seek Camping Funds For Crippled Kids

Persons and organizations of the willingness to help make possible twelve days of camping for the 384 crippled children in South Carolina this summer are asked to send their contributions to the S. C. Orthopedic Camps, State Board of Health, Columbia, S. C.

Dr. Ben F. Wyman, state health officer, said that twelve dollars will cover expenses to one child last year. He pointed out, the cost was eighteen dollars for only six days. The reduction in costs and the additional week have been made possible by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in South Carolina, which raised funds to aid the project for which no state funds are available.

Camping will be conducted between June 30 and August 28 in the two camps, Burnt Oak and Mill Creek, in Palmetto Park of Sumter County. The capacity of the camps is 384.

Technically known as "South Carolina Orthopedic Camps," they are the bright spots for handicapped children, unable to attend the regular camps. These youngsters are affected by district orthopedists and orthopedic nurses in cooperation with county health departments.

They are the first established in the interest of handicapped children in the South.

General medical care and physical therapy are provided and the program not only gives the children as full a camp experience as possible but teaches them swimming, archery, dramatics, music, nature study and crafts as well. The youngsters are taught to forget disabilities and each is taught to make ornamental or useful articles and other hobbies which might make life fuller.

Unless those in position to help make contributions, it is greatly feared that some of these young folk will miss the chance to camp.

Youths Exhibit Art At Charleston Center

CHARLESTON, S. C. — The Shaw Center Art Class, sponsored by the Carolina Art Association and taught by William Halsey, held its first exhibition Thursday afternoon.

The work shown was varied, experimental and interesting as it should be in a group ranging from seven to eighty years for its authors. The walls of the room, used as a kindergarten in the morning, were gay with scenes of trees, flowers, sea and power boats, was produced jointly by Louise Brown, Yvonne Duval and Frances McKenzie.

The oldest student, Merton Simpson, who sometimes assisted Mr. Halsey shows real promise.

Others exhibiting were Nancy Holins, Blondell Holmes, Vivian Altan, Justine Jackson, Wilhelmina Wright and Charles McKenzie.

S. C. Nurses Urged To Atlanta Confab

All Negro nurses in South Carolina are urged to attend the first biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, to be held in Atlanta, Ga. June 16-21.

Miss Armetta A. Nelson, R. N. A. R. C. president of the Palmetto State Nurses Association, in making the appeal, advised nurses to contact the state president (Miss Nelson) for further details.

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THE NEED FOR CHANGING

By JOHN H. McCRAY

Some years ago a police officer told me the charge of "rape" could be "framed" against any Negro wanted to get rid of. Since that time I have seen this done and have noted a number of instances of "rape" charges brought to facilitate a multitude of purposes.

"Here and there are genuine cases but most of them are 'staged,' which can spring from attempted robbery, as well. A lawyer who has had lots of work on this charge advises that a man who puts his hand on a woman for any purpose can be correctly charged with attempted rape under the detestable 'rape' law. Conscienceless means death or long prison terms for colored men if the women be white. For white men, against colored women, it means 75 days in the Barrineau case at Charleston two years ago or one year, as was the Murray case in Columbia in the latter instances, the white men are freed.

In 1929 or 1930 the mayor of Littleton, an all-colored governed township, was charged with attempted rape by a white woman. Those supposedly in the know said the charges were made by the woman under collusion with a Charleston lawyer, who had been vigorously reproached by the mayor for using the epithet 'nigger' in town-square court where he represented the husband of the woman town officer had jailed.

The mayor, through his father, compromised his way out and left the community before his term expired. A year before in Charleston, two young men from very prominent families, refusing to "tip" the price of a white woman which had lashed the duo, found themselves charged with rape by her. A smart firm of lawyers hurried quickly and caught the woman red-handed. She then confessed the charges were hush-hushed, both men leaving town.

In the fall of 1942 or maybe 1943, a tall, slender, handsome young man from Jasper county walked into my office to report he had just been let out of the death house on a rape count and was a few minutes before per-sonnel at the penitentiary that was the first man in the history of the penal system to have such luck.

This young man, overly nervous and jittery with a harassed look had been convicted by a jury of his peers—white, on the charge and had won two previous reprieves from the death house cell. His final freedom came after the woman caught trying to frame a second colored man, had confessed to her

An upstate friend laughs now, although he didn't then, about what happened to him. Strolling along in his finest suit one Sunday afternoon, and puffing away on a quartet cigar, some woman of the "poor trash" element drew, "they nigger," come here and cut some wood for me." Irritated and humiliated, the friend took his cigar in his hand and belched, "I don't cut back with my own hand, went on a few hours later, officers came to his house and arrested him for 'attempted rape.' They beat him good at the jail but with the help of a white man who had heard the conversation unnoticed, the woman admitted her framing. Her justification was 'he acted too biggity.'"

On the other side of the fence it is entirely different. The poor colored women are almost raped in the eyes of white officials. In order to visualize what has been their plight all you have to do is look at the race "last" it is, one-half white now and biting the other half hard.

One man, commenting on the series of rape cases of a few days ago, looking said "white woman electric chair, one and the same thing."

It is truth. Powerful truth. In neither case does the Negro state have to be guilty but he can be a victim to both. Personally it might help were colored men to refuse to work for or serve white women in any capacity as long as some of these are liable, in a moment of anger, to send the man to their death on bold and vicious charges, checked under the indignant case of rape.

V. I. Legislature

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objecting to the action of members of the Progressive Guide Party in the Assembly preventing the appointment of a qualified person to office by not voting and thus preventing a necessary two-thirds majority required for appointment. Hastie had labeled the opposition to the appointment a "white minority."

Following reading of the letter, members of the Progressive Guide attacked Governor Hastie in a 90-minute series of speeches.

Although sixteen of the fifteen of the bills on the agenda of the assembly were ready for debate on the floor when the Assembly adjourned, Governor Hastie said he supported the action of the majority in adjourning the session, 7-6.

In a statement issued following the adjournment, Hastie said: "I am sure that the members who voted for adjournment exercised their best judgment in a difficult situation. I am sure they were convinced that the assembly was not accomplishing enough to justify prolonging the session and imposing additional expense on the people."

"I think that the recent events are giving the public of St. Thomas a reasonably clear picture of our present legislative situation. It is therefore important that the people themselves, who are the real rulers of the community, should make their views known and their voices heard."

"Whether we get good government or bad government depends on the people themselves."

Governor Hastie is currently reorganizing the executive branch of the municipal government of St.

Two-Day Trial

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statements heard over the radio were torn to shreds by the prosecution when it was brought out by the radio broadcast on January 1, 1947, and the radio broadcast on January 1, 1947.

TOM VERNER GRILLED
Tom Verner, accused of aiding and abetting in the beating of the government witness, took the stand and was given a tough grilling. James Verner was called next, the alert prosecutor broke down his weak defense, finally causing Verner to admit he didn't think Lamar really meant to run him off the road. Yet Verner had based his sole defense on the allegation "he beat Lamar because he (Lamar) had run him off the road three or four times."

To discredit the testimony of the youth and paint the little fellow as an irresponsible hoodlum, Attorney Orrin Roberts, defense counsel, had asserted he could present a dozen witnesses who would state Lamar had recklessly driven his 1935 model car, bringing almost certain disaster to them. However, in a single one of these alleged witness was brought into court.

Nevertheless, the defense put Deputy Sheriff Howard, of Monroe, on the stand to state that Lamar had been reported to him for reckless driving, a statement which was of poor credence because both city police officials had stated that the youth had never been reported to them for any kind of trouble. This phrase of the case occupied an important niche in the arguments of counsel to the jury.

At 10:56 a. m. the defense rested and the prosecution announced readiness. Judge T. Hoyte Davis presided each side one-half hour for argument and the defense began its summation with Attorney Abit Nix presenting that side's case.

Atty Nix took the same "old 76" line of approach—attempting to discredit the Negro witness' testimony with the same old reference of "nigger" and "nigger" that he spoke for 20 minutes.

The Assistant United States District Attorney summed up the government's case in an effective manner scoring James and Tom Verner for attacking Lamar Howard because the youth had appeared before the Grand Jury and for "opening a sore that had cankered" referring to the Walton County mass lynchings. He pictured James as an irresponsible citizen of his community, with no regard for law and order.

INCONSISTENCY PROVED

The prosecuting proved beyond a doubt the inconsistency of Verner's weak defense that he had beaten Lamar because he "ran me off the road by Verner's own statement that the stand (under oath) that he did not think Lamar really meant to run him off the road.

Insisting that Lamar had been attacked only because he had testified before the grand jury (the basis of the case), the prosecution asked for a conviction, citing Verner's own admission that he (Verner) had cleaned his pistols at the Monroe Ice House prior to the mass lynchings last summer (testimony Lamar had given).

At 11:40 a. m. Judge Davis began his charge to the jury, instructing them to bring back a verdict "with- out regard to results to the government or the defendants." He asked for deliberation in a "reasonable, dispassionate manner."

Atty Abit Nix attempted to register objection to the jurist's charge, but was stopped cold by Judge Davis, who requested discussions of the point in his chambers.

A few minutes later the jurist returned to the bench, and without a word of mention of the point Atty Nix attempted to raise, instructed the jury to retire to the jury room to consider a verdict.

Housing Fracas

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threats nor were they ever bombed before; however, the other dwelling, 323 Ashby, was bombed previously on October 31 when dynamite was thrown on its porch and caused considerable damage to the porch and windows. No personal injuries were received in either of the bombings.

While the inhabitants of both residences appear stoical about the bombing, a double hardship was worked against an expectant young woman at the 339 residence. The bombing excited her tremendously, Miss Harris said.

It is reported that the colored occupants of the mixed neighborhood on Ashby St., have been instructed by police to shoot if they catch anyone about their houses attempting

to bomb them.
HOUSE TWICE BOMBED
The residence at 352 Ashby St., owned by Rev. A. C. Eppe has been bombed twice during the past few months. An occupant of the house said in reference to the recent bombing that about 40 minutes prior to the bombing he saw two white men in back of his house who appeared to be planting a bomb there. They fled when they noticed that he had spotted them, said the occupant.

Extension Work Bias Continues

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — The Agriculture Department appropriation bill, which the House has under consideration, carries a total of \$23,669,159 for the Extension Service, of which only \$22,200 is for administrative expenses, leaving the balance to be distributed among the States under various Congressional acts.

In addition, the States participate in matching funds to the extent of \$28,669,716, so that the total funds available for the Extension Service in the fiscal year beginning July 1, next, will be \$52,938,875.

Of this sum, about \$2,218,209 will be spent for work among col-

ored farmers and farm families. The Extension has on its rolls 10,419 persons in these categories, but only 817 are colored.

Salaries paid to the colored agents also are less than those paid to the corresponding white agents in the same counties.

The Extension Service, primarily an educational activity directed to assisting the farmer and the farm family, is carried on by the Agriculture Department in cooperation with the land-grant colleges. No cut was made in funds asked for its operation in the next fiscal year.

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