

# 10 YEAR OLD GIRL IS RAPED HERE

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## Victim Abed After Assault

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### SUSPECT S. C. CAR IN HINTON ABDUCTION

James M. Hinton, state NAACP president who was abducted and later freed by a mob in Augusta, Ga. two weeks ago, confirmed a report that the license number of a car suspected of being involved in the near-lynching, had been issued in South Carolina. The number has been turned over to authorities.

Mr. Hinton, who gave the confirmation on arriving home for the week end, had said earlier that the license number of one of the cars suspected had been taken by a passerby and this number, too had been made available to officers.

The second license belongs to a group of "rough-looking" men who had been observed near the victim's home and office during the day and, also, who had been seen in company with a Augusta klanman that day.

This new report gave rise to speculation that the abductors might have included South Carolinians, possibly from nearby Aiken county. Mr. Hinton had recently exchanged heated words with state representative L. J. Keenan of the county after the latter introduced Grand Dragon chief Samuel Green to the state legislature as, "our friend."

It was further noted that the abductors talked to the NAACP leader about matters primarily of interest to South Carolina, hardly an action Georgians would have taken.

Officers continued probing the abduction, but nothing had been reported indicating progress.

The only new development that took place during the week was a persistent report around Augusta that a Negro was also probably involved. This rumor suggests that the tipoff as to the address of Mr. Hinton and his movements may have been furnished by a Negro, in return for a consideration.

Wright's Plan

### SUGGESTS OPEN STATE LIBRARY

In a letter to the editor of The Lighthouse and Informer this week, attorney Marion A. Wright of Conway, who now spends his major time in retirement at Linville Falls, N. C., proposed that libraries be opened to the use of libraries by Negroes as a means of besting the "segregation and discrimination" in South Carolina.

Mr. Wright, former state chairman of Southern Regional Council, and long in the forefront of South Carolina liberal forces, wrote of his opinion and hope in such a course of action as follows:

"The most important thing for South Carolina to do, in my opinion, is to cease the discriminations which are now a part of its policy. The logical starting point, I believe, is the public library. It would be the height of folly for a State as poor as South Carolina and having such limited library facilities, to attempt to maintain a duplicate system for the two races.

"Might it not be a good idea for a mixed Negro and white committee to appear before the State Library Board and before the executive committee of the State Library Association to urge the view that any barriers against use of libraries by Negroes be dropped? I am under the impression that the Greenville library and perhaps others, already follow such a course. I have some acquaintance with librarians and believe firmly that they would adopt a resolution along the lines suggested."

### DAILY PUBLISHERS HEAR RACE PRESS

By Ernie Johnson

NEW YORK—An appearance without precedent was made last week when President Thomas W. Young of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association talked to the annual convention of daily newspapers of America, meeting in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria here, and called for closer ties between the two publishing groups.

It was coincident that immediately preceding Mr. Young's presentation by David W. Howe, president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, winners in the association's eighth annual essay contest were announced in which a Negro youth won second prize, a scroll. He is Clifford F. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin, a student at the University of Oregon.

**PRESS GREATEST FACTOR**  
Mr. Young was accompanied by Woudal H. Davis, vice president of NNAP and general manager of the Kansas City Call, when he told delegates attending the Wednesday morning session of the ANPA that, along with the Church, the Negro press "is the greatest single factor for molding opinion among our group."

In outline, he explained the origin of the Negro press, its purpose, scope and future. He described it as the "biggest manufacturing producing business activity conducted by Negroes." He declared that finding competent employees for the mechanical departments was one of its more acute problems. In most respects, he likened the problems of the Negro press to those of the general publishing business. Mr. Young expressed the

view that his own association of publishers might well take several pages from the experience of ANPA to good advantage. "Our belief," he said "is that if this closer relationship and exchange could be achieved, the Negro press would be better able not only to fulfill its own mission, but also to make a more worthwhile contribution to the maintenance of a free American press, and to its wholesome development. Through your good example we would be enabled to do our part, just as it is the desire of the readers of the Negro press to do their part in the building of America and the upholding of our tenets of democracy.

The essay awards were announced by Charles F. McCahill of the Cleveland News. First and third prizes went to students from the University of Texas. The subject was "How Readership Studies Affect News Features in Advertising in Newspapers."

**SHOULD BE PROUD**  
"I think Mr. Johnson has every right to be proud of his achievements in coming in second out of a total number of 106," Mr. McCahill said to the delegates. "His accomplishments should be a source of pride and

### Addresses Daily Newspaper Publishers



Members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, including David W. Howe, president, and other officials, are seen in a meeting. The photo shows several men in suits, some standing and some seated, in a formal setting.

### Missouri Opens University In Liberal Move

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. (AP)—The "show me" state home President Truman was "shown" here last Wednesday when the house voted 100-8 in favor of a bill to permit Negroes to enter the University of Missouri and other state supported institutions of higher learning. The measure goes to the senate for action.

The voting marks the first major attempt to relax the state's long-standing policy of segregated schools. If passed by the senate, it will authorize the admission of Negroes to the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Rolla, and state colleges at Kirsville, Maryville, Warrensburg, Cape Girardeau and Springfield.

The measure specifically declares it to be the public policy of the state that any qualified resident "regardless of race, color, creed or religion" may be admitted to any state-supported university or college. It does not apply to public elementary and high schools, where the policy of separate schools is to be continued. However, it has the effect of permitting white students to attend the state supported Lincoln university, Jefferson City, which is now by law restricted to Negroes.

The bill was passed with virtually no discussion. Only one speaker for it were Reps. J. W. Green, St. Louis, and James M. ... Continued On Page 8

### Democrats Block Patronage Posts

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Democratic bloc in the House today blocked a bill to create patronage posts for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The bill would have created 100 new positions for the FBI, but the Democrats opposed it.

### Build Fund For Charlotte Brown

CHARLOTTE (AP)—A fund to help pay the medical expenses of Charlotte Brown, a young girl who was injured in a fire, is being built by the community. The fund is being managed by the local NAACP branch.

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### Federal Court Bans 'Bama Buffer Area'

REVENUE (AP)—A federal court in Birmingham, Ala., today ruled that a "buffer area" established by the state of Alabama to separate Negro and white neighborhoods was unconstitutional.

### Officer Blames Race For D. C. Slums

WASHINGTON (AP)—A police officer in Washington, D. C., today blamed the race problem for the slums in the city. He said that the segregation of the races had led to the concentration of the poor in certain areas.

### Whitewashes Durban Riots

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### Breaks For Veterans

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House today passed a bill to provide for a 15-day paid leave for veterans of the World War II who are called to active duty.

### McCray to Speak

WALTERBORO (AP)—Walter McCray, state secretary of the Progressive Democrats, will speak at a meeting of the Veterans Civil Organization in Charleston, S. C., Sunday, May 8, beginning at 4 P. M.

### Hinton to Address

CHARLESTON NAACP (AP)—James M. Hinton, state NAACP president, will address a NAACP meeting of citizens in Morris Brown AME church here Tuesday night, May 10, Dr. R. I. Lemon, branch president, announced Monday.

### Wants Quiet Trial

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Columbians were thrown into rages of bitter denunciation and indignation over the alleged raping of a ten year old fourth grade school girl, presumably by a white man who is to face charges later. Meanwhile, the little victim had been placed in a local hospital to recover and both school and civic leaders sought means whereby the suspect would pay the penalty provided by law.

The assault is alleged to have taken place Saturday, at the home of the victim in Camp Formance, while the mother went call a wrecker as a favor for the man, whose car had run into a ditch near the house. Police arrested him after the mother returned to find her little daughter screaming, with much of her clothing torn away, and the suspect resting in her bed flashing a ten dollar bill inviting the child to stay with him.

Police arrived to remove the man who professed that he had been drinking and didn't know of the offense.

**VICTIM HOSPITALIZED**  
Meanwhile, the little girl continued confined in a local hospital late Saturday. She had called for her father Monday, but was advised to let her remain several days longer. By Wednesday afternoon was no report that the girl had left the hospital, and there was no report from the school that she had resumed classes.

The mother, who had been in the hospital and was in a state of shock, was taken home by a friend. She had difficulty, she said, getting the man out of her house and bed.

Particular interest centered in the case because of a similar happening here about eight years ago, when a student at Booker Washington was assaulted in the presence of her seven year sister. The accused man drew a three year sentence, and about 13 months later, was paroled because of what is called "good behavior."

**WANTS QUIET TRIAL**  
The suspect remained in jail without bond on Wednesday and an attorney with whom the mother had conferred, said the man had conferred said the accused had requested a "quiet" hearing, that this had been set for Friday morning.

**HONEYCUTT TO GET THE ELECTRIC CHAIR**  
NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—A jury in the district court in Opelousas last week, to return a guilty verdict against John Honeycutt charged with aggravated rape on a white woman. The penalty is death.

In the courtroom of the time alleged attacked woman and her husband, Judge Leasing Garfield, in charging the jury, that that a verdict of guilty as charged would involve the death penalty. He also informed a that there were several other

The doomed man testified that Deputy Sheriff Arthur Richard struck him in order to make him sign a confession. The deputy denied the accusation. A second deputy sheriff, Den Schexnayder, a courthouse janitor, and a former state trooper said that they were present when Honeycutt made his confession and stated that he made it voluntarily.

The secretary in the district attorney's office verified the statement.

**Harassed Board Gets \$50,000 To Help Equalize**  
RICHMOND (AP)—The state board of education approved a request for loan of \$50,000 to the Gloucester county board here last week, and went a bit further to give the county top priority on the loan. The quick action by the state was made because the county school board and superintendent face court sentence Wednesday, May 4, for failure to equalize schools in the county.

However, release of funds to the county is dependent on how soon the money will be available. Approval of the loan pushed the state's fund deficit up to \$1,212,686.42.

At the same time the state board approved the first contract for training Negroes at a regional professional school. The contract provides for the training of four students in veterinary medicine at Tuskegee institute. Plans are also underway to provide training for 20 Negro medical and dental students at Meharry Medical college.

**HINTON'S KIDNAPING (From The Atlanta Daily World)**  
The kidnapping of James Hinton, president of South Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Friday, in Augusta,

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