

# ABDUCTED, BEATEN IN W. COLA.

Heads Dentistry At Meharry



Dr. WILLIAM M. Allen (above) assumes duties as the new dean of Meharry's School of Dentistry on August 1. He succeeds Dr. Clinton O. Dunn. Dr. Allen has been granted an indefinite leave of absence from the college to accept a position with the Veterans Administration at Tuskegee Institute, D. C. He is a member of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Negro Dentists. He served as assistant dean of the dental school from 1937 to 1941.

**MORE BEATINGS**  
**Sumter Men Beg Newspaper To Help Them**

Two pleas for an investigation into conditions on the Sumter county chingang were received by The Lighthouse and Informer during the week. The appeals were made by released men who said they had promised men left behind to make contacts in their behalf. The freed men listed the names of guards who, they said, administer beatings daily. The prisoners are forbidden to mention these beatings, they said, under threat of severe whippings and even death. The prisoners are poorly fed, they said, and are forced to sleep on bedding which is not changed from month to month. Prison camp sees the with all types of vermin, they charged. The complaints have been turned over to a legal source for investigation. Condition on the Sumter gang have been highlighted nationally in the case of an escapee who is fighting against extradition from the state of New York.

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## Mingle As Barkeley Speaks

**LABOR HAILS V. P., SPANKS THURMOND**

SPARTANBURG — While the labor square was being kicked up principally by Dixiecrats, whether Negroes were to attend the party dignified and orderly in Columbia Friday night here at the state convention of the American Federation of Labor, the question of labor was being discussed. Labor leaders from the state were present at the convention. The convention was held at the Hotel Ballroom. Negroes numbered eight. Negroes were counted as Mr. Barkeley, head of the labor union, and there were about six or more spectators who came in to hear the address. Four of the delegates came from Columbia, two were from Winnsboro, and one each from Spartanburg and Charleston. The Columbia delegation consisted of J. C. Artemus, business agent for Carpenter's Local 2260, and treasurer of the Progressive Democrats, Fred H. Sammons, Jr., Benjamin Booser and Calvin English. Following Mr. Barkeley's address they passed in line to congratulate him for the 58 minute message. Two of them, Mr. Artemus and Mr. Booser, said Mr. Barkeley's shake was very powerful and you had to have a strong arm or be shaken to bits by the Kentuckian's heavy hand grip. Another highlight of the convention was the violent attack on Governor Thurmond and the Dixiecrats made by state president Earl Britton. Mr. Britton charged the governor's administration with doing nothing to aid labor.

**AN EDITORIAL**  
**The Game They Play**

Believe it or not, here's one of the most fantastic tales ever conceived by those who have little regard for the truth: White people are being told that the reason Governor Thurmond and the State Department of Education are conducting the teacher investigation, is that they learned that the NAACP, supported by many of the colored teachers, had gotten the answer lists up and made them available to the teachers. Negroes of course aren't hearing this. The white citizens, taught to regard the NAACP as a nemesis to many "white only" privileges, have no way of knowing the real facts in the case. And on the colored side some of those on the "big end of the stick" are trying to get the word over to Negroes that "I am not doing this. It is so and so." They are telling the colored teachers that there were non-colored cheating too but the "machine" doesn't show it. (The "machine" does the grading for scores.) But let's look at the record. One public official declared publicly that a relative witnessed cheating among white teachers (see daily newspapers) in February; the "machine" doesn't say so. State officials picked-up lists here and there from among Negroes. Did they pick up the lists? —Continued on Editorial Page (4)

**First Cops To Patrol Rock Hill**

ROCK HILL — Two young police officers, among 13 who took a special service examination during the week, will be added to the Rock Hill police force here on July 15, Chief E. M. Hanna said Monday. The new officers, first of their kind in the city, William Lee Pickett, 23, and Thomas David Stovall, 21, were appointed after several months of consideration by the city officials, who had had the project placed before them by leaders. The Rock Hill additions raise to eight the number of Negro policemen on active duty in South Carolina. Two were employed early this year at Columbia; two others have been on duty for more than a year at Conway and Summerton and Clover, each, have had one or more such officers for a number of years. At one time Summerton employed two colored officers but had to relieve one when city funds grew too scarce. The first such officers used in modern days, however, were employed by that town. Clover is within twenty-five miles of Rock Hill. North of here, and in the city of Spartanburg, is expected that one or more of 14 men who took a city civil service examination several weeks ago, will be placed on the police force. The duty of the new officers in Rock Hill is not yet clear, but it is assumed that their powers will be limited to colored sections as in Clover, and nearby Charlotte.

**TO PRESENT 1949 SPINGARN MEDAL**



Mrs. Vijaya Leashmi Pandit, Indian ambassador to the United States, who will present the Spingarn Medal to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche at the closing session of the 40th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Hollywood Bowl, July 17. The award, made annually to a Negro American for outstanding achievement, will be presented to Dr. Bunche in recognition of his contribution to peace in the Middle East in his capacity as UN Mediator in Palestine.

**Cop, Four Deputies Visit FBI Director**

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — A Negro policeman and four Negro deputy policemen from Savannah, Ga., were taken in and introduced to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here last week. The meeting was part of a five-day tour of Washington and New York given the youngsters for outstanding ability in junior deputy activities. In charge of arranging the meeting was Bill Harris, white sheriff of Chatham county, Ga., who remarked, "I guess this is the first time in history any Negroes ever got to see the director on a tour like this."

**Ga. Progressives Having Woes**

ATLANTA — (ANP) The Georgia Progressive party is being torn apart by internal strife over domination by a "dogmatic, sectarian group," it was charged here Thursday. The split came after the Rev. Samuel Williams, youthful professor at Morehouse college, and State Director James L. Barfoot, white, handed in their resignations.

**THE POOR GUY NAGGING WIFE AND HEAT TOO MUCH**

NEW YORK — (ANP) — It was too darn hot for any foolishness but one never can tell what a woman will make a man do. Take David Donohue for instance. Dave is just 27 and married. Life should hold a bright future for him, but Monday afternoon, he just decided it wasn't worth it what with the thermometer soaring up towards the bursting mark and his wife's nagging tongue just a few degrees hotter. They were walking across the Harlem River Bridge, just back of the swank Riverton, and Mrs. Donohue was going to it for all she was worth and 10 cents more. Hearing the center of the span, David felt he was really between the devil and the deep blue sea — so the dirty water of the Harlem looked more inviting than the long hot stretch of concrete ahead, and the swish of the water against the bridge piers sounded more musical than the yakyety, yakyety, yakyety of Mrs. Dave. JUMPS OVERBOARD Fifty feet separated him from his double barreled dose and the surely won't lower the temperature. He sprang into the swirling wash. That water was moving faster than you could imagine and before Dave knew it, he was floating, swimming and fighting to keep top-side up as he was rushed on off to sea. He had gotten only 10 blocks to 125th St., however, when he was spotted floundering around in the not-too-cool and inviting stream by two off-duty policemen who were returning from taking a promotional exam. They leaped in (after stripping — off the dude) and swam about 50 yards to rescue the now thoroughly disgusted and disillusioned Donohue. When they pulled him out of the water, all three were taken to Harlem hospital for treatment and sent home. There is no record of what Mrs. Dave said when her spouse was returned safely, but past performances indicate that even jumping off a bridge won't stop a nagging woman's tongue — and it surely won't lower the temperature.

**Left Naked After Ride**  
**VICTIM SEIZED WITH BLINDFOLD**

A group of unidentified white men kidnaped and brutally beat a service station attendant in West Columbia Friday night, it was discovered here on the weekend. The abduction occurred on the corner of the same lot in which Klansmen held a meeting several months ago, and took place as the victim was waiting for a bus to bring him to the city after he had spent 30 days in work. The victim was taken into the country several miles from the town, stripped of his clothing and given a severe beating. He was deserted in the woods and later made his way to the home of a white family, who telephoned his employer to come for him. The victim is identified as Booker T. Dickerson who lives in the 2100 block of Washington street. Dickerson is said to have worked at the Gulf filling station, by which he was standing when the abduction occurred, for more than 20 years; and never was known to have had any trouble over in that section. Several attempts to interview the latest victim of a ride and a beating in Klan style were not successful by late Tuesday. It could not be determined either whether or not he had made a report of the crime to law enforcement officers. Friends of the man, and persons living in the house with him, said he explained that he did not know his attackers and had no idea why he was attacked.

**BLINDFOLDED**  
Dickerson, they said, related that as he stood at the bus stop awaiting the 'Cayce' suburban bus, one or more of the men approached from the rear, quickly placed a blindfold over his eyes, at the same time pinning him. Before he had chance to struggle, he was lifted bodily and tossed into a car and taken for the ride. Persons who had talked with him said his head was badly beaten and he suffered facial as well as other injuries. His wounds were treated at a local hospital, they said, late Friday night.

**JESSE OWENS TOPS LOUIS IN SPORTS POLL**

CHICAGO — Ajury of 38 of the nation's sport editors, columnist and radio sports casters, voted in the August issue of the picture monthly, Ebony, selects Jesse Owens as the greatest Negro athlete of all-time. Joe Louis missed a tie with Owens for the honor given by America's top sport authorities by one vote. Of the 38 member panel, all jurors except Ted Rusing, CBS sports caster, selected retired heavyweight champion, Joe Louis. Each member of the panel voted for Jesse Owens.

**WOULD CONSORT**  
**Assail Indiana Jimcrow Law**

INDIANAPOLIS — (ANP) An interracial crowd numbering 1,000 persons gathered in Phillips Temple CME church here last week to hear speakers assail the dictatorial tactics of Indianapolis police officials in the arrest of prominent Negro citizens on the double that they had violated an unwritten law that colored and white shall not consort. Brunt of the attack was against Mayor Feeney and the board of safety for their refusal to suspend the policemen involved, although the cases had been dismissed. The incident leading to the mass meet occurred last May 1 when Mercer Mance, Democratic juvenile court referee; Dr. Lucian Meriwether, ex-GOP city councilman; and the Misses Emily and Kathaleen Stuart were arrested while eating in a parked car in front of a drive-in restaurant. Miss Emily Stuart was arrested on the grounds that she was a white woman consorting with Negroes. Atty. Mance was charged with drunkenness when he protested the arrest. All four were Negroes. The charges were dismissed by Judge Howard, who administered a scathing rebuke to the policemen involved. Former GOP State Senator Robert Lee Brokenburr and Atty. Rufus Kuykendall sought dismissal suspension of the board nor the mayor would take action. A fund of \$350 was collected at the meeting for use in pushing this matter to the end.

**RECEIVES SLOGAN AWARD HERE**

## If In Authority Control-Mrs. R.

By Conrad Clark  
NEW YORK — (ANP) People vested with authority over other people must exercise great self-control themselves, otherwise they are apt to use their authority arbitrarily. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt wrote in her national known syndicated column, "My Day," last week.

Opening her first paragraph with closing stages of the Human Rights convention at Lake Success, the noted columnist after explaining the difference in the clauses which have to do, first with the United States, and on the other hand with nations having colonial possessions, she then told of her visit last Tuesday night in Brooklyn, where she was a featured speaker at the Brooklyn branch of the NAACP. "I must say I was a little shocked by some of the things I heard here about action taken by the police regarding certain cases, in which members of minority groups were involved," she continued.

(Editor's Note: On Memorial Day a police officer shot and killed a Negro following the exchange of words between the man and the officer, who was in plain clothes at the time of the shooting. The officer is yet on duty.) Adding that people with authority over other people must exercise great self-control over themselves, she finished with "there are good and bad policemen as there are good and bad citizens without such authority. "I can remember the impression I gained from the head of a

state prison camp I visited in Georgia some time ago. This man walked about carrying a whip in his hand, with a long heavy-lashed lash, and as he talked I could not help thinking that I would not be very happy if I were completely under his control." Issuing a special warning to the organization, the columnist in her final paragraphs said that "The NAACP has a tremendous educational job to do and this task should be directed toward helping the members of this organization to assume greater responsibilities as citizens. "In the north, whatever other disadvantages colored groups labor under, they do participate as voters and can have great political influence. This influence can be wielded wisely and serve them well only if they understand the problems of the environment as they affect not only their own group, but as they affect the whole community."

**Labor Kidnapped For S. African Farms**

DURBAN, South Africa — (ANP) — So acute is the shortage of farm labor on the South African farms that labor recruiters are resorting to kidnapping in order to replenish the already exhausted supply of cheap labor. In Johannesburg another is used. The policemen round up thousands of Africans every day under the pretext of "rounding up criminals" and send them to court where a prosecutor promises to withdraw charges if they accept to work on the farms for six months.

**Hilyard Robinson On Commission**

WASHINGTON — (ANP) Hilyard R. Robinson, 49-year-old local architect and former head of the department of architecture at Howard university, was named a member of the National Capital Park and Planning commission by President Truman here Thursday.

**County Abolishes Chain Gang**

ST. GEORGE — (ANP) Dorchester county has banned chain gangs, it was declared here last week. This step was not taken, however, for humanitarian reasons, but because chain gangs cost the state much money. From now on short term prisoners will stay in the county jail, and long termers will go to the state penitentiary at Columbia.



First prize in the National Slogan Contest of the American Council on Human Rights, the cooperative Greek-letter program, is being presented to Miss Willie Lee Martin, a sophomore at Benedict College, Columbia, by Elmer W. Henderson, ACHR director of Washington, D. C., after award ceremonies before

the joint student bodies of Benedict and Allen University on Friday, June 17. Looking on is Dr. J. A. Bacotais, president of Benedict College. The winning slogan selected, after the contest was conducted on 53 college campuses, was "Human Rights-Democracy's Birthright." Purpose of the contest was to