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PRICE TEN CENTS

Clarendon Parents To Be Saluted Sunday

MP Remembers Little After Bash Over Head

Sgt. Melvin Phillips of the 8th Military Police Company at Fort Jackson, who was allegedly beaten while in custody of local civilian police so that a hasty operation had to be performed to save his life Monday, cannot recall all details involved in his case, the state NAACP Conference reported Monday.

Eugene A. Montgomery, executive NAACP secretary, who interviewed the 32 year old Moyock, N.C. army man in a Fort Jackson hospital, said Sgt. Phillips "remembers only being arrested at the scene of an automobile collision (at Harden and Taylor streets here) and being hit in the forehead while being booked at the police station."

He said Sgt. Phillips told him he blanked out and didn't know who had put a stitch in the forehead wound, who kicked or stomped in his stomach so forcibly that his bladder was ruptured.

The NAACP officer said army hospital attaches believed that only a miracle saved the soldier's life.

"They say that had he not been such a strong man, he never would have survived the very serious injury," Montgomery declared.

Phillips, the NAACP said, reported that his car was hit on the side as he turned and headed up Taylor street, enroute home (about three blocks away) last Sunday night, preparatory to reporting to his company at Fort Jackson. He said that he waited at the scene until investigating officers arrived who talked only to the driver of the other car and placed him under arrest.

Notified by another MP a short while later, Mrs. Sadie Turner Phillips, his wife, went to headquarters to hail him out at about 10:30, and was told to return at 2 A.M. Returning at that hour, she was told to come back at 6 A.M.

Sgt. Phillips told the NAACP that he regained consciousness about four in the morning on the floor of his cell. He wasn't allowed to identify another man in the cell at the time, but got no given a white pill by the guard and told take it.

Released under \$5000 bond, the sergeant was in such a condition that a local doctor summoned to his home, rushed to the hospital about 8 A.M. Monday where an emergency operation was performed in the afternoon.

Baptist Minister Administer Rites To Dying Priest

TOKYO — (AP) — A wounded Catholic priest believed to be dying was given last rites by a Baptist chaplain in Korea.

Lt. Cornelius J. Griffin was giving last rites to a mortally wounded marine near the Changjin Reservoir last November when gun fire hit an ambulance. The Baptist chaplain's clerk died trying to shield Father Griffin, whose right arm and jaw were shattered by bullets. The Baptist chaplain, noting the severe condition of the priest, knelt beside him and read the Catholic Prayer of contrition.

Lighting Strikes Island Family

CHARLESTON — Elias Wilder, 18, died in Roper hospital last Saturday after being struck by lightning in his James Island home, at about 2:30 P. M. His mother, 47, received

NOT GUILTY YOUR HONOR

ATLANTA — (ANS) — In Fulton Superior Court Wednesday morning, defendant Lewis Jones sat nervously in the prisoner's box charged with illegal possession of ten gallons of kickapoo joy juice, better known as moonshine.

Lewis' lawyer, realizing the apparent futility of his client's fighting the charge, the 10 gallons on exhibition close to Lewis, the loss of which had also upset the client's nerve, had urged a "guilty" plea, and in fact had already entered it.

Turning to the defendant, Judge Bruce asked, "What have you to say to this charge?"

"Case dismissed," ordered the judge as the court roared.

Jones beat a hasty exit, glancing for a moment at the impounded joy juice.

JURY FREES PASTOR OF LOVE STEALING

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — (ANS) — A Forsyth county Superior Court jury freed the Rev. L. M. Pitts pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church to his steady charges here Tuesday, brought by John C. Gladden, a barber, whose wife was a voluntary to both the church and the pastor.

Gladden had sued the pastor, father of six children, for \$15,000 in an allegation of affection suit, alleging infidelity between Mrs. Gladden and office employee at the First Baptist Street School, between 1949 and 1950.

Janitor Back Charges



Not enough Columbians are using the Seegars Swimming pool thus far, observed Thomas S. Martin, director this summer, reported Monday. A trained specialist in recreation, Mr. Martin lauded the facilities at the pool, which opened June 1, and said that "It's a shame that every citizen here is not using this very fine facility."

Urban League, U.S. Agency In Bias-Free Pact

ATLANTA — The Southern Field Division of the National Urban League and the Fifth Regional Office of the Bureau of Employment Security entered upon a cooperative agreement on June 6 for the full utilization of the region's manpower at its highest skill without regard to "race, color, or creed."

This unprecedented action on the part of a private social work agency and a governmental regional office represents cooperation at a regional level to implement the National Manpower Mobilization Policy promulgated by the President of the United States on January 17.

The cooperative agreement in Region V directly effects Urban League branches in Memphis, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tampa and Miami and offers a frame of reference within which these five local Urban Leagues might operate "to safeguard our national security through the maximum development and use of our human resources."

The regional agreement, which has been circulating along with a cover letter to all State agencies by the Fifth Regional Office of the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, and issued in Southern Urban League Affiliates by N. J. C. Jackson, the League's regional director, represents a grass roots approach which should solve many of the employment problems which have long bedeviled a large segment of potentially productive citizens because of their racial identity.

SPARTANS IN TRIBUTE TO CITY OFFICER

SPARTANBURG — The NAACP and the People's Citizens Committee honored Francis Deagan, policeman recently appointed to the City Police force with a reception and program, Friday evening at South Liberty street regional center.

on program were: H. L. Barksdale who gave greetings on behalf of the People's Citizens Committee, Mrs. Virginia E. Hester, VFW, Fate Jones, M. J. Jones, and others.

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Heads Alumni NAACP To Hail Those In Suit



Dr. C. B. Cordington, of Dunn, N. C., who had personally contributed more than \$2,000 to his alma mater, was elected president of the Shaw University Alumni Association during its annual meeting in Raleigh, N. C. last week.

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S. C. Elks Begin Sessions Sunday

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the South Carolina State Association of Elks will be held in Columbia Sunday, June 17, Monday and Tuesday, the 16 and 19.

Continuing the State Association are Palmetto Lodge Number 217 and Primrose Temple Number 611, of the Elks and Daughter Elks, respectively.

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NAACP To Hail Those In Suit

Hundreds from Clarendon county and over the state are expected to attend a mammoth testimonial for Clarendon plaintiffs and their children in the celebrated anti-segregation lawsuit heard in Charleston May 28-29, in Summerton on Sunday afternoon, June 17.

The affair is being sponsored by the South Carolina NAACP Conference, and begins at 4 P.M. in the Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church.

Special invitations have been sent to the almost 100 NAACP branches over the state and representatives from many of these are expected to be present.

Among The Speakers

Prominent among those expected at the testimonial are: James M. Hinton, state NAACP president; Rev. I. DeQuincy Newman and Dr. W. R. Laney, vice presidents; Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins, and Mrs. L. B. Frederick, secretaries; Levi G. Byrd, treasurer; Eugene A. R. Montgomery, executive secretary; S. J. McDonald, chairman executive board; Harold R. Boulware and W. B. James, attorneys, and John H. McCray, editor of The Light-house and Informer.

The Clarendon county testimonial is a feature of the NAACP program. It is a testimonial to the courage and determination of the Clarendon county plaintiffs and their children.

Court Says Legal To Call White A Negro

CHICAGO — (ANS) — It is not libelous, degrading nor contemptuous for a white man to be called a Negro in Illinois, a northern state, nor any other state where there is no legal discrimination between races.

The First District Appellate Court of Illinois made the ruling last week in a decision written by Justice Michael Peimberg, dismissing a one million dollar libel suit brought by Isaiah Mitchell, III, against the Chicago Tribune.

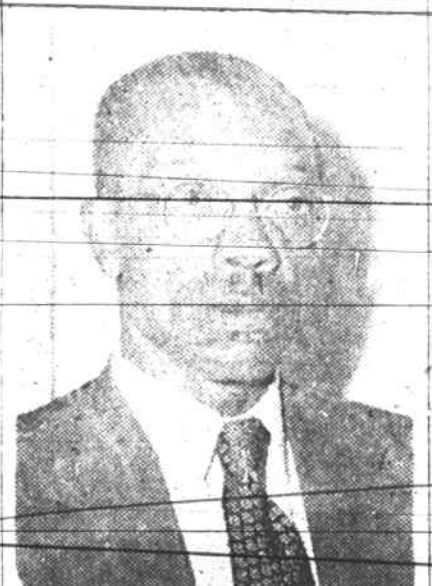
Mitchell, a news stand operator, contended that on two occasions the newspaper had listed him as "Negro" in reporting that he had sold a newspaper to William John Grant, a Republican state clerk for a clerk of court office prior to the latter's being murdered on October 3, 1949.

This suit charged that it was libelous per se to refer to a white man as a Negro. J. B. Martineau, attorney for the defendant, moved for a dismissal on the ground that such a law was not applicable in a northern state. The judge agreed.

In his brief before the Appellate Court Martineau declared being called a Negro in Illinois is not to hold to ridicule, contempt and scorn or hatred. He went on to say that since a great many statutes in this state forbid discrimination and provide full legal equality, it would be ridiculous to assume that calling a white person a Negro was libelous, since both races enjoyed the same legal and civil status.

Justice Grover C. Niemeyer and John M. Tuehy concurred with Justice Feinberg in the opinion.

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Dr. Arthur J. Collins, prominent Columbia dentist, has resumed his practice after several weeks of confinement with a broken leg. Dr. Collins, who is founder and president of South Carolina Colored Fair Association, and who holds a number of positions in professional and other organizations, was injured while visiting his farm near Eastover. He moves about now with the aid of crutches.

TO JIMCROW RACE VOTER

CAPETOWN, South Africa — (AP) — The South African Senate has just passed a bill to place Negro voters in Cape Province on a separate roll.

NAACP LAWYERS LAUD CLARENDON COURAGE

NEW YORK — The "real heroes" in the fight against segregation in public education are the Negroes of Clarendon County, S. C., who, withstanding all pressures, fully supported NAACP effort to abolish Jim Crow schools, Thurgood Marshall and Robert L. Carter, special counsel and assistant counsel of the NAACP, respectively, said today.

Marshall and Mr. Carter headed the battery of lawyers who last week asked a three-judge federal court in Charleston to open the "white" schools of Clarendon County to Negro pupils and to void that section of the Constitution of South Carolina which provides for separate schools. The case was heard by Senior Circuit Judge John J. Parker and District Judges J. Waties Waring and George Bell Timmerman. The court reserved

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These spectators were neither prosperous nor highly educated. Nor did they come from the big cities. For the most part they came from rural communities and made the trip to Charleston to give their support to the Negroes in Clarendon County. They knew what havoc segregation wreaks. If anyone ever tells you that Negroes like and want segregation, remind him of these people. It was indeed a wonderful experience to be able to be a witness to this display of greatness in human spirit.

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Rev. W. M. Bowman, pastor of Second Nazareth Baptist Church, and public relations officer for the State Baptist Convention, said news of the

At press time The Light-house was advised that Rev. L. C. Jenkins, pastor of Union Baptist Church here, had been selected to deliver the principal eulogy at Dr. Boykin's funeral, which will probably be held at 1 P. M. in Camden. The newspaper was unable to contact the Collins funeral home in Camden at the time to ascertain the exact hour. However, one minister said "We hardly ever have funerals earlier than 1 P. M."

Leaders of the State Convention and church will meet

in Camden at 10 A.M. Friday to arrange the funeral program, the newspaper was advised.

passing of the 82 year old churchman was telephoned to him.

Dr. Boykin, who made his home in Camden, was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Morris College, pastor of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Camden, which position he had held for 52 years, and also Moderator of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Association.

He had been confined in the hospital for about two weeks and when his condition turned for the worse on the weekend, visitors were discontinued.

Rev. Bowman said that funeral services had not been arranged late Wednesday, but would probably take place in Camden on Monday. Persons wishing further details may call him at 3-4108 in Columbia.

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