

U.S. Court Punishes Anti-jimcrow Parents

ROVING ABOUT CA'LINA

By John H. McCray, Editor
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Staging Store Boycott
Bennettsville — Angry citizens here are in the midst of building up an effective boycott against a local grocery store because of several arrests recently on what is said to be false charges of shoplifting. Some very prominent people are involved. . . . **Jonas Kennedy** and his charming wife, **Deft**, arrived home Thursday from New York City, but plan a take-off this week for Miami and a bit more vacationing. Lucky.

Minister-Organist

Cheraw—We didn't know that **Rev. J. M. Ellis**, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Cheraw, is an accomplished organist. He played for the NAACP meeting Sunday afternoon. . . . We think **John S. Cole** has a charming wife. . . . **Mrs. H. L. Marshall** sings beautifully. . . . **Van Buren Long**, Mrs. S. W. Deas and several others are chuckling over that Lighthouse story some weeks back hinting "root" work may have figured in the resignation of a former pastor here. . . . **Rev. James Levy** of Camden is the new pastor of Pee Dee Union Baptist Church. . . . Faithful as ever is **Mrs. G. W. Long**, whose husband, the late president at Coulter Academy, is buried on the campus here.

Yes! We Duss It!

Darlington — Everytime we see **Mrs. Mabel Robinson** of the Chicken Shack on the Florence-Darlington highway, she tells of somebody new writing or calling about her beautiful motel. That just goes to prove we "duss" it. . . . **Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Beck** like to move around together after his busy day. Living now in Florence, the doctor is originally from Georgetown. . . . Heh heh! Saw **Alford Allison's** station wagon in the yard, didn't have time to stop. Ditto schedule trouble: W. J.

A Cop Gets Revenge

Sumter — Revenge is so sweet! **Policeman Burns** of the Sumter force got even with us Monday. His pal, **Officer Galliard**, and we were chuckling over a yarn this column spun two weeks ago, saying **Mr. Burns** caught the flu as he tried to outrun a fleeing suspect. He came to the car and put on a grin then, suddenly got in front of our car, blew his whistle and waved both arms vigorously for us to get going. That mean look—he had it. Somebody had pulled up behind us. As we turned the corner, he chuckled: "I sure fixed you." . . . The **H. H. Butler Science Hall** at Morris College is to be ready by May. . . . **Thomas Ivey** cracks his sides over how the late **Butler DeLoe** proved his point that our folk would vote in primaries after a senator had spoken to him a bit rough before courts open Democratic primaries. He got the senator's goat. . . . **President O. R. Reuben** is thinking about a new Chrysler. . . . **Steve Bradford** of Do Drop Inn still pines for his old friend, **Oseola E. McKaine**, who's still in Belgium. . . . "**Duke Brown** at Morris is fretting lest his Hornets get pasted out of the possible SEAC basketball title in the closing weeks. . . . **Registrar Charles Mitchell** (a fellow Lincolnvillean), is beginning to look like a grown man. . . . The little secretary to the President at the college here is **Mrs. Carr**, who is the former **Miss Walker** of Manning.

Oh Them Delta Ladies!

The lovely **Mesdames Roy Campbell** and **J. T. McCain** had Manning Avenue to themselves taking ads for the Delta Jabber. — SEE PAGE 8

East African Wins 3 Yr. Fight; At Morris

By John H. McCray

Sumter—A three year thirst for an education in the United States—three years filled the heroic skipping and sacrifices—have ended in the arrival of an East African student at Morris College here, on an all-expense-paid scholarship.

The 19 year old ambitious young man, whose sacrifices to get to America and education is **Jaswant Singh Sihra** of Nairobi, Kenya in British East Africa, who arrived by plane on February 4, 1953 at the Airport in Columbia, penniless and disillusioned, and who managed to negotiate the 45 miles here.

Robbed In New York

A somewhat ironic, but nevertheless educational experience was **Mr. Sihra's** greeting on arriving in New York City on February 3 from Nairobi, a distance of approximately 8,000 miles. He had

laid his top coat on the back of a seat while getting information at the desk for the remainder of his trip to South Carolina. When he returned, his coat was gone; and so was his last penny—\$60.00—with which he had hoped to start his American education.

"It was a shock to me," he said. "In our country, no one would ever think of taking something which wasn't theirs."

Honesty of his people is primary, he said. Why if you should lose a dollar bill, or anything even on a public thoroughfare, natives would see it, walk over it and let it lay there until the owner returns to claim it.

Luckily, however, he had his plane ticket to Columbia and being not only a stranger in a rather unfriendly city (when you are a stranger), **Mr. Sihra** was a stranger in the country. He says "I nearly froze to death that night. It was very cold and I chattered and shivered miserably as the biting cold whipped through me. I slept on a bench in the park and after getting directions to the airport, I walked about 25 miles to the airport the next morning and, here I was before long in kind South Carolina."

Visions Of Helping Race

Mr. Sihra is an Indian, born in East Africa. His parents live about 350 miles from Kenya. His search for education in the United States dates back to 1950 when he met a native African of the colored group, with whom he

BISHOP J. A. GREGG DIES OF ATTACK

Jacksonville, Fla. — **Bishop J. A. Gregg**, 76, presiding bishop over the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal church, which is the State of Florida, succumbed here in the Brew-

To Attend Funeral

Led by **Bishop Frank Madison Reid**, indications early on Wednesday were that many of South Carolina's AME leaders plan to attend the funeral of **Bishop Gregg**, expected to be held on Friday this week.

ster Hospital Tuesday afternoon following an illness that had hospitalized him for five weeks.

Funeral services were incomplete late Tuesday, but it is expected that these would be conducted by weekend.

Bishop Gregg had suffered a heart attack five weeks ago in Key West. He failed to recover and lapsed into a coma several days before his passing. **Mrs. Naomi Cherot**, his daughter, who is a school teacher in Kansas City, Mo., had remained at his bedside during his last hours.

Only last week the denomination buried former **Bishop Monroe H. Davis** of the 2nd and 8th Episcopal Districts in Baltimore, Md.

Hinton Sees 'Forward Move' Should Supreme Court Wipe Out Racial Bias

Greensboro, N. C.—Condemnation by the Supreme Court of "separate-but-equal" school facilities for Negroes would be a



James M. Hinton

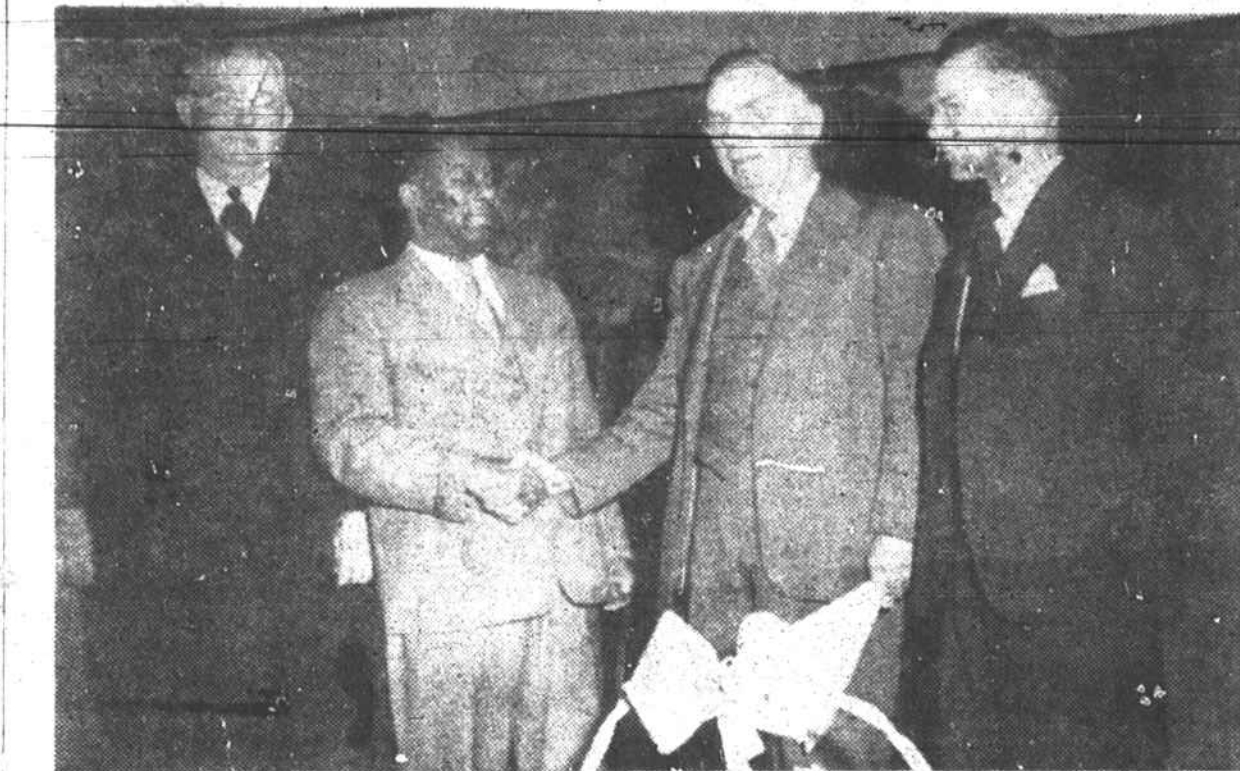
"straight forward move," **Rev. J. M. Hinton**, president of the South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, declared at Bennett College Friday.

Reverend Hinton was the key-

JOE BLACK STOPS HERE

Joe Black, Brooklyn Dodger star pitcher, passed through Columbia Tuesday of this week enroute to spring training camp of the Dodgers at Vera Beach, Fla.

Persons who talked with the former **Morgan State** athlete said but for the fact that he wasn't attired for the occasion **Joe** would have addressed the **Allen University** student body. **Joe** said he expects his best season yet in 1953, he was reported to have said.



E. R. Crow, right center, chairman, State Education Finance Commission; congratulates **J. H. Kilgo**, left center, principal of Lincoln High School, on the new facilities made available at the school by the two new wings during openhouse there last Thursday night. Looking on are **E. C. Dunn**, left, chairman of the City School Board, and **James Blanding**, right, superintendent of Sumter City Schools. At bottom is the new business education room, one of 20 classrooms in the new south wing.

Culbertson Heard In Address For Mullins NAACP

Mullins—**John Bolt Culbertson**, Greenville attorney-at-law, held a packed NAACP audience spellbound in **Ebenezer AME Church** here Sunday afternoon as principal speaker for the **Mullins NAACP** branch during its February meeting.

Mr. Culbertson, a former member of the General Assembly of South Carolina, chastised Negroes who are failing to give fullest support to a program of equality of opportunity, and pointed to numerous problems South Carolinians would do well to eliminate.

Mark Tolbert, president of the Greenville NAACP branch, and several other Greenvilleans, accompanied him. A sum of \$100 was collected for the NAACP Defense Fund.

James A. Hodge is president of the Mullins branch; **George H. Chism** is secretary.

WHERE TO BUY BOOK

Persons wishing copies of **Dr. McMillan's** avidly discussed book, "Negro Higher Education in the State of South Carolina," may make purchases at the following places, he told The Lighthouse and Informer Tuesday:

Columbia, R. L. Bryan Co., **Gittman's Book Store**, **Counts Drugstore**, **Stuart's Drugstore**, **Orangeburg**, **College Soda Shop**, **Dr. Lewis K. McMillan**, **S. C. State A & M College**, **Charleston**, **Legerton's**. Other outlets will be reported shortly, he said. The research retails at five dollars.

CHURCHMAN DEFENDS MORALITY OF YOUTHS

By John H. McCray

Sumter—Those who so often give young people to the dogs because of some seeming decline in morals are still barking up the

wrong tree, was the substance of our conversation with **Dr. Arthur R. Howard**, veteran Methodist Church clergyman here Monday night. **Dr. Howard**, seated in his well supplied and appointed library, got into the subject upon our recalling a sermon he had delivered at **Wesley Methodist Church** in the town of **Lincolnville** on Children's Day many many years ago when we were a sprate of a youngster. At the time, he had censured the elders for condemning youths and saying in effect "These young people are going to the dogs."

The eminent church leader smiled wistfully. "I still believe that," he said. "Nothing disturbs me as those grown and old folk who are condemning young people for doing the same thing they once did, things they are now too old, or incapable of doing."

Dr. Howard said his attention to this subject, which he advocates strongly consistently, was drawn years ago when students and researchers came across an old tablet which had been buried many years and, upon which were certain writings students were trying to decipher.

"Finally," he said, the writings, some about 100 B. C., were translated and an substance read: "Children won't go to church nor to Sunday School."

That was the same charge being made in his day and **Dr. Howard** took a look at civilization, how these same young people had grown up and taken over and continued improvements begun by their elders and in addition, found time to add some

of their own conception. He recalled that many of those people's frolics and behaviour were, in their own young days

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DIRECTS BROTHERHOOD WEEK CHOIR: Pvt. F. Benjamin Smith of the Post Chaplains Office at Fort Jackson, above, will direct an Intergroup Choir, which will furnish music for the observance of Brotherhood Week here Sunday afternoon, February 22, four o'clock, in the Central YWCA building, located at the corner of Blanding and Bull streets.

Keenly interested in Intergroup Choral work here, **Pvt. Smith** is a graduate of the University of Kentucky.

Among others on the program are: **Rev. F. William Brandt**, pastor of **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, **Melvin Harris**, **Rabbi David S. Gruber** of the **Tree of Life Synagogue**, **The Rev. E. E. Riley** of **Benedict College**, **the Rev. Frederick C. James**, **Dean of the School of Theology, Allen University**; **Rev. Father Allen Jeffords** of **St. Joseph's Parish, Chaplain (Col.) W. C. Shure** of **Fort Jackson** and **the Rev. R. O. Bass**, pastor of **Sydney Park CME Church**.

8 Given 30 Days, Fines At Richmond

Richmond, A 30-day jail sentence and a \$50 fine was netted out last week by the Virginia Circuit Court of Appeals to the eight parents who refused to send their children 20 miles outside of the town of West Point to a jim-crow high school.

The cases came before the Circuit Court as a result of appeals filed by the NAACP lawyers in behalf of the parents after the Trial Justice Court of West Point found guilty and convicted the parents of violating laws of Virginia. They were then fined \$200 each.

The briefs were filed with the

Circuit Court of Appeals on January 9 by the NAACP attorneys on behalf of the eight parents after they had been arrested and convicted of keeping their children, all under 16, out of school.

The action on the part of the parents, which was called "the West Point strike," came about when the school board closed the Negro high school and ordered the parents to send the students to the Hamilton-Holmes High School, located some 20 miles away from the town of West Point and completely out of the school board's jurisdiction.

Instead, the parents sent their children to the all-white West Point High School for enrollment. They were bluntly refused on the grounds that to accept them would be violating the segregation laws of the State of Virginia. Rather than the students the distance to the Hamilton-Holmes High School, the parents kept them at home. Because of this action, the State claimed the parents violated the Virginia compulsory attendance laws.

\$150,000 Lawyer?

The appearance of Attorney **John W. Davis** of New York City in the state over the weekend resurrected speculation which has been rampant for almost a year.

The noted constitutional lawyer was hired by Governor **Byrnes** to represent the state before the U. S. Supreme Court last December when appeal arguments from the Clarendon county anti-segregation school suit were made. While no definite fee has been announced by the Governor's office, estimates of what **Mr. Davis** is costing South Carolina taxpayers range from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

During the national convlave of the **Omega Psi Phi** fraternity in Philadelphia the latter part of December, both **Judge J. Waties Waring** (retired), formerly of Charleston and the South Carolina Eastern Division of federal court, and NAACP administrator **Roy Wilkins** said the fee was \$50,000.

However, in South Carolina on a two-day visit with **John H. McCray**, editor of The Lighthouse and Informer, **Cliff MacKay**, editor of The Afro American newspapers, said the fee actually is \$150,000. The \$50,000 previously mentioned was only a retainer, **Mr. MacKay** said.

In its briefs appealing the convictions, the NAACP stated that not only the attendance law was involved but also the state's segregation law, which was in violation of the 14th Amendment.

Under cross examination at the hearing of the appeal in the Circuit Court, the lone witness for the school board, **W. A. Barber**, superintendent of schools admitted that the West Point High School was superior to the Negro high school and had been in existence for 26 years. The school superintendent also admitted that the school board was aware of the objection of the Negro parents to send their children 20 miles out of town to another segregated school. The Town of West Point made no effort to provide an "equal but separate" school for Negro children, the parents charged.

NAACP lawyers, **Spottswood W. Robinson, III**, and **Oliver W. Hill**, stated in their argument that it was the state of Virginia which had violated the law, not the parents.

The court, in handing down its ruling, suspended the fines and sentence of two of the parents because they had enrolled their children into segregated schools outside of West Point and the **King Williams County**.

NAACP lawyers indicated that they will appeal the conviction to the Virginia Supreme Court.

Hits Proposed Amendment As Ducking Issues

New York—The NAACP this week denounced as a "delaying tactic" the proposal of a group of southern senators to abolish the poll tax by a constitutional amendment, and called for direct congressional action or a federal statute banning this discriminatory voting requirement.

A statement adopted by the NAACP board of directors at its regular monthly meeting on February 9 and released today by **Dr. Channing H. Tobias**, chairman on the board, asserts that if thirteen states should neglect to act on ratification of such an amendment during the time limit set, it would be defeated and "the opportunity of securing congressional enactment of such a measure hopelessly impaired."

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