

Blast Lawmakers Applause For Klan Minister Grilled In Murder Case

CITIZENS IRKED OVER GRAND DRAGON'S CALL TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Touched off by hundreds of circular letters from an Atlanta, Georgia white woman, and a blistering denunciation from the state NAACP Conference, South Carolinians greeted down to hearing verbal abuses on the legislature over the week-end for having "applauded" Grand Dragon Green of the Ku Klux Klan, who spoke in the state last Wednesday night.

Green had been introduced to members of the legislature by Rep. L. L. Keenan of Aiken county as "one of our good neighbors from across the Savannah River". The klansman was soundly applauded.

By week-end several hundred citizens reported having received a mimeographed letter from Mrs. M. E. Tilly of Atlanta, which in substance related that Green wasn't considered quite "good across the Savannah River". Mrs. Tilly's letter, a copy of which was received by the editor of the Lighthouse and Informer, said:

"As a member of the Board of the Georgia Council of Church Women, I noted with deep concern newspaper reports that Grand Dragon Samuel Green of the Ku Klux Klan has 'applauded' by members of the South Carolina General Assembly. According to these reports, Grand Dragon Green was introduced by Rep. L. L. Keenan of Aiken county as 'one of good neighbors from across the Savannah River'."

"Here in Georgia, the responsible people of the state are effectively indicating their opposition to the un-Christian organization and all it stands for. It is our hope that individuals like yourself who are working hard for progress in South Carolina will not only protest to your state legislature about this incident but also will press for effective legislation to ban the public use of masks or hoods by terrorist groups."

"COME OUT" Monday morning, Rep. Keenan had a letter from James M. Linton, state NAACP president, which said, "Negroes and right thinking whites in South Carolina are astonished and protest your presentation and introduction of Grand Dragon Green."

Asking for legislation which would force klansmen to "come out of their masks" so every citizen can see who they are, the NAACP letter pointed to the organization as subversive and seeks to instillate citizens of both races. Reports were numerous of similar indignation early in the week, largely from white citizens, one group of whom had arrested...

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Police Hunt Slayer Of Forrester

The Newspaper With A Constructive Policy

Charleston Plans College Suit Yet

Charleston More than 500 persons waded through chilly rain here Sunday afternoon to attend an NAACP meeting and heard James M. Hinton, state president, blast the city government before deciding themselves to sue for admission into the College of Charleston.

Mr. Hinton had struck out at Mayor William McG. Morrison and city council for refusing additional funds to the College of Charleston in order to get a round allowing funds for Negro higher education. The city Council, a week earlier, had taken the action as answer to NAACP request that Negroes be admitted to the institution.

The body voted several resolutions which were to be supplied Mayor Morrison and other interested persons. The resolutions included: 1. A protest against cutting off funds for white youth at the college; 2. an order that Negroes be admitted to the college; 3. that the college be closed; 4. that the Charleston branch make a study to find in records whether or not any public funds are being used at the college.

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Police grilled the Reverend Lacy McRobbins along with several others during the week as they pressed a three-force hunt for the murderer of Franklin Forrester, whose body was found Saturday morning on the Leesburg road.

City, county and federal officers were still working on the case Tuesday, with other detentions likely as they moved to solve the mystery.

Federal men were reported interested in determining whether Forrester was slain and his body dumped on the government property, or was actually slain there.

EMPLOYED VICTIM

Ray McRobbins, who operates the Just Rite Cafe and Hotel on the 1000 block of Washington street, and another Just Rite business on the 1000 block of Park street, employed Forrester and his questioning is believed to have come along with the questioning of all other persons who could shed some light on the dead man's activities the night preceding his death. Forrester had been shot to death, and no motive was clear late Monday.

A hunchback, Forrester was generally known in the Washington street block, but was considered quiet and without any enemies. He had been employed at the establishment for about two years. Slight of build, he was seldom seen not wearing a white service coat, customary in his role of waiting on customers who patronize the establishment.

NEGRO QUESTION IS 'BONE' IN S. C. DEMOCRATIC SPLIT

The Atlantic News Service
If the "Democrats" who turned Dixiecrats last summer could win assurance that Negro Democrats would be side-tracked, and if the recognized and official Democratic leaders were of the mind to continue the status quo, all would be pit and pat and love between the two South Carolina Democratic factions.

Last week in maneuvering, the Dixiecratic faction let go with an announcement of a get-together in Washington, which was reported by the official party as pure tripe. The Democratic National Committee also said the announced meeting was an exaggeration.

"But it is commonly known both in South Carolina and in Washington that the Dixiecratic wing wants to get back in good grace with the party, and has variously made overtures. But the merging of the two groups has been held off because both the Democratic National Committee and the official South Carolina party have insisted that the Negro question be forgotten, that any citizen who wishes to belong to the party, be permitted to do so, or in plain and shorter words, that the Judge Waring ruling in *Ethorn vs. Rice* be regarded as final and absolute law in South Carolina.

The Dixiecrats are reluctant on the issue. Moreover, they also want the Jewish people, now

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CHARGE YOUTH WITH BURNING DOWN SCHOOL

WALHALLA — (ANS) — Sheriff D. Weathers of Oconee county disclosed Friday he was holding two 14-year old youths for questioning in connection with the burning of the Walhalla school during the week.

No charges had been filed against the lads, who, Weathers said, admitted taking part in the burning and, who implicated an older youth.

Fireman found the building hopelessly aflame when they arrived at the scene. Superintendent Lincoln Jones said the loss approximates \$25,000. No plans for housing the 135 enrolled pupils have been adopted. Jones said they probably will be placed in churches.

Willkie Awards Made To Three Race Newspapers

Cambridge, Mass. — (ANS) The Wendell E. Willkie Awards for Negro journalism in 1948, given by Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer of Washington, D.C., were announced Wednesday by the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University.

The award for the best public service by a Negro newspaper went to the Norfolk Journal and Guide, "for the equality of its overall performance, based on a variety of entries submitted for the Willkie Award; and in particular for the consistently high caliber of its editorial page," under direction of P. Bernard Young, Jr., editor.

The award for objective reporting went to Louis R. Lattier, Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Daily World, "for distinguished correspondence affording member newspapers of the NNPA clear, comprehensive and objective coverage of events significant to their readers."

Call-and Post
The award for articles other than news went to Simon Booker, Jr., of the Cleveland (O.) Call-Post, "for a searching series of feature articles exposing discriminatory conditions in Cleveland's public schools."

Judges were four Nieman Fellows: Alan Barth, editorial writer on the Washington Post; Grady E. Clay, Jr., reporter on the Louisville Courier-Journal; David B. Dreiman, science writer on the

WALHALLA — (ANS) — Sheriff D. Weathers said Saturday that warrants charging John Archie Davis, 12, Roy Davis, 14, and Roy Chapman, 25, with burning down the Walhalla school here Wednesday night. The two Davis youths were out on bond but Chapman was held in jail.

Weathers said the young couple said Chapman had promised them a dollar for firing the school house. They had been arrested at the scene when they were unable to explain their possession of a gasoline can.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

FATHER OF NAACP The South Carolina NAACP Conference is today one of the most influential resources and comforts of Negroes. Many thousands belong to the NAACP in the state but only a few know to whom they are indebted for the growing organization.

Up in Chesterfield county, in the little town of Cheraw, lives the father of the state NAACP organization. He is



Levi G. Byrd, who by trade is a plumber, the father of four children, two of them

TRUMAN SALUTES PRESS AND LOOKS TO FUTURE

WASHINGTON — (NNPA) — President Truman this week hailed the seventh annual observance of "National Negro Newspaper Week" which opened Sunday and continues through March 5, recalling the founding of the first Negro newspaper in 1827, the chief executive noted that "we are just as much concerned with the liberation of the human spirit as the pioneers of the past century."

"The struggle for human freedom has many forms, and it never ends," he added. "Ahead of us lies the goal of full and equal participation by all Americans in both the responsibilities and the rewards of our national life."

Announced simultaneously was the passage of a resolution by the executive board of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association which met February 27-28 week-end, which praised Mr. Truman's "forthright fight for civil rights and endorsed his general program for the health and welfare of the common people of our land."

The two day meeting of the

Teachers To Hold 31st Convention Here Mar. 24 - 25

The program committee of the Palmetto State Teachers Association announced Tuesday that plans had been completed for the 31st annual convention, to be held here March 24 - 25.

Group chairmen, consultants and speakers for general sessions have been carefully selected. These will be held in the Columbia Township Auditorium, to which the public is invited.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE first general session, scheduled for 2 P. M., March 24, will be an address by John F. Potts, PSTA president. It is expected that Mr. Potts will include in his address not only the program of the organization, but future plans of the association.

A symposium on some implications of the convention's theme, "Education for the Improving of Community Life," will be the feature of the second Thursday session, scheduled for 7 P. M.

Participants will include William Cooper, Director of Summer Study of Adult Education, Hampton Institute, Dr. George

Business Lag Hitting Race, Granger Says

New York — (ANP) Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, said here last week that Negroes throughout the country are already feeling the effects of a depression. Addressing the urban league at its annual meeting in the Russell Sage foundation, he said that the increasing drop off in business is being heralded by the loss of jobs among Negroes. He cited the bureau of labor statistics which pointed out that nation-wide unem-

Entzminger Quits Court Position

MARCO A. Entzminger, for the past two years manager of the Allen Benedict Court, operated as the Columbia Housing Authority, resigned his position Friday. CHA officials said Monday.

No reason for the unexpected resignation was given. One source said it was entirely voluntary but neither Mr. Entzminger nor other key persons connected with the authority could be reached by telephone for a statement.

Mr. Entzminger started with the University Terrace project a little over ten years ago. When the city of Columbia took over this and the Allen Benedict Court, he was moved to the latter and has served as its manager.

The office said that the latter matter was in the hands of C. A. Johnson and others on an advisory committee, and that these were expected to report during the week.

HENDERSON TAKES CASE UP TO SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The lawsuit of Ethel Henderson against the Southern Railway company was appealed to the U. S. Supreme court.

The suit started back in 1942 when Henderson, then an employee for the Presidents Fair Employment Practices committee, was denied service on the diner while traveling between Atlanta and Washington.

Henderson claims that the two tables nearest the kitchen, which are normally set aside for colored passengers were occupied by white passengers when he went into the diner for service. He was told that he could not be served then as the colored section was already occupied. Although there were vacant tables in the other part of the dining car, Henderson was not permitted to use them.

Following instruction of the person in charge, Henderson left the dining car for awhile and returned later, expecting to find the same vacant tables vacant by that time, but on the contrary they were still occupied and were not vacated during the entire dinner hour.

"Consequently, the Negro passenger received no food at all, following his refusing to be served in the coach."

A complaint was filed with the Interstate Commerce commission in October, 1942. The ICC held that the railway's regulation was not a violation of the ICC act and dismissed the complaint on Sept. 5, 1947.

The case was appealed to the U. S. District court of Maryland in October, 1948, which upheld the dismissal of the complaint.

The Maryland Federal court held that the regulations of the railroad company did not set up any inequality or unjust discrimination and that segregation of interstate passengers is not forbidden providing there is no inequality of treatment of passengers.

Two Langston Students Test Oklahoma Law

Stillwater, Okla. — (ANP) The first attempt to break theilly white pattern at Oklahoma A and M college was made here last Wednesday when two Langston university students applied for entrance to the arts and science school and school of home economics.

Henry Floyd, 21, of Eufaula, seeks courses in political science. He is a junior at Langston. Jane Ellison, 19, Oklahoma City, wants to take textiles courses.

Their transcripts were accepted by Dean Herbert Patterson, the college's registrar, who said they would be checked in the usual manner. He added that the enrollment of Negroes would be preferred to Dr. Henry G. Bennett, president.

Statutes forbid the mixing of races in school. However, a special three judge federal court ruled

PREDICT THURMOND BATTLE WITH KLAN

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LOUIS QUILTS AS CHAMPION



Heavyweight champion Joe Louis, in the midst of numerous offers to defend his title in June, expectedly vacated the championship Monday, just before leaving Miami, Fla., for Nassau in the Bahamas to continue his exhibition tour.

Abe Green, National Boxing Association commissioner, is making the announcement, said the champion had taken the action under a plan which would pit Eszard, Charles of Cincinnati and Jersey Joe Walcott together in a June bout, the winner to battle either light heavyweight champ Gus Lesnevich or Lee Savold within 90 days.

Louis regretted his not losing the title the same way he came by it — in the ring, his letter to Greene said. Greene disclosed that the June and September bouts plan had the approval of the NBC and that Charles and Walcott had already signed contracts for the June match.

Insurance Company Gain \$100,232,136

ATLANTA, GA. — The Life Insurance Company, which has agency offices in 150 cities in 11 southern states, made a record-breaking gain of \$100,232,136 in life insurance in force during 1948, while increasing assets 23 per cent to \$39,043,658, J. N. McEachern, chairman of the Board, announced Monday.

Mr. McEachern said the company's annual report showed \$575,752,425 total life insurance in force, a 21 per cent gain over 1947 and the greatest increase in the company's 57 year history. A total of \$6,907,006 was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries during the year, which was an increase of \$372,392 over 1947. The company raised its policy reserves 30 per cent to \$23,660,265

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TO ADDRESS TEACHERS



Left to right are, Dr. George S. Mitchell, executive director of the Southern Regional Council;



Nelson C. Jackson, Southern Field Director of the National Urban League, and Dr. Channing H. Tobin, who will be among speakers at the 31st annual convention of South Carolina school teachers, meeting here March 24 - 25. Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Nelson appear Thursday night and Dr. Tobias delivers the keynote address Friday night.



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