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Sweatt to Attend School In North if He Loses Jim Crow School Case

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Herman Marion Sweatt, central figure of the "separate but equal" schools case now facing the U. S. Supreme court, told ANP reporters last week he will attend law school at a northern university if he loses his case.

"If I win," he told them, "I shall study for my law degree at the law school of the University of Texas."

His case is one of two big cases facing the high court today. The other is the Elmer Henderson case for equal service in interstate transportation.

The Sweatt case was argued before the Supreme court April 3. Sweatt, himself, 37, is here in Washington waiting to hear whether he will be allowed to pursue an education in his home state that already is offered to white citizens of his state.

Since 1946 Sweatt has been trying to enter the law school of the University of Texas, mainly

because no state Negro school offered an accredited law course. When he first applied for admission he was rejected because of his race.

To ward off a lawsuit the state in March, 1947, rented quarters for a hastily set up law school for Negroes in a basement in downtown Austin, and invited colored students to enter. The state leased the law school for six months but Sweatt refused to enter, and no one else applied. Since then Sweatt has been in court after court seeking a chance for an education in his home state.

Here in the capital Sweatt does not comment on what he thinks will be the outcome of his case, but he does talk about his future. He'll come north if he loses, if he wins his case he intends to attend but will stay south if he wins.

Sweatt is employed as a postal carrier in Houston, Tex. He became interested in law after he got what he considered a bad deal when he first passed his test for postal clerk but was given a job as a carrier instead.

In the second big case Elmer Henderson is seeking permission to eat freely without any discrimination while traveling on trains. His suit has been pending much longer than Sweatt's.

It dates back to May 17, 1942, when as a member of the federal Fair Employment Practices commission he could not get a table

Sunday School Lesson

Present-Day Application AMOS ATTACKS SOCIAL INJUSTICE

MEMORY SELECTION—Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate. Amos 5:15, RV.

By Frederick D. Jordan
Los Angeles, Calif.

The Pennsylvania courts decided that alcoholism is a self-inflicted injury. A man who had two insurance policies providing for a waiver of premiums and monthly payments in the event of disability, claimed these benefits. He was an alcoholic, unable to keep a job, and broken in health. The insurance company refused his claim, inasmuch as the policies stated that these benefits were not to be granted in the event of self-inflicted injury. The supreme court of the state ruled that alcoholism is indeed a self-inflicted injury. Man drinks because he desires, intends and wills to experience the effect, said the judge. If a sane man chooses to use destructive forces upon himself the law will not relieve him from his folly. The picture that Amos drew of self-indulgence and waste can be duplicated today. If the billions America spent last year for drink alone, could have been used to relieve distress, what a difference would be made in our country!

in the dining car on a train from Washington, D. C., to Birmingham. He could not even get served at the Jim Crow table hid by curtains.

Henderson's case now has one government agency fighting another in the final disposition of the case. The Supreme court has taken it as an appeal from a decision of the Interstate Commerce commission. Fighting for Henderson against the ICC which upholds the Jim Crow doctrine.

Is the justice department with Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath presenting a brief in person.

Probably the most active agent in both cases has been the NAACP which has taken the case for both men who have been fighting for years for their rights as citizens of this nation.



A stone pyramid at Fort Robinson, near Crawford, honors the memory of Crazy Horse, noted Oglala war chief and probably the greatest military genius of the Sioux confederacy.

Crazy Horse has always been a man of mystery. He remains an enigma, although his authoritative and beautifully-written biography by Nebraska's Mari Sandoz (*Crazy Horse: The Strange Man of the Oglalas*, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1942) does much to clear away the clouds of uncertainty surrounding his career.

The great chief, called Curly throughout much of his boyhood, was born on Rapid Creek in the Black Hills sometime in the early 1840s—we don't know the exact date. As a very young boy, he became aware of the irrepressible conflict between red man and white for control of the west. He saw Conquering Bear shot by soldiers sent out from Fort Laramie under Lieutenant Grattan to avenge the loss of a Mormon cow. He took part in battles with other tribes, and was given the name Crazy Horse for his heroism and achievement.

Young Crazy Horse took an active part in the campaigns of the famous Oglala chieftain, Red Cloud, against the forts erected to protect travelers on the Bozeman road, from Fort Laramie to Montana. These campaigns were so successful that in 1868 the United States agreed to close the road and remove the troops from the forts.

Crazy Horse refused to follow Red Cloud and others onto reser-

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ventions, and became a leader among the Sioux and Cheyennes who would not trade their old way of life for reservation status. They retreated into the hills from whence they conducted forays against the Crows and isolated parties of whites.

The final years of Crazy Horse's life were spent in leading the bitter last stand of the Indians against the whites. Gen. George Crook and a detachment of troops tried to bring him into the reservation early in 1876, but though they caught him unawares the best they could do was to capture the Indians' ponies—most of which were later recaptured. Again in June, Crook made another unsuccessful attempt to capture the young chief and his band.

Almost immediately after repulsing Crook, Crazy Horse and his band took part in the Battle of the Little Big Horn, in which Gen. George A. Custer's command of 212 men was annihilated.

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