



## NAACP Asks Railroad Policy Toward Negroes

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (ANP)—As a result of the experience of an Air Force Sergeant, the Philadelphia branch NAACP has asked the Pennsylvania railroad for a clear-cut statement on its policy of pullman accommodations for Negroes.

The soldier, Sgt. George W. Baker, of the 575th Air Police Squadron, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, charged that he was denied a lower berth to Detroit, when it was discovered he was a Negro, after the reservations had been confirmed by telephone.

Baker, enroute to his base after delivering a prisoner to Camp Kilmer, N. J., said when he appeared at North Philadelphia station, as advised, to pick up the ticket, the clerk offered him an upper berth instead. When he refused to accept the upper and insisted that the original commitment be fulfilled, military police were called and he was arrested.

In registering a complaint with W. P. Fogle, the railroad's passenger agent, Charles A. Shorter, executive secretary of the Philadelphia NAACP, called attention to the fact that there has been a number of similar instances reported by Negroes who made reservations by telephone.

The sergeant was released by the Military Police Monday after preferring charges against an MP he said struck him in the face while he was being held at MP headquarters.

## Court Upholds Action Opening Old Folks Home to Negroes

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (ANP)—The Warren Fiscal court last week killed an attempt to change its own ruling which opened the county's Home for the Aged to Negroes. The original court action was taken Aug. 8.

Magistrate W. P. Anderson,



## Kennedy Succeeds C. C. Spaulding As Ins. Co. President

William Jesse Kennedy Jr., 63, is the new president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., succeeding the late C. C. Spaulding who died recently at the age of 78.

Kennedy formerly served the company as vice president, secretary and member of the board of directors, and district manager. He has been with the company for some 36 years. A native of Georgia, Kennedy promises to carry out policies of the late Mr. Spaulding.—(ANP)

seeking to delay admission of Negroes, proposed a committee to study the possibility of building a jimcrow home for Negroes. The court voted 3-2 against such a group.

In the Aug. 8 action, the court declared that the county's policy is to admit all eligible persons to the home regardless of race, creed or color.

## Abolishes J.C. In Schools

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. — (ANP)—In a recent move, the local school board abolished segregation in the schools here and placed a Negro teacher, who had been teaching in the segregated schools, on the regular faculty.

According to the statutes of New Mexico, local school boards may "in the best interest of the school, segregate for the purpose of instruction, children of African descent." It has been reliably reported that a number of New Mexico cities have used this law for the establishment of segregated schools.

Lawrence Pigford, the newly appointed faculty member, holding a bachelor of arts and master's degree in mathematics from Colorado State college, Greeley, Colo., has been assigned classes in mathematics, map and drawing.

Pigford is the first Negro teacher ever to receive a regular appointment in the school system of New Mexico.

According to Supt. of schools Barney Caton, Negro pupils will be assigned to the regular grade school classes when they return to school in September.

## To Play With Husker Squad

Charles Bryant, a guard from South Omaha, high school, is one of 64 players Coach Bill Glassford has invited back to take part in the fall drills, which start Aug. 30, at the University of Nebraska. Bryant, a sophomore, played with the Freshman squad last year. The only Negro member of the training squad, Bryant is 19 years of age, stands 5-10 and weighs 180. Bryant was an All-State guard in his senior year at South Omaha high.

The University of Nebraska football teams have not had a Negro letter winner in more than 30 years.

## Johnson Elected Grand Elk Ruler

### N.C. College Award Ph.D. Degree

DURHAM, N. C. — (ANP)—North Carolina College, which for 14 years had offered courses leading to the master's degree, will inaugurate a program Sept. 17 with courses leading to the doctor of philosophy degree.

The graduate work at the college has the endorsement and support of the state board of education of North Carolina, the University of North Carolina and white educators generally in the state and South.

The board hopes the move will block the current program of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to have segregation in education in the South abolished.

Dr. William Watley Pearson, deal of the University of North Carolina's graduate division, has pledged the full resources of the university to help NCC get its new program started.

It was also announced that the University of North Carolina has granted a leave of absence to Dr. Arnold Kimsey King, professor of education at the university and associate dean of its graduate school, so that he may spend full time at NCC to supervise what it called the department in advanced studies in education at the Durham college.

Dr. Pearson and Dr. King will be assisted by 12 other educational authorities in Chapel Hill where the University of North Carolina is located in addition to several other educators already employed for graduate work at NCC.

Dr. Carson Ryan, former head of the department of education at the University of North Carolina, is scheduled to divide his time between NCC and the university during the winter and spring quarter, it was announced last week.

### 2 of Brazil's Albano Qu' Die

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL (ANP)—Two of the quintuplets born recently to a poor laborer and his wife died last week in the Maternity hospital here.

Death of the infant daughters came as a surprise to most people who had been told by hospital doctors that all members of the quintuplets were doing well. The five had been described as physically perfect, showing "good vitality" and with good chances of survival.

A nurse at the hospital said Maria Angela began losing weight and showed indications of becoming ill about 18 hours after birth. Staff doctors worked all night trying to save the infant, she said.

At the time of their birth, the girls were hailed as the third quintuplets to survive birth. The other two are the Diones and the Diligents, both white.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — (ANP)—In a hotly contested battle Robert Johnson of Philadelphia last week was elected by acclamation as grand exalted ruler of more than 500,000 Elks of the world. Johnson had served as temporary ruler since the death of the late J. Finley Wilson last February 19.

Johnson won the election after a heated floor fight which saw Herber Jones, a leading contender, withdraw from the race.

Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson of New York was elected grand daughter ruler. She was unopposed.

The campaign to fill the highest office in Elkdom was without a doubt the top business which faced the 53rd annual convention of the organization here. Other highlights of the meeting were the 6½ mile long parade and the grand ball.

Jones had many supporters, but as time went along it became apparent that his forces were not strong enough to defeat Johnson. Immediately after Jones' withdrawal and the election of Johnson, the two were soon on friendly terms. It appears certain that Jones will retain his position as national grand organizer.

This year's colorful parade attracted more than 200,000 spectators who lined the streets here to witness the long line of march which boasted sparkling uniforms and nearly 50 bands. Practically every state was represented in the parade which lasted some four hours. The traditional parade was held on Tuesday. Jersey Joe Walcott and one of his sons were among distinguished reviewers during the parade.

This year's recipient of the Elijah P. Lovejoy Gold Medal was Branch Rickey, the man accredited with breaking the color line in major league baseball.

Rickey accepted the award during an address at the convention Monday night. In a fiery speech he called on the U.S. congress to take a stand against prejudices practiced against minority groups in this country.

Mrs. Robert L. Vann, publisher of a weekly newspaper, addressed a joint session of the Elks Sunday afternoon. At that time, she suggested that a monument be erected to the late J. Finley Wilson, who reigned over Elkdom for some 25 years.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
In memory of my wife, Mrs. Brevy Miller, who left me one year ago September 9th, 1951. As I loved her so I miss her. In my memory she is forever near, Loved, remembered, thought of always, Sadly missed by,  
Husband, John Miller

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Rev. W. L. Monroe wishes to thank the members of his congregation and the many friends who visited him, sent cards and for the many other kindnesses during his recent illness.  
For Sale—8 foot refrigerator—boys' snowsuit size 5, very good condition—Call 2-1407.



**CARVER FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$8,800 FOR CANCER FIGHT**—The Carver Foundation of Tuskegee Institute received a boost when Robert Christenberry, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, presented a check for \$8,800 to Dr. C. B. Powell, editor and co-publisher of the Amsterdam News. The check came from the Damon Runyon fund and will help the foundation

carry on its fight against the dreaded cancer. Individuals and organizations from all over the country contribute to the Runyon Fund which has helped research in medical institutions without regard to race, creed or color. Dr. Powell is a physician and also a member of the boxing commission.—(ANP)