

NAACP CHECKS UP MAJOR VICTORY NETTING NEGRO TEACHERS \$45,000 INCREASE

OPINION MAY AFFECT THE WHOLE PAY SYSTEM IN SOUTH

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 30.—The Negro teachers in Anne Arundel county, Md., must be paid the same salaries as white teachers doing the same work, it was ruled here November 22 by Judge W. Calvin Chestnut of the United States district court. Judge Chestnut signed an injunction restraining the Anne Arundel county board of education from paying lower salaries to colored teachers than to whites.

The decision represented a victory for Walter Mills, 31, principal

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pal of a five-teacher school at Camp Parole, Md., plaintiff in the case, who sought to have the county board of education restrained from paying him a salary less than white principals of the same experience and doing the same work, solely on the ground of color. Mills' salary is \$1,050 per year, while white principals doing similar work receive \$1,800 per year.

The decision means that Negro teachers in Anne Arundel county will receive approximately \$45,000 more in their pay envelopes than they here heretofore. The total amount of the differential wage still existing in Maryland counties is more than \$400,000.

Mills' defense which was waged by Thurgood Marshall, William H. Hastie, Leon Ransom, and W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., attorneys for Advancement of Colored People, the National Association for the Maryland Teachers Association, which has backed the fight together with the NAACP and other organizations.

In issuing the injunction Judge Chestnut said: "As a result of consideration of this case I have reached the conclusion that the plaintiff is en-

itled to an injunction against the County Board of Education from discrimination in the fixing of his salary to the extent that it is based solely on race or color."

At the same time the court dismissed the cross complaints against the State Board of Education and others and separately against the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County.

In his decision Judge Chesnut made it clear that he was in no way passing upon the right of the county board of education to set a salary scale for individual teachers, but merely passing upon the right of an education board to discriminate solely on the basis of race, in the payment of such salaries. The decision continued in part:

"The Court is not determining what particular amounts of salaries must be paid in Anne Arundel County either to white or colored teachers individually, nor is the board in any way to be prohibited by the injunction in this case from exercising its judgment as to the respective amounts to be paid to individual teachers based on their individual qualifications, capacities and abilities. It is only enjoined from discrimination

in salaries on account of race or color."

The NAACP has already won more than \$100,000 in salary increases for Negro in nine Maryland counties, all of whose education boards equalized Negro and white teacher salary scales in settlements obtained without court action.

At least one member of the school board, George T. Cromwell expressed himself as being opposed to the salary discrimination.

Cromwell was quoted by a Baltimore paper as saying:

"Salary differences ought to be eliminated and will inevitably be eliminated. The practice of paying white teachers more than colored persons for doing the same type of work is absurd. It shows a lack of progress. I believe that each teacher should be paid whatever his services are worth regardless of his color. Meanwhile, I am doing all in my power to abolish these pay differences with a minimum if strain on the county's finances."

Whether the Anne Arundel County board of education would appeal the court's decision, was not disclosed. George Fox county superintendent, who was defendant in the case, was quoted as saying, after he learned of the decision:

"The question of expense for further litigation will be influential in the board's decision."

In a telegram sent to the Virginia State Teachers Association Thursday, November 23, Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP said: "What has been done in Maryland is an example of what can be done in every southern and border state where these inequalities exist."

The decision of Judge Chesnut was hailed by the NAACP as a victory of far-reaching significance in that it provides a standard of measurement for public employment and directs that salary scale may not be based upon race and color. Judge Chestnut's opinion is expected to affect not only the State of Maryland, but to have an important bearing upon the whole system of racial salary differentials now in force throughout the southern states having separate schools.

At the same time, the NAACP officers warn that there is grave danger that the association will have to curtail its activities for equalization because of lack of funds.

"The Public must know," said Walter White, NAACP secretary "that these legal campaigns are costly. The association has been assisted by the state teachers' associations in the states where legal action is being undertaken, but in order to secure the widest benefit of these decisions, the association must have the financial and moral support of the public at large.

"What is being done in Maryland can be done in other states if we secure the money to carry on."

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Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Story, Miss Story and Mr. Joe Tapley were honored guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wiley for Thanksgiving Dinner.

Mr. Sess Anderson entertained his sister, Mamie Anderson of Triplett, Mo., and his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Bourton and Mrs. Albridge of Omaha, Nebr. at the home of Mrs. Nora Parks at 1112 N. 22nd Street. Also Mrs. Ida Taylor of 1817 N. 23rd St. Mrs. Nora Parks's daughter.

After dinner all left for Des Moines, Iowa to have a dinner there. All returned home safe.

Mrs. Corine Hall of Spokane, Washington who spent two weeks visiting her brother Raymond P. Horne who died left for her home Sunday after the funeral.

The Friendly 12 Bridge club met at the residence of Mr. A. J. LeFall. The meeting was a business meeting which we appointed a menu committee for the dinner which we will have. After the

change of bridge was played. The award to Mr. E. Hilton, Mr. LaFall. A delicious repast was served by the host.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Tate gave a Thanksgiving dinner in the honor of the newly wed couple, Mr. and Mrs. Riland Melford. The table was beautifully decorated with candles in courses and the evening was spent with all kinds of games and music. Refreshments were served. The evening guest was Mrs. Mary Baltimore, Miss Johnette Coleman Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Goldstein, Miss Helen Bradshaw, Mr. Styrland Cannon, Mrs. Snoble Johnson, and Miss Lucella Hill.

The Girls' basket ball teams of St. Benedicts, and St. Bernards, met Friday evening in The Omaha Guide auditorium. The outcome of the game was St. Benedict's 30; St. Bernards 18, Naomi Garner made 20 points for the winners.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Green entertained with a delicious dinner November 23rd at her home, 2617 Burdette Street. Her guest was Mrs. Mamie Dameron; Mr. Alfred Green; Mr. Bob Dixon; Mrs. Georgia Peoples; Mrs. Ardelphia Watson; Miss Marie Ellington. Everyone reported a enjoyable evening.

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