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The Mitchell Case

We have on our desk the decision of the United States Supreme court in the now nationally famous Mitchell case.

The opinion of the court was delivered by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes in which he declared that Mr. Mitchell, being a citizen of the United States, had a right to travel when and where he desired, and when traveling as an interstate passenger must have equal accommodations in Pullman cars.

We commend Congressman Mitchell for his courage in fighting the case through the court of last resort. But we must not stop here. Other cases must be brought before the Supreme court until Mr. Justice Frankfurter's "area of sensitive social policy" is destroyed there.

We must be ever watchful, because "Congress has power to regulate traffic between the states, with Foreign Nations and the Indian Tribes".

The Act of Congress under which Mr. Mitchell sought and won relief permits segregation of the races in interstate commerce or travel, but provides that though separated, equal accommodations must be provided by transportation companies. The United States Supreme Court, therefore, says directly and simply, Congress can pass a valid law providing for racial segregation.

And all of this leads us to ask, CAN WE HAVE EQUAL AND AT THE SAME TIME SEPARATE ACCOMMODATIONS? BEWARE.

BOY SCOUT TROOP AT AK-SAR-BEN SCOUT SHOW

Boy Scout Troop 83, of South Omaha, Nebraska, performed a very good demonstration on health and safety at the Ak-sar-Ben Coliseum, Friday May 9, and Saturday, May 10 at the Boy Scout Circus.

The boys demonstrated how first aid should be given in a case of fire. The scene was a burning building. The presentation showed all the methods of treating the patients until the physician arrives. These methods were Boy Scout methods of course. The troop consisting of about 25 all-colored, was commended greatly of the procedure they have made this year.

The Scout Master of troop 83, Mr. C. A. Stewart and the Senior

Leaders, David Stewart, Donald Stewart, Arthur Davis and Henry Davis are very proud of their troop. All the active boy scout troops of Omaha, Nebraska contributed a performance at the coliseum Friday and Saturday.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE OMAHA GUIDE NOW—FOR IT WILL BE A BIGGER PAPER ON MAY 31st

From that date on, the Omaha Guide will be an eight page paper. Take the Guide now and give your subscription to the girl of your choice.

A year's subscription at \$2.00, gives a girl 10,000 votes; a 6 month's subscription at \$1.25 gives some girl 4,000 votes and a 3 months' subscription at 75c gives a girl 1,500 votes. The girl winning highest number

URBAN LEAGUE' FINANCIAL DRIVE BEGINS

Negroes To Get G. M. Skilled Jobs?

NAACP. CONFERENCE TO THROW SPOTLIGHT ON TEXAS WHITE PRIMARY CASE

ber of Popularity Votes wins 1st Prize of \$100 in Cash and will be "Miss Omaha Guide". In addition to receiving two other awards,

YOUTH CUT FOLLOWING ARGUMENT

Curtis "Buddy" Woods, 3212 Emmett Street is in a local hospital recovering from wounds he received when he was cut on the wrist and abdomen following an argument with

On Monday evening at about 7:45 p. m. when the two were arguing near 24th and Grant Sts., Sherman drew a knife and cut Woods on the wrist and abdomen. Woods' condition is reported as good although several stitches were required to close the wounds. Sherman was arrested on a charge of

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR EX-SERVICE MEN SUNDAY

All Ex-service men are requested to attend memorial day services Sunday, May 25th at the Paradise Baptist Church, 23rd and Clark Sts., Parade to form at American Legion 24th and Burdette at 10 a. m. Capt. Allen Allensworth camp No. 25, W. V. and Theo. Roosevelt Post No. 30 are sharing jointly the Memorial Day Services.

Houston, Texas.—The disfranchisement of Negro citizens in the South, and especially by means of the white primary, will be in the spotlight when the 32nd annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meet here June 24-29.

One of the two main speeches on the opening night of the conference, June 24, will deal with the franchise. The fact that the U. S. district court has decided against a Negro citizen who attacked the Texas white primary in the courts, has served only to sharpen public interest in the whole campaign. The case is being handled by NAACP attorneys, and will be appealed to the U. S. supreme court.

A heavy registration of delegates from southern states is expected to take part in a discussion of the white primary, the poll tax, and registration problems, to be held Wednesday morning, June 25.

Conference sessions will be held in Good Hope Baptist Church of which the Reverend A. A. Lucas is pastor. Mr. Lucas is also the president of the Houston branch of the NAACP, host to the conference, as well as the president of the Texas State Conference of Branches.

DETROIT, May 22 (by Robert A. Crump for ANP)—That Negroes might at long last get a chance of work as skilled artisans in General Motors plants on jobs heretofore denied them loomed over the past week as General Motors corporations sent letters and questionnaires to its 160,000 automobile employees telling there is a crying need for many skilled laborers on defense production in its plants amounting to \$750,000,000.

The letter implies that skilled men within the plants will be given preference before more men are hired. The letter says in part:—"Every possible facility of the corporation that is needed must be used buildings, tools, machines, etc. But the greater importance is the 'know how' of the trained personnel available for responsible positions. General Motors is fortunate in having so large a group of men with this practical training. "In order that we may have the complete facts as to men qualified and available for special work we are giving you an opportunity of filling out the attached questionnaire."

The questionnaire, which makes no designation as to race lists a great number of skilled jobs. Just how many colored men within the plants will be able to qualify for some of these jobs is, of course, is not known but the significant thing is that if the barriers are being let down it may offer a chance to those who are prepared for special work to break through when the corporation brings in skilled men from the outside.

BELL AIR CRAFT HIRES 14 NEGRO'S

Washington, May 22 (ANP)—From the office of OPM comes the announcement that the Bell Aircraft factory of Niagara Falls, N. Y., has engaged 14 Negroes the first to be hired, in the fabricating division of their plant and has opened its training school for Negroes.

The Curtis Wright Aerplane company of Buffalo also opened its training school to Negroes with seven admitted to a specialized course and four workers employed in the factory. Already the company reports it has in its employ one Negro engineer and only Saturday employed another colored engineer.

The Cheney Silk Company, manufacturers of parachutes at Hartford, Conn., has employed a number of colored girls in its factory and plans further use of additional colored help.

Out in Kansas City, the OPM reports that the Lake City Auditorium company, which is building a huge plant, has taken on Negro bricklayers and plans to use some 50 in the construction of their huge building. This is the third A. F. of L. union that has been entered in this area where heretofore Negroes were not wanted nor used and within a short time it is expected that the painters union will also give employment to many workers in that region.

RESIDENT OF OMAHA MANY YEARS DIES SUDDENLY

Miss Anna E. Logan, 2609 N. 22nd Street, resident of Omaha for many years, died suddenly at noon May 20th, the result of heart failure. The body is at the Myers Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

Editor Sent To Prison Farm for Protesting Judges' Use of Word 'NIGGER'

Jacksonville, Fla., May 22 (ANP) A local newspaper editor was railroaded to the "Blue Jay" city prison farm here, Tuesday on trumped up charges of operating a news paper without a city license and contempt of court.

Arrested, jailed, tried in municipal court before Judge I. Muncy Anderson, fined \$100 cash and sent to the city prison farm all within a period of a half hour was Spike Washington, who for the past seven months has served as managing editor of the Florida Press, local weekly newspaper publication and member of the Scott Newspaper syndicate of Atlanta, one of the most militant, progressive and outspoken papers ever to be circulated in this city.

Two weeks ago the Florida Press published an editorial urging in it that the prevalent use of "nigger" by police officers, white witnesses and others in municipal court be discontinued. The story stated that the court had no dignity and urged the judge elect, Charles Miller, who defeated Judge Anderson, in the recent April primary election, to discontinue the procedure when he takes over the bench on June 21.

Judge Anderson and the municipal license inspector, J. Ray Permenter, were furnished copies of the Press in which the editorial appeared and immediately Washington was sought to appear in court. He was finally reached by telephone and ordered to court on Saturday of last week. He refused Tuesday morning two police officers were sent for Washington. He was taken to jail in the "Black Maria", the patrol wagon and appeared before Judge Anderson and Mr. Permenter with his counsel who was hurriedly summoned to court. Court for the day had adjourned but the Judge held a special session for the sentencing of this young journalist.

While counsel was arranging to pay the \$100, Washington was hurried to the "Blue Jay", where he donned the prison garb, consisting of a ragged pair of blue overalls, an overall jumper with many rags hanging from it and shoes several sizes too small for the prisoner.

Washington was arrested at 10 o'clock in the morning, without a warrant, embarrassed and humiliated because he dared to write the truth about a court which has little respect for the colored citizenry here.

The editorial which resulted in this action follows: LET'S DISCARD NIGGER JUDGE—

"There are certain courtesies and respects due even to dogs and cats. Most of you will agree with this. Since you do, you will further agree that there are many not given that are due human beings.

"Colored people are human beings if our physiology is correct. If our dictionary is correct colored persons are human beings. Then why shouldn't they be treated like human beings in our local municipal court?"

"There are certain things judges of courts may do. He sets a program by which his court is run. There are certain expressions he asks officers and witnesses to refrain from using. His request are granted usually.

"Often we have heard the word 'Nigger' used in courts of our city, mainly municipal court, when reference is made to members of our race. Judges in these courts have permitted the practice until the word is now a by word of that court.

"Like a Boy Scout—the first act of our new young forward moving and progressive judge, the Hon. Charles Miller, should be the discarding forever and ever of the use of 'Nigger' in his court. At least we hope he does."

to Mr. Hanger, general chairman of the drive, by the captains. He reported that one gift of \$50.00 from a "friend" of the Urban League has given great impetus to the drive. A more complete report of the captains will be turned in Monday night after they have had more time to contact people. Thereafter, each day daily reports will be made by the captains.

Letters went out to all of the ministers urging them and their congregations to support this effort. It was explained that the churches would not be asked as a church but that individuals would probably be contacted by the captains and workers. The ministers were also urged to lend their moral support to the efforts of this welfare agency.

Queen of the Relays



Miss Lillian Spurlock of Peoria, Illinois who was chosen "Miss Mid-West", to reign over the Mid-West Conference Track Meet held at Lin

coln University, May 16-17. Miss Spurlock, a junior majoring in English, who spent one year at the University of Illinois, is a stu-

dent assistant in the English Department. Her attendants were: Misses Lucille Wesley, junior, Finleyville, Pa., and Frieda Roye,

senior, Kansas City, Missouri.