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NORTH CAROLINA FACTIONS UNITING BEHIND PROGRAM

High Point, N.C.—Despite the propaganda spread daily by white newspapers seeking to frighten, divide and discourage North Carolina colored people, North Carolinians of all factions are uniting behind the militant program outlined by the N. A. A. C. P.

The latest evidence is found in a meeting of educators called recently in Durham by Dr. J. E. Shepard and others who are regarded as conservatives. This conference did not mention the N. A. A. C. P. or its program by name, but adopted a strong statement embodying most of the N. A. A. C. P. philosophy. The statement condemned mob violence and lynching, scored the barring of Negroes from jury services, calling such trials "travesties," hit disfranchisement of Negro voters, condemned the low wage scale for Negro teachers, saying they were reduced "to the level of janitors," and called for "scrupulous observance of the law as it is written."

The statement recommends a fair salary scale for teachers, protection for Negro workers not included under the codes, equal pay for equal work, regardless of color, and registering and voting by colored citizens. It calls upon the North Carolina Teachers' Association "to be strong in the protection of the rights of teachers and to take every forward step possible." It calls upon the colored people of the state "to be vigilant in the safeguarding of their rights guaranteed under the law."

The only difference between this program and that of the N. A. A. C. P. is that the conference urges "appeal to the fairness of the white people and the state officials" whereas the N. A. A. C. P. believes in resorting to the courts where officials fail to respond to appeals. The Durham conference carefully avoids mentioning court action, saying simply that if appeals fail, "other methods will have to be tried."

Observers in the state are convinced that with a few "Uncle Tom" exceptions, all North Carolinians de-

Wins High Appointment

ATTIE HASTIE IS NAMED
ASSISTANT SOLICITOR IN
UNITED STATES INTERIOR DEPT.

Washington, D.C.—For the first time a colored man has been appointed to the position of Assistant Solicitor in the Department of the Interior. The recipient of this atest democratic honor is William H. Hastie, attorney of Washington and member of the faculty of the Howard Law School. Mr. Hastie was appointed Thursday and immediately started to work.

Mr. Hastie was born in Knoxville, Tenn., but has lived in Washington since 1916. He is a graduate of Dunbar high school, Washington, Amherst college and Harvard Law school. He taught at Bordentown Industrial school 1925-27 and has been a member of the faculty of the Howard Law School since 1930. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1931 and in 1933 received the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science from Harvard university, being the second colored man to receive this highest degree from the Harvard Law School.

Share the program of the N. A. A. C. P. carried out. Many timid souls who do not dare come out in the open for fear of the "good white folks" are secretly cheering on the N. A. A. C. P.

Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, regional field secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., who is now touring the state organizing membership campaigns has met with most enthusiastic response in High Point, Charlotte and Winston-Salem. She will visit every branch in the state, remaining here until the Christmas holidays. Several cities have set 1,000 members as their goal. The activity of the bulk of the colored people indicates that the "boogey man" news stories in the Raleigh and Greensboro dailies are falling on deaf ears. A news bureau in Raleigh is sending stories to a string of North Carolina dailies trying to frighten colored people away from the N. A. A. C. P., but the effect has just been the opposite. Most colored people learned long ago that the things which white people don't want them to have are generally good for them.

SLOWLY OPENING BOULDER DAM

Las Vegas.—Under the pressure of the Department of the Interior, jobs for colored men at Boulder dam are slowly opening up. Secretary Harold Ickes and his assistants have assured local colored people that opportunities are being made for them.

In a letter to the contracting companies here recently Secretary Ickes stated there must be no discrimination against applicants for employment because of race or color.

Steps are being taken by the Interior department to open up Boulder City to colored residents. Up to this time Negroes have not been allowed to live in this government owned and government built town near the dam.

At the present time there are accommodations for transients here provided by the Federal Transient Relief Bureau so that colored workers who do come here looking for work will have a place to stay until they are employed. The number of qualified colored workers who could be employed on the dam is very low here now and the government thus has a good excuse to say it is not employing Negroes because no good colored workers are here.

Leland S. Hawkins, president of the San Francisco branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was here last week on an investigation trip looking to increase opportunities for colored workers on the dam. The N. A. A. C. P. and the National Bar Association which Mr. Hawkins also represents, have been working for two years to secure a fair share of the jobs on the huge dam for Negro workers.

Chauffeur Gets \$5000

William Edwards, 50 years old of 2522 Belleglade avenue, was left a bequest of \$5,000.00 in the will of Mrs. Carline Lulu Peters, widow of the late Henry Peters, filed in the probate court at Clayton, Wednesday. Mr. Peters was a dry goods merchant. Mrs. Peters left specific bequests totalling \$500,000. Edwards has been in her service for a long time.

DEFENSE LAWYERS AFTER EVIDENCE

Washington.—Investigators were off from here this week to dig into new facts about George Crawford's stay in Boston, Mass. It was in Boston that Crawford was arrested and there that the bitter fight against extradition was staged through the courts by lawyers working for the Boston branch of the N. A. A. C. P. and the national office in New York.

Charles H. Houston, chief defense counsel, is seeking more light on Crawford's stay in the north. Mr. Houston has not yet indicated just what line of defense he and his associates will pursue when the trial is called December 12. Meanwhile the N. A. A. C. P. which is financing the case, is receiving congratulations upon the selection of all-Negro counsel. One man writes from California that the work of Mr. Houston is sure to be "brave, scholarly and dignified" and will show that Negro lawyers are fully capable of trying these difficult cases, even in the South.

A mass meeting here Sunday night at which Mr. Houston and Walter White spoke raised \$100 for the Crawford fund. Mr. White stated the N. A. A. C. P. was "far behind" with the expenses in the case, despite the free service of attorneys, and urged contributors to send funds to the national office, 69 Fifth avenue. Because of the sensational angles in the case, large funds are needed for investigation and for prompt action by attorneys in emergencies.

White Farmer Is Sentenced

Sumpter, S.C.—Joseph Wells, 55-year-old white man, was convicted of assault with intent to criminally assault a 9-year-old colored girl in General Sessions court here Wednesday. The jury recommended mercy for the white man and Judge M. M. Mann sentenced him to 40 years in the penitentiary, which sounds bad but which is a merciful sentence when it is realized that Negroes, accused but not convicted, of the same crime against white women, are summarily murdered by mobs.