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## N.A.A.C.P. WINS WHITE PRIMARY CASE EASILY

(Special Extra)

New York, March 8.—The United States Supreme Court yesterday, by unanimous decision sustained the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its contention that the State of Texas had exceeded its rights in barring colored voters from the Democratic party primaries in that state. In a sensational decision, read by Mr. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Supreme Court declared the Texas law of 1923 unconstitutional thereby crowning the fight carried through all the lower courts by the N. A. A. C. P.

The Supreme Court, in its decision declared that "it seems to us hard to imagine a more direct and obvious infringement of the 14th amendment" than is contained in the Texas law. The Supreme Court, in its decision also quoted from the Louisville segregation case won by the N. A. A. C. P. in 1917, the quotation being as follows:

"That amendment (the 14th) not only gave citizenship and the privilege of citizenship to persons of color, but it denied to any state the power to withhold from them the equal protection of the laws. What is this but declaring that the law in the states shall be the same for the blacks as for the whites; that all persons whether colored or white shall stand equal before the laws of the states and, in regard to the colored race, for whose protection the amendment was primarily designed, that no discrimination shall be made against them by law because of their color."

"The State of Texas in the teeth of the prohibitions referred to assumed to forbid Negroes to take part in a primary election the importance of which we have indicated, discriminating against them by the distinction of color alone. States may do a good deal of classifying that it is difficult to believe rational, but there are limits, and it is too clear for extended argument that color cannot be made the basis of a statutory classification affecting the right set

## Why The Editor Smiles!



They are Leverage M. and D. Ross Jenkins, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins of London, Ont.

up in this case."

James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., hailed the decision and victory as one of the most important won for the Negro since the adoption of the Civil War amendments.

"This decision will have a far-reaching effect on the petrified South," declared Mr. Johnson. "It justifies the energy and the money that has been expended in carrying this case through the court of Texas and the lower federal court to the highest tribunal in the land. It is furthermore a justification of the generosity and sacrifice of those who backed up the appeal of the N. A. A. C. P. for an adequate legal defense fund."

"The Supreme Court's decision is a rebuke to the persistent violation of the 14th and 15th amendments in the Southern states. Furthermore, it establishes that the primaries are part of the general election system and as such, subject to federal control. This is a case profoundly affecting not only the political and civic status of the Negro but many other great political issues as well. Negroes may well be proud to have been instrumental in obtaining a definite decision on this issue which lawyers have been vainly putting up to the supreme court for decades."

"Especially ought the membership

## William Martin Well Known Horseman Dead

Special to The Dawn.

Chatham, Ont., March 9.—Mr. William Martin, well known veterinary and race horse owner died here this morning at 8.30 o'clock. Mr. Martin had been ill with influenza for a few days when congestion of the lungs set in, this being the immediate cause of death. He is survived by his widow, one son Donald, his mother and two brothers. Funeral services will be held next Friday afternoon from the family residence, Campbell St.

and friends of the N. A. A. C. P. be grateful for the magnificent work done by the national president, Mr. Doorefield Storey, as well as by Mr. Louis Marshall member of the legal committee and of the board of directors and by Mr. Arthur B. Springarn vice-president of the association and chairman of the legal committee. These gentlemen have given of their time without stint and without any compensation whatever and the reply brief they framed to the contentions put forth by the State of Texas is a masterpiece of close reasoning and clear exposition."

## LATEST CENSUS COLORED PEOPLE OF LONDON, ONT.

There having been no census taken of the colored people within the last seventeen years it was decided at a recent meeting of the C. L. A. C. P. to undertake the task ourselves. I therefore have completed the census of our people in the city of London which gives the following results. It will be seen that while comparatively few in number, still as to property owners and in other lines of endeavor, we compare very favorably with other races. There are among our youth 31 males and 40 females. Unmarried adults—males 43, females 48. There are 54 families owning their homes and 27 families who are tenants. This means, of course, that 66 2-3 per cent of our people own their homes. We have only 7 persons in charitable institutions which speaks well for our people.

We have two churches, the B. M. E., of which Rev. Thos. Woodcock is pastor, and the Hill street Baptist church. Mr. Gibson has charge of the services at this latter church.

Rev. S. R. Drake, general superintendent of the B. M. E. connection resides in our city. Mention should also be made of a number of railroad men (our floating population) which averages around 25.

The general result of our census is as follows:

Infants	18
School children	53
Male adults	94
Female adults	106

Total	271
Single male adults of marriageable age, 43.	
Single female adults of marriageable age, 48.	
Home owning families, 54.	
Tenant families, 27.	
Male children, 31.	
Female children, 40.	

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Pres. local unit of C.L.A.C.P.

## Mr. E. Moxley Dies

News of the death of Mr. Ed. Moxley has just reached this office. Mr. Moxley passed away last Tuesday evening at Victoria hospital after a very lengthy illness. Funeral arrangements have not been completed at present.