

THE DAWN OF TOMORROW

COURT GRANTS NEW TRIAL TO RAPE CHARGE VICTIM

Austin, Texas, May 7.—The 99-year old John Taft Roseborough of Brownwood, convicted for the alleged rape of a white woman, was reversed here last week by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The decision was reversed on the grounds that the trial court, the District Court of Brown County, erred in refusing to let Roseborough testify concerning a 7-hour inquisition he was subjected to by a bondsman who encourage the boy to sign a "house-peeping" confession with the promise of getting him out of trouble.

Roseborough was first arrested in San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 14, 1951, on suspicion of "house-peeping." He was held in jail four days before any official charge was made against him. He was then charged with raping Mrs. Dorothy Bartlett who testified that she had been attacked two months before in her home by a Negro she could neither identify nor describe.

During the trial not one shred of evidence was produced to connect the youth with the alleged crime, yet an all-white jury found him guilty and he was sentenced to 99 years.

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NAACP MOURNS DEATH OF ROBERT F. WAGNER

NEW YORK, May 7.—In the death of former Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York 'the nation lost "one of the truly great Americans of the Twentieth Century." Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said in a telegram of condolence to the son of the late champion of civil rights.

Mr. Wagner died on May 4 after a long illness. After representing New York in the United States Senate for almost 23 years he retired in 1949 because of illness. In the Senate he sponsored and worked for enactment of anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and other civil rights legislation as well as for labor and welfare measures.

"To him more than to any other person of our time is due credit for the fact that there were no lynchings last year," Mr. White said, "Although he was never able to get past a senate filibuster in enactment of the anti-lynching bill, he championed, the focusing of public attention on the evil by his fight for such legislation awoke America to the dangers of mob violence. . . . We of the NAACP mourn his loss."

LONDON NOTES

Sunday, June 14th was children's day at Batheman Church. Deaconess S. Johnson presided. Rectations were given by the Clinton children followed by an address: Honour Thy Father and Mother. Guest soloist for the evening was Mrs. M. McGeoch, who sang 'The Garden'. Miss Langford from the Women's Breakfast Club read a story to the children; Miss Tomlinson from the Breakfast Club offered prizes to the children attending Sunday School 13 Sunday without missing. The grand children of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson were taken to the altar for baptism by their mother Lillian. Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs. D. Milton and Mrs. E. Moxley assisted as godmothers. Two presentations were given to Garry Anderson and Douglas Johnson, 4, who graduated from the Cradle Roll.

Mrs. M. Booker from Appin is in Victoria Hospital undergoing an operation on her eyes.

Rev. C. Johnson is in St. Joseph's Hospital. Due to his illness he had to have a toe amputated.

Mr. W. Fountaine is home from the hospital and able to be about.

Mrs. S. Johnston is visiting with her sister in Philadelphia during her vacation.

Mr. Frank Howson has returned to work after two weeks' illness at home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Booker spent a few days visiting friends and relatives in Detroit and Pontiac, Mich.

Mr. Wm. Hunter is able to be about after a lengthy illness.

Don't forget to come to the annual Community Family Club Picnic on Civic Holiday at Springbank Park, London. There will be races for all, ice cream, candy and prizes for the largest family; so bring along your children. Ball game will wind up the day. Also prizes for the oldest and youngest. Don't forget the date, Monday, August 3rd at Springbank Park, London, Ont.

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