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Henry Convicted In JP Court

Rev. R. L. T. Smith Reports On Trip East



REV. R. L. T. SMITH

In a report on his trip through Massachusetts, New York and Washington, D. C., the Rev. R. L. T. Smith, candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Mississippi, expressed his gratitude for the warm reception given him by the faculty and student body of Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts and the officials he met while in Washington.

In a telephone conversation with his office on Tuesday morning, Rev. Smith reported that he had attended the Democratic Rally in Madison Square Garden in New York on Wednesday night, March 7. He also spoke for thirty (30) minutes before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Monday, March 12, concerning the need for abolishment of the literacy tests and poll tax as pre-requisites to voting. His speech proceeded that of Senator Hubert Humphreys, the Democratic 'Whip'.

Another highlight of Rev. Smith's trip will be a luncheon with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on Saturday, March 17.



THE FIRST JUNIOR LIFE MEMBERS OF NAACP for Mississippi gives their checks to Jackie Robinson, former baseball player, and Archie Moore, light heavy-weight champion. Seated on their mothers' knees from left to right little Thirskield Craven, Mrs. Ellen Smith Craven, Miss Shelia Smith, and mother, Mrs. A. K. Smith. Standing left to right, receiving the checks are Jackie Robinson and Archie Moore.

Appeals To Higher Court Set For May

Aaron Henry, Clarksdale drugist and president of the Mississippi Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was convicted Wednesday in justice of the peace court for sexual and obscene advances on a white teenage hitchhiker.

The Mississippi Negro leader was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail by Justice of the Peace V. E. Rowe. Henry posted \$1,000 appeal bond.

Attorney Robert L. Carter of New York, Negro general counsel for the NAACP and R. Jess Brown of Vicksburg were defense attorneys. Mr. Carter said he refused to put witnesses on the stand because it wasn't in a court of record. "Besides it wouldn't have mattered," he added.

Sterling Lee Elliott, 18-year-old white youth of Memphis, Tenn. was the alleged victim and the state's star witness. Elliott claimed Henry "talked about my sexual life and patted my leg." Elliott said the advances occurred on March 3 as he was riding in Henry's car between Clarksdale and Shelby. He said he was hitchhiking from Memphis to Cleveland, where he had planned to visit a friend.

Henry has filed a complaint with the U. S. Department of Justice charging violation of civil rights.

"This is a diabolical plot by the Coshoma County Attorney T. H. Pearson and Clarksdale Chief of police Ben Collins to discredit me, the NAACP and the Negro freedom movement," Henry said.

The case is now on appeal to Bolivar County court which is to be held during the second week in May.

NAACP Sponsors Effort To Integrate Jackson Parks and Libraries; 3-Judge Panel Presided

On March 12th the NAACP sponsored another effort to integrate Jackson parks and libraries.

The three-judge panel presiding for the injunctions were namely: Judge Richard T. Rivers, Montgomery, Ala., Judge John R. Brown, Houston, Texas, and Judge Sidney C. Mize, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The question of jurisdiction by a three-judge panel remains to be decided in the issue if the evidences are used to their fullest extent and injunction shall be issued.

Attorney Robert Carter of New York, defending the NAACP, argued that the charges

were "Breach of the Peace", which he considered not pertaining to the demonstrators activities. When attorney Carter questioned the Chief of police W. D. Rayfield, concerning the "Breach of the Peace" law, not even he could give a sensible definition for the law. When asked what would his officers do in case the demonstrations happen again, he didn't answer that either. I wonder what is the Chiefs' job.

Representing the city, Tom Watkins, based his argument on several things which had no value to the case. He primarily argued why all the demonstrators participated in their activities

during the time of the Freedom Riders invasion. He stated that it was all planned to create trouble.

When Attorney Robert Carter questioned Frances French, acting librarian at the Municipal Library, when the nine Tougaloo College students entered the library, she indicated that the students were not doing anything wrong, but that she suggested that they go to Carver or College Park Libraries and then called the police.

Miss Vivien Romans, the librarian at Carver indicated that the students had been there, but she did not have the material that they wanted.

The suit seeking to enjoin the city from enforcing segregation in these areas was filed last January 13.

Attend Church Sunday

Idle Hour Junior Club Gives Party

The Idle Hour Junior Club of Jackson gave a Lemon Squeeze Party March 9th at the Flamingo Club on Whitfield Mills Road.

The party was given to raise money for charity funds.

Beside a Lemon Squeeze, there were different games played such as Bingo, and also dancing, and illustrations of new crave called the "twist."

The members of the club are as follows: Mrs. Mary Cox, president; Mrs. Emma Lee Moore, vice president; Mrs. Jean Wells, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Thomas, secretary; Mrs. Vernell Gardner, Chaplain.

Other members are: Mrs. Besse Ammonson, Mrs. Annie Lee Pickett.

Reasons Why Negro Citizens Should Vote

By REV. R. L. T. SMITH

There have been some questions propounded by citizens who apparently were honestly concerned. The questions were related to Negro citizens here in the State of Mississippi. We make no pretense of having all of the answers. My attempt to answer some of them here is directed toward citizens who have mature minds.

Question: Is the Negro ready for the ballot?

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Smith, Miss Vanelle Geeson, Mrs. Fannie Stinley, and Mrs. Pickett.

New Jersey Governor

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to do it — and also the fact that I was taken to the city jail and was met and interro-

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The Auction Of Youth

Many figures of speech have been used to describe life. One epic writer endeavored to describe it when he wrote that "Life is a play, the world is the stage, and we are the actors, playing parts that have been written for us."

From this, one can only envision that life is a cruel task-master, demanding much, giving little.

Let us, however, consider life in a different light. We know that God created man in his own image. This likeness is taken to be that man has the right to choose between right or wrong.

We can now imagine that life is about to preside over an auction at which youth will sell itself.

Sooner or later every young person places themselves on the block to await the offers of bidders. The bidders, although well known in pagentry and song, are too often not recognized for what they really are in the experiences of every day choices.

As youth stands on the block, life admonishes him to fear not, be not afraid for youth will not be sold as a slave. You are to consider the bids and from your evaluation of which is highest and best choose who your master will be.

Nearby there is someone whom you have confidence in and love. They are able and willing to give advice.

The bidders have arrived, they are fame, fortune, pleasure and truth or Christ if you please.

Pleasure what is your bid?

I offer unto youth a life free from care and worry that he might seek joy and culture in various manners and divers places. A life of only temporary happiness.

Fame says to youth that it is within her power to make the name of youth as a house-hold word as well as Shakespeare, Gable or Kennedy, or as unknown and unwanted as the image drunk!

Fortune goes to great length to point a fabulous picture of untold wealth. He tells youth that he can make him richer than the richest king. Where there is money there is power, power to lift you above the masses that you might enjoy the beauty of Rome, the intrigue of Algiers or the calm quiet of Ireland.

Truth steps forward. Here can be seen a sincerest and serenity that was not present in the previous bidders.

In this world, I can only offer you a life that at first glance seems to be one of self sacrifice and self denial, but this is the full life, this is the blessed life.

Pleasure has offered you a life that is shallow and without purpose. An idle life. I say unto you that an idle soul shall suffer hunger. Even the idle words that men speak shall be given in account of in the judgment.

Fame has offered unto you a personality that will be known throughout the world. I say unto you of what use is a tree that bears not good fruit. A good name is to be desired rather than fame!

Fortune has offered you treasure beyond your wildest dreams. I say unto you lay not up for yourselves treasure upon Earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

Treasure of wickedness profiteth naught!

I offer unto you "Faith, Hope, Charity! Faith is God. Hope is immortality. Charity toward all man-kind.

Be wise my children!

What will be your Choice?

JAMES BROWN

Girl Scouts Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary Sunday, March 11th

The Girl Scouts of Mississippi held their annual 50th Anniversary, Sunday, March 11.

Participating were over 800 Brownies and Girl Scouts in uniform, and also adults of Southwest Jackson.

The program consisted of various activities:

Dianne Davis, of Jackson carried the American Flag and Tanya Britton, of Jackson carried the Girl Scout Flag for the occasion.

The speaking choir from Brinkley High School of Jackson, was also a great feature on the program.

The Singing Senior Troop of Holly Ghost High, rang through the hearts of many. The pianist was Miss Yvonne Jones.

All Brownies were from Mary Jones Elementary School, Tyler-town, McComb and Yazoo City.

Master of ceremonies was Mrs. Connie Davis of Jackson.

And speaking for Mrs. Juliette Gordon Lowe, the founder of Girl Scouts, was Mrs. Moman of Tougaloo. Mrs. Moman told of the creation and history of Girl Scouts, starting March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Ga. also that the idea arrived from the Boy Scouts of England.

Letter To Editor

Dear Friend of Scouting:

According to the latest statistics Juvenile Delinquency has increased in the United States 100% in the past year. As a result of this the President of the United States has inaugurated a youth program with steps designed to counteract this problem. One step is placing the Boy Scouts of America in the spotlight.

The Boy Scouts of America is, as we know, an organization which trains for Citizenship by inculcating in the boy, from within instead of from without, the qualities of Character-Health and Strength-handcraft and Skill and Service to others.

Therefore, I beg of you businessmen, school teachers, division leaders, civic organizations and friends to help in our all-out effort to place some three-hundred boys in camp in June. This plea is necessary because of the large number of boys already in the Scouting program whose parents are unable financially to send them to camp.

The cost of sending one boy to camp is Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00). This, of course, will entitle him to registration and one full year of Boys Life Magazine. You are aware that all donations to the organization are tax deductible.

Please make all checks and money orders payable to the Boy Scouts of America and mail them to Sam M. Baker, Chairman of Camping and Activities Committee, Post Office Box 9181, Jackson3, Mississippi.

It would be greatly appreciated if these donations could be received by April 1st which would aid us in setting up our camping program. Be reminded each boy will be in camp for

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4. What is your occupation?
5. Where is your business carried on?
6. By whom are you employed?
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8. For how long have you resided in Mississippi?
9. Where is your place of residence in the district?
10. Specify the date when such residence began:
11. State your prior place of residence, if any:
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15. If your answer to Question 14 is "Yes", name the crime or crimes of which you have been convicted, and the date and place of such conviction or convictions:
16. Are you a minister of the gospel in charge of an organized church, or the wife of such a minister?
17. If your answer to Question 16 is "Yes", state the length of your residence in the election district:
18. Write and copy in the space below, Section of the Constitution of Mississippi:
19. Write in the space below a reasonable interpretation (the meaning) of the section of the Constitution of Mississippi which you have just copied:
20. Write in the space below a statement setting forth your understanding of the duties and obligations of citizenship under a constitutional form of government.
21. Sign and attach hereto the oath or affirmation named in Question 12.

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Mr. Sam M. Baker, Chairman, Camping and Activities Committee

Any man's greatest claim to worthiness lies in his ability to exercise character. If to defend a principle it becomes necessary to abandon the dictates of character common sense should tell us that said principle is unworthy of our support.

Attend Church Sunday!

NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins Pays Tribute To Shuttleworth And Phifer

Birmingham, Alabama — In his first public appearance in Alabama — except as a witness in court — since 1956, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins paid tribute to two of this state's leading Freedom Fighters, Rev. F. L. Shuttleworth and Rev. J. S. Phifer, at a huge rally Thursday night (March 8) celebrating their release from imprisonment because of their role in anti-segregation efforts.

These clergymen, Mr. Wilkins said, "fought the system that has kept their people in bondage and in humiliation. They fought in spite of threats and beatings and bombs. They have persisted in the face of derision and insult from elements in the white community who should, and do, know better."

The NAACP is still barred from Alabama by an injunction granted by a local judge in Montgomery. The original restraining order was issued in 1956. After three appeals to the U. S. Supreme Court, Alabama heard the case on its merits last December and re-affirmed the 1956 temporary injunction by making it permanent. The case is again being appealed.

Nevertheless, Mr. Wilkins warned the state that the time is up for racial segregation and other forms of discrimination.

"The time is up for denial of the right to vote, for trickery, and intimidation when one tries to register and vote," he said.

"The time is up for exclusion from the rights, the benefits and the quality of citizenship."

"The time is up for the whole segregated pattern of life — public schools, public recreation, public transportation, housing,

and employment."

Police treatment of Negroes in Birmingham, under Commissioner Eugene Connor, "has no equal among American cities, North or South, in Mississippi, or out of it. Even Sheriff Willis McCall of Lake County, Florida, has to take a back seat to the Birmingham police department," Mr. Wilkins said.

Mayor Of Bronzeville Candidate Sponsors Dance March 9th

Bruce Payne, Candidate for Mayor of Bronzeville, sponsored a dance given at the Elks Rest, Friday, March 9, 1962.

There were two of Jackson's most outstanding bands who played at this benefit affair, which were the Blue Notes and The Down Beats.

Also on program was the well known singing group of Jackson, Mississippi, The Carvettes, with their recording of "A Lovers Prayer," and their sister dancing group, the Carretts, dancing "The Cha Cha in Blue."

The most outstanding moment of the evening was this crave that everyone, young and old, does, the twist contest, which ended in a tie, between two lovely young ladies of Jackson, Mississippi.

At this time Bruce Payne would like to thank all of those who made this affair a marvelous success. Bruce Payne, candidate for Mayor of Bronzeville, who's funds go for building our Farish Street YMCA.

Jackson State News

STATE-WIDE SONG FESTIVAL WAS HELD HERE FRIDAY, MARCH 16th

The Twenty-First Annual State-Wide Song Festival was held at Jackson State College, Friday, March 16th, according to an announcement by Mrs. Emma G. Robertson, Director of Song Festival Activities.

Registration of choirs began at 8:00 a. m. in the College Park Auditorium Lobby. At 9:30 a. m. the All-State Choir held a rehearsal. A meeting of Choral Directors, scheduled for 10:45 a. m., voice and piano competitions, and band auditions began at 11:30 a. m. High School seniors who wish to apply for piano, voice or band scholarships may audition during this time.

Lunch was scheduled for 12:30 p. m., choir competitions began at 1:30 p. m. and at 3:00 p. m. there was a performance by the All-State Choir.

A short concert by selected Jackson State College Music Majors concluded the day's activities.

NAACP News

The Jackson Branch NAACP will hold its monthly meeting at the Farish Street Baptist Church, Monday, March 19, 1962 at 7:30 p. m.

Asking all members, please be present.

Stephen Catching, President



DEAN CHARLES A. JONES of J. P. Campbell College, installs Alumni officers of the Department of Cosmetology.

From left to right Dean Jones; Mrs. Lucile Ford, president; Miss Mable Hinds, secretary; Mrs. Ernestine Ward, reporter; Mrs. Margie Van Kelly, assistant secretary; Miss Catherine Moore, treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Trunnell; and Mrs. Mary Lee Pregeus.

Dr. George D. Cannon To Speak At NAACP Meeting March 24th



DR. GEORGE D. CANNON

Columbia, South Carolina — Dr. George D. Cannon, eminent New York physician, member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP Legal and Educational Defense Fund and a co-chairman of the NAACP National Life Membership Committee will speak in Columbia, South Carolina, Saturday evening, March 24.

The occasion will be the first annual "Honor Guard Dinner" of South Carolina which is being sponsored by the Life Membership Committee of the South Carolina Conference of Branches, NAACP. The dinner will be held in Bacoats Hall of Benedict College and will begin at 8 p. m.

Also, appearing on the Dinner Program will be Miss Mildred Bond, NAACP National Life Membership Secretary; Mr. J. Arthur Brown, State Conference President and Dr. Dewey M. Duckett of Rock Hill, chairman of the Life Membership committee of the South

Carolina Conference of NAACP branches. Mr. I. P. Stanback, Columbia business man will serve as toastmaster.

The Columbia Committee which has responsibility for expediting the Dinner is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Manigault Hurley, Dr. Noble P. Cooper, Dr. F. G. Jenkins and the NAACP Field Secretary.

According to the Rev. I. De Quincey Newman, NAACP Field Secretary for South Carolina, the desired aim of the dinner is two-fold; to afford an opportunity for Life Membership recruitment, and to project an image of togetherness and solidarity behind the civil rights struggle on the part of community and State level Negro leaders of South Carolina.

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Shreveport La. News

A home being built in the suburbs for Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Simpkins, integration leader was destroyed by a dynamite bomb recently. The bombing was the latest in a series of attacks on integrationists and their buildings in this area.

Dr. and Mrs. Simpkins are active in several organizations working for civil rights. He is a member of the board of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, New Orleans, a south-wide interracial group working for integration.

The Simpkins' new home was almost completed when racists blew it up. Local officials said they were looking for the dynamiters but were unable to find them.

Meantime, four student leaders remained in jail at Baton Rouge, La. on charges of criminal anarchy, or trying to overthrow the government by working for integration.

Integration leaders asked friends everywhere to contact the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., about catching the bombers and releasing the students engaged in work for peaceful change.

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Mississippi Teachers Association Will Hold Annual Session At College Park Auditorium

On March 22-24 the Mississippi Teachers Association will hold its annual session at the College Park Auditorium in Jackson.

The theme for this year's annual session is "Education for Survival."

Nearly 6,000 educators are expected to gather for this 3-day conference. High President's Address delivered this year by President O. E. Jordan, principal of O. E. Jordan High School, Carthage.

The Second annual Session on Thursday, March 22, will feature William Franklin, representative of the Peace Corps who will give information imperative to joining this national organization.

The first full-time executive secretary of the American Teachers Association, George W. Jones, will address the Third General Session. Preceding this session will be a memorial service conducted in memory of MTA members who have passed on during the year.

Thursday ends with Friendship Night, hosted by the Vicksburg City and the Warren County Teachers Associations.

"Departmental Meetings" will be held from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon Friday.

Friday afternoon will be devoted to discussion group meetings. These small group meetings have been planned to provide opportunities for convention delegates to come together in informal interest groups to discuss and to exchange ideas on topics of general educational importance.

The business of the Association will be taken care of in two Delegate Assemblies: Wednesday evening, March 21, 8 p. m. and Saturday morning at 10 a. m.

"Moments of Recognition" of retiring teachers, local organizations reporting 100% professional dues, and some others is to take place Friday, 7:00 p. m.

The concluding general session Friday, 8 o'clock features an outstanding educator, Dr. Jeanne Noble, assistant professor, Center for Human Relations

Miss Adline Cheek Celebrates Birthday



MISS ADLINE CHEEK

Miss Adline Cheek lives at the Parker Street Rest Home, Jackson, Mississippi. Miss Cheek is in excellent physical condition, and one of the best patients. She sees without glasses and walks without crutches.

Studies at New York University.

Music for the several sessions will be furnished by Addison High School, Port Gibson; Jordan High School, Carthage; Mississippi Industrial College; Mississippi Vocational College; Jackson State College; Alcorn College; Rust College; and Tougaloo Southern Christian College.

Officers of the Mississippi Teachers Association are: O. E. Jordan, president; Walter Washington, vice president; Mrs. Frankie Nichols, recording secretary; Mrs. Jennie Ruth Crump, assistant recording secretary; B. H. Barron, treasurer; Allen Johnson, parliamentarian; L. S. Alexander, executive secretary and Miss Mary L. Cummings, editor of the Journal.

The MTA Executive Board includes the officers and following MTA district presidents and appointed members:

District I, C. C. Agustus; District II, Lawrence Autry; District III, Dan Smith; District IV, Murray Creshon; District VII, A. E. Bingham; District VIII, Roosevelt Catchings; S. T. Marshall, L. T. Ellis, J. G. Greer.

MTA trustees are: B. F. McLaurin, W. A. Reed, Jr., James Gooden.

Reasons Why—

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Answer: Yes, The Negro citizen is ready for the ballot. He is concerned with the elected officials who make laws for all of our citizens. He is concerned with who administers these laws.

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Question: How would it improve local government?

Answer: By awakening an active interest among all citizens in the welfare of our communities and our state. This would naturally call for men with vision instead of schemes, to come forward and present platforms for progress for all of the people. This would certainly be conducive to the elimination of those office-seekers who have nothing constructive to offer, but instead are simply saying "we must hold the line" and maintain a system that has outlived its usefulness, if in fact it ever served the best interests of the people of our state

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Would unhampered voting by Negroes endanger the white citizens of our state?

Answer: No. The Negro citizen is simply interested in being a good respected citizen in the community where he lives and is willing to assume the responsibilities of first-class citizenship. He wants to be accorded human dignity. He wants active participation in the affairs of his community and of course, this includes our political affairs. It would hurt those only, who seek and hold public office because of their vehement hatred of the Negro citizen and are totally blind to the Negroes' aspiration for first-class citizenship.

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Question: What right does the Negro have to the ballot?

Answer: Under the Constitution of the United States the Negro Citizen has the same right as any other citizen, no more, no less.

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Question: If the Negro citizen voted freely in all elections would this lower our standard of local government?

Answer: No!

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Question: If the Negro citizen voted freely and without hindrance in all elections, would that improve local government?

Answer: Yes.

U. S. Government Support School Bias

Washington, D. C. — The NAACP said the Federal government has "and apparently intends to continue to be partner" in a program defying the Supreme Court integration ruling, in a statement here this week.

Clarence Mitchell, director of the Association's Washington Bureau, appearing before the House Subcommittee on integration in federally assisted education, March 7, said, "the federal government has consistently prevented an effective attack on school desegregation through the executive branch"

He charged that the Eisenhower administration, as well as the present Kennedy administration, was guilty on this count.

"Congress has played a part by refusing to put safeguards in the various education program" particularly that which "now provides millions of dollars for the construction and operation of segregated schools in so-called defense impacted areas."

Mr. Mitchell testified that "Proponents of segregation" in the Departments of Health, Education and Welfare and Defense got around President Eisenhower's request that military post schools be desegregated.

One of the most flagrant dodges in effect today is in Alabama where land has been granted for building Jim Crow schools for military personnel,

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