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10 November 1941

Prof. Harry T. Moore  
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My dear Prof. Moore:

Upon my return to the office today I find your letter inclosing \$5.00 to be applied on my expenses in connection with an investigation to be made into charges against George Newsome, Raiford, Fla.

I will endeavor to make a report to you in regards to this man's case within the next week or so.

I thank you for your encouraging comment with respect to my work in defense of the Pompano boys, better known as Florida's Little Scottsboro Case.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours very truly,

*S. D. McGill*

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25 December 1941

Mr. Harry T. Moore  
Mims  
Florida

My dear Mr. Moore:

Even before I received your letter I had consulted with various parties in Tallahassee who are interested in the case of George Newsome. Since that time I have further communicated with parties who might know something about this case. One party was present at the trial in Tallahassee and was there when Newsome was sentenced to die. My information, if true, makes this a very dastardly crime. Apparently the murdered party was helpless and Newsome, a former convict, committed the crime for robbery.

You understand that in order to make a thorough investigation of this case would require my having a certified copy of the transcript of record of the testimony which would show in detail what the testimony was for the state and also what the defendant's testimony was. These are matters that call for money. Being without funds, I cannot make the investigation I should like to make in this case.

With every good wish for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*S. D. McGill*

S. D. MCGILL

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January 23, 1942.

Mr. Harry T. Mims  
 Secretary, Brevard County Branch  
 Box 4  
 Mims, Florida

My dear Mr. Mims:

I wrote you recently regarding my plans for work in Florida and stated that I would be working in Brevard and Seminole Counties from February 28 to March 4.

Since that time, it has been necessary for me to shift some of the dates in my Florida schedule. I now plan to work with the Brevard and Seminole County branches from February 15 to 21.

Please let me hear from you by return mail as I plan to leave New York on January 31.

Yours sincerely,

Ella J. Baker  
 Assistant Field Secretary

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Mr. Harry T. Moore  
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# School Board Files Answer In Litigation

4/8/43  
New Single Salary Schedule  
Put Into Effect, Court  
Is Informed.

A new single salary schedule, applicable alike to all teachers in the public school system of Duval County regardless of race or color, has been put into effect by the Duval County Board of Public Instruction, the board announced in its answer to charges brought by negro teachers demanding the same basic pay received by white teachers, filed yesterday in Federal Court.

The new schedule, it was stated, was adopted on April 2, subsequent to the suit brought by Mary White Blocker on behalf of herself and the Duval County Colored Teachers Association and others similarly situated, against the school board and W. Daniel Boyd, as superintendent.

Under the new schedule all teachers entering the system must be examined and all teachers now in the system are entitled to be examined and reclassified, it was stated. Any applicant or teacher grading below 70 per cent on the examination will not be eligible for appointment, while all successful applicants or teachers failing within the lower 10 per cent will be entitled to receive base pay figured at 100 per cent according to the schedule. Those grading higher than the lower 10 per cent will receive proportionately higher base pay depending upon certification and scholastic training of the applicant. It is provided annual increments apply to all within the designated groups regardless of race or color.

In its answer the school board denied that the plaintiff and others similarly situated are discriminated against on account of race or color and deny further that the plaintiff and others in whose behalf she purports to sue, possessing necessary qualifications, will be denied by reason of race or color the opportunity to receive a salary equal to that paid to a white teacher of equal qualification.

The defendants also denied that difference in pay was based solely upon race or color and stated further that the difference in salary schedules was based upon and due to difference in individual teacher qualifications and group economic conditions.

The school officials requested that the complaint be dismissed.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA,  
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION.

MARY WHITE BLOCKER, on behalf  
of herself and DUVAL COUNTY  
COLORED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION,  
and others similarly situated,  
Plaintiffs,

vs.

#414-J-Civil

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,  
for the County of Duval, State  
of Florida, a corporate body,  
and W. DANIEL BOYD, County  
Superintendent,  
Defendants.

O R D E R.

All affected parties having been heard, after due  
notice, upon the matters hereinafter mentioned, it is upon  
consideration thereof:-

1. The motion (filed March 10, 1942) by Florida  
Education Association to stay further proceedings herein  
until such time as the question of the right of the said  
movant to intervene herein shall have been determined by the  
Circuit Court of Appeals, is denied, the Court being of the  
opinion that since these cases involve the public interest they  
should proceed promptly to a final determination before the school  
budgets for the next fiscal year are adopted.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida,  
March 26, 1942.

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Louie W. Strum,  
U.S. District Judge.