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ALLEN E. WALKER
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February 26, 1946.

Mr. Harry T. Moore,
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:-

We have your letter concerning Garfield Green and the alleged assault by a Mr. Alvin Bush assisted by two policemen.

Garfield Green came to our office and discussed this matter with us briefly shortly after it happened. Mr. Saxon also mentioned the matter to us but neither of them have retained us.

We will be glad to give the matter our best attention if we are retained. My understanding of the case so far is that Green was very grossly imposed upon.

Very truly yours,

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By: *Allen E. Walker*

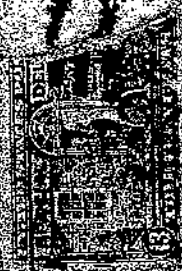
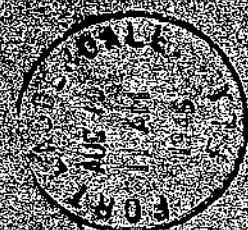
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Mr. Harry H. Moore,
205 W. 1st St.,
Tallahassee, Fla.

Attended



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APPENDIX

State of Florida
County of Broward

My name is Reginer Handley. I have lived in Gadsden County, Florida, practically all of my life. My husband, Arthur Handley, and I have been living at Midway, in Gadsden County, with my mother, Mary Bradwell.

On December 28, 1944, my brother, Leroy Bradwell, came home with an honorable discharge from the army. Leroy had been in the army about 2 years, and he had served in Europe about 2 years.

On the afternoon of January 7, 1945, Sheriff Otha Edwards and Deputy Maple of Gadsden County came to our house and asked for Leroy, but Leroy was not there at the time. That same night they came back again and found Leroy home. My husband, my mother, and I also were at home. The officers arrested Leroy. They took Leroy's wallet and Discharge paper out of his pocket and threw them on the shelf. The officers started out with Leroy without making any explanation. My mother asked them what they wanted with Leroy. The Sheriff then said: "I was going to tell you now. He did some writing". My husband followed the officers out into the yard and tried to get a fuller explanation. The Sheriff said: "He wrote to a white girl, and we're going to carry him out of the county before something happens to him".

The next morning my mother, my husband, and I went to the Sheriff's office in Quincy to ask about Leroy. We went to the Sheriff's office several times, but we could not learn where Leroy was.

My husband and I finally went to Tallahassee and paid Atty. Clyde Atkins \$50.00 to find out about Leroy. Atty. Atkins told us he would see that Leroy was found, and that there would be no headlines until they found out about writing the letter. We gave Atty. Atkins a letter that Leroy had written home. When my husband and I went to Atty. Atkins the second time, he told us that they had sent the letter off to find out about the handwriting and that we should be at the trial in Quincy that Wednesday.

My mother, my husband, and I went to the Court House that Wednesday. We started up into the court room, but the Sheriff told us to have a seat in his office. The Sheriff finally came back down and told us that Leroy was not guilty. My mother then asked why they would not turn Leroy loose and let him go home. Sheriff Edwards replied: "No, we can't turn him loose now. The judge says he will have to get more true evidence. He says R. T. Parker (a Negro living in Midway) must have written that letter, because he left town".

Sheriff Edwards came to our house several times after this and asked if we had heard from Leroy. On his last trip out the Sheriff asked us if we had heard from Leroy. I said, "No". The Sheriff said: "I wonder why that boy doesn't write his mother. He got her all worried up like this". I replied: "Leroy would write if he could". The Sheriff said: "I'll do everything I can to make it possible for Leroy to live in the county again."

After the "trial" in Quincy my husband and I went back to Atty. Atkins. He told us that Leroy was not guilty. I then asked Atty. Atkins to find out where Leroy was. Atty. Atkins said: "That will be hard to do, since they turned him loose. He might write later. He could be somewhere in Georgia".

We have neither seen nor heard from Leroy since he was carried off by Sheriff

Otha Edwards and Deputy Maple on the night of January 7, 1946.

Signed: *Rogerus Hendley*

COUNTY OF BROWARD

STATE OF FLORIDA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *10* day of *August* A.D. 1946

Ruby Mae Watson

Notary Public in and for the State of Florida
My Commission Expires March 15, 1948

for Rogier Bradley to sign

5 copies

for Mary Bradwell to sign

5 copies

Dear Co-workers:

At a meeting of the State Conference Board of Directors, held recently in Orlando, the following points were emphasized:

1. That each Branch try to have at least one active youth council. County branches may have more than one council - a council in each of the larger communities in the county. You need 25 members, ages 12-24, to start a youth council. Members under 21 pay 50¢ per year; those 21 - 24 pay \$1.00 per year. Please write me for necessary literature and additional information.
2. That each Branch and Youth Council pay 5¢ per year for each member on its roll. Send this to New York with your regular reports, but state that it is for the State Conference. The National Office will match this amount and return same to Conference treasurer.
3. That each Branch send \$2.00 per month to the State Conference. Make order to Rev. K. S. Johnson, Sanford, but mail it to Miss O. B. McLin, 335 N. Jackson St., St. Petersburg.
4. That each Branch and Youth Council send news to the Conference secretary, so that it can be published in the monthly News Letter.
5. That the various Branches will help to organize county units of the Progressive Voters League. Such a unit may be named: "The _____ County Progressive Voters League". When such a county unit is organized, please send names and addresses of officers to Mr. Earl E. Broughton, State President, 2912 - 26th Street, Tampa.

Since it now seems doubtful that a national officer will be able to visit Florida in the near future, we recommend the following persons for possible use, in case you desire speakers for some of your mass meetings:

1. Edward D. Davis - President of Marion County Branch - 502 W. Broadway, Ocala
2. Milton P. Rooks - President of Clearwater Branch - 1135 Pine St., Clearwater
3. Rev. M. C. Strachan - President of Tampa Branch - 1521 Lamar St., Tampa
4. Rev. G. W. McHardy - President of Martin County Branch - Stuart
5. Rev. E. J. Jackson - Presiding Elder of Palm Beach District - 620 - 11th St., West Palm Beach
6. Rev. R. H. Johnson - Editor of Eatonite Magazine - Box 509, Orlando
7. Rev. R. A. Cromwell - Vice President of Gen. Baptist State Convention - 521 N. Alcaniz St., Pensacola
8. F. A. Dunn - President of Pinellas County Voters League - Box 1227, Sta. A - St. Petersburg
9. Mrs. Mary W. Blocker - President of Duval County Teachers Assn. - 1550 Jefferson Jacksonville
10. Gilbert L. Porter - Treasurer of State Teachers Assn. - Lincoln High School, Tallahassee
11. C. W. Harris - Secretary of West Volusia County Branch - Chisholm High School, New Smyrna
12. H. T. Christian - President of Daytona Beach Branch - Box 748 - Daytona Beach
13. L. C. Jenkins - Box 301, Tallahassee

Conference officers also are available for this drive. In each case we suggest that you communicate with the speaker desired in regards to transportation expenses, etc.

Harry T. Moore, President
Florida State Conference, NAACP
Mims, Florida

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The field is fertile; the harvest should be great. Such wonderful achievements are being made by the NAACP that every sober minded American Negro should be willing to contribute at least \$1.00 to help carry on this great work. Florida's branches should register at least 15,000 or 20,000 members this year. We also hope to get some new branches organized during this drive. There should be a branch in every city or in every county in Florida. Only 50 members are needed to get a chartered branch. Each branch also should try to organize a youth council. A council may be organized with 25 young people under 25 years of age. Please write us for necessary literature and additional information.

We are asking the following volunteer workers to help us during this drive. Conference officers also will be available. Each branch will please communicate with the speaker desired with regard to transportation expenses, dates, etc.

1. Milton P. Rocks - President, Progressive Voters' League of Florida
1135 Pierce St., Clearwater
2. Miss Vanchetta Matthews - President, State Conference of Youth Councils
1039 Julia St., Jacksonville
3. Mrs. Viola T. Hill - President, Women's Auxiliary of General Baptist State Convention
626 W. Washington St., Orlando
4. Edward D. Davis - President, Marion County Branch
502 W. Broadway, Ocala
5. Rev. W. J. H. Black - President, Lake Wales Branch
300 Dorsett Ave., Lake Wales
6. E. W. Edwards - President, Bay County Branch
Box 241, Panama City
7. Rev. M. C. Strinchan - President Tampa Branch
1521 Lamar St., Tampa
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Box 2619, Tampa
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Box 301, Tallahassee
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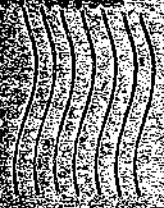
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Sixth Annual Meeting of Florida State Conference - Panama City - June 7, 8, 9.

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Mr. Harry T. Moore
Box 4
Miami, Fla.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OFFICE
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Mims, Florida
May 15, 1946

Dear Co-workers:

We release the following information relative to the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida State Conference, NAACP, which will be held in Panama City, June 7-9.

Conference theme: "Finish The Fight."

Branch registration—Under 200 members.....\$ 6.00
200 members, or over..... 10.00
Registration for Delegates----- 1.00 each
Voting delegates—3 for first 50 members, and 1 for each additional
50 members
Opening session-----Friday, June 7, 8:00 P. M. (E.S.T.)
Platform guests at Sunday afternoon mass meeting-----Branch Vice Presidents
Entertaining Branch---Bay County

Among the topics to be discussed are:

1. The Ballot.
2. Lynching, Mob Violence, and Police Brutality.

Please send me a list of your voting delegates by June 4. Send a list of all your delegates to Mr. E. W. Edwards, so that he can secure necessary accommodations.

As soon as possible, please send me a report on the voting situation in your city, or county. We have been informed that properly registered Negro voters were not permitted to vote in some communities. We would like to file affidavits of these cases with Attorney Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel, so that he can ask the Department of Justice to take the necessary action.

As you know, the Annual Conference of the NAACP will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 26 - 30. The Southern Railway System has offered to provide a special coach, or coaches, for the Florida delegation. The round trip coach fare from Jacksonville to Cincinnati is \$37.42. As soon as possible, please let me know the number of delegates that you plan to send, so that we can make final arrangements with the railroad company.

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VAN SKIVER BUILDING
WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

May 16, 1946.


Mr. Harry T. Moore,
Mims, Florida

Dear Sir:-

A meeting of the platform committee of the Republican Party of Florida will be held at the San Juan Hotel in Orlando, Monday, May 27th at 10:00 o'clock AM. Please arrange to attend this very important meeting. If possible please advise me by return mail if you can be there and at what time you expect to arrive.

I understand the organization meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee will be held at the same place at 2:00 o'clock that afternoon.

Very truly yours,



ALLEN E. WALKER
Chairman Platform Committee

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Suggested For Consideration

The Republican Party of the State of Florida asserts that the major political issue in this State and in the Nation is between extreme radicalism and prudent conservatism.

The Republican Party of Florida will meet this issue without evasion or equivocation and fight it with every honorable resource within our power.

Therefore, the Republican Party of Florida declares itself to be the Conservative Party of this State, and to be in militant opposition to the New Deal Democratic or Radical Party which by word, plan and action is striving to fasten communistic and socialist theories and practices upon this State and the Nation.

The voters of this State must be given the opportunity to make a definite choice between the unwholesome and un-American trend of the New Deal Democratic Party toward state socialism, communism or unbridled radicalism and a sane, wholesome, progressive, statesmanlike conservatism aimed to preserve the democratic form of government within this Republic in this State and Nation, with freedom for the individual within the framework of fair, just and impartial laws courageously and impartially administered for the common good.

We believe that the only device by which a republican form of government can be maintained is through the operation of the two-party system. A strong, alert, intelligent, patriotic minority party vigilant in its opposition, firm in its criticism, efficient in its alternative proposition, is indispensable to the permanence of the Republic.

The existence of the two-party system requires the statement of opposed principles and program in clear terms in order that the citizens may make a choice at election time. There must be a defined battle line between the two parties which must be stated clearly and adhered to faithfully by the minority party. Only by this conduct can it hope to become the majority party.

The Republican Party of this State desires to compel a choice between its program and principles, and the program and principles of the Democratic Party.

Therefore, after solemn deliberations the Republican Party makes public this declaration of its principles, its program, and its plan.

President Truman has by word and act established the party line for the Democratic Party. Explicitly and clearly he has declared the Democratic Party to be the radical party of the Nation ^{and} the States. He has made it explicit that the Democratic Party, under his leadership, will turn to the left, and that his program of legislation will carry the country in the direction of state socialism. He has made it explicit that his program shall include further centralization of Federal authority, deficit spending, radical class legislation, administration of the law to favor radical groups, curtailment of individual freedoms, a progressive nullification of the rights and privileges of the 48 States and increasing circumscription and strangling of the American system of fair and free competition in business. In each instance, to the detriment of the State of Florida, this radical party line has been echoed and aped by the imitative State administration and by Senator Claude Pepper.

The Republican Party of this State, therefore, true to its obligations to the State and to the Nation, declares itself to be in determined opposition to these principles and to this program. It offers a home and a rallying place for that vast body of American voters of all parties who wish to express their disapproval of 13 years of radical encroachment, and who wish to preserve that form of government and that way of life and that wise method of conducting our private and our business affairs which has made the United States the greatest, most progressive, most powerful, and most happy nation on the earth.

The Republican Party of Florida defines its conception of the meaning of the word "conservative." To conserve means to save. A conservative party, first, is a party opposed to unbridled radicalism. It is not a party of reaction nor one whose mind is closed to suggestions for moral, political, and social improvement. It is not a party that places property rights above human rights, but a party that recognizes the importance both of property and human rights, and protects both from impairment or destruction. It means a party devoted to saving and protecting our Republican form of government with its guarantees of equal opportunity for all. It does not believe in government by minorities, in class or race prejudice, or in favoring one section of our population above any other section, but it does believe in protecting all the citizens in all the rights by requiring all citizens, all classes, all groups to work for the common good. It means a party devoted to saving the rights of every individual to make the most of his abilities in any business or calling he chooses; it means a party that shall devote itself to saving the United States and the State of Florida from aping and adopting the evils of communism or socialism or any other foreign philosophy which may impair the right of each citizen to live his own life as he shall choose within the framework of just laws enacted for the protection of his neighbors.

The aims of a conservative party must be to save to the citizen his rights to maintain his home, create a family and educate it, and within his doors to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. It must conserve his right to choose whatever calling may appeal to him as a means of livelihood, and to change that calling at will. It must conserve his right to go into any business he desires and to conduct that business without improper Government meddling. It must conserve his right to compete fairly with his business rivals, and to conduct his store, his shop, his farm, his factory according to his best judgment. The only laws that shall limit his freedom of action shall be those properly enacted to protect his neighbors, customers and competitors from dishonesty and unfair practices and his employees from injustice and exploitation. It must conserve his right to make a profit, and the amount of that profit shall be limited only by regulations against greed, extortion, dishonesty, the rights of his employees, and the health of the community. It must conserve and foster his right to risk his capital in new ventures and to make a reasonable profit thereby, and to compete, to invent, to expand for the benefit of himself and the community in which he dwells. This and only this is the definition of the word "conservative" as it shall be applied to the program of the Republican Party.

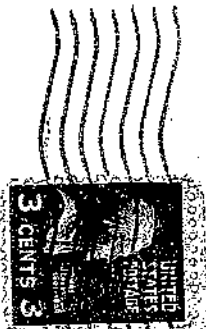
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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

*Letter of Appreciation
November 1945*

Harry T. Moore
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
Mims, Florida



Mims, Florida
May 23, 1946

Dear Co-workers:

We hereby call your attention to the Second Democratic Primary, which will be held Tuesday, May 28. A second primary is often necessary when three or more candidates are running for the same office in the first primary. In case neither candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the two highest contestants must "run it off" in the second primary.

On May 28, Paul D. Baras will oppose Raleigh W. Petteway for the nomination to the Supreme Court. The Progressive Voters' League endorsed Paul D. Baras in the First Primary and we now urge you to support him in the Second Primary May 28.

We also wish to remind you of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida State Conference, NAACP, which will be held in Panama City, June 7-9. Registration headquarters will be at the Elks' Home, Cove Boulevard and Tenth Street. Sessions will be held at St. John Baptist Church on Cove Boulevard, one block from the Elks' Home. The opening session will be held Friday, June 7, at 8:00 P. M. (E.S.T). Lodging will be \$1.00 per night. Those who desire accommodations will please notify Mr. E. W. Edwards, Box 34, Panama City, Florida. Delegates who arrive during the day Friday, June 7, are urged to register from 4:30 to 7:30 P. M.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore, Executive Secretary
Progressive Voters' League of Florida

502 W. Broadway
Ocala, Florida
May 27, 1945

Heads of Business, Fraternal, Religious,
and Educational Organizations in Florida

Dear Co-workers :

Negro citizens of Florida have had just cause to rejoice over the rapid growth of the NAACP in our state during the past five years. The Florida State Conference has grown from a small group of nine branches in 1941 to a strong organization of fifty-two branches at the present time. As the organization has developed, the fight for democracy has been intensified, and all Negro citizens have been benefitted thereby.

It is common knowledge that this steady growth has been due largely to the energetic leadership of Mr. Harry T. Moore, president of the Florida State Conference during the past five years. During those years Mr. Moore has been forced to divide his time between the NAACP and his regular school work. We feel that the organization has now reached the stage where a full-time worker is needed. The present work must be maintained, and the NAACP must be carried into other counties in Florida. Mr. Moore has agreed to devote his full time to this important work.

We estimate that a budget of \$7000.00 will be needed to finance this work for the first year. This will include office equipment, supplies, traveling expenses, salary, etc. Since the work of the NAACP benefits all the people, we are asking the various business, fraternal, religious, and educational organizations in Florida to help underwrite the budget for the first year. The Central Insurance Company has pledged \$500.00, and the Women's Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention has pledged \$100.00. Will your organization please contribute at least _____ to the budget? Make checks, or money orders, to G. D. Rogers, Tampa. Mail them to Edward D. Davis, 502 W. Broadway, Ocala.

If possible, please let us hear from you by the time of our Sixth Annual Meeting in Panama City, June 7 - 9. We hope to have our plans sufficiently advanced to begin full-time operation on July 1, 1946. Your full co-operation will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Budget Committee :

Earl B. Braughton, Chairman
G. D. Rogers, Treasurer
Mrs. Viola T. Hill
Rev. R. H. Johnson
Edward D. Davis, Secretary

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FOR THE

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Miami, Florida
June 10, 1946

Dear Co-workers:

Many of us have been members of the NAACP for several years now, and we have become devoted to the noble work that is being done by this great organization. Some of us have recently joined the NAACP, but we, too, are strong supporters of the organization in its fight for peace and equal opportunities for all people, with regard to race, creed, or color.

Most of us have become members of the NAACP by paying the minimum membership fee of \$1.00. However, there are many persons who contribute much more than this each year to help the organization carry on its great work.

As you know, the Brevard County Branch is now engaged in a legal battle to make it possible for Negro citizens of this county to vote in Democratic primaries. Because of this case and other financial responsibilities now facing our Branch, we are asking each member and friend to contribute \$1.00 to a special fund. This money will be used solely to help meet the obligations of the local Branch. You may pay this money to those who have been collecting your regular dues.

This is just a contribution, and it does not in any way affect your membership. We shall appreciate very much your full co-operation in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore, Secretary
Brevard County Branch, NAACP

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Mr. Harry T. Moore
Box #4
Mims, Florida

Mims, Florida
June 18, 1946

Mr. R. A. Tarr
District Passenger Agent
Southern Railway Company
234 W. Perry Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

No doubt you already have the letter that I mailed you yesterday, in which we announced our intention to accept an air conditioned coach on the diesel-powered Power De Leon, leaving Jacksonville for Cincinnati at 8:45 A. M. Tuesday, June 25th.

Since then it has been called to my attention that our Conference opens Wednesday morning instead of Wednesday night. We therefore feel that we should leave Jacksonville on the Power De Leon at 8:45 A. M. Monday, June 24th. We will then reach Cincinnati in time to rest a bit before the opening session. Please have the coach ready for us Monday morning. I am notifying the delegates of this change.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Hears

Southern Railway System

L. ESTES
GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

PASSENGER TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT
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224 W. FORSYTH STREET

JACKSONVILLE 2, FLA. June 13, 1946

S/e

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. A-431

Mr. Harry T. Moore
Box #4
Mims, Florida

Dear Sir:

Since I have not heard from you in regard to my visit of May 30, I am taking the liberty of writing you again with reference to Convention in Cincinnati June 26 through June 30.

Please advise me at your earliest convenience what plans you have been able to work out, and what type of accommodations will be required.

Thanking you very much, I remain,

Yours truly,

R. A. Garrit

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District Passenger Agent



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OFFICE OF GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

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JACKSONVILLE 2, FLA. June 18, 1946 S/e
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Mr. Harry T. Moore
Box #4
Mims, Florida

Dear Sir:

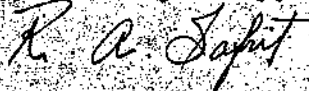
Thank you very much for your letter of June 17th. We hope you will have a goodly number of delegates to this convention.

The PONCE DE LEON leaving Jacksonville at 8:45 AM arrives Cincinnati at 7:55 AM the following morning. On return schedule the PONCE DE LEON leaves Cincinnati at 10:00 PM and arrives Jacksonville 9:30 PM the following evening.

Please advise me further as soon as all delegates have registered, so that I may proceed with setting up desired accommodations.

Thanking you very much, I remain,

Yours very truly,



R. A. Safrit
District Passenger Agent



Southern Railway System

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JACKSONVILLE 2, FLA. June 14, 1946 S/e

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Mr. Harry L. Moore
Box #4
Mims, Florida

Dear Sir:

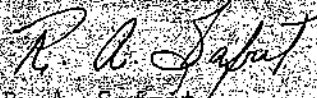
With reference to your letter of June 13th.

Our Southern Train #2 - PONCE DE LEON - leaving Jacksonville at 8:45 AM is a diesel-powered train. We will be able to furnish your party with a through air conditioned coach to Cincinnati for the annual conference.

If there are any other questions that come up, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Thanking you very much, I remain,

Yours very truly,



R. A. Safrit
District Passenger Agent



YOUTH COUNCIL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

PROPOSED PROGRAM

SECOND ANNUAL STATE-WIDE YOUTH MEETING

Friday, August 23, 1946

8:00 A. M. Registration
9:30 A. M. Devotion-----Rev. Father Leonard
10:00-10:45 A. M. General Meeting-----Bishop H. Y. Teoken
11:00-11:45 A. M. Meditation-----Miss Cynthia Clark
Mr. Neal Bland

12:00 P. M. Luncheon

2:00-4:00 P. M. Seminar

1. Youth and the Church-----Rev. A. B. Coleman
2. Social and Moral Ethics-----Mrs. Margaret Simms
3. Community Civic Responsibility-----Mrs. Francis Ewell
4. Economic and Vocational Opportunities
in the South-----Mrs. L. G. Coleman
5. What Youth Councils and Adult Branches
can do to help each other-----Mr. T. L. Redding

7:00-11:45 P. M. Theater Party-----Strand Theater

Saturday, August 24, 1946

9:00 A. M. Devotion-----Rev. Samuel Washitt
10:00-11:00 A. M. Address-----Dr. C. F. Duncan
11:05-12:00 P. M. Business Meeting-----Mrs. Vanchetta Govart
Report of 1945-1946 State Officers
Election of 1946-1947 Officers

12:30 P. M. Beach Outing-----American Beach

Sunday, August 25, 1946

9:00 A. M. Sunday School and Out-Door
Breakfast-----City Zoo

5:30 P. M. Mass Meeting-----Address--Dr. Harold L. Triggs

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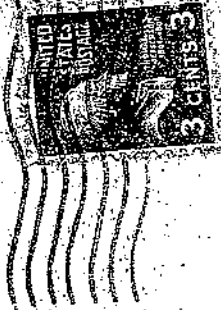
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P.O. BOX 517
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

HARRY H. MOORE
MEMS, FLORIDA

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



November 7, 1946

Mr. Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary
Florida State Conference of the
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 22, 1946, in which you request a copy of a letter from this Department to Mrs. Daisy Sheppard of Winter Haven, Florida, which letter is stated to have been received about April 27, 1946. The letter, a copy of which was requested, was stated by you to be a reply to a letter of complaint by Mrs. Sheppard regarding an alleged assault by a policeman of Winter Haven.

A search of the Department's records does not reveal any correspondence from or to Mrs. Sheppard. Therefore, we are unable to comply with your request.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theron L. Caudle".

THERON L. CAUDLE
Assistant Attorney General

Mims, Florida
October 28, 1946

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs :

In April of this year Mrs. Daisy Sheppard, a Negro woman of Winter Haven, Florida, was hit without cause by a white policeman of that city. We understand that this matter was referred to your Department, and Mrs. Sheppard states that she received a letter from you about April 27th.

We are making an investigation of this case, and it will help us if we can secure a copy of the letter from your Department to Mrs. Sheppard. Unfortunately, she is unable to locate the original copy. We shall be very grateful, therefore, if you can find a record of this case in your files and will send us a copy of the letter.

Mrs. Sheppard's postal address is box 244, Florence Villa, Florida. Florence Villa is a subdivision of Winter Haven.

Respectfully yours,

Harry L. Moore
Executive Secretary

OXFORD & OXFORD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

H. E. OXFORD
L. D. OXFORD

September 4, 1946

TELEPHONES
2113 & 2114


Harry T. Moore
Mims, Florida

Your letter dated the 21st of August came while I was on my vacation.

Frankly, I am entirely in sympathy with Hattie. My whole sympathy is with her. Nevertheless, the law suit would not net Hattie any money and it would cost her time, trouble, and money.

It seems to me that the attorneys for your association should bring the suit. It would benefit the members of your association and your association could bear part of the costs and expenses. I am afraid that you are going to find that before the members of your race can expect to be treated properly by the officers, that a few suits must be filed. Unless some members of your race kick back they need not expect proper treatment. Individuals cannot, in my judgment, remedy the situation. It must be the combined effort of an association or organization. Think of this.

Yours truly,



H. E. OXFORD

HEO:jb

OXFORD & OXFORD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

October 8th, 1946

Mr. Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter dated October 4th, referring again to the cases against the arresting officers for mal treatment of persons, is before me.

There are many of these cases in Polk County. Certain deputy sheriffs in this county and many of the policemen in various towns utterly disregard the law and rights when it comes to dealing with people of the negro race. I know of an instance where it is claimed that they hanged an young negro man up by his thumbs and beat his face and head, trying to get him to confess to stealing some money. Another case where the deputy sheriff shot up an automobile on a public highway because the negro driver passed him on the road. There have been several cases where officers have broken into the homes of colored people. It is almost a daily occurrence, I am told, for officers to go uninvited into negro homes, search the premises, then go into the bedrooms of the girls and women, and disregard the rights of the occupants of the house.

If you practice law and got first hand reports of these instances, your blood would boil. It is a crime that must be stopped, and of course, it will grow worse from day to day unless it is stopped, however, the lawyer who is bold enough to bring these suits is going to be marked by all of the officers and is going to be driven out of the general practice because the officers are going to stick together, and punish, in every possible way, the clients of such lawyers. If I should bring the two suits mentioned, I would at least for a year or two, be knocked out of a great deal of practice.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

After much thought, I have reached the conclusion for a way for me to handle this and other litigation. It would be for your association and kindred associations to employ me or some other person as general attorney for the association at an annual salary, and then let the cases be handled on special arrangements. I would accept the place on a basis of \$5,000.00 per year as salary. This fee would be reasonable. To illustrate, I will bring each of the two suits you mentioned for an expense and cost deposit of \$125.00 per case. This would be an illustration of suits I would bring on other matters.

Please discuss this with your association, and let me know. I would be happy to go into the matters, and while I will lose more law practice, I will gain. I am willing to do this because I realize the necessity and emergency of the situation.

Very truly yours,


H. E. OXFORD

HEO:mad

OXFORD & OXFORD
Attorneys at Law
Lake Land, Florida.

August 18, 1946

Mattie Tobler
Box 561
Winter Haven, Florida

I can collect for the loss of your glasses and we will proceed to do that. I am wondering whether or not you expect us to bring an addition suit for damages other than for the value of the glasses. If not, please advise us the value of the glasses or the cost of new ones.

Yours truly,

H. E. Oxford

HEO:jb

OXFORD & OXFORD

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

October 27th, 1946

National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
Mims, Florida

Attention: Mr. Harry T. Moore

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter of October 22nd, 1946, is before me.

It is my thought that you would want me to handle cases in several of these counties in Florida. I would expect to be called upon for special services here in the State of Florida, but would expect local counsel, when needed, in counties other than Polk County, to be on hand. I know, however, that when your association gets ready to put on an intelligent firm campaign, that you will see a change in the policy set up almost over night.

Let me say that you must have the services of a capable attorney who must give good attention to the work, if you expect to make much profit. Now, please do not understand me to say that you should employ me. I am not asking employment and were it not for the fact that I am horrified at the conduct of many officers, then I would not accept employment under any conditions. It would really suit me much better if you could find adequate and competent representation else where. I am only offering my services in order that I may see the work begun on a proper basis. I will go further with you providing you will treat this part of my proposition with the strictest confidence. If you prefer to go else where or can not meet the terms of my offer, I will, without charge, advise you respecting the ability, etc, of any other attorney at law about whom you desire to inquire. In this way you will be assured that you will not get someone who will not serve you or someone who will improperly serve you.

Very truly yours,



H. E. OXFORD

HEO:mad

Mims, Florida
October 4, 1946

Atty. H. E. Oxford
Box 517
Inglewood, Florida

Dear Sir :

I have your letter of Sept. 4, with reference to the case of Mrs. Hattie Hobbs, Negro woman of Winter Haven, who was the victim of police brutality in her home town one night last June.

We note that you are in sympathy with Mrs. Hobbs, but you feel that a suit for damages would not net her any money. We note further, however, that you believe a few law suits of this nature will do much to help lower the rate of police brutality against members of our race.

We hold the same opinion in this matter. We fully realize that the more examples we can make in matters of this nature, the more respect we shall receive from peace officers and others who are inclined to mistreat us solely because of our race. That is why we wish to help push this suit. It is not so much a matter of getting money for Mrs. Hobbs as it is to make an example of this case, in order to assure better treatment for our people.

Mrs. Hobbs is willing to act as the client in this case, and our organization will finance the case. Will you handle the suit for us ? Since you defended Mrs. Hobbs at the trial, you are quite familiar with all angles of the case. Therefore, you should be in an excellent position to carry through the suit for damages. We can get the full co-operation of our Legal Staff in preparing the briefs, making arguments, etc., but, as you know, we must have a local attorney. If you will agree to handle this matter for us, please send us an estimate of the cost.

Very truly yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

King, Florida
October 22, 1946

Mr. W. E. Inford
Box 517
Island, Florida

Dear Mr. Inford:

We have your letter of October 8th, with further reference to the cases of Mrs. Hattie Hobbs and Carlisle Green, Winter Haven, because she were the victims of police brutality earlier this year. We note also that the two cases mentioned above are just examples of what seems to be a very common practice in Polk County.

We can readily see the logic in your statement that the filing of suits in such cases by you would certainly result in the loss of some your present law practice, and that the same thing would probably be experienced by any other attorney who would undertake to file such suits.

We note further your offer to handle these, and other cases of similar nature, if our Association and kindred organizations can arrange to employ you as general attorney at an annual salary of \$5000.00. Under this plan you state that you would handle these cases for an expense and cost deposit of \$125.00 per case.

Our Association is holding a meeting in Orlando on Nov. 1, and we shall be glad to take this matter up with our group at that time. In the meantime, please let us know if you would handle cases in other counties in Florida under this arrangement.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

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Collegeville, Illinois

Re: Holman's case

Mr. Harry T. Moore

Box 4

Mims, Florida



Mims, Fla.
September 15, 1946

Dear Co-workers:

The Progressive Voters' League of the Fifth District will meet at the 13th Street K. of P. Hall in Sanford, Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Reports of our activities leading up to the recent primaries will be made, and plans pertaining to the coming General Election will be discussed. Election of district officers for the new year will ^{also} be held.

You are urged to come and help build up a strong organization in the ^{5th} Fifth District. Every County in this district should be represented.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Williams
District Chairman

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Miami, Florida
September 18, 1944

Mr. Chester S. Current
Director of Branches
30 W. 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Current:

I have your letter of Sept. 13, with inclosure relative to the National Board's new policy on political action. I also have your telegram of Sept. 17, in which you seek information as to the meeting dates of our State Conference.

Because of the fact that transport ation difficulties prevented our meeting in 1943, we held our Annual Meeting this year June 7 - 9. Mr. Leroy Carter spoke at the meeting. We therefore have not planned a state meeting for this Fall. However, we shall keep in close touch with our branches with respect to the various matters mentioned in your letter.

I am pleased to state that we launched a program of political action in Florida immediately after the Texas Primary Decision was rendered in 1944. Our aim was three-fold: (1) to get the Democratic Primary open to Negro voters in every county in Florida, (2) to encourage the masses of our people to register and vote, and (3) to make contact with the various candidates and to make recommendations to our voters on the basis of the candidates' records and attitudes. We realized, of course, that we could not reach this third objective in the name of the NAACP. We therefore called a state meeting in August, 1944, and organized the Progressive Voters' League of Florida, which is now a chartered organization. The officers of the League are also the NAACP leaders in Florida. Thus we are getting the desired work done without involving the name of the NAACP. These inclosures will give you some idea of our activities prior to the Democratic Primary, which, as you may know, is the most important election in Florida.

We are deeply disappointed because Mr. Smith had to leave Florida so early. We had prepared a speaking itinerary for him, and the branches were anxiously awaiting his visits. We trust that Mr. Smith will be permitted to return to Florida soon and complete his tour.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary