



L. (JIM) NABRIT, Jr.

eting of the executive com-
c Club, held on Monday of
Julius White, president of
announced that he had ap-
M. (Jim) Nabrit, Jr., as
of the executive committee,
C. F. Richardson, Sr., re-
Mr. Nabrit has entered up-
charge of his duties, having
at Monday's meeting and
ffered some very valuable
is as to the future program
b.

nterviewed by a representa-
e Informer, Mr. Nabrit gave
following statement:

ecessity for paying our poll
e than ever apparent at
when we view the many
of taxation and unemploy-
confront a divided com-
d when we realize that next
city, county, state and fed-
ers will be voted upon. We
oll tax receipt to vote. We
ote as citizens and taxpay-

my sincere belief that, with
ssful filing of the brief of
ston Informer, Julius White,
of the Harris County Ne-
ocratic Club, and C. N. Love,
supreme Court of the United
ver the objection of white
s of Texas, a new day is
for Negroes in American
life.

ercise the elective franchise
ght. To organize is our du-
s begin by paying our poll
by attending the very inter-
nd informative meetings be-
each Monday night by the
Poll Tax Campaign. Every
Houston is not only wel-
is urged to attend these

L-LYNCHING L SUBMITTED N TENNESSEE

le, Tenn.—(CNS)—An anti-
bill was introduced into the
gislature here last Tuesday
esentative George Chamlee,
Hamilton. Representative
is the son of George Cham-
the Chattanooga lawyer re-
the International Labor De-
defend the eight condemned
ouths in the Scottsboro case.
easure provides for the pay-
\$1000 to \$5000 to the
or his dependents in event
or death. For a beating or
injury, the victim can recover
or permanent disability, \$5,-
a like amount to his depend-
nearest relative in case he

the county would be obligat-
amages, it may recover from
ber of the mob or may issue
levy to pay for the lynching

is described in the bill as "a
of people assembled for an
purpose and intending to do
or injury to any one or pre-
to exercise correctional pow-
violence."

ct of violence is construed as
ing" in the language of the
ny person present with hos-
nt" is a member of a mob.

N UNIVERSITY DEAN CTURES AT PRINCETON

ston, N. J.—(CNS)—The Rev.
orge Johnson, dean of the
ical Seminary and professor
ematic theology at Lincoln
ity delivered the annual series
res of the L. P. Stone Foun-
at Princeton Seminary here
Monday through Friday. Dr.
s subject was, "Evangelical
m and Modern Problems." He
ght at Lincoln University in
vania since 1902.

BUILDING IS DEDICATED

na, Miss.—(CNS)—McDoul-
l, newly erected building of
olona Industrial School, was
y dedicated last Friday. The
is to be used as a girls'
hall. Hon. T. A. Stovall,
ut of the board of trustees and
Theodore Bratton were the
l speakers at the ceremonies.

distinct group of her hundreds
of friends, students and former students.
She passed away Saturday morning
at a local hospital, where she had
been taken the previous evening for
an emergency operation.

Mrs. Colvin, a native of Galveston,
was a graduate of Central High
School, and held the degree of A. B.
from Fisk University, class of 1908.
She was brilliant in literary achieve-
ments, author of many short stories,
and skilled in dramatics, having pro-
duced in Houston, Damon and Pyth-
ias, Scenes from Idylls of the King,
MacBeth, Hamlet, and other Shake-
pearean plays.

At Fisk she was a member of the
D. L. V. Club, of which she at one
time or another held all of the im-
portant offices, including that of
president. There she was also a
member of the Fisk Herald (the stu-
dent paper) staff, and in this posi-
tion received her first training in
journalism. At the time of her un-
expected and premature death she
was the society editor of the Hous-
ton Defender.

After graduation from Fisk Mrs.
Colvin taught at Texas College, Ty-
ler, for two years, after which she be-
gan teaching English in Houston. For
20 years she was a teacher in the
Houston schools. Six or eight years
of that time was spent at Langston,
part at old Colored High, and six
years at Jack Yates High.

In December, 1921, she was mar-
ried happily to P. C. Colvin, well
known citizen of Galveston and Hous-
ton. Prior to this

was a member
Church, but in or-
husband she moved her membership
to Bethel Baptist Church, where she
gave helpful service to the time of
her death. In connection with the
Bethel Missionary Society, Mrs. Col-
vin was well known for having pro-
duced dramatic readings of Bible
stories. The story of Ruth and Na-
omi was one of her favorites. Hous-
tonians will recall that this was given
at Antioch, Bethel, Payne's Chap-
el, and several other churches during
the past two years.

Mrs. Colvin also attained a repu-
tation as a public speaker. A few
years ago she was called to Fisk Un-
iversity, her alma mater, to deliver
the annual address to the alumni as-
sociation. On repeated occasions she
performed a similar service for her
high school alma mater, Central High
at Galveston. It will be remember-
ed that she introduced Congressman
DePriest upon the occasion of his vis-
it to Houston last July.

Mrs. Colvin was very much in the
hearts of all of the children whom
she taught, and especially the girls.
More than one young woman in Hous-
ton can point to Mrs. Colvin as hav-
ing helped her over a steep place.
She especially delighted in decorat-
ing churches and homes for the wed-
dings of the girls whom she loved,
and she never failed to be present at
the funeral of the humblest child
whom she had ever taught.

At Jack Yates High School she was
sponsor of the Carlowe Dramatic
Club, whose members are plunged in
deep grief at her sudden demise.

Mrs. Colvin was a member of the
Household of Ruth and also of the
Eastern Star. She took an active
part in these organizations.

For more than six weeks Mrs. col-
vin had been complaining about a
pain in her side. She prided herself
in her reputation of perfect attend-
ance at Jack Yates, and when urged
by students and co-workers to go
home, she expressed the desire to stay
on until the holidays, at which time
she said she would go to a physician.
She completed her day on Wednes-
day of last week, the eve of Thanks-
giving, her last official duty being
the oversight of the student Thanks-
giving program. Children and teach-
ers were shocked that she did not re-
appear on the following Monday
morning.

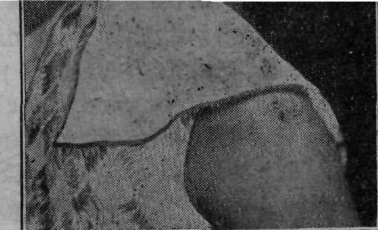
Late Friday afternoon she was re-
moved to a local hospital, where she
underwent an operation on Saturday
morning. As the word flashed over
the wire about 10:30 a. m., that Viola
Webber-Colvin had just died on the
operating table, her friends were
dumb with grief.

Mrs. Colvin leaves to mourn her
loss a husband, P. C. Colvin of Hous-
ton; two sisters, a nephew and niece
of Galveston, and a host of sorrowing
friends, co-workers, and devoted pu-
pils.

Funeral services were held from
Bethel Baptist Church, Tuesday af-
ternoon of this week at 2 o'clock, with
Rev. A. J. Newton, pastor of Trinity
M. E. Church, officiating. Interment
was in Oak Park Cemetery.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN SHOWN AT AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES

Sydney, Australia.—(CNS)—Uncle
Tom's Cabin, the photoplay based on
the famous novel of Harriet Beecher
Stowe, has been shown here and else-
where in various churches in Austr-
lia and New Zealand.



MRS. E. C. BAUL, who operates
one of Houston's most exclusive beau-
ty shoppes, states that since opening
her business in this city on Dowling
Street, she has built up a large and
most exclusive trade among most ex-
acting patrons. Her first venture in
business was begun in the Worthing
Building about one year ago, but this
place became too small for her grow-
ing patronage.

Mrs. Baul is a finished product of
some of the best beauty schools in the
country and has demonstrated to the
Houston public her ability as a busi-
ness woman. She has found it neces-
sary to seek larger quarters and to
this end she has removed her shoppe
to the Ferrill Building just across the
street from her former place. Her
shoppe is now located at 2320½ Dow-
ling Street, and her phone number is
the same—Capital 6782. Mrs. Baul
is extending an invitation to her pa-
trons to visit her in her new quarters
where she will be glad to serve them
in a more effective manner than be-
fore because of her larger quarters.

POSTAL GROUP ANNOUNCE PLAN OF EXPANSION

Washington, D. C.—(CNS)—The
officers of the National Postal Alli-
ance, an association of 5,000 Negro
postal employees and members of the
Negro press were present last Fri-
day at a banquet given in their honor
by the local branch of the association
which has its national headquarters
in this city. At this meeting the of-
ficers announced their intention of
increasing membership to include at
least 10,000 new postal employees.
Roy D. Wilhoite of St. Louis, the na-
tional president of the organization,
pointed out that it was the only one
of its kind for colored postal workers.
It served the purpose of bringing to-
gether in the common cause all em-
ployees of this branch of the federal
government.

V. David Bond, president of the
Chicago branch of the organization,
spoke of the need of getting before
the workers in the post office the es-
sential facts relative to Negro work-
ers. He said that in a number of in-
stances, the association had been able
to accomplish real benefits for them
and he felt that the acquisition of a
Negro supervisor in Chicago was
largely due to the activity of the as-
sociation.

Other speakers at the meeting
were Judge Edward W. Henry of Phi-
ladelphia; Colonel West A. Hamilton,
Robert J. Nelson, Trezevant Anderson
of the Associated Negro Press, and
John Davis of the Capital News Ser-
vice.

Judge Henry Boomed

At the meeting Judge Henry was
introduced as the next congressional
representative from the new second
district of Pennsylvania. The rep-
resentatives of the association from
Philadelphia, pledged their support to
the campaign of the Quaker City jur-
ist, and indicated that his nomina-
tion was almost a certainty. This was
the second time during the week that
large organizations had endorsed the
candidacy of Judge Henry. Earlier
in the week J. Finley Wilson and other
Elks leaders had issued public
statements endorsing him. The fact
that there are 1,500 colored postal
employees in Judge Henry's district
made the endorsement of the Nation-
al Postal Alliance a valuable one.

DAROW COMPLETES STORY

Chicago, Ill.—(CNS)—Clarence S.
Darrow, veteran of many court bat-
tles, and the great champion of hu-
man rights, has completed his auto-
biography, which is to be published
in February as "The Story of My
Life."

"There will be no bragging in the
book," he stated recently. "It will
tell the experiences of almost seven-
ty-five years of living, which might
be of interest. There will be more
than a half century of experience be-
fore the bar."

"There will be something—and a
good bit of it—on my ideas. Such
things I hold to be an integral part of
a man's life. Religion and my agnos-
ticism, prohibition, crime and the rest
will be there."

Freeman to help bring the ballot to
Houston and Texas Negroes as well
as Negroes all over the South, was
achieved on Tuesday of this week,
when the brief on the merits in the
famous Nixon primary case, signed
by C. N. Love, Julius White, and The
Houston Informer and Texas Free-
man, was filed after leave to do so
had been granted by the Supreme
Court of the United States over the
vigorous protest of the attorney for
the white Democratic election judges,
who are defendants in the case. It
is apparent that these white Texas
Democrats, judging from their ob-
jection to the filing of The Inform-
er's brief, feared the contents of this
brief, and were anxious to keep it out
of the record in the case.

Washington Lawyer Presents Motion

The motion for leave to file the
brief and the brief itself were prepar-
ed by the law firm of Nabrit, Atkins
and Wesley of Houston, Attorney J.
Alston (Jack) Atkins representing
the firm in this assignment. The mo-
tion was presented to the Supreme
Court of the United States on behalf
of the Houston law firm by Hon.
Charles H. Houston, vice dean of the
Howard University School of Law,
located in Washington, D. C. Attor-
ney Houston is an honor graduate of
the Harvard Law School and is an old
friend of Attorney Atkins, the form-
er having attended Harvard at the
same time that the latter was at
Yale. Upon his graduation from
Harvard Mr. Houston studied one
year in Spain, and is generally con-
sidered to be one of the best

ids in the Negro race. The
progressive development of the How-
ard Law School in the last year or
two has been due almost entirely to
his keen brain and great vision.

Second Brief to be Filed

This is the second brief in support
of the contention of Dr. L. A. Nixon
of El Paso, who is the plaintiff in
the case, which the Supreme Court of
the United States has given The
Houston Informer leave to file, the
first having been filed in support of
the petition for the writ of certiorari,
when Attorney J. Alston Atkins per-
sonally presented the motion for fil-
ing to the Supreme Court on October
5th last. Upon the consideration of
the brief filed by The Informer, along
with the brief filed by attorneys for
Dr. Nixon (who are being employed
by the N. A. A. C. P.), the Supreme
Court granted the writ, which means
that they decided to hear the case on
the merits and to review the decision
of the Circuit Court of Appeals at
New Orleans.

Upon the granting of this writ on
October 19th last, The Informer in-
structed its attorneys to begin the
immediate preparation of a full brief
on the merits of the case, in which
all of the questions involved in the
sented to the Supreme Court. This
brief was prepared and submit-
ted to Dr. Nixon's attorneys and
also to counsel for the white elec-
tion judges. Dr. Nixon's attorneys
readily and fully consented to the fil-
ing of the brief as amici curiae, but
counsel for the election judges en-
tered a vigorous protest and objection
to the filing of The Informer's brief.
In their letter of consent the N. A.
A. C. P. lawyers in New York stated
that they were "delighted" that The
Informer would file this brief as ami-
ci curiae, and that they had taken the
liberty of using some of the "valuable
material" which they found in The In-
former's brief before Judge Hutche-
son, in their brief.

To Settle Primary Question

The decision by the Supreme Court
of the United States will settle once
and for all the questions which have
been decided adversely to Negroes in
all of the lower federal courts and in
the state courts. This is the second
case brought by Dr. L. A. Nixon of
El Paso, financed by the N. A. A. C.
P., to test the right of discrimination
against Negroes in the Texas Demo-
cratic primaries. The first case reach-
ed the Supreme Court in 1926, and
was decided in March, 1927. In that
case the Supreme Court held that a
Texas statute which said that Ne-
groes could not vote in the Texas
Democratic primaries was unconsti-
tutional and void. The Texas legisla-
ture then passed a new statute which
gave the power to the State Demo-
cratic Executive Committee to say
who should vote in the primaries.
Under this statute Dr. Nixon was ex-
cluded, and, backed by the N. A. A. C.
P., he is again before the highest
tribunal of the land, asking that high
court to decide whether it was legal
to deprive him of his right to vote in
the Texas Democratic primaries. The
Informer has consistently taken the
position that Dr. Nixon's contentions
that he was illegally deprived of his
right to vote are correct, and it has
asked and been granted permission
to file two briefs supporting Dr. Nixon's
and the N. A. A. C. P.'s claims.

To Be Argued in January

According to a telegram received
by The Informer's lawyers from the

ed for argument during the week of
January 4, 1932. The argument on
behalf of Dr. Nixon will be present-
ed by a member of the national legal
staff of the N. A. A. C. P., after
which the Supreme Court will con-
sider in preparing its decision both
the brief filed by Dr. Nixon's lawyers
and that by the lawyers for The
Houston Informer. It is felt that, if
the Supreme Court decides this case
as quickly as it did the other case
brought by Dr. Nixon, the opinion of
the court will be handed down before
the spring is over.

Houston Negroes Hopeful

Hopeful that the Supreme Court of
the United States will again decide
that Negroes cannot be legally denied
the right to vote in the Texas Demo-
cratic primaries, Negroes of Hous-
ton have launched a great city-wide
poll tax campaign, in which it is con-
fidently expected that at least 25,000
Negroes will pay their poll tax and
thus prepare themselves to exercise
the only real badge of American citi-
zenship.

MARYLAND MOB BURNS INJURED AND DYING MAN

mob, 300 strong, invaded the Penin-
sula General Hospital here last Fri-
day and dragged out Mathew Wil-
liams, a colored man dying from a
self-inflicted wound and lynched him
on the edge of the city's Negro settle-
ment. Williams had earlier in the
day shot and killed his employer,
Daniel Elliott, and then attempted to
commit suicide.

The man following his attempt on
his life was taken to the hospital.
Meanwhile a mob, collecting under
cover of night, decided on the lynching.
Standing on the court house
green here discussing the killing of
Elliott, some of the men started cry-
ing, "Lets lynch the Nigger." It was
not long after that a group of 300
men had collected and were on their
way to the hospital where they de-
manded that Williams be turned over
to them. Miss Helen Wise, white su-
perintendent of the hospital, asked
"must you have him." The white
spokesman for the lynchers said yes
and then she said, "If you must take
him, please take him out quietly."

Quietly the mob walked into the
ward filled with sick colored men and
took its victim. They handled him
roughly and commanded him to walk
out of the hospital, to the court house
green.

There more than 300 waiting men
and women surrounded the man and
walked with him to the courthouse
green at Main and Division streets,
three blocks distant.

One of the crowd had obtained a
rope while the mob was moving to-
ward the green. Several men flung
it over a limb of a tree, about 25 feet
from the ground, and two others tied
one end of it around the bandaged-
swathed neck of Williams.

The men holding the rope tugged
the body about fifteen feet above the
ground as the mob, which had grown to
about 2,000, applauded.

Williams was raised and lowered
several times as the mob's shouts
rose and fell. Finally the rope was
secured and Williams left hanging in
the green.

He was suspended in the green for
about twenty minutes, as the mob,
constantly swelling, looked on. Then
several men stepped forward, slashed
the rope, and picked up the Negro's
body, shouting to the mob to follow
them.

G. Murray Phillips, the Wicomico
County sheriff, stepped forward and
ordered the men to drop the man's
body, but he was brushed aside by the
mob, which had started to close in.

They dragged the body to a lot on
Popular Hill Avenue, within easy
view of scores of Negro homes, and,
after drenching it with gasoline, set
it afire.

More than 2,000 persons, most of
them members of the mob which had
witnessed the hanging, but many new
recruits, grouped about the pyre.
They did not disperse until the last
last flame had flickered out.

EMANCIPATION AMENDMENT PLACED ON SALE IN GOTHAM

New York City.—(CNS)—Last
Wednesday the only recorded copy of
the 13th amendment to the constitu-
tion, which did away with slavery in
America, was placed on sale at the
Anderson Art Gallery here together
with other Civil War documents from
the library of the late Thomas B.
Clarke.