



Wanted To Be Treated Like Dog

PORTLAND, Ore. (U.P.)—George T. Lamb, 61, a carpenter, went before Municipal Judge Philip Barclay on a charge of driving 35 miles an hour in a 25-mile zone. Lamb, admitting his offense, said he understood courts had found a dog was entitled to his first bite and he thought a motorist should be entitled to his first violation without penalty. "I wouldn't want anyone to think I treat people like dogs," said the judge. "I'll treat you like a human, 75¢ a bite."

Committee Meets: Tuscumbia Negro Citizens Discuss Teacher Dismissal, School Matters

Controversy regarding dismissal of a Negro teacher some time ago, as well as other school matters affecting the Negro citizens of Tuscumbia, came before a meeting of Negro citizens at the community playground in Tuscumbia Tuesday night, March 29, when the Citizens Committee, of which W. Mansel Long is chairman, made a report to the Negro citizens of the city. The chairman reported that 60 days had passed and that the committee had received no reply from the Tuscumbia Board of Education regarding a resolution presented to the board on Jan. 31 and which the board had taken under advisement. The committee claims that the board promised to reply to their request in writing within a reasonable time. The following letter, sent to Goodloe Price, chairman of the Board of Education, was read: "The (Negro) Citizens' Committee of Tuscumbia met on Tuesday evening, March 1, 1935. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss some method by which the Negro citizens of Tuscumbia could obtain an answer to the resolution presented to the members of the Board of Education at the meeting held Jan. 31 at Tremblin High School. At that meeting, the desire of the citizens, shown by unanimous vote, was that the board take prompt action on said resolution. Also at that meeting, one of the members of the board expressed a desire for the people to be considered in this matter until after the regular committee had visited Tremblin High School. We feel that we have complied with that request. We feel that each of the resolutions—firstly, the matter of appointment of a board of advisers to the principal; secondly, the use of the school building; and, thirdly, the dismissal of Mr. P. H. Wesley as principal of Tremblin High School—should be taken care of by the board. We feel that the future of the citizens committed by Mr. Wesley in securing a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Delores Swopes Jones is enough to justify his dismissal. However, we do want the board to know that this is a climax to many other grievances that have been voiced from students at the time against Mr. Wesley in his performance of duties as principal. If it becomes necessary to open up these grievances in order to relieve a situation, we shall not hesitate to do so. We further feel that the board has taken under advisement the request either the Citizens Committee as a group or the Negro citizens in a body to give them a formal answer to their request. This is a very grave situation, in our opinion, and we feel that the matter should be foremost on the agenda of the board. We realize that time is essential in solving such a grave problem, but we feel that the board has been given adequate time. It is the consensus of opinion of the Citizens Committee that if a reply from the Board of Education is not rendered on or before March 18, then we feel it the duty of the committee, as representatives of the Negro citizens, to seek the assistance of the Board of City Commissioners in receiving some action on our request. With our respect to the integrity of the members of the board, we remain, Respectfully yours, Citizens Committee of Tuscumbia. (Signed) W. M. Long, chairman; Alton B. Graves, B. M. Thompson, Hattie L. Ricks, W. A. Minor, J. A. Johnson, Paul E. Johnson, S. L. Byrd, Rev. Judge Johnson and Leonard Copper. It was brought out at the meeting Tuesday night that the board of education has not replied to this letter, and the following motions were unanimously adopted: (1) That a petition be presented to the Tuscumbia City Commissioners urging the commissioners to use their influence in getting the Board of Education to act or reply to the resolutions presented to the board by the Negro citizens of Tuscumbia; (2) That Negro adult citizens would refrain from attending any school activities and would withhold all financial or other support until the Board of Education acted upon the requests presented by the Citizens Committee on behalf of the Negro people of Tuscumbia. The committee pointed out that it regrets taking these measures but that there was no other alternative since the board had completely ignored all requests and correspondence from the Negro citizens of Tuscumbia.

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