NAACP sets up another jail unit

STORMVILLE, N.Y. — The NAACP has just organized its second prison branch here at Green Haven State Prison. Gloster B. Current, national director of branches, presented the charter at an installation banquet attended by 250 persons.

Officers of the new branch were installed by the Rev. Jerry M. Guess, regional director for the Northeast.

The first prison branch was organized some months ago at the Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary in Pennsylvania with the approval of the warden and the Federal Prison Board.

Current promoted inmates at Green Haven that the NAACP, through its volunteers, would work with the men on the inside to make their home communities better places to live at the time of their return.

In the meantime, he said, "a man can be what he wants to be if he only tries. We of the NAACP will do our best to help you."

Guess said the effort "grows out of the concern not to have other Attica erupt because of dehumanizing and brutalizing treatment of inmates."

He said, "such branches will work in conjunction with local civilian branches in establishing educational, cultural and recreational programs for inmates and additional efforts will be made to help secure paid employment upon release."

In addition to the prison branches, the NAACP has established a program in New York City to assist ex-offenders secure housing, employment, job training, social services and personal counselling.

Project Rebound is sponsored by mid-Manhattan branch and is the first of a series of such programs to be operated across the nation

NAACP PRISON UNIT—John McIntyre (L), president of the Green Haven branch confers with NAACP regional director Jerry Guess (C), and Phillip Dawes (R), during ceremonies marking the opening of the second prison branch of the NAACP at Green Haven.

Albany offers new courses

ALBANY, Ga. — According to an announcement by President Charles L. Hayes, Albany State College is now offering additional graduate courses in education commencing with with the summer quarter of 1973.

According to Dr. William Lightfoot, director of the graduate program additional information may be secured by writing or calling the Office of Admissions, Albany State College, 912-435-3411, Ext. 211.

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Hummingbirds range in size from the 2½-inch-long Cuban "bee" to an 8½-inch-long Andean variety.

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Capacity of an Arab vessel called the dhow is measured not in tons but in the number of 180-pound date packages it can stow.

Jamaica official feted during Calif. visit

NEW YORK — During his recent swing through three California cities, Jamaica's Minister of Industry and Tourism, Hon. P. J. Patterson, was feted by a number of resident Jamaican and West Indian groups.

It was Patterson's first visit to California, and the first time a government official of cabinet rank has made a personal bid for "cooperative enterprise between Jamaica and the United States."

In Los Angeles, Patterson and his delegation, which included members of the Jamaica Tourist Board, the Jamaica Industrial Development Corporation and a representative of the Jamaica Development Bank, were given a reception jointly by the Jamaica Progressive League, the United Jamaican Association and the Organization of Caribbean American Peoples.

During a brief speech and question-and-answer session, Patterson received an ovation when he announced his government's new decision declaring free secondary education for all Jamaicans and free enrollment at the University of the West Indies for all academically qualified students.

In the state capital of Sacramento, the minister and his party were given an evening reception to meet California legislators, Jamaican and other West Indian residents, and friends of Jamaica.

The affair was held at the home of Jamaican Mrs. Lois Jones, administrative assistant to State Sen. Albert Song. Patterson was also presented to the California State Assembly, which he addressed.

While in San Francisco, the minister and his party were received informally by the Jamaican community after a reception-presentation sponsored by the Jamaica Tourist Board for Bay area travel executives.

Keys to the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco were given Patterson, and he also received two welcoming resolutions from the California Senate and House of Representatives.

Julius Thomas, noted NUL worker, dead at 76

NEW YORK — Funeral services were held recently for Julius A. Thomas, 76, former industrial relations director of the National Urban League and executive secretary of three Urban League affiliates, who died unexpectedly at his home in Dayton, Ohio, on May 20.

Funeral services were held in that city on May 24.

Thomas' service with the League spanned almost 40 years beginning in 1924 when he was named executive secretary of the Atlanta League.

In 1925, as its executive secretary, he organized the Jacksonville, Fla. Urban League, and in 1929 moved to a similar post at the Louisville League.

He served there until 1943 when he was appointed industrial relations director in the national office.

As Industrial Relations Director of the League, Thomas was a key figure in expanding job opportunities for black workers during and after World War Two.

His report on the performance of 250,000 black workers in 300 war plants documented their productivity, thus assuring the employment of blacks after the war.

In 1947, Thomas organized the League's Commerce and Industrial Council composed of representatives of major corporations committed to equal employment opportunity.

He also organized the League's Trade Union Advisory Council and in 1949 initiated the League's Pilot Placement Project which placed thousands of skilled black workers in industrial jobs not previously open to them.

The first recruiting visit of a major corporation to a black college campus — that of the General Electric Company to Howard University in 1949 — was arranged by Mr. Thomas and set a pattern that is regarded as commonplace today.

He also initiated the Career Conference of the League which brought over 500 industrial consultants, resource people and discussion leaders to black college campuses where they eventually reached more than 400,000 young people.

He retired from the League in 1961.

He was born in Greensboro, N.C., in 1896 and grew up in Charleston, S.C. He graduated Cum Laude from Howard University in 1914 and after brief military service in World War I was employed at the Cleveland Post Office.

Thomas is survived by his widow, Constance, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Gilmer of Charleston, West Virginia.

Awards received by Thomas include the Congressional Selective Service Award, 1947; the National Technical Association Award, 1949; the Chicago Defender Award, 1950; the Russwurm Award, 1950; Howard University's 1953 Alumni Award and the City of New York Citation for Distinguished and Exceptional Services, 1959.

He received honorary degrees from the University of Maryland, Delaware State College, Virginia State College and Howard University.

Hugh Taylor dead at 82; prominent Springfielder

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO — Hugh Taylor, one of this town's most priminent residents, died on Tuesday after a brief illness. He was about 84.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Second Baptist Church where he held membership for 60 years. He was a deacon, trustee for over 30 years and chairman of the trustee board for 25 years. He also served as church treasurer.

Noted as a civic leader, successful contractor and businessman, Mr. Taylor in his later years spent his time as a gentleman farmer and made his home on an 82-acre farm on the Springfield-Jamestown Pike, an area where he had extensive real estate holdings.

He always expressed pride in his long service as a member of the Metropolitan Housing Authority.

In 1971, Mr. Taylor, received a handsome plaque when he was named "Outstanding Contractor of the Year" at the annual national convention of Affiliate Contractors of America, Inc. held at Holiday Inn in Columbus, Ohio.

HUGH TAYLOR
Buried Saturday in Springfied, Ohio

Born in Jackson, Ohio, Mr. Taylor settled in Clark County in 1910. He worked as a farmer for 10 years before he entered the construction business. He was employed by a cement and his employer retired, he masonry contractor. When took over the business.

Mr. Taylor's visit to the AFRO office in Baltimore in October, 1971, coincided with installation of this newspaper's $40,000 photon machine. A photo of him beside the new machine was published in this newspaper.

At that time, Mr. Taylor told this reporter he found it "rewarding" to drive around the city and survey the building work he had done during nearly 50 years as cement masonry contractor.

Mr. Taylor was active in a number of other civic endeavors. For over 33 years, he served on the Center St. YMCA board of managers and was its chairman for nine years.

The board honored him with a distinguished service plaque A. P. Miss, now associate general executive of the Baltimore area YMCA, was executive at the time.

Mr Taylor was also active as trustee of the United Appeals, served on the boards of the NAACP, Urban League and was a Prince Hall Mason and Elk.

In 1965, the Springfield chapter of Frontiers of America presented him its Distinguished Citizen Citation.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mrs. Addie Taylor; a son, David, and several grandchildren.

Coalition plans to create new political force

NEW YORK — Asserting that existing political structures have tragically failed the black community, a group of middle income people have organized the Independent Black Political Coalition, which they hope will become a powerful force.

H. Carl McCall, president of the Inner City Broadcasting Co., speaking for the group, said their first political act will be the endorsement of Assemblyman Albert H. Blumenthal as mayor.

McCall, former head of the city's Council Against Poverty, stressed that the scope of the coalition went beyond the current citywide elections, and added that it is looking toward the 1974 statewide elections.

Between now and then, however, he said the coalition will be involved in a number of activities.

They include voter registration and education, campaigns to increase community control of local institutions, efforts to influence political appointments, and the mobilization of "those blacks traditionally alienated from local politics.

Explaining the need for the organization Carlos Russell, Dean of Brooklyn Colleges School of Contemporary studies said:

"It's very difficult to base change solely on organizing poor people, and we want to bring together a number of middle income blacks with managerial skills."

"It does not mean we are abandoning the poor blacks but removing some of the pressures from them."

The goals of the present coalition are similar to those of the year old New York State Black Assembly which grew out of the 1972 National Black Political Convention.

Jupiter's atmosphere contains ammonia, methane, hydrogen, and probably water, the same ingredients that may have produced life on earth about 4 billion years ago.

Utah became a territory Sept. 9, 1850, and a state Jan. 4, 1896.

Struggle for preservation of culture seen in Africa

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The struggle to identify and preserve a black cultural heritage isn't confined only to American blacks. It is taking place among blacks in Africa, too, says a Nigerian novelist who is completing a year's stay at Michigan State University.

Nkem Nwankwo, author of several novels and a former deputy editor of the Lagos Daily Times in Nigeria, says that just as newly independent African nations are trying to establish their political identity, so are African writers and artists seeking to establish a cultural identity.

Nwankwo is a writer-in-residence at MSU and is teaching courses in contemporary black literature.

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He says that major changes in Africa over the past two decades — particularly from a long era of colonial rule to emerging self-government — is reflected in the writings of African novelists and poets.

A dilemma facing today's African writers, he says, is dealing with the "love-hate relationship" with the language they have "inherited," such as English or French.

"They resent it as a symbol of colonial subjugation, but they recognize that for practical purposes it represents the best way of communicating with the world."

Writing in a language indigenous to a particular African nation would severely limit readership, he points out.

Nwankwo has written a number of novels, and is currently working on "Broken Images," which deals with the problems facing people torn from their cultural roots and faced with changing value systems.

The problem of separatism versus assimilation is a major one for many Africans, Nwankwo says, and he expresses the view that "while we can't turn our backs on the past, we can't afford to totally reject the technological advances taking place today."

"Ideally," he says, "we can synthesize the two and make the best use of both."

IN DENMARK — Baltimore-born Ernest Goodman (L), press attache at the American Embassy in Copenhagen; Mrs. Odelle Barbour Rea, Baltimore, and Thomas Dannily, charge'd affairs at the Embassy, photographed when Mrs. Rea presented Goodman with an engraved silver tray from the Baltimore Club, Howard Alumni Federation.

Church group challenges Exxon's plans for Angola

NEW YORK — Exxon Corporation faced considerable criticism at its 1973 stockholders' meeting for its plan to invest in Angola, a Portuguese colony in Southern Africa

The challenge was led by a coalition of eight Protestant denominations called the Church Project on U.S. Investments in Southern Africa — 1973.

A member of the project, the Unitarian Universalist had filed a stockholder resolution urging Exxon to establish a committee "to fully examine the implications for both the company and for Angola of its proposed new investment in Angola."

The church critics argued that Exxon's investment would assist Portugal, which is fighting in Angola against African movements for independence. Portugal, which is fighting in Angola against African movements for independence. Portugal has over 60,000 troops in that African territory.

Support for the resolution came from different quarters. The Ford Foundation, holder of 500,000 shares of Exxon, voted in favor of the resolution, as did Oberlin College and numerous church bodies.

Harvard University abstained on the resolution but asked management to reexamine the proposed investment paying closer attention to the struggle for independence. The resolution received 1.5 per cent of the stockholder votes cast.

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The president of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, issued a statement "strongly opposing attempts being made by Exxon Corporation to secure exploration rights for oil offshore the Portuguese colony of Angola."

Among the speakers for the resolution were Ms. Margaret Williams, for the Unitarian Universalist Association. Mustaffa Sam, representative of the United Nations Office of the Organization of African Unity, Abel Culmaraes, an Angolan living in New York, and Rev. Lawrence Henderson, speaking before the stockholder audience of over 1,000 persons, explained his opposition to Exxon's going into Angola: "At this very moment, Angolan minutemen are fighting for freedom from Portugal in the village of Angola.

"If at the simple invitation of the Portuguese government, Exxon goes into Angola, the call will go out as in 1776: 'The Redcoats are coming,' or translated in 1973, 'Exxon is coming.'"

Sam, speaking for the Organization of African Unity, which represents 41 independent states, urged Exxon not to jeopardize its friendship and commercial relations with the rest of African by going into Angola.

Margaret Williams, speaking on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Association, argued, "Any decision to invest in the colony of Angola reflects gross insensitivity to the pressions for freedom of the Angolan people and is an open insult to black Americans in this country . . . Do not talk to us of the so-called energy crisis," she said. "Human lives and dignity are at stake."

The challengers explained that the U.S. would pay Portugal would subsidize Portuguese military control of Angola.

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Mr. A. F. Grospiron, president of the union, said in a statement reading: "The Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union is strongly opposed to attempts being made by Exxon Corporation to secure exploration rights for oil offshore the Portuguese colony of Angola.

"As a responsible labor union, we recognize the rights of all workers and people to economic justice and political self-determination. We would only hope major oil companies, Exxon included, would act in a similarly responsible manner by withdrawing any plans to invest in Portuguese colonialism in Angola."

Bishop Mathews calls for morals in politics

DOVER, Del. — Referring to Watergate, United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews said, "We must insist that there is a moral basis at the root of politics in a free society" in an address titled, the Church and Our Times," at the opening session of the Peninsula Annual Conference, here in Dover.

Declaring that all problems are theological in nature, Bishop Mathews said he mentioned Watergate not merely to condemn but as a rightful concern of the people of God.

In his address, Bishop Mathews called upon Christians to look at their world, its nation and their church.

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Acknowledging recent critics who had predicted the church would not survive the 1960's, the bishop said "It isn't true." In the 1960's, "... the church once more has shown itself to be an anvil on which many a hammer has been broken."

Citing that churches are not growing rapidly in a numerical sense, "they have been growing in depth," said the bishop.

"Churches have involved themselves substantially in the relief of acute human need whether occasioned by war or natural disater . . . "compassion fatigue from which we were supposed to have been suffering has been largely overcome," said Bishop Mathews.

The bishop went on to cite the changed place of women in the church, youth participation and progress in race relations as signs that the church is doing something right.

He observed that the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, the president of the National Council of Churches, the president of COCU (Consultation on Church Union), the president of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, the chairpersons of both the Baltimore and the Peninsula Conferences are all black.

Black press directory lists media outlets

NEWARK, N.J. — The 1973 Black Press Periodical Directory, the most comprehensive listing of black media published to date, lists over 50 U.S. and 250 foreign black publications and broadcast outlets.

For the first time, all black media of interest to research, communications, advertising, and public relations organizations is covered in one complete directory.

Representing a year of work by the Black Press Clipping Bureau research staff, the directory shows close to a five million readership for the 295 black U.S. newspapers.

The periodicals (176 consumer and special interest, 35 professional and literary, and 53 association and trade) add another 2.5 million readers.

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Over 250 kev foreign black media published in English are listed (123 newspapers and 123 periodicals) plus 123 stations with a black orientation.

The Black Press Periodical Directory, priced at $45, lists addresses, names of editorial contact, phone number, circulation, frequency, deadlines and has an index.

It can be ordered from the Black Press Clipping Bureau, 78 Merchant St., Newark, N.J. 07105. The telephone number is (201) 344-8545.

Founder of sickle cell group dies at age 30

PHILADELPHIA — Funeral services were held Tuesday for Donald Williams, a victim of sickle cell anemia who founded the United Sickle Cell Anemia Association. He was 30 and lived at 1518 E. Pastorious St., in Philadelphia.

Williams was employed as a laboratory technician at Jefferson Hospital where he died.

When not at his job, he was speaking to community groups about the blood disease that mostly afflicts blacks and counseling parents of children with the disease.

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The association, which he founded 1969, eventually began free testing sessions to detect the presence of the sickle-shaped red blood cells.

His mother, Mrs. Thelma Williams, discovered her child had the disease when he was eight months old. Once he spent a year in the hospital. During his life, he underwent some 500 blood transfusions.

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He is survived by his wife, the former Maryan Mordison; a brother; two sisters and his maternal grandfather, Leander Williams.

Services were held at Enon Baptist Church, 19th and Green Sts.

Clifton Johnson, 67, dies in Richmond

RICHMOND — Clifton Johnson, Box 215, Rt. 5, here in Richmond, died unexpectedly on Friday at St. Phillip Hospital. He had undergone kidney surgery and was thought to be recovering.

Mr. Johnson, who would have observed his 67th birthday on June 31, was a member of an old Virginia family. He was retired two years ago after long service with a clothing firm.

The Scott Funeral Home is handling arrangements for the Tuesday funeral to be held at First Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a lifelong member.

Mr. Johson is survived by his wife of 42 yers, Mrs. Inez Mason Johnson, and 11 of their 16 children.

The children are: Miss Ernestine Johnson, Mrs. Anne Robinson, Mrs. Audrey DePriest, Mrs. Margie Charity and Mrs. Phyllis Charity, all of Richmond; Mrs. Lena Christian, Henrico County; Mrs. Ruth Charity, Charles City;

And Clifton Johnson, Jr., and Benjamin and Kiah Johnson, all of Richmond, and Oliver Johnson, N.Y.

He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Charles Lewis (Ruth), of Baltimore; and three brothers, Austin, William and Oliver Johnson, all of Richmond.

Grandma's missing 1916 diploma returns as mother's day present

A Happy Grandmother Mrs. Mrs. Edna Moore McDonald, 77, remarked recently to her granddaughter how much she regretted losing her Bachelor of Arts diploma from Temple University. Her granddaughter, 17-year-old Miss Paula K. Owens, decided to do something about it.

The freshman at the University of Maryland at Baltimore [illegible] suited the library at UMBC to find out who at Temple might help her surprise her grandmother on Mother's Day.

She wrote a letter to Mrs. Elizabeth Londes, saying her grandmother had received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Temple on June 10, 1916, and now it was lost. Paula asked that a duplicate be sent in time for Mother's Day.

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From the time the letter was received at Temple, phone calls and correspondence by mail flew back and forth from Philadelphia to Baltimore. As a result of the efforts of Temple University to satisfy the request, the following were presented to Mrs. McDonald on Mother's Day: A handsome leather bound replica of the 1916 diploma, a scrapbook with xeroxed copies of the 1916 graduation invitation, a graduation admission card, a program of the ceremonies and a partial list of the 1916 graduates — with her name highlighted.

The university also sent a brochure showing present day Temple University.

The alumni association wired a lovely bouquet of flowers to the honoree. Finally, Temple arranged for a professional photographer from John's Hopkins University to take pictures of the occasion.

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Mrs. McDonald resides with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Katherine) Gross at 2402 Springdale Ave. Paula is the child of another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Owens.

Other members of the family are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (Edna) Alston, daughter and son-in-law, and Mr. Thaddeus McDonald Jr., (son), Other grandchildren are Mr. Gwendolyn A. Shelton (New York City), Charles E. McDonald, and Roland A. Owens.

Temple personnel instrumental in making the matron's Mother's Day a heartwarming one included Bill Smith.

LORMAN, Miss. — Dr. Walter Washington, president of Alcorn A and M College, will preside over the General Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Aug. 3-9, in New Orleans. Headquarters for all sessions and major activities will be the Fairmont Roosevelt Hotel.

RED CROSS AWARD—Mrs. Bernice Newsome, left, a teacher at Rock Glen elementary school, is pictured receiving for the second straight year the Baltimore Regional Red Cross certificate of recognition for outstanding leadership in making Red Cross youth activities an intergal part of her school program. Making the presentation is Robert P. Dines, supervisor of curriculum development in the Baltimore City Department of Education.

Social welfare program at Morgan state college

The Undergraduates Social Welfare Program at Morgan State College had its Third Annual Awards Program last week to give citations to outstanding graduates in the Social Welfare Department. Some 36 students graduating in that department this year. They received certificates on the 23rd.

LaMoyne Matthews, program head, gave the opening address. Other faculty members present were Dr. G. J. Fleming, Joseph Hall, Charles Lansberry, William Sykes, Darrel Talley, Mrs. Cheryl Cromwell, Mrs. Henrietta Gray and Mrs. Frances Beckle.

Graduates receiving outstanding certificates are Miss Janice Blackwell, Social Welfare Student award, by the Howard University School of Social Alumni of perr was presented an award by the Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers:

Edward Chance is president NABSW which is given every year to outstanding students.

Highest ranking student is Miss Mary Andrea Orien, who received the Edgar D. Mason Memorial Award.

In the Peace Corps in San Juan Puerto Rico, her parents sent a letter of appreciance for her. Edgar D. Mason is the father of Mrs. LaMoyne Matthews, a renown educator.

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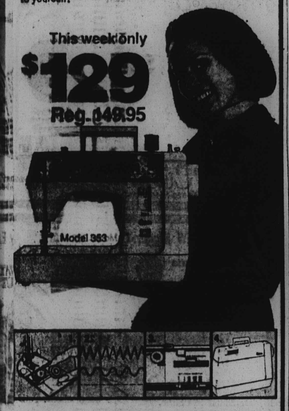

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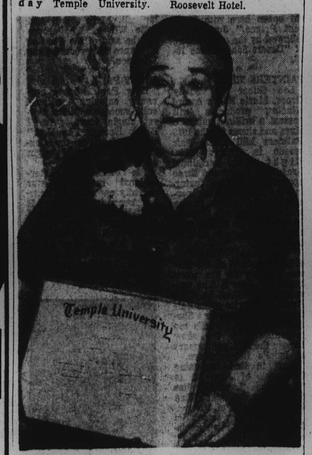

A HAPPY GRANDMOTHER—Mrs. Edna Moore McDonald, 77, holds a replica of her 1916 diploma form Temple University which the school sent her as a Mother's Day gift to replace her original diploma which was lost. Miss Paula K. Evans, her 17-year-old granddaughter, had asked Temple to find a replacement. The school not only did that but added a special scrapbook of 1916 graduation momentos to the present.

Cadet Berry heads Durham air ROTC

DURHAM, N. C. — Cadet Major Larry S. Berry of Durham will head the NCCU contingent of Air Force ROTC students during the 1973-74 academic year.

Berry, son of Mrs. Geneva H. Berry of Ahoskie, has been named wice commander of the Duke-NCCU AFROTC unit. He is one of 18 juniors in the program from NCCU.

The corps of cadets consists of students from both NCCU and Duke University. The corps commander is traditionally a senior, and is therefore a Duke student, since the program began at NCCU only this fall.

Berry is a political science major. He is completing his third year as a member of the Duke University campus security force, and is a veteran of four years of service as an enlisted man in the Air Force.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Ronald E. Jackson, 24-year-old graduate of Miles College recently was sworn in as amember of the Alabama Bar. Jackson is an instructor in the Miles Business Division, lecturing in tax accounting, business law and real estate law. Jackson is the second black to have graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law.