

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1944

Negro Appeals Disbarment To Circuit Court

Madison Gives Notice After Vote Cases Are Dismissed

Eight appeals taken to the circuit court of Montgomery County by eight negro residents of Madison Park from the alleged action of the board of registrars in refusing to register them as voters were dismissed in court yesterday by Judge Walter B. Jones on motion of Col. Richard T. Rives appearing as amicus curiae.

Immediately afterward, Arthur A. Madison, New York negro lawyer, who was convicted and fined last week in the court of common pleas for representing five of his race without being employed, and disbarred from practice of law in Alabama, posted bond of \$5,000 with Clerk O. C. Maner and gave notice of appeal to the circuit court.

When court convened yesterday morning, several hundred negro spectators had already gathered in the courtroom. A woman photographer representing northern publications, made a number of pictures during the proceedings.

When the cases were called, Madison explained to Judge Jones that, "in view of recent happenings," another attorney had been secured in the case and presented to the court Arthur D. Shores, Birmingham negro attorney, who represented the appellants.

Dismissal Moved

Thereupon Col. Rives presented to the court the motion of the State to dismiss the petitions to require the registrars to register the complainants. The motions to dismiss contained seven grounds, among them: The claimed appeal was not taken within the time allowed by law; the petition failed to aver, by evidence established to the re-



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than 30 days after the time in which the petitions should have been filed. He dismissed each of the petitions.

Those whose petitions were dismissed were: Willie L. Madison, General P. Madison, William F. Madison, James T. Emery, Sallie B. Madison, Henry G. Payne, Alfonso Felder, and Edgar D. Nixon.

Yesterday's action of the court leaves no petitions of appeal pending in the court, for on Feb. 2, last, Judge Jones dismissed the appeals of Ola M. Galloway, Sarah O. Madison, Annie S. Banks, Mildred Hardy, John H. Winston, Frankie Lee Winston, Emma Madison and Nicholas T. Madison. Each of the above named negroes stated then in open court that they did not take the appeals and did not authorize the negro attorney from New York, Arthur A.