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Daisy Bates walked into her office at the Arkansas State Press. She felt frustrated, as the local schools were still treating Blacks unfairly: Minnie Jean was asked to leave the glee club, Gloria Ray was shoved into a locker by an angry boy, and another boy was attacked so viciously that he required a doctor's attention. Daisy had been to the school many times, trying to find ways to solve these problems. Sometimes the school administration listened; other times, they didn't. Some Whites were being suspended from school for their actions, but was it enough?

These students were attending this school as part of The U.S. Supreme Court *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. The ruling said that segregated schools were unconstitutional, and all schools should be desegregated. If the government said that these students could attend this school, why wasn't someone there making sure they were safe? Even the President was involved in the happenings of this school!

Daisy sat and thought for a bit and wondered what to do. Finally, she decided to write to Roy Wilkins in New York City. He was the executive secretary of the NAACP and also one of the founders of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. In the letter, Daisy outlined the problems at the school. Since the National Guard was already at the school and there were still incidents almost daily, Daisy told Roy about the possibility of the FBI being on school grounds. Those children had so much potential, and Daisy wanted to make sure they were allowed to succeed. She didn't want them to die at the hands of Whites like her mother did.

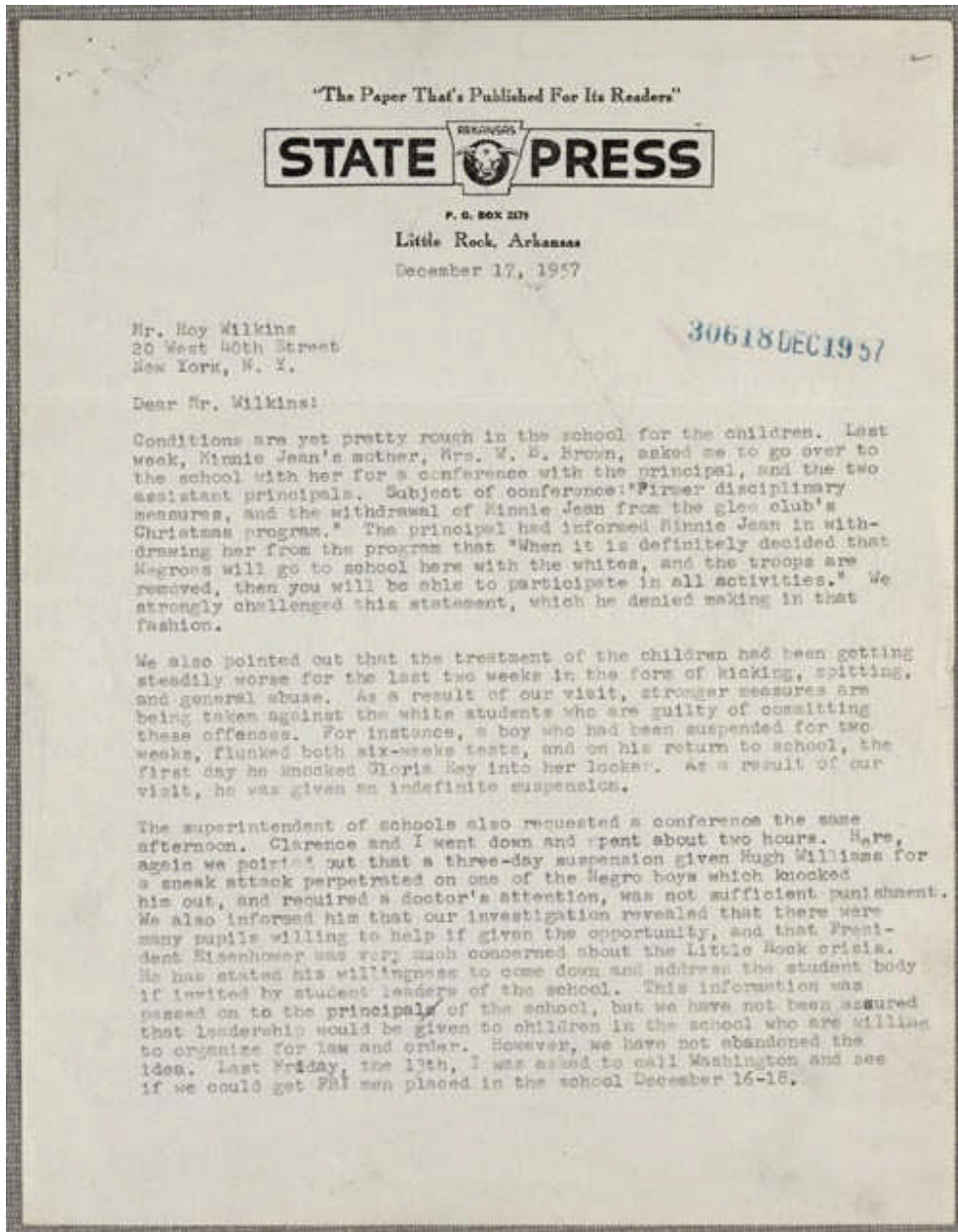
Daisy put the letter in the mail to New York and continued her work with the Arkansas State Press. She would make a difference!

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