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Evicted Sharecroppers Stage Exodus

WPA Classes Meet Daily; Progressive

The Adult Education Program sponsored by the government under the Works Progress Association is progressing splendidly in the city with local instructors holding classes nightly. These classes include art, shorthand and typing, music appreciation, choral, solo, instrumental music, literary subjects, gardening and other courses offered in colleges throughout the nation. On account of the activities of the Adult Education Unit shall be published weekly under the personal direction of Booker Hughes, 505 Canal St., Apt. 155. All instructors are requested to send or mail their news to the above address, by Tuesday of each week.

PURPOSE—TO INFORM PUBLIC

The purpose of the weekly column that has been inaugurated by these instructors is to apprise the public of the work that is done by the students and teachers of the Adult Education Program. It is the desire of the director of this column that from time to time the public may find interest in the articles that may be found in this column. A complete schedule of each teacher will be given soon.

ADULT TEACHERS COUNCIL

Alvin D. Baylor, supervisor of the program, led a very interesting discussion on the subject "Personality" at the first monthly meeting of the year for this council at the Community Association, Jan. 4 1939. Any information concerning schedule of classes call James V. Roach, Pros. 2-3527 or Inez B. Hackner, Sec'y, 2-5674.

HANDICRAFT

A class in handcraft meets each Wednesday evening 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Lincoln School Room No. 110. All adults who are interested may register at any time. Come out and see what we are doing. Miss Jay Jackson teacher.

Shorthand and Typing

Classes in Shorthand and Typing meet each Tuesday and Wednesday evening 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Association, 7th and Cherry Sts. Anyone interested may enroll at any time. Miss Inez B. Hackner, teacher.

Choral Class

The Monday evening Choral Class meets at 603 Mulberry—6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday evening—"Sewing"; 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, Piano Music, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, Nazarene Baptist Church 7:30 to 9:30 Choral Class—517 S. Linwood.

Mrs. Sadie Mosley

The Lincoln Alumni met January 11th at the school. The association will start the year's program off with an "Amusement Night" on January 31st in the school auditorium. The entertainment will consist of cards, ping-pong and checkers. A fee of ten cents will be charged for the night of recreation.

Next business meeting will be Friday, January 20th, 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Faces Big Suit in Accident to Child

RICHMOND, Va.—(A.N.P.)—Damages of \$50,000 will probably be asked in a suit to be filed against William E. Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, it was announced Thursday by A. T. George E. Haw, white, counsel for the parents of Gloria Grimes, 4, who was injured in an auto accident December 5.

Dodd said he was traveling between 45 and 50 miles per hour when the child ran in front of his car. He applied his brakes and swerved and said he could not stop.

A.F.L. Barbers' Union Invades Negro Rocks

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. (ANP)—Stating that theirs is the first attempt to effectuate a chartered union of journeymen barbers in New Orleans, white or colored, Elijah Williams, president of the Louisiana State Federation of Labor, installed the officers and presented a charter to Local No. 300 of International Journeymen Barbers of America, in its regular meeting here last week.

Its membership comprises 27 Negro barbers who have pledged themselves, with the cooperation of shop owners and managers, to bolster up the barbering profession in New Orleans, which they hope will inspire such organizing throughout the state and eventually throughout the South.

Colonel Robinson Speaks At Cairo

CAIRO, Ill.—The first Emancipation Proclamation services were held here January 1st at the Summer High School. The program was sponsored by the Cairo Civic League.

Col. John C. Robinson of Chicago was the guest speaker and was introduced by Charles P. Browning state director of Negro Affairs of the NYA.

A special event of the day was the crowning of the Queen of the Emancipation Day Celebration, Miss Geraldine Chambliss, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Chambliss. Miss Chambliss had contributed the largest amount of in the contest. The Misses Savada Murray and Bessie Moore were strong contenders.

The committee in charge were: L. D. Jenkins, Sammie Martin, Henry Dyson, Alvin, Thompson, G. S. Taylor, W. B. Beatty Jr., Doctors U. F. Bass and W. B. Beatty Sr. and Julius Sheard, NYA.

Murphy's Appointment As Attorney General Praised by NAACP

NEW YORK.—A telegram congratulating former Governor of Michigan, Frank Murphy on his appointment to the President's Cabinet as Attorney General of the United States, was sent today to Mr. Murphy at his office in Washington by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Murphy has been a director of the Association for some time. The telegram which was signed by Walter White follows:

"The thirtieth annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hails the appointment of so active and faithful a member of its board to the high post of Attorney General of the United States and wishes for you speedy confirmation by the United States Senate."

Postal Employees Plan Convention

CHICAGO.—(By Percy R. Hines for ANP)—Plans for entertaining the tenth biennial convention of the National Alliance of Postal Employees to be held here August 15 to 19, were launched Saturday by the Chicago branch of the organization. President Norvel E. Perkins of the local body announced the appointment of William A. Little as general chairman of convention plans.

The Wabash Avenue Branch YMCA, has been selected as headquarters for the meeting. Members of the National Executive Committee serving in this connection are George W. Golden, Jackson, Tenn.; Jesse J. Anderson, Detroit; and E. R. Bryson, Saint Louis.

ENDS SERIES OF MEETINGS

Rev. B. J. Boozer announces the close of a series of meetings which were held at the Taylor Chapel Church, January 11-13. A special service will be held at the church Sunday January 15. Rev. John Tate is the minister.

N. A. A. C. P. MEETS SUNDAY AT Y. M. C. A.

The NAACP will hold the first meeting of the year Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at the YMCA, Seventh and Cherry Sts. Unfinished business from 1938 and new business will be discussed so the president, Rev. M. R. Dixon, Jr., is urging all members to be present. Join The NAACP Today. The Membership Campaign Ends This Month.

ADDRESS MAMMOTH AGENCY FORCE

The Evansville Agency force was graced with the presence of Rev. J. W. Appleby, pastor of Cleaves Memorial CME Church. He talked at length on the many methods that should be employed in order to make our 1939 records surpass the ones of 1938. This talk was highly appreciated and was made at the agents' meeting Saturday, Jan. 7, 1939.

At the regular Wednesday morning agent's meeting, Mr. K. H. Meade acted as guest speaker. He gave a very precise address on "Check Up On Yourself."

The talk, as given by Mr. Meade, was of a very informative nature that proved to be quite educational.

Woman Files For Graduate School Course

May Result in Professional Schools in Race Colleges

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—(ANP)—Regarded here as one of a series of test cases following the Dec. 12 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Univ. of Missouri-Lloyd Gaines case, Pres. Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina last week had on his desk an application for a colored woman, now a New York City resident, for admission to the graduate school.

In President Graham's absence, Miss Katherine Lackey, his secretary, said she was not at liberty to divulge the applicant's name. The High Court's ruling ordered the Univ. of Missouri to admit Student Gaines to its law school or provide a school within the state that he and others of his race could attend.

As applied to North Carolina, some observers said the colored woman's application was without standing, since a state institution does not have to provide for a non-citizen of the state. The N. Carolina State Constitution decrees separate educational institutions for the two races.

One solution of the N.C. problem, it was pointed out would be to provide graduate and professional courses for Negroes at North Carolina State College for Negroes and at the A. & T. College. This was advocated by Governor Clyde R. Hoey, in his message Thursday, to the State Legislature. The chief executive recommended that courses in law, pharmacy and medicine, be provided at the two Negro schools mentioned.

Two Negro Catholics Studying In Rome

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss.—Two members of the 1939 ordination class of St. Augustine's seminary, conducted here by the Society of the Divine Word, are completing their theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian university in Rome. They are the Rev. Joseph Bowers, S.V.D., of Dominica, British West Indies, and the Rev. George Chachere, S.V.D., of Opelousas, La., first seminarians of St. Augustine's to study in Rome.

One of The Hundreds



Sharecropper C. T. Thomas having a meal while camping by the roadside near Hayti, Mo. He was one of several hundred evicted sharecroppers camping in the vicinity.

540,000 MAY LOSE WPA JOBS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An appropriation of 725 million dollars—a slash of 150 million dollars from the amount requested by President Roosevelt—was recommended Tuesday by a house appropriation subcommittee to finance the WPA from Feb. 1 to June 30. House leaders exerted heavy pressure to keep the subcommittee, composed of eight Democrats and four Republicans from cutting it to an even lower figure.

President Roosevelt was irritated when informed at his press conference of the subcommittee's action. He advised newspapermen writing the story to calculate how many persons would be thrown off the relief rolls as a result of the reduced fund. He was unable, he remarked sharply, to think only in terms of dollars but always considered individual human needs—men, women, and children.

The President added that he was speaking only for himself; that he was not trying to tell congress how it should think.

Offers Reward For White Rapist

BIRMINGHAM, Jan.—(By Walter C. Murdock for ANP)—A state reward of \$200 has been posted by Gov. Graves for the arrest of a white man accused of attacking 12 year old Ada Pearl Owens, Negro girl of Decatur. Gov. Bibb Graves offered the reward at the request of Solicitor Melvin Hutson, and assigned State Highway Patrol Investigators Oliver McDuff and J. W. McClung to the case.

The attack occurred in Decatur, a town in North Alabama. The girl and her aunt said the white man drove up to them on a city street and offered her a job. He took her away, attacked her and rode her near home and let her

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NEGRO ATTORNEYS FILE \$100,000 SUIT FOR WHITES

More Than \$10,000,000 Involved. Litigants Are White

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In a suit filed before the United States Supreme Court here recently it was revealed that three Negro attorneys had been employed by the white litigants in the Lewis vs. Cook case which grew out of claims on land grants in the state of West Virginia as far back as 1872, and is said to involve more than \$10,000,000.

The Negro attorneys for the petitioner in the case are James E. White and S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago and T. G. Nutter of Charleston. The attorneys on the opposing side are said to be white.

Africans, Europeans Mingle at Dance

ACCRA, Gold Coast, W. Africa, Jan. (ANP)—A highlight of the present social season here was Saturday's exclusive Flannal dance which took place at Adabraka hotel (under European management) with Mr. W. J. Mouill, vice chairman West African Sports Syndicate, acting as master of ceremonies.

A feature of the dance, which won admiration of all present, was the complete freedom with which both Europeans and Africans mixed together, chatted heartily and danced together throughout the function. Mr. Ricci, European manager of the Adabraka, was warmly congratulated for promoting the dance which will be a regular week-end affair in future for the benefit of his many European and African patrons.

'Mamba's Daughter' Ethel Waters Lauded in

NEW YORK, Jan. (ANP)—Ethel Waters, heretofore known to the entertainment world as a singer and comedienne, blossomed forth with equal glory as a dramatic actress with the Broadway debut last week at the Empire theatre of "Mamba's Daughter."

Miss Waters portrays the role of "Hagar," the woman who is wrapped up in her daughter and works but who still finds time to sample the joys of amours. She had long wanted to act the part.

NEW PASTOR

DAYTON, O., Jan (ANP)—Harold H. Shaw, native Daytonian, last week left for the nation's capitol to take up his duties as one of the secretaries to Congressman Harry N. Rutzohn, white Republican representative in the 76th U. S. Congress. Shaw is reputedly the first of his race to serve as secretary to a white congressman and Rutzohn has been warmly commended for his courage in thus appointing a Negro. Observers here declare Rutzohn's action will result in many Negroes returning to the GOP banner.

Rev. Richard H. Dixon, above, has been elected pastor of McFarland Baptist Church. He comes from Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

PTA Holds First Meet of Year

Sessions To Be In Gym—January 19.

On January 19, Lincoln High School will hold its regular Parent Teachers Association meeting in the gymnasium. All parents and teachers are asked to be present. The P.T.A. has been granted memberships in the City Council, state and national P.T.A. Since the month of September much has been accomplished. Books have been published to assist in library work, and food has been distributed among the unfortunates. Memberships have increased greatly. Music for the meeting will be furnished by the elementary department under Mrs. A. I. Hill, sponsor. Mrs. Christine C. Meade is the leader for the discussion, "The Part Parent Should Take in the Program of the School". All parents are asked to contribute something to this topic. The P.T.A. will sponsor a dramatic recital given by Mrs. Madge Pait in the gym very soon—watch for the date.

The City Council of P.T.A.'s was held Tuesday January 4th. Lincoln was represented by its acting president, Mrs. Thomas Cheeks. The executive committee met at Lincoln High School and discussed the by laws and constitution, acceptance of same. Those present were Prof. William Best, principal, Mr. E. T. Griswood, treasurer; Mrs. Buena Vista Bell, sec'y; Miss Minnie Crowe, primary council; Mrs. A. I. Hill, Mrs. A. Shane, comm. on constitution; Mrs. Christine Meade Program Chr'm.; Mrs. Pauline Cheeks, acting pres., who also presided over the meeting.

Won't Give Seats to Whites; Draw Fines

BIRMINGHAM—(ANP)—Two Negroes were charged with violating the City's Jim Crow, or race segregation laws. Two charges resulted from a street car fracas when the Negroes refused to unseat themselves and let the whites be seated when the car became packed.

One was fined \$25, and the other \$10 and cost in the court of misdemeanor. Judge Henry Martin stated: "If I thought the case was willful and aggravating to our segregation laws, I would give them the maximum sentence."

C.M.E.'s Announce Winter Council

TOPEKA, Kan.—(ANP)—Official announcement was made here Wednesday that the 1939 Kansas-Missouri conference annual winter council of ministers and lay workers of the C.M.E. church would be held here this year at the Lane chapel C.M.E. church Thursday, Jan. 26. The council was called by Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, presiding bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, who is marshalling the C.M.E. forces here at that time. The council will be in session two days.

Assembles Papers Of Judge Ruffin

TOLEDO, O.—(ANP)—Mrs. resident here and daughter of the late great Judge George L. Ruffin of Boston, is busily engaged on the commendable work of assembling the valued papers of her illustrious father and adding them to her collection of family data for presentation to some outstanding library.

The records show life of the Ruffin family in Boston since Florida Ruffin Ridley, prominent 1853, when they settled there of George Ruffin's social and political activities and his certificate of graduation from Harvard Law School in 1879, first Negro to win that distinction.

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Trek From Homes In Mass Protest Against Landlords

More Than 1500 Camp By 100 Miles Of Highway In Southeast Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—January—While hundreds of sharecroppers huddled about campfires for 100 miles along U. S. Highways 60 and 61 in Southeast, Mo., an Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Farm Security Administration launched an investigation of the massed exodus of tenants from farms in the cotton country, the Rev. Owen H. Whitfield told representatives of the press an amazing story of the incident surrounding the dramatic happening at the Urban League Wednesday afternoon.

Saw Hard Life

Whitfield, who stated that he was a sharecropper 35 years and never had any security until his family was taken in on the LeFarge farm settlement project, disclosed how through years of seemingly fruitless toil he cared for a family of 15 children (three of whom are dead) somehow. When a boy, he ran away from Arkansas to Mississippi where he received an education in a grade school at Egypt, and a high school at Oklahoma, then returned to Arkansas where, in 1928, he received his credentials to preach. He struggled on with his people preaching the gospel theme "Pie in the Sky, by and by," and the doctrine that people should be "born again."

"There is a worm somewhere and he gets up with a song and goes out after it."

In 1937 he said while plowing along he struck some of the worse grass that grows—tall, deep root—that comes up again almost as soon as you cut it down. Something moved him. He called his son and told him to take his plow, he was going out to try to improve conditions for himself, his family and others in that oppressed plantation belt.

He went to Memphis, became a member of the sharecroppers' union and went to the C.I.O. convention in Denver, where, among the representatives of 42 nations who formed an International for all workers in agriculture, he was awakened.

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SOCIAL BREVITIES

Mrs. Susie Kirkwood of 1300 Piggott Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois and her father, Mr. Perry Calhoun of Jackson, Tennessee have returned from Chicago where they were the house guests of his son, H. W. Calhoun, a prominent undertaker and embalmer. The occasion was a reunion celebration of four generations of the Calhoun family. Mrs. Alyce Sheats, the wife of Mr. Benjamin Sheats, a successful business man of Chicago, is the granddaughter of Mr. Perry Calhoun; their son, Ben Sheats, the third, has the distinction of being the great grand son to the seventy-six year old elder Calhoun. Many and unique forms of entertainment were provided for the delight of the father of many summers. Here's hoping that he may enjoy the coming of another generation of his fine old family.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Belcher has returned from a two-months vacation with relatives and friends in Humboldt, Tennessee. Mrs. Belcher is the wife of William Belcher of

South 18th Street and is an active member of St. John A.M.E. Zion Church.

Sunday visitors at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton O'Flynn (who purchased that cute cottage on 20th and Market Avenue) were Messrs. Holiday and Douglas of St. Louis and Yours Truly. Mrs. O'Flynn is the former Vivian Williams.

Talk of the Town is that stunning fur worn by pretty Cecile Westbrook of the laughing eyes and enchanting smile. Yes, dears, it is a genuine marmink Uh, huh. Miss Westbrook is the friendly bookkeeper in the Lincoln High School.

The East St. Louis Taverns are rapidly assuming the appearance of a desert island due primarily to the vulgar songs that emanate from the record vendors and the lewd filth, disguised as jokes, used by so-called "comedians" in their acts. Managers, take notice Vulgarity never pays.

Garlic to those parents who play with their children in Church. That is God's holy temple and sacred. Whispering, giggling, and craning of necks backward everytime the door opens is very unseemly conduct. Thorns to the theater-goers who presume you are deaf, dumb, and blind by reading aloud, and also to those who laugh hysterically during death scenes and pop gum loudly during the remainder of the picture. Really, there is such a thing as theater conduct, don't you know. Mud, thick and slimy, to the people who discuss all their private affairs on the street cars and busses. The general public is not at all interested.

Gardenias to Miss India Maxwell and Miss Daisy O. Westbrook for the unobtrusive work they are doing in guiding and molding the character building of so many youths, both boys and

girls, and to Miss Maude Keredy and Miss Aurilla Taylor for the splendid results they are getting in their training of adolescent girls. We have no Urban League, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. here, very meager recreational facilities, and it is only through the Scouts, Churches, Clubs and individuals that we can help our youth.

Mrs. I. P. Fells, prominent social matron of 2413 Missouri Avenue, proved a charming hostess at a dinner party recently. Guests enjoying her hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Tyler of 4300 Maffitt (she is a graduate nurse of Homer Phillips) and Mr. and Mrs. Peterson of 4239 Page Avenue. Mrs. Fells is the mother of titian-haired Lillie Mae Fells, a teacher of Braille in Chicago.

The illness of Mr. Elmer Miller, Editor of the famous "Spot Light", is creating heated parlor conversation. Elmer, who fearlessly fights his political opponents and praises his friends, is improving slightly and it is feared that the political slate his paper backs may lose during the ensuing election unless Elmer recovers sufficiently to hurl his vituperative blasts at their opponents. At any rate, Elmer, we wish you a speedy recovery (although we are not backing ANY political faction or slate).

Mrs. Annette H. Officer, busy Culb Woman and assistant to her husband, Wm. E. Officer, the Mortician, is also ill. However, she will be up and about in a few days.

Visitors Sunday afternoon at Pilgrim C.M.E. Church included Rev. Butler of St. John A.M.E. Zion, Rev. Talbert of Wesley M. E., Rev. M. R. Dixon of St. Luke A.M.E., Rev. Davis of Friendship Baptist, and Elder Wrenn of St. Paul Baptist Churches. We, too, enjoyed with them the brilliant address of Bishop Bray. Rev. W. J. Turner is Pastor of Pilgrim.

Little Margaret Hunter, our song bird and Music Director, is slightly improved from a recent illness.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION ELICITS RAVES

Anderson Reeves, Director of the N.Y.A. Technical Center, 16th Street and East Broadway, is still raving over the wonderful presentation of "Ethiopia at the Bar of Justice" as presented by the Cairo Civic League under the direction of Mrs. Effie Woods Johnson at the Sumner High School in Cairo, Illinois on January 1, 1939 in celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation. Mr. Reeves accompanied Mr. Russell K. DeBow, District Supervisor of Negro Affairs for N.Y.A., and Mr. Charles P. Browning of Chicago, Assistant State Director of N.Y.A. Mr. Browning, after a detailed discussion of the Boys' Resident Training Project in Illinois, presented Col. Robinson, famous aviator who rendered service during the famous Ethiopian invasion. Col. Robinson gave a brilliant address on aviation as a field of opportunity for Negro youth.

ST. AGUSTINE CHOIR ON RADIO BROADCAST

The twelve-voice male Choir of St. Augustine Catholic Mission, 1400 East Broadway, made its initial radio appearance Sunday on the Catholic Messenger Hour over Radio Station W.T.M.V., offering the selections; "Sanctus" and "O' Lord I Am Not Worthy". The Very Rev. P. Harrington, S.M.A., is Pastor of St. Augustine and, in addition to having the best male Choir in the City, has the only properly equipped and supervised recreation Club Room for Colored in the City. Ping Pong is the favorite diversion, and among the Charter Members of the Club are such veteran Ping Pong enthusiasts as Atty Frank M. Summers, Mrs. Helen Humphrey, Atty Louis Orr, Bill Colby, Kenneth Hall and others.

LINCOLN RECREATION SPORTS

On January 6, 1939 Mr. Tillman's padded mitten warriors fought hard, Ed Holmes losing to Van Perry on a very close decision. This match was very hotly contested. Tiger Wilson didn't fight as his opponent failed to appear. These boys are training diligently for the coming Golden Gloves Tournament. Ed Holmes, Len Wilson and Tiger Wilson are to fight on January 20, and are seeking suitable foes.

Tillman is picking Len Nelson and Wilson to win. Novice Golden Gloves titles; Holmes-147 lbs. title; Percy McKenzie-160 lb. open

POLICY KING IS MOWED DOWN BY GANG BULLETS

Shot As He Sat At Wheel of Auto

CHICAGO—(Special)—Chicago and Gary police Tuesday sought to unravel the mystery in the gang slaying of Walter J. Kelly, gambling boss, Sunday. He was mowed down by withering gun fire from a passing automobile as he sat at the wheel of his car in front of 3035 South Michigan avenue.

Spider Jones-135 lb. open title; and is picking Bill, who fought both Kolberg and Phil Brown, to win the 126 lb. open featherweight championship.

Members of the Orchestra Dancing Club have learned a number of new routines and all the members are evincing a lively interest in their art. All girls 12 to 16 years desiring to join see the Instructor, Willie Carter or Dorothy Campbell, the President.

PING PONG

The Lincoln Park Ping Pong Club held their tournament on January 6 with Mose Campbell winning from E. Hudson; Joseph Kenzie trimming F. Calvert; and in the Juniors, E. Jones outpointed S. Gavin; C. Trotter decisioned C. Bradford; C. Murdock scored over E. Lawrence; F. Williams leading G. Campbell, and J. Petty leading E. McDonald. H. Wess is their Instructor.

M. E. Cushman, Director; Evelyn Brooks, Bob Martin, and Helen Faulkner, Scribes.

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Both Governor And Lieut. Governor of N.Y. Now Officers of NAACP

NEW YORK.—New York's Lieutenant Governor-elect, Charles Poletti, and Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the famous Theodore Roosevelt, were elected to the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at the Association's thirtieth annual business meeting held at 69 Fifth Avenue here recently.

Other persons elected to the board included: Louis C. Blount, of Detroit, president of the Great Lakes Mutual Insurance Company; Alfred Baker Lewis, of Boston, State secretary of the Socialist Party of Massachusetts; Eugene M. Martin, secretary-treasurer of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr. W. L. Ransome, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Judge Ira Jayne, of Detroit, long a director of the Association, was elected a vice-president to fill the place left vacant by the late James Weldon Johnson.

Report Bodyguard Engaged

It was also just after the election that Kelly was reported to have engaged several colored bodyguards. One of these, Sonny Williams, formerly was his chauffeur. Williams was in Gary at the time of the murder, and Ira Kelly, brother of Walter, insisted at the state's attorney's office that Walter was alone at the time of the murder.

Chief Sullivan, however, received a report that another man was with Kelly when he was shot. This companion apparently was wounded, as he limped as he ran away from the scene.

Kelly, driving to Chicago from Gary, had stopped first at his brother's office at Michigan avenue and 51st street. He then drove to the spot where he was killed.

Tells Purpose of Trip

Ira Kelly told Assistant State's Attorney Richard Austin that his brother had gone to the scene of the killing to lend \$200 to La Salle Brown, owner of a hotel at 3035 Michigan avenue. Brown accompanied Kelly to the state's attorney's office. Austin said he thought the clue to the Kelly murder might lie in recent hold-ups of Chicago policy games, which were not reported to police.

Attorney Euclid Taylor, who accompanied Ira Kelly and Brown, said that Walter Kelly had come to Chicago to attend a court hearing before Judge William V. Brothers. It was on an action to enforce liability on stockholders of the defunct Binga State bank, in which Kelly owned \$10,000 in stock. Kelly had intended to plea that he was broke and unable to pay the assessment, Taylor said.

WPA At Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The first attempts at correlating the Recreation programs of neighboring cities by the WPA Recreation Department was met with large success last week when the first of a series of reciprocal programs between Carthage and Springfield was carried out at Carthage, Mo.

This first venture was in the form of a Community Sing and Community Night. It was tried after much contemplation on the fact that workers from one Community might go into another, with new ideas as well as technique, stimulate the interest, that already exists, to great height, while these visiting workers may in turn receive much in the way of helpful suggestions in carrying on their own programs.

Mr. Otis Freeman, Jr., Supervisor of the Silver Springs Arts and Craft Center, and Mr. James Bowen, teacher of Piano and Voice at Silver Springs, were sent by Mrs. Margaret Caylor, WPA District Recreational Supervisor, to Carthage to assist Mr. Delbert K. Redmon, the Recreational worker there, in a Community Night and Community Sing.

Noted Impersonator Dies In Poverty

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Final rites were held here on Tuesday for Alden Garrison, colorful female impersonator who died penniless and forsaken in a charity ward of Gallinger hospital. About a month ago, he was found prostrate in a vacant lot and after examination by physicians his condition was pronounced due to malnutrition.

Seek Continuance Of Federal Theatre Project

CHICAGO.—(ANP)—Many citizens here have interested themselves in a movement to continue the Federal Theatre project, which for three years has contributed greatly to the cultural life of

FOUNDERS DAY AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Zelia Breaux Principal Speaker to Dedicate Bennett Hall, Girls' Dormitory

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—The seventy-third anniversary of the founding of Lincoln University, third oldest institution of higher learning for Negroes in this country and the oldest Negro land-grant college, will be observed, Saturday, January 14, 2:30 p.m., in Page Auditorium. The principal speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Zelia Breaux, alumnae of the school and daughter of one of the former presidents of the institution, Inman E. Page, who served as administrator in the twenties. Preceding the anniversary program, at 10 a.m., Bennett Hall, new girls' dormitory, will be dedicated. The building architect and a representative of the Lincoln Board of Curators will participate in the exercises with President Scruggs and Superintendent Lloyd King, who will deliver the dedicatory address.

The daughter of Kemper Harreld, nationally known violinist now teaching at Atlanta University, Miss Harreld at the tender age of 23 has already won laurels for herself by performances on the concert stage. In fact at the age of 12 she started giving recitals and accompanying her father in violin recitals. She graduated from Spelman College in 1935, from the Institute of Musical Art, Juillard School of Music, New York City, in 1934, and from Radcliffe College in 1936 with the degree of Master of Arts in music. She spent the summer abroad in 1935, at the Mozartoun Academy, Salzburg, Austria.

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In The Ecclesiastical Column

By Rev. D. C. WEAVER

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning Service—10:45 a.m. "Our Home." The choir will render a special song service at 11 a.m. At 3 p.m. the Union Brotherhood will sponsor an All Men's Program. At 7:45 p.m. the pastor will speak on "The Old Way."

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Notice for Sunday January 15. Grace Lutheran Church, Corner E. Gum and Elliott Sts. Theodore Hafner, pastor—

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 a.m.—Topic: "The Miracle in Cana." Sunday Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.—Topic: "The Blessed House."

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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Services, 11 a.m.; BYPU, 6:30 p.m. Services, 8 p.m.

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ALEXANDER A.M.E. CHURCH

Morning worship, 10:45 a.m., theme: "Open Windows." Church School, 12:15 p.m. Vespers 6 p.m., theme: "The company of Believers."

"Come thee with us and we will do thee good." M. R. Dixon, Jr., minister.

EAST VIEW BAPT. CHURCH

The Home Mission drive conducted by Revs. Cooksey and Hoover was a huge success. The pastor and wife were presented a telephone by the choir and members. The pastor's Aid Club met at the home of the McCormicks Tuesday, January 10. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter, 510 Lincoln Gardens. All members and friends are requested to be present January 24 at 7 p.m. Our Sunday School meets at 9:30 with Fred W. Slaughter as superintendent. Mrs. M. E. Cole is president of the BYPU. Rev. G. W. Cole, minister; Mrs. G. M. Lovan, reporter.

BAPTIST MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Rev. H. Robinson, vice moderator, was acting presiding officer at the regular meeting last Monday at the Eastview Church, 317 Olive St. Rev. Dulin, acting chaplain, led in reading the scripture while Rev. J. W. Caldwell lectured the Sunday School lesson. Rev. W. M. Edwards delivered quite a forceful sermon, "A Watchword to the Christians." Each Monday hereafter, there will be a debate in addition to the regular meetings starting at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Edwards was elected dean for the alliance.

Rev. G. W. Cole, pastor; Rev. G. E. Johnson, moderator; Rev. D. C. Weaver, secretary.

ST. JAMES BAPT. CHURCH

Rev. N. T. Talley closed a meeting Sunday at 3 p.m. Come out Saturday night and see The Mystery Program. Only 10c admission. Our meeting will begin here January 23 and will last through January 29. The pastor and church will worship with the Independence Church, January 15 at 3 p.m. Mrs. W. M. Moore Sec'y.

OHIO VALLEY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ATTENTION ALL PASTORS!!!

Your attention is called to the very important meeting of this organization at the Mt. Olive Galilee Baptist Church Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20 at 10 a.m. Please announce same to your congregations.

Rev. Ben Jones, pastor; Rev. G. E. Johnson, moderator; Rev. J. F. Dixon, Dist. Missionary; Rev. D. C. Weaver, Cor. Sec.

LITTLE HOPE BAPT. CHURCH

This church is meeting with great success in its many undertakings. Some 75 to 100 people are present each Sunday in the classes. The Club meeting, held at the home of

Scanning... The Shelves at Cherry St. Library

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A story of Judith Hingham, lovely New England girl who ran away to share the changing fortunes of a Spanish Don in old California.

The Glass Slipper—by Eberhart

Blended with the suspense of this mystery is a love story of extraordinary charm.

High of Heart—by Loring

This is a story of a brilliant young American lawyer who spends his time tracking down a criminal while he himself is being pursued by a jealous ex-fiancee.

JUVENILE FICTION Junior—A Colored Boy of Charleston—by Lattimore

The Treasure in the Little Trunk—by Orton

Mrs. Orton has never told a more worthwhile and interesting story than this one.

Red Hugh of Ireland—by Nolan

This stirring novel is laid in Ireland during the days when Queen Elizabeth's soldiers were overrunning the country.

Calico Bush—by Field

This is the story of Marguerite Ledoux, "a bound out girl" of colonial days.

Narcissus Au 'de Chillun—by Govan

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Two Most Interesting Books—Don't Fail to Read Them ADULT FICTION

Yaug and Yiu—by Hobart

A novel of an American doctor in China. We see the impact of Western civilization on the culture of the East and their dramatic coming together through conflict.

Wisdom's Gate—by Barnes

"Wisdom's Gate" carries the story of our old friends of "Years of Grace" into a second generation. In this, her writing has a faster tempo, and a deeper maturity than in any of her previous books.

Don't forget to attend the Big Swing Dance at the Rainbow Gardens Sunday Night, Charles Posey and his Rhythm Ramblers Will Dish Out Some Mellow Rhythm.

Hospital Administrators Conference Is Concluded

PHILADELPHIA.—(ANP)—With representatives from Negro hospitals throughout the nation expected to be present, the fourth annual meeting of the National Conference of Hospital Administrators will be held here Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 17, at Mercy hospital, with Dr. Henry M. Minton as host.

Officers of the organization include Albert W. Dent of Flint, Goodridge hospital, New Orleans, chairman; Betty Jenkins Phillips, Baltimore, vice-chairman, and Dr. John W. Lawlah of Provident hospital, Chicago, secretary-treasurer.

the pastor, 421 S. Evans, was highly enjoyed. Rev. G. L. Cooksey, pastor.

What is "Old Time Religion?" Rev. D. C. Weaver will answer this next week in his column.

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DERBYVILLE

My socks that I received for Xmas have been worn out already, trying to walk upon some five for this column as I did promise when I made my New Year's Resolutions—"to pen a better column". Do hope you'll like it this week.

Ere I dish out my weekly trash, must mention the beautiful wedding (all the dope's been set ere me on the desk by the boss) of that charming Laura Lovings, daughter of the Taylor Lovings, S. Governor St. and John R. Lee of Chicago, Thursday evening January 5 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Georgia Benson in S. Governor St.

Rev. M. R. Dixon, Jr., read the ceremony before an improvised altar flanked with ferns and red roses with snap dragons studding the ferns and roses. Laura was attired in a white net dress with a flowing full skirt with multi-colored flowers and shoes of cut-out designs to match. She wore a white gardenia in her hair which was done up in one of those up-sweep coiffures. She wore a short veil and carried a long bouquet of lilies in her arms. She was given in marriage by her father, Mesdames Lenora Murrah, sporting a gorgeous yellow satin dress with a long beautiful train, with a low cut back and Georgia Benson, attired in an old rose satin dress with beautiful accessories, were their sister's maidens of honor. Wm. Harding was the best man. Among those witnessing the ceremony:—Mesdames Myrtle Johnson, Hattie Garrett, Elizabeth Thomas, Fanny Gibson, M. R. Dixon, Jr., and Messrs. Henry Dulin, Finley Bros., Leslie Jackson, Hurley Tidrington, Jeremiah Spottsville, Fulton and Kirkpatrick of Chicago and Miss Lorraine Dorsey.

Entertained at Grill The popular young couple were entertained with a cocktail party at the Lincoln Grill immediately after the ceremony. Two tables were arranged and decorated with flowers and candle lights and presented quite a beautiful scene. At the present the couple are at home—759 S. Governor until after January 30 when they will establish residence in Chicago.

Spied the "STONE" man really partying in Naptown at the Sunset Xmas Day. Was in some tall company, too, some of Naptown's Big Wigs, the mellow "lil" chick of probably some 23 summers seemed very pleased with the great stoner's presence. Didn't think you'd been seen eh, mister?

That young 3C man who sports a blue crew neck sweater with the CCC Camp insignia and the number 527 on the front will soon "Lambeth Walk" to the altar with that charming Miss-on-Chander Avenue. Had thought it would be the Miss-on-E. Sycamore, but love is so strong.

That cute little miss who is modeling one of the latest heart shaped hats and muffs sets, direct from Parisian stores, keeps her romantic venture closeted in strictest secrecy especially since he with the automobile has been transferred elsewhere. Beware cute you, else I'll "optic" you sure!

Keep your eyes peeled for an incident that will rival any featured by "Bob" Ripley (Believe It Or Not)—On or about January 20—she will move out as per request from him—then he will start negotiating for the permanent stitching of another (soon as legal action can be taken). They reside in the gardens and he's a W.P.A. er—He and C.C.C. No. 527 are friends.

Windy Citizens Visit Mrs. Bernie Campbell and Miss Marie Wright of Chicago, Ill., spent the holidays in the city, visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Campbell is the daughter of the Henry Jacksons, W. Virginia St. Mrs. Harlan Lee entertained them with a dinner Jan. 1.

Heart Men The 18th session of the Heart League was entertained by Richard Hayes at the home of Julius Mitchell last Sunday. After the holiday layoff, Jordan finally caught the boys off guard and broke into the win column. Hats off to this new champ of '39, Vive La Jordan.

By Julius A. Mitchell.

As the "jitterbugs" would say it, (If you want to get knocked for your socks dig Jimmy Dorsey's swinging out on "After Looking At You.")

Monday P. Mers. Miss Blanche Rickman entertained the Monday afternoon Bridge Club last Monday at which time a very delicious chicken dinner was served. Mrs. Bessie King won the club prize.

Thursday Nites The Thursday Nite Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Robert Arnett on S. Elliott St. A salad course with all its trimmings was served. Mrs. Belford Hendricks won club prize and Mrs. Raymond King received guest prize.

Local Girl Marries Mr. and Mrs. Abe Dixon of Olive Street announce the marriage of their daughter, Pauline, to Charles Chambers of Detroit, Michigan. The newlyweds will make their home in Detroit.

College Women Meet The College Women's Club met at their club house Wednesday January 5. A very interesting meet is reported.

Arnett Wins Club Prize Mr. Robert Arnett won the club prize at the regular meeting of the Monday Night Club which was entertained by Mrs. Thomas Cheeks.

West Ky. V.S. Miss Grayce Cox of Henderson, Ky., has accepted a position as cosmetologist at the West Kentucky Vocational School, Paducah, Ky.

Marylander In Ky. Miss Alice Mundy, Baltimore, Maryland, the very charming

Woman Feeds 500 Needy in Utica

UTICA, N. Y., (ANP)—More than 500 needy of both races were fed at the annual New Year's party given by Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Neg. o, in her little downtown apartment. Mrs. Jackson's annual dinners are an extension of those given since 1893 by the late "Mother" Elizabeth Lavendar, slave-born evangelist, who took it upon herself to see that none in Utica went hungry the first day of the year. Mrs. Jackson stripped the rooms of furniture and provided for shifts of 32 men, women and children at a time. They ate Turkey, potatoes, salads, pie, ice cream and other food. Most of the supplies were given by local merchants.

Church Member, 94, To Burn Mortgage

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—The Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, will burn its mortgage January 16, with appropriate exercises. The principal speakers on the program are, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, retired bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, who built the present building and was for seventeen years its pastor and Robert E. Jones, bishop of the Covington area.

A special ceremony has been worked out in connection with the mortgage burning. Miss Mary Mason, 94 years of age and the oldest member of the church will burn the mortgage.

The present building was built in 1916 during the pastorate of Bishop M. W. Clair. The present pastor is Rev. Robert Moten Williams. During the eight year pastorage of Dr. Williams the church has paid a total indebtedness of \$31,592.24 and raised, including debts, repairs, current and missions \$135,000. He has taken in 1560 members and increased the attendance.

CITY SPENDS \$20,000 TO COMBAT TB AMONG NEGROES

PHILADELPHIA.—(ANP)—The Philadelphia Health Council's bureau for the control of tuberculosis among Negroes spent \$20,000 the past fiscal year in carrying out this project, it was learned this week. The bureau employs 9 colored medics, 9 nurses (8 of them colored), one stenographer and one messenger.

daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Mundy, Henderson Ky., is at the home of her parents. Miss Mundy is on sick leave from her position as instructor in the public school system of Baltimore.

Visit Parents Mrs. Edward Parsons and son of Dayton, Ohio have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William E. Best, Lincoln Avenue. Mrs. Parsons is the former Pauline Best of this city. They left the city Wednesday for Dayton.

Skelton—Butler Nuptials Mr. Rudell Skelton and Miss Earrie Butler, 319 S. E. 5th St., were joined together in wedlock Wednesday evening. Rev. D. C. Weaver officiated.

My "gwacious" but ain't de couple lovely, I refer to "lil" Lord and the cute China doll. Thought that with the return of the "Swift" man who sojourned a short while in the Windy City the two we ones romance would be at least temporarily interrupted, but I miss my guess o' thought.

Seems that the popular W.P.A. instructor who sports the V-8 is doing alright for himself—he's holding hands with the charming Miss "matron".

See you in 7 Glimmers. Yours, "Optic"

COLLEGE WOMEN GIVE TEA

The very beautiful home of Mrs. Sallie Stewart, 800 Lincoln avenue was the scene of a very lovely tea given by the College Women's Club last week. The spacious rooms were beautifully decorated in yuletide seasonal decorations. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Clifford Mann and Miss Mary Miller. Mrs. Stewart received the guests after which Mesdames Raymond King and William Best escorted them to the tea tables where Mrs. Thomas Cheeks and Miss D. Priestley were very charming hostesses pouring tea. The table was bedecked in its shining but gorgeous silver candleabra with tall red candles, a bowl of talisman roses, huge tea pots and sugar bowls on a large silver tray, priceless china cups and saucers were used. Mints, sandwiches and tea constituted the menu. A large number of friends were in attendance.

Kay Cee Attorney Takes Own Life

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Jan. (ANP)—Legal and civic circles in the twin cities were shocked last Tuesday at news that Claude J. Jones, 44, well-known attorney, had been found dead from a pistol wound in the head, in the gas-filled bathroom of his home. The body was discovered at 6:30 p.m. and Dr. W. H. Dyer, police surgeon, said his examination revealed that Jones had been dead an hour and a half, placing the time of the tragedy near 9 o'clock. After their investigation, Detectives Holly Palmer and Patrick Malloy said the attorney had taken his own life.

At that time Mrs. Jones (his wife) arrived hurriedly in a taxi and she and Fred K. Douglass, a nearby friend, entered the house to find the body a short time later. No motive has been found for Jones' act as no notes have been discovered to shed any light on the tragedy. Prostrate with grief, Mrs. Jones said she knew of no reason for the act, that he seemed happy and cheerful when she left him that morning.

Georgia Has Negro City Electrician

BLAKELY, Ga.—(By C. Parham Johnson for ANP)—Here in Early county, once termed one of the meekest in Dixie, in the town of Blakely the city's electrician, who has complete charge of the water and light department, is a Negro, Willis Cain.

Mr. Cain is not a highly cultured man, but he is so efficient in his profession that the white population has given him a responsibility probably handed no other Negro in America. Blakely thinks so much of him that when extra help is called in, the work must first pass Cain's inspection before it is okayed.

Working with Cain is another Negro, John H. Slaton Jr., a graduate of the state normal and agricultural college at Albany, who worked several years in Texas before returning home as Cain's assistant.

Three Children Narrowly Escape Death

SYRACUSE, N. Y., (ANP)—The deaths of three small children were narrowly averted here Thursday night when they were rescued from a burning house by a visitor who had come to call on the family. The mother of the children, Mrs. Yvonne Wells, had gone out for a walk leaving the children, Harold, 3, Carl, 2, and Loretta, 1, in the apartment alone. However, she asked a neighbor to keep an eye on them.

It appears that the mother had emptied ashes into a paper box containing live coals, therefrom had ignited the box and later the floor. The children were unconscious, lying about on the kitchen floor when William Lindsay, the visitor, noticing smoke coming from the windows and door, battered the front door in. The children were revived by an inhalator used by members of the Syracuse fire department and later taken to the Syracuse General hospital. They will recover.

Divine's 'Angels' Celebrate Two Days

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—Two days of rejoicing among Father Divine's followers marked the return of Faithful Mary to the flock, the death of the old year and the birth of the New Year. Held in the favorite meeting place of the Divine followers, Rockland Palace, some 10,000 persons, both white and colored, had attended the exercises in the two days that it went on. Faithful Mary made a speech acknowledging her "wrong doing" in leaving the flock and promised to be more faithful in the future.

White and Negro Leaders Gather

LOUISVILLE.—(ANP) According to information released by the department of public relations through the Rev. C. E. Chapman, executive secretary, Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Bertram W. Doyle, general secretary of the board of education of the C.M.E. church, Nashville, has issued the call for the college senate of the board to be held here Thursday at which time distinguished prelates and educators of the C.M.E. church and M.E. church, South, will converge upon Louisville for the annual session.

Officers Ordered To Ft. Benning

CHICAGO.—(By Ramond Watkins for ANP)—The 8th Regiment received a surprise this week when Col. William J. Warfield, regimental commander, released the information that the war department through Governor Henry Horner had assigned Capt. Wendell T. Darricks and 1st Lt. Bennett G. Gray to officers training duty at Fort Benning, Ga., beginning Feb. 27, 1939.

SHARECROPPERS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

quested them to send representatives from seven counties to voice their sentiments and we had about 450 persons present. The people were questioned as to what they were going to do and they replied they would rather get out on the hard road and walk. Many had been offered 75 cents a day for an average working day of fourteen hours, which was all some could get to support large families. The riding bosses saw that they would work until dark, but the darkness did not stop tractor drivers who had lights. This status of circumstances is just a collapse of the sharecropper system and I am glad it collapsed.

Faced With Issue

"I have had 35 years of it and never had any security until I became a part of the farm security; had nothing until they 'picked me up'."

Now I have a concrete storehouse full of supplies and my rammy doesn't have to worry about food until next winter, and they have a decent home to live in.

Rev. Whitfield insisted that his work in this matter had a two fold objective:

- 1. To break down the slavery in the sharecropper system. 2. To keep down inlux to the city.

There are about 1700 people on United States Highways 60 and 61 from Sikeston to Cairo, a majority of which are Negroes. The highway for one hundred miles on one side is lined off to prevent the children venturing on the roads and being injured.

Each group of about twenty families has a lieutenant. It is the first time white people in this vicinity have ever been led by a Negro organizer.

I have no fear of what they may do to me for my stand in the matter, for if any of them would lay hands on me it would raise both white and colored up to fight. When they heard the hirings of the landlords were inquiring for me, a group immediately came to Cape Girardeau and informed me and the mission sisters at the church gave me \$7 and told me to move my quarters to St. Louis, and now I am here.

Suggests Moving on Highway

The sheriff said he was going to put them all in jail, after I suggested that they move along the highway, but I told him he had better wait awhile because you haven't a jail big enough to hold them.

I called Congressman Zimmerman of the Tenth District and told him we must have aid. Senator Harry Truman said he was going to stir it up.

The middle-aged minister, whose grandparents on his mother's side were Indian and white, and on his father's side, African, showing plenty of 'fighting blood' for this cause of humanity said that his purpose was to get the picture from behind the scenes and let the world know about it. "I don't believe," he went on, "that the American people will let those people stay out there in their present plight. All the reports of the bosses have been 'my niggers and poor white folks are getting along fine.'" They

LEGAL HINTS

ATTY S. R. REDMOND

BARBERS' STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Before barbers are permitted to operate or work in shops, they must obtain a license from the Barbers' State Board of Examiners. The objective of the law creating this board was the same as the one for dentists and doctors. It is to promote the health of the citizens and assure the efficiency of the operators. All these boards promote the police powers of the state. Their duties are of an administrative or ministerial character. Hence, if the license of a barber is ordered revoked, a court cannot prohibit the revocation for the writ of prohibition cannot be used to compel such a ministerial body to keep within the lines of its statutory duties. If a barber's license is revoked and he claims the trial of the Board leading up to the revocation was unfair then other considerations would arise.

Advertisement for Field's Beauty Shoppe, 462 S. Elliott Street, Evansville, Ind. Features "The House of Charm" and "Everyone is Raving Over The New Page Boy and Sweepstake Coiffure".

are determined to fight it out. I had warned the people to be frugal and save food, consequently a number of them have food and are sharing it. Reports have said that the Red Cross is giving them a very bad deal and relief is meager. Aged people, expectant mothers, babies and children are there, huddled along the roadside. I have worked myself into the hearts of the people and they have faith in me. My theory about people is like that of the birds 'there is a worm somewhere, and he gets up with a song and goes out after it. I left my burden there 35 years and never got anywhere. Some of them have called me a second Moses, because few men in the South have faced danger like I.

Advertisement for Lincoln Eat Shop, featuring "Young People", "Old People", "ALL THE PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING TO EAT AT Evansville's Newest And Most Ideal Spot".

Advertisement for "Start The New Year Right!" featuring a man in a suit and "GET IN THE WELL DRESSED CIRCLE—OUR DRY 'SUPERIOR' CLEANING SERVICE PUTS NEW LIFE IN THOSE OLD CLOTHES".

Advertisement for "SUPERIOR HAT WORKS" at 405 LINCOLN AVE., featuring "QUALITY SERVICE" and "We Also Clean and Block Hats".

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Astaire-Rogers At Royal In "Carefree"

The most outstanding week's menu ever to play a neighborhood theatre will be shown at the Royal starting Saturday with Smith Ballew the handsome ex-orchestra leader in the leading role of "Panamint's Bad Man."

The best loved dancing duo of the nation, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, appears together in "Carefree," a gay musical comedy that plays Sunday and Monday. See this famous couple dance the "Yam" and hear them introduce some of the more popular songs of today.

Sally Eilers, the charming wife of Hoot Gibson, does an expert bit of acting in "Everybody's Doing It," supported by Preston Foster.

Here's a mystery thriller—"The Shadow"—(Murder in the Big Top), starring Rita Hayworth and Charles Quigley, playing Friday.

Knoxville Meets Morehouse Five

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Knoxville College basketball team will open the 1939 floor season with a twin bill with Morehouse in the K. C. arena, January 13 and 14.

THIS WEEK'S BEST RECORDINGS ON DECCA AND VICTOR RECORDS

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St. Louis Boys Boost The Hopes of LeMoyné Five

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, January 7, 1939—The LeMoyné College cagers, coached by Robert Lee who was recently appointed head coach of basketball at LeMoyné, have just rounded out a strenuous four weeks of practice in anticipation of a stiff schedule in the next three months.

Coach Lee has to select his team almost entirely from new material because of the loss of all except two of the last year's performers. He has been working hard with his new recruits in the last few weeks and has developed a likely looking combination.

The schedule to date is: games at home—Fisk, January 13 and 14; Knoxville, January 20; and Arkansas State, February 17; other games—Arkansas State at Pine Bluff, January 16 and 17; Knoxville at Knoxville, January 30; Clark at Atlanta, February 2; Morehouse at Atlanta, February 3; Tuskegee at Tuskegee, February 4, and Fisk at Nashville, February 18.

Experts Differ On Heavyweight

NEW YORK CITY —(ANP)—The selection of fighters and ranking them according to their ability seems to have fallen into the same state as the selecting of the famous All American football teams this season.

Already there is wide dissent in the selection of fighters in all classes, but in the heavyweight class, there is a divergence that cannot be overlooked. Two outstanding organizations, The Ring, boxing magazine, and the National Boxing association have made their selections as follows: The Ring, 1. Lou Nova; 2. Max Baer; 3. Bob Pastor; 4. Tony Galento; 5. Maxie Rosenbloom; 6. John Henry Lewis. N.B.A.: 1. Tony Galento; 2. Lou Nova; 3. Max Baer; 4. Willie Reddish; 5. Roscoe Toles; 6. Albert Lovell.

Plan Section For John Henry Lewis Fans At Big Bout

PITTSBURGH, Pa., January 6 —Followers of the fight game in Western Pennsylvania and the tri-state district will be favored with a novel service by W. A. Greenlee, manager of John Henry Lewis, who tackles the bombing Joe Louis on January 25th at Madison Square Garden, New York.

Inquiries (by phone and mail) addressed to Greenlee's office in Pittsburgh have increased during the past week and indicate a surprising interest in John Henry Lewis from this district. Although too soon to make predictions, it is probable that Pittsburgh and the surrounding network of industrial cities will send a large delegation to the first title fight between two colored battlers on January 25th.

Anderson Of Tex. College Is Fullback

BOSTON —(By Mabe Kountz for ANP)—Here is the 1938 official Negro College All-American team chosen annually by the Negro National All-American association of sportswriters. There were six ballots used, one from each major conference and two association paper 'National' teams, those of the Pittsburgh Courier and Boston Chronicle.

For the starting eleven, the ends are both superb pass receivers and the backs can all throw bullets. Hudgins of Hampton was just about the best Larry Kelley of the East, and there is no question about Brooks topping the major terminals as a scoring in the West. Gene Toomer was his conference choice, plus unanimous choice of both "National" selections; quite an honor for the 6:3 inch 210 lb. tackle from Detroit.

The alternate line is just that. We have no second team this year, following the Notre Dame idea. The ends, Jimmy Brewer of the Eastern champion Trojans and Rooker of the very prominent Wolverines, were both just as popular and received the same number of votes as Hudgins and Brooks. Rock Neeley, towering Florida defender, well rated his berth, as did 212 lb. Wolverine senior, Major Powell.

The 1938 poll gave Henry 'Hank' Butler, Florida quarterback; and the Eastern sensation, Red Briscoe of Virginia unanimous choice. The next possible highest vote was scored by Johnny Bissant of Wiley; Miles Anderson of Texas and Stan Strachan of Florida. Their choice will not be questioned for their records are too well-known.

1938 Negro Press All-American Regular, Hud Hudgins, Hampton, L.E. Alternate, James Brewer, Va. State; Gene Toomer, Ky. State, L.T., Alt. Major Powell, Morris Brown; Mike Ryans, Morgan, L.G., Alt. James Peters, Southern; Dewey Williams, Morris Brown, C., Alt. Tom Upchurch, Wiley; Harry Yanthis, Wiley, R. G., Alt. Lonnie Moore, Xavier; Al Alexander, Langston, R. T., Alt. Rocky Neely, Florida; Johnny Brooks, Wilberforce, R.E., Alt. Leroy Rooker, Morris Brown. Hank Butler, Florida, Q.B., Alt. Joe Dismond, Hampton; Red Briscoe, Va. State, L.H.B., Alt. Tom Jones, Florida A. & M.; Johnny Bissant, Wiley, R.H.B., Fred Cooper, Va. Union; Miles Anderson, Texas, F.B., Stanley Strachan, Florida A. & M.

RECORDS POPULAR SWING SONGS



ELLA FITZGERALD

featured songstress with Chick Webb introduces to the Evansville public this week, her rendition of "Woe Is Me" and "Strictly From Dixie". She is ably supported on these records by her Savoy 8. These and other recordings by popular orchestras may be found elsewhere in this paper in L. Berman and Co. advertisement.

Spice-o'-Life

There was once a German who was quite sick for some time. The doctor told him he might get anything he wanted. He told his wife he believed he would like some limburger cheese. His wife was a good hearted woman; she went out and got twenty pounds of this distinct cheese, and put some in every room in the house, that he might get a nip wherever he wanted it.

The doctor called the next morning and rang the bell. When the servant opened the door the doctor paused a moment then said, "when did he die?"

George—"Does your wife miss you much?" Jim—"No, she can throw as straight as I can."

Lanky—"How is the farm this year?" R. D.—"A failure. My potatoes had no eyes and they couldn't see to grow."

Virginia—"Is your wife a victim of bargain days?" Tom—"No, I'm the victim. She seems to enjoy them."

Dorothy—"I saw a freak of nature yesterday." Jake—"What was it?" Dorothy—"A baby with human hands and bare feet."

Teacher Is Married In Campus Wedding

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 10, 1939 — Miss Nerissa Audrey Brown, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Brown, of Montgomery, Alabama, became the bride of Mr. Wilford A. Strong, of Tuskegee Institute, at a beautiful ceremony taking place Monday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

The bride is a popular member of the younger contingent in Montgomery and at Normal, Ala.

Midwestern Athletic Ass'n Against 'Professionalism'

The Midwestern Athletic Association at a two days' meeting held at Wilberforce University, January 6 and 7, went on record against football players of Negro colleges practicing "Professionalism."

Mr. Paul J. Jones, commissioner stated in his annual report that information came to him that two players of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., attempted to play "Professional" athletics, that money had been accepted but finding themselves in a rather dangerous situation, returned the money.

The greater part of the first day's session was devoted to adjusting the matter. It was referred to a special committee, which censured the acts of the students and disqualified them from participation in future athletic events sponsored by the Midwestern member schools.

Preliminary to the opening of the first day's session, a musical entertainment was presented at chapel hour in Galloway Hall auditorium. The meeting began with devotionals by Col. A. W. Thomas, recently retired as U. S. Army Chaplain.

President D. O. Walker of the university delivered the welcome address and in the course of his remarks "warned" officials of Kentucky State College, who won the 1938 association football championship, that Wilberforce has declared its team will take the 1939 title. The response to the address was made by Dr. C. H. Parrish, Louisville Municipal College. Short talks were made by those who were introduced.

Dr. J. Aubrey Lane, president of the association called the first session to order at 11 o'clock. Mr. J. D. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer, called the roll and the colleges were represented by the following persons:

Louisville Municipal College, Louisville, Ky., C. H. Parrish, Geo.

bama, where she is an instructor in the Department of Home Economics. She received her degree from Tuskegee Institute.

Mr. Strong, is the son of Mrs. Annie M. P. Strong, prominent educator, of Little Rock, Arkansas. He did his graduate work in business administration at the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance of the University of Pennsylvania.

HOW I PICK THEM

By HAROLD DAVIS — CLOCKEE

- Hialeah Park Fairgrounds VELVET MASK GRECIAH TIME OLD STARR IDLE ELF GRANDEVER PATROL SCOUT KINDRED SPIRIT YULE STAR EXHORT

Don't Forget The Mayor of Derbyville Contest That Will Start January 22, 1939

Sonny Speaks

By "SONNY" WHARTON

Here I am—with my weekly "spiel." In this column I do wish to explain some different kinds of wine for the benefit of one of my best friends who was asking several questions the other day.

"Tokay Wine"—This wine comes originally from Hungary and is very popular in the dear ole U. S. A. In order to derive the luscious taste of "Tokay" one must sip this sweet wine from a port glass after the wine has been chilled. It is quite delicious served with fruit or dessert.

"Port Wine"—The original "Port" comes from Oporto Portugal, and its environs. Port wine is fortified with brandy. There is red and white port and it is both dry and sweet. Dry port should be served as an aperitif or appetizer, but there is a possibility that you will not have a chance to serve "Dry Port" often, as it is not used in this country. Sweet port is properly served with cheese and fruits. Red port is served at room temperature while white port should be chilled. Use port wine glass.

Port or Sherry Flip 1 jigger of Port or Sherry

gram," R. C. Owens, Tennessee A. and I. College; "A College President looks at the M. W. A. A." Dr. R. B. Atwood, President Kentucky State Teachers College; "College Competition and M. W. T. A. Annual Tournament," Captain James A. Nichols, President Mid-Western Tennis Association; "The Institution's Duty to the Athlete," Dean David A. Lane, Jr., Louisville Municipal College.

Papers dealing with athletic problems were read. "Advertising the Athletic Program, representative from West Virginia State College. A very interesting debate followed. Mr. Fay Young, the well known reporter of athletic sports and an official in football games, criticized the schools for not advertising on a larger scale in the Negro newspapers, citing white colleges and other business firms spending millions of dollars advertising. "No school playing football, or even soliciting students, can succeed in their efforts by spending a pitiful small sum of money for advertising. "The Negro press," declared Mr. Young, "holds the key to our Negro homes and if the schools and the Negro business man wants business, buy printers' ink." At the close of the discussion the association went on record to do more and better advertising for the year 1939 football season.

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WED.-THURSDAY JAN. 18-19

'Everybody's Doing It'

with PRESTON FOSTER and SALLY EILERS

ALSO CHAPTER NO. 12 "FLASH GORDON'S TRIP TO MARS" AND NEWS

FRIDAY JANUARY 20

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WE CAN DO IT.

At this time when world affairs seem in a great turmoil and things at home seem to be in a great state of depression, each individual's mind naturally turns to the thoughts of "what shall become of me." We sit down, cry and holler about the injustices being heaped on us and beef about the solution to the race problem, yet we do not act. There is nothing moved without action and there is no action (in the right direction) unless there is faith—yes, faith in ourselves as well as others. It is faith in one another that enables animals to survive—the faith of the young in the prowess and ingenuity of its elders. We are all possessed with talents that should be brought forward—talents that may help to solve this problem of economy. It is up to each individual to make his own position or job. The parasitic methods often adhered to must go. Look about you—note the many avenues open to skilled persons, striking examples of the same are:—manufacturing of furniture, clothing, soap, etc.

With the great numbers of Colored people using furniture in their homes and purchasing same from Sears Roebuck and Co., Montgomery Ward and Co., and others, the same can and would be bought just as well from a member of our group. From these same two houses—millions of dollars are spent annually by a large percentage of the 15,000,000 members of the race. This business is done by mail order through the medium of catalogues. If one of our group were to start a mail order house with furniture, clothing and the many other items used daily by the 15,000,000 race members, it is only logical to believe that the tremendous buying power of this group would be directed toward this house.

Capital always must be on hand, but if we individuals are to survive this great turmoil we must pool our money—and stop sitting on it) and start a business enterprise of our own. In this way book-keepers, stenographers, directors, salesmen, custodians, sales clerks, and other people would be chosen from among the members of our group. This would be just another step toward solving our economic status, eventually ending the racial problem.

HOW IT AFFECTS US

A Congressional Committee on relief appropriations threatens to slash President Roosevelt's recommendation of \$175,000,000 by some \$150,000,000. The officials of major cities throughout the nation are raising their voices in solid protest against what they term "a grand slash of the employed". The eight and three quarter millions asked by the President is regarded as the minimum amount of money that will keep the present relief rolls intact. Mayors throughout the nation say that in truth there is needed an increased appropriation of better than a billion of dollars to sustain relief employment until June 30th.

At the present time in our local set up, Colored labor of Evansville is dependent to a great degree upon the federal projects now in operation in our city. Should any drastic cuts come in the payrolls here, Colored labor would be the first to feel the "hammer" in being dropped from these projects. We are sure that our Mayor is among the many that realize the urging of a nation wide protest of any slashing of needed appropriations to carry on relief employment. But it is up to the Colored citizens as well as the whites to back him in his demands. Let us flood our Congressmen's desks with letters and telegrams asking them to back our mayor in getting the needed appropriation for projects under construction in our city. Let us write our mayor and let him know that we stand behind him regardless to our party affiliations. Let us ask our city officials to open doors for industries to be invited to establish in our city that would absorb the unemployed Colored laborer as well as white. Let us write our Chamber of Commerce to consider a program

to open jobs for colored skilled and unskilled labor. We have proved our worth at the polls—now let us be given a chance to prove ourselves on jobs in Evansville's industrial centers. This can be done only by making a solid front appeal to our Mayor, our Chamber of Commerce—and our Congressmen.

(Reprint From The St. Louis Argus)

THE N. A. A. C. P. AND NEW YORK

It was interesting to us to note that both the governor and the lieutenant-governor of New York state were members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. These two high state officials are not "mere members" of that organization, but are officials, in that they are members of the Board of Directors which directs the policy of the Association. Then, too, we note among the members on the Board such men as G. Lowell Cabot of Boston, Massachusetts, nephew of the late Senator Cabot Lodge; Col. Theodore Roosevelt, whose father was a former President of the United States; Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas and other white people of lesser prominence in public affairs.

It was noticeable that no southern white people, men or women, are members of this organization. As we recall, Mr. Charles Nagel of St. Louis was at one time a member of this board, but we do not know whether or not the southern sentiment of Missouri was too strong to allow him to remain a member of this organization.

We make this comment with reference to the absence of any southerners on the national board of the N. A. A. C. P. in order that the question may be generally asked.....why? If the answer is "because of the southern tradition to keep the Negro down," then we again ask the question.....why keep the Negro down? If it is an admitted tradition of the South to keep the Negro down, pray tell us, is it not high time that the people of the South should abandon such traditions in the interest of civilization? Is the South helped.....actually helped.....in any way.....economically, morally, financially or religiously by such traditions? Is it not high time that the South should wake up and fight for the advancement of all the people? Would it not show a sign of "getting away from the horse and buggy days" for white men and women of the South to join in movements to advance colored people? Why is the South the nation's number one economic problem in the eyes of the world today? We think the first answer would be: its people are blinded by racial prejudice. We think that if just that one thing could be overcome or minimized it would go ninety percent toward removing the shackles which hold the South back.

In mentioning this matter we are reminded of the Conference on Human Welfare held recently at Birmingham, Ala. During the conference the wife of the President of the United States suggested to Congressman Luther Patrick that some southern representative in Congress should introduce, fight for and help to put through an anti-lynching bill.

So, today we say: let the thinking white people of the South join the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and make a reality of their word that they are not opposed to the advancement of colored people.

THE SHARECROPPERS MOVE

It was a "great day" Tuesday for many of the sharecroppers of Southeast Missouri who gathered a few of their belongings and made their way to the highway where they set up temporary homes and are now waiting for some Moses to lead them "out of Egypt."

A movement of this kind at the time of year in which it took place is unprecedented in this country. Surely we are living in a mighty changing world. It is a common saying that "there is no redemption without the shedding of blood." Thus, it is to be expected that many of these people must necessarily suffer, but through their suffering many others will be redeemed.

As sad as the scene and the circumstances are, there are, as always in cases of this sort, those who would use this unfortunate situation to boost their own selfish ends of political advancement. Already there are those who are saying that this movement on the part of the sharecroppers is the beginning of a revolution against the Roosevelt administration, and anyone can see that such a suggestion would be readily accepted and encouraged by Republicans who are thinking about the election in 1940. The statement has also been made that this movement is definite proof of the failure of the New Deal Agricultural Adjustment Act. Therefore, those who are spreading propaganda in this vein will welcome anything that will prolong the acute situation and will lend themselves to any movement that might embarrass the Democratic administration. Even the "I told you so's" are working such a statement overtime.

The saying, "it is an ill wind that blows nobody good" may be applicable to the situation in Southeast Missouri. The treatment which these tenant farmers have received at the hands of the landowners over a period of many years may now be turned into benefit to all concerned. A proper adjustment of conditions complained of will surely come out of the present situation. Probably no one at this time can see what the ultimate results will be, but we repeat: "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good."

OPPOSE FRANKFURTER.....JEW

The fight against Prof. Felix Frankfurter, instructor in the Harvard Law School, to prevent his confirmation as an associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court is in no wise justifiable so far as we can see. Those opposing him have used to a large degree, the smoke screen of "Communism and radicalism," but in reality the nominee for the Supreme Court bench is being opposed because he, in the course of human events, was born of Jewish parents. This opposition, no doubt, is being fostered by agents of the Fascist governments which include Germany, Austria and Italy who are persecuting the Jews in their countries and using such agents in this country, as propagandists, as the German Bund and the Ku Klux Klan.

Allen Zoll, the leading figure in opposing Mr. Frankfurter, had this to say: "Today in America an anti-Jewish sentiment is growing by leaps and bounds. To place, at this time, upon the highest court another one of that race is not only a political mistake but a social one." This statement, we think, is very brazen and bold. Zoll is not "mealy mouthed" by any means, in making the Jewish question an issue. If, as he says, anti-Semitism is growing in this country by leaps and bounds, then we say that all persons who are interested in maintaining this as a democratic government should frown upon such propaganda. In fact, it is our judgment that those who call themselves investigating Frankfurter (Allen Zoll and Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling) should be investigated themselves so as to definitely find out just what connection they have with Hitlerism in this country. We think that such an investigation will disclose the fact that there is real anti-Americanism behind them.

MISSING PAGES FROM HISTORY
By HENRY WINFIELD WHEELER

An Honest Man And A Sage
The story of the cynical Grecian philosopher, Diogenes, who went about looking for an honest man in the daytime with a lantern, is not a mere jest. It has ever been the exceptional individual who has stood above the crowd. A man in whom there is no guile and no deceit is a distinct character. There is more breadth and depth of meaning than in one who is in the habit of making false statements. The question that I would ask of a man is: Has he lived a life that has been so interwoven with ideals for human happiness or service that he has been willing to pay the price of ridicule or maltreatment? "Princes and lords are

but the breath of kings; an honest man is the noblest work of God." Measuring men by this standard lifts us into that sphere of right thinking individuals who serve God and their fellow-men with an honest heart.

There lived a man in this community for more than a half century who served in the public school system as a teacher and a principal. He was a student, a thinker and a Christian gentleman. He was born in the old dominion of Virginia in 1853 and passed on in St. Louis in 1936. The writer's wife reminded him that the memorial to Mr. Hutchins Inge had paid a tribute to this good citizen covering every phase of his illustrious career in this community. Therefore, this article is an interpretation of Mr. Inge's life as observed by the writer.

Mr. Inge was a tall, erect, muscularly built man with an aristocratic mien and with an amiable disposition. He had the cultural depth of the dilettante and his love for classical music amounted to a passion. He had an analytical mind and had dwelt so long at the fountains of Herbert Spencer, Victor Hugo, David Hume, John Gibbons, Thomas Carlyle and Ralph Waldo Emerson that there constantly came from his brilliant mind a stream of knowledge.

Hutchins Inge was a contemporary of the great Frederick Douglass, Congressman John Mercer Langston, Senators B. K. Bruce and Hiram Revels and also of James Milton Turner and Charlton Tandy, and was an ardent follower of Abraham Lincoln and the Republican party because of early impressions implanted in his mind in early years. When President Abraham Lincoln visited General Grant at Richmond, Virginia, after he had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Inge was a lad between eleven and twelve years of age and the sacredness of that occasion and the great rejoicing of the former slaves left him with such a deep sense of gratitude that it was a fetish.

In later years Mr. Inge did not argue and abuse the younger generation for deserting the Grand Old Party, but he was faithful until death. When a tirade of abuse was hurled at a Republican candidate of his choice he left the meeting.

There comes to the mind of the writer the question of the great spiritual teacher to his disciples; paraphrasing his remarks: What did men in this community think and say of Hutchins Inge? As a vestryman and treasurer of the All Saints Episcopal Church, he directed its economical program into the channel of good business that kept it out of the "red".

Mr. Andrew J. Gossin, veteran high school teacher who taught with him and knew him very well, said: "Mr. Inge was a man of profound scholarship who left the school system when he had outgrown its proscribed limits."

Hutchins Inge was considered by legal minds to be an expert in the law of real property and had as his clients, Mr. James C. Bussell, retired Post Office clerk and Mr. Joshua Ross, special clerk in the St. Louis Post Office, and both of these men commended him for his honesty and good judgement in handling their business deals.

Hitlerism Here

They're chasing the colored folks round in the state. Like Hitler is chasing the Jew, They have cotton picking machinery today. With Negroes they want to be through, From the government they want billions I read, And guaranteed prices as well. As for the black man who helped make them rich, They all want to run him to hell.

Our own situation is getting much worse, And little for that's being done, Today foreign papers also can print, We have humans here on the run, There's white and there's colored folks they're chasing out, That ain't got a dime to their name, With no place to go in, rain and in snow, Don't you think yourself it's a shame.
—By George Moser

Sees Hardship For Negro If Relief Cut Should Be Carried Out By Congress

Certain Factions Raising Cry Against The President's Demand for More Money to Aid

(By GORDON B. HANCOCK For ANP)

Fortune was playing one of her queerest tricks when she elected Roosevelt and the Democratic party as the great political benefactors of the Negro race. With slavish devotion the Negroes had followed the fortunes of the Republican party and its administrations. With equally slavish antipathy they had covertly and overtly opposed the Democratic party. The coming of Roosevelt made a cataclysmic change in the political thinking of the Negroes of this nation and Roosevelt could easily be called the "Second Lincoln," for it was he who helped to further the emancipative processes that Lincoln set in motion. Negroes have shared largely if not equitably in all the Government's efforts at human alleviation and these efforts are the most colossal in the annals of mankind. Roosevelt has brought to the administration a breadth of outlook and vision such as no other president ever manifested. The most that can be said against him is that he spends money freely and even lavishly; nobody ever evaluates the ends he has in view and his traducers are ostensibly oblivious to the great good thus done in a great emergency. A small coterie of politicians led by men like Carter Glass and Sena-

tor Byrd are constantly placing emphasis on the Government's expenditures; but they never estimate the good these expenditures have done those in great need. They forget that there is something that takes precedence over balancing the budget and that is the welfare of the millions who by the fell stroke of adverse circumstances are doomed to physical and social distress. These near-sighted politicians would leave the "forgotten man" further forgotten in the interest of "balancing the budget." There is a moral budget to be balanced also; and these designing politicians seem to overlook this in every instance. Feeding the hungry and relieving the distressed is far more important than any balancing of budgets. If unforeseen circumstances doom a large percentage of our population to abject distress, it is the part of wisdom to provide for them; and this is Roosevelt's one great "crime!" The clamour is going up now that the matter of relief should be returned to the states and local authorities. If this is done it means retardation in the integrative processes Roosevelt has sponsored so courageously toward Negroes.

Negroes would have starved in many instances if the matter of relief had been left to local authorities; and the starvation would have resulted no less from the financial incapacity of the local communities than from their disinclination to be fair with their Negro citizens.

Has Meant Much

When would these "budget-balancing" politicians and local statesmen ever have provided even the school facilities provided by the Federal administration under the peerless Roosevelt? When would local authorities have reached a willingness to expend the large sums the government has spent for Negro betterment? In many communities there is the ability but not the willingness; in others there is the willingness but not the financial ability and between these two adverse situations the Negro would have gone bereft of the gains which have come under the Roosevelt administration. IF AND WHEN the matter of relief is transferred to the local communities as some are now clamouring to have done, it means greater tribulations for the Negro. It would be a decidedly bad break if Federal relief is withdrawn from the states which are either indisposed or incapable of dispensing relief justly to their Negro citizens. From the point of view of their white citizenry the various states and communities could easily take over the work of relief; for the whites will eat at the first table.

With the Negroes of these communities it is different, for they must take the crumbs or not eat at all. From the Negro point of view the withdrawal of Federal relief would be a calamity, for through it they have received a degree of communicatory recognition they never before had known. The agitation therefore for the cessation of Federal relief among the states is essentially anti-Negro in its implications. The extent to which a bad break is pending for the Negro.

Leaves \$29,000 Estate to Son

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. (ANP)—Personal property valued at \$4,166 and real estate valued at \$25,000, were left by Mrs. Irene L. Wright, 69 years old when she died on Dec. 19, her will, filed for probate in county clerk's office, revealed. She died in Norwich, Conn., while visiting friends. Mrs. Wright's only son, E. G. Lewis, is principal beneficiary in the estate which includes residential and business property here.

Chamber of Commerce Aids Farm Boys

SEMINOLE, Okla., (ANP)—Negro 4-H club boys in this county have participated in the campaign for one-variety-cotton which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Beginning in the summer of 1938, 21 selected 4-H club boys were each presented a bushel and a half of certified cotton seed by W. M. Douglass, owner of the largest cotton gin in the county and J. G. Floyd, the Negro County Agent, was given general supervision of the project.

When the cotton was harvested in the fall, the Chamber of Commerce gave the boys and their fathers a dinner at the Booker Washington High School, at which time officials of the chamber, including C. W. Johnson, president, Fred Yates, secretary, and J. B. Redwine, chairman of the agricultural committee, tendered greetings and congratulations to the boys.

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