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Washington, March, 10, (ANP) In order that a quicker understanding of the differences between this country and Liberia may be achieved, the United States state department, with the approval of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has sent Major General Blanton Winship to Monrovia to take the place in effect of United States Minister Charles E. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell was appointed by the Hoover administration, but failed to function because the United States would not recognize the Barclay administration in the West African Republic. The reason given for non-recognition was the existence of slavery in Liberia and Mr. Barclay's unwillingness to live up to his country's financial commitments.

Last year the League of Nations appointed a committee to draw up a plan of assistance for Liberia. The United States agreed to support this plan if the financial representatives of the Firestone Tire come in this country endorsed it. This was because the United States had induced the Firestone company to make a loan to the Liberian government.

Instead of attempting a satisfactory adjustment of its contracts with the Firestone company, Mr. Barclay's government is said, by executive decree and legislative act, to be attempting to evade the provisions of these agreements.

The state department announces: "Believing that the acceptance by Liberia of international assistance looking toward the reorganization of Liberian administration offered the best guarantee of needed social reforms, the American government has participated in the work of the Liberian committee of the League of Nations at Geneva. The American Government last October endorsed the program elaborated by the Liberian committee, and forwarded it to the Firestone interests as a basis for certain modification in the contract between them and Liberia.

"The progress toward the rehabilitation of Liberian finances and a sounder general understanding between this country and Liberia has been blocked by a series of recent occurrences and it is clear that a reexamination by a special American representative on the ground is necessary. The recent violation by Liberia of the loan agreement to which she is a party and her virtual repudiation of this obligations and the security on which large sums have been advanced to her by American interests are the culmination of some years of disagreement.

"The special representative is being sent Monrovia in an effort to provide a solution safeguarding American right in Liberia and restoring at the same time a situation which will permit of further efforts to assist Liberia."

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### TULSA "LITTLE THEATER" GROUP TO PRESENT SOCIAL DRAMA

Tulsa, Okla., March 10, (ANP) A dramatization of the sorrow, the weaknesses, the hate and prejudice of our modern society under the title "Who Pays?" will be the first offering of the Tulsa "Little Theatre Players" this year. The play was written by H. S. Hughes, head of the English department of the local high school. The theme song "Somebody Pays" was written by Chas. Graham, also an instructor in the city schools.

"Who Pays", in the course of its four acts, is an indictment of our whole social structure. All the despair, futility and neurotic weaknesses of the American people in this period of depression is wrapped up in this dramatic story of mistaken ideals, injustice, and discrimination. In the end the author makes a plea for a great love and understanding.

### Lawrence Tibbett Sings for Largest Negro High School

Birmingham, Ala., March, 10, (ANP) Lawrence Tibbett, noted moving picture and opera star was the guest of the principal and pupils of the Negro Industrial high school, Friday morning. Twenty-six hundred pupils sang five spiritual numbers.

Mr. Tibbett in a short speech to the students said that hearing their rendition of the spirituals was the greatest emotional experience of his life. He thanked Prof. A. H. Parker, principal and Malachi Wilkerson, director for the privilege.

He then sang one number "On the Road to Mandalay" which was received with thunderous applause. The Industrial high school of Birmingham is the largest Negro high school in the world. The twenty-six hundred students who heard Mr. Tibbett were favored portion of the student body. The auditorium will not seat all the students at one time, and consequently about one-third of the students were unable to hear him.

### Oklahoma Lawyers Organize

Tulsa, Okla., March 10th (ANP) Negro lawyers from all over Oklahoma gathered here last week for the purpose of organizing a state association. The sessions were held in the Wesley A. M. E. church.

The meeting was called to order by O. Ben Jefferson, Oklahoma City at 1:00 p. m., and committees named to arrange a course of procedure.

A stag party was given during the evening in the law offices of Judge Amos T. Hall, which was pronounced by all the delegates as a most delightful affair, and later on a reception was arranged at the beautiful Berry Park, where all of the elite of the oil capital gathered.

The officers of the association elected follows: Amos T. Hall, president, Tulsa; O. Ben Jefferson, vice president, Oklahoma City; H. McKinley Rowan, secretary, Oklahoma City; Chauncey D. Twin, Tulsa treasurer.

The next meeting of the newly formed association will be held in Oklahoma City during the month of June in order to put into effect various plans tentatively discussed during the Tulsa meeting.

### STYLE REVUE A SUCCESS

The Style Revue staged at Rose Hill M. E. Church Thursday evening, March 9 was put over in high class. This affair was one of much interest and enjoyment. The different styles displayed

were very lovely and it would have taken a close observer to differentiate the style of yesterday and today.

Music for the affair was furnished by Mrs. Dessie McCoo Hardy.

Punch and cake were served which was very refreshing.



MISS JESSIE FAUSET. Charming and talented Author of "The Chinaberry Tree", and "Plum Bun". Two novels which have won for her the distinction of being the leading woman novelist of color. Critics have given her work which portrays the higher type of Negro life. Miss Fauset is planning a lecture tour to cover the better part of the coming year. During which she will seek material for a new novel. —(ANP).

### Willing Workers Club Of Newell Chapel

The Willing Workers' Club of Newell Chapel Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chillis 2625-23rd Avenue, Wednesday evening, March 8th. Eighteen members and two visitors were present.

Mrs. V. L. Lawrence gave a very interesting talk which was enjoyed very much, with reference to the Willing Workers' Club of Mt. Sterling, Ala. of which she was president before she was elected Annual Conference president of the Missionary Society of Mt. Sterling, Alabama.

After the business part of the club was over the hostess assisted by Mrs. E. F. Young, Jr., served a delicious plate lunch, ice cream and cake. The club feels grateful to the host and hostess for the manner in which they entertained the club.

Mrs. L. W. Wilson, Pres.  
Mrs. E. B. Young, Rep.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Minervia Jones wishes to thank her many friends for kindness and assistance rendered during the long illness of her sister, Mrs. Hattie McCoy. She is also thankful to Rev. M. T. J. Howard, her pastor for constant visitation and prayer and for many helpful things he did for the family.

### AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Atlanta, Ga., March 10th (ANP) Mrs. Lela Glover, aged 70, was burned to death in her home here about 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Robert Standler, who was an occupant of the house, told the coroner at the inquest Monday morning, that he was awakened by hearing the aged woman chopping wood in her room. An hour later he noticed smoke coming from her room and he called the fire department. When the firemen and Standler broke into the room they found the charred body of the woman lying on the floor in front of the fireplace. The opinion was expressed that she had made a fire and in the process her clothing had caught fire, the flames enveloping her before she could make any outcry.

### Whip Lawyer Who Defends Negroes

Memphis, March 10th (ANP) Even white southern lawyers who defend Negroes in the courts run the risk of censure and attack from the prejudiced ordinary mine-run of common whites, it was demonstrated here this week when C. B. Tipton, local white lawyer, reported that he had been beaten at Marior, Ark., because he defended a colored man accused of robbery.

The defendant was Harry Davis, who was charged with robbery and assault on Nolan Roberson, white.

Tipton obtained a continuance of the case against his client. After he had stepped out of the courtroom. Tipton was set upon and knocked to the ground by friends and relatives of Roberson when he admitted that he was Davis' lawyer. The man who knocked him down was Sam Robinson, the plaintiff's brother.

After returning to Memphis, Tipton stated: "Apparently some of those fellows over there just don't think a Negro is entitled to his day in court and resent a lawyer from Memphis going over there to defend one."

### STOP LIGHT PREVENTS ROBBERY

Memphis, Tenn., March 10th (ANP) The "red light" was sufficient to stop the truck which he was driving but did not stop Milton Glover, the driver who alighted from his truck and ran down the street there by saving himself from being robbed, here Tuesday night.

Glover told the police that he had just made a delivery to the McKesson-Van Vleet Pharmacy and as he got back on his truck a white man jumped on with him and poked a gun in his ribs, ordering him to drive south on Cleveland avenue and to turn East on Poplar. Cleveland and Poplar the "red light" halted traffic and Glover leaper from the truck and scampered away leaving the bandit on the truck alone with his revolver.

### CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MERCHANT

Memphis, Tenn., March 10th (ANP) Ollie Admas and Oberlee Williams, were charged with first-degree murder in an indictment returned by the Shelby county grand jury Wednesday. They are held in connection with the death of G. F. Snover, white merchant who was beaten to death in December.

### Africans Oppose Increase In Taxes

Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa, March 10, (ANP) — That the proposed increase in taxes and the levying of income taxes would be wholeheartedly opposed was indicated in the reaction to the governor's message delivered here last week, in which these increments were set forth.

Those opposing such measures declare that the reason that the budget can not be balanced in due directly to the high salaries paid to European officials and to the funds expended in improvement in the segregated district occupied by Europeans. To substantiate their claims a table of comparative salaries of officials on the Gold Coast and that of officials in Jamaica was presented which shows that the local officials received much larger salaries. If the governor desires to balance the budget the opponents aver, the first step should be to reduce the fabulous salaries of the officials and curtail the expenditures on improvements from which the Natives do not benefit.

### THE HELPING OTHERS CLUB

The Helping Others Club of St. James A. M. E. Church held its meeting at the home of Miss Dora Brantley, 3416-Ray Street, Wednesday, March 8th, at 7:30 o'clock. A hard time party was discussed. During the social hour hot chocolate with marshmallows and chicken sandwiches were served by the hostess. Everybody enjoyed themselves. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Regina Edward, 53rd. Avenue, Wednesday, March 22nd. Rev. W. M. A. Redditt, pastor; Mrs. Audy Dials, president; Miss B. Brantley, vice president; Miss Estelle Mitchell, Secretary; Miss D. Brantley, Reporter.

### Roberson to Receive \$5,000 Weekly for Film Role

New York, March 10, (ANP)— Paul Roberson, who succeeded Charles Gilpin in the role of "The Emperor Jones" as a stage play, has been offered and has accepted the feature part in the motion picture production which is to be made, starting in April.

Mr. Roberson, who quit "Show Boat" last spring and went to England, was in Europe, preparing to appear on the Russian stage, when the movie offer came to him. It was so alluring that he gave up the Russian venture.

It is understood that Mr. Roberson will be paid \$30,000 for his work, based on a six-week filming basis.

The star will return to the United States the First of April.

### INDICTED FOR DOCTOR'S DEATH

Washington, March 10th (ANP) Mrs. Arnie E. Hairston was indicted by the grand jury of the District Tuesday for the alleged first-degree murder of Dr. Christopher C. Stulta on February 2nd. Mrs. Hairston is reported to have been housekeeper for the physician and to have engaged in a fight with him, the effects of which were fatal.

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