

An Important Item To Be Kept Clean



SOMEWHERE ON THE ATLANTIC—This Negro riflemen, one of a contingent en route to the British Isles, is shown cleaning his rifle aboard ship. The cleanliness of this instrument of war may decide whether or not the owner lives a ripe old age or not.—(INP).

President Called Upon To Speak Against Jim Crow

Strong Resolution Is Passed By Masons At Nat'l Conclave; Gordon Named President-Gen'l

NEW YORK—(SNS)—President Roosevelt Saturday was called upon to "proclaim his distaste loudly and often to American citizens everywhere in order to reduce to an immediate minimum and a final ending of segregation and discrimination because of race, color or national origin."

NAACP Denies Sending Money For Elections

Officials Amused At Charges Made By S. Carolinians

NEW YORK—There is no truth in the statement of Judge Eugene S. Blease that the NAACP is sending money into South Carolina to control the election, the Association stated this week, saying that association officials were amused on reading the politician's assertions made during his campaign for the office of U. S. Senator.

"The association does not and never has gone into state elections," it was stated at the New York headquarters. "We do not have \$6,000 to send anywhere, much less to send to a state like South Carolina to try to control an election."

"Judge Blease is obviously confused, and probably had in mind the aggressive action of the Columbia, S. C., NAACP which has raised \$3,000 to promote its fight against the exclusion of Negroes from participation in the Democratic primary election in that state."

"The national office is cooperating with the Columbia branch."

This was one of the several resolutions adopted by the various departments of the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of America at the close of their biennial session held here.

The resolutions also called for better protection for colored soldiers in the south and more opportunities in National Defense work for colored citizens.

The body elected John L. Gordon, grandmaster of New Jersey, the president-general of the General Grand Masonic Congress; M. L. Taylor, to be Imperial Potentate of the Shrine; O. L. Pilgrim, of New York City, Grand Commander of the Knights Templars; and Lence Richardson, grandmaster of Ohio, Most Eminent High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons. Mrs. Georgeanna Robinson of New York City was returned as Supreme Grand Matron of the Grand Order of the Eastern Star and Mrs. Mary Stillyard of West Va., Supreme Counselor of the Daughters of the Sphinx. Charles H. Isaacs, grandmaster of Mississippi was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council. Linwood Koger was chosen again as the Supreme Attorney General and Grand Minister of State. Grandmasters in attendance in addition to Messrs Isaacs, Gordon and Richardson were: B. F. Chisolm of Md., Rev. L. G. Bowman of S. C.; G. M. Riggs of Mass.; and N. M. Boozier of Texas.

La Guardia Swears In Second Negro Judge



NEW YORK—Mayor La Guardia (right) is shown administering the oath of office to Hubert T. Delany, a Negro, who was sworn in as a Judge in the Court of Domestic Relations. His mother, Mrs. Nancy J. Delany, watches proudly in the background.—(INP).

Promoted Fast



TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Master Sergeant William Monroe Womack, Physical Education Instructor of the Tuskegee Army Flying School, was inducted as a back private at Fort Benning, Georgia on July 25, and assigned to the same duties at the T. A. F. S. and made a master sergeant on the same day. He was first appointed to the sepi school of the air on Oct. 7, 1941. He is a graduate of Lane College, Jackson, Tenn.

Noted Agriculturalist Passes Away At Hampton

HAMPTON, Va.—(S N S)—Funeral services for J. B. Pierce, U. S. Department of Agriculture regional field agent, were held here where he died following an operation at Dixie hospital.

Mr. Pierce, who neared the completion of 36 years in the Department, was busy with the Food-Freedom program when he became ill. He had been determined that the goals set by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard should be reached. And in the interest of the program had traveled throughout the northern tier of the Southern states, his region urging farmers to increase their food production.

Upon being informed of Mr. Pierce's death, Secretary Wickard said, "With the passing of J. B. Pierce, the Department loses one of its best field men. He was loyal and conscientious in his work, and during the 36 years that he served the Department much was done in the way of improving farming methods, health and living conditions among Negro farmers. We will miss him, and his race will miss him."

Mr. Pierce, a native of Greenville, Ala., was a graduate of Tuskegee and Hampton institutes. He taught brick masonry in North Carolina and agriculture at Hampton institute before being appointed farm demonstration agent in Norfolk and adjoining counties in Virginia by former Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson in 1906. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of Dr. Seaman Knapp, founder of Cooperative Extension Service, and upon the ad-

vice of Booker T. Washington and Dr. H. B. Frissell, former president of Hampton.

When Mr. Pierce received his appointment there was only one other Negro, T. M. Campbell, doing farm demonstration work. Together they helped lay the foundation for Extension work among Negro farmers. During those early years Mr. Pierce traveled from farm to farm in a buggy, not only teaching new farming methods, but also emphasizing health and sanitation. Beginning with only a few counties, his area finally extended to eight states, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Arkansas, with headquarters at Hampton institute, Hampton, Va.

Largely because this pioneer helped to show how farm demonstration work could be effective means of aiding Negro farmers, today there are 555 trained Negro Extension farm and home demonstration agents scattered throughout the Southern states, serving more than 400,000 Negro farmers. He was also instrumental in helping to extend 4-H club activities to Negro boys and girls. Latest figures show that there are 197,000 colored youths enrolled in 4-H club work.

In recognition of the excellent work done by Mr. Pierce and Mr. Campbell, a ceremonial service was held in their honor last November upon their completion of 35 years in the Department. During the ceremonial a special tribute was paid them by Secretary Wickard and Director of Extension M. L. Wilson.

Among the Department representatives who attended the funeral were Charles A. Sheffield, white Extension field agent; and T. M. Campbell, Extension field agent with headquarters at Tuskegee.

Burial was at Hampton. Mr. Pierce is survived by his widow, Mrs. Beatrice Pierce, two sons and a daughter.

Jimmy Blanton Of Duke's Band Dies
LOS ANGELES—(A N P)—Jimmy Blanton, 22-year-old former bass player in Duke Ellington's orchestra, died at the Outdoor Life and Health association sanitarium in Duarte last evening. He had been there and at other local hospitals for nearly a year, suffering with tuberculosis.

He was a native of Chattanooga, Tenn. The body was shipped by Angelus Funeral home back there Sunday.

War Work To Continue At West Virginia State

INSTITUTE, W. Va.—(S N S)—The activities of the West Virginia State College will not stop with the Summer Convocation on August 15.

The war training services will continue their 24-hour schedule of three eight hour shifts which include the radio communications and radio repair and maintenance courses, the classes for welders for the shipbuilding industry.

President John W. Davis announced a twelve point war program which offers extraordinary opportunities for both young men and young women students. The Enlisted Reserve Corps, which defers students from military service until they have completed their college work, has left approximately 200 vacancies.

The Field Artillery Senior Unit of the Reserve Officers Training Corps will give openings to 400 men to enroll for officer's education.

The college and the R. O. T. C. Band with 100 pieces of musical instruments will give training to that number of students in the field of band music.

The Engineering, Science, Management War Training now operating in the college, will give students, taking certain courses leading the fields of engineering, chemistry, physics, mathematics and production supervision, training without tuition charges.

The United States government is also offering loans to persons enrolled in the above courses, plus pre-medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy and dentistry of not more than \$500.00 per 12 months.

conscious was he of violating dangerous taboo, that he felt that the very air or sky would suddenly speak, commanding him to stop. He was sailing fast into the face of a cold wind that all but sucked his breath from him; but he liked it. Around him were silence and night and snow falling, falling as though it had fallen from the beginning of time and would always fall till the end of the world. He took the letter out of his pocket and slipped it under the door. Turning, he ran down the steps and round the house. I done it! I done it now! They'll see it tonight or in the morning. He went to the basement door, opened it and looked inside; no one was there. Like an enraged beast, the furnace throbbed with heat, suffusing a red glare over everything. He stood in front of the cracks and watched the restless embers. Had Mary burned completely? He wanted to poke round in the coals to see, but dared not; he flinched from it even in thought. He pulled the

Relatives Sought

ATLANTA, Ga.—(S N S)—Relatives of Mrs. Sarah Calhoun, who died in 1933, are being sought by the management of Hanley Funeral Home. It was pointed out that the estate of the deceased cannot be closed until relatives are located.

Hold Roustabout For Circus Fire

PITTSBURGH—(ANP)—A desire for revenge over being discharged caused Lemard Ford, 16, to set fire to the menagerie tent of Ringling Brothers circus last Tuesday in Cleveland, according to District Attorney Russell H. Adams who said the youth signed a confession.

The fire caused the death of 42 animals from burns or gunshot and did damages estimated at more than \$200,000. The destroyed animals included elephants, giraffes, camels, lions and tigers.

Adams said Ford implicated another former circus employee known only as Jeff. Both were hired as roustabouts at Pittsburgh, Pa., and were discharged last week for more coal, then went to his room.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Loses Extradition Battle; Must Face Trial In N. C.

Was Sought In Attack On 73-Year Old Woman

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(A N P)—Climaxing a fight covering a period of a year, the case of William Mason Wellman, 23, was decided against him and the defendant returned to North Carolina to face a rape charge preferred by a 73-year old white woman.

On May 27, 1941, Justice F. Wilkinson Letts ordered the man turned over to Sheriff John W. Moore, of Statesville, North Carolina, but after defense attorney Edward Berger a few days later swore out a writ of habeas corpus, Sheriff Moore was ordered to return Wellman here.

At a subsequent hearing, Justice Alan Goldsborough heard testimony from a time-keeper at Fort Belvoir, Va., where Wellman worked, to the effect that Wellman was at work at the time of the alleged attack in North Carolina.

The testimony was contradicted by the complainant and a Negro woman who identified Wellman as the attacker.

When Justice Goldsborough ruled the conflict could be resolved only by the trial court in North Carolina and ordered Wellman extradited, the case was taken to the court of appeals which upheld Justice Goldsborough.

Leon Ransome, general counsel for the NAACP, participated in the defense before the appeals

court, Wellman was turned over to the United States marshal for delivery to the North Carolina authorities.

NATIVE SON

By RICHARD WRIGHT

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"I'd rather do anything but this," she said.

"Stop now. We're in it."
"Bigger, honey, I'd run off with you. I'd work for you, baby. We don't have to do this. Don't you believe I love you?"

"Don't try that on me now." The car came, he helped her on and sat down beside her and looked past her face at the silent snow fly in white and wild outside the window. He brought his eyes farther round and looked at her; she was staring with blank eyes, like a blind woman waiting for some word to tell her where she was going. Once she cried and he gripped her shoulder so tightly that she stopped, more absorbed in the painful pressure of steel-like fingers than in her fate. They got off at Thirty-sixth Place and walked over to Michigan Avenue. When they reached the corner, Bigger stopped and made her stop by gripping her arm again. They were in front of the high, white, empty building with black windows.

"Where we going?"
"Right here."
"Bigger," she whimpered.
"Come on, now. Don't start that!"
"But I don't want to."
"You got to."

He looked up and down the street, past ghostly lamps that shed a long series of faintly shimmering cones of yellow against the snowy night. He took her to the front entrance which gave into a vast pool of inky silence. He brought out the flashlight and focused the round spot on a rickety stairway leading upward into a still blacker darkness. The planks creaked as he led her up. Now and then he felt his shoes sink into a soft, cushy substance. Cobwebs brushed his face. All around him was the damp smell of rotting timber. He stopped abruptly as something with dry whispering feet flitted across his path, emitting as the rush of its flight died a thin, piping wail of lonely fear. "Oooow!"

Bigger whirled and centered the spot of light on Bessie's face. Her lips were drawn back, her mouth was open, and her hands were lifted midway to white-rimmed eyes. "What are you trying to do?" he asked. "Tell the whole world we are here?"

"Oh, Bigger!"
"Come on!"
After a few feet he stopped and swung the light. He saw dusty walls, walls almost like those of the Dalton home. The doorways were wider than those of any house in which he had ever lived. Some rich folks lived there once, he thought. Rich white folks. That was the way most houses on the South Side were, ornate, old, stinking; homes once of rich white people, now inhabited by Negroes or standing dark and empty with yawning black windows. He remembered that bombs had been thrown by whites into homes like these when Negroes had first moved into the South Side. He swept the disc of yellow and walked gingerly down a hall and in-

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