

The Melting Pot

SAMMY JETHROE, fastest man organized baseball has seen since Max Carey and Bob Bescher were around, has a local "Harlem sidewalk lottery" to his credit. It runs something like this:

Two will get you four that the Montreal whirlwind winds up with 75 steals for the season. Seven to five that he won't make.

And to think, I used to write that Jethroe was wasting his life away playing for "coffee and cake" money in the impoverished Negro leagues.

BILL VEECH, seems to hit a peculiar high chord with me; by the way he engineers deals for his pennant—contending Cleveland Indians just go back with me to the season he brought Leroy (Satch) Paige up. It proved a surefire jackpot hit for the tall twirler made the pennant a tail for owner Veech. Now with his club geared for a stretch drive, who comes up looming a bat that packs thunder but gigantic LUKE EASTER, who led the PCL league with a batting mark of .353 (25 of those hits were homers) until his knee injury. — I'm not saying it's going to work out this way but... could be now, Jackson, it sure could.

GENE DERRICOTTE had me all droppd up with what he might have done with Paul Brown's champion Cleveland pro football team of the AAC. But like Easter's baseball case, a chronic-knee injury foiled Gene's chances at big dough and additional gridiron fame until 12 months hence.

JAMES EVANS, the greatest colored pocket billiard player in the history of the game, won more than a grand (\$1000) the other night. Nice going Champ. It just couldn't happen to a nicer fellow. That guy until entering the meef, hadn't touched a cue stick since 1935.

PAUL (Detroit SHM) GRAHAM, most capable billiard player in the East today (plays straight, Rotation, Snooker, One - Pocket, Black Ball) and Nine Ball with the best in the land) has been whipping the top white stars at "One Pocket" this summer at the Times Square Billiard academy, located in Mid town Manhattan.

GEORGE GAINSFORD has a

whale of a middleweight star under the able coaching of Harry N. Weller the able coach of Harry N. Weller and "Pec Wee" Beale, Ray Robinson's handlers. He is the "sleeper" we told you to keep your eye on after we saw him in action on the Kid Gavilan-Robinson. His name is ARTIE TOWNE. Up to the time that former Middleweight Champion Marcel Cerdas beat him, Taverner Roache was rated America's most promising fighter to come out of World War II. Towne beat Roache and he whipped a two-fisted punching fool in doing so.

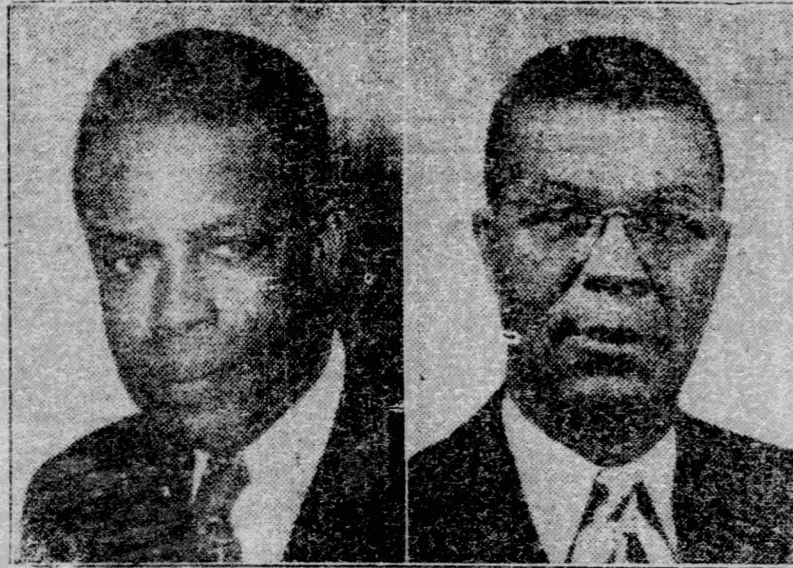
REECE (Goose) TATUM, who performs with the dazzling playing Indianapolis Clowns, baseball's supreme laugh producers, should have been in the minors or majors 12 months ago but the wily SYD POLLOCK, owner of the Clowns, cannot be hoodwinked by "Negro club-raiding white scouts" into accepting "coffee and cake" dough for so potentially great a performer as is Tatum.

Not less than three former CIAA performers in basketball and football with draw down sizeable paychecks in pro-basketball and pro-football the 1948-49 season and we told you their names two weeks ago. Just watch the Negro press releases and remember you saw it in either this column or "Beating The Gun".

CRISIS GIVES ANNUAL COLLEGE STATISTICS

NEW YORK — The number of Negro college graduates each year has steadily increased from the 163 reported in 1912 to 7,944 in 1949, reports *The Crisis*, official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in its 38th annual report on "The American Negro in College," published in the August-September issue.

Of the 62,958 Negro students enrolled in American colleges in the academic year 1948-1949, the *Crisis* article reports, 7,944 graduated with various bachelor's degrees, 419 with masters, 16 with Ph.D.'s, 5 with the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine, 1 each with the



N. C. LEADERS — Among North Carolina Negro leaders are these two outstanding men, Fred J. Carnage, left, and John Collett McLaughlin, right, Mr. Carnage a lawyer and member of the Raleigh, N. C., board of education, is a member of the Wake County Red Cross Chapter's

Board of directors. He is also active in the city's civic activities. Mr. McLaughlin is dean of the School of Agriculture and professor of Agriculture Economics and Rural Sociology at A. and T. College in Greensboro as well as a member of the Red Cross chapter board of directors. — (ANP)

Collins Laughs As He Is Executed

TRENTON, N. J. (ANP) — Alfred Collins, 37, of Philadelphia, went to his death in the electric chair almost laughingly Tuesday night for the slaying of white Alberta Sharpe, 16, last Sept. 5.

He spurned the prayer offered him by the Rev. H. C. Van Pelt, and asked him to confer them on his wife and baby instead. He showed no signs of worry as he walked the last mile. He told the guards not to talk about him after he was dead or "I'll come back and haunt you."

The death ritual was the run-of-the-mill electrocution. Collins eyed Detective John McCrory, the officer who arrested him in Philadelphia, and said "I can still smile, Mac." The switch was turned on. A few minutes later, Albert Collins was dead.

This ended one of the most mixed up and controversial cases in the history of this area. It was the fall of last year when three states, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey started the hunt for an alleged Jersey Negro who was "shrewd, cunning, and brutal" believed to be the culprit in a series of roadside attacks on couples and women riding alone.

The climax of this series of crimes came Sept. 7, 1948, when the lifeless body of the Plimant, N. J., high school girl was found in a gravel pit. A week later William Jackson, 35, was picked up by Philadelphia police. People poured in from Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania towns to "personally" identify Jackson as the man who had attacked them.

While Jackson was still in custody, Collins was arrested, and in a week had "confessed." Despite work by his attorney, Abraham Needleman, it was several weeks before Jackson was freed by police.

The trial at Woodbury, N. J., reached the fever point as the county solicitor and Collins' attorney argued continuously when

Collins shouted, "Why don't they let me tell the truth?"

As Collins told it, the "truth" was that he and Alberta Sharpe were in love and had agreed to a suicide pact because of her condition "which would have brought shame and disgrace to her parents and herself." There was no "rape," he said. He shot her through the skull with a .22 caliber bullet, but lost his nerve to shoot himself, he said. Then he left her lying in the gravel pit.

When the jury pronounced him guilty and the judge sentenced him to death, his wife's voice screamed the courtroom as she screamed, "My baby has lost a good father."

All efforts to have his sentence reduced or to hold a retrial failed.

Turkeys are pretty certain to be a good deal more plentiful on the holiday markets this year than last, according to USDA estimates. Carrots actually build up their supply of the valued food element, carotene, during winter storage, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Carotene is a food factor much wanted in the diet because it is the basic material from which vitamin A is formed.

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Summer's on the wane and how most of us anxiously look forward to cool Fall days! Meantime, there is always the exciting talk about Autumn fashions to pacify us. Biggest news to date seems to be advance Paris styles which feature straight and shorter skirts.

Grapes are on the plentiful food list for September. Serve as a fruit for breakfast or make a big luncheon or supper salad bowl beginning with crisp greens, then grapefruit and orange sections mixed with apple and banana slices. Top with small bunches of grapes. Serve with side bowl of dressing made of two parts French dressing blended with one part real mayonnaise.

Add to pet peeve ivy cures this one recommended by the Dept. of Agriculture. Bathe affected areas with hot water as hot as the skin can stand. Many who have tried this remedy have had relief for several hours.

Sufficient stuffing for chicken is easy if you remember this easy rule. Allow 3 cups of fresh bread crumbs for a 4-pound fowl, 4 cups for a 5 pound bird.

When sheer curtains become faded and color weary near summer's end, take out old color with white color remover and re-dye with all purpose dye. Pastels are fresh and pretty and a nice change if you've had white or cream ones up.

Pretty cake decoration is colored coconut. Just fill glass jar about half full of shredded coconut, add a few drops of food coloring. Cover jar and shake. Sprinkle on cake frosting.



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If you long for your make-up to look as smooth as a movie queen's, here's how: Apply powder base sparingly and smooth on well, then with finger tips work in creme rouge. Lastly, with a piece of cotton press on powder. With another cotton square carefully remove excess.

Iced tea a bother? Not the latest kind. Already sweetened, all you have to do is mix a spoonful of the prepared tea syrup with water and ice, stir and sip.

A handy kit for any boy or girl going off to college this Fall can be easily made up of several colors of shoe polish, brushes and cloths. Comes in so handy for the sure shine of success.

Fishermen figures indicate that salmon is going to be scarcer this year. Tuna, though, is more plentiful and should soon be cheaper at your grocery.

Make party potatoes this way. Mash potatoes and season well with vitaminized margarine, salt, pepper and a little onion juice. Then add mashed pimiento and beat till fluffy. Delicious and decorative on a dinner plate, too.

If you don't have a pastry blender handy when needed, just use two knives. Holding one in each hand, cut crosswise so that fat and flour will form small particles.

A suggestion for tonight's dessert. Make it a soft custard poured over fresh peaches or pears.