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HOWARD PREXY ATTACKED BY ALUMNI

Million Dollar Race Memorial Planned For Washington

Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson Claimed Unfit To Head Howard University

Completely taking University Officials by surprise, the much heralded special issue of the Howard Alumni Journal, "The Case Against President Mordecai W. Johnson, Facts, Figures and Exhibits," made its appearance at the Charter Day Dinner at Howard University last Wednesday when Secretary of the Interior Ickes was the principal speaker.

The magazine, a thirty-two page and cover publication, carried more than eleven pages of "confidential" Interior Department investigation reports, showing that \$320,000.00 of misallocated funds were ordered returned to the Government by Howard and that recommendations were made by the investigators that President Johnson, The Treasurer, and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds be removed from office.

The magazine also contains purported facts about an ultimatum allegedly sent Dean Slove on her death bed by President Johnson; strong unfavorable analyses of character by several outstanding citizens; registration figures for the past sixteen years, purporting to show that Howard's percentage of increase has lagged far behind other schools, and a full page out of headlines unfavorable to Dr. Johnson which have appeared in weekly and daily papers.

Police Drive Alumni From Campus

The distribution of the magazine caused a restrained sensation at the banquet. They were handed to guests on their arrival in

envelopes on the back which were the words and music of Howard's Alma mater. The cover of the magazine carried an almost life sized portrait of Dr. Johnson. University police chased the distributors from the campus after 300 magazines reached the guests.

The Alumni group claim that the Charter Day Dinner was taken from the Alumni for the first time this year and sponsored by the President to offset growing criticism of his administration. The General Alumni Association, the national body, had requested that use of the halls of the University for the purpose of a banquet sponsored by its three local clubs; instead, it is claimed President Johnson took a direct hand in the matter, organized his own alumni committee and with the aid of a "terrorized faculty," had a personal banquet on Charter Day.

Hearing Scheduled

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees the General Alumni Association asked for and was granted a hearing on charges against President Johnson, preferred at that time. The hearing is scheduled to begin within three weeks.

Dr. W. A. Wethers of Passaic, N. J. is President of the General Alumni Association. Nathan A. Dobbins and Eugene Davidson, both of Washington, D. C., are Executive Committee Chairman and General Alumni Secretary respectively.

Every Negro Man and Woman
Must Register And Vote

DURHAM ACADEMY OF MEDICINE HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEET

The Durham Academy of Medicine held its annual monthly meeting on Friday evening March 11 at 8:30 o'clock with a large number of its members present.

The March meeting of the academy was in the form of a memorial to the departed members, Dr. Charles Shepard and Dr. Wm. S. Strudwick.

A tribute was paid to the fine work which Dr. Shepard rendered the race as superintendent of Lincoln Hospital and as a practicing physician by Dr. A. S. Hunter. The tribute paid Dr. Strudwick was made by Dr. S. L. Warren.

The out of town members of the academy present were Dr. M. C. King of Franklin, Dr. B. R. Brice of Roxboro and Dr. E. E. Tooley of Oxford.

CLUB WOMEN PLAN BIG REGIONAL MEETING IN DES MOINES

DES MOINES, Ia., March 16—(ANP)—The club women of this city will be hostesses to the 1938 biennial session of Central Association, July 24 to 27 inclusive. Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, state president, and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, general chairman of arrangements, and their committees, are planning for the convention. They expect a large attendance from every state. This is our first meeting in Iowa. Myrtle Foster Cook, Kansas City, Mo., president of Central Association, said:

"The five regional associations were set up for two purposes: First, to interpret and strengthen our great National Association, the first and the greatest national organization of colored women in the world. We shall have 'National Hour' for reports and discussion of the proceedings of the 1937 Biennial convention in Fort Worth. We invite national officers and members of the other regionals to meet with us.

"Second, to understand the problems of our own area better and to study plans for promoting efficient club work. This convention needs all its state presidents, state leaders, and strong club women, as well as its own officers and committee members. Central Association women have great problems along social welfare and economic lines, unemployment and education, youth welfare and citizenship rights for ourselves and our neighbors. We are working on our local situations. We are trying to solve our many social problems in our own home towns. These problems will be the central theme of discussions, and we will be helped by experts, specialized and trained leaders in these several fields." The Central Association includes W. Va., Ohio, Mich., Ind., Wis., Ia., Minn., Mo., Kans., and Nebraska.

South, declared R. B. Eleazer, white, educational director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, at a meeting of the Atlanta Optimist club, also white, here Tuesday.

"The race problem in the South," he said, "is primarily a white man's problem."

Bankers Fire Holds Its 18th Annual Meet

Bankers' Fire Insurance Company of Durham, held its 18th annual meeting of Directors and stockholders in Durham on March 9th and 10th. Prominent visitors to the city for the meeting included Mrs. E. M. Riddick of Greensboro and I. H. Smith, New Bern, N. C.; Ira T. Bryant, Nashville, Tenn.; J. H. Ridley, Newport News and W. T. Mason, Norfolk, Va.

The Secretary's report as of December 31, 1937 indicated a surplus to policyholders of \$251,938.08. The year's operations showed increase in premium writings and investment income.

The low loss ratio maintained by the company (20.86 per cent of premium writings) was especially commendable and was attested by very flattering reinsurance facilities offered by some of America's larger underwriting groups.

It was pointed out that in the history of the company \$453,831.61 has been paid in claims and \$50,122.00 paid to stockholders in cash dividends. Premiums aggregating \$1,099,380.68 have been written by the company.

Prospects for the company are exceptionally good. The Board directed its officers to consider the feasibility of an expansion

program which will carry the company into neighboring states. It now operates in North Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia, with non-resident brokerage privileges in Md.

The Board of Directors adopted a resolution showing sorrow at the passing of Director B. L. Jordan of Richmond, Va. and elected Mr. J. T. Carter, President of the Southern Aid Society of Va., to fill his unexpired term. Mr. J. H. Ridley, Chairman of the Board of the Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va., was elected Vice President of the company.

The officers of the company are: W. G. Pearson, President; C. G. Spaulding, J. C. Scarborough, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., R. L. McDougald and J. H. Ridley, Vice-Presidents; E. R. Merrick, Treasurer; R. N. Harris, Secretary; M. A. Goins, A. Moore Shearin and J. J. Henderson, Assistant Secretaries; F. D. Miller, Cashier.

ELEAZER URGES ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES

ATLANTA, March 16—(ANP)—The white race has "everything to gain by eliminating discrimination against Negroes in the

ATTORNEY



C. J. GATES, prominent attorney of this city who again was successful in the winning of several legal battles of importance during the civil term of the Durham County Superior Court this week. Attorney Gates received his legal training at the law school of Boston University.

D. C. N. A. HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs held its regular weekly meeting at the office of the chairman, C. C. Spaulding, Thursday morning and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That an appeal be made to the proper authorities to provide rest room facilities for Negroes within the Municipal Armory in accordance with the Public Building requirements;
 2. That the Board of Education be requested to permit the group an audience to consider the Negro school needs including the establishment of a band unit.
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Blue Bird Taxi Loser In Large Damage Suit

The \$65,000 damage suit brought against the Blue Bird Taxi Company by Alfred McKinney and others for injuries they sustained when their car collided with one of the taxi company, was satisfactorily settled here this week with the defendant company agreeing to pay a substantial sum to the plaintiffs in the action.

The suit which was instituted against the taxi co. by C. J. Gates, prominent and well known attorney of Durham, on behalf of the plaintiffs, was one of the largest ever brought against a transportation company in this county. Attorney Gates was an object of much praise from many sources for the manner in which he conducted the case, and for having been successful in forcing the taxi company to pay for damages which the injured persons sustained in the wreck.

Riding in the car at the time of the collision, which occurred in Greensboro, were Mrs. Queen Thomas, Misses Mattie Herring, Nora Norwood, Mr. Lewis Jackson and Haywood Jones in addition to Mr. McKinney. Both Mr. McKinney and Miss Herring, as a result of the wreck, spent more than six months in the hospital. All of the injured persons were from Durham and were on their way to attend a funeral in Charlotte at the time the collision took place.

The March term of civil court was also the scene of three other

cases won by Att'y Gates; the second being an action brought against Robert L. Shepard, trading as the Shepard Funeral Home by Walter McMillan.

The plaintiff in this action sued the defendant for what he termed was the wrongful burial of his mother whom he claimed according to contract made with the Shepard Funeral Home should have been buried at the Beechwood Cemetery instead of the County Home.

Mr. McMillan had sued Mr. Shepard for the sum of \$7,000. The jury after about two hours deliberation brought in a verdict which said that the defendant did not break his contract with the plaintiff and should not recover. Mr. McMillan was represented by J. Grover Lee, white attorney of this city.

The third case which Attorney Gates won for his client involved an action brought against Johnie Malone and others by E. D. Dodd.

Mr. Dodd sued the defendants for about a compromise for much third interest of property left him by the late Nathan Malone which had been bequeathed to Mr. Malone by his brothers, Albert Malone and Leroy Malone.

Attorney Gates in this particular case was successful in bringing out a compromise for much less than the amount desired in the original action by the plaintiff. Attorney V. S. Bryant represented Mr. Dodd in this particular action.

SHOWERED WITH A HALF MILLION



GEO. W. COX, Vice President and Agency Director of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, who was showered with a half million dollars worth of new insurance policies last week as a token of the esteem in which

he is held by the district managers and agents of the company. The program was directed by J. W. Harris, Chief Clerk in the Agency department of the company.

Soo Line Messenger Gets 15 Years For Theft

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 16—(ANP)—Fifteen years imprisonment in a federal penitentiary was the sentence meted out Tuesday to John Neal, 49, Soo Line railway messenger, when he withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to five counts of theft from a national bank.

Neal stole more than \$118,000 in seven years while working as a trusted messenger, an auditing of accounts showed. He was indicted by the federal grand jury on 10 counts of embezzlement.

from the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Minneapolis, and as the trial started, attempted to have them quashed on the ground that 10-10 counts made him appear a habitual criminal.

When Neal disappeared in January, the shortage was discovered. He gave himself up and assumed all blame for the embezzlement, telling Federal Judge Gunnar Nordbye he believed the reason for his difficulties was that he was "too lavish" with his money.

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DOINGS OF USHERS

By RUTH BUCHANAN

HIGH POINT

The High Point Usher's Union met at the Brooks Memorial church here Sunday J. W. Deak, of Greensboro, Treasurer of the North Carolina Inter-Denominational Usher's Association presiding. The meeting was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience of ushers from all over the city, and other interested persons. In addition to the local ushers present there were many visiting ushers from other cities, including Mrs. L. A. Foster, Mrs. Ida C. Wright, C. R. Craig, W. N. Ellis and others from Greensboro; J. H. R. Gleaves, John Nash, W. R. Hawkins, and others of Winston-Salem. L. E. Austin, president of the association was present and delivered the principal address.

Therocooks Memorial Church is pastored by Rev. Sharpe who is doing splendid work in reviving the membership and raising money for the erection of a new building. The program sponsored by the ushers on last Sunday was for the benefit of the building fund.

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MEMPHIS THEATRE MAY SUE STEPHIN FETCHIT

MEMPHIS, March 16—(By J. H. Purdy Jr. for ANP)—Because Stepin Fetchit, who with Ernie Hawkins were stars of the Harlem Hit Parade revue, failed to fill a return engagement on Feb. 6, 7, and 8 after playing there a week, management of the Orpheum theatre indicated last week they may sue the Consolidated Radio Artists.

Chalmus Cullins, white, of the Orpheum circuit, contacted the comedy team in Detroit and is understood to have had Stepin's promise to return for the appearance. This was after the contract had been signed for the return engagement. He was to return here with Cullins, but while the latter was making several long distance calls and sending telegrams the comedian disappeared Cullins said.

The Orpheum plans to sue on the ground that ORA agreed to deliver Stepin Fetchit for the second appearance and failed to do so. The agency has offered the services of Stepin for an appearance on April 9, 10 and 11 but with letters and telegrams. A "U. G. E. Race Tower on Capitol Hill" could see such a campaign win this year, 1938; or 1939 or if needs be, 1940.

U.G.E. To Erect Tower In Nation's Capitol To Advancement Of Negro

WASHINGTON, D. C. — This week the United Government Employees' organization, headed by Edgar G. Brown, launched a coast to coast campaign to erect a \$1,000,000 U. G. E. Tower on the Nation's Capitol Hill in Washington, D. C. to be dedicated to race employment, protection and advancement in the United States Government.

"This great Race edifice is to be a living and dynamic spearhead of labor dedicated to the present generation of 12,000,000 American citizens of color in this country and their children who will come after them. It must be an everlasting monument to Negro progress and security," said Brown, the president of the United Government Employees, who has secured from Congress and this administration a half million dollars in increased wages for the low-paid government workers in the past two years. "The times demand that this U. G. E. Race tower be erected on Capitol Hill in Washington," continued Brown, "the cause of Race advancement must be held forth now from this day on and henceforth at the very doorsteps of the Capitol and in the Congress, year in and year out. Let flood lights at night illumine the 'U. G. E. Race Tower' as they shine upon the Capitol, Washington's monument and the Supreme Court."

"The government is centralized today in Washington," declared Brown in his statement released to the newspapers on Saturday. "The Negro laborer, the Negro farmer, the Negro home builder and the Negro citizen will be lost economically and politically if he does not organize, pool his money and give to a Negro brain-trust, the sinews of war, and utilize modern stream-line techniques in launching a ceaseless battle for or against not one, but every blessed place of legislation now and hereafter before Congress. It is a New Deal that is demanded and we as Negroes should stand one hundred percent for it."

"First on the slate of national legislation might well be the 'wages and hour' bill now before Congress up on Capitol Hill," said Brown. "The proper 'wages and hour' bill, when passed would give every full time unorganized Negro worker at least forty cents an hour and reasonable hours of labor—and annual wage sufficient to give all Negroes a chance to get off relief and to be self supporting again. It would be a great saving to the whole nation in the long run. Would that it were in the power of the Negro Race to hold up the Congress 6 weeks more to successfully pass such legislation by bombarding the Congressmen and Senators