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Few N.C. Jails Approved By United States

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RALEIGH, July 21.—North Carolina's jail system fall far under federal standards for the safe-keeping of prisoners with only 32 jails in the 100 counties being approved by the federal Bureau of Prisons, while the unapproved units still house thousands of North Carolina criminals each year.

Many cities maintain jails in addition to the counties, said Dr. J. Wallace Nygard, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the state Board of Charities and Public Welfare, after making a study last month of jail conditions, and as a general thing, conditions in the city jails are worse than those in the county units.

There are too many jails in the state, he said, because the counties are not taking advantage of the legislative provision allowing two or more adjacent units to maintain district jails. Counties with small financial resources could provide satisfactory institutions in district jails with a great saving of money to the taxpayers of the cooperating counties.

Seventy eight thousand commitments many of them repeating offenders were made in North Carolina jails in 1937 and at any stated time during the year one could find some 1,600 persons confined.

About 30 percent of the jail population was serving sentence while the rest waiting trial or sentence or being held as witnesses. Sixty five percent of women confined were serving sentence although they comprised only eleven percent of the total jail population.

Despite the fact that there is a statute requiring medical examination of all prisoners within 48 hours after incarceration about half the jailers in North Carolina call in a physician only on complaint of illness.

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Under the present practice syphilitic insane tubercular feeble minded juveniles accidental offenders and vicious criminals often are herded together although the recently constructed units have made other provisions.

Under the law now plans for new jails must be approved by the state fire marshal; the sanitary engineering division of the Board of Health and by the Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Five separate apartments must be provided with accessible toilet and bath adequate air light and heat exercise space and quarters for an attendant to be on duty at all times.

A separate juvenile section in the jail does not meet the requirements as ruled by the attorney general calling for segregation of children from adult prisoners.

Too many children are being confined in jails and there should be more cooperation between the local welfare departments and juvenile court officials in finding disposition other than jail detention for children.

MINISTERIAL SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL METHODS HELD AT BENNETT COLLEGE JULY 14th

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GREENSBORO, N. C. July 22.—Ministers of all denominations, both rural and urban, met in the Ministerial School of Practical Methods at Bennett College here, the conference lasting throughout the week. The school was sponsored by the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church and was under the direction of Dr. W. A. C. Hughes, of Phil.

Topics of vital importance to Negro communities were discussed both in formal classes and in group meeting. Especially were they concerned with the new trend of bringing together local church and civic groups in working toward a solution of economic and social problems peculiar to Negro communities. The instructors for the school included Dr. Hughes, in charge of church administration; Dr. E. M. Conover, of New York

PERSONALITIES IN MUSIC

FRANK J. BLACK, A.S.C.A.P.
From Dairy to Music—and Back



By Daniel I. McNamara

DON'T try to "understand" music... enjoy it!

Dr. Frank J. Black, A.S.C.A.P., musical director, composer, conductor, and business executive extraordinary, believes that in music as in other things one man's meat is another man's poison.

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Thus, in the vast stream of music flowing daily through the channels which he supervises, is to be found music that appeals to every variety of musical lover. "Black himself, a brilliant artist, writes and orchestrates in virtually every idiom. He spends an average of more than 12 hours a day in his office or in the various broadcasting studios of NBC.

Black's Quaker parents mistakenly hailed him as successor to his father's successful dairy business when he was born in Philadelphia, November 28th, 1894. He was graduated from Haverford College as a chemist, but from early childhood had displayed talent in music. At 6 he had mastered the piano, and at 9 he stole away to a neighborhood motion picture house to play piano until his father hauled him home. At 12 he was a church singer and organist, and while he was completing his high school studies he commuted to become the favorite pupil of Rafael Joseffy, famous Hungarian pianist in New York. He forsook chemistry to become

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City, director of the bureau of architecture, affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in charge of courses in social trends and church architecture; Dr. F. R. Barnwell, of the department of health education of Tennessee, in charge of health education, and Dr. F. J. Handy of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church Philadelphia, in charge of the course in religious education and preaching.

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Lawyers Will Convene In City August 6th

DURHAM, July 20. (Special) —The National Bar Association will assemble in its fourteenth annual convention in Durham, North Carolina, on August 4th, 1938 and continue in session through August 6th.

President William L. Houston who has made official visits to the bar associations in Mass., New Jersey, Maryland, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania states this meeting will eclipse all others of the Association in point of attendance and that there will be gathered in Durham the largest number of colored lawyers ever assembled at one time in the country.

A program of unusual importance to lawyers, as the matters thereon affect the race, will be presented by nationally known men — the organization. Questions dealing with the civil, economic and political rights of Negroes are on the agenda for discussion and resolution.

The Attorney General of the State of North Carolina, a scheduled to speak the first day of the session.

An innovation of the meeting will be addresses by two women lawyers of the race who

public office in their respective states, namely Eunice Carter, Assistant District Attorney in New York City, and Elsie Austin, Assistant Attorney-General of Ohio.

One of the high lights of the convention will be an address by Honorable James S. Watson, Judge of the Municipal Court, New York City, who will speak on "The Responsibilities of the Negro Lawyer to his People."

The National Lawyers Guild is delegating its National Sec'y, Honorable Mortimer Riemer, to bear greetings to the body and he will deliver a set address on Friday afternoon entitled, "The Brotherhood of the Profession." Mr. Riemer's presence and address are designed by the Guild to demonstrate its full cooperation with the National Bar Association in its work of promoting legal reforms in this country, as well as insuring equal and exact justice to all.

Reports from Durham the city of great Negro business enterprises, are to the effect that preparations are being made on an elaborate scale to entertain the visiting lawyers, their families, and friends.

British Labor Hits Rape Of Ethiopia

SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND, July 19 (CNA) The National Union of Railwaymen unanimously adopted a resolution here this week at the close of its annual convention denouncing the fascist invasion of Ethiopia, and characterized the "beastly action as a danger to democracy and peace.

In the face of the international attack of fascism on the liberties of peoples, the convention urged all nations to defend their liberties by collective security and to give reciprocal guarantees of mutual assistance in case of aggression. Similar resolutions protesting the unprovoked attacks by fascist powers on Austria, Spain and China were also adopted.

Meanwhile, prefacing a book that was to be placed on sale this week, Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy calls for

the militarist spirit of fascism and asserted that the "Italian people life is animated by a militarist spirit and it must be and will be a more intensive military spirit in the future."

After glorifying the adventures of his black shirt legions in Libya, Ethiopia and Spain, and not unaware of rumblings of the Italian masses against their poverty stricken conditions, the fascist dictator painted a picture of his corporate state, and asserted that it will control and guide the nations economic life and that it will pursue relentlessly a struggle for self-sufficiency.

Mussolini openly stated that he is conducting war against the Spanish people when he declared, "with the excuse that he is fighting Bolshevism in Spain, that his battalions have per-

DEFENDANT SLEEPS AS LAWYER PLEADS FOR HER AT MURDER TRIAL

(Special to the Carolina Times)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 15. —Snoring as comfortably as an innocent babe in a cradle at the side of its mother Mrs. Anna Mae Brown, 38-year-old young woman being tried on a first degree murder charge, actually slept while Attorney Webster L. Porter, with tears in his eyes, pleaded with a jury to spare the life of the young woman, as her trial progressed in the Knoxville county criminal court here today. The jury retired shortly before four o'clock after setting all day on the case and in less than a half hour returned with a verdict of manslaughter, recommending a two year sentence for the young woman. Mrs. Brown was charged with slaying the body of Alonzo Jones seventeen times after finding him in bed with Leola Johnson at 506 East Vine Avenue. Jones had lived with the Brown woman as her husband for

more than seven years and as the evidence showed, she supported him from her earnings as maid in the home of the Catholic priest.

Friends of the dead man employed Attorney Hoyle Campbell, young white lawyer to assist Attorney General Charles Davis in prosecuting the case and both lawyers for the state were emphatic in their demands for a first degree verdict, pointing out that the woman, in a fit of jealousy, went to the house where Jones was in bed with the Johnson woman and stabbed him to death as he lay asleep, inflicting seventeen slashes across his body one of which completely severed his genital organ from his body.

In their arguments, counsel for the prosecution painted a picture of the woman having influenced Jones to live with her during the more than seven years, declaring that she exercised undue influence over him. Says Men At Fault

In presenting his theory to the jury, Attorney Porter declared: "The deceased fell a victim to his own folly. Nine out of every ten women who go wrong, some man, in some manner, is responsible. This earnest, inoffensive young woman was led astray by the man and after having the better part of her life he endeavored to toss her aside to take her

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