

# H. T. Burleigh Named ASCAP Director

**Harry T. Burleigh Noted Race Composer Named As Director of American Society Of Composers, Authors and Publishers**

New York — Harry T. Burleigh, noted Negro composer, has been nominated for the board of directors of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Mr. Burleigh is one of eight candidates named for three vacancies on the ASCAP board to be filled by Standard composers. Others nominated are Deems Taylor and Oley Speaks, present board members, and Clara Edwards Horace Johnson, Geoffrey O'Hara, John Tassner Howard and Harvey Enders.

Mr. Burleigh, who is approaching his 75th birthday, is active as a baritone soloist at exclusive Saint St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City. He was a pioneer in correlating folk music to art music and was instrumental in popularizing spirituals. Among his best known spiritual arrangements is that of "Deep River." Best known of his original compositions is "Little Mother of Mine," sung throughout the world by John McCormack.

Burleigh was born Dec. 2nd, 1866 in Erie, Pa. His grandfather had been a slave in Maryland, his mother was a college graduate. While singing in Erie churches as a youth, Burleigh won a scholarship in the National Conservatory of Music in New York City. The registrar of the school was Mrs. Frances Knapp MacDowell, mother of Edward MacDowell, gave Burleigh employment in her office to aid him financially. At the conservatory he studied with many famous teachers, including Antonin Dvorak, with whom a great friendship sprang up.

While singing in the Negro choir at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in 1894, Burleigh learned of a vacancy in the choir at Saint George's. Of 60 applicants, Burleigh, the only Negro, was selected. For 25 years, beginning in 1900, he also was a member of the choir of Temple Emanuel. Burleigh sings in English, Hebrew, Latin, Italian, French and German.

The first J. P. Morgan invited Burleigh to the Morgan home each Christmas for years and at his death had left instruction that the baritone was to sing "Calvary" at his funeral. Burleigh performed before King Edward VII twice during a concert tour of Europe. He gave up concert work at 60.

Among those first to be impressed by Burleigh was George Maxwell, one of the founders and first president of ASCAP. Burleigh himself is a charter member of the Society. He is meticulous in his manuscript writing his copy prepared for printers looks almost like copper plate.

Burleigh has an honorary degree of Master of Arts from Atlanta University and of Doctor of Music from Howard University. In 1917, he received the Spingarn Award for distinguished achievement in music. He has written more than 50 spirituals and the concert arrangements of more than 100. In addition he has composed more than 200 songs. Among his best known number are "Jean," "Just You," "The Grey Wolf," "Ethiopia Saluting the Colors," "The Young War-

**Negro Is Killed Following Dance Held At Angier**

Following a dance by Negro men and women in Angier at a dance hall and beer salon within the Town sometimes known as "piccolo joint," "David's Ten Room" and the "Slaughter Pen," Dennis Huley, a Negro employed at Williams' Pressing Club in Angier, whose home is Wacahboro, was mortally wounded Tuesday morning at about one o'clock by a knife wielded by Harold "Jitterbug" Green, Negro, of Angier. The row is supposed to have resulted from jealousy among the participants in the dance.

The dance hall is managed by Arthur Dove, a Negro who recently came to Angier from Raleigh. The cutting Tuesday was only one of several assaults committed since the opening of the dance hall. Recently Warren Wood, Negro, had his throat cut, the body, Carrie McNeill, was hit on the head, and a Negro girl named Cofield was badly cut at different times.

The dance hall usually operates into the wee hours of the morning, and throughout the entire night on Saturday nights. It is owned by David H. Young, an Angier merchant, and it is reported that steps will be taken to close the place as a common nuisance. Huley died en route to the hospital, and the assailant is being held for murder.

Recently, upon receiving a call to go to the dance hall, Officer Ira Dupree had his auto tire cut while there.

**Firestone Aids Study Of Sleeping Sickness**

Akron, Ohio — The Firestone Rubber Company is sending Dr. E. P. Veatch of Pasadena, California to Liberia, West Africa, to organize an inland center for the control of sleeping sickness. The Firestone organization operates extensive rubber plantations in Liberia. Dr. Veatch will make headquarters at the Episcopal prior and "The Soldier." He did the settings for "The Five Songs of Laurence Hope."

**NEGRO GETS PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE**



New Medical director of Provident hospital, shown in his office at the noted Chicago institution. Dr. West, who took office July 1, is the first Negro to get a degree in public health, obtaining that award from Harvard university in 1931 after being commissioner of health for Addis Ababa under Haile Selassie in 1930. Despite his youth—he is only 35—he was chosen to organize and direct the new Provident health center which will combine the facilities of the hospital with the city's health program.

Church mission at Bolahun, conducted by the Order of the Holy Cross. Says the Prior, the Rev. Leopold Kroll, Jr., "We shall welcome him and his family to Mission and are honored to have this opportunity of cooperating in such a service."

**Electric Organs Ordered For The Soldiers and Sailors**

Chicago, Ill. — Music for religious services for the Army is now assured as a result of the order for 555 electric organs which the United States War Department has just placed. They will be installed in regimental chapels now being built in the various Army camps throughout the country. The organs will be equipped with sturdy handles to facilitate removal from one location to another. Of the 555 organs on order, six are to be installed in the Panama Canal Zone, four in Puerto Rico, four in Manila and thirteen in the Hawaiian Islands.

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**R. R.'s Unable To Grant 900 Million Dollar Yearly Wage Increase**

Declaring that no industry can pay out more than it takes in and remain in business, the Conference Committees representing American Railroads in the pending wage negotiations, today advised leaders of railroads are unable to grant their demands for increases in pay.

The five operating brotherhoods have asked for a thirty per cent increase with a minimum increase of \$1.80 per day, while the non operating groups of employees have demanded an increase of 30 cents an hour, with a minimum wage of 70 cents an hour.

"This case," said Fred G. Gurley, speaking for the Conference Committees, "has become generally known as the 'thirty per cent' case. It should be known as the 'forty per cent' case because the demands made would add more than 'forty per cent' to railroad wage costs. Nine hundred million dollars per year is about what is being demanded, said Gurley. That is

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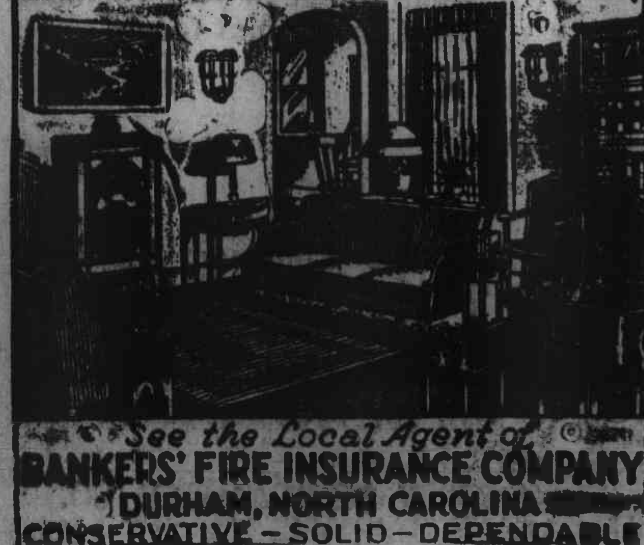
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"Had these demands been in effect in 1940, instead of a small net income for all the railroads, there would have been a net deficit of more than 600 millions. Had the demands been in effect in the five months of 1941, there would have been a net deficit of net income for all the railroads as the Pennsylvania, the Union Pacific, and the Santa Fe—all household names—would not have earned expenses."

**Pirate Captain Had Painting Of Christ**

Wilmington 16 Taken from an 18th century pirate ship, an oil painting of Christ, titled "Ecce Homo" hangs in the vestry room of St. James' Church, Wilmington. In 1749 three Spanish privateers attacked the colonial

town of Brunswick, 16 miles below Wilmington, and were driven off. One of the ships was sunk. When the sailors removed the painting, it was in the captain's cabin. In 1760 it was presented to St. James' Church by the General Assembly. The church, completed in 1760, was used during the Revolutionary War as a British hospital, a barracks, and still later as a riding school for Tarleton's dragoons. It was again used as a hospital in the War Between the States.

**Very Wise**

"Do you think it wise to use signals when you play bridge?" "Yes, if it's my wife who's giving them."

**Defined**

Tommy's Sister — What's a synonym?

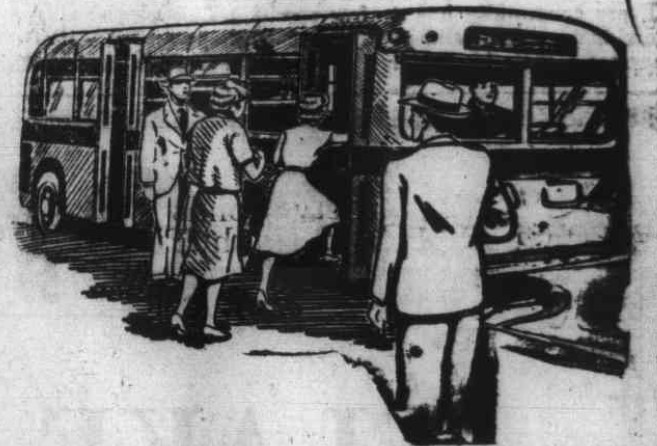
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