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ASKS JIMCROW BAN

McKenzie, who has been jury clerk since 1940, said the system of selecting jurors was changed at the start of 1947. He said that several thousand women have been on the jury lists in the last three years. However, he testified that during 1947 and 1948 he did not send any jury qualification notices to persons on the voting lists in six Harlem or lower East Side districts. He said he had sent thousands of such notices to persons in other parts of Manhattan and the Bronx, and at times he used "Poor's Directory of Directors," "Engineer's Directory," university and college alumni records, a special telephone directory, and the "Social Register." Later, he denied using the latter.

GI SLAYING

It was reported that there were four bullet wounds in the body. Recruit Jones was a member of 75th Heavy Tank Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division which is stationed at Fort Bragg. Members of the dead man's outfit and his close associates are being questioned in connection with the case although no arrests have yet been made.

VEECK HITS BIAS

theme for this dinner, "American teamwork - works." He revealed that his Indians team was a winner because of the teamwork of several races, nationalities, and religious groups. This democratic spirit, he said, has led the Cleveland ball park to hire Negroes as ushers, vendors, and groundsmen for the 1949 season for the first time.

The baseball mogul denounced the idea of segregation. He recommended that brave Negro families should move out in white neighborhoods. They should take the risks of living with them. He said a homebuilder who built a home or two for Negro families in white neighborhoods was doing more for democracy than a person who built a whole segregated project for Negroes.

In typical casual Veck language, he said, "As soon as you're thrown in with guys of another race or color, you'll find they're just like you." Other features of the Urban League meeting included several reports and the introduction of various athletes who have made names in interracial sports.

Sidney Williams, executive secretary of the local organization, announced the defeat of the League's 1948 budget. He also asked for an eventual home in Chicago's loop for the Urban League. Only a few days before the meeting the League's offices caught on fire.

Joe Louis sent his regrets for not being able to attend, but enclosed a check for \$50 to the League. About 250 persons attended the noonday dinner in observance of the League's 32nd year in Chicago.

DAY OF PRAYER

lead the world to peace. "So long as our country practices within its borders discrimination in the matter of the equal protection of the laws, economic and educational opportunity, civil and political equality, there can be no whole hearted respect for her in the company of the Nations of the World."

In these circumstances her voice cannot be heard as the champion of the many peoples of the world who look to America for political and moral leadership.

"As loyal Americans, interested not only in the gaining of advantages for our own numbers, but in the growth of America to the stature where an ideal democracy prevails, the National Council of Negro Women sees a clear duty to help our country achieve this ideal."

"The leaders of our nation cannot hope to prevail in the furtherance of his program of 'Civil and Human Rights for All' unless they are sustained by high moral principle and Divine guidance. We cannot hope to make our contributions to this work without Divine direction and assistance."

"Now, therefore, I Mary McLeod Bethune, in order that we may seek that guidance and assistance do as Founder-President of the National Council of Negro Women, declare Sunday, March 6, 1949 as National Council Sunday and do call upon the members of this organization, whenever they may be found, to go that day in their respective places of worship and pray for strength and guidance for our leaders and that God in his divine wisdom may grant us direction in this task to which we dedicated ourselves."

Mr. Evan's query was prompted after Walter White, NAACP Secretary and columnist for the New York Herald Tribune had charged the army with "ignoring the vital role of Negro soldiers in 'Operation Vulture'."

Excerpts from Col. Ray's letter to Mr. Evans follows: APO 403 8 December 1943 Mr. James C. Evans Advisor to the Secretary of Defense The Pentagon Building Washington 25, D. C. Dear Evans:

"The Negro soldier's participation in the air bridge is in no sense of the word vital, and to

make it appear so would be unrealistic and certain to earn the contempt and criticism of those men who are actually taking the hazards in the air or working round the clock to 'keep them flying.' Our men are driving the loaded trucks from the railroad sidings to the plane and back - a distance in no case of more than one mile, and at Wiesbaden, the second field of importance, a distance of 500 yards. The air bridge is operating from two fields in the American zone Rhein Main and Wiesbaden. Negro truck drivers are working at these two installations. There are two fields in the British zone for outgoing traffic and, of course, the general terminal at Templehof, Berlin. In the British zone installations and at Templehof, all of the transport operations, including the driving, is done by German personnel."

The loading and unloading at all installations is done by German or DP contract labor. If Negro soldiers were hauling the food and fuel over icy roads under hazardous conditions, or even performing the backbreaking jobs of loading and unloading the food and fuel, then yes, of course, their work would be vital. I know that you will agree with me that we must protect against misleading releases which are certain to be harmful in the long run to our general effort."

Citizenship To Be Y Meet Topic

The 14th Annual N. C. YMCA Older Boys Conference will be held at the William H. Ingham High School at Wilmington, April 8, 9, 10 officials have announced following a meeting of the Executive Committee at the Bloodworth Street YMCA, Raleigh.

More than 200 boys representing H-Y and G-Y clubs of high schools throughout the state are expected to attend according to E. L. Rufford, director of the conference and executive of the Bloodworth Street YMCA. The conference held last year in Charlotte was attended by 250 boys.

Using as a central theme "Achieving First Class Citizenship," the conference will include a tour of Wilmington, a visit to the Atlantic ocean, a social with special entertainment by the high school girls and a banquet. The arrangements are being made under the general supervision of Prof. F. J. Rogers, Williston High School principal and Miss B. B. Leonard of the faculty and widely known throughout the state as the "Mother of the Older Boys Conference."

The executive committee of the N. C. YMCA Older Boys Conference is composed of H. T. Johnson, executive secretary, Garland L. Crews and Charles Farrar, J. W. O'Keefe, Raleigh; W. H. Moorehead, and Richard Massey, Charlotte; David Morehead, YMCA executive, Winston-Salem; Harvey Stappleton, S. J. Howie, Miss B. B. Leonard, Wilmington; H. C. Gore, Burlington; W. L. Wooten, Shelby; George T. Hyman, Williamston; and Emanuel Wilson, Louisburg.

Officers of the Conference are Nathan Becoat, Washington High, Raleigh, president; Ernest Fair, Adkins High, Winston-Salem, vice-president; Herman Terry, Williston High, Wilmington, secretary; Larry Waddell, Smith High, Fayetteville, corresponding secretary.

High school principals throughout the state will be supplied with registration blanks. All H-Y and G-Y Clubs are urged to contact their principals and send delegates.

PLANS FOR NURSERY SCHOOL ANNOUNCED

RALEIGH — Mrs. Polly Boyd, president of the United Way Mothers' Club, announced plans for the opening of a child care center and nursery which will be conducted after March 1 at the City Heights Recreation Center at 704 East Lenox Street.

Registrations for the nursery will be accepted on February 28. Children will be cared for by the day or by the week under the supervision of trained personnel. Rates per week are \$2.00 per child. Rates for daily care are seventy-five cents.

Further information concerning the nursery may be obtained by calling Mrs. Boyd at 2-2366 or by calling the executive secretary at 8889.

YOUNG CITIZENS ELECT OFFICERS

Raleigh — At a meeting of the Young Citizens Club of Raleigh held Sunday at 207 Cabarrus Street, the following officers were elected: J. A. Rooks, president; R. M. Whitley, vice-president; Miss Vin-

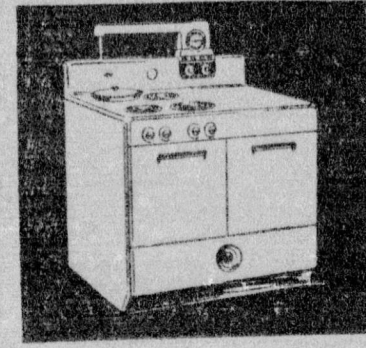
nia Stokes, secretary; O. H. Branch, treasurer; J. T. Taylor, assistant secretary and Leroy Brewer, field representative.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, February 27 at 3 p.m. at 207 Cabarrus Street. All present members and those interested in joining are urged to be present.

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NEGRO JURORS
minority groups were being excluded from jury duty in favor of the rich, the defense introduced into evidence four lists of prospective jurors for 1941 which were marked "colored" and which the defense contended was evidence that discrimination was practiced in selection of jurors.
In rebuttal to this charge, the government attorneys called Federal Jury Clerk Joseph F. McKenzie to the stand. He testified that no discrimination "for or against any prospective juror" was practiced because of "race, color, creed,

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