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NEGRO JUKYMEN

Recently at Wiemington, North Carolina white lawyers in defending a Negro client, raised the issue of excluding Negroes from jury service to the advantage of their client. In Urange and numerous other counties of the state, Negroes have on more than one occasion been called to Jury service. In Durham county where much noise is always made about fine race relations, no Negro has served on a jury for more than 25 years.

Durham has about as many Negro lawyers to the square foot as any other North Carolina city. In addition Durham is supposed to have as much Negro intelligence and as many Negro taxpayers to the square foot as any other North Carolina city. Why Durham Negro lawyers and intelligent Negro citizens will continue to permit an issue as serious as the jury question to go unanswered is beyond our comprenension.

We think Negro lawyers and citizens too are paying too big a price for a little popularity with the opposite group. The continuous unlawful practice of refusing to call Negroes for Jury service in this county is an issue that ought to be met squarely and without fear or favor.

If white lawyers, in a city as pregnant with race hatred and bigotry as Wilmington, can afford to raise the jury question m defense of their Negro clients, we see no reason why Negro lawyers in Durham cannot do the same. We are of the opinion that such a lawyer would have the support of all well thinking white and Negro citizens of Durham county.

THE SMALL NEGRO BUSINESS

Within the past 30 days more than a haif-degen small Negro business establishments have closed their doors in Durham Decause they were unable to make a go of it. Listed among the small businesses that have failed was one of the oldest and largest Negro grocery stores in the entire state. In addition there were two cafes, a bakery, a beauty parlog and a barber shop.

A survey would possibly disclose many and various reasons as to why these establishments went out of business, Whatever the cause, one thing is certain, none of them closed their doors because they were getting too-much patronage from members of

Here in Durham we have what is know as the "Durham Business Chain." The organization is supposed to foster and encourage the development of new Negro businesses and encourage those already established. It would seem however that the organization

has failed miserably in the purpose for which it was established. The Carolina Times does not attempt here to place all the blame on the shoulders of the Durham Business Chain, because this news paper realizes that some business failures are inevitable. We do think however that more support from Negroes would have resulted in the continuance of some of the establishments. Such support could have partially been provided had the membership of the Durham Business Chain shown a little more honest interest.

In Durham and elsewhere we have got to have a greater interest in the small Negro business. We have got to realize that without its success the larger Negro business cannot forever endure. Whather or not the Durham Business Chain is capable of performing the task for which it was organized remains yet to be seen.

THE BUS HEARING NEXT FRIDAY

The bus case hearing to be held Friday before State Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne will be of unusual interest due to the fact that bus companies now operating in the state have never dealt fairly with their Negro passengers in the matter of provid-

In Durham, Greensboro and Raleigh the waiting rooms for Negro passengers resemble a hog pen more than a place provided for the use of human beings. The waiting rooms for white people are so far shead of those provided for Negro passengers that most of them would think the dawn of a new day had arrived if the bus companies would provide facilities for Negroes half as

The complaint now being registered by white people against lief," and "Rural Youth: Their sitting in courts where litigants the bus companies only goes to show what it take to get things It ought to be a lesson to Negroes who hestitate to go into court to obtain their rights. Only Negro leaders would tolerate the filthy, unsanitary and indecent waiting rooms for Negroes provided by bus companies operating in this state.

Negro Ministers can howl about religion as loud as they want to, Negro physicians can sing the blues about their patients going elsewhere until they are blue in the face, Negro business men can preach about patronizing Negro business all they want to, and so on down the line. But until Negro professional and business men become interested in the mass of Negroes enough to withstand a little unpopularity with the opposite group, they will never be able to obtain the support from them they should.

The hearing pext Friday should be attended by Negro represen tatives as well as white people. Negroes in North Carolina have a far greater reason to ask for complaining about the poor service of bus companies in this state than white people.

Married men stay out of jail better in North Carolina than do single men. During fiscal 1938, 61.4 per cent of the men in prison Of the Negroes, 03.5 per cens had had never been married. never been married. (

During the years 1936 and 1936 there were only 257 persons in prison in North Carolina who had had a college education. Out of the total of 37,887 North Carolina prisoners in 1937 and

1938 only 318 or less than one out of every hundred had been to Persons convicted of larceny, assault a n d drunkenness.

in that order make up the larger percentage of North Carolina prisoners placed in disciplinary "C" grade. N. C. State Highway prison camps cared for 9577 prisons in April. 1909.

in April, 1939.

Mine hundred and seventy Juvenile deliquents were being cared for by the State of North Carolina in April, 1939.

The N. C. Confederate Women's Home had a population of 42

Kelly Miller Writes

A NEGRO ARCHITECT

On May 16th Harold L. Ickes Secretary of the interior, in his by the Department of the In Howard University, delivered the terior as Architect, planner and edicatory Address and present- builder of the "Twenty Year ed the Founders Labrary to the Plan" of expansion at an esti-Trustees of this National Institu tion for the higher and profess- under the joint auspices of the ional education of the Negro race. The Founders Library was of Trustges and several educabuilt out of PWA funds, under tional foundations for the highthe direction of Secretary ickes er education of the Negro. Mr. at a cost of 1,106,000 dellars. Cassell was entrusted with the This Library dedicated to t h e memory of General O. O Howard and the other founders of Howard University, is said to take rank among the best librar ies of America in appointments been erected twelve Buildings and facilities, as regards both utility and beauty. This Building will house the "National Negro Library and Museum,' containing collections documents, manuscripts prints and other forms of material by or about Negroes. This collect tion will constitute its distinctive feature and will give the All of this work was accom-Howard University Euilding a plished under the general supertive feature and will give the unique 'place among American dress Secretary Ickes with evident satisfaction stressed fact that this Building which conforms in every detail to the eanons of Library technique inside, and out, was planned and constructed by a Negro Archi-

The Negro is noted for his artistic feeling and the exuberance, his untutored passion and The mere beating of body swaying and swinging

But he has never, until quite recently evinced much aptitude for plastic or creative art. The untutored Negro mechanic under the slave regime could construct imposing building blind imitation a n d rule of thumb, without ability to read mechanical or artistic principles, try and botany. He pressed the knack without the knowledge.

The higher education of the has heveloped sundry in lividuals with a sest for literature, poetry; music and ora tects who must measure up to or fall by their own weight.

Albert I. Cassell, a product

at a cost of five million dollars. which involve all forms a n phases of acholastid arnhietecture including Stadium. Gymna sium, Dining Hall; Dormitories Power Plant. Recitation and Lecture Hall, Science Buildings with technical equipment, climaxing in the Founders Library. vision of the Architectural Libraries. In his dedicatory Ad- perts of the Government a n d have met with the entire approval of the Federal authorities as attested when each Building as completed and turned over to the Trustees of the Univer-A. few Negroes stand out contime sets his feet a flying and intellectual stature. The accom-

partment of Architecture, was

selected by the Trustees of Ho-

ward University and approved

mated c o m t of \$10,000.000

Federal Government, the Beard

supervision of the enlargement,

landscaping, and beautification

of the Campus, and the location

planning and construction of the

Buildings. There have already

head of the Biology of Howard fore germs were thought of, University, and former vice with their finger in the baby's President of the American Biological Society, are recogniz little creature kicked vigorous-ed and extoled throughout the ly. He cried if his gums were biological world. Dr. George W. Carver of Tuskegee Institute not. Unfortunate is that babe has made valuable contribution without the appropriate g u m the blue print or to understand in the field of economic chemis! James Weldon Johnson, the late lamented Negro poet a n d our Negro colleges. The week is scholar, typifies the best fesults dult and prosaic that does not

es, our PWA Administrator, has the highest expression of the employed several Negro Archi- higher education of the Negro in the domain of the applied the standards of the department sciences involving both utility and beauty.

KRILLY MILLER

BY FLOYD J. CALVIN

SOCIAL STUDIES Situation and Prospects." These

manent value. For intance, in the 167 page "Rural Youth" work on learn in the chapter, "Marriage of Rural Youth" that: Color and residence both influence the proportion of youh of the various ages which is married. In 1980 relatively more Negro than white youth were married in all segments of the population, rural farm and rural non farm. While more Negro young men in rural farm than in rural non farm territory were married the reverse was true for Negro young women with the exception

of those 24 years of age." We also note that where phetographs are used in the Government publications, photographs of Negroes are used.

We congratulate the WPA on this Division of Social R esearch, and Howard B. Myers the director. In this instance as in so many others, the tax money is being spent wisely and

New York Negro The New York World's Fair draw thousands of people to the metropolis of America, and it of Missouri \$8,000,000.

is well that the Negro of New We wish to call to the atten- York let it be known just what tion of our educators and social he has accomplished in the prize workers the splendid resedarch city of our country. The current monographs now being issued by Crisis Magazine very appropriate the Division of Social Research, ly carries photographs of three Work Progress Administration, New York Negro Judges on the Washington. We have recently front cover-Judge Charles E. persued such volumes as "Farm- Toney, Judge Myles A. Faigei ng Hazards in the Droughth and Judge S. Watson, all earn-Area," "Rural Families on Re- ing \$10,000 a year and over all or defendants appear without are exhaustive studies, directed regard to race or color. Indeed, by trained sociologists, a n d Judge Paige's photograph was they have both current and per taken in the Women's Court, and this young magistrate has made by the birthplace of the three Hussellville, Ala.; Judge Paige is from Montgomery, Judge Watson is from Kingston, Jamaica,

EDITORIAL OF THE WEEK

(From the New York Post. June 8th 1989)

Missouri "Complies"

Court has ordered Missouri to higher learning. The Missouri Legislature accordingly ave this. Lincoln's curators were voted \$20,0,000.

The same Legislature then appropriated to the University.

GUM-RUBBING AND STUDENT STRIKES

The old maxim "God doesn't love ugly' should be reexamined in the light of facts. Babies are testified in Washington before about as ugly as anything in crea tion when they are born, but Interstate Commerce Commissnobody likes to think that God does not love the babies. Not picture cameras, urged support only is it true that all of us are born ugly; but the sad fact re- the fight film ban. mains, few of us ever fully recover from this infantile shortcoming. The "beauty" that mo thers see in their babies is almost a hundred per cent imagina tion; but this does not detract its enchantments.

The business of being a baby very dangerous, for infant mortality is one of the always hazards that confront every baby that deal out death to millions. If a baby lives, here are certain infant ailments that always stand astride his little pathway to harass him as he starts on that long journey from the cradle to the grave. Whooping cough is always dangerous for babies and while teething is not necessarily dangerous it often proves quite disturbing to the child. Babies become terribly fre tful when they begin to teethe sity by the Interior Department, and must have special care if they are to cut their teeth without great comfort. Very often spicuously in the several fields teething begins with an itching of knowledge as ernest of what of the gums and thoughtful mothe race may hope to accom- there always rub the gums of plish when it comes to mature their babes to make teething easy. Well do I remember seeplishments of Dr. E. E. Just ing mothers in the old time bemouth rubbing briskly while

bing that teething demands. From time to time we read account of student strikes of the higher education of the have its press accounts of strik Negro in the field of literary es or near strikes in some Negro culture. In like manner Aibert institution of learning. These tory in an appreciative if not in I. Cassell, the Architect of Ho- strikes invariably end so pleacreative sence. Secretary Ick- ward University, exemplifies santly and are conducted so harm lessly that we have learned not to take them too seriously. diagnosis of the various situations always reveals that students have some real or unagin ary "grievance" which the y would have redressed. Seldon s a professor dismissed without some uprising tacit or over: on the part of the student body They have not learned that the fellow who pays the piper not only calls the tunes but always drafting of President Roosevelt themselves they too will vigorously refuse to delegate to imof selecting pipers that someare imaginary and what is really happening is the intellectual,

young Negro students. It is a healthy sign! Sometime, somehow, somewhere the ung Negroes m s e t teethe morally and intellectualy a n d college is a good place as any. As the diet changes from milk to bread the teeth must come into play, when the young Negro gets able to digest intellecquite a reputation for individua- tual and mental bread and must lity and originality in handling must teethed and this teething city of opportunity is indicated causes a kind of intellectual gum a gum rubbing which various judges: Judge Teney is from school situations afford. It is a perfectly natural, harmless, de-In fact it is a good sign for the standing together; and the way they do this from time to time is heartening. Negroes must learn; to stand together some-where and school is a good place

to practice! So long as they keep these system of gum rubbing for the Missouri has a rubbing and not as perils to the cause of peace and harmony of our institutions. They are not equal in every way" of the perilods things that some equal in every way" of the are inclined to fear. Students University of Missouri. To achithe students must gnaw out in the world are hard and he needs

fore that this teething should gether. Teething.

Ban On Fight THE LINES Films Is Based On Prejudice

BY DAVID PLATT

RECENTLY. Jack Demosey a sub committee of the Senate ion and a battery of motion of the Barbour Eill to repeal

It is high time that this statute be taken off the books. The ban against transporting fight films from state to state originated twenty years ago in a vicious campaign of race ha, tred and intolerance whipped up by William Randolph Leart against former World Heavyweight champton Jack Johnson. The law became effective shortly after Johnson's sensational ly silly. Fear that they will in- China, Ethiopia and the W o s t James Jeffries in the great heavy took place in Reno, Nevado, on fighting man in the world, we

July 4, 1910. more vicious than the fight itblic morals, himself incited race Contrary to the inflamers of most countries. riots by portraying Jack John- race prejudice, there was not a To Sing Folksongs Yellow Press in Action

Oddly enough Hearst never tory. But no one brought up the screen.

the words "bestiality" or brutality after that match. Only with the Johnson, Jeffries tiff in which a Negro emergeu the world's champion, did Hearst and other half baked moralists discover the "brutality of prize

Impartial sports writers was match said that Johnson put up a beautiful exhibition of boxing and won sheerly shough shead, speaking slowly; pauses superior fighting ability. Evansville Courier, expressed then continues. His voice has the real feelings of the Ameri- the timbre of a bass viola. can people when it said shortly after the fight:

..... This protest against the motion of the fight is extremevictory by a knockout over cite racial dicord is foolish. Why Indies, I have seen and recognis should they? If America has weight championship bout that the most superbly developed international fight for democrshould be proud of + it, whether No sooner had Johnson been he is white or black W h y the frail card table, leaning acclaimed the world's undisput- should any white man be jealous close and speaking with such in ed champion then Hearst gave of a man who is triumphant in one of the most disgraceful ex- a contest of strength employed hibitions ever seen in his efforts with skill? A Negro won a prize to calumniate a minority race. for oratory at Yale a few years Hearst condemned the fight as ago. Is that cause for a race a "brutar battle for bloou" and riot? Hurrah for Jackson John-fronts, I feel that it is now time called for the suppression of son, Black Champion. We are the films which he said "were glad that he is an American ..."

to play on the emotions of 1910 From years of experience the Johnson-Burns bout, t h e just as proud of the victory of only. Burns, Gunner Moir fight, the Jack Johnson and were just as Gans Nelson fray, the Johnson- eager to see the films of the Ketchel match or the Nelson- fight as the fans of 1939 are Wolgast combat. This last fra- proud and eager to see every cas was said to have been the move of Brown Bomber Joe most brutual fight in ring his-

Sentiment High In Third Term For FDR

Powerful sentiment for the secretary representative of the selects his pipers. When these to run for a third term was throuho crystallizing country this week following a statement by Southern supporthat the Texan's that was in

cles that he run again in 1940.

The Chicago Defender report ed that a survey it made in Har lem during the past month indicates that "Harlem will go for President solidly if he seeks a third term." Harlem is generally believed to reflect t h e sentiment of the bulk of Negro citizens throughout the country. Meantime, Maury Maverica New Deal mayor of San Antonio, Party that nomination of John N. Garner, Texas tory, feat to the Democratic party."
Other political observers 8 a w

Dealers succeed in putting over so!" Langston Hughes, famed membership to intensify t h e the nomination of Garner in poet and playwright, declared the 1940 Democratic convent at the opening session of the the League of participation by Mavertek, who as a member of the lat Congress was the only Hughes preceded the statement Mavertek, who as a member of Southern Representative to sup port the anti lynching bill dechared that the people who hate Boosevelt, who hate democracy and who love Nazism and are secondary Americans." Fascism are for Garner-along with, of course thousands of

Secretary of the Interior Ickes put the issue of a third term for Roosevelt squarely up to the American people. In an article

its gum massaging situations is teeth for fumming possibilities a blessing to young Negrees who are learning to stand to-

most progressive section of the New Deal, declared:

ople can to elect a president for one or two terms, they can be trusted mature students the prerogative ters of Vice President Garner to decide wheter he shall have a third. I am too devoted to Roose rebuking the DAR and o the nomination regardless of continue in a heartbreaking job, allowing Marian Anderson to whether President Roosevelt were there anyone to replace sing at the Lincoln Memorial heeds t h e growing demands him, but I'm too devoted to my on Easter Sunday. from labor and progressive cir- country to be unwilling to sacri fice to it, the well being and peace of a great music, although they were man who has earned peace."

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A Great Artist Purs Genius To Work

PAUL ROBESON stands in the middle of the large living room. His huge body towers toward the ceiling but he balan ces himself lightly on feet plant ed slightly apart. He is concensat at the ringside during the trating on an answer to t h e query why he is soon coming home to stay. He stares straight The to weigh the value of his words

> "Certainly in my travels in many countries of Europe, parti cularly in Spain, and having been close to the struggles in ed the essential unity of this acy against fascism."

He bits again, hunching over tense earnestness moment you forget that you are listening to one of the most beautiful voices in the world.

"Having helped on many my origin-to those roots which self" and would lead to race This eloquent appeal for toler though inbedded in Negro life, riots. At the same time this self ance, resulted in the film being are essentially American and are appointed defender of the pu- shown publicly in Evansville, so regarded by the people of

son in his newspapers as insati- single riot or disorder. Trouble | "I used to think of myself as able beast stalking his prey with occurred only in those places a concert arist, after the fash-Felentless cruelty and cunning. where Hearst poison was free ion, say of Marian Anderson. most backward and ignorant know now that I am a singer of once thought to interfere with sections of society. The major- folksongs. And when I say that. such earlier gory clashes as ity of the fight fans o 1910 I don't mean songs of the Negro

Which assertion led to a discussion of the responsibilty in which every prominent Negro finds himself, no matter in what field he works. Paul Robeson has thought considerably on the matter.

It seems that today, with things as they are, no Negro can help feeling that he represents more than merely himself. The case of Marian Anderson is a good illustration. She is truly a great artist, singing as a h e does in that magnificent voice, the best songs of the world. She suddenly found herself, through circumstances o v o r which she has no control, repre senting the whole Negro people of the United States. responsibility took on a decided political tinge, too of immense ted importance to the Negro people.

the Roosevelt administration for body else must pay. The fact the ring for the 1940 Democra- velt personally to wish him to undemocratic elements through

Robeson has from the beginnif necessary, even ing considered Negro folksongs generally looked upon as noth-Ickes declared that the re- ing more than simple plantation

America Must Belong To A11

WRITERS CONGRESS the mergence of a New Deal NEW YORK-"We want

> Third American Writers Con- Negro writers." quoted above with a declaration that he spoke "first as a Negro

The Congress, called by the was attended by 500 writers including Hughes, Richard It registered emphatic endorse-secondarily as an American-ment of the New Deal and firm because Negroes are secondar go on. The average school with support for a positive peace Americans. All the problems its gum massaging situations is policy based on resistance to agdestruction of culture by fas-cism. A resolution on peace urg. Continued on page five

would "bring nothing but de- LANGSTON HUGHES TELLS ed "the closest cooperation of the United States with the Soviet Union, France and Great Britain.

with a good chance for victory, America to really be America Another resolution announced should the Southern anti New for everybody. Let us make it the intention of the League's

In his address, Hughes alluded to his representing the Lea-He continued: "Europe I spoke first as an American and as a writer, and secondarily as a Negro. Tonight, here in New York League of American Writers, at the Third American Writers' Congress, I feel it wise in t h e Wright, Sterling Brown and se the order, and to speak first other well known Negro writers as a Negro and a writer, a n d gression, and condemned the Hitler's Germany, we who are