

Brief News Flashes Here and There

BY HAZEL L. GRIGGS (Associated Negro Press)

WAGE AND HOUR BOARD ASKED TO PROBE OUTING OF TEXTILE WORKERS

DURHAM — A complaint, charging that textile mill owners are ousting Negro workers and substituting whites rather than pay Negroes the minimum of thirty two and one half cents an hour as required by the Fair Labor Standard Act, was filed by the local NAACP with the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

TWO CAA AIR SCHOOLS TO OPEN JANUARY 15

WASHINGTON — The Civil Aeronautics Authority announced the opening on January 15 of two schools to train Negro air pilots, one in New York and one near Chicago. The school at Harlem airport will be headed by Cornelius R. Coffey while Col. John Robinson, Illinois NYA aviation consultant, will be in charge of the ground school at Glenview Illinois.

WASHINGTON NAMED ALL-AMERICAN

NEW YORK — Kenny Washington, UCLA's great halfback, polled more votes than any other during the past season to be selected a member of Liberty magazine's All-Player A 1 American football team.

\$21,000 DAMAGE SUIT SETTLED BY COMPROMISE

NEWPORT NEWS — The civil suit of Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Jordan versus the James River Bridge System and three defendants, for \$21,000 damages because of injuries received by the couple in an automobile accident on the bridge last July 2, was settled by mutual consent of the parties.

PAUL ROBESON NAMED FOR HONORARY DEGREE

CLINTON, N. Y. — Hamilton college here announced that the degree of doctor of humane letters would be conferred on Paul Robeson, famous actor, at the annual mid winter convocation. Robeson's name was presented by Alexander Woolcott well known writer and a trustee of the school.

EDITOR HONORED IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH — Robert L. Vann, editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, was elected a member of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the first colored man to be so honored. Mr. Vann received the appointment in recognition of distinguished service to the city.

BIBLE STUDENT CONFESSES TO BE THRILL BANDIT

PHILADELPHIA — William Lane, 25, with a bible in his back pocket, admitted 35 gasoline station robberies in the past year. Lane committed the robberies enroute to his job with a mid town business firm.

'WINGS OVER JORDAN' TO CELEBRATE SECOND ANNIVERSARY

CLEVELAND — "Wing Over Jordan," the popular radio program heard each Sunday morning over the Columbia Broadcasting system, will celebrate its second anniversary on the air with a special 45 minute program, beginning at 9:15 Eastern Standard Time, Sunday Jan. 7. Guest speakers will be Harold H. Burton, mayor of Cleveland and Judge Armond W. Scott, Washington.

Citizens Ponder Negroes' Place In Social Security

WASHINGTON BUREAU Associated Negro Press

WASHINGTON — Taking issue with some of the recent appointees to the Federal Security Bureau on the Social Security set up as far as Negroes are concerned, many citizens here this week asked the question: "Where does the Negro stand in Social Security?"

One of the "debaters" said "Social Security, when viewed from the whole program as arranged and designed of the United States is a wonderful thing, and must be considered in the light of how much good it will do the majority of the people."

On the other hand, he continued, considering it from the minority standpoint, the theory is good, IF it is actually put into effect according to the regulations as laid down by the government.

But as far as Negroes are concerned, and they constitute the greatest minority group in this country, as long as there is a possibility of local administration of any phase of the Old Age Insurance and Security as it is sometimes called, others

declared, there will be no equal justice in the administration of the act as such, UNLESS, as a broad minded official of the Social Security has said: "It is done for Negroes by Negro administrators."

Thus far, to take care of the 12,000,000 Negroes who are U. S. citizens, yet the majority of whom are not covered by these acts on account of their employment, only four persons have been appointed or named to administrative positions in the social security set up, two in New York, one in Chicago and one in Philadelphia.

If the Negro is to have any active participation in this setup, he should be given an opportunity to assist in the policy forming administrative branches of the Federal Security Bureau.

It is reported that some 25 classes of men and women have been trained here in this city in the provisions of the Federal Social Security set up and all of its ramifications. These classes numbered around between 75 and 100 members each; which means that nearly 2,500 persons have been trained in these classes—and of them only four have been Negroes, provided the first three appointees were permitted to attend the classes.

Thus the rate is one Negro to 626 white administrators and executives to administer the

POET'S CORNER

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Never! never! Never that!
Digging in—Standing pat,
Wanted to pat them on the
back.
Just carriers you say?
No, brother, they're men that
way.

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

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HAVING QUALIFIED as the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Annie C. Alston late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned at 1501 Fayetteville Street on or before the sixteenth day of December 1940 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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ON HONOR ROLL



P. B. YOUNG, Sr., chosen with ten others on the 3rd annual Honor Roll of Virginians who conspicuously served the state during 1939, by the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The others chosen, all white, included John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Homer L. Ferguson, Ambassador A. W. Weddell, and Dr. W. T. Sanger.

ALA May Halt Ban On Meeting In Dixie

CHICAGO, (ANP) — After having observed a ruling for the past few years against meeting in any city where colored delegates would suffer discrimination, the mid winter council meeting of the American Library Association in session at Chicago Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week voted to reconsider this action.

The council, which directs the association policy, took its stand against segregation following the annual convention at Richmond, Va., several years ago, when Negroes suffered embarrassing discrimination. Previous to that time the meeting was held in various sections of the country.

The motion to reconsider the ban was made by Charles H. Brown, Iowa librarian and chairman of the third activities meeting, who said he had been approached on the matter by southern white members of the association. Brown said he was heartily in favor of having the convention in the South.

President Ralph Munn, of the Carnegie Institute library, Pittsburgh, was empowered to name a committee to reconsider the ban. The 1940 convention will be held in Cincinnati in late spring where it has been assured no discrimination will be practiced against Negro delegates.

WEST DURHAM SOCIAL Friends of Keith Lambeth will be glad to know of his return from the hospital and was able to worship at his church Sunday Dec. 31.

Federal law; and it is a foregoing conclusion that no Negro will be permitted to administer the law in some Southern states where whites go so far as to resent the employment of Negroes on the most humble WPA projects. And not only resent their employment. Social Security may be excellent in its theory, observers declare, but when the practical side is put into effect, where will the Negro stand. And it is always the question of the minority that is most interesting.

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Night Hawks Ork Pleasing Many N. C. Dancers

BY WILLIAM A. TUCK

DURHAM — The Bull City Nigh Hawks, Durham's pride in the realm of swing music, have just completed a full schedule which kept them busy every night during the Christmas holidays, swinging all over North Carolina for both white and colored audiences. It is reported that the Hawks really brought the house down whenever they appeared and endeared themselves to listeners throughout the state.

The Night Hawks, directed by Frank Wright, began their holiday tour on Thursday night, Dec. 21, at the Silver Slipper Club in Louisville. Friday night, the 22nd, found the Hawks at home at Hillside High School where they sent the youngsters home for the holidays. They jumped over to Burlington on the following night to entertain at a white dance at the Piedmont Country Club.

On Christmas eve and Christmas the Durham swingers held forth at Williams Auditorium in Whiteville, N. C. One of these dances was for white while

the other was for colored. The boys returned home on December 27th to play for the Alonquin Tennis club formal at the club house on Fayetteville Street and the following night they made another trip to Louisville to entertain the patrons of the Silver Slipper.

Dancers in Chapel Hill heard the night Hawks on the night of Monday, Dec. 29. They played again in Durham on Dec. 31st at the Elks Club on Main Street. They ended the season right back at Hillside where they played for the "Tobacco Bowl Ball" on New Year's night, which followed the Hornets' Tobacco Bowl football classic on the same afternoon.

The features of all the Bull City Night Hawks appearances have been the superb solo work of Hargroves on his mellow tenor saxophone, Howard Harris as the personality bass fiddler, with a harmonious background by the entire orchestra. The arrangement of W. H. "Lanky" Cies who presides at the piano, were also featured.

158 Congressmen Backing Anti-Lynch Measure

NEW YORK — With Congressmen from seven states adding their names to the roster this week, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced today that a total of 158 members of the House have indicated that they will be on the floor when the Gavagan-Fish federal Anti-lynching bill comes up for a vote January 8.

The total to date including 84 Republicans, 73 democrats, and 1 member of the American Labor Party. The list of additional Congressmen is as follows:

Illinois, Chauncey W. Reed; Michigan, Paul W. Shafer; Minn. H. Carl Anderson; New York, James A. O'Leary, Ohio, Thomas A. Jenkins, Earl R. Lewis; Penn. J. Harold Flannery; Wisconsin, John C. Schafer.

The Association announcement also included a statement pointing to the fact that Washington political commentators are in substantial agreement with the NAACP in predicting that the bill will pass the House, but run the gauntlet of another filibuster in the Senate. However these commentators point out that the National Administration, because of the importance of the Negro vote in 1940, will be pushed by scores of national organizations to lend its weight

to passage of the bill. Perhaps the best expression of the commentator viewpoint is expressed by G. Gould Lincoln, who wrote the following in the Washington Evening Star, December 23rd:

"Even more serious for the Democratic leadership, however, may be the anti-lynching bill which is due to come up in the House January 8. It is expected to pass that body as it has in the past. When it gets to the Senate the tug of war will come."

"Southern Democrats have filibustered similar measures to death on several occasions. The administration leadership will be called upon at the coming session by important Negro organizations to put all its strength back of the measure and force it

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SOCIALS

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Pastor and members of Mount Olive Church enjoyed a spiritual watch night service on last Sunday night; one member was added to the church.

Misses Minnie Lee and Kathleen Carroll of University N. C. spent Christmas week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll.

Mrs. Pearl Johnson spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Durham County.

Miss Grace Lambeth enjoyed the Yuletide with friends at Kafford, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Robinson of Moreland Avenue entertained a few friends after the game New Year's evening. The house was beautifully decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson served a delicious menu of sandwiches, spiked punch, pop corn, potato chips and candies. Mr. and Mrs. William Borland entertained the West Durham Singers Christmas Eve night, at a glittering supper. Those present were members of the club and their escorts. After supper the club went out caroling which has become an annual affair.

Miss Ruth Stevens entertained at a birthday party at home on Poe Street. All ladies were attired in evening gowns which were very attractive.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thaxton and daughter Sue motored to Elton N. C. to visit Mr. Thaxton's relatives there.

Discharged

PRINCIPAL ARRESTED FOR BEING DRUNK

CHATTAHOOGA, (ANP) — John P. Greer, principal of the Park City School, last week was dismissed from his position by

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Lynching Fight Affects Civil Liberties-White

NEW YORK — The fight against lynching is the fight for civil liberties for the whole American people, Walter White secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, holds in an article entitled "End Lynching" in the January issue of Equality, a monthly journal to defend democratic rights and combat intolerance, published at 220 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Appealing for support of the Gavagan Fish Anti Lynching Bill, Mr. White declares that "today the enemies of civil liberties in America are holding a field day."

"They are throwing caution to the winds. They are preparing the ground for wiping out the civil liberties not only of minority groups, but of the American people as a whole. And these enemies are not only in the mob but in the halls of Congress."

The writer comments on the surprise which American tourists often manifest at the horror over lynching "by other people who simply cannot understand

how we can regard lynching as a natural phenomenon of American life and label ourselves a democracy."

"And yet," he adds, "the fight waged against lynching has won many friends, people who are beginning to understand more clearly now that the liberties of the American people as a whole, which we had taken for granted, are being whittled away by reactionaries right under our eyes."

55 Involved In Alabama Liquor Ring

ANNISTON, Ala. (A. N. P.)— Agents of the Federal Alcohol Tax Unit here, this week reveal their efforts to break up an illicit liquor ring involving 55 Negroes. Investigation of the alleged syndicate began in 1936, when a colored man was arrested with a carload of whiskey. His arrest "broke open" the ring's activities, involving both whites and the federal investigation widened.

Ten members of the reputed ring have been sentenced by Federal Judge T. A. Murphree. Fourteen men were made over last weekend and operatives said they expected to have the remaining 31 suspects under arrest within a few day.

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