

Celebration

ST. LOUISANS HOLD BIG FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

ST. LOUIS, (ANP) — A mass celebration of Independence Day, was held in Forest Park on Art Hill, the program arranged under auspices of Mayor Dickman and attended by thousands of celebrants. Spectators were seated on the slope in front of the Art Museum and there were parades, band and choral music and a huge fireworks display. The program started at 6:30 p. m.

Politics

SAYS DEMOCRATIC CONFAB WILL "SPEAK FOR ITSELF"

NEW YORK, (CP) — Herbert Bruce, influential Harlem leader, refused to comment on the Democratic National Convention which is scheduled to meet in Chicago this month.

"I have nothing to say," he said, "no more than that I am going to the convention. The convention will speak for itself."

He said several weeks ago that he was interested only in electing his Congressmen.

Charlotte

RECTOR RETURNS

Dr. J. W. Heritage, rector of St. Michael All Angels church, returned to the city last week, after attending a 3 days Conference on the "Forward Movement" of the Episcopal church that was held at St. Paul school in Laurenceville, Va. Rev. Heritage went as a representative of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

Death

DEATH TAKES WIDOW OF FAMOUS RACE NOVELIST

CLEVELAND, O., (ANP) — Funeral services were held here here last Friday at Emanuel Baptist church for Mrs. Susan Chestnut, widow of the late Charles W. Chestnut, famed novelist and author of "The Conjure Woman," "Wife of His Youth," and many other best sellers. Mr. Chestnut died in 1932 and their only son, Dr. Edwin J. Chestnut of Chicago, passed away last Sept. at the home here in Cleveland.

Education

NEW ORLEANS TO GET \$500,000 HIGH SCHOOL

NEW ORLEANS, (ANP) — Local residents rejoiced this week when announcement was made that sealed bids could be received for erection of a new high school on the site now being developed by the Federal Housing administration, in the area bounded by Clio, Caliope, Galvez and Johnson streets. According to Supt. Nicholas Bauer of Orleans Parish School Board, the building will be of brick structure and valued at \$500,000. It will be modern in every respect and contain an auditorium of large size, for size, for school and civic events.

HARLEM GETS REPERTORY COMPANY

NEW YORK, (CP) — The American Negro Theatre has taken over Harlem's Library Theatre on West 135 Street as a permanent cooperative repertory company, it was revealed here Friday.

A HUDDLE AT G. O. P. CONVENTION



Mississippi Delegates under their standard at Republican National Convention. Left to right: E. L. Patton, Delegate-at-Large; Sydney R. Redmond, Delegate from Missouri, born in Mississippi; C. T. Butler, District Delegate; J. B. Woods, District Delegate.

Col. Julian Returns To U.S.

NEW YORK, (ANP) — Col. Hubert Fawcett Julian, Black Eagle of Harlem, returned to New York last week a captain in the Finnish Air Force although he offered his services to the Finnish government 13 days after the armistice.

Disembarking from the Mathilda Thorden in a navy blue uniform, with three gold bars on his sleeve and gold wings and lions on his shoulders, Capt. Julian was a brilliant sight. Showing his commission from Baron Mannerheim to Finnish fellow passengers who doubted his rank, the erstwhile Ethiopian air Minister informed the press that nothing would make him part with his uniform. He said his mission to the United States was to get 10 American ambulance planes for Finland.

'CHARIOT WHEELS' MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE

ATLANTA, (CP) — 'Chariot Wheels, radio's latest musical group, made its first appearance at the Savoy Hotel over station WSB at 10:30 Sunday night.

The broadcast heard over 30 stations, featured an address by the Rev. C. N. Ellis, president of the Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Union.

SWIFT COLLEGE TO CONTINUE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., (CP) — Swift Memorial Junior College will be ready to continue its junior college courses again in Sept. as in former years, the Dr. W. C. Hargrave, president of the college, has just announced. The school was supposed to close its college department at end of the 1939-40 school term.

Harlem Physician Gets Degree In Public Health

NEW YORK, (ANP) — At a time when the entire medical profession is faced with an issue which may soon see state and federal control of private practice, a degree awarded a Negro physician in Harlem by the faculty of medicine, Columbia university, at the June commencement exercises, definitely makes news since with this certificate the owner is established as one of the very few colored doctors in the country so prepared to take a place in the new medical setup when it comes.

The degree—master of science in public health went to Dr. Anthony Godfrey Featherston, a practicing physician of New York City. Of the combined 5,000 candidates from all departments at Columbia this past June, only 11 received the degree in public health and Dr. Featherston was the only Negro to win it. Competitively a new field, master of science in public health degrees have gone to about six Negroes since classes have been conducted in this field at Columbia.

"The degree has no municipal meaning at all," reservedly commented Dr. Featherston in an interview. "However, it qualifies the holder for positions in city, state and federal public health agencies. I felt that the trend of current medical practice made such degree necessary for me to be able to be properly prepared when such changes as are due in medical practice come about.

The subject of trends in medical practice, veering toward government control, is one of peculiar interest to the Negro. For years the press has been hammering home the view that colored people belong to a 'sick' race and that Negroes have not been placed into administrative positions were they could aid their race in a tangible manner. This, it has been found, is true because Negro physicians in the main, did not have sufficient preparation to hold the positions sought for them.

With 90 per cent of mothers in the nation's various metropolitan areas giving birth to their babies in state and city controlled hospitals; with most of the tuberculosis patients living in these areas also cared for by state and city agencies, as well as a reportable cancer cases, the trend toward governmental control of private practice is becoming greater. Especially is this true when over 50 per cent of the jobless population is eligible for indigent care.

A school physician for the New York Department of Health and an assistant visiting obstetrician at Harlem hospital, Doctor Featherston has an interesting and varied background. He is one of the few Negro surgeons to perform a successful operation on the heart of a living patient; has traveled extensively

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