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# Urban League Plans Anti-Discrimination Fight Surprise Verdict Rendered McDougald Case

## Nation Wide Protest Lodged Against Nominee For Vacant Supreme Court Seat

WASHINGTON — A memorandum on the conduct of Senator James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina on questions affecting the Negro was filed with President Roosevelt here March 17 because of the strong rumor that Senator Byrnes is practically certain to be nominated for the vacancy on the United States supreme court. The protest and memorandum were delivered to the White House in person by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

## Urges Regard of Negro Spirituals As Sacred Music

CLEVELAND, Ohio (Special) — Worth Kramer, conductor of the popular "Wings Over Jordan" Columbia Broadcasting System program, Wednesday March 19, appealed to a number of top flight band leaders requesting them to please regard Negro spirituals as sacred music. Kramer has received nationwide recognition for his arrangements of Negro spiritual in connection with "Wings Over Jordan" heard on the Columbia network each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 EST. By many music critics he is considered one of the outstanding authorities in the realm of Negro spiritual music which he arranges and conducts for "Wings Over Jordan."

Kramer based his appeal on the fact that Negro spirituals are the hymns and liturgical music of the Negro religious service and that "five" or swing presentations of the numbers are a direct insult to the vast Negro population of the country. In connection with Rev. Glenn T. Settle, prominent Negro clergyman of Cleveland, Ohio Kramer has piloted "Wings Over Jordan" from a position as a local sustaining feature of radio station WGAR, where he formerly served as program director, to a coast to coast CBS spot, and during the past 12 months, has conducted over 160 concerts in principal cities of 31 states. "Wing Over Jordan" with its Negro spiritual music, talks by prominent Negro pastors, educators, business and professional leaders, and its plans for the establishment of a college scholarship fund for the betterment of interracial relationships is a non profit corporation under the state laws of Ohio. Kramer addressed his appeal to the band leaders Wednesday, just prior to departing on a concert tour extending into Florida and a number of other southern states. Among the leaders receiving letters from Kramer were Fred Waring, Glenn Miller, Sammy (Continued on page eight)

## FOR THIS... JEALOUS SPOUSE... GETS 6 TO 9 YEARS



The lifeless body of Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell McDougald, pictured after she had been fatally wounded by her husband, Clem "Buster" McDougald, last July 9.



Clem "Buster" McDougald, who was given a sentence of 6 to 9 years in Superior Court last Wednesday, after having been found guilty of second degree murder in the slaying of his wife last July 9th.

## Principal In Local Wife Slaying Case Convicted On 2nd Degree Count By Superior Court Jury

### RACE STUDENTS AWARDED TWO "JOB INTERNESHIPS" BY PEPSI COLA

Two "job internships" have been awarded Negro students by Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, according to a recent announcement. The awards represent an effort on the part of the company to develop jobs for young college graduates by granting apprenticeships, in the form of salaried jobs at \$1,500 per year, at the end of which time the winners will get permanent jobs or be assisted in making other connections. Thirteen of these apprenticeships have been awarded this year. Colored winners are: Jennette Maund, 29, Hampton Institute, and Allen L. McKellar, 21, South Carolina State Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College.

## Urban League Air Plight of Race's Skilled Workers

NEW YORK — Continuing its campaign to make the general public of America aware of the fact that discrimination against skilled Negro workers is being practiced daily in the nation's defense industries, the National Urban League will present a one hour coast to coast radio program over the Columbia network on Sunday afternoon, March 30 from 5 to 6 p. m.

Among those expected to take part in the program are Marian Anderson, Ethel Waters, Bill Robinson, Joe Louis, Eddie Matthews, Anne Wiggins Brown, Kenneth Spencer and a host of other nationally known Negro stars. The bands of Louis Armstrong, John Kirby, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington will contribute several numbers each. Speakers invited include Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Mayor of New York, Dr. Frank Graham president University of North Carolina; Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the National Urban League; and a representative of the Office of Production Management in Washington.

The Columbia Broadcasting System has donated its full facilities for this one hour program including the assistance of its writing and production staff. The program is being arranged for the Urban League by Edward Lawson, managing editor of OPPORTUNITY; and Miss Ann Tannehill, assistant in charge of guidance and personnel of the League's Department of Industrial Relations.

## White Attorney Favors Negro Councilman

GREENSBORO, (CP) — Attorney A. Stacey Gifford, prominent white lawyer, said he favors a Negro member of the city council in a statement here Friday. The noted attorney was discussing the political and general condition of Greensboro with (Continued on page eight)

## Judge Carr Hands Out 6 to 9 Year Prison Term In Case

A case which has held the attention of Durhamites since its inception last July, when the defendant Clem "Buster" McDougald, life-long resident of the city, shot and killed his estranged wife, Elizabeth Mitchell McDougald, erstwhile beautician of the Friendly City Beauty Parlor, was culminated in Superior Court last Tuesday evening, when the jury brought in a surprise verdict of guilty in the state's case of second degree murder against the defendant.

From its beginning, the case revolved around the testimony of the state's key witnesses: Mrs. Sephronia Johnson, a friend and fellow employee of the slain woman, whose statement to the effect that the defendant, on the day previous to the actual slaying, had ironically threatened, "You'll have a room full of flowers tomorrow, but you won't smell them," aided considerably in the state's prosecution; and that of two other eye witnesses, Mrs. Elizabeth Vail, and William "Bill" Tate, who testified that the defendant, after having been shot twice, wrested the murder weapon from the hands of the slain woman, and pursued her North on Fayetteville Street, firing two bullets into her body at close range. McDougald's attorney sought to establish as a defense, the testimony of Dr. J. V. D. Cordice that there was a probability that the defendant's nervous system had been so shocked by the sudden pain from the bullet wounds that he could have been temporarily mentally deranged, therefore unaware of his actions.

After hearing the testimony in the case, Judge Leo Carr charged the jury that either of three verdicts could be rendered in the case; guilty of second degree murder, guilty of manslaughter, or not guilty. After retiring to the jury room for a period of an hour and a half, the jury brought in a verdict late Tuesday evening of guilty and the prisoner was remanded to jail to await sentencing by the judge.

Farley back from South America, Advocates increased trade.

## "PERSONAL HYGIENE AND FIRST AID" THEME FOR 1941 OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH WEEK

## Alphonse Henningburg Guest Speaker At S. C. A. and M. Banquet

DURHAM — Every pastor and church department head; every principal of public schools and all teachers, college presidents and faculties; every head of local fraternal orders; every insurance manager and assistant; every physician, dentist, pharmacist, and nurse; social welfare agencies; civic bodies, such as parent teacher associations and women's clubs, County demonstration workers; also business men and women, and others, whose calling make them particularly interested in the health conditions confronting our group and desirous of effectual ways and means to improve them have been issued a call to action in this, the 27th annual observance of National Negro Health Week.

The theme of this year's observance "Semper Paratus"—Always Prepared has as its special objectives, in keeping with our National Defense program, "Personal Hygiene and First Aid Preparedness" These special objectives have been utilized due to the relative stringency of our defense preparation to the general health and well being of the Nation at large. The choice expresses the determination of the Negro people to enter whole heartedly into the defense plans of our country; implying (Continued on page eight)

## Managing Editor



Above is Donald Jones, managing editor of the New Orleans Sentinel, one of the south's newest and fastest growing Negro weekly newspapers. Mr. Jones' ability as an editorial writer has won wide notice.

## National Negro Youth Week Set April 27--May 3

New York Under the auspices of the youth division of the NAACP National Negro Youth Week will be celebrated April 27, May 3. A complete program for each of the seven days has been outlined by NAACP Youth Director Madison S. Jones, Jr. There will be (Continued on page eight)

## New Farmers Meet To Hear Roosevelt

GREENSBORO, (ANP) — A special message prepared by President Roosevelt will be read to more than 63,000 members of New Farmers of America at the concluding program of the semi annual meeting of the national board of trustees at Howard University, March 31 through April 3, according to an announcement by S. B. Simmons, executive secretary. The concluding program will be broadcast over the NBC network Farm and Home hour, April 3, at 12:30 p. m. EST.

In his message, President Roosevelt pays tribute to the Booker T. Washington whose birthday will be commemorated on this occasion.

The purpose of the semi annual meeting of the NFA trustee board is to perfect plans for the national convention to be held at Tallahassee, Florida in August, and to set up a program of work for 1941-42. New Farmers of America is the largest organization of Negro rural youth in the world boasting 63,000 members located in 975 chapters in 18 states.

In the opening meeting of the trustee board, an NFA leader (Continued on page eight)

# National Negro Health Week March 30-April 6