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CHICAGO BOUND!

If I live, and nothing happens to the transportation facilities, some time during the day of June 8th (this year) I shall be Chicago Bound. This has all been made possible, indirectly through the cooperation of each reader, throughout America, who has read any of my releases during the past three years.

Directly, my release has been made possible through the generous cooperation given me by the many editors and publishers, of both races, who have been so liberal and generous in their efforts to publicize my weekly messages.

Still more directly, my release is the result of the scores of influential American, of both races, who have interceded, directly and indirectly, in my behalf, to our Pardon and Parole Commissioner W. Alfred Debo, and to Governor William A. Comstock.

In my particular instance it was not a question of whether any prominent person was willing to sponsor my future efforts, but which of the many offers to do would afford me the greatest opportunity to continue and enlarge upon my efforts now that I have "found" myself and have proven that I could be useful.

The Parole Commissioner eventually decided, influenced greatly by the recommendations of Charlie Diggs, assistant parole commissioner of Detroit, that my best contact was in the offer of Harry R. Pace, president of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company, of Chicago, who wrote a long personal letter to Governor Comstock, in which he assured the Governor that if I were paroled to Chicago that he, Mr. Pace, would take a personal interest in my welfare and offer me every opportunity to make a success of my work and to become a credit to the race through my writings.

To all Chicagoans I wish to send a message: All my life my troubles have always come about through the representation that I possessed more than I actually had. Now I wish to start clean, I am frank to say that I have nothing. Not only am I shy on the worldly goods but I do not even possess all that nature gave me—however, a good dentist can remedy that in short order.

I do come to Chicago, however, with a proven ability that I can make myself useful, and a determination to erect upon the firm foundation that I have now laid, a structure of SERVICE that Chicagoans will be proud of and that will reflect upon those who are sponsoring my future efforts.

So many people have contributed their moral influence in making the present situation possible and I am now preparing a complete statement of such efforts, showing in detail just how each person came to the "front" for me, in a time when it was needed. This acknowledgement of thanks will be prepared in pamphlet form and distributed freely to all my readers, shortly after my release—June 8th. Until then, my THANKS go all of you.

EIGHTEEN CITY APPOINTMENTS MADE

Watson and Davis Winners In Kansas City Golf Meet

Va. Jury System Criticized in Crawford Extradition Case

USING BARE FEET TO 'SEE WITH BLIND BOY LIVES CHEERFULLY

Charleston, S. C. (CNS) In a little one-room cabin on a roadside near Adams Run, Osborn, P. O. on the Seaboard Air Line just west of here "the blind boy" lives, tills his tiny patch of ground, and uses a pair of unshod feet to "see" with. The blind boy, who is seldom known by another name in his neighborhood is Jim Jackson, a Negro in his early twenties. Stone blind, presumably from birth, he has no family to care for him, but manages through his own cheerful efforts and the good-will of his neighbors to maintain himself in a fairly decent fashion, patching his own clothes.

The boy was brought to attention through his application to the Red Cross chapter here for garments. Mrs. Azile Brown Tyler, chapter executive secretary, visited him in her rounds of inspection in the county, during which she interviews personally all applicants for clothing. "His little shack probably is no larger than this room," Mrs. Tyler said in her office, "but he keeps it decently. He was hoeing his field when I called on him."

Mrs. Tyler said that the boy's clothes represented an amazing array of patches, not daintily sewn, but incredibly well done considering his infirmity. She arranged immediately to supply the Blind Boy with a complete outfit, but was surprised at his refusal of the offer of shoes. "I uses my feet to see with," he told the resident of the area, who made the clothing application for him. Apparently he has so familiarized himself with the feel of the ground in his general neighborhood that he is able to find his way about with comparative ease and this he believes would be interfered with by the wearing of shoes. He goes unshod the year round. The boy is on the chapter's free flour list, and must travel some two miles to the distribution point for the Adams Run section, a trip which he has been accomplishing without difficulty. To plant his little plot of ground, he worked the stipulated time on the road to earn the seed from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Seldom has Mrs. Tyler encountered a more grateful recipient of the Red Cross offering. The Blind Boy's face broke into a delightful grin as he reached for an felt eagerly of the fine new clothes which he could not see. Turning, he called excitedly to the woman who lives in a house near by, and who keeps an eye out for his general welfare. "See what I got!" cried the Blind Boy, who could not see the gift himself.

PAUL JONES, DETECTIVE, GOES FOR ONE MAN GETS TWO Philadelphia, Pa. (CNS) Detective Sergeant Paul Jones of the Washington, D. C. police force, came here last week to get a "con" man named James Hassler. He not only got his man, but picked up "Red" Jones, who was also wanted in Washington.

APPEAL HEARD ON JUDGE LOWELL'S CRAWFORD CASE RULING

Boston, Mass. (CNS) A decision by Appeals Judge Lowell's ruling the United States Circuit Court of halting the extradition of George Crawford to Virginia is expected on or before June 15.

After long arguments by counsel for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the defense of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals late today took under advisement the State's appeal from Federal Judge James A. Lowell's ruling of April 24 granting a writ of habeas corpus to halt extradition of George Crawford, wanted in Loudoun County, Va., for the murder of two women sixteen months ago.

Federal Judges George H. Bingham, Scott Wilson and James M. Morton, Jr., comprising the court, indicated keen interest in the case, which has assumed nationwide interest. The court room was crowded throughout the day-long sessions and many spectators were turned away.

Former Attorney General J. Weston Allen and Butler R. Wilson argued for the defendant, contending that the Virginia indictment against Crawford was void because Negroes have never been called for jury service in the Virginia county, thereby contending the constitutional rights of the accused as afforded him by the Fourteenth Amendment.

They maintained that Justice Lowell acted within his discretion in considering the habeas corpus proceedings evidence and affidavits of Loudoun County officials showing the Negroes are not called for service on juries there.

The Commonwealth represented by Assistant Attorney Generals George B. Lourie and Stephen B. Baicigalupo, with John Galleher representing the Attorney General of Virginia, argued that validity of an indictment, valid on its face, cannot be attacked in habeas corpus proceedings in interstate rendition.

Although the judges have before them voluminous briefs in the case comprising about 40,000 words, they are expected to expedite their decision. Both sides indicated intentions to appeal to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, in their respective interests.

The Virginia indictment charges that Crawford on Jan. 13, 1932, murdered Mrs. Agnes B. Ilsley, wealthy sportswoman, and her maid, Mrs. Mina Buckner, at Middleburg.

Representative Smith of Virginia, recently impeached Judge Lowell from the floor of the House, after Lowell granted Crawford Habeas corpus writ. The House authorized an investigation of Lowell, which is being held up by the Judiciary Committee pending outcome of the Massachusetts appeal.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH TO SPONSOR BIBLE SCHOOL

There will be a vacation Bible school at Zion Baptist Church beginning Monday, June 12th for two weeks from 9 a. m. to 12 noon each

day. This school will be opened to all children up to the age of 15 years. The following persons have volunteered their services for the week: Mesdames Olivia Kirtley, H. L. Anderson, Helen McWhorter, Lula Bryant, V. A. Bolden, Eva Mae Dixon, and Miss Thelma Harper.

SEEK SUPREME COURT ACTION TO STAY EUEL LEE EXECUTION

Baltimore, Md. (CNS) Counsel for Euel Lee, alias Orphan Jones, convicted of murdering Green K. Davis, an Eastern Shore farmer in Maryland are endeavoring to prepare for presentation to the Supreme Court papers seeking to prevent his execution June 2.

It was planned to file the papers by May 27th so that the Supreme Court could on Monday, May 29th announce which action it will take in the matter.

Lee was twice convicted of the murder, the Maryland Appellate Court setting aside the first conviction because colored persons were not on the panel from which the trial jury was drawn.

It refused to set aside the second conviction by a white jury, holding the fact that names of colored persons were on the panel complied with Constitutional requirements.

Lee was charged with having murdered Davis, his wife and two daughters in Worcester County, Md., on October 11, 1931, but was tried only on the charge of murdering Davis.

WHITE WIFE KILLS RICHARD O. GREER, PLAYWRITER

Los Angeles, Calif. (CNS) Three years ago a white woman sold her Asbury Park (New Jersey) Hotel, married Richard O. Greer, and came here with \$80,000 to back her Negro husband in the production of a play Greer was writing.

Last week a coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in connection with the fatal shooting of Greer by his white wife, Swananna Greer.

Willis Tyler, Negro attorney for Mrs. Greer, told the jury that unhappiness beset the couple after they came to California and that the shot which killed Greer followed a long series of beatings Greer administered to his wife.

The question of whether Mrs. Greer will be held for trial is to be decided by the District Attorney. The Greers at one time put a play called "Blood Stream" on Broadway. It was short lived, and the couple went west to produce another play. They opened an up-to-date sandwich shop here which has a large patronage.

'PROFESSOR' MILLER BANNED AT OHIO STATE TO LECTURE AT BRYN MAWR

Oberlin, Ohio, (CNS) Dr. Herbert A. Miller, of this city, who was dropped from the faculty of Ohio State University two years ago, because of his broad views on racial matters, has been appointed a lecturer at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania. Two years ago, Dr. Miller, then an instructor in sociology at Ohio State, was "let-out" by the board of trustees, who refused to renew his contract, because of Dr. Miller's broad racial views and his exemplification of them at Wilberforce University upon the occasion of his last sociological study visit there accompanied by a class of white students from the State University. Some of the students danced with the colored student at Wilberforce and on some complaint of the incident, Dr. Miller was "let-out."

Collar Button Dispute Lands Man in Jail Washington, (CNS) Emanuel Scott in a dispute over the ownership of a collar button ran amuck and before the police could quiet him injured several persons. He is now serving 90

days sentence in jail. The story runs that someone disputed Emanuel's ownership of a collar button at his home in Southwest Washington, and it pained him no end. It also pained two women who were hit with bricks, a man was knocked unconscious and another man who was slashed with a knife, when Emanuel ran amuck.

Police said when they arrived on the scene, Emanuel had an ax and was preparing to chop down the house to soothe his injured feelings.

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ST. LOUIS & KANSAS CITY DEFEATED BY SWASTIKANS IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Memorial Day Golf Tournament at Kansas City, Mo., in which players from St. Louis, Omaha and Kansas City competed, was won by Ulysses "Gabby" Watson member of the Omaha Swastika Club with a score of 76. William Davis also of the Swastika won 1st place in the class B flight. Both were awarded silver trophies. Thirteen Omahans competed in the tournament.

MASONS LOCKED OUT OF LODGE ROOMS IN "MASONIC TEMPLE"

Washington, (CNS) The Acacia Grand Lodge of Masons and the Eastern Star Chapters were locked out of their lodge rooms on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of the New Masonic Temple Building, Tuesday, May 23, by order of the receivers of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company.

In May, 1931, just after the building was finished, the Grand Lodge leased these floors for the sum of \$1,000 per month. It is claimed they are in arrears about \$14,000.

Sometime ago they were served with a court order of a debt of \$14,000 for back rent and the furniture and fixtures had been attached. The time for payment expired on May 23 and as no settlement had been agreed upon. Receiver Bryan ordered the doors locked.

George Ambler, grand master of the Masons, said that he could not say just what the men will do until the trustees meet the first Wednesday in June.

The Masons do not own the building, nor have then any equity in it at present. It is owned by the National Benefit Life Insurance Company which carries a mortgage of \$205,000 on the structure.

G. A. Clark, one of the receivers, stated that they would be glad to get a sale for the property for \$205,000 although, he stated, the insurance company had put over \$600,000 into its purchase and completion.

It is also claimed that the Masonic Grand Lodge has put more than \$300,000 into the Temple project, and are now locked out of house and home.

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ALLISON DAVIS AND HIS WIFE HELD BY HITLERITES

Washington, (CNS) Word comes from Hampton Institute, Virginia, that Allison W. Davis of this city, who is an instructor at Hampton, but who for the past year has been studying in Europe, has not been heard from for the past two months.

At the time of the latest outbursts of Hitlerism, Mr. and Mrs. Davis were traveling in Germany, but for the past two months it seems they have been swallowed up in the country as no word has been heard from them by anyone on the campus.

Mr. Davis is away on a special fellowship to Oxford University, where he is studying social anthropology. Last year he pursued postgraduate work at Harvard towards his doctor's degree. He was granted a leave of two or three months by the English university's in order to visit Berlin and the German provinces in connection with his research.

It is not known that the Davises met harm or embarrassment at the hands of the Nazis, and if they were in Berlin or any of the larger cities, the American legation would come to their protection. It is possible, however, that in the height of the race prejudice engendered by the Hitlerites, they might have been detained or incarcerated, in some out of way German province.

Mr. Davis is well known among the young leaders of thought. He has written both verse and prose and has been both lauded and criticized by different schools of thought.

He is a graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., and elected there to Phi Beta Kappa Society. From Williams, he went to Harvard. At Hampton, he is instructor in literature.

In 1931, Mr. Davis and his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Stubbs, daughter of a prominent Wilmington family, were married in the Andrew Rankin Chapel of Howard University by Dr. Mordecai W. J. Johnson.

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Several Colored Appointments Made by New Administration

Latest reports state that nearly 18 colored workers have been given jobs in the various departments by the City Commissioners. Chief among these was the appointment of M. C. James as Inspector of Weight and Measures. Mr. James who lives at 3812 Dwyer St. is the father of five children, a member of the NAACP and the St. John church.

BURLEIGH'S 39th YEAR AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, N. Y. CITY

New York City, (CNS) St. George's Episcopal Church in Stuyvesant Square, one of the most prominent Protestant Episcopal Churches in the country, last Sunday, celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of Harry T. Burleigh as the choir's baritone soloist. The occasion was also the ninth consecutive year in which the rich music of Negro spirituals filled the spacious edifice.

When the singing and the service were done, parishioners and friends who had crowded the old church hurried to the choir rooms in the basement to congratulate Mr. Burleigh.

As he shook the scores of offered hand and smiling accepted the congratulations the white-haired soloist gave credit to the rest of the choir, to the choir master, and the organist, to almost anyone but himself; but in reality it was a Burleigh day at St. George's. All but three of the spirituals that had made the congregation sigh audibly with pleasure had been arranged by Mr. Burleigh, and he sang four of them solo.

One more had been especially lent to the church in his honor by Hall Johnson, and the Largo from Dvorak's "New World Symphony" had been played for him on the violin while he sat in his stall and thought of his old friend, who had written it after hearing from him of the Negro music that he had just begun to arrange.

"Yes, this is my thirty-ninth year," said Mr. Burleigh in a reminiscent interval allowed by a pause in his dressing. "Old Dr. Rainsford hired me when I was struggling with my music in New York. They began these services on my thirtieth anniversary in 1924, and every one seemed to like them, so they continued them."

Mr. Burleigh asked almost every one if they were going to the party Mrs. Walter Rosen was giving for him afterward, told his son, Alston Burleigh, to thank those he could not get at; told those he could that he was proud of his son's playing in "Run Little Chillun," and altogether radiated happiness.

Alston Burleigh explained that his father had begun the arrangement of the spirituals when he was studying music, the first man to set them down for voices. He sang them first in public when he used to tour with Booker T. Washington to raise money for Tuskegee. He had been singing them for the pure pleasure of it ever since he was a boy in Erie, N. Y., and he and his father and mother hummed them at their work. He was a wine-waiter at the Grand Union Hotel at Saratoga when Victor Herbert was assistant bandmaster. Though the musician could never get his wine cold enough, he liked to hear the spirituals, and Mr. Burleigh was his friend until he died.

As his son finished his anecdotes, Mr. Burleigh emerged from the locker room, where he had been dressing, smart in a cutaway, piped vest and pearl gray necktie. He gathered in the crowd with one broad smile, told them it was time to go to the party, and led them off to it happily but hurriedly, for he had to sing again at the evening service, and he wanted every minute of enjoyment.

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