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We Wish You a Happy and Prosperous New Year

DR. BUNDY GRANTED NEW TRIAL BY COURT

Brave East St. Louis Dentist Who Protected Race in Horrible
Massacre and Was Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Con-
spiracy to Murder Released on Supersedeas Bond,
Given Favorable Decision by Court. Liberty on \$25,000 Bond Dur-
ing Pendency of Case.

SENTENCE FOR LIFE IS REVERSED

High Court of Illinois Rules That Errors in Trial Justify Reversal
of Original Court and Therefore Remands Case to the Mon-
roe County Court—Triumph for Bundy's Attorneys—Race
Throughout Country Contributed to Defense Fund—Dr.
Bundy Given Ovation in Omaha Last July When He Made
Most Favorable Impression

(Special to The Monitor)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 30.—A favorable decision was rendered here Monday, December 20, in the famous case of Dr. Leroy N. Bundy, former East St. Louis dentist, who was sentenced March 28, 1919, to life imprisonment for conspiracy to murder, in connection with the East St. Louis massacre in which scores of Negroes, men, women and children were done to death with unbelievable brutality at the hands of a white mob, July 2 and 3, 1917. Dr. Bundy, who urged his people to protect themselves, was charged with conspiracy to murder in connection with the killing of two detectives during the riots. He fled to Ohio and fought extradition until passion had cooled. The governor of Ohio refused to surrender him to Illinois, until Illinois had deposited \$500,000 with the state of Ohio as a guarantee for Dr. Bundy's safe conduct. He was tried at Waterloo, Ill., one of the most prejudiced towns in Illinois, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The supreme court of Illinois here Monday reversed the decision of the lower court and granted the dentist a new trial, declaring that errors were contained in the verdict, which sentenced him to life imprisonment at his trial at Waterloo, Ill., almost two years ago. A special telegram from court officials at Springfield and personal friends of the dentist in this city informed him of the court's findings. Dr. Bundy is now practicing dentistry in Cleveland, O.

Make \$25,000 Bond

Chief Justice Orin N. Carter of the state supreme court ordered the release of Dr. Bundy from the southern Illinois penitentiary on Friday, March 19, last, pending the disposal of an appeal to that court. The dentist had completed several months of a sentence to life for murder in connection with the slaying of Detectives Coppege and Wodley (white) of the East St. Louis police force. The court made the bond \$25,000, pending final disposition of the case.

Writ is Heard

Attorneys Hueston and Calloway of Kansas City, Mo., represented Dr. Bundy at the time, and obtained his release on a writ of supersedeas. Chief Justice Carter, who at the request of Justice Duncan, also a member of the supreme court, heard the application and passed upon the proceedings. In granting the release Chief Justice Carter said:

"It appears to me, upon due consideration of the record and abstract thereof, and the brief and argument of counsel, that there is serious and prejudicial error in the record of the crime of which he stands convicted and supersedeas is herein granted."

Trial at Waterloo

It is charged that at the time of the Bundy trial at Waterloo, Ill., race prejudice was openly permitted in order to obtain a conviction. The presiding judge favored the prosecuting attorney in all angles of the case, denying Bundy's lawyers objections to the procedure at various intervals of the trial. It was further charged that jurors were selected at the behest of the state because of the peculiar fitness to serve the purpose desired.

Insane Juror

The word "nigger" was permitted to be used in reference to Dr. Bundy and his efforts to uplift his people at East St. Louis. An insane man was allowed

to serve on the jury, and after the trial was confined at the asylum for the insane at Dunning. Mrs. Bundy, wife of the dentist, worked faithfully for the release of her husband, despite the fact that all indications pointed to a hopeless path.

Doctor Bundy was heard in Omaha last July when he spoke here under the auspices of a citizens' committee of which the Rev. John Albert Williams was chairman. He was given an ovation by an audience which packed Grove M. E. church to the doors and upon which the simple recital of the tragic events through which he had passed made a profound impression. A liberal contribution was given at that time towards his defense fund.



MRS. CHARLES OFFUTT
Chairman of the Y. W. C. A. Committee on Colored Work

FORMAL DEDICATION OF Y. W. C. A. BUILDING

The Handsome Center for Colored Girls and Women Will Be Set Apart With Appropriate Exercises Sunday Afternoon—House Has Been Remodeled and Well Furnished for Its Important Work.

The Young Women's Christian association center at Twenty-second and Grant streets will be formally opened and dedicated with appropriate exercises Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist church, will preside. Other pastors of the city will also take part. Greetings will be given by the Rt. Rev. Ernest V. Shaylor, bishop of the Episcopal church in the Diocese of Nebraska; the Rt. Rev. Homer Stuntz, Methodist bishop; Mrs. Carrie Ada Campbell, general secretary, and others. The dedicatory address will be given by the Rev. John Albert Williams, rector Church of St. Philip the Deacon.

The center is housed in an attractive bungalow, which has been remodeled, beautifully furnished and well equipped for the work in hand. The first floor is occupied with a large, handsome room about 35x60, which is used as an assembly and recreation room, and secretary's office, kitchen, bed room and large bath room.

The upper floor is occupied with a large dormitory with accommodations for about ten transient guests, to which accommodations the center will be limited for the present. A cafe-



MISS FRANKIE B. WATKINS
Secretary

teria will be one of the features of the center.

The basement contains the heating plant, store rooms, a supplementary kitchen and other conveniences.

Mrs. Charles Offutt, who has been the efficient chairman of the general board charged with the duty of housing the colored branch, has been most untiring in her efforts and generous in her contributions. She has received hearty co-operation from those associated with her. The members of the provisional committee having charge of this work were: Mrs. Charles Offutt, general chairman; Mrs. J. Alice Stewart, chairman finance committee; Mrs. Jesse H. Hutten, chairman edu-

cational committee; Mrs. D. W. Gooden, chairman membership committee; Mrs. Jessie Hale Moss (deceased), chairman religious work; Miss Madree Penn, chairman, and Mrs. L. N. Peoples, assistant chairman of girls' work; Miss Lena Paul, chairman of house committee. Miss Frankie B. Watkins is secretary.

The public is cordially invited to the dedicatory services Sunday, at which time the following program will be given:

Invocation, Rev. S. L. Deas; hymn; responsive services, led by Rev. T. A. Taggart; "The Gloria;" responsive prayers, led by Rev. Russel Taylor; offertory; violin solo, Miss Evelyn Battles; solo, Cecelia W. Jewel; address, Rev. John Albert Williams; hymn; greetings, Bishop Shaylor, Bishop Stuntz, Rev. W. C. Williams, Mrs. Carrie Ada Campbell, general secretary; benediction, Rev. W. G. Franklin; Rev. W. F. Botts, presiding.

RACIAL ACTIVITIES TO BE SHOWN IN MOVIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Recently a contract was signed here by J. Williams Clifford, president of the Monumental Pictures Corporation and the Seaboard Film Corporation for the world distribution of the Negro news reel called the Monumental Monthly, which will be devoted to portraying the activities and achievements of the American Negro. Gradually the policy outlined by the executives of the Monumental has in its program the extension of its activities to the entire world.

COLORED AMERICANS WELCOME IN BRAZIL

President of the American-Brazilian Colonizing Syndicate Draws a Roseate Picture of Opportunities Awaiting Ambitious and Well-Equipped Members of Race in South American Republic—Offers Many Business Advantages, is Claim

AGRICULTURE IS LUCRATIVE FIELD

Land is Cheap and Soil Fertile; Crops Numerous and Varied—Any Place in Brazilian Republic Will Serve Purpose of Man Who Desires to Enjoy Profitable Farm Life—Knowledge of Portuguese Language Valuable Asset

(By The Associated Negro Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—"There is little or no employment to be found as waiters, porters, cooks and similar occupations followed by large numbers of our people in the United States, but there are many positions in large business concerns open and waiting for high class men and women of color." This statement was made recently by George Rambo, president of the Brazilian-American Colonizing Syndicate, in the course of an address on the general opportunities for Negroes in the republic of Brazil.

In a later interview he declared: "Not only are there good business openings for live people but there are splendid opportunities for successful ventures in the fields of manufacturing. Ice, cotton goods, leather articles and furniture making offer inviting chances to make money for anyone who has fair knowledge in these several directions. This would apply particularly to the large number of towns and small cities in the interior sections of the republic.

"Most all structural iron, fabricated metals such as gas and electric fixtures are imported into the country. This is also true of the better grades of office and household furniture, shoes, clothing, men and women's furnishings, in fact one can include most of the manufactured necessities in the list of things that could be made and sold to profitable advantage in nearly every section of this rich country.

"The government encourages home production of necessities by maintaining a high protective tariff on all manufactured imports. The wisdom of the government, in this connection, is sustained by the great abundance of raw materials available everywhere that but awaits the disposition to turn them into manufactured products. I

again emphasize, however, that the people who go to Brazil must possess a good working knowledge of the business and trades they wish to follow, and they must also acquire a reasonable acquaintance with the Portuguese language which is spoken in the country.

"But the cultivation of the land," continued Mr. Rambo, "is the shortest and most practical way to success in Brazil. You can't miss it if you go this way. Land is cheap, land is fertile, as fertile as it is anywhere on the earth. There is no place that I know about where land is as cheap and as good as it is in Brazil. And there is no end to crops. You sow and you reap, and you sow and you reap again. It is almost an endless proposition, this crop matter in Brazil. This makes farming a profitable investment. The market is ever ready, both domestic and foreign, for your products and labor effort is quite a negligible question in the investment. Any place in the Brazilian republic will serve the purpose of the man who desires to enjoy a profitable farm life, for that is what farming means in Brazil.

"I am confining myself to a short presentation of the advantages offered in the fields of manufacturing and farming in the republic of Brazil at this time. At some other time I shall be glad to make a statement regarding the mineral wealth of the country and the profits that can be realized in cattle and general live stock raising."

Mr. Rambo will be in the United States for several months. He is actively engaged in presenting the claims of Brazil as a desirable place for ambitious colored people to settle in. He is meeting with considerable success in this connection.

HOMESTEADER IS

CREMATED IN CABIN
(By The Associated Negro Press)
BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 30.—E. F. Lampsom, a homesteader, near Tuffley, was burned to death in his cabin, a posse having set fire to it after an all-night rifle and revolver battle and numerous attempts to dynamite the house. Lampsom perhaps fatally wounded Sheriff Jesse Garfield, who had gone to the cabin to arrest him for suspected insanity.

PAYNE UNIVERSITY

MOVES TO MONTGOMERY
(By The Associated Negro Press)
SELMA, Ala., Dec. 30.—The Payne University, one of Selma's well known schools, will, after the present session, be moved to Montgomery, where grounds and buildings have been purchased for its use. The board of trustees of the school have acquired the property of the old St. Joseph Catholic school, together with all buildings and properties and about 200 acres of land. The St. Joseph school is situated about three miles from Montgomery. The purchase price of the property was said to be \$30,000.

WOMAN 100 DIES; BELIEVED

HOME CONCEALS WEALTH
(By The Associated Negro Press)
PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary Ringold, more than 100 years old, died recently. Mrs. Ringold was the widow of Thomas Ringold, at one time one of the most prosperous merchants of Port Deposit. He was reputed to be comparatively wealthy, but at the time of his death his hoard could not be located and his widow would not allow her home to be invaded by searchers. His friends have maintained the belief, however, that the money will be found now that the obstacle is removed.

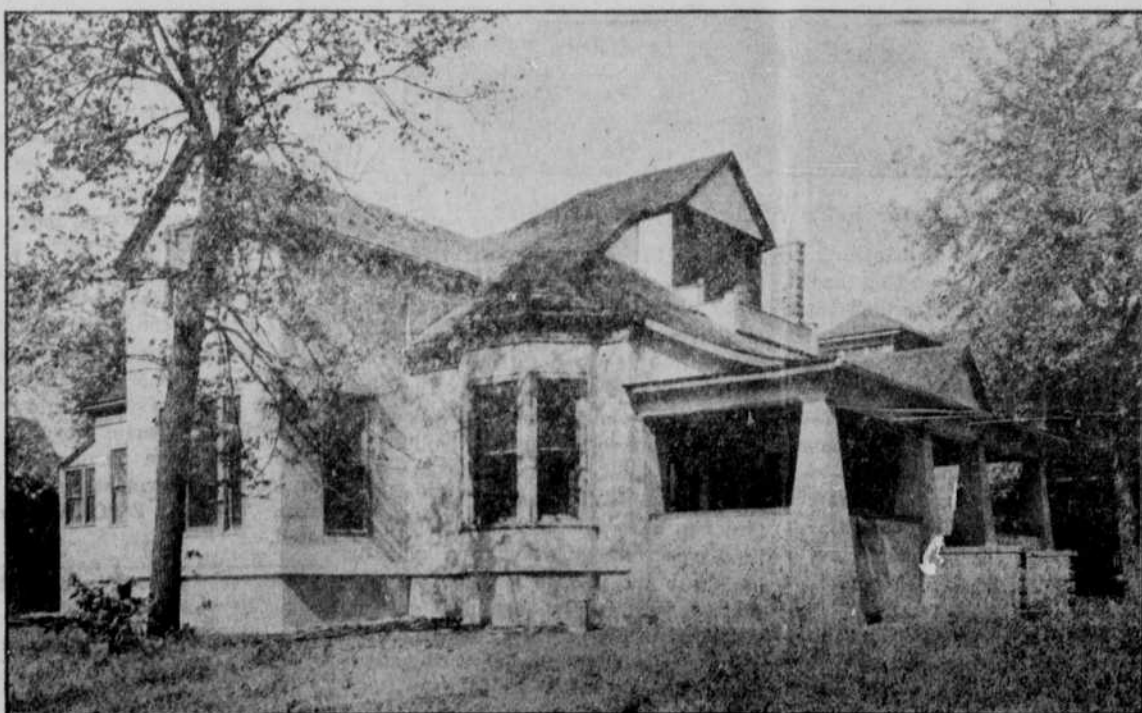
AMERICAN NEGRO ACADEMY

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the American Negro Academy was held at the Dunbar high school, the attendance being large. John W. Cromwell, president, took as the subject of his address, "The Challenge of the Disfranchisement." The Rev. Charles D. Martin also delivered an address. One of the features of the session was the exhibit of rare prints, portraits, manuscripts, books and other interesting products of Negro culture. J. Weldon Johnson of New York City spoke on "Some Phases of the Haitian Situation," which, in view of the report of the court of inquiry recently made public, was very interesting, timely, and was well received.

WEALTHY TEXAN PLACES

\$12,000 MONUMENT AT HIS SON'S GRAVE
FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 30.—What is said to be one of the largest and most expensive cemetery monuments in Fort Worth is the one which is being set up in Trinity cemetery by William M. (Gooseneck Bill) McDonald in memory of his son, who died about three years ago. The shaft is thirty-one feet high, of polished granite and cost \$12,000.

It was made by a Chicago concern, whose manager, Josef Rittmeyer, is here to superintend its erection. It required three weeks to set the derrick and lift the monument upon its base. Rittmeyer is editor of the Monument Reporter, one of the oldest trade journals in the country, and a former Texan who is renewing old acquaintances while in Fort Worth. McDonald is one of the best known Negro politicians and business men in the state.



The Y. W. C. A. Center for Colored Girls at Twenty-second and Grant Sts.