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## **NEGRO STOREKEEPER** SINCERELY MOURNED BY TOWNSPEOPLE

Acclaimed in Death as Village's Most Prominent Citizen and Greatest Public Benefactor

LEAVES MUNIFICENT LEGACY

John Wesley Underhill Bequeaths Large Fortune to New Jersey Village for Benefit of Children

Mays Landing, N. J.-This village of 2,500 inhabitants, many of them adherents of the Ku Klux Klan, paid high tribute today to John Wesley Underhill, who was the only Negro resident of the community. The rich and poor of the village-Catholics, Protestants, town officials, and newsboys,-joined in singing and whispering his praises as the body of Underhill was laid to rest in Union Cemetery after funeral services that were unique, like the career of the man himself.

In life, merely a hail-fellow-well met of the village's most prominent citizen. He has gone down in its history as its greatest public benefactor-as one of the immortals. This posthumous fame was as they do for a white man. achieved by Underhill because of what his fellow villagers now call the noble WILLIAM MATTHEWS WINS deed of an honorable gentleman of color. Nobody knew much and perhaps cared

less, about the affairs and thoughts that better recreational facilities.

struction of a public gymnasium and the pers which the directors of the institution was: the R. W. G. Council, I. O. of St. lyn, \$75. erection of a playground for children. In had to make good was included in the Luke, Richmond, Va., \$300; \$200 voted by he believed the gymnasium should be creed in the new high school to be built for the government and the charges susmond, Va., \$50; Dr. A. A. Brill, noted Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National

everything dear to the heart of children, from swings to shoot-the-chutes and slides.

When the local business men, clergymen, and officials heard of Underhill's bequest they were aghast, as for years he had been living in their midst in a modest unassuming almost apologizing way as the only colored man in the town. He was a recluse. As a man of sixty, he enjoyed no close friendships.

But in the little store he erected here children used to come and talk to him and buy candy and sing and dance. They gladdened the heart of John. That he was colored made no difference to them. Stories are being told here today of how he would give children two sticks of candy for a cent. Many a ragmuffin, who looked into the windows of his store longingly at a cap pistol or a box of chocolates, had his great wish fulfilled through the generosity of John.

He was lonely. You see the great folks of the town never bothered him, no one asked him for opinions. But he often would jest about being the only change his impressive coffin today there was a pay their poll taxes before the first of smile on his face. It was as though he was enjoying his last laugh. For all the village is wondering now why John never ment now being organized in the state. let on before, why he kept so silent about There are sufficient colored voters it they a great ambition that was realized only choose to exercise their right of fran-

Today the local paper contains two columns about him. Today nearly every citizen in the community followed his coffin into the Atlantic County Court room went humbly amongst us had been thinkhere. For the first time in the history of ing all the time of our welfare."

flowers, and prominent among them was money, but of this lesson of tolerance." and wept. Three preachers attended and best educated man, the most progressive took part in the funeral services—the Rev. business man and the ideal Christian of word which he presented: Dr. William Arthur Thomas of the Mays the village. Landing Presbyterian church, the Rev. Dr. loran of the Roman Catholic church.

They hailed John Underhill as a great and men bowed their heads. benefactor to humanity. They called him For John Underhill had been fooling the spirit of tolerance.

And all the time the man's body re-

now, and now we learn that the man who all the people in it.

"DEFENDS" PRISONER

New Orleans, La.—(By the Associated) near the immigration station the state term of county court. attorney is not asking the death pen-alty at the trial now on before Judge Ramsay said he had been presiding over year, just before the local campaign for than white people.

the city election, he entered a street car. Many of the crimes for which whites John and Ernest Batiste were occupying a arrested are automobile stealing, moonwith liquor, De Rocha stopped for a mo- groes. ment with a smile of contempt on his lips, and with the remark, "I feel like killing a couple of niggers this morning," drew his revolver and began firing; John Batiste grabbed the colored passenger seat sign in self-defence, but was shot down instantly; a second bullet caused the death of his brother Ernest a few hours later. The dying declaration of Ernest was to the effect that he begged De Rocha not to shoot his brother any

more and then the white man shot him When the colored citizens of the State and never considered seriously by his of Louisiana demand their right of sufneighbors, he attained today the status frage and make their presence felt at the polls on election day the state authorities the \$50,000 Legal Defense fund being New York City, \$25; The United Sons of crisis." will then be compelled to ask for the same penalty for the murder of a Negro the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Englewood, N. J., \$25; Mrs. Daniel U. A MASS MEETING

CASE FOR GOVERNMENT its Branches to date up to \$10,342.43 and C. Mutual Life Ins. Co., Durham, N. C.,

Lincoln,-(By the Associated Negro guided John Underhill through life, but Press) Hon. William H. Matthews, special when he died Monday last the villagers assistant of the U. S. Attorney General, were amazed to learn he had left a was selected to prosecute the case of two fortune of more than \$100,000, nearly all former officers of the City National Bank of which was left for the improvement of of Lincoln. They were L. J. Dunn and L. the village and to provide the children B. Howey, charged in the federal court with misapplication of the bank's funds. specified in detail that charges. Under the skilful and able direction of Mr. Matthews, the case was won York City; Mrs. Maggie Walker of Rich- the Legal Defense Fund to date, James program will be rendered: The playground is to be equipped with accept such fines as the court saw fit to exponent of Dr. Freud's psychoanalysis in "No class of persons deserve more credit impose. The court penalized them \$2,500 America, sent his check for \$20.

> This is the first of the cases brought to trial by Mr. Matthews, the recognized national leader in the Negro Republican group, since his appointment as special assistant to the government's legal forces. He made a fine showing during the trial.

NORTHERN DEMOCRAT FLIRTS WITH SOUTH Individual contributions ranging from "Editorials have been published from

New York, N. Y .- (By the Associated to come to the National Office of the Na- it is our great regret that it has not been Negro Press) Tammany Hall is stretch- tional Association for the Advancement possible because of space limitations in ing its political wings, according to ob. of Colored People. Besides those menservers here, and the visit of the newly- tioned above, individual contributors of ous things that colored editors have writ elected mayor of New York, James Walker, to the South, is interpreted as being the first effort of New York's Democrats to line up the South for the big fight in

NEGRO VOTERS HOLD BALANCE

New Orleans,-(By the Associated Ne gro Press) A movement is on foot to the first of the year in order to overcome the "lily white" republican move chise to turn the tide of elections either way in Louisiana.

the county such a service was held in the "He has taught us tolerance." said Court house. It was a community affair. Father Halloran. "He must have wanted His coffin was banked with numerous to leave behind not merely a legacy of dianapolis for a day or so at this time, a news column: "The inhabitants of this last. It looked bad to capitalize the name a wreath labeled "Our Citizen." Men and Dr. Thomas broke down and wept as women came up and gazed into his face he hailed the Negro in his eulogy as the present to editors, asked him to write a word Negro is a common noun, it is by hind the custom that made out Negro

A joint choir from the three churches T. Richardson of the Methodist Episcopal of the village sang "Lead Kindly Light" church, and the Rev. Father Frederick Hal- and "Abide With Me." Women wept and had at least a semblance of reason in because "white" is not exactly co-ordi- ten "chinese and arabs". To capitalize been licensed to do business in the state

a good Christian. They pointed to him as them all the time he had been suffering and books beyond the influence of the tion. There may be some brown "white" the man who through his deed exemplified a life of lonliness throughtout the years customs of slavery, the word Negro was people, and there are certainly white particular group, but, if used as an ad-

he was thinking of a great deed. posed in the coffin with a smile on his bequeathed what he had to the children common adjective in Spanish, derived tainly black, brown, and white "Negroes". in America at least, are not black by any "We now know," said Dr. Richardson, minor legacies to sisters in Nebraska. meaning black. But the word is in its meaning black, but is now a proper noun word is a capital designation. with emotion, "that we lacked and missed our opportunity. He has shown us himin the back of his head. They didn't lar race or group. When a noun denotes do not, of course, capitalize "blacks", or Nation, and many other magazines, great proclamation setting Friday, January 8, self through his deed. He has shown us know the grand idea that dominated him, the name of a particular person, group should we capitalize "colored". These des- dailies in some cities, and well-known pub- as the date for the electrocution of Aaron what the town really needs. We did not not until he died. Then it became known or institution, it is a proper noun, and criptives, "white, black, colored," are co-lishers have ordered the capitalization of Harris, convicted of first degree murder understand or fully appreciate him until how John Underhill loved his village and should be capitalized. To say that the ordinates, simply descriptive adjectives, the word "Negro" since this matter was for the killing of Scott Street, white, a

WHITES GET WORSE AS NEGROES GET BETTER, SAYS JUDGE

Greenwood, S. C .- (By the Associated Negro Press) Nothwithstanding the de- Negro Press) Negroes are getting better claration of Frank De Rocha that he every day and white people are getting "felt like killing a couple of niggers" meaner and meaner in every way, Judge which resulted in the brutal murder of C. J. Ramsay told the grand jury here John and Ernest Batiste on a street car Monday morning in opening the November

Humphrey in the criminal court. De courts all over the state as a special Rocha is a blacksmith and somewhat of judge and it was his observation that Nea local politician. In October of last groes are appearing in court much less

Given by Garland Fund......\$ 5,000.00

Offered in addition...... 15,000.00

Required to meet offer...... 30,000.00

Raised to date.....

Still to go.....

Fort Wayne, \$21.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 27 .- (Special to The Monitor.)-Jury in Sweet case reported unable to agree on verdict and was discharged by Judge Murphy.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. and Mrs. H. Leland of North Thirtieth street recently returned from a hunting trip in the Sand Hills near Alliseat in the rear end of the car. Filled shinging, and petty disputes with Nevance, Nebr. While away Mr. Leland had tunate in being alive. He was caught in a blizzard and lost on the prairie nearly Mr. Allen Kennedy left Omaha last twenty four hours. His friends at Allihis sister, Mrs. Bertha White, who is ill. thankful that he did not freeze to death.

DEFENSE FUND GROWING STEADILY

P. Hallowell, W. Medford, \$150; Mrs. the N. A. A. C. P.

raised by the National Association for Georgia, \$20; Miss Caroline B. Chapin,

Fifth Avenue. This brings the total Day, Rye, N. Y., \$25; Mr. Gaius C. Bo-

raised by the National Association and lin, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., \$50; The N.

Branch remittances toward the fund tional Association's appeal for sinews of

Denver. \$200; St. Paul, \$375; San Fran- tors throughout the country have realized 3.

gisco, \$25; Arkansas City, \$25.75; Zanes- the crisis which confronted the race and 4.

ville, Ohio, \$82.52; Tekamah Couty, \$25; have practically united in throwing their

is, \$83.35; Hollidaysburg, Pa., \$28.85; National Association fight the battle of

one dollar to several hundred continue one end of the country to the other and

the week include the following: Harold ten and published. Colored people of

Guinzburg, New York City, \$50; The Mar- America should realize that in their own

the Tabernacle No. 11 G. U. O. B. and newspapers they have one of the most

S. of Love and Charity, New York City, potent instruments for enabling them to

\$25; Mrs. Bessye Bearden, New York act as a united and irresistable force. On

Holyoke, \$5; Chicago, \$735; Indianapol- weight and influence toward helping the

\$50,000,00

\$10,342.43

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PROTEGE MAKES GOOD

New York-(By the Associated Negro Press) Making his first public appearance as a singer, in New York, Taylor Gordon, a protege of J. Rosamond Johnson's, made a pronounced hit in his recital of Negro Spirituals, at the old Garrick Theatre, down in West 35th Street, Sunday night. The singing of Mr. Gordon, whose program consisted of spirituals in its entirety, was remarkable in view of the fact that he had never sung them before; but he had as a background the one and only Rosamond Johnson, who not only accompanied him, but assisted in the singing as well. The theatre was a pretty close call and counts himself for ed.

FOR DEFENSE FUND

#### GOOD IMPRESSION ON THE WITNESS STAND Tells of Experience Within His Home

DOCTOR SWEET MAKES

and Reveals His Mental Attitude on Night When Mobbist Was Killed

COOL WHILE CROSS EXAMINED

Case Given to Jury After Masterly Summing Up of the Evidence by Clarence Darrow and Haves

Detroit, Mich.-The closing days of the Sweet murder trial were marked Sweet and the masterly summing up of the evidence by Darrow and gro Press) What the Pullman Porter's Hayes. The case was then given to | Benefit Association is doing to improve Mrs. James W. Headley, of 917 North the jury which after being deadlocked and protect the Pullman porters and Saturday for St. Louis and Dayton, Ohio. ance were much excited about his ab- Twentieth street, was taken to the Me- for forty-eight hours was unable to means for further development of the While in Dayton, Mr. Kennedy will visit sence and told him that he should be thodist hospital Tuesday where she is agree and was discharged by the work in this direction was discussed here court Friday morning.

impression as a witness. Cool, calm ditorium of the Wabash Y. M. C. A. and collected he told the story of his | According to reports of the officials of life and the struggle for a com- the association, the progress of the organ-New York,-In the week just ended | City, \$25; Miss Nellie Calloway, New the part of the N. A. A. C. P. I want to D. C., and one in the South through porters and their families have been bene-\$4,319.83 has been contributed by people York City, \$25; Mr. E. R. Alexander, thank the editors who have served and are which he had passed, all of which fitted. A program of extensive expann all parts of the United States toward New York City, \$25; Mr. John B. Nail, serving the race so well in this hour of bore upon his mental condition when sion was adopted by the convention that his house was surrounded by a mob is expected to further enhance the value on the night of September 8.

OF N. A. A. C. P. the roof of his home and of the crowd ed by porters and some of the leading leaves the fund in the following position: \$25; Colored Men's Council, Springfield. At a joint meeting of the Colored O. \$39; Miss Laura Brown, Brooklyn, N. Ministerial Alliance and a committee lives of himself and family and of man Company, E. H. Carey, and other Y., \$50; Miss Lucy Watson. Utica, N. Y.. of the Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. his determination, if worse came to officials. \$25; Hon. Franklin Fort, Washington, D. C. P. it was decided that both organ- the worst, to protect his loved ones The principal addresses of the evening C., \$100; Mr. S. A. Reed, Portsmouth, N. izations foster through one united ef- to the last.

H., \$25; Dr. Brann, Brooklyn, \$50; Mrs. fort a mass meeting for the raising Lucy Fletcher-Shaw, New York City, \$25; of funds for the \$50,000 defense fund Prosecutor Toms could not shake his Parker, president of the Pullman Porter's Dr. W. W. Wolfe, Newark, -100; Mrs. N. inaugurated by the national office of testimony or perturb him in the least. Benefit Association. Mr. Carey, praised hood in which he had resided for porters and declared the company appre-Among the large gifts toward the de- Helen D. Peck, Brooklyn, \$25; The Provi- To that end a mass meeting will This money will go chiefly into the con- The acceptance on their part of bad pa- fense fund received during the week dent Medical and Dental Society, Brook- be held in the St. John A. M. E. Church, Twenty-second and Willis character as did many others.

In connection with the growing inter- avenue, Sunday, November 29th, at CONSIDER FARM AND HOME

> Rev. John Albert Williams, pres- sociated Negro Press) Improving the to the large number of Negroes now emident Omaha Branch N. A. A. farm and home life will be the chief ployed as skilled mechanics in the Pulltopic for discussion at the annual Tuskegee Negro Conference to be held January ber would be increased rapidly. Both 27, 28, 1926. The various phases of this speakers denied that the Pullman Com-Introduction of Rev. J. H. Ellis subject, such as the budget system on the as chairman of mass meeting by farm and in the home as a basis for progress and thrift, keeping account of the Another interesting feature of the procost of raising crops, investing surplus gram was the short address by J. B. Newcash, how to borrow money at a low rate of interest, and cooperative buying will the serveice of the Pullman Company as be discussed. There will also be discus-a porter. His address was filled with valusion of improving the farm by draining, able information, as he traced the history ditching, and terracing, the raising of of the company and the various changes soil improving crops, the use of labor sav- in types of cars and conditions. ing machinery, and how to hold and get good tennants.

The home will be considered in terms of the following discussions, "How I have made my home surroundings more attractive," "What I am doing to keep my MINISTER'S ALLIANCE Benediction, Rev. C. A. Williams. children on the farm," "What we are doing to encuorage home owning in our community," "Educational facilities and regular school attendance," "The religious life," Wholesome recreation and health."

INDIANS OWN NEARLY TWO

pleted by the Bureau of Indian offairs of Bluffs. the Interior Department.

The total value of Indian property is COUPON PAYS PART cluded in the estimate consist of both property held by Indian tribes and by individual Indians under the guardianship of the Government.

New York, N. Y .- (By the Associated Negro Press) According to Lester Wal- with 10 cents will admit an adult and ton in the New York World the Victory with five cents a child. Here's a charge Life Insurance Company of Chicago has tory for the officials of this company, no In some of the very old English books, name, but an innaccurate racial descrip- But today the word Negro is not only other outside organization having gone SENDS DONATION TO years, so stringent are the laws concern

MUST DIE JANUARY 8

Little Rock, Ark .. - (By the Associated

### **PULLMAN PORTERS** HOLD SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING

Benefit Association Takes Under Advisement Plans for Further Development of Organization

PULLMAN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Man Who Has Served as Pullman Porter for Past Fifty Years Recites Very Interesting Experiences

Chicago, Ill.—(By the Associated Neat the convention of the Association. Dr. Sweet made a most favorable held Tuesday and Wednesday in the au-

petency. He gave a vivid recital of ization during the past year has been grattwo mob attacks, one in Washington, ifyingly rapid and through the work many n the night of September 8.

He told of missles being hurled The feature of the convention was the

through the windows and landed on public meeting which was largely attendoutside and with the vivid experience business and professional men of Chicaof former mobs he feared for the go. including the president of the Pull-

were delivered by E. H. Carey, president The grilling cross-examination of of the Pullman Company, and Perry B. White neighbors from the neighbor- the loyalty, efficiency, and service of the

Mr. Parker reviewed the work of the He also related interesting phases of his work as chief investigator for the Pullman tained. Dunn and Howey were forced to alienist and widely known as the leading Association made the following statement:

1. Meeting called to order by the Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—(By the Asand Mexico. The speaker also referred man shops and predicted that this numpany had any direct connection with the

some, who told of his fifty-five years in The convention opened Tuesday morn-

ing with 62 of the possible 63 delegates present at the roll call. The public sessions were largely attended.

HOLDS WEEKLY MEETING

The Minister's Alliance met Tuesday morning in the parlors of St. John's A. M. E. church and transacted much important business. An interesting paper on The Minister, His Pulpit and its Influ-BILLIONS IN PROPERTY ence" was read by the Rev. R. Kidd. pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church and Washington, D. C .- (By the Associa- greetings were brought by the Rev. Dr. ted Negro Press) The value of property Greene of Sioux City, Iowa, who has been owned by the American Indians was mat- conducting a revival at Zion Baptist erially increased during the fiscal year of Church. The speaker next Tuesday will 1925 according to an estimate just com- be the Rev. J. P. Jackson of Council

OF ADMISSION PRICE

The Monitor has made arrangements with the Lake Theatre for the admission next Monday night of all adults and children for half price when presented with VICTORY LIFE ENTERS NEW YORK the coupon found in this paper. The regular price of admission for adults is 20 cents and for children 10. This coupon for you to see a good movie and enjoy dunes' Lake Theatre.

N. A. A. C. P. DEFENSE FUND

The Northwest Needle Craft Club met with Mrs. A. Black, 1923 N. 35th street, Nov. 17. The club sent five dollars to the Defense Fund for the Sweet case at Detroit, Mich. The next meeting will be with Mss. L. T. Boggus, 3518 Pasker street, Tuesday, December 1.

Bill, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Peebles was detained at home from North High school this week by a severe cold.

# OF POWER IN LOUISIANA CAPITALIZING THE WORL

for the nation-wide response to the Na-

the race for full citizenship rights.

received during the week are as follows: war than colored editors. Colored edi- 2. Song, "America".

polis, Indiana

(By William Pickens for The Associated

Negro Press)

sent a brief to all the newspapers, so as "Sirrius" and "Dog Star."

passed, as we shall explain.

capitalized ages ago.

of color hereabouts. But as John lay in have all colored citizens, male or female, A Brief for the Newspapers of Indiana- simply because it is derived from a com- but while "white" is co-ordinate with mon adjective which was used as a sub- "black, colored, brown or yellow", still stantive to denote at first "black people". is as erroneous as to say that when a man's name is Baker, Shoemaker, or Smith, the name should be written with lower case The Interracial Committee in Indiana- letters (baker, shoemaker, or smith). polis, Indiana, asked the daily papers to simply because those words in fact were capitalize the word "Negro", in accord derived from the common nouns, and de- Slav,-and we capitalize these words, as with grammar and common-sense, and the noted in their beginning the trade or vonewspapers after listening to the oral cation of a particular person or thing, or statements, asked the Committee to pre- a particular group of persons or things,— slavery, but it looked inconsistent for a now fixed at \$1,656,046,550. Figures in

to bring the matter formally to the fore. It is manifestly indefensible when an plows, 3 mules, 2 cows, 6 bales of cotton, William Pickens happened to reach In- American newspaper puts it this way in and 10 Negroes". capitalizing only the and the Interracial sub-committee, which town are 5,000 Caucasians, 33 Mongoli- of a mere chattel. That was the original had been appointed to get up a brief to ans, 3 Indians, and 652 negroes." If the motive, almost instinctively expressed, besuitable one for them.-Following is the no means co-ordinate with "Caucasian, to be a common noun. I have no doubt

can slavery to write the word Negro write white people and Mongolians and among cattle and sheep and garden prowith a small "n" (negro). That custom not capitalize "white". Yes, and that is duce, those words would have been writchildren looked wonderingly at their elders slavery days, but even that semblance has nate with "Mongolian". "White" is sim- them in that association would have or- of New York. It represents a signal vicply a descriptive adjective, -not a racial fended the sense. "Mongolians". And in the accepted mean-Seven years ago he made his will and Of course the word was originally a ing of "Negro" in America, there are cer- descriptive of that group, as most of them,

of this city, with the exception of two from the word "niger", Latin adjective The term "Negro" is no longer "negro" means. In the United States at least the word Negro should not be capitalized -more or less inaptly applied, of course, called to their attention.

word Caucasian is co-ordinate with the word Negro or the word Mongolan. We sometimes use other words more nar-

The word Negro was capitalized before

"white" is not co-ordinate with Negro. The

Invocation, Rev. G. W. Day.

the Rev. John Albert Williams.

Remarks by the chairman.

6. Song, 'National Anthem".

Five-minute addresses-

b) Chas. W. Dickerson.

f) Attorney D. H. Oliver.

g) Dr. W. W. Peebles.

h) Mrs Kate Wilson

i) Dr. L. E. Britt.

a) Rev. W. F. Botts.

c) Dr. J. A. Singleton.

d) A. M. Harrold.

e) H. W. Black.

rowly designatory of race: Celtic, Gallic, we should.

slave-owner to advertise for sale: "six word which he presented:

Mongolian, and Indian."

that if Chinese or Arabs had been slaves

But, it might be said, we would also in America, and had been offered for sale

> the designation of a RACE and a great into the state within the last twenty-five jective-substantive, it is not even correctly ing insurance.