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All Not Lost In Museum Fire

Dr. Patterson Says Check-Up Reveals Much of Carver's Work Intact With Little Damage

TUSKEGEE, (ANP). The fire which ravaged the Carver foundation early last Nov. 24 did not destroy all the contents, according to a statement last week by Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee institute, on whose grounds the foundation stood.

Dr. Patterson said that an examination of the building revealed that the files of Dr. Carver, along with those of the foundation, are apparently intact with little or no damage. A cursory examination of the entire museum "suggests that a good bit of this material may be restored." At first reports, it was thought that the building and all of its contents had been completely destroyed.

Greatest loss through the fire was of the paintings and needlework. Every painting was damaged, most of them beyond any possible salvage value. Four or five were said to present possibilities of restoration.

Most badly damaged section was the area which contained the needlework exhibit, where Dr. Patterson said there is "little hope that much of real value is left." In the laboratory proper, other than the bottles which exploded from intense heat, the remainder of the exhibit remained unburned, but did suffer considerable water damage.

The fire broke out around 4:30 a. m. and the fire whistle blew about ten minutes later. Though no determination of the blaze's origin can be made at present, the location of the fire in the building suggests that it might have burned for an hour in the front but partially unexcavated part of the basement before reaching the back and where laboratories were located. No students were in the laboratory that day, but foundation staff members were in the building until 10 p. m. Saturday. It is believed that defective wiring or spontaneous combustion initiated the blaze.

The floor caved in on the end of the building farthest from Dorothy hall and partitions in the basement or ground floor were burned. The walls of the building, of practically solid brick were unhurt. Some of the fire reached the ceiling and burned a hole in a small area. Little damage was done to the roof structure.

The building and equipment were covered by insurance, and the foundation is awaiting the final report of the fire underwriters as to adjustment of the major cost of restoration.

"We cannot, of course," said Dr. Patterson, "be compensated for the loss of the paintings and other personal effects of Dr. Carver which are unreplaceable. It is my feeling that the restoration of the building should be in terms of as nearly fireproof construction as possible. Few things could have happened on our campus that would have been more depressing to our spirits because of the widespread realization that a labor of love, sacrifice and real genius was in great part destroyed."

Urban League Breaks Utility Job Bias

New York, November 20, 1947: The first Negro white-collar workers were hired by the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company this week, marking the success of long-time negotiations by the Cleveland and the National Urban Leagues to break the utility company's job bias. Announcing the employment policy change, Clifford Minton, Industrial Relations Secretary, Cleveland Urban League, said that the new employees would have every opportunity for advancement.

Although the Cleveland utility company has always employed Negro workers, this is the first break away from the "traditional Negro" job category. It is the second private utility firm in Cleveland to employ Negroes as white collar workers. The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, while not yet hiring switchboard operators, has employed Negroes as collectors, commercial representatives and clerks.

White Collar Survey Due

A complete survey of Negroes in white-collar jobs around the country will be released to the public by the National Urban League before the end of the year. The survey, being made by Leroy Jeffries, Assistant Director, Industrial Relations Department, will show results to date of an intensive campaign begun by the National and Urban Leagues more than two years ago to integrate Negroes into the utility and retail merchandising job fields, as well as other non-Negro private concerns such as banks, insurance companies, law and manufacturing firms.

"Privately-owner businesses," Mr. Jeffries stated in discussing the survey, "are the hub of the American economy. The best measure of the Negro worker's participation in the country's economy is the extent to which he is integrated into these 'basic' job fields."

Fourth Singfest

Fourth of the Christmas community singfests will be held at St. Paul Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, under the sponsorship of Lincoln Ministerial association and Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.



GENERAL EISENHOWER GETS FIRST 1947 CARVER CHRISTMAS SEALS—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower is shown above receiving the first sheet of 1947 Carver Christmas seals which are sold to aid the activities of the Carver Foundation at Tuskegee Institute. The presentation was made in General Eisenhower's office in the Pentagon building, Washington, D. C. Members of the Carver Seal Committee, Inc., of New York, the sponsoring group are, left to right, Mrs. Lovette W. Harper, Julian B. Thomas, Mrs. P. L. Bailey, Mrs. Sadie M. Anderson and Percival R. Ricketts.

Interest High in 'Force, P. V. Fruit Bowl Battle

SAN FRANCISCO. — This sprawling San Francisco Bay area has apparently gone somewhat batty on the subject of Dec. 14, first Fruit Bowl game between Wilberforce of Ohio and Prairie View of Texas.

The game to be played at Kezar Stadium, looms as a sellout due to the potential drawing from some 100,000 Bay area colored and avid white grid fans who have seen many football stars such as Kenny Washington, Marion Motley, Bill Willis and Buddy Young—to name a few, but have never seen two teams entirely composed of Negro stars. Everyone from the San Francisco daily sport writers to the urchins who barely can remember

Miami Bars Boston High

BOSTON. — Just because the Lynn Classical High School football team has two colored players, the High School Orange Bowl game officials have decided to bar the New England scholastic eleven from competing in the Miami contest.

The two players are Paul Pittman, a back and Tom Smith, a tackle, who have played stellar ball for Classical.

Orange Bowl director, Robert B. Mulloy, was quoted as saying: "We don't play our boys against Negroes. Lynn Classical has two and so is definitely out."

This is a direct contrast to Southern Methodist's stand on Penn State.

Quotations

Not Thou from us, O Lord but we withdraw ourselves from Thee. O Lord of Life, help me this day to begin to be more alive.

their home town in Texas, are eager to see the first Fruit Bowl game.

Wilberforce, boasting one of the best teams in the Midwest and a backfield which is, perhaps, the greatest in the history of the school, will display to California fans such outstanding stars as Walter Sellars, a great ball carrying stylist, and San Francisco's own Verdese Carter and Albert Gilyard.

Our Honor Roll

The following is a list of those who are New Subscribers or have Renewed their subscription to THE VOICE.

How does your SUBSCRIPTION STAND?

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- Harold Jones, Allentown, Pa.
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- Mrs. E. B. Pennington, Kansas City, Kas.

Doby Set For Hardwood Season

NEW YORK. (ANP). Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians baseball player, is one of the stars signed to wear the New Harlem Nationals basketball uniform when they take the floor on Monday, Dec. 8 at the Golden Gate Casino.

Opponents for the crack aggregation will be the American League All-Stars.

Charley Isles, Puggy Bell, Johnny Isaacs, Benny Garrett, names known wherever basketball is played, will comprise the first line for the Nets.

Hastie Praises Clark's Stand

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Gov. William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands praised Atty. Gen. Tom Clark this week for the stand he has taken in restrictive covenants cases now pending before the supreme court.

"In asking the high court permission to file a brief attacking restrictive covenants as un-American, Clark has proved himself to be the most liberal attorney general we have had," said Hastie, who was here during the week for a series of conferences on Capitol Hill.

Hastie pointed out that both Attys. Gens. Jackson and Biddle expressed themselves as liberals, but never took such positive action as Clark is now taking. The governor said he was going to call on Clark and thank him personally for his stand.

Clark said that he had ordered briefs prepared to be introduced in the covenant cases to be reviewed next week by the high tribunal, because restrictive covenants are contrary to the Fifth and 14th amendments and to the public policy of the United States.

Hastie said he believes this move made by the justice department will carry its weight with the supreme court. This also improved our position in international affairs, Gov. Hastie asserted.

Club Plans Party At Urban League

The Mary Bethune Literary Club will have their Christmas party during Christmas week at the Urban League. The guests will receive gifts and there will be a gift grab bag for members. The room will be decorated with chrysanthemum and with their club colors, blue and white. The party will be semi-formal.

Last week they had an interesting program. Winifred Winston accompanied by Mrs. Eugenia Brown rendered a solo.