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## NEGRO BEQUEATHS \$100,000 TO FISK 'UNI'

### Twelve Negroes Awarded Harmon Foundation Prize

**HARMON AWARDS GRANTED TO 12 NEGRO MEN AND WOMEN**  
Gold and Bronze Medals With \$3,000 in Honoraria Given for Creative Work.

Twelve colored men and women were accorded recognition recently for creative work in the third year of the series of the Harmon Foundation's Awards for Distinguished Achievement Among Negroes. The judges in each of the fields of literature, fine arts, business, including industry and education, named recipients for an award of a gold medal with \$400 honorarium, and a bronze medal with \$100 honorarium. In religious service, two gold medals and \$400 honoraria and one bronze award with \$100 honorarium were granted; in music, a bronze award only was given. No awards were made in science.

The total amount of cash honoraria was \$3,000. The awards are administered for the foundation by the commission on race relations of the Federal Council of Churches, George E. Haynes, secretary, 105 E. 22nd street, New York, and recognition is given only for achievement which is of national significance and which measures favorably with the best that has been done in that particular field by any race or nationality.

Claude McKay, 38, formerly of New York, poet and novelist, was granted the gold medal with \$400, in literature, for his power, skill and originality in both poetry and prose, especially his "Harlem Shadows," which was considered to voice in tragic force many of the deeper feelings of the modern Negro; also his "Home to Harlem," with its pictures of certain phases of Negro life.

Nella Larsen Imes, 35, 2588 Seventh avenue, New York, received a bronze award with \$100 in literature, for achievement shown in her novel, "Quicksand," published in 1928 and giving a detached objective picture of some conflicting elements in the race problem through the leading character, a young woman of Danish and Negro extraction.

Archibald J. Motley, jr., 37, 350 West 60th street, Chicago, was accorded the award of a gold medal and \$400 in fine arts for his artistic ability, particularly as shown in "The Octoroon Girl," an oil painting finely portraying a beautiful mulatto woman, seated with gloves in hand, dressed in dark red-trimmed clothing and wearing a hat. Mr. Motley attracted some notice last March when he held a one-man exhibit at the new gallery in New York, the first such showing to be held by a Negro in this country in many years. He was born in New Orleans and is the son of a dining car chef.

Mrs. May Howard Jackson, 51, of 1816 Sixteenth street, N. W., Washington, D. C., received the bronze award with \$100 in fine arts for work in sculpture, especially the plaster bust of Dean Kelly Miller of Howard university.

S. W. Rutherford, 62, of 609 "F" street, Washington, D. C., received the gold medal and \$400 award in business for his sound management and leadership through the National Benefit Life Insurance company, of which he is secretary and business manager. The judges considered him to have rendered an extensive group service, developing his company from a small sick benefit association with a capital stock in 1898 of \$3,000 to a legal reserve life insurance company with \$75,000 in policies in force. It has been owned, controlled and operated exclusively by Negroes, giving employment to 300 men and women in its home office with more than 1,500 men and women in its field force.

Frederick Massiah, 36, of 1342 Cypress street, Philadelphia, Pa., was granted the bronze medal and \$100 in business for outstanding work in building engineering, especially concrete construction. Working as a laborer in concrete, he rose through study in night school of construction engineering until he finally organized and developed his own business. In his home city he is known as an outstanding contractor, irrespective of race, and is just completing the Walnut Plaza apartment house there.

Monroe N. Work, 62, of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, received the gold medal and \$400 award in education for scholarly research and educational publicity through his periodic compilation and publication of the Negro Year Book and his recent exhaustive "Bibliography of the Negro in Africa and America." His bibliography represents about 20 years of painstaking research and is considered comprehensive and authoritative. His Negro Year Books are used both in America and abroad as reliable records.

John M. Gandy, 58, president of the Virginia State college, Ettricks, Va., received the award of a bronze medal and \$100 in education for developing his institution from a non-accredited school to one offering a four year course in high school education, a two year normal course, and a four year college course with "A" rating in Virginia.

J. Harold Brown, 26, director of music, Attucks high school, Indianapolis, Ind., was granted the bronze award in music for the earnestness of his work and its wide range, especially in orchestration. He is a graduate of Fisk university and the Kansas City conservatory.

The two gold awards in religious service with \$400 honoraria accompanying each, were granted to the Rev. Dr. L. K. Williams, 57, of 3101 South Parkway, Chicago, for his development of Mount Olivet Baptist church, one of the largest institutional churches in America, giving outstanding religious service on a social basis and his leadership of the Negro Baptists of the United States through the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and to Rev. James S. Russell, 71, of Lawrenceville, Va., archdeacon of the diocese of southern Virginia, for his outstanding work as a mis-

sionary minister and administrator in the development of church missions and a parish school in Virginia. He has established mission parishes, presented thousands of communicants for confirmation and founded and developed a church school which has grown and been an important factor in the educational life of his state and section.

The Rev. Channing H. Tobias, 46, 347 Madison avenue, New York, a secretary of the National Council of Young Men's Christian associations, was given a bronze award with \$100 honorarium for his leadership of colored men and boys in his work through the Colored Men's department of that organization.

The list of candidates with the judges in each field is as follows:

**Literature**  
Gold award with \$400 honorarium: Claude McKay, formerly of New York.

Bronze award with \$100 honorarium: Nella Larsen Imes, New York.

**Fine Arts**  
Gold award with \$400 honorarium: Archibald J. Motley, jr., Chicago, Ill. Bronze award with \$100 honorarium: May Howard Jackson, Washington, D. C.

**Judges:** Karl Illava, Elmsford, N. Y.; Charles A. Curran, New York; Edward Tilton, New York; Meta J. Warrick Fuller, Framingham, Mass.

**Business**  
Gold award with \$400 honorarium: S. W. Rutherford, Washington, D. C. Bronze award with \$100 honorarium: Frederick Massiah, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Judges:** Roger Babson, Babson Park, Mass.; Anthony Overton, Chicago, Ill.; B. C. Forbes, New York; Henry Bruere, New York; Kenneth F. Duncan, New York.

**Education**  
Gold award with \$400 honorarium: Monroe N. Work, Tuskegee, Ala. Bronze award with \$100 honorarium: John M. Gandy, Petersburg, Va.

**Judges:** Dr. Henry C. Pearson, Campello, Mass.; Dr. Edward T. Devine, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Parke R. Kolbe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. William A. Neilson, Northampton, Mass.

**Religious Service**  
Gold award with \$400 honorarium: Rev. L. K. Williams, Chicago, Ill., and Archdeacon James S. Russell, Lawrenceville, Va. Bronze medal with \$100 honorarium: Rev. Channing H. Tobias, New York.

**Judges:** Dr. Walter S. Athearn, Boston, Mass.; Dr. Charles A. Brooks, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Willis J. King, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Alva W. Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. W. Russell Bowie, New York.

**Music**  
Bronze award with \$100 honorarium: J. Harold Brown, Indianapolis, Ind. **Judges:** R. Augustus Lawson, Hartford, Conn.; Earnest Hutcheson, New York; Rafael Saumell, New York; James Francis Cooke, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl Ditton, New York.

No awards conferred in this field. **Judges:** Dr. George A. Dorsey, New York; Dr. E. E. Just, Washington, D. C.; Dr. William H. Lohman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sumner N. Blossom, New York.

**"NUMBER" BANKER DRAWS 90 DAYS**  
New York, Jan. 4 (ANP)—George William Lytle, 40, 32 West 132nd street, charged with being a backer of the Albany baseball lottery pool and a "Number" banker, was sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse here Monday.

The case first obtained prominence on July 5, when Lytle was followed by detectives who alleged that they caught him with policy slips and tickets on the baseball pool. When arraigned Lytle pleaded "not guilty" and said he had no connection with either pool or the "numbers." He was held for trial, however, and given a sentence. His attorney immediately filed notice of an appeal.

**HOLD HOLSTEIN KIDNAPPERS**  
New York, Jan. 4 (ANP)—Michael Hornstein, one of the ringleaders in the Casper Holstein kidnaping, was ordered held in \$25,000 bail when arraigned in court here Friday.

**NEGRO BEQUEATHS FISK UNIVERSITY \$100,000**

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4 — Prof. James Dallas Burrus, 82, first Negro to take a bachelor of arts degree in a college south of the Mason-Dixon line, who died of a heart attack on a street car here December 5, left approximately \$100,000 to Fisk university.

**MISSISSIPPI HAS ANOTHER LYNCHING**

Hattiesburg, Miss., Jan. 4 (ANP)—Clothed only in a suit of underwear, the body of Emanuel McCallum, a mechanic for a local garage, was found dangling from the limb of a tree Thursday morning about five miles south of the city.

Investigation later proved that a party of six or seven white men had called at the home of McCallum shortly before midnight, demanding admittance, claiming they were officers of the law. When the door was opened, the men swarmed in, snatched McCallum out of bed, and without giving him time to dress they rushed him into a motor car. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by strangulation at the hands of parties unknown.

The dead man was about 40 years old and had a good reputation in this vicinity. According to Sheriff Gray, McCallum's life had been threatened on a former occasion and that he had advised him to leave the city, but that on his refusal had him jailed on the basis of an alleged attack on W. D. Easterling, a white tailor, and transferred him to Purvis, for safe keeping, but released him after three or four days.

It is said that some time ago McCallum, during an argument with Easterling, struck the latter with a monkey wrench, inflicting a slight scalp wound.

No arrests have been made in the case.

**ROSENWALD IS REAL SANTA**

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Jan. 4 (ANP) — To the tots in the lower grades of the children's house of Tuskegee Institute, Julius Rosenwald was more than the name of a great and distant philanthropist. He is in a very real sense Santa Claus. For, annually, Mr. Rosenwald sends toys and useful gifts to be distributed among the children of the kindergarten, the first, second and third grades of the school at Christmas time.

Exercises at which the gifts were distributed were held at the Children's House, Thursday, before closing the school for the holidays. Mr. Rosenwald started this custom a few years ago before the death of Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute. He has continued it since throughout the years, much to the delight of the children. Whenever Mr. Rosenwald makes a trip to Tuskegee, he visits the Children's House, where he is enthusiastically greeted by the pupils.

New Orleans, La. — Liberty Life Insurance company, with home offices here, has just celebrated its eighth anniversary. During the past fiscal year the company has collected \$236,572.90 and has paid claims that amounted to \$102,076.61.



Alfred E. Smith  
Retiring Governor of New York. Defeated candidate for President on the Democratic ticket.

**COHEN'S INSURANCE CO. WINS GOVERNMENT SUIT**

New Orleans, La., Jan. 4 (ANP)—A decision handed down in favor of the government in a case against the Peoples' Industrial Life Insurance company of Louisiana on March 5, 1928, was reversed by the fifth United States circuit court of appeals, Thursday, composed of Judges Walker, Foster, and Dawkins.

The case against the insurance company was to collect approximately \$1,650 in taxes and was brought against Walter L. Cohen. John H. Lowery and B. V. Barancon, its officers. At the time of the suit the company was known as the Peoples' Benevolent Life Insurance company and was unincorporated. Due to a continual loss of money, the company liquidated in August, 1922, and formed the Peoples' Life Insurance company with twenty stockholders. After the liquidation the company paid the government an amount in taxes but this was found insufficient and a decision was obtained which compelled the payment of \$1,650.

The case was taken to the United States court of appeals and the decision was reversed on the grounds that the government failed to show any assets of value under the circumstances which would make the company subject to be sued for enforcement of these taxes.

**SAYS "DEEP HARLEM" HEADED FOR BROADWAY**

New York, Jan. 4 (ANP)—Ambitious producers are casting eager eyes on Broadway with the plan of producing new shows featuring colored actors, both in revues and in drama. The next production scheduled for an opening along the Great White Way is "Deep Harlem," sponsored by Earl Dancer, presenting an aggregation of singers and dancers in a revue with some semblance of a plot.

Headed by Tutt and Whitney, with John Mason as chief funmaker, Sterling Grant, Miss Darrell, and a group of singers, the management is whipping them into shape in the final week's practice at the Lincoln theater here in Harlem. The show is drawing splendid crowds who voice their appreciation of particular bits in most emphatic manner.

**WIFE SHOTS HUSBAND**

New York, Jan. 4 (ANP)—Walter Ayers, 28, 211 Edgecombe avenue, died in Harlem hospital Tuesday night, following a shooting fray with his wife. Mrs. Ayers told the police that her husband left home Monday morning, presumably to go to work, but when she went to the street, she saw him strolling down the avenue with another woman. The shooting then took place, the bullet entering the victim's head over the left eye.

**"BACK YARD SINGER" IS "SNOW BIRD"**

New York, Jan. 4 (ANP)—In the big drive against narcotics users and sellers now under way since the advent of the new police commissioner, Arthur Rector, known as "Old Crow" to the police, was taken into custody at the address 116 West 135th street. He pleaded guilty to being an addict and was held without bail for trial in Special Sessions. His record shows a total of seven arrests. His occupation was given as a "back yard" singer.

**ALHAMBRA THEATRE GIVES SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW**

Following its practice of giving the best shows possible, the management of the Alhambra suburban theater added a very interesting show New Year's eve. The entertainers acquitted themselves well and all enjoyed the show. The same act was repeated to a full house on New Year's night.

Washington, D. C.—The four Williams brothers, owners of a large modern bakery located at 1003 U street, N. W., celebrated their second successful anniversary on Christmas day. The firm contemplates considerable expansion during the coming year.

**NEGRO ADVANCES IN BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**Survey Shows Great Strides of Colored People in Business and Industrial Field.**

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4 (ANP)—The leaders in various fields of endeavor, in statements to the Associated Negro Press, Friday predicted that the year 1929 will be one of the most prosperous in the history of our group in America. These opinions point out the opportunities for progress and urge business men and various organizations interested in the advancement of the Negro in the commercial world to co-operate together wholeheartedly in the effort to take advantage of the possibilities of the year.

Dr. R. R. Moton, president of the National Negro Business league, said: "The year 1929 promises in my opinion, very substantial progress in business for the Negro."

President-elect Hoover has demonstrated his personal and official interest in Negro business by placing a member of our race in an important position in his department. He is also interested in and sympathetic with the problems of the southern farmer, including the Negro.

"The interest is very largely the result of his experiences and observations following the Mississippi flood of 1927. Negro business may, therefore, expect encouragement and further co-operation under his administration as president. During the year just passed the National Negro Business league conducted a survey of Negro business in 33 cities.

"The report of this survey will be issued early in the coming year. "With this survey acting as a barometer and the encouraging prospects under the approaching presidential administration together with the accumulated experiences of the past, it seems to me, that we are now ready to take the more advanced step in business which is the combination; business generally is finding in the merger a safe and sound method for cutting down operating costs and increasing efficiency.

"If Negro business will follow the more approved methods, there is every reason to believe that the year 1929 will be a banner year in our progress."

Harry H. Pace, president of the National Negro Insurance association, said: "The year 1929 will be, in my opinion, the beginning of a brighter day for Negro business of every nature. Those businesses already established which have weathered the storms of the past few years safely, have developed executives who are approaching their tasks with a clearer knowledge of business pitfalls that lay before us.

"The past has also taught us that we must do business according to the accepted rules or face disaster. "Proper investment methods, ag-

gressive selling practices, dependable service, and merchandise, together with an aroused race consciousness, will all contribute to the future sound development of our enterprise. The insurance fraternity looks forward to the new year with the belief that we are on the threshold of a development such as we have not hitherto witnessed."

C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, said: "Outlook for Negro business is indeed encouraging for the next year, providing we concentrate our efforts in a co-operative way. No great service or movement for the race's welfare can thrive without the kindly interest and co-operative service of the many agencies that make up the whole group. "Ministers, educators, the press, business, and other altruistic agencies seem to recognize this fact. Nineteen twenty-nine will spell success for our group, providing we are willing to co-operate and even merge some of the smaller organizations into a few stronger and more serviceable companies. Business with us is good."

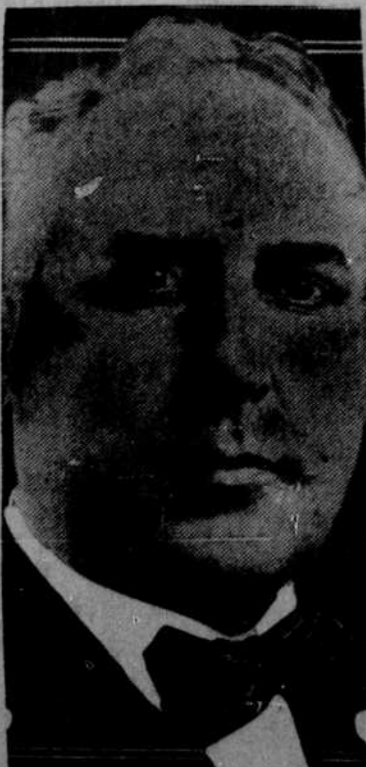
R. H. Rutherford, president of the National Benefit Life Insurance company, said: "Because of economic pressure and growing intolerance in certain sections of the country, the Negro's opportunities are being materially curtailed. The reaction will bring about closer co-operation between Negroes and Negro enterprises as we realize the importance and necessity of inter-dependent relationships. This situation creates a brighter outlook for Negro business for the new year, but the future shall become more and more hopeful as we appreciate the value of spending our dollars where they will give employment to our children."

**COMMERCIAL NEWS ITEMS**

Atlanta, Ga.—The Royal Cab company has been recently organized here by leading business men with a fleet of six modern taxi cabs. This is the first organized cab service to be placed at the disposal of colored Atlantans.

Chicago, Ill.—The Douglas National Bank with total resources of more than \$2,000,000 has just declared its third annual dividend of six per cent to stockholders as of record on December 15. Anthony Overton is the president of the bank.

Newport News, Va. — Christmas savings accounts totaling \$38,000 were paid to depositors of the Crown Savings Bank during the month of December.



ARTHUR J. WEAVER  
Governor of Nebraska who assumed the responsibility of the Commonwealth of Nebraska, January 4.



Adam McMullen.  
Retiring Governor of Nebraska