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COVERING THE COUNTRY

I have been asked to publicly analyze a statement made in this column a few weeks ago ("I Give Thanks") wherein I stated that this syndicated column appeared simultaneously in over fifty colored publications regularly and in half that many more at various intervals.

For the first time since the establishment of this column I have taken the trouble to arrange and compile this information and I am surprised to learn that in a little less than three years this column now appears in fifty-seven different towns in twenty-five states and the District of Columbia.

These papers are: Alabama—In former; Times, and the World in Birmingham, and the World in Selma, Arkansas—the World in Marianna, Arizona—the Glean in Phoenix, California, News, and New Age Dispatch in Los Angeles, Colorado—Statesman in Denver, District of Columbia the Tribune in Washington.

Florida—Sentinel, and the World in Jacksonville, Times in Miami, and the Bulletin in Tampa, Georgia, the Daily World in Atlanta, and the Tribune in Savannah, Indiana, the American in Gary, Illinois, the Bee in Chicago, Kansas—Plainsdealer in Kansas City, The Whip in Topeka, and the Star in Wichita, Kentucky—the Leader in Louisville.

Louisiana—the Broadcast in Monroe, Weekly in New Orleans, and the Sun in Shreveport, Michigan—the Independent and the Peoples News in Detroit, Mississippi—the Leader in Greenville, and the World in Jackson, Missouri—the American in Kansas City.

Nebraska—the Omaha Guide, New York—the Star in Buffalo, Fraternal Review, and the New York News in New York City, North Carolina—the Post in Charlotte, Times in Durham, Tribune in Raleigh, and the Journal in Wilmington.

Ohio—the Mirror in Cincinnati, Voice in Columbus, and the Forum in Dayton, Oregon—the Advocate in Portland, Pennsylvania—the Tribune in Philadelphia, Tennessee—the World in Chattanooga, World in Memphis, Union in Murfreesboro, and the World in Nashville.

Texas—the Express in Dallas, Register in San Antonio, and the Messenger in Waco, Virginia—the Star in Newport News, and the Planet in Richmond, West Virginia—the McDowell Times in Keokuk.

In all (early in December 1932) eighty-five different publications have made use of this column at one time or another with the fifty-three papers named herein being regular users of same, with additional papers being added every few weeks, and their cooperation acknowledged in my personal column, "This and That," in the Chicago Bee. Many other publishers, for years, have been cooperating by sending me an "exchange" copy of their publication each week.

FREE USE OF TYPEWRITERS AT CENTRAL YWCA.

All girls who are anxious to keep up their speed and practice in typing may have free use of typewriters at Central "Y", Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. o'clock. Go to the third floor, southeast corner! Be sure to bring paper on which to type! For further information call Webster 1539.

Well Known Omahan Radio Dies

MRS. ELIZABETH SPEECE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Elizabeth Speece, prominent citizen of Omaha, died at her home, 2314 North 27th Ave., Tuesday morning, December 13th after a long illness.

She is survived by three girls, Anna, Ethel, Beulah and two sons, Harry and Miles Speece.

Mrs. Speece was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

The body was taken to Myers Funeral Home.

IMPERIAL LEAGUE SERVES WAFFLE SUPPER

The Imperial League will serve a Waffle Supper from 4 p. m. to 9 p. m. Sunday evening, December 18th at the Morning Glory Tea Room. Delicious waffles, creamed chicken and coffee for 15c. The proceeds from this supper will be used to help the needy families have a merry Christmas. Grace Adams is chairman.

This League is an independent organization, but cooperates with other social agencies. Emergency cases may be referred to the league by calling Robbie Turner Davis, president at Webster 2864.

FISK UNL CHOIR BEGINS JANUARY 15, 1933

Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 3, 1932.—On January 15, the Fisk University Choir will sing in Detroit, Michigan, the first of the eleven cities in which it is to appear on the tour covering two weeks. The choir is composed of sixty college men and women under the direction of Mr. Ray Francis Brown and the assistant directorship of Mrs. James A. Myers, who is in charge of the spirituals. It will present to its audiences an unusual repertory of sacred unaccompanied music ranging from the extremely difficult church music of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries to productions by well known contemporary composers as Dett, Christiansen, Rachmaninoff, and Tertius Noble. For the first time in the history of the choir it can sing with genuine fervor "I got a robe" for now it has vestments, a personal gift of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The choir is being backed financially by Paul D. Cravath, chairman of the Board of Trustees and president of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Tertius Noble, organist and choir master of the St. Thomas Church in New York City, who was guest conductor of the choir last spring was so impressed by its singing, that he wrote last summer "O Sacred Head Surrounded" and dedicated it to Mr. Brown and the Fisk University Choir. He is to conduct a group of his own compositions on each program of the tour. David Mannes, head of the David Mannes Music School and chairman of the music committee of the Fisk Board, is cooperating with Mr. Brown and Mrs. Myers to see that the tour is artistically successful. Mrs. Ethel Bedient Gilbert, Director of Publicity, for the past five years at Fisk, has general charge of the tour. She is forming committees in each city to work with the local manager. She hopes to find great interest among all Fisk Alumni and Negroes in general in this very large undertaking.

To become a good cappella choir is to attempt one of the most difficult things in music. After five years of relentless work Fisk has made an unusual accomplishment. But behind these five years are sixty years of tradition which have made the singing of the cappella music a natural undertaking. There has been a growing musical tradition at Fisk. In 1871 the first Jubilee Singers went out to sing their way into the hearts of the world with their spirituals. Five years later in 1876 the Mozart Society was founded to study the classics as well as the spirituals, for from the earliest days it has been a practice at Fisk to teach the best of the world's music. Out of this two-fold tradition of the singing of the spirituals and of classical music has come the present cappella choir which made so great an impression through its series of coast to coast broadcasts over the Columbia Broadcasting System, one of which was transmitted to Europe.

Itinerary of the Choir: January 15, Detroit; 16, Cleveland; 18, Pittsfield; 19, Hartford; 20, New Haven; 22, Providence; 23, Boston or suburb; 25, Worcester; 26, New York City; 27, Syracuse; 29, Akron.

Radio Revue

COMING 1933 ATTRACTION; BIG RADIO REVUE

The Imperial League is sponsoring a "Big Radio Revue" mid-night show, featuring many of the well known radio stars. One of the guest artists will be Bernice Givens-Payne of Chicago. Many Omahans will be anxious to hear Bernice play and sing. Each week a list of stars will be published through the Guide. The place and date will be announced later. Robbie Turner Davis, president, Carrie Jewell, Chairman.

BILL ROBINSON DOES STUNTS IN COURT ROOM TO AMUSE JUDGE

Richmond, Va., (CNS) Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, a home town boy who has made good in vaudeville as a tap dancer and good story teller brought cheers into the drab routine of the police court one day last week while his show "Going to Town" was showing here. He paid a visit to Justice T. Gray Haddon and told a few stories and did some of his imitable stepping.

Bill told Justice Haddon that "a Negro once appeared in this court on a charge of having stolen a ride into the city on a freight train. The judge asked him if he could catch the next train out if he let him go, and the prisoner replied: 'If you let me go now I'll get out of town so fast I'll catch up with that train I rode in on.'"

After a few pleasantries about his early years spent in Richmond, Robinson went into a dance turn which he made him one of the best known figures on two continents. He pranced, strutted and stepped with all of the rhythmic, syncopating grace which have brought him the plaudits of audiences everywhere.

Before dancing Robinson and the court acted a little sketch which had the full approval of prisoners, witnesses and courtroom loungers. Robinson went into the "pen" with the prisoners, called to the judge that he could dance his way out, and without further ado gave a sample of tap dancing such as the court hasn't seen since Robinson's last appearance here.

"Bojangles" also visited the Henrico County Jail and the State penitentiary where he gave performances for the inmates.

MAN KEPT FROM GALLOWS SIX TIMES IN 18 MONTHS

Jackson, Miss., (CNS) Tom Caraway convicted of an attack on a white woman, was halted here last week by the Mississippi Supreme Court when the high tribunal granted a supersedeas in the Caraway case, which amounts to a stay of execution pending decision of the circuit judge, in which the later refused a new trial to Caraway on grounds of new evidence.

Reputation of a confession, allegedly made by Caraway immediately after the Commission of the crime, is the basis of the petition for the supersedeas, which was allowed by the court.

The repudiation is substantiated by a deputy sheriff who testified last month that Caraway did not confess although he had originally so testified.

After several scheduled hangings had been halted, Caraway was supposed to hang last spring, but in the meantime, an appeal was taken to the high court on the ground of the false testimony of the deputy.

ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE MORGAN COLLEGE BUILDING FAILS

Baltimore, Md., (CNS)—It was reported to the police that an attempt of three unidentified white men to dynamite one of the buildings on the campus of Morgan College here, failed, on Friday November 18. The men were frightened away while trying to touch off the explosives.

Wagner Presents Levee Resolution

Says No Jim-Crow in New Post Office

POST OFFICE ASSURES NAACP, NO JIM CROW ROOMS IN LOUISVILLE

New York, Dec.—Assurance has been given from the office of the Postmaster General in Washington that the Department does not intend to establish segregated rest rooms in the new Louisville, Ky., post office. Writing to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in response to its protest, Arch Coleman, First Assistant Postmaster General says:

"The Department does not contemplate the establishment and maintenance of separate rest rooms in the Louisville, Kentucky postoffice for white and colored employees or to segregate them."

The reports of intended segregation came from the Louisville branch of the NAACP, and these plans are definitely scotched.

NAACP PUSHES FIGHT ON MOB-BING AND JIM CROW IN SOUTHERN FLOUR RELIEF

New York, Dec.—Negroes and Red Cross workers distributing free government flour in Southern states are being intimidated and prevented from reporting the discrimination practiced against Negroes according to a letter sent yesterday to Judge John Barton Payne, national Red Cross chief, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The NAACP, letter points to the floggings and intimidation at Clearwater, Florida, as showing the spirit which prevails. In reply to a letter from Judge Payne, giving assurance that no discrimination would be tolerated by the Red Cross, the NAACP says:

"The very system which prevails in the South makes it impossible for a local official to report the true state of affairs to the national headquarters of the Red Cross. In many cases they are prevented from doing so by intimidation such as is clearly indicated in Clearwater, Fla., and in other cases they report no discrimination because it is not within their power, considering their training and background, to discern unjust and unfair discrimination when it actually exists."

The NAACP urges an investigation on the spot by national headquarters of the Red Cross.

New reports from Clearwater, Fla., state that none of the mobists who brutally flogged two members of the Colored Welfare Association has been apprehended. Colored people are being paid for relief work not in cash as are the whites but in grocery orders and on these orders there is no allowance for meat other than "white bacon" or fat pork, no butter, no fresh milk.

ST. MARKS RECTOR BACKS NAACP FIGHT ON N. Y. NURSE JIM CROW

New York, Dec.—L. H. King, Rector of St. Mark's M. E. Church is backing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the fight being made against the discrimination being practiced against colored nurses under the administration of J. G. Greeff, Commissioner of Hospitals.

Rev. King has written to Commissioner Greeff urging that when aliens are displaced from employment in that service, American citizens of color be given opportunity to fill the jobs made available.

"A considerable number of deserving citizens displaced in your Department by alien labor are of the Negro group," writes Rev. King. "Such a displacement works upon this group very substantial economic hardship. The considerable number of Negro

nurses, orderlies and others now unemployed, would have an opportunity as native citizens to qualify for placement in these vacancies and just consideration be given to their claims for employment."

LYNCHING IN LOUISIANA

Wisner, La., (CNS) William House a 26 year old Negro, was lynched near here last week, by a band of men who took him from the Wisner town Marshall.

The man was arrested after two young women had complained that he had insulted them. The prisoner was taken to jail at Winnsboro by the marshal for safe-keeping.

Graham and P. C. Sutton, also of Wisner, went to Winnsboro and took charge of House with the intention of returning him here for trial.

Two miles from Winnsboro, Graham said, a band of about fifteen men stopped his car and forced him to give up his prisoner and pistol.

Sheriff Allen Price of Winnsboro said the Negro's body, with two bullet wounds in it, was found hanging from a tree this morning.

APPEAL BRIEF FILED IN DUMAS CASE ASKING RAPE CONVICTION REVERSAL

Oklahoma City, Dec.—Roscoe Dunjee, president of the local branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announces that appeal brief has been filed in the Oklahoma State Criminal Court of Appeals in the case of Charley Dumas, convicted on a forced confession of rape alleged to have been committed on a white girl while Dumas was a road camp prisoner. The brief recites that Dumas was made to plead guilty without having any attorney, that he was under threat of mob violence, that he had only five minutes conversation with an attorney appointed by the court and that the presiding judge had remarked after imposing death sentence that "he wished he could pull the switch."

GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA APPOINTS FIRST NEGRO STAFF MAJOR

H. C. McCormick, bookkeeper at the Farmer's and Merchants Bank of Boley, Okla., where the Negro president was killed, received a check for \$500 which is the double award for killing bank bandits and a commission as a colonel on the Governor's staff, the first of its kind in history.

Mr. McCormick shot and killed the bandit Bridwell of the "Floyd Game" in the robbery attempt of the Farmer and Merchants' bank of Boley, Okla.

HOOVER TRAIN STORY REVEALED AS HOAX

San Francisco, Calif., (CNS)—Charles E. Fish, the railroad watchman who claimed he fought two men, one a Negro, trying to dynamite a bridge near Palsade, Nev. over which President Hoover's train was soon to pass on November 8, now admits that the story was false.

Fish after flagging the train said he heard a disturbance on the Western Pacific tracks which cross over the Southern Pacific tracks and that when he investigated he found a white man and a Negro on the overhead tracks. He said they had six sticks of dynamite, and that he had had a scuffle with the two men and that they escaped in the darkness, after injuring him.

Fish now admits that he shot himself and made up the story to gain notoriety.

CENTENARIAN DIES IN K. C.

Kansas City, Mo., (CNS) Green Burks, an aged Negro who said he was born in Saline County this State 113 years ago died here last week. He said he was a slave before the War of Rebellion.

CLAIM LEVEE CONTRACTORS UNFAIR TO COLORED EMPLOYEES

Sensational Development Awaited

WAGNER TELLS NAACP, LEVEE PROBE RESOLUTION WILL BE OFFERED MONDAY

New York, Dec.—Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York has telegraphed from Washington to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to state that his resolution calling for a Senate probe of the peonage and slavery conditions on the Mississippi Flood Control project will be introduced on Monday.

"Am working to avoid reference to committee," Senator Wagner's telegram reads, "so as to expedite consideration. Date of hearings will depend on chairman of committee if resolution is carried."

Nation wide determination to see to it that the resolution is carried in the Senate is shown by the enthusiastic mass meetings which are being reported to the NAACP from branches throughout the country.

Dr. H. Claude Hudson, President of the Los Angeles branch, reports that a large crowd attended the meeting in that city and that there was enthusiastic applause when the speaker said the Mississippi levee fight would be won as the Parker fight had been won. The meeting sent telegrams to Senators Johnson and Shortridge of California, demanding their support for the Wagner resolution, "to end the intolerable situation in Mississippi Flood project and to secure treatment for colored citizens in all government contracts."

From Cincinnati, President Theodore M. Berry reports that speakers were sent to 15 leading churches of the city which endorsed resolutions that were sent to Senators Fess and Buckley of Ohio.

In Kansas City, Mo., President John L. Love reports that telegrams went to the Missouri senators from eight of the leading churches of the city and from the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, the Association of Colored Women of Kansas City and from the local NAACP branch.

W. C. Murray, Oklahoma City branch President, telegraphs that one Oklahoma Senator, Thomas has pledged his support to the Wagner resolution and a telegram asking his support was sent to Senator Gore.

Additional senators now pledged in favor of the Wagner resolution include Senator E. S. Grammer of Washington and Senator Roscoe C. Patterson of Missouri. Senator W. Warren Barbour of New Jersey has promised to discuss the matter with Senator Wagner.

Levee Contractors Hire Lobbyist

Fred Beneke, of Memphis, lobbyist hired by the levee contractors, has reached Washington and a bitter fight on the NAACP campaign for equal treatment for colored workers is in prospect. It is reported that the contractor's lobby originally were able to defeat the bill which called for prevailing rate of pay as the standard for levee workers. Levee work is also exempted from the provisions of the eight-hour work law.

Sensational development are hinted as a possibility in the course of the fight by the NAACP, and every resource is being mobilized to carry to victory a fight which may prove to be just as close, as bitterly fought and as vitally important to colored Americans as was the Parker fight.

HARRY BUFORD'S REINSTATEMENT DEFERRED

Mr. Harry Buford, lieutenant of police, who was exonerated by Judge Woodrough from the liquor conspiracy, asked to be reinstated, but the reinstatement has been deferred until a later date.

Two other officers, Paul Sutton, and Joe Patach, were indicted with Buford. They remain under indictment owing to the mistrial.

Dr. Lennox On the Job

WRITES TO OMAHA FORD BRANCH—

December 5, 1932
Ford Motor Company,
Mr. R. A. Hayes, Vice Pres.,
16th and Cumings Streets,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:
Some time ago I wrote you relative to securing our pro rata of employment with your concern.

In your letters and in our conversation with you a favorable consideration was to be given concerning same, but today we have learned no employment has been given to members of our group. Since that time we have been informed an employee of our group who has been with your company any number of years has been let out.

I realize conditions of today, but knowing that we comprise 5 1/2 percent of the city's population and spend the same amount with your concern directly or indirectly, we are entitled to our full pro rata of employment, which would be 37 employees.

For your information a tabulated form is enclosed which shows actual conditions regarding the employment situation with your company, and we are wondering what consideration can be given regarding same.

We are hoping that a rectification can be brought about regarding employment for members of our group.

Thanking you for whatever favorable consideration you may give, I am

Respectfully yours,
Dr. G. B. Lennox, Pres.
Omaha Working Men's Commissioners,
1602 1/2 N. 24th St.

WRITES BELL TELEPHONE CO.—

December 5, 1932
Mr. W. F. Cozad, General Manager,
Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.,
1966 Douglas St.,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:
Some time ago I wrote you relative to seeking consideration in the form of employment for your Colored customers who have been constant supporters of your institution.

In your letters and in our conversation, a favorable consideration was to be given, but to date no representatives of our group have been employed.

I realize it is a great task to bring about an immediate rectification at this time, but knowing that we comprise 5 1/2 percent of the city's population and are 5 1/2 percent of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's supporters, we are entitled to our full pro rata of employment, which would be 88 employees.

For your information a tabulated form has been figured out relative to the situation regarding employment in the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, which we hope that you will carefully examine.

If there is any way that a rectification can be brought about relative to giving employment to our group it will be greatly appreciated and needed by this body of people who are also supporters of your concern, but given the least or no consideration.

Thanking you for whatever favorable consideration in the form of employment you may give, I am

Respectfully yours,
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