

Virgin Is. Squabble Ends in Dogfall; Judgeship Open

Washington, July 31, (ANP)—One of the most hectic and bitter political slugfests in recent years ended here last week with the enforced resignation of Paul M. Pearson, governor of the Virgin Islands, and T. Webber Wilson, United States judge in the islands, and the replacement of Gov. Pearson by Lawrence W. Cramer, lieutenant governor.

The fight against Pearson, a Quaker and former professor at Swarthmore college, Pennsylvania, raged through seven years. It was marked by the alienation of nearly every important political personality in the islands, despite the governor's effort "to do good in a kindly way."

Early in the administration of President Hoover, Harry Brown, an efficiency expert, who is supposed to have recommended Pearson for the job, turned against his pick for the job and sought to have Pearson ousted. Hoover stuck by Pearson.

The brickbats rained around Pearson's head with the induction into office of President Roosevelt. Pearson is a Republican. Democratic patronage bosses demanded that the Virgin Islands post be given to a Democrat. Roosevelt turned a deaf ear. But for three years the fight was kept up. Pearson fell out with his subordinates, the chief of whom was Paul Yates of Baltimore, assistant.

Yates returned to the United States after "pressure" had forced his resignation, and went to both Congress and the newspapers in the effort to upset Pearson. He was finally successful in inspiring a so-called senatorial investigation.

The investigation started with a fist fight between Yates and a friend of Pearson who claimed that Yates had slandered him. It was also marked by an acrimonious exchange of letters between Senator Millard Tydings, chairman of the senate committee, and Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes. The controversy became so bitter that President Roosevelt was forced to call a halt to the proceedings. In the meantime, the resignation of both Wilson and Pearson were obtained and new jobs given to each.

Lawrence Cramer, who succeeds Pearson, was a Pearson appointee and is a Republican. The position of Negroes in respect to the islands controversy resolves itself into the dispute between Pearson and Wilson. Wilson is a former Mississippi congressman. The job in the Virgin Islands is reported to have been obtained for him by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi to prevent Wilson from becoming an opponent in the 1936 elections.

The disaffection in the islands was intensified once Wilson had set foot on the soil. Pearson, although in some respects, defective as an administrator, had the good of the islands at heart and endeavored to do what he thought best for the inhabitants. Many improvements in the economic condition of the natives and in educational opportunities were made during his regime. He was fair on the racial question. When the Pan-American airman, Anderson and Forsythe, visited St. Thomas, they

were housed at Government House as Pearson's guests. Pearson chose several able native Virgin Islanders for administrative posts.

Wilson's administration of justice in the islands, on the other hand, was not marked by any exemplary instances of progress and, in one case, he brazenly offended the islanders when he assumed to himself the power of prosecutor, judge and jury in the alleged trial of Leonard McIntosh, a native clerk. Although the United States prosecutor insisted that there was not sufficient evidence to convict McIntosh on charges of misuse of funds and refused to prosecute, Wilson arbitrarily found McIntosh guilty and sentenced him to prison. The case is now on appeal.

The natives divided their allegiance between Pearson and Wilson, not because they loved the Mississippi, but because some influential native leaders were necessarily left out when Pearson had laded out the jobs under his command, and those left out were hopeful that with a change of administration, even under a "Wilson party" they might get in.

Motives somewhat selfish prompted activity on the mainland also. There were some colored leaders who opposed Pearson, not because he was wrong, but because they were hopeful that if he were pushed out, a Negro would be appointed to the post. Roosevelt spoiled that hope with the appointment of Cramer.

There is still an opportunity, however, for the administration to make a significant gesture to Negro voters. The judgeship, occupied by Wilson, is now vacant. Before his appointment, Attorney General Cummings had been approached on behalf of C. Francis Stradford, former president of the National Bar Association. Harrison's insistence on behalf of Wilson, however, killed Mr. Stradford's chances, although his endorsements were numerous and substantial. It is probably that the National Bar Association meeting this week in Nashville, Tenn., will make some representation in this respect.

Pearson and Wilson have both been given other federal jobs, Wilson as a member of the federal parole board, member of the federal parole board, replacing a woman Republican member who was asked to resign, and Pearson as an assistant administrator in the PWA, in charge of public welfare.

The Senate has not confirmed the appointment of Cramer and reports come from the Virgin Islands that certain of the natives oppose his selection.

Man Killed Sitting On Front Porch

Memphis, Tenn., July 31, (ANP)—Police are looking for the murderer of Dan Morgan, 62, who was shot and killed here Tuesday afternoon as he sat on his front porch at 115 Looney street. No clue as to the identity of the cause of the killing could be advanced by family or friends of the slain man, who was shot six times.

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A Different Stepin Famed Film Comedian Has Some Surprising Traits.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 31, By Jacob Anderson for ANP—No where in America and perhaps no where in the world, I believe could the event which sat through last Tuesday night have been duplicated.

It was on the occasion of the seasonal opening of the "Symphonies Under the Stars," the famous symphony orchestra concert season at the Hollywood Bowl here. Forty thousand people sat out in the open in this great natural amphitheater nestled down between the mountains in this fantastic movie and, and heard a musical program played by one of the country's superlative symphony orchestras conducted by the famed Otto Flenkner.

I was the guest of "Stepin Fetchit," that noted prince of clownish laziness on the screen, whose name is a household word and whose indolent drawing speech and actions have brought marriage to thousands of theater audiences.

The night was a perfect one, the sort of California weather you read about. The moon which had been in total eclipse the evening before, shone with a radiance which made electric lights superfluous and the dome of the heavens overhead was crowded with myriads of stars.

In Stepin Fetchit's box, which he confided later, he has retained by the season ever since he came to Hollywood in 1925, sat also Etta Moten, stage and screen celebrity and two of the film comedian's friends, Bernice Patton and her husband. Nearby were celebrities by the score; Edmund Lowe of the movies, Marlene Dietrich, Lily Pons, the Metropolitan Opera Star, who later was to appear on the program, Schell-lynn, the noted conductor, Isabe Morse Jones, Reuben D. Bird, president of the Philharmonic Society and president of Occidental college, all sorts of film stars and three or four hundred members of the American Bar Association, which was holding its convention here were grouped in a body.

There in the center sat a man who has devoted his artistry to type of Negro, a type which at the development of a humorous times he seems to live off the screen as well as on. What attraction, I wondered, could this distinctly high brow entertainment have for an exponent of definitely low brow comedy? I was soon to find out.

As the conductor lifted his baton and the eighty musicians swung into Debussy's "The Sea" I watched Stepin Fetchit closely. Well tailored, with a brown slouch hat lying in his lap, his head resting on his hand which was supported by his elbow carelessly placed on the rail of the box, he sat in a familiar pose and as the matchless music rose and fell, his face wore a serious expression and he seemed oblivious to all about him.

A large section of people clapped at an inopportune time. Stepin turned frowning and impatient. "Those are a bunch of first nighters," he complained. "They auspicious occasion. They are not opening night because it is an crowd out to the bowl on the real music lovers. Most of these people are here though because of their sheer love of the beautiful and artistic."

"While I engage my box by the season and never miss a performance when I am not working, I frequently occupy it alone because so few of my friends really care for this sort of music. When visitors come though, folk whom I feel are appreciative, this is the one place in all California to which I really like to bring them."

The orchestra was now playing "Egmont" Overture by Beethoven, a musical composition based on Goethe's dramatic play and which pictures the conflict between the oppressed Netherlands and the Samphish hosts which overran the Dutch country in the 15th century.

Mentioning the theme of the symphony, I asked Stepin whether he felt any relation in the music to the sense of oppression such as might be felt by a group situated as the Negroes in America are.

"No", he replied. "I don't read anything into the music. I just like to listen. I never studied music, but I love it."

"If you just keep still and let

the music take charge of you, you feel altogether different. It makes you want to do something, to be somebody"; then lapsing as he frequently does into his drawing dialect, he added, "It does sump-in to you."

The orchestra paused again.

Stepin went on:

"These are great people who attend these concerts. The biggest folk in the movie business are here. The really great people of America come to California to play and relax and you'll find them right out here in this bowl. I just try to drink the music in. In absorbing it you absorb some of what it means and of the thoughts of the folk around you. It gets your spiritual side. It deals with God and the things affecting God. I'm a Catholic, you know."

"You know the secret of my God, I'm a Catholic, you know."

"What is it?"

"It's the power of the art of doing nothing," he replied, with a smile and then added, "the value of relaxing."

"They say I'm lazy," he grinned, "but I know what I'm doing every minute. The Fox Moving Picture Company pays me because I do know and because I've got something people want. Let's go," he ended as he led the way to his expensive Lincoln car, slipping swiftly to avoid autograph seekers.

The car sped out the boulevard at almost incredible speed, weaving in and out of traffic which seemed impassable and yet he was master of it with those same slow indolent motions one feels are second nature to him.

So this is Stepin Fetchit, I thought, or at least part of him. The car stopped at Sebastian's Cotton Club, a night spot far superior in beauty and appointments to its Harlem namesake. During dinner I got a chance to hear a lot more of Stepin's philosophy as we watched the excellent show staged by Valaida Snow and featuring Ananias Berry, Flora Washington, Mae Diggs, Rutledge and Taylor Dudley, Martha and Cliff Ritchie and a clever ballroom dance team.

Stepin is a natural philosopher I learned. He knows his white people far better than they probably imagine that he does and if you are ever privileged to hear his views on the worthwhileness of Negroes and the problems of color in general you'll have a far different idea of this eccentric star than you could ever get by watching one of his films. They are what he is paid for.

"Ukelele" Joe Re- turns to Omaha

My trip to Utah, Nevada and California, was indeed a wonderful trip. Everyone seemed to be happy and cheerful. Our group does not seem to have discovered the depression, from the action, appearance, and sociability of them. Everyone seem abundantly happy.

I visited Boulder Dam, which is the most wonderful, gigantic, engineering feat, I guess in the world. It is something that you cannot explain, unless you actually see it.

I went boating on the Boulder Lake, which is formed by the Dam, and is the greatest man made lake in the world. At the present time this Lake is 250 feet deep and at the end of three years, it will be 780 feet deep. A radius of 250 miles long.

It is wonderful to ride on the air conditioned cars. The president of the U. P. was riding on this train, and after all the passengers were placed on the train, he then took care of himself.

All friends in Los Angeles sends their kindest regards and best wishes to their Omaha friends, hoping at sometime, that they will be able to visit their wonderful and beautiful city.

Our colored friends are doing good in the moving picture industry, receiving a very good break and plenty of recognition.

Business seems very good all over the western part of the country. Weather ideal and of course some parts of the country is very hot.

I am feeling swell, and glad to be back home. All my friends please tune in shortly over W.O.W. to hear ole "Ukelele Joe" play.

Farmer Escapes Lynchers

Columbus, Miss., July 31. CNA —Rayfield Sutton, 23-year-old farmer, outwitted a lynch gang and safely crossed the Arkansas state line.

The would-be lynchers were aided by deputy sheriffs and blood hounds.

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MILLER WRITES MAXIE

Maxie Miller Writes
(For the Literary Service Bureau)

Husband Suspects Wife—Bought a Gun to Kill Both and Plead Unwritten Law—Unwritten Law Is No Law at All—Both of Age and One As Guilty as the Other—Such Killing Would Be Murder—Doubleless Husband Guilty of Same Crime—Better "Chuck the Rough Stuff" And Avoid Big Trouble!

(For advice, write to Maxie Miller, care of Literary Service Bureau, 516 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. For personal reply and self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Maxie Miller: I have conclusive evidence that my wife is intimate with a man who has been my friend. I think I'll kill this man and plead the famous unwritten law. Seems to me any man has the right to protect his home. My wife denies it but I am sure it is true. Advise me quick because I've bought the gun—Jack

Jack Daw: You'd be a criminal and a fool to use that gun as you are inclined to do. If what you think is true, why kill the man when your wife was willing and as guilty as he? Then since both are of age you have no right to kill either. Better "chuck that rough stuff," or you'll be a real Jack, minus the ears and tail. Then, Jack, I am wondering if you have been guilty of such a thing, since nearly all men are? Think now, Mr. Jack, and consider if you deserve to be killed! The unwritten law is no law at all, and such a killing would be murder. No sir, Mr. Jack, don't kill anybody.—Maxie Miller.

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Describes Assistance for College Students of New York City

New York, July 31, (ANP)—The National Urban League has been advised that the following provisions must be adhered to by students desiring a college education who make application to the National Youth Administration for assistance and urges all colored young men and women who are desirous of continuing their education to become acquainted with the conditions under which applications may be submitted.

Students Who Are Eligible to Participate.

1. The student must be able to do high-grade college work and must be financially unable to go to college without this assistance.

Institutions Which are Eligible to Provide Part-Time Jobs.

1. All institutions of collegiate grade, both public and private are eligible to participate in the program provided they are non-profit making in character.

2. If you are not sure that the institution you wish to attend comes under this classification, consult your State Youth Director.

Type of Aid Available.

1. The aid provided students in the form of part-time jobs, which enable students to earn on the average of \$15 per month while attending school.

2. There are no scholarships or loans to college students provided by the Youth Administration, as Congress has never authorized such an expenditure of funds.

How to Make Application.

1. Make your application direct to the president of the institution you wish to attend, asking specially for an assignment of one of the part-time jobs being provided by the National Youth Administration. In order to secure one of these jobs it is not essential that you attend a college in the state in which you reside.

2. In the event that the college of your first choice is unable to assign you a job, because their quota is filled, you should consult your state Youth director as he may be able to suggest other colleges which have not yet filled their quota.

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YOUR CHILD AND THE SCHOOL

By Dr. ALLEN G. BELAND
Director, Physical and Health Education
New Jersey State Department of Public Instruction

Grown ups often take on a wistful look when someone mentions "the barefoot boy." But parents, too many parents, take on a look of alarm when a son expresses a desire to be that boy.

What a pity it is that rumor can destroy so much good fun! If a person doesn't worry about pickles and ice cream, or milk and orange juice taken together, he's sure to believe in going barefoot. Now there are two causes for worry but neither of them is flat feet. Arching may break when a child persists in jumping from high places, but it happens just as readily with shoes on. Arching also breaks easily when a child is undernourished. But the simple rite of going barefoot in the summer doesn't mean a sure case of flat feet.

The two causes for worry are hookworm in certain parts of the country and the punctured wound. Where hookworm is prevalent, the readers are usually well informed as to prevention and treatment. But the punctured wound is too often neglected. We're too content with a wash and a swab of antiseptic. The great danger is tetanus or lockjaw, which is frequently a fatal disease. There is one safeguard—tetanus antitoxin. When a child steps on a nail, take him to a physician. To neglect the precaution is folly of the worst kind.

How to get a tan painlessly will be Dr. Ireland's next subject.

Negro on Texas Grand Jury

Scottsboro Ruling Cited.

San Marcos, Tex., (CNA)—White-washing, in advance, further trials of cases dealing with Negroes, the Hays county grand jury has a Negro serving on it for the first time in years. He is Charles Connally, and is about 60 years old.

Restrictions.

The district court, in beginning its selection of Negroes for jury service, based its action on the fact that higher courts, especially since the Scottsboro decisions, have reversed decisions in cases dealing with Negroes because no Negroes served on the juries.

Hithertofore, Negroes have not been called for jury service, although the law is to the effect that they are eligible to serve if they could read and write.

Ku Klux Center.

San Marcos, the county seat, was a leading Ku Klux town when the Klan was in its hey-day here. The jury service does not mean any fact that Negroes are being called for or deal for the Negro people. Instead, it will be a means of blocking any reversal of verdicts where appeals might be based upon the ground that no Negroes served on the jury.

Legal Notices

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska:

In the Matter of the Estate of Lucy Jones, Deceased.

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the Estate of Board Battles, Deceased:

All persons interested in said matter are hereby notified that on the 26th day of June, 1935, Joseph D. Lewis filed a petition in said County Court, praying that his final administration account filed herein be settled and allowed, and that he be discharged from his trust as administrator and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 20th day of July, 1935, and that if you fail to appear before said Court on the said 20th day of July, 1935 at 9 o'clock A. M., and contest said petition, the Court may grant the prayer of said petition, enter a decree of heirship, and make such other and further orders, allowances and decrees, as to this Court may seem proper, to the end that all matters pertaining to said estate may be finally settled and determined. Begins 6-29-35 Bryce Crawford Ends 7-13-35 County Judge

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