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## BORAH EXPLAINS LYNCH BILL STAND

### Advisory Committee State Supervisors Meet In Wash.

The Technical Advisory Committee for the Survey of Vocational Education and guidance of Negroes being sponsored by the Office of Education, Department of the Interior, is meeting in Washington this week to offer advice concerning major policies and problems in connection with the Survey. Supervisors of the same survey in the several states held a meeting in the Office of Education today.

Appointed by J. W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, the Committee includes officers of national education, professional, business, labor, and religious organizations, as well as members of certain other organizations having a special interest in the education of Negroes throughout the country.

The Survey of Vocational Education and Guidance of Negroes, made possible by a grant of \$235,000 to the Office of Education from Federal emergency funds, will be conducted in approximately 150 communities of 34 states. Dr. Ambrose Caliver, (Continued on Page 8)

### Business, Professional Men Will Hold Mass Meet

Business and Professional men will hold a mass meeting at Pilgrim Baptist church, 25th and Hamilton Streets, Sunday, February 9th at 8:00 p. m. On the program that will be given, the following named persons will appear, representing the business organizations with which they are connected.

Dr. Wesley Jones, NAACP. I. Carey, Square Deal Stores. Mrs. Joseph Lewis, Lewis Mortuary. B. S. Sutton, Omaha Guide. Dr. Herbert Wiggins, the principal speaker, subject "Health".

The following named persons will render musical numbers: Mrs. J. Stewart, Miss Lucy Mae Stamps, Mrs. L. B. Huston, A. B. Young.

C. Adams will act as Master of Ceremonies. The public is cordially invited.

### Blanks for Old Age Pensions Are Ready

Lincoln, Jan. 30—The blank forms to be filled out by applicants for old-age pensions in Nebraska are ready for distribution to county boards, Irl D. Tolen, director of assistance announced today.

The blanks will be explained to county boards next Tuesday when a school of instruction will be held with Assistant Attorney General Milton C. Murphy and Tolen in charge.

The inventor of a new thermostat asserts that it will keep the temperature of a room within a quarter of a degree of what is desired.

### CAB CALLOWAY STILL ON THE AIR

Correction Of The Report That  
Was Circulated In Error

Special to The Omaha Guide from  
Richard Mack

An item which seems to be going the rounds from one colored newspaper to another, and has no apparent basis on fact, is the so-called report that Cab Calloway and his Cotton Club Orchestra has been barred from the ether waves. Where the rumor started, nobody knows, and who was supposed to lend it authenticity is also a mystery. The fact is that to date not one white newspaper has given the item either credence or an inch of space.

Please note that two weeks following the first announcement that Cab Calloway and his Cotton Club Orchestra had been barred from the air they appeared as guest artists on the Al Jolson coast to coast broadcast (Saturday, Jan. 25th, 9:30 to 10:30 E. S. T.) Radio circles are still commenting that appearance, and Jolson, himself, introduced the orchestra by saying it was one of the greatest in America today.

I am sending out this information to you and I hope that you will take it in the spirit in which it is offered. I think it only fair that you give at least as much space to the enclosed authentic report of Cab's very successful broadcast as was devoted to the article in question. I should additionally be very happy to learn from you where the original information emanated and who lent his name as authority to that information.

I know that in the interest of good journalism and reporting and additionally in the true interest in members of your own race, you will co-operate with me in the matter.

Mouri sincerely,  
Richard Mack

### John Mills Buried

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Feb. 5—John Charles Mills, 25, of the four Mills brothers, famous radio artists, who died Friday of a lung ailment contracted during a tour of England, was buried beside the grave of his sister, Mary, who died last November. His father, John Mills, had taken his place in the quarter. Zero weather prevented services at the grave, but more than 250 persons, who had known them when they were street and barber shop singers in Piqua attended rites in a funeral home.

Joe Louis of Detroit, sensational Negro heavyweight boxer, sent flowers. Miron Clark, a boyhood friend, joined the mixed choir of the Grace AME church in songs. Reverends J. D. White, pastor, and Harry Beasley, of Lima, former pastor, offered prayers and psalms and described the happiness John had brought the world in the four years of his rise from the streets to radio, stage and screen fame. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Gross Mills, an infant son, three brothers and parents.

### PROGRAM AND BANQUET

A program and banquet was given honoring Mr. H. L. Anderson, who left the city, February 4, 1936 for Louisville, Ky., where he has been appointed District manager of one of the leading Insurance Companies of that city.

1. Song.....Negro Nat'l Anthem
2. Invocation.....Rev. M. B. Bilbrew
3. As a Leader.....  
.....Mr H. C. Garner  
.....(Pres. 18 yrs.) Vice Pres.  
.....New Era S. S. Convention
4. Selection.....Zion Harmony 4
5. As an Organizer.....Mr. M. E. Webb (Pres. 12 yrs.) Vice Pres. New Era S. S. Alliance.
6. As an Instructor.....Rev. F. C. Williams (Supt. 15 years), Ass't Supt. Zion B. S. sch'l
7. Solo.....Mrs. Irene Morton
8. As an Associate.....Dr. M. E. Johnson (V. P. & Loan Trustee 3 yrs.) Sec. Peerless Saving Club
9. As a Citizen.....Mr. A. R. Goodlett, Chairman of Program Committee of S.S. Alliance
10. Solo.....Miss Estella Robertson
11. As a Mason.....Mr. Ed. Fletcher AF&AM. (28 years Wm. & Gr. Sec. & DGM.
12. Solo.....Thomas Jones
13. As a Church Officer.....Rev. M. K. Curry, DD. (15 yrs. Deacon & Trustee) Pastor Zion Baptist Church
14. As a Board.....Mr. H. W. Black Folk Home
15. Solo.....Mrs. Wm. Downing
16. As a Worker.....Rev. F. S. Goodlett (18 yrs. Member) Moderator New Era Bapt. Ass'n.
17. Selection.....Zion Harmony 4 Committee.....Dr. A. L. Hawkins, Mr. M. E. Webb, Mr. A. R. Goodlett, Rev. M. K. Curry, DD., Rev. F. C. Williams, Dr. M. E. Johnson, Mr. H. C. Garner, Rev. F. S. Goodlett.

### Herndon's Plea Is Heard In Georgia Supreme Court

The Georgia Supreme Court last Friday heard Whitney North Seymour, a defense attorney retained by the International Labor Defense for Angelo Herndon, argue against the 1866 insurrection law under which Herndon was sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the Georgia chain gang. Seymour contended the law was so vague "a jury of the wisest men could not determine its intent," and asserted Herndon was sentenced solely because of his activity on behalf of the unemployed in Atlanta.

The recent decision of Judge Hugh M. Dorsey in Atlanta holding the law unconstitutional has been appealed to the Georgia Supreme Court by the prosecution.

### Missouri University Sued Over Color Bar

NAACP Brings Court Action To  
Gain Admission to Law  
School For Student

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People last Friday launched its second great legal attack against the educational color bar when it acted to force the University of Missouri to admit Lloyd L. Gaines, 24-year-old St. Louis youth to the University's school of law.

### MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY SEEK NEW SCHOOL SITE

Definite plans for the obtaining of a new site and buildings for the Municipal University of Omaha so that there will be proper accommodations for its present students and for future growth will be carried out this year if recommendations made by Rowland Haynes, President of the University, are accepted by the Board of Regents of the University. President Haynes' views in regard to the building of a great Municipal University were contained in his annual report which was presented to the Board of Regents and which has been filed at the City Hall.

At the end of August 31, 1936, it is estimated that the University would have a cash balance of more than \$350,000, which would be the nucleus of the new site and building fund.

In connection with the laying out of plans for a new site and new University buildings, President Haynes brought out the following points:

The campus should be a minimum of forty acres. Sixty acres would be more desirable. If a forty-acre (Continued on Page 5)

### Utilities D'Haiti, Inc., Elects Officers For Ensuing Fiscal Year

New York, Feb. 5—At a meeting of the recently selected board of directors of the Utilities D'Haiti, Inc., held at their offices on Monday evening, Leon F. DesPortes, founder and general manager of the concern, was unanimously elected president, J. Lewis Hooker, an insurance broker and resident of Brooklyn, was elected vice-president, Miss Ivy L. Braxton, who served so successfully as secretary during the past fiscal year was drafted as secretary and Eugene Alexander, a student in economics was elected assistant secretary. Henry I. Phillip who served diligently as a treasurer for a period of eighteen months was unanimously re-elected.

Mr. Phillip is a graduate pharmacist who prior to his graduation had a number of years of experience in handling of tropical products.

The other directors include: Cuthbert Spencer, attorney-at-law who guided the legal destiny of the corporation in its formative years, Louis Etienne, Arthur L. Ermund, Howard C. Norfleet, Thomas St. Louis, John Solomon, and Y. Calmon Henery. All these directors are men of business experience in both local and foreign fields.

The stockholders voted unanimous approval of the policy of the general manager, Leon F. DesPortes, and his staff of assistants, including commendation of the work of Miss Ivy Braxton.

The Utilities D'Haiti, Inc., which had its inception in August, 1934, has made great strides forward in the importation of Haitian products. Chief among the products are coffee, cashew nuts and sandals for both house and street wear.

The coffee has caught the popular favor of many restaurant owners and grocers. Harlem's specialists in what the better dressed summer strollers would wear have served notice that a large stock of street sandals will be needed to meet the demand, if and when the summer sun should penetrate Harlem's covering of ice and snow.

### General Motors Symphony Orchestra Concerts

February 9, 1936

Erno Rapee, Conductor  
Emanuel Feuermann, Cellist.

#### PROGRAM

- I. Overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor".....Nicolai
- General Motors Symphony Orchestra
- II. "Hungarian Rhapsody".....Popper  
Emanuel Feuermann
- III. "Valse des Fleurs".....Tchaikowsky  
General Motors Symphony Orchestra
- INTERMISSION
- IV. Ballet Music from "Le Cid".....Massenet  
(a) "Morning Song"  
(b) "Andalouse"  
(c) "Aragonaise"  
General Motors Symphony Orchestra
- V. (a) "Rondeau".....Dvorak  
(b) Intermezzo from "Goyescas".....Granados  
(c) "The Swan".....Saint-Saens  
Emanuel Feuermann
- VI. "Polovetsian Dances" from "Prince Igor".....Borodin  
General Motors Symphony Orchestra

### "Mystery Chef" Radio Program Is Popular

The "Mystery Chef" gas cooking program sponsored by the Metropolitan Utilities District over station WOW is very popular. Thousands of comments and inquiries have been received commending the program, which is designed to assist Omaha women to enjoy the advantages of gas cooking to its fullest.

W. J. Baker, Assistant General Manager of the Metropolitan Utilities District, said:

"From the numerous comments that are pouring in we can conclude that The "Mystery Chef" program is being enthusiastically received not only in Omaha but throughout Nebraska and Iowa.

"Through this program the Utilities District is attempting to broaden its scope of service to housewives who use gas for cooking. We invite every Omaha woman to listen to the "Mystery Chef" over WOW at 10:00 a. m. each Tuesday and Thursday. A particularly attractive prize is being offered to listeners—a prize every woman will be happy to have."

A double ended vacuum cup has been invented to hold an egg in a cup and the cup on a plate while the egg is being eaten from its shell.

Pressing a button causes the top of a new European automobile to disappear into the rear deck or raise it after it has been lowered.

### IDAHO SENATOR SAYS NEGRO MUST UPHOLD U S CONSTITUTION

#### ENTERS PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Boston Medic Is Back Home With Nazi Bride

Boston, Feb. 5—(ANP)—Back home with his blue-eyed German bride wed on his birthday, Sept. 17, in Berlin, Dr. Thomas W. Patrick, Jr., and his wife, the former Fraulein Herta Ellenbo, were honored at a reception tendered here last week by the bride-groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Patrick, Sr., one of New England's foremost Negro families.

Dr. Patrick Jr., who is 28, has not stated just what he plans to do here. He did declare, however, that during his five years in Germany where he studied medicine at the University of Berlin he was nicely treated by the Nazis. He was shown no prejudice whatever—a condition he said he had not met in America.

The medic returned home in (Continued From Page 3)

### Twenty Ghaingang Prisoners Burn To Death at Scottsboro

Scottsboro, Ala., Feb. 5—This Southern town, which gave its name to the world famous rape case involving nine Negro boys, got back into the news last week where 20 shackled Negro chaingang prisoners were burned to death on a convict transfer truck when one of them tried to warm his hands over a piece of paper and set fire to a drum of gasoline.

These trucks are not provided with facilities for keeping prisoners warm in cold weather. Convicts are forced to mave about or shift as best they can to keep from freezing if they are moved in subnormal temperatures.

There were 22 prisoners, all Negroes. John Stokes of Birmingham and Paul Dawson of Demopolis, near the rear of the vehicle, were saved when the white guards, H. M. Middlebrook of Montgomery and C. R. Wasson of Danville, pulled them from the truck and rolled them in the snow to extinguish their blazing clothing. The white men suffered severe burns about the hands and face. Doctors said the surviving prisoners probably would die.

According to the reported story of Stokes and Wasson, one of their fellow prisoners pulled a piece of paper from his pocket and lit it to warm his hands. A spark apparently fell into the gasoline container which spread over the conveyance immediately.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5—Senator William E. Borah reiterated his objection to the Costigan-Wagner anti-Lynching bill as being unconstitutional but offered to "put his shoulders to the wheel" for any measure which could pass his sensitiveness on the Constitution in an exclusive interview with the Bureau on Negro Affairs, here, this week.

Pointing out that his reply to Walter White, secretary of the NAACP had been "interpreted in error" if it led Negroes to believe that he is "in favor of lynching as an American Institution", Senator Borah referred, with obvious pride, to an instance in his own Idaho when a Negro was being threatened with lynching:

"The jail had been surrounded", the rugged Idahoan said, "and the boy would undoubtedly have been lynched if I had not gone to the place with one other person and spirited him away. I later employed a lawyer and saved him from being sent to jail."

When asked how he felt about the storm of protests which has come down on his head because of his stand, the senator held that while he would like to have every vote he could get if he carries the Republican ribbons, he would not for a moment go back on what he thinks is an honorable tradition of "never voting for a bill which I think unconstitutional."

The candidate for the Republican nomination at Cleveland (Continued on Page 5)

### Frederick D. Wigington Dies

The funeral services of Frederick Douglas Wigington, son of the old pioneer family of Wesley W. Wigington, were held at the Myers' Funeral Home at 2:30 p. m., Friday, January 31st. The sermon was preached by Rev. L. P. Bryant, pastor of St. John's AME church. It was one of the most beautifully, comforting messages ever pronounced at a service of this kind. Mr. W. L. Myers sang "The Great White Throne", "Evening Prayer" and "Alone". The pallbearers were Messrs. Harry Lewis, Harry Long, Cleo Mortimer, William Rawlins, Burt Johnson and Buckner.

Mr. Wigington died in Sheridan, Wyo., January 22nd, after a rather brief illness. His body was brought to Omaha by his sister, Mrs. A. L. Bell, of Sheridan, for burial in the family (Continued on Page 8)