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## W.P.A. WOMEN FORCED TO PICK COTTON

### Local Opinions on Black Appointment

#### Guide Reporter Interviews Local Leaders Following Radio Address: Appointment Generally Vetoed

Mr. James P. H., proprietor of the Mid Way Cafe, and the Harlem night club, says, "I think it's a shame. A man goes for Supreme Justice, should be a man that is not a KKK and a man that is not against any creed of any kind. I don't think that Black should have that job. He admitted once having belonged to the KKK organization. There is one question that he failed to answer in his broadcast, and why did he fail to answer it is, 'Why did he join the KKK.' Answer it, will you.

streets, says, "I am not much in favor of the appointment. There is too much opposition."

Mrs. Willa Johnson, one of Omaha's leading beauticians, stated: "I haven't read much about it, all I know is what the different people have to say about it, so I would rather not make a statement until I have fully read about the matter."

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#### Praise Officials For Wage Adjustment

Atty. Ray L. Williams, 2502 No. 24th street, stated the following: "I think his appointment is a serious mistake, and was without the knowledge of facts of the political history of the man. I think any man that partook the oath of the Klan, certainly was not in sympathy with its program, and this was true of Black. Then he was willing to sacrifice his alleged fairness to all groups for a political office and since he has acted, his membership whether it is active with the Klan, makes him absolutely unfit for the seat on the seat of the Supreme Bench. The colored people should join hands with the other fair minded people to eliminate or blot out this black spot in the history of these United States.

New York, Oct. 7 (ANP)—Pullman porters and maids throughout the country this week were high in praise of the importance played recently by Champ Carry, vice president of the Pullman Company and Robert Cole, representative of the National Mediation Board, in the negotiations leading up to the \$1,250,000 wage increase granted to nearly 9,000 Pullman employees. The two representatives met with A. Philip Randolph and Milton P. Webster, president and vice president, respectively, of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, in negotiations which began in Febr. 1937, and which were climaxed in mid August, by the company's offer made on its motion to grant wage increases totalling nearly \$90,000 a month, based on a 24 hour month. The working agreement was signed by the Pullman Company representatives and those of the Brotherhood, on August 25th in Chicago offices of the Pullman Company.

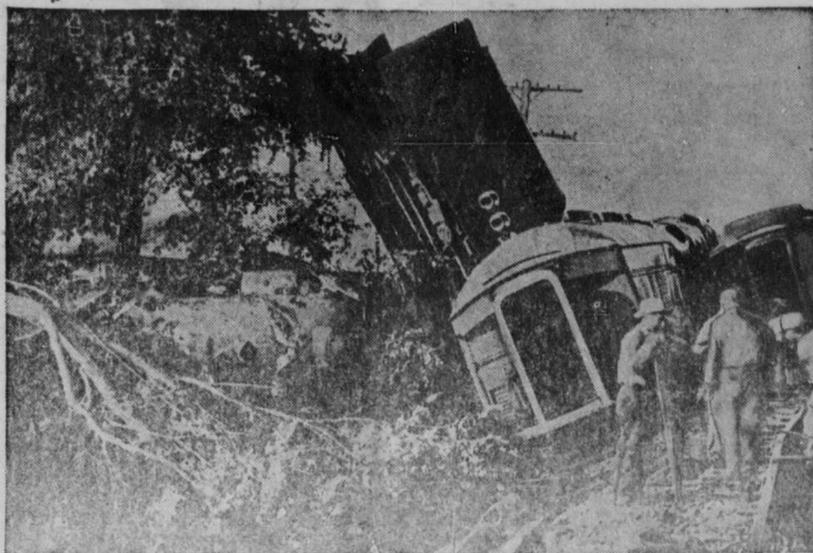
#### Warns Catholics To Aid Negroes Now Before Reds Do

Brooklyn, Oct. 7 (By Roth Francis for ANP)—In a recent issue of Interracial Review George K. Hunt, under the caption "Catholics, Communism and the Negro," contends that interracial justice is an essential part of social justice, and white Catholics have not realized that the Negro group is the most disadvantaged in America. Admitting the fact that the Negro is the most logic ally of Communism, he regrets also "Mean time, the Communists is pointing out to the Negro the cruel injustices that are heaped upon him, promising him equality of opportunity and actually treating him with respect as a human being. The Catholic who feels that we can afford to wait a decade or two until race prejudice has worn away is living in a fool's paradise. The appeal of Communism to the Negro is even more imminent than the general threat of Communism in America. This is an immediate problem that challenges our interest and our enlightened action."

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### One Killed, 12 Hurt in Railroad Wreck



New Haven, Ind.—The engineer was killed and a dozen other persons injured as this passenger train, bound from Detroit to St. Louis, plunged from the tracks. The locomotive almost buried itself in the ground at the force of the impact, the cause of which was not immediately determined.

#### CCC To Discharge 75,000 Enrollees

Washington, Oct. 7 (ANP)—Civilian Conservation Corps officials said last week that approximately 75,000 enrollees will be discharged during September, to comply with an act of Congress extending CCC for three years. According to the act, the age limit for enrollees was fixed at 24 years, the time service limited to two years. Those dismissed, say officials, either have passed the age limit or served more than two years. A drive for CCC employment by business and industrial firms was started on Labor day.

#### Local Society Girl Repudiates The Charge of Suit

The Oakland Tribune printed the following story, and the clipping of the same was mailed to the accused. "Wife's Suit Names 'Other Woman'." Her husband told her he was going with another woman and then added insult to injury by adding that she was 'too dumb to see it,' Mrs. Mattie M. Dotson, 20, of 3028 Harper street, Berkeley, charged in her divorce suit, filed in Superior court yesterday.

"Kenneth A. Dotson, 24, is the husband. The 'other woman' named in the complaint is Juanita Artison. She is about 19, Mrs. Dotson's attorney, John C. Henderson, said.

"The couple were married in Berkeley, June 17, 1934. They separated July 15, 1937. They have two children, Kenneth, and Charles, 5 months.

"On one occasion, the wife says her husband struck her, causing a permanent scar. "She asks \$20 a month support for herself and \$40 a month for the children." Mrs. Lewis Artison, jr. made the following statement denying the above printed article which was printed in the Oakland Tribune: "I, Mrs. Lewis Artison, jr. wish to state that this item is not true, and I know nothing of such an affair. The reason for my leaving my husband, Mr. Lewis Artison, jr. was having affairs with other women in the same house where we lived. The other woman was Beulah Gibbons. I wish to state also that Mr. Artison, jr., struck me leaving me ill in bed for two weeks. I also wish to state that Mr. Artison told me if I didn't like his affairs with this woman to leave. I'm suing Mr. Artison now for not supporting his children." Mrs. Lewis Artison, jr.

#### South Takes Lead in Hog Raising

Washington, Oct. 7 (ANP)—Good news for housewives who have recently been lamenting the steadily increasing prices of ham and bacon, was given this week by the Federal Agriculture Department whose report disclosed that the South either increased or continued normal swine production in the past several years, while the drought hit middle western states and most of the rest of the country have reduced their output. In 1935, the South in hog production was from 11,907,000 head in 1935, to 12,978,000 for this year.

#### Chicagoans Honor Major Lynch

Chicago, Oct. 7 (ANP)—Representative Chicagoans of both races gathered around the banquet table of Wabash YMCA last Friday night to honor Major John R. Lynch on his 90th birthday. The dinner was sponsored by the Citizens Civic and Economic Welfare Council of Chicago and over the coffee cups

#### PLEADS OWN CASE; WINS ACQUITTAL

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 7 (ANP)—Appearing in court here last Thursday without legal counsel and electing to plead his own case, Shelly Stephenson, Madison county youth, defended himself against a liquor charge in such a straightforward convincing manner that the jury deliberated but ten minutes, brought in a verdict of not guilty. Stephenson had entered a plea of not guilty to operation of a whiskey still and while examining the government's chief witness, Madi son county colored woman, he raised a doubt as to the credibility of the colored woman's testimony. He told the jury emphatically he knew nothing about the still. The jurors were apparently impressed by his open manner and sincerity.

### N.A.A.C.P. Makes Protest To Hopkins on Carolina Complaint: Demand Sweeping Investigation

New York, Oct. 7—A sharp protest against the forcing of Negro labor off the WPA rolls in southern states into jobs as cotton pickers at substandard wages was filed with Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, by the NAACP this week.

The NAACP protest was a review of the reports which have come to the association since September 9th, climaxed by the complaint received this week from Fayetteville, N. C., which charged that colored women are being taken off WPA projects and forced to accept cotton picking jobs. The Fayetteville complaint states that the women were to take their children out of school and make them pick cotton also.

No white women in Fayetteville were ordered into the cotton fields from WPA projects. The colored women in Fayetteville were being paid only \$24 a month and they were working originally on sewing projects. However, they were shifted from that project to manual labor such as

cutting grass around schools for white children, scrubbing and cleaning white schools, cleaning the white churches, and cleaning up the jail.

The pay for this work was low enough—\$24 a month, but as cotton pickers, it is estimated that the women will not be able to earn more than twelve or fifteen dollars a month since most of them are not expert pickers and, therefore, are not able to earn more than 50 cents a day.

The NAACP letter to Administrator Hopkins cited the pledge of the WPA made by Thaddeus Holt, assistant administrator, in the fall of 1936, that state administrators had been instructed not to close down WPA projects in cotton areas unless employment at standard wages was definitely available. It cited, also, the report from Bibb county, Ga., in June, 1937, that Negroes were being forced off WPA projects into private employment regardless of wages offered, with a penalty of being jailed if they did not accept the jobs.

#### Man's Body Dragged Over Mile Under Auto

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Oct. 7 (ANP)—Authorities here last Monday were investigating a tragic, unusual accident, in which the body of a man, identified later as Rufus Crawford, 35, was dragged a mile and a half, wedged tightly beneath the rear of an auto. The car was driven by a white woman resident enroute to the home of her colored cook. On the way home she ran over what she thought was a block of wood in the road, but discovered to be Crawford's body underneath.

#### "Monkey Trees" are being nurtured for transplanting to the site of San Francisco's 1939 Exposition

Memphis, Oct. 7 (ANP)—A remarkable indictment against lynching and mob violence was contained in a letter printed recently by the Commercial Appeal in its "Voice of the People" column. The writer, Mr. Earl Hill of Brighton, Tenn., is a prominent and respected white resident of his community and mingles no words in his manly, impressive appeal for the abolition of lynching. He says, in part:

#### Southern White Man Indicts Lynching

"It was not taught me by my parents, but I grew up, like most southern boys, with the feeling that lynching a Negro was not much a crime, but, under certain circumstances, in order to maintain the standing of true blood southerners, very necessary. However times have changed. I have changed... "It seems to me that the only answer is a Federal law against lynching. It seems that among all the peoples of the earth our southern senators and congressmen should support the passage of such a law. When lynchers are probably some of your friends, or might be some of your own household, what can you do about it? Occasionally, but very, very rarely has it ever happened that justice has come to one of our best friends or a close relative, if the meting out of the justice depended on us. Most of that kind of work is in the story books. Then for the sake of justice, law and order, and everything else that makes our country a good place in which to live... let us have a Federal law against lynching."

# Omaha Guide's Tenth Annual Food Show Opens October 27th