

Nat Towles Headed For Big Time

Nobert Towles, known to the dame world as "Nat" Towles was born in New Orleans, La., where he attended public school, later entering Xavier university where he took an extensive course in music.

Near years ago, Mr. Towles started a band of his own, playing his first engagement in a night club at Davenport, Okla. After two years of independent working, he employed the service of a booking agent, thus enabling him to appear at various leading clubs including the Casa Loma, Tulsa, Okla., College Inn, Dallas Texas Texas Centennial. He has travelled extensively in the East and all parts of the country.

Mr. Towles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Towles of New Orleans, La. Mr. Towles' father is one of the leading building contractor of the South. The band has been working out of Omaha since 1936 and has made a wonderful record as a dance band, as may be recognized in their ever growing popularity. Among the outstanding social events for which Mr. Towles and his band played are the Yale university students ball in Omaha and the Spinners Ball.

Mr. Towles is reported to have been selected to play at the Music Box, an exclusive downtown night spot, for an indefinite engagement beginning January 1st. Members of this musical aggregation are as follows: Buddy Tate, tenor sax; Siki Collins, alto sax; C. Q. Price, alto sax; L. H. Talley, tenor sax; Nat Williams, drums; Casey Smith, guitar; T. W. Pratt, jr., bass violin; C. A. Stewart, piano; N. E. Bates, trumpet; Weldon Sneed, trumpet; Harold Johnson, trumpet; Archie Brown, trombone; Lorenzo Coker, trombone; and Duke Groner, vocalist.

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By JIMMY EVANS

Stepin Fetchit, billed as the laziest man in the world, aroused from his lethargy long enough to marry Winnie Johnson, beautiful chorus girl last week. The bride is reported to be 19 years old and has been acclaimed by the columnists as being the prettiest of the Harlem chorines. Recently she appeared on Broadway in "New Faces" and is said to be in rehearsal for a new edition of that production. Fetchit, by the way, was in another accident last week but managed to walk away from this one. The last time out, Fetchit tried to wrap his car around an elevated train post and for some time it was thought that he would answer his last curtain.

SHORT SHORT STORY

He is recognized as one of the best and fastest piano players in the business. His engagements at the best night clubs always bring the patrons out in droves. His records are listed among the best sellers and to top it all, everyone likes him. What makes him news is this. He was born blind but refuses to have anything done for his sight. He says that evidently the Lord wanted him to be blind and that the Lord's will be done. Every night then, he goes on making music and smiling all the while. Of course you've heard of him. His name is Art Tatum.

FLASHES FROM THE MOTION PICTURE CO.

All of the movie picture outfits are releasing pictures shortly with colored talent. From their schedules, we give you their line-up: In "Conquest," the Napoleonic picture, Noble Johnson will be seen in support of Greta Garbo and Charles Boyer. Louise Beavers is featured in the "Last Gangster," with Edward G. Robinson. Miss Beavers will also be seen in an all-colored film titled, "My Sons."

Willie Best, film comic, has a part in the football flicker "Saturday's Children." The Eddie Cantor film, "Ali Baba Goes to Town" features Jeni Le Gon and several sepias in many sequences. "Hollywood Hotel" will show Jeni Le Gon and feature the music of Benny Goodman. Picture fans will then get an opportunity to see this famed quartette with Lionel Hampton, and Teddy Wilson at work. "Manhattan Merry Go-Round" will feature the music of Cab Calloway, the hi-de-ho king. Also keep a wuthier eye out for "Ballots with Bullets" starring Ralph Cooper.

BITS AND HITS

Lucky Millender and Mal Hallett will engage in a battle of jazz at the Penn A. C. in Philadelphia, Nov. 26th. Johnny and George, a piano playing with songs duo, are in the show at the Yacht Club in New York. Bobby Short, is also playing his piano but at the Frolics Nitery on Broadway. Duke Ellington and his outfit played the Metropolitan in Boston last week. The Edward Sisters, the Two Zephers and Fats Waller's band headlined the show at the Palace theatre in Cleveland. Last week, Harris and Howell were at the Lyric theatre in Indianapolis. At the Empire theatre in Kingston, England Snakehip Johnson and his band are going great. Nina Mae McKinney is still in Australia.

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Nashville Starts New Community Center

Nashville, Oct. 28—Fisk university Social Settlement opened in the Nashville slums October 18th. It represents an experiment in social work procedure aimed at providing a wider service to the community. The program of the Settlement as developed by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Director of Social Sciences at Fisk university, incorporates features for community service aside from educational and social services provided for the individual. To the customary recreational and social activities have been added a Peoples College, a Children's Institute, and an active relationship with classes in the social sciences in the University. The program of the Center is based on a study of the area it serves and will be adjusted to the needs of the community avoiding the imposing of foreign and artificial activities.

The Peoples College has a curriculum divided in two sections offering practical education for adults. The first section offers: 1. A course in elementary science based on health principle and practice 2. A literary course based on letter writing. 3. A history course based on southern and national Negro history as related to American history generally. 4. A psychology course based upon the care of children and parent education. The second section offers formal courses for more advanced adults: 1. History—American and Negro; 2. Literature and art appreciation; 3. Mathematics treating family budgeting, the problems of small consumers, insurance and savings, organization financing, and elementary social statistics; 4. Contemporary Problems. Practical classes in the college will be supplemented by motion pictures, forums and lectures. The Social Science Faculty will serve as consultants and advisers to the instructional staff.

The Children's Institute will inaugurate services providing clinics, recreational activity, and the nursery school in a scheme designed to offer greater efficiency in preschool education for the children of underprivileged families. Dr. Horace M. Bond is consultant and advisor to the staff of the Children's Institute.

Development of music activity as a major feature of the recreation program will encourage the organization of folk singing, community choruses, band and orchestral groups. Professor John Work is consultant and adviser on the music program.

Courses offered in the social sciences at Fisk university will use the Settlement as a laboratory in a plan which will give students valuable experience and assist the settlement's program.

The staff of the settlement consists of five full time workers and thirty part time workers in addition to consultants.

Hold Last Rites For Rev. F. J. Grimke Famous Pastor

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 28 (ANP)—Final rites were held last Thursday at Fifteenth street Presbyterian Church for the Rev. Frances J. Grimke, widely known clergyman and civic leader and for more than 50 years the pastor of Fifteenth Street Church. The present pastor, Rev. Halley B. Taylor, officiated at the funeral and the principal eulogy was delivered by Dr. Walter H. Brooks, pastor, Ninth Street Baptist Church and a friend of Dr. Grimke for 71 years. Burial was in Harmony cemetery.

Born a slave, and serving as valet for a Confederate officer during the Civil War, Dr. Grimke was freed in the general emancipation. He came to Massachusetts and later attended Lincoln university, graduating in 1870 as valedictorian of his class. He was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1878, came immediately to the pastorate of Fifteenth Street church.

Aside from his leadership in the church, Dr. Grimke took an active part in civic affairs and all matters pertaining to the uplift and progress of his race. He was a noted orator and writer, and was one of the organizers of the NAACP and the National Negro Academy, and a staunch supporter of the Association for Study of Negro Life and History. Dr. Grimke was a brother of the late Archibald H. Grimke, Spingarn medalist and former member of the San Domingo diplomatic corps.

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51 Congressmen Are Watching Wage Bill

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Replies from congressmen are continuing to reach the NAACP and indications are that any attempt to enforce a differential against Negro workers, either in wages or hours, will have opposition.

The NAACP points out that the wages and hours bill will have a lasting affect on hundreds of thousands of Negro workers in the South and, therefore, any attempt to frame a law fixing sub standard wages for them should be fought vigorously.

The wages and hours bill is one of the main purposes of the special session which opens November 15th and the voters at home are urged to keep in touch with their congressmen, for the bill already has been passed in the Senate and the big fight is expected in the House.

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Clarinda, Ia. News

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The Mission Circle had a wonderful program in the afternoon. Rev. R. Cooper of Omaha brought a stirring mission sermon. Subject, "Mission Labors." We were pleased to have him with us.

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