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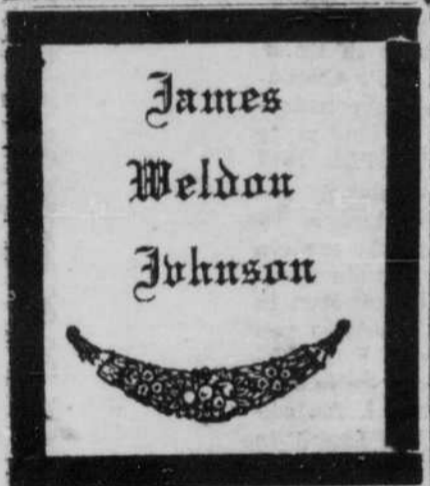
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## MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT SENDS WREATH TO JOHNSON'S FUNERAL



The shock of the loss of James Weldon Johnson is so great that it is with difficulty that one collect himself sufficiently to attempt an evaluation of his long and valuable career.

Perhaps the most comprehensive thing that might be said of Mr. Johnson is that he raised the dignity of his people. Essentially a scholar and a gentleman, his life adds immeasurably to the culture heritage of the group. The words of the National Negro Anthem, the words of "God's Trombones," and the story that is "The Autobiography of an Ex-Coloured Man" reveal the wide and deep cultivation of Mr. Johnson. In tune with the heart of his people and a delineator of character that is the product of the nuances of the American complex racial scheme, he found the note to which all humans could readily respond.

It is certainly a tribute to the native genius of the Negro and to American growth toward a higher and better life that a Booker T. Washington and a James Weldon Johnson could arise in the same fitful era.

### YOUNG HARLEM JEWELER INSTALLS MANUF'G. PLANT

New York July 7 (C)—The L'Quverture company jewelers, 131st St., Kenneth Lloyd Bright, manager announced Tuesday that they are installing their own manufacturing equipment in their Harlem shop and will soon use Negro technicians from their own shop in turning out class pins, class ring, fraternity pins, and other insignia. Mr. Bright a Harvard graduate in '29 said the company which was organized in June 1935, has enjoyed a good first six months of the year receiving orders for pins and rings from schools in Washington, Baltimore and West Virginia, and receiving pin orders from the NAACP and the Afro-American. They are now installing their own electro-plating and buffing machines and will use colored technicians, including refiners, solderers, and decorators. Mr. Bright said it has taken some time to get ready to do his own manufacturing. His company was recently appointed official jeweler of Alpha Phi Alpha.

### BAPTIST RAISE \$6,000. AT TUSKEGEE MEET

Tuskegee July 7 (C)—The National Baptist Sunday school and BYPU Congress which met here last week raised \$6000 to carry on the work. The Congress reelected Dr. W. H. Jernagin of Washington as president and Dr. A. M. Townsend of Nashville as Director general.

### WINS NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD

Word was received Friday by the Nebraska Power Company from the National Safety Council that the company has won the national safety award in its employment class utilities companies with its perfect record of no lost-time accidents during the year ending June 30.

Although the award is based on a perfect year's record of no lost-time accidents amounting an average of 775 employees of the company, this perfect record actually extends over a period of fifteen and one-half months, to March 16, 1937 when the last lost-time accident occurred. This represents 2,010,971 man-hours of work without an accident.

Previous high record of the company in safety was a period of more than 37 months, from July 28 1931 to September 8, 1934 without a lost time accident.

Winning safety awards is a habit with employees of the Nebraska Power Company. They received the National Safety Council award with perfect no-accident record from June 30, 1933 to June 30 1934. They also won the Nebraska Electric association's annual safety awards in 1932, 1933, and 1937. In 1937 they received an honor certificate from the National Safety Council for an excellent accident-prevention record.

Credit for winning the 1937-38 National Safety Award is due entirely to every individual employee of the company working in cooperation with foremen and department heads to prevent accidents, R. C. Geppert, general superintendent of the company said. "Such a fine record could not have been achieved," he said, "if every employee had not been constantly conscious of the safe way to perform his work. It also speaks well for the efficiency, knowledge and skill of the company's personnel."

### ANDY JENSEN FILED FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

"Andy Jensen", who was nominated for county assessor on the Democratic ticket in 1934 by the largest primary vote ever given a candidate for that office, today entered the race for county assessor again.

He filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination and said he would make an energetic campaign.

"I stand for an equitable and fair assessment of all property for tax purpose." Mr. Jensen said "I feel I am well qualified by experience and ability to handle the office in an efficient and economical manner. I believe, that without discriminating against any property owners, or against any class of property owners large or small that tax values can be more fairly equalized in Omaha without lowering the total valuations.

"If I am nominated and elected as I am confident I will be, I pledge myself to be an honest and impartial valuation of all property with no discrimination or favoritism."

### NOTABLES ATTEND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON'S FUNERAL

Noted Poet Buried in Lounging Robe and Formal Trousers with Copy of "God's Trombones" in His Hands

NEW YORK, July 7 (ANP)—With the galleries of historic Salem ME. Church packed hours before the funeral, and many notables in attendance, James Weldon Johnson was buried Thursday as he had requested, in his "working clothes" of a lounging robe and formal morning trousers with a copy of his famous book of poems "God's Trombones," in his hands.

The eminent author, diplomat, professor and lecturer was enroute to his summer home at Great Barrington, Mass., last Sunday after a visit in Pleasant Point, Me. with Dean E. George Payne of New York university, when his car was struck by a passing train near Wiscasset, Me. His wife, Grace Nail Johnson, driver of the car, was seriously injured. Poor visibility through fog and a heavy rain was blamed for the crash which snuffed out Mr. Johnson's life almost instantly.

Although funeral services were scheduled for 11:30 Thursday morning and the church was crowded long before that time, the family and funeral party did not arrive until an hour later.

The Rev. Frederick Cullen, pastor of Salem and conductor of the services, led the procession followed by Father Shelton Hale Bishop, Gene Buck, white, president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, directors of the funeral: N. A. A. C. P. Secretary Walter White Arthur Spitzman, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Hubert Delaney, Carl Van Vechten, Elmer Carter, Fred E. Moore, Harry T. Burleigh Judge Charles Toney, W. C. Handy, Stanley Howe, Mayor La Guardia's secretary, and others. Members of the family included Rosamond Johnson, brother and noted composer; Mildred, the daughter; Mr. and Mrs. John Nail Jr. The wife is still confined in a Maine hospital.

Members of the James Weldon Johnson Literary guild served as pallbearers. They included Claude McKay, Aaron Douglas, Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, Romare Bearden, Harold Jackman and Miss Jesse Fausett.

The body lay in state for a day before the funeral and among the heaps of flowers banked around the casket was a wreath from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Completely covering the casket was a large basket of delphiniums, with a large wreath of orchids resting in the center.

"God's Trombones", the book James Weldon Johnson carried to the grave with him, contains seven of his sermons in verse including "Go Down Death," which was recited at the services by Juanita Hall. The Southernaires, male quartet, sang "Since You Went Away," one of Mr. Johnson's most noted compositions, and "Abideth With Me."

Only four persons spoke at the rites, which were concluded in 30 minutes. Col. Roosevelt, Gene Buck, Rev. Cullen and Father Bishop were the speakers. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn.

### Religious Leaders Commune with Booker T. Washington



A group of proponents of religious education who appeared on the program of the National Y. P. U. and Sunday School Congress which convened at Tuskegee institute last month snapped beneath the monument of Booker T. Washington.

From left to right they are Dr. C. D. Haynes, Talladega college, Dr. S. L. McDowell, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. George Haynes, Federal Council of Churches, NYC, Dr. H. M. Smith, Chicago Baptist Institute and Dr. R. C. Woods of Hot Springs, Ark. (ANP)

### Spanish Consul Gives Reception for Salaria Kee

Chicago, July 2 (ANP)—Last Friday evening at the Spanish consulate here, 300 guests responded to the invitation of Senor Luis Perez Begava, Chancellor of the Consulate of Spain, to meet Salaria Kee, 23 year old colored nurse returning from 13 months' war service in Loyalist Spain. This was perhaps the first time that a representative of a foreign Government had, in this country, so signally honored a colored person.

White and colored business, professional and social welfare leaders attended the reception. Miss Kee has been furloughed home to recuperate from an illness, but is now on tour in behalf of an ambulance fund for the Loyalists. Speaking of her experiences, Miss Kee said:

"When we (the second medical from the U.S.A.) arrived at Port Bou in Spain, little children ran up to us saying, 'We're glad you have come! But if you had come yesterday just after the big bombardment, perhaps you might have saved my mother. She died of death from wounds. There was no doctor to help. Perhaps now you can save my father's father.'"

### HARLEM'S LARGEST CHURCH GETS JOHNSON'S FUNERAL

New York July 7 (C)—The largest church in Harlem, Salem ME 129th St. and Seventh ave. Rev. F. A. Cullen, pastor, was picked for the funeral of Dr. James Weldon Johnson, killed in a Maine automobile accident Sunday afternoon. The Salem auditorium seats about 3,000 persons, while that of St. Mark's and Abyssinian seat only about 2,000.

Dr. Johnson's body lay in state at Universal Funeral chapel, 597 Lexington Ave. near 52nd Street, until the funeral on Thursday at 1 p. m.

The condition of Dr. Johnson's wife, Mrs. Grace Nail Johnson, was reported improved as funeral arrangements proceeded. It was at first reported that Mrs. Johnson condition was grave.

### Joe Louis To Build Mother New Home

Chicago, July 9 (ANP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will fight neither Max Baer nor anybody else this year nor will he sail for Europe on Wednesday as was originally planned, Co-Manager Julian Black revealed Thursday night.

"Joe has been working too hard and needs a rest," Black said adding he spoke to Mike Jacobs who agreed that four title defenses in a year was enough work. If Joe boxes before spring or summer, it will be in exhibition matches. However Baer is still No. 1 on the challenger's list and will remain so unless he is defeated before 1939. In that case, Gunnar Barland Finnth conqueror of Buddy Baer, would get the spot.

The European trip was called off indefinitely because Louis wants to supervise building of a new home for his mother Mrs. Lily Brooks, of Detroit. He left Chicago Friday to help her pick a lot for its construction, and after remaining in Motor City for a time was to go to Black's summer home at Stenvenville, Mich.

After a vacation at Stenvenville Louis intends to go to New York to attend lightweight fight between Champion Louis Ambers and Henry Armstrong at the Polo Grounds on Aug. 10. Armstrong spend considerable time at Joe's recent training camp where the two became fast friends.

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**Avenges Previous Defeat**  
"Now I feel like a real champion" were the first words that Joe Louis said when he returned to his dressing room after his quick victory over Max Schmeling. Louis certainly looked the part on Wednesday night and he more than got revenge for the earlier knock-out at the hands of the German. It took Max twelve rounds to bring him down but he, Louis accomplished the feat in less than one. Joe had been pictured by white sports writers as lazy and shuffling, but in this bout he was full of pep and came out swinging from the bell. Max never landed but one blow—a right which Joe saw coming and stepped back from. Speaking of this blow, Trainer Jack Blackburn said: "Did you see what he did when Max got over his right? He fired right back with a right as fast as he was clipped. Joe did exactly as he was told. You can't escape getting hit when you go to a man or he comes to you. Joe took plenty in training because he was being drilled to fire right back as fast as he was hit. As I said at the camp, the science of boxing is to avoid getting hit but if you do get hit, hit the other fellow before he hits you again." Governor of Michigan

**In Dressing Room**  
Among the many notables who witnessed the bout was Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan, and he is just as much a Joe Louis fan as is Bill Robinson, for after the bout he was one of the first of the hero worshippers who came to the dressing room to congratulate the champion. The Mayor of Detroit was also at the ringside, making the trip by plane.

The victory was celebrated in Harlem until sunrise Thursday morning. Thousands lined the avenues and many young people organized impromptu parades, some carry effigies of Adolph Hitler and shouted "Heil Hitler," while others became more boisterous. The police, however, had been instructed to let them have their fun and they did until some one threw a milk bottle from a roof at 130th street and Seventh avenue and injured several patrolmen at their corner. After that they began to crack down and several arrests were made.

Many of the out of town fans celebrated at private parties. One such party was a champagne party at Smalls' Paradise given by Everett Watson, one of Detroit's wealthiest Negroes, and Mrs. Watson. Their guests included Richard W. Reading, mayor of Detroit, and his son, Richard, Jr., who is his secretary; also Ulysses W. Boykin, colored assistant secretary to the Mayor of the Motor City; T. M. Rheinhardt, owner of the High Speed Company of Glasgow, Mich. and reputed a millionaire; Mr. and Mrs. John Royster Hamond, Dr. and Mrs. J. Marlowe Romane Johns manager of the Frong Club of Detroit; Billy Burke formerly of Connie's Inn in Harlem and now a resident of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond, Attorney Charles Roxborough, brother of John Roxborough co-manager of the champion; Lloyd Loomis, formerly assistant Attorney General of the State of Michigan; Claude A. Barnett, head of the Associated Negro Press of Chicago; and Mrs. Eulalia Gaines of Detroit, sister of the champion. The local guests included Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, Dr "Shag" Hogans, Izzy Myers and many others.

Mrs. Marva Louis, wife of the champion, listened in to the fight over the radio from the apartment of her friend, Mrs. Mae Savage, of St. Nicholas avenue. She was quite pleased with the results but said she knew that Joe would win and that they had a bet between themselves that the German couldn't last three rounds.

They left Wednesday evening on the Twentieth Century for a short visit with his mother before they return to New York preparatory to their sailing on July 6.

## President Sends Greetings To N. A. A. C. P. Convention

### C. M. E. PUBLISHING PLANT WORTH \$108,447.36

Jackson, Tenn. July 7 (C)—The CME publishing plant is valued at \$108,447.36, according to report given by the publishing agent, W. W. ... items listed are: land, \$8000; Building \$54,470; books pamphlets etc. \$3500; stock on hand \$1,780.50; machinery and equipment \$38,406.84; and furniture, \$2,290.02. During the last four years the publishing department had income of \$88,204.40, and expense of \$87,717.82 leaving a balance of \$486.58. During that period the publishing house took in \$46,558.08 for literature, \$14,101.40 for the Christian Index official organ of the church \$172.20 from printing and \$5,761.71 from the sale of books.

### Congress Committee Urged To Include Lynching In "Un-American" Probe

New York, July 2—A joint meeting committee of Congress appointed to investigate into un-American activities was urged by the NAACP to include lynchings by organized bodies.

In a letter to Congressman Martin Dies, chairman of the committee, Walter White, NAACP secretary, said: "We respectfully urge upon the committee an investigation into the activities of such organizations as the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan and similar movement. We sincerely trust that this recommendation will be acted upon favorably, as to do otherwise might be construed by some persons as admission that the activities of lynching mobs, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Black Legion are American rather than un-American, which we are sure your committee does not believe."

### Segregation Move Seen In Long Branch N. J. Beach Code

Long Branch, N. J. July 2—A Movement to segregate Negroes on the municipally-owned beaches of this city was seen in the ordinance adopted by the city council June 7.

The ordinance does not mention color or race of citizens of use the words segregate or separate. On the surface, the ordinance

### does not appear to differentiate between citizens, but the wording is such that officials who administer it may discriminate.

The section which has aroused colored people reads as follows: "For the purpose of avoiding congestion on any of said beaches and for a proper distribution of patrons, and for the better protection and safety of patrons on said beaches, the city clerk is authorized and directed to issue badges, checks, or other insignia of a distinctive design or color for the use of each of the respective beaches."

Through Dr. J. C. McKelvie, president of the local NAACP together with other leading citizens notice has been served that at the first indication of discrimination by the city clerk in the issuance of badges and seasonal permits to bathe, suit will be filed under the state civil rights law. Attorney Jules Golden is advising local citizens and the NAACP legal staff in New York is cooperating.