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GHOST STORY ANOTHER HOAX

Kansas City, Mo.—The Twelfth street caddy who took his "ghost-girl-friend" for a ride recently, ought to team up with Orson Welles. They might go places together.

On his Mercury Theatre of the Air program, Welles had a whole nation terrified one Sunday evening. But he had nothing on the ingenious taxi-cab driver, who without the aid of radio or sound effects, has had two cities on the jittery-side for nearly two weeks.

It all began Sunday night, November 27, when a driver on a Twelfth street stand went off on a "trip" that kept him away an hour-or-so overtime. As far as his friends have been able to ascertain the fellow really was off on a "date," and it wasn't with a wraith.

But he had to return to the stand, and he had to account—somehow—for his absence.

The following story accounted for his overtime himself: Early that evening he had been drinking at the bar at a Twelfth Street night spot, when he noticed an attractive girl seated alone at a table. He joined her. They talked. He bought a few drinks, and alone about midnight, the young woman showed signs of restlessness, which her impromptu escort interpreted as a desire to go home. He asked if he might escort her home. She said, "Yes."

When he asked where she lived, she replied, "At Highland cemetery, and the gates are always open." They got into his cab, the story goes, and proceeded to the cemetery. On the way, they chatted amiably, and the girl told the driver that her mother lived on Woodlawn avenue. She gave him the address and telephone number, adding that she had not lived at home in about three years.

Arriving at the cemetery, the caddy got out and went around to the other side of his cab to let his fair passenger out. When he opened the door the seat was empty and out of his wits, the fellow related that he drove back to town and to the Woodland avenue address where he told the woman of the house what had happened and his erstwhile companion was nowhere to be seen. Half frightened described the girl.

"That sounds like my daughter," the woman is supposed to have remarked. She went into the living room and returned with a picture "Is that the girl you took to the cemetery?" she asked the half-fainting taxi driver, who nodded a mute, "yes."

"Well," the woman replied, according to the caddy's tale, "that's my daughter, who's been dead three years. But it's nothing to be alarmed about. She usually comes back about once a year." The taxi-cab driver said he then fainted.

Of course when he told this tale embellished with all the verisimilitude at his command and then proceeded to pass out like a lighted match in a vacuum his fellow cabbies believed him. In fact they believed him so thoroughly that they took him to a hospital.

The imaginative taxi driver did not mind that, because the strain of thinking-up and telling that tale had nearly exhausted him.

Back this week at the stand for which he drives for, the driver-of-ghosts was a very much chastened young man—none the worse for his "harrowing" experience of almost a fortnight ago, and much the better for his restful sojourn at the hospital.

**FATHER MULLANEY
REVIEWS BOOK**

On Dec. 15th, the Booklovers Club of the YWCA heard Father Mullaney review "Listen to The Wind," by Ann Lingbergh.

HEAD WOULD ADMIT WHITE ARK. COLLEGE NEGROES TO UNIVERSITIES

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16—Replying to a question from the Richmond Times Dispatch on what to do about the U. S. Supreme court's ruling that the University of Missouri must admit a Negro to its law school, Dr. John Hugh Reynolds, president of Hendrix college, (white) Conway, Arkansas, comes out flatfootedly for the admission of Negroes to white graduate and professional schools. He is quoted by the Times Dispatch as saying:

"Separate schools are now maintained in Arkansas for courses in which Negroes are largely interested. If any Negroes wishes to study law or medicine or such—and there would be few desiring this—they should be admitted to the regular classes at the university. There probably would be trouble at first—some hot headed southern boy might mash a Negro's nose—but in a year or two we would get used to it."

The Times-Dispatch asked numerous white and colored educators in the south for their opinions and printed the replies under the headline: "High Court gives South Hard Puzzle in Education."

SUPREME COURT SPURS DRIVE FOR BETTER EDUCATION IN SOUTH

NAACP PLANS TO USE SWEEPING DECISION IN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CASE IN CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER SCHOOLS ALL DOWN THE LINE

New York, Dec. 22—The sweeping opinion of the United States Supreme court issued December 12 ordering the State of Missouri to provide Negro students with the same facilities for studying law as are provided for white students will be the entering wedge in a campaign to improve the education of Negroes in the South all down the line to the smallest rural school it was announced here today by officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Must Be Equal if Separate

NAACP officials and their legal staff point to another sentence in the broad opinion of the supreme court as one of the most significant in the whole opinion and one upon which a further campaign for equality of elementary and secondary education will be based. It is:

"The admissibility of laws separating the races in the enjoyment of privileges afforded by the state rests wholly upon the equality of the privileges which the laws give to the separated groups."

SLAYING OF FOUR NEGROES IN WEEK AROUSES CITIZENS

TWO OTHERS DIE AS RESULT OF OLD SHOOTINGS; DEC BEGINS AS 'MONTH OF VIOLENCE'; YEAR'S TOTAL TO 30

Kansas City, Mo.—Four Negroes were slain here by Negroes during the seven days of last week.

Two others died from results of old shootings.

Last week's toll of four lives brings the number of violent deaths among Negroes to the appalling total of 30 so far in 1938.

This record of violence which ushered in the month of December has aroused citizens here like nothing else has done in recent years. Many have telephoned The Call asking that "something be done to stop the march of the slayer."

Heads of civic organizations and clubs are outspoken in their demands that the killers be brought

to trial and punished. Ministers denounced the wave of violence from their pulpits last Sunday.

MO. U. GRADUATE LAUDS GAINES' DECISION

New York, Dec. 24—At least one graduate of the University of Missouri is happy over the supreme court decision ordering the state university to open its doors to Negro citizens for professional training.

The graduate is George Hamilton Combs, Jr., white liberal lawyer and a news commentator who broadcasts every evening over radio station WHN here.

In his broadcast, December 12, Combs termed the decision one of the "milestones witnessing the progress of the Negro race."

"Your reporter," he added, "has only this to say—that a san alumnus of the University of Missouri and of that law school, this is one decision of the Supreme Court which he heartily applauds—it is democracy at work!"

"HAITI" UPHELD IN DIES HEARING

Washington, Dec. 24 (CNA)—"Haiti," the Federal Theater drama of the great Haitian Revolution, and other WPA theater productions were vigorously upheld this week by Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, assistant administrator of the Works Progress Administration, in her testimony before the Dies Committee.

Subpoenaed as a witness before the witch-hunting body of the Texas Congressman, Mrs. Woodward not only stoutly defended the Federal production from charges of Communism and subversivism, but accused the Committee of violating the "American tradition of fair play and unbiased investigation."

She pointed out that the nation's "leading drama critics" had described the Project plays generally as "outstanding contributions to the American theater."

Dies' attack upon "Haiti" was a continuation of the calumny heaped on the great Negro drama by race hating elements when it was presented. The production which had a record run in New York was viciously attacked because it portrayed Negroes in the roles of heroes instead of the usual caricatures and buffons. It was greatly praised by wide sections of the population and enthusiastically acclaimed by the Negro people.

Catholics Demand All State Universities Admit All Negro Students

New York, Dec. 21 (C)—In a dramatic editorial, "Checking the Epidemic of Prejudice," the Interracial Review, 220 West 42nd Street published by the Catholic Interracial Council, in its current issue unfolds a six point program in which extremely progressive demands are made in behalf of the Negro.

Among the points are, that every state university should admit Negro students, ALL public hospitals should admit colored internes and nurses, and that EVERY labor organization and local union should admit Negroes to membership on the basis of equality.

Other points are that the anti-lynching bill should be enacted at the next session of Congress; the President should integrate the abolition of racial discriminations into his program for economic recovery, and that public service commissions should insist that all public utility corporations comply with the provisions of the laws against racial discrimination in employment.

"Justice and consistency require" says the editorial, "that American principles be applied to ALL Americans. The Negro is entitled to the



essentials opportunities of life and the full measure of social justice, as a matter of right.

Interracial Courtesy Too Much for White Customer

Birmingham, Ala.—The first known case of "expensive courtesy" resulting from the recent Southern Conference for Human Welfare that was held here last month occurred last Saturday and involved an outstanding Baptist minister and an official of a leading chain of service stations.

The minister who reported the incident stated that on last Saturday, December 10, he drove to a service station, located on the corner of 8th avenue and 19th Street and was greeted by a white gentleman that he had known for many years. The friend of the minister was at the time talking to a white customer about the purchase of some automobile tires and when the minister approached the white man turned, and after speaking to the minister extended his hand.

The white prospective tire customer seemed astounded and was quoted as saying: "the deal is off; I won't buy tires from any white man who shakes hands with a N—." The oil company official then said, "I'm sorry you feel that way about it."

When the leading minister drove away in his car the surprised man was heard to say words to the effect that the recent Southern Conference for Human Welfare has proven that white people cannot associate with D— N—.

Colored citizens have expressed repeatedly ideas that local citizens of color would feel the effects of the conference that brought the race question into every meeting and to the city hall and headlined the press of the South and the nation for its liberal views on equal educational opportunities and the application of laws permitting all citizens to vote.

No other known cases resulting directly from the conference are known.

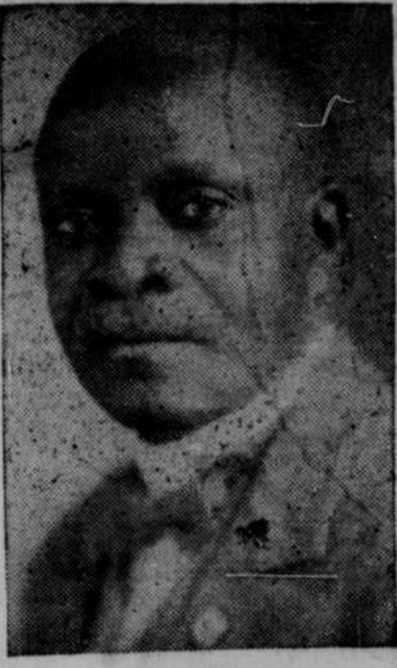
PPBA HAS \$72,965 IN CASH ON HAND

Chicago, Dec. 23 (C)—The Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America P. A. Sample, controller, reports net worth of \$249,215.30, as of November 15, last. Cash on hand in bank is \$72,965.39. The Association collected \$135,985.98 in assessments during the current year, and was paid -6,343.75 as interest on U. S. government bonds making a total income of \$142,329.73. During the year, death benefits of \$90,733.50, and sick and accident benefits of \$37,828.78 were paid. Disbursements totaled \$140,892.96. Assets of the association include \$183,619.46 in the mortuary fund and \$29,440.26 in the sick and accident fund.

LABORER KILLED AT TUSKEGEE DURING FAMILY ALTERCATION

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 24 (ANP)—Albert Diaz, a helper in the printing office at Tuskegee institute, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon by his wife's nephew following a family altercation.

Diaz, a native of British Guiana,



Grand Chancellor S. W. Green of the Knights of Pythias of Louisiana, Black Mayor, who recently announced the reclamation of the mammoth Pythias Temple through a RFC loan of more than \$50,000. The Temple has long been the pride of Southern Negro Institutions and has been the show spot of New Orleans. Chancellor Green has been connected with the Pythias since July 1883, and from then on has been one of the most outstanding characters in national fraternal and business circles. He is also president of the Liberty Industrial Insurance company of Louisiana.

MISSOURI U. IS SILENT ON CASE

Columbia, Mo.—University of Missouri officials were silent this week upon a Supreme Court ruling that Lloyd L. Gaines, St. Louis, Negro, should be permitted to enroll in the university's law school becoming the first Negro to attend the university in its nearly 100 years of history, but there was a tendency elsewhere on the campus to look toward the forthcoming session of the legislature for an answer to the problem which the court decision created.

Inferentially the Supreme Court decision offered two ways out, for admittance to its law school—either abandonment of the law school or providing for law training for Negroes at Lincoln university at Jefferson City. Either would provide "equality" in educational privileges for the two races. Abandonment of the law school is apparently beyond the realm of possibility for the legislature to meet the situation by providing instruction in law for Negroes at Lincoln university.

The state in the past has attempted to meet the situation by

WRONG PACKARD STOLEN

Monday night, Mrs. Joseph Staurt, had a very shocking surprise in the form of finding her Packard car gone when she went out to drive it. After calling the police, Mrs. Staurt found that the Finance Co., had taken it by mistake for mis-payments. One wonders who owned the Packard that the Finance Co., wants? There are only a few others in town.

WAR DEPARTMENT REFUSES NEGROES IN AIR CORPS, SAYING RACE APPROVES

New York, Dec. 23—A vigorous protest against what is considered a totally unwarranted assumption on the part of the United States War Department, namely that the majority of the Negro citizens endorse the principle of segregated army units was made this week by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

White had written to Secretary of War, Harry H. Wooding, asking the opening up of the Army Air Corps to Negro citizens. The War Secretary replied:

"Following a well established principle that the races should not be mixed within organizations, a principle which is indorsed by your own people, it is necessary to set up specific units to which colored personnel may be assigned, and these organizations must have a definite and proper place in the balanced force organization of the Army as a whole.

"Since no colored units of the Air Corps are provided for in the Army of the United States, it is impossible for the War Department to accept colored applicants at Air Corps schools."

Taking issue sharply with this statement in his protest, White advised the Secretary that despite the fact that some Negro citizens may favor "segregated" Jim Crow units in the United States Army, the Association is not only unequivocally opposed to it but "states that the majority of American Negroes are opposed to it."

WISCRACKS ABOUT Hat Starts A Fight In Church

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 22 (ANP)—Caustic criticism by one woman of a hat worn by another resulted in a hair pulling and choking contest in the midst of the Sunday night services at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Testimony next day in Mayor W. Milner's court indicated that Lula Belle Watts was the aggressor in the battle. Her opponent was Esther Anderson who essayed the role of critic. Mayor Milner fined Mrs. Watts \$7.50 and gave her a 30 day suspended sentence.

YOUNG ACTORS WIN ACCLAIM

"A night Beware" presented by members from the Girl Reserves and Boy and Girl Forum of the YWCA, presented at the Urban League Community Center Friday and Saturday nights was more than a grand success. Each participant was a star in themselves, and could compete with any adult amateur group. Mr. Andrew Reed, is to be commended on his excellent work as director with this group. Everyone who had the pleasure of seeing these young people are looking forward to seeing them in another production soon.

BROTHERHOOD TO EXPRESS VOICE IN REORGANIZING THE RAILROAD PROGRAM

New York, City December 15—According to information received at the International Headquarters of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, 217 W. 125th Street, plans are being developed for the Brotherhood to express its voice in the determination of legislative policies for the reorganization of the railroads of the nation along with the two tone standard railroad unions and the great railway carriers.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt following the settlement of the dispute between the railway carriers and their employes on the proposed 15 per cent cut, appointed a committee composed of representatives of carriers and railway unions, to formulate a program of railroad reorganization to submit to the forthcoming Congress, states A. Philip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood.

HILLSIDE PRESBYTERIAN GANDELIGHT SERVICE

On Sunday morning, eleven o'clock worshippers will hear the Christmas message by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Williams. They will see and hear the Junior Choir in their new vestments of white and orange, and will hear Sixteenth Century Music by the Senior Choir.

At 5:00 the Third Annual Candle Light Service will be held. The Choir will sing excerpts from Handel's "Messiah."

SOUTH FUMES; MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT IGNORED JIM CROW

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24 (ANP)—Southern resentment against the New Deal flared up this week with the revelation that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, had demonstratively shown her dislike of Jim-Crowism and its enforcement by Birmingham city authorities at the meetings of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare held here three weeks ago. Mrs. Roosevelt, who spoke at one of the sessions of the conference and later took her seat among the delegate, had been told that the police had forbidden white people to sit on the "colored side" of the hall. The President's wife thereupon placed her chair directly in the middle of the convention room, thus sitting partly on the white side and partly on the colored side of the room. Mrs. Roosevelt further showed her contempt of Southern Jim-crow practices by publicly embracing Mrs. Mary NeLoed Bethune, after the latter had publicly assailed a white Alabamian woman for referring to her as "Mammy", in line with the Southern ban on the use of Mr. and Mrs. for Negroes.