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National Negro Business League Meets In Oklahoma City



SCENES SHOWING ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA CITY LAST WEEK

Top row left: R. E. Clay of Nashville, Jesse O. Thomas, Urban League Executive, A. L. Lewis, Florida Insurance Executive and George W. Cox of the North Carolina Mutual.

Top center: Two scenes from the Parade on Wednesday morning.

Top row right: Dr. J. B. Martin, Memphis druggist, who flew down from Chicago.

Upper center: A group of Business League officials, reading left to right—George W. Cox, Durham, vice president; C. A. Barnett, Chicago, publicity director; T. H. Hayes, Memphis, former member executive committee; A. L. Holsey, Tuskegee, secretary; A. L. Lewis, Jacksonville, treasurer; J. R. E. Lee, Jr., Tallahassee, registrar; Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, newly elected president; B. G. Olive, Jr., Memphis member steering committee; Joseph P. Goddes, New Orleans, regional vice president; Don Davis, Hampton, chairman, executive committee; Maceo Smith, Dallas, regional vice president; J. B. Blayton, Atlanta, vice president and controller; G. D. Rogers, Tampa, member executive committee; C. C. Spaulding, Durham, president-emeritus; J. O. Thomas, New York transportation commissioner; Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City, member executive committee; Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee, chairman steering committee; James Rouse, Hitchcock, Okla., member executive committee; W. M. Cooper, Hampton, member executive committee; R. E. Clay, Nashville general organizer; Carlton Gaines, Detroit, member steering committee; L. C. Blount, Detroit, regional vice president.

Second row: left and right—more scenes from the parade.

Third row left: "Miss Muskegee" with Dr. F. D. Patterson in the background.

Lower left: President Spaulding and Dr. F. D. Patterson registering on arrival at Convention Hall.

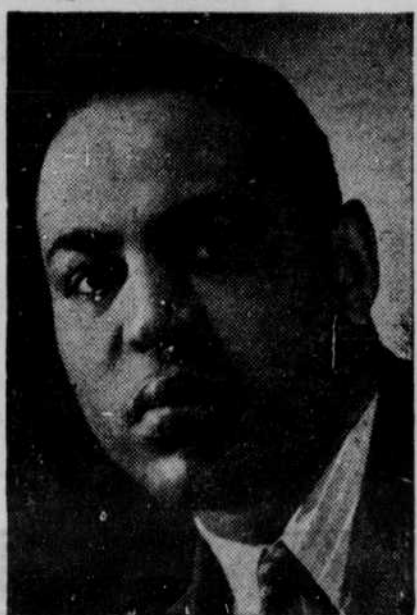
Center left: Officials of Oklahoma Business League discussing plans for the convention. Seated left to right, George R. Ragland, Dr. A. P. Bethel, W. J. Edwards, Pres., and Atty. H. McKay Rowan, secretary. Standing left to right—W. W. Adams, A. O. Tennyson, Jimmy Stewart and J. M. Collins.

Center right: Joseph Goddes and Roscoe Dunjee enjoying one of Secretary Holsey's stories.

Third column, right: Executive Committee, Housewives League of Oklahoma City. Reading left to right: Mrs. Anne G. Williams, Mrs. B. J. Ashley, Mrs. A. P. Tannyhill, Mrs. Grace Hill, Mrs. A. E. Harris, Mrs. Zelda Booth, Mrs. Frances Edwards, Pres.

Lower right: Dr. Patterson crowns "Miss Oklahoma" while vice president Blayton looks on.

Lower center: Gov. Phillips of Oklahoma addressing assembly in Municipal auditorium with President Spaulding in the background.



Mr. John Henry Lewis
John Henry Lewis, former light-heavyweight champion of the world, who fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight title early this year, has become associated with the sales department of Calvert Distillers Corporation as a special representative to promote Old Drum Blended Whiskey, according to an announcement by the company.

Lewis, who is 25 years old, has devoted most of his life to the art of pugilism. His father, who for a number of years was connected with the University of California as head trainer, taught John Henry and his older brother Christy the rudiments of boxing at the age of four years old. As youngsters the brothers put on boxing exhibitions together touring through Arizona and became popularly known as the Lewis Twins.

During his fighting career, Lewis engaged in 101 fights and lost only seven, of these one was J. Braddock. Lewis comes from a family with a fighting tradition. His great-uncle, Tom Monheux,

was the first American fighter to contend for the heavyweight title; and his fight with Tom Crib is among the never-to-be-forgotten bouts.

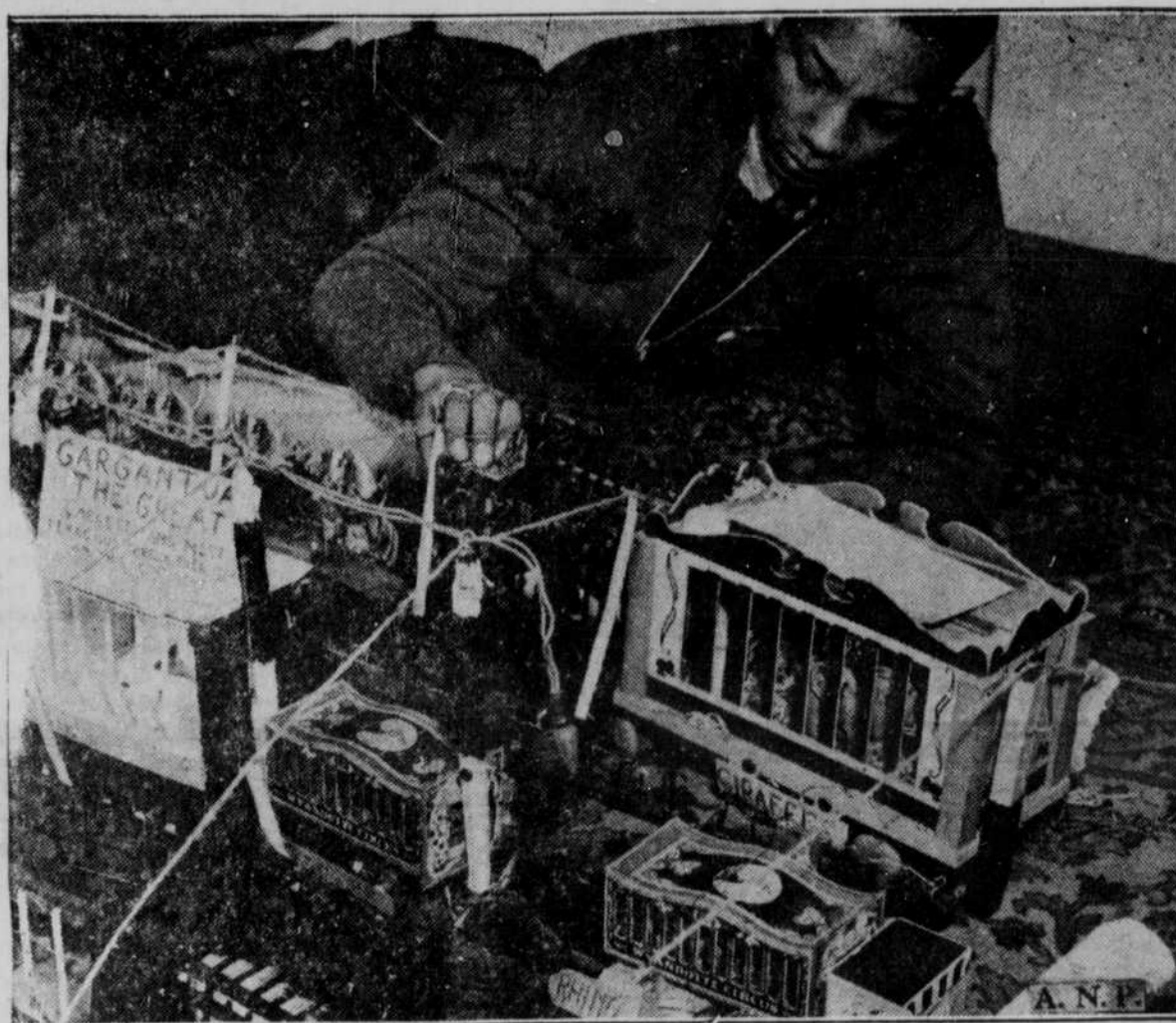
Lewis fought his first professional fight at the age of fourteen, which he lost and won the middleweight championship of Arizona at seven. In 1932 he fought and won his first ten-round fight against Yale Okum and later entered the ring against such well-known fighters as James Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom, Fred Lennheart and Louis Scroza.

He was generally proclaimed as the uncrowned light-heavyweight

champion, a title he officially won in 1935 in his match with Bob Olin. After successfully defending his light-heavyweight title, Lewis obtained a match with Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship. Speaking of that event in a reflective mood, Lewis said, "Seems like the stars of heaven fell that

night. I remember jumping back to avoid a blow—I don't remember anything else. They said I kept jumping, not back and forth, but up and down. Well, it all leads back to the same thing, if only I had not forgotten to duck. I should have remembered what my father always said, 'Hold your head up, keep throwing your

Circus Man



Vernon Wright, talented colored lad of Watertown, N. Y., possesses one of the most unique hobbies in the country, according to David Eiman, conductor of "Hobby Love," on whose Wednesday night

NFC program young Wright will appear on Sept. 12. The boy has constructed a miniature circus containing 65 wagons, a number

of tents, including a show canvas as well as a "big top," and animals to go in them. All are built according to scale. (ANP)

gloves and keep off the canvas. I think that's good advice to follow even in business, and I'll try and remember it in my work for Calvert."

The selection of Lewis as a Calvert representative is in line with the company's policy of choosing men who have shown unusual ability in different lines of endeavor. Lewis will join forces with Eneil F. Simpson, who has been associated with Calvert as an Old Drum representative for some time past.

POLITICAL RESEARCH



DR. RALPH BUNCHE

who heads the Uolitical Science department at Howard university has been selected by the Republican Program committee to make an expert study of America's national policies to the problems of the Negro. Dr. Bunche, a graduate of the university affairs. He recently has returned from Africa where he made an exhaustive study of colonial administration. Last week he received the \$500 Anisfield award toward publishing a book on race relations.

Experts associated with the Program committee are studying every phase of American life with a view to developing an effective program to be presented to the Republican party.

To Get Medal



Dr. M. D. Wiseman, Washington, member of the executive board and chairman of the National Program committee, will be presented with a medal for meritorious service to organized dentistry by the National Dental Association during the convention held in New York City, Aug. 14-18. Dr. Charles S. Fairclough of the North Harlem society will make the award on behalf of the association in the "Garden of Security" on the Field of Special Events at the New York World's fairgrounds during the celebration of National Dental Association.

day Thursday.

Dr. Wiseman has been an active national officer since the early 20's having served as national president in 1933-34, subsequently being placed on the board. His position as national program chairman is the hub around which the convention plans are formed and carried out, therefore his duties are continuous with the clearing up of one meeting and preparing for the next year's gathering.

At the close of the convention, he and his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman, will embark on a month's tour of the Bermuda Islands returning to his practice around Sept. 20. (ANP)

Negro Law Professor



Attorney Scovel Richardson, of Chicago, was named last week as associate professor of the new law school of Lincoln University, Mo., which will be opened for the first time this month, with Dr. William E. Taylor as dean. The law school resulted from the well known Gaines case.

Attorney Richardson is an honor graduate of the Howard university law school, where he was a scholarship student; he also holds bachelor and master of arts degrees in political science from the University of Illinois. Since passing the Illinois bar two years ago, he has been practicing with Attorney George W. Lawrence, Chicago, and has been active in civic organizations and in Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity in which he has held both local and national offices.

The law school will be located at the Poro building, St. Louis.

CONFERS ON WAGE-HOUR LAW

Chicago, Sept. 14 (CNA)—Negro leaders met with Chicago Wage-Hour Director Arthur Carsten this week in the Merchandise Mart to discuss violations of the Wage-Hour Act.

Carsten pointed out that the city's Negro workers were especially affected by the provisions of the act, since many were forced to work below the legal standards.

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