

NEWS In Brief

For Pacific Defender News Bureau.

The new special Federal Grand Jury, just selected to sift charges brought by Ass't Attorney Generals from Washington who have been investigating anti-trust law violations by Southern California contractors and builders, will have serving upon it, for the first time in the history of Calif., two members of the race, in the persons of Eli Brown, 2125 W. 31st Street and Al Morgan, 1125 East 21st Street.

Federal Judge Paul J. McCormack has requested that the names of more Negro citizens

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should be placed in the jury wheel. Sixty-five were submitted in the total of two thousand suggested; and the names of Brown and Morgan came out in the final whirl.

The class of Radio & Electricity which has been conducted in the night school classes at Jefferson High School, as a temporary try-out, has proved so successful that the Board of Education has decided to continue this class with the hope of it becoming permanent. This class of radio and electricity at Jefferson High, is the only one in which Negroes have the opportunity to acquire such technical knowledge in the entire educational system in Los Angeles.

There is a possibility that the 1940 Grand Jury of Los Angeles County will have the honor a distinction of having upon its panel, an outstanding Negro. Three of our most prominent citizens have had their names presented by three different Superior Court Judges. The names of those successful ones and the judges naming them are: Norman O. Houston, by Judge John Beardsley; A. J. Booker, by

Judge Judge B. Rey Schauer and Floyd C. Covington, by Judge Scott.

Dr. Charles Diggs, of 736 East 18th Street, died at his home, Wednesday December 20th at 3:30 am. Dr. Diggs is survived by his son, Dr. Charles Diggs, Jr., of Chicago and his daughter, Gwendolyn, wife of Rev. Clayton D. Russell, of Los Angeles. He was born in Mississippi in 1880; he was educated at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania; took medical training at Meharry Medical College; began practice at Waxahachie, Texas; moved to Los Angeles, 20 years ago in company with Dr. R. S. Whittaker, and the late Dr. J. T. Whittaker, founder of the Dunbar Hospital. He retired from practice about a year ago because of the serious illness of which he succumbed.

Senior Senator from California, Hiram Johnson was put on the spot by three different committees which he received in his suit at the Biltmore Hotel, during his short stay in Los Angeles. The question put to Senator Johnson was, "How would he vote at the Gavagan Fish anti-lynch bill in the next session of Con-

gress." The question was prompted by the fact that Senator Johnson voted no on the Cloture or "gag rule" to limit debate but the wily senator evaded answering directly by saying "Watch the records."

The last sad rites were said over Mrs. Rose Fowler of Oakland, as she was lowered to rest in the Oakland cemetery. She was the widow of the late Jasper Fowler, founder of the Friendship Baptist Church of Pasadena and mother of John W. Fowler, well known author, lecturer and political leader, of Los Angeles.

The Ku Klux Klan poked its ugly hooded head in to view in front of the Polytechnic High School, last week when a band of the hoodlums appeared and distributed pamphlets inviting male and female, protestants and gentiles, over the age of 18, to become members of the order. A little later it appeared on West Temple Street, burning the fiery cross and distributed more pamphlets which described its activities as being of the purpose of driving out Communists and Bundsmen and other undesirable citizens. It still adheres to the old propaganda of "make America white," and pointing out the undesirability of Negroes, and Catholics and Jews as citizens of this great country. The Klan promises to enter politics in a big way in the coming elections, especially in the selection of judges, to serve in our courts.

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SPECIAL TO THE OMAHA GUIDE



Mr. Fred Williams is a former Omahan, formerly associated with the late Father John Albert Williams on the Monitor.

OBSERVATIONS—
"In the Spirit of Christmas, I come to thank you for your patience in reading the lines which I bring to you; and to wish that your holidays be MERRY and that Santa be good to you."

We are coming to the end of a year that has brought us many changes and uncertainties. The spirit of good neighborliness is undergoing an empetuous period while small nations and minority groups are being crushed by the big powers, like fanatical slaves before a big juggernaut. But why all of this strife and blood-letting conflict when the end which all claim they wish to attain, is Peace. In my opinion, a better way would be for the powers to come together and be honest in their claims and proposals and dismantle their war machines.

"An ounce of prevention," is said to be worth, "a pound of cure," and I believe that America's fear would be calmed if the various minority groups could sit down around the table and agree upon a program that would deal fairly and honestly with all groups; for instance, the Jews, the Catholics, the Negroes, and the Protestants, represented by such as heads of the B'nai-B'rith, Knights of Columbus, the N.A.A.C.P., the Civil Liberties League and a representative of the Pro-

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WINGED GODS TO BE

Thirteen students out of fourteen examined, passed the Civil Aeronautics test for Flight surgeons at Howard university where 63 aspirants to fly with man made wings have registered. Since the opportunity for aviators has been opened to our young men, the ambition of the youth has been spurred and encouraged when it was reported that the Glenview Air school near Chicago will train them if they are sent by the United States Government. Under the act passed by the 76th Congress, there is no reason why colored youth who can pass the examination and meet the test should not be admitted to every department in the field of aviation. The Army and Navy corp is not the only place where capable and skillful pilots can be used, for the commercial field is rapidly broadening and capable men, regardless of color, will proba of great value.

KENTUCKY CHIVALRY PREVAILS

Down in the Blue Grass state, the home of many racing champions, where duelling and feuds were a recognized past time, and where Stephen Foster rode Old Black Joe; this borderline state has arisen and accepted the challenge "that tolerance must become a fact and not just a preachment." When the Governor's Advisory Committee on Negro Education met in a meeting at Frankfort and passed a resolution, recognizing the right of Negroes to take courses at the university of Kentucky, not available elsewhere it proved that Kentucky's claim to be the "home of true sportsmen" was no idle boast.

WHITE COLLARS TO SHINE

Down at Newark, N. J., Miss Grace Eubanks, a comely member of the race had just been appointed assistant superintendent of the Public Welfare Department. Ten new case workers have been added to the list of about three hundred, already working in the Welfare Department and this information is about New Jersey, a state of Contradiction; where in one portion of the state they are beating and driving out Negro workers, here in the industrial center, they are beginning to recognize their worth and give them an opportunity to prove their value. There is a promise of 25 new white collar jobs for Negroes and all of them will operate in a district where the white population is two to one colored.

"ETHEL LIKE ETHEL," SAYS CRITIC

If Ethel Barrymore can be classed "great" as a player, "then says McDermott, after witnessing "Mamba's Daughters", in Cleveland, that "the play's star, Ethel Waters, as "great." We agreed with Mr. McDermott, but how many of his fellow critics will?

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