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Outstanding Negroes And Whites of 1939 Named

NEW YORK, Feb. 17, (ANP)—The 12 "American Negroes of distinguished achievement for 1939" were announced over the New York radio station, WEVD, Tuesday night, Feb. 13. Dr. L. D. Reddick, curator, gave the results of a nation-wide poll sponsored by the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature of the New York Public Library and the New York Branch of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. The 12 were chosen on the basis of "sheer merit of achievement in terms of social value to the race and humanity. At times a glorious defeat or failure reveals distinguished courage social intelligence."

Also the six white persons who during the past year had done the most for the improvement for race relations in terms of a real democracy were named. The citations were as follows:

Negroes

Miss Marian Anderson to whom Toscani said "only one voice like yours is heard in a hundred years". Miss Anderson's recital on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial before an estimated audience of 75,000 and a radio audience running into the millions gave a clear answer to the prejudice which prevented her appearing in Constitutional hall, Washington.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Under the leadership of Walter White this organization has led the fight for the enacting of a federal anti-lynch law. The legal staff of the association has scored court victories toward the admission of Negroes to the state supported universities of the south and equal pay for Negro teachers in Maryland.

Miss Jane Bolin whose appointment as justice of the court of domestic relations, New York City, on the basis of merit marks her as the first Negro woman judge in the history of America. Justice Bolin is a symbol of other Negro women in and out of administrative and political office who demonstrate leadership and ability.

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier of Howard university whose book "The Negro Family In The United States" is one of the noteworthy scholarly productions of the past year. Of this book Prof. Ernest W. Burgess of the University of Chicago says: "It is, in fact, the most valuable contribution to the literature on the family since the publication, 20 years ago, of the Polish Peasant in Europe and America by W. I. Thomas and Florian Znaniecki."

Joe Louis who by demolishing all comers has maintained his position as the champion physical warrior of the world and who despite his fame and earning has demonstrated a modesty and sportsmanship seldom found.

Dr. George Washington Carver of Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Carver, though not always orthodox in his methods, has in his winning of the Roosevelt medal and other awards, focused attention upon the contributions to science by the Negro.

Sam Solomon of Miami. The outstanding, but not the only, example of Southern Negroes who led a march to the ballot box, to exercise their constitutional rights, despite the threats of the KuKluxKlan.

Rev. Glenn T. Settle, Cleveland, as the founder and director of "Wings Over Jordan" a weekly C. B. S. broadcast each Sunday morning. This was the outstanding radio series rendered by Negroes during the past year.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson who as editor of the Journal of Negro History since its founding in 1916 and as director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and the originator of "Negro History Week" itself brought to a high point during 1939 his remarkable effort in stimulating the scientific and sympathetic study of the Negro.

Richard Wright whose prize-winning stories won for him a Guggenheim fellowship for 1939 and whose great novel written on that fellowship, "Native Son", has been chosen recently as a book of the Month Club selection.

The Negro Press. One of the single greatest influences towards giving the Negro a conception of himself in terms of achievement and self respect. Incidentally, the editor of one Negro paper has been named on the honor roll of the state of Virginia—all others on this roll being white.

No attempt was made to rank the twelve.

Whites

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who along with her husband, the president has given more dignity to the relations of the White House to the Negroes of America than has any such couple within recent history. Mrs. Roosevelt has frequently spoken out in her column for the rights of all men and resigned her membership in a well-known organization, connected by name with the American revolution, when the bar of color prejudice was raised against a world-famous Negro singer.

Harold F. Ickes, secretary of the Interior, whose consistent championing of democracy reached a climax during the past year when he granted the use of the Lincoln Memorial plaza and himself presided at the Marion Anderson recital previously mentioned.

Maury Maverick who has added to his former record of positive support of the anti-lynch bill when he was a congressman from Texas. Now as mayor of San Antonio, at the risk of his political career, has stood up for the rights of Negroes, Mexicans and labor. In the Virginia Quarterly Review for winter, 1939, Mayor Maverick wrote an article addressed to the South which was entitled "Let's Join the United States."

Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia of N. York City, who has addressed himself to the problems of all of the peoples of that city. Mayor LaGuardia has set a high standard by including Negroes in important positions in the official life of the greatest American city. Among his recent appointees are Judge Miles A. Paige and Justice Jane Bolin.

Benny Goodman for his employment of distinguished musicians irrespective of color in his well-known orchestra. The list of Negroes who have served in the Goodman band includes Lionel Hampton, Tedy Wilson, Fletcher Henderson and Charles Christian. In the words of Langston Hughes he has done much toward breaking down the color bar in the dance music industry.

University of North Carolina for its liberalism in a land where it takes unusual courage to be liberal. Its president, Dr. Frank P. Graham has also served as the head of the Southern Conference on Human Welfare. Its press has set a high level, with a few notorious exceptions, for objectivity and scholarship in dealing with the Negro in Amer-

ican life. No attempt was made to rank the six. There were scattered votes for a great number of labor organizations which have organized without regard to race.

Music for the program was furnished by the Phi Beta Sigma Glee Club under the direction of Prof. John A. Sharpe. Dr. Reddick stated that the poll would be an annual feature of Negro History week.

Philly Already Preparing For NAACP Meet

Philadelphia, Feb. 17, (ANP)—Five months early, this city is hard at work for the coming 31st annual conference of the NAACP, June 25-30. With Mayor Robert E. Lambert, honorary chairman and Attorney Theodore O. Spaulding, general chairman of arrangements and supported by nine committees.

First major project of the joint committees is a huge dancefest to top the Penn relays weekend, on Saturday evening, April 27, when three orchestras will be on hand in the Wharton Street Armory, Broad and Wharton Streets. In this way it is hoped to raise the money to underwrite the expenses of the meeting. Raymond Pace Alexander is head of the finance committee, responsible for meeting the convention expenses.

Although all committee chairmen have not been named, the committees are divided into housing, hospitality, publicity, church cooperation, finance, program registration, information, cuisine.

The housing committee, under Miss Mamie E. Davis, general secretary of the Southwest YWCA, will begin its work almost at once sending subcommittees to visit every home which will be open to delegates. The leading city hotels will also be visited.

Tindley Temple ME. church, Broad and Fitzwater streets, will be the conferences meeting place with the business headquarters at 1506 Catherine street.

Dr. Harry W. Greene is president of the Philadelphia branch of the NAACP.

COLORED ATTY. ONE OF MAIN SPEAKERS AT LINCOLN DAY DINNER

New York, N. Y., February 12,—Aaron H. Payne, young colored Attorney and Republican leader of Chicago, delivered one of the three major addresses at the Lincoln Day Dinner of the National Republican Club of New York, here tonight. Chairman John Hamilton and Mrs. Robert A. Taft, wife of the Senator were the others.

For the first time in more than 30 years, a representative of Colored Republicans was accorded a place on the Speaking Program. Attorney Payne called attention to this fact when, in opening his address, he said:

"Many years ago the beloved Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee was one of your Guest Speakers. He richly merited the distinction, for he was universally accepted as the accredited spokesman for his people. He has no successor. Able spokesman that he was, the cause of Republicanism and the love of Abraham Lincoln were no stronger in his heart than in mine; and regardless of what some few may say the fundamental attitude of my people, North and South, is no different from my own. "While our perspective is not yet far enough removed for all of us

DR. ELWOOD ROWSEY AT HILLSIDE SUNDAY

An interracial musical service of special interest will be held at Hillside Presbyterian Church Sunday, afternoon February 18th at 3:45 o'clock. Dr. Elwood Rowsey prominent radio and pulp orator and minister of Dundee Presbyterian Church will be the principal speaker. The Westminster Presbyterian Choir of 30 voices and a violin soloist, Miss Betty Mae Nelson will furnish the music, under the direction of Mr. Byron Demorest. The conclusion of the service promises to be one of the most effective interracial services held at Hillside Music lovers are asked to be in their seats at 3:30.

Select All-American Swing Band

THEATRICAL WRITERS SELECT ALL-AMERICAN SWING BAND FOR 1940

First band:—Trumpet, Louis Armstrong; Erskine Hawkins, Harry James.

First band, Trombone: Tommy Dorsey, J. C. Higgenbotham, (Armstrong), Jack Teagarden.

First band, Alto sax: Johnny Hodges (Ellington), Benny Carter, Jimmy Dorsey.

First band, Tenor sax: Soleman Hawkins, Chu Berry, (Calloway). First band, clarinet: Benny Goodman.

First band, Piano: Teddy Wilson. First band, Guitar: Charlie Christian (Goodman).

First band, Drums: Joe Jones, (Basie).

First band, Bass: John Kirby, Artie Bernstein (Goodman).

First band, Male vocalist: Bing Crosby.

First band, Girl vocalist: Ella Fitzgerald.

First band, Best instrumental soloist: Lionel Hampton (Goodman).

First band, Best composition of 1939: My Prayer.

First band, Best hot band: Count Basie.

Second Band

Second band, Trumpet: Rex Stewart (Ellington), Muggsy Spanier, Roy Eldridge.

Second band, Trombone: Lawrence Brown (Ellington), Juan Tizol (Ellington), Trummy Young, Lunceford.)

Second band, Alto sax: Willie Smith (Lunceford), Charlie Barnett, Eddie Barefield (?)

Second band, Tenor sax: Lester Young, Joe Thomas (Lunceford).

Second band, Clarinet: Barney Bigard (Ellington).

Second band, Piano: Count Basie.

Second band, Guitar, Floyd Smith, (Kirk).

Second band, Drums, Gene Krupa.

Second band, Bass: Pops Foster (Armstrong) Bobby Haggart, (Crosby)

Second band, Male vocalist: Bill Kenny (Ink Spots).

Second band, Girl vocalist: Billie Holiday.

Second band, Best instrumental soloist: Sidney Bechet.

Second band, Best composition of 1939: T'aint What You Do.

Second band, Best hot band: Duke Ellington.

Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Jack Teagarden, Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Artie Bernstein, Bing Crosby, Muggsy Spanier, Charlie Barnett, Gene Krupa Bobby Haggart, all are white musicians.

WHITE COLLEGE PLANS \$20,000 MEMORIAL FOR NEGRO JANITOR

Macon, Ga., Feb. 17 (ANP)—A unique memorial, said to be without precedent in the Nation's history, was disclosed this week when it was learned that at Mercer university, 107 year old Baptist institution, a memorial will be erected honoring Robert E. Lee Battle, Negro janitor for 40 years at Mercer who died last Dec. 8, leaving an estate consisting mainly of a \$36 burial insurance policy.

JUSTICE PAIGE MOVES RESIDENT TO BROOKLYN

New York, Feb. 17, (ANP)—Magistrate Myles A. Paige, scheduled to be elevated to special sessions by Mayor LaGuardia, now is a resident of Brooklyn. His family moved last week. Announced a few days before Christmas, Paige's appointment was held in abeyance by a provision of the Interior Criminal Court act, which requires that five special sessions justices must be residents of Brooklyn. Since Paige was appointed to fill a Brooklyn justice's vacancy, to hold the job he is compelled to be a resident of Brooklyn. It is believed that Mayor LaGuardia suggested that Magistrate

to see clearly and fully appreciate the true stature of Lincoln; each passing year reduces the ranks of those who would withhold from him the palm of eternal greatness."

1ST NATIONAL HONORS WON BY NEBRASKA POWER CO.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17—Nebraska Power Company's home lighting sales campaign, conducted October 1 to December 31 won first national honors in a home lighting equipment sales contest conducted by the Edison Electric Institute with headquarters in New York, according to word received today.

Miss Felicia Randall, home lighting specialist of Nebraska Power, was advised that her report on the local campaign, in which residential customers were shown how the low rates granted by the company October 1 makes greater electric service available to them at no extra cost, was the unanimous choice of the judges for first place and a \$50 cash prize.

Thirty-four electric utilities of the country competed. Puget Sound Power and Light of Seattle won second prize and Lake Superior District Power, Ashland, Wisconsin, third prize.

The backing given the Nebraska Power Company campaign by intensive newspaper advertising, direct mail, outdoor advertising and radio, which resulted in a ratio of one sale to every 2.7 customers, were the features that won first honors for the local company.

NEGROES SPEND 140 MILLION YEARLY FOR TRAVEL

New York, Feb. (ANP) C. A. R. McDowell, director of the division of Negro activities of the U. S. Travel bureau, with offices in New York, has compiled an interesting number of figures on what the Negro spends annually for travel in the United States.

Said Mr. McDowell: "A study of the reports of the National Resources Committee on Consumer incomes and their expenditures for 1935-36, reveals that there were 1,980,320 non-relief Negro families not including those on the Pacific Coast and the far West. The average income for these families is \$809 per year—they spend an average of \$70 per year for all forms of travel—a conservative estimate—thus making a total of \$140,000,000 for travel expenses and other incidentals pertaining to travel."

WOOD TO OPEN COCHRAN HEADQUARTERS

John O. Wood, veteran politician and campaign manager, has been selected by the State committee to manage the campaign of Governor Cochran for the U. S. Senate. Headquarters are being opened at 2405 Lake St., and a "vigorous" campaign will be launched, he states.

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK AT BETHUNE COLLEGE

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has accepted the invitation of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida, to make the principal address at the celebration next week of the school's 35th anniversary.

The observance, which will open with an all-day meeting of local educational leaders on Friday, February 16, will be climaxed on Sunday afternoon, when Mrs. Roosevelt and Aubrey Williams, executive director of the National Youth platform.

Administration, will share the Another highlight of the observance will be the presentation, by the college students on Friday evening, of a pageant, "Unfolding a Dream," which will depict the history of the school. A concert by Roland Hayes on Sunday evening will conclude the three day celebration.

Paige move in order to qualify for the post. When asked how long Paige must live in Brooklyn in order to establish a legal residence, the mayor replied, "five minutes." Assigned to special sessions for the past several weeks, Paige is expected to be sworn in this week.

CONNALLY ATTACKS FOES OF LYNCHING AT SENATE COMM. HEARING ON BILL

Washington, Feb. 17 (CNA)—Witnesses testifying in support of the Wagner-Gavagan Anti-Lynch Bill were subjected to scurrilous attacks by Senator Tom Connally of Texas as a Senate Judiciary subcommittee opened hearings on the bill recently passed by the House. Senator Connally also assailed the presence at the hearing of many Negro and white supporters of the bill.

As the hearings opened, the fight for passage of the measure entered a crucial stage. The strategy of Senator Connally and other tory foes of anti-lynch legislation is to keep the bill bottled up in the Judiciary Committee as long as possible and hearings were devised as one step in this process.

Powerful sentiment in favor of passage of the bill was developing throughout the nation as the fight got under way before the Senate subcommittee. In Detroit, the City Council voted endorsement of the measure and forwarded requests to Senator's Vandenberg and Prentiss Brown of Michigan to vote for the bill.

Connally, who demanded hearings on the bill, has arranged to have a string of reactionary Southern witnesses appear in defense of lynching.

The first witnesses who have appeared however, were strongly in favor of the measure. Dr. Arthur Raper of Decatur, Ga., who conducted an extensive study of lynching several years ago, told the committee that passage of a federal law was necessary because only one-tenth of one per cent of those guilty of lynching are brought to justice by local authorities.

Connally clashed repeatedly with the witness, referred to Negroes as "niggers" and said he couldn't understand "how any man with white blood in his veins" could take the stand that Raper did.

Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sharply assailed Connally and charged that some members of Congress were using "vitriolic attacks on legislation like this" to gain re-election.

SENATOR TAFT SPEAKS IN MIAMI

Miami, Fla., Feb.—Speaking before a large Republican rally at Bayfront Park in Miami, Senator Robert A. Taft told Floridians and winter residents that the key to recovery is the encouragement of small business under a friendly rather than a hostile administration.

To Celebrate Brotherhood Week Feb. 18-25

New York, Feb. 17, (ANP)—Brotherhood Week, national observance of which takes place Feb. 18-25, first launched by Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under President Wilson, is intended to preserve justice, amity and understanding and cooperation among people of all races, creeds and religions in the United States.

National leaders of all races this week expressed the hope here that observance of Brotherhood week, this month would be general, earnest and productive of lasting benefits to all who cherish the basic American principle of equal rights for all.

These leaders have recommended for consideration of all who will participate the following "Ten Commandments of Good Will."

1. I will respect all men and women regardless of their race or religion.
2. I will protect and defend my neighbor and my neighbor's children against ravages of racial or religious bigotry.
3. I will exemplify in my own life the spirit of good will and understanding.
4. I will challenge the philosophy of racial superiority by whomsoever it may be proclaimed, whether they be kings, dictators or demagogues.
5. I will not be misled by the lying propaganda of those who seek to set race against race or nation against nation.
6. I will refuse to support any organization that has for its purpose the spreading of anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism or anti-Protestantism.
7. I will establish comradeship with all those who seek to exalt to the spirit of love and reconciliation through the world.
8. I will attribute to those who differ from me the same degree of sincerity that I claim for myself.
9. I will uphold the civil rights and religious liberties of all citizens and groups, whether I agree with them or not.
10. I will do more than "live and let live"; I will live and HELP live.

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE HAMILTON FISH

Washington, D. C., February 8, 1940. Hearings on the Anti-Lynching Bill, which passed the House by a two-to-one vote, are now being held before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee. Southern Members opposing the bill when it was under consideration in the House said that the most harmful thing the Republicans could do would be to "smoke out" President Roosevelt and send the bill to him for his final action. President Roosevelt does not hesitate to express his views and pass moral judgments on European Nations. Why is he so strangely silent on legislation aimed to provide for the security and safety of the lives of our own people? The American people, both white and colored, are entitled to know where President Roosevelt stands on the Anti-Lynching Bill, and what he proposes to do to help secure its passage in the Congress.

SIX NEGROES ATTEND UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE

Washington, Feb. 17, (ANP)—Six prominent Negro women were among the one hundred women from all parts of the country called here to discuss the unemployment of young women in the country. Attending were Miss Thelma Dale of the Youth Federation of Washington, Washington; Mrs. Crystal Byrd Fauset of the WPA, Pennsylvania; Miss Jane Hunter, of the Phyllis Wheatley House, Cleveland; Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, administrator of one of the district offices of the Emergency Relief bureau in New York City, and Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of the NYA.