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LINCOLN—"DESPISED AND REJECTED?"
(by Charles Stelzle)

6 WHITE WOMEN, 6 WHITE MEN Acquit Negro On Rape Charge

Named Bank Director



DR. RUDOLPH WINSTON

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12 (ANP) Dr. Rudolph Winston, prominent physician, was elected a director of the Citizens & Southern Bank and Trust company at the annual stockholders' meeting held Tuesday.

A native of Hampton, Va., he came to Philadelphia at an early age, attended grammar school and Central High school. He received a four year scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania and later won in a competitive examination a scholarship through the medical school of the university. He interned at City Hospital Number two in St. Louis, and has done graduate work at Harvard Medical school in internal medicine.

Dr. Winston is a member of the medical staff of Mercy hospital and is especially interested in gastroenterology. He is also a director of the Hub Laundry, Inc. He married Miss Wilhelmina Adams, and has one son, Rudolph Winston Jr.

Other members of the board of directors who were elected are: R. R. Wright, Sr., R. R. Wright, Jr., Walter C. Beckett, William Newman, Emanuel C. Wright, W. C. Williamson, James H. Irvin, Harriet Wright Lemon, David H. Sims.

According to reports made by the secretary and treasurer, the net profits from 1939 were \$30,853.31, and for the year 1940, \$33,870.31. The assets increased from \$729,259.99 in 1939 to \$829,178.00 for 1940.

DR. ROWLAND HAYNES TO BE GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Rowland Haynes, President of the Omaha University, will be guest speaker at the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Omaha Urban League Tuesday eve., February 11th. His subject will be "The Urban League in a Democracy". Dr. Haynes is well known for the interesting manner in which he presents a talk and the Urban League feels very fortunate in getting him to address us on this occasion as he is so busy with other speaking engagements.

Member of the Muse Drama Guild and their associates will present a specially prepared skit depicting the work of the organization in the employment, neighborhood, and boys work departments and in social adjustments and community relations. Musical selection will be given by Miss Ruth Forrest, Mr. Booker Washington, the Urban League trio, and others.

The business portion of the meeting will include the election of the Board members of the Omaha Urban League for the year 1941. The WPA orchestra will present a concert between the hours of 7 and 8. An exhibit of the handcraft work of the WPA recreation and adult education departments and classes of the Urban League will be opened to the public at 7 p. m.

DEATH COMPENSATION OF LABORER SHARED BY TWO WIDOWS

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28 (ANP)—The two wives and three children of a laborer fatally injured here last Sept. 30 shared in his death compensation under an agreement approved Thursday by the state industrial commission.

The agreement was between Lollie Byrd Hailey, the first wife and others, and Herbert and Annie Seligson and the latter's carrier, the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America.

By terms of the agreement, Lollie Hailey was awarded a lump sum of \$1,667. One hundred dollars each was given to three children born to her and William Hailey, the deceased, and \$170 to Janie Williams Hailey, the deceased's second wife.

The commission found it to be a fact that Hailey abandoned Lollie and remarried without getting a divorce, under the assumed name of William Henry. He was injured while digging an excavation and died on Oct. 14.

JOSEPH SPELL FREED IN CONNECTICUT RAPE CASE

Bridgeport, Conn.—Despite an obvious attempt of the prosecution to arouse racial animosity in summing up the case, six men and six women, comprising an all white jury, after deliberating for twelve hours, brought in a verdict of acquittal at 11:56 p. m. for 31 year old Joseph Spell, whose wealthy white employer, Mrs. Eleanor Strubbing, had charged that he had raped her three times on the night of December 11, and threw her in the Kensico reservoir near North Castle, New York.

The case was concluded after an eight day trial. The jury received the case from Judge Carl Foster, at 11:15 yesterday morning. When they filed out for lunch, the ballot stood evenly divided, six for acquittal and six against. At 7 p. m. when they came out for dinner the ballot stood at nine for acquittal and three against. At 11:30 p. m. members of the jury sent out for a transcript of the testimony of Sergeant John J. Teufel, who was called by the defense. Court had to be reconvened and the testimony read in open court. Teufel was originally a state's witness but was recalled by the defense. His testimony cast extreme doubt on the reliability of Mrs. Strubbing's version of what happened between herself and Spell. Seven minutes after his testimony had been read to them and they had retired to the jury room for further consideration, they returned and handed down a verdict freeing Spell.

Immediately following the verdict, Spell was remanded to the Bridgeport jail at the request of State's Attorney Lorin W. Willis, who, acting under a Connecticut statute, asked that the chauffeur be retained in custody for forty-eight hours in order that the state might determine what further action, if any, it will take. Samuel Friedman, counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the case said he was confident that Spell would not be detained beyond next Tuesday when court convenes.

At the same time, officials of the Association urged organizations and individuals to continue the campaign to raise funds for the cost of the trial. According to Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, \$1,028.84 has been spent on the trial thus far

Spingarn Medalist



25th Spingarn Medalist, Richard Wright, 32, author of the famous best seller, "Native Son" who has been awarded the 1940 Spingarn Medal Award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—Photo by Ernest Brooks.

RICHARD WRIGHT WINS '40 SPINGARN MEDAL

"Native Son" Author Gets 26th Annual Award

New York—Because "He has given to Americans who have eyes to see, a picture which must be faced if democracy is to survive, Richard Wright, 32 year old author of "Uncle Tom's Children" and "Native Son," the 1940 best seller novel, was made the 26th recipient of the Spingarn Gold Medal at a meeting of the award committee held here Thursday, January 23, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced.

The committee's formal citation said the medal was awarded to Mr. Wright "For his powerful depiction in his books "Uncle Tom's Children" and "Native Son," of the effect of proscription, segregation and denial of opportunities to the American Negro. He has given to Americans who have eyes to see, a picture which must be faced if democracy is to survive. The Award Committee salutes Mr. Wright as one of the most powerful of contemporary writers."

The medal will be ceremoniously presented to him at the Association's 32nd Annual conference to be held in Houston, Texas, June 24, to 29th.

and \$1,300 needs to be raised in order to bear remaining costs on fees due lawyers, detective agencies, and stenographers who took testimony in the case.

Editor's Note: Bulletin—Telegram received today from Thurgood Marshall, NAACP. Special Counsel now at Hugo, Okla.: "Jury after five and one-half hours deliberation brought in verdict of guilty of murder and sentenced W. D. Lyons to life imprisonment. Lyons is up for sentence February 10. NAACP will move for a new trial and note an appeal."

MRS. ROOSEVELT SPEAKS TO REFORM LEAGUE

Richmond, Va.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt asserted that "we cannot be a democracy and deny the vote to any individual."

"We in this country are proving to the world a democracy really can function," the first lady told the Southern Electoral Reform League, "but if we take the responsibility of proving we can live in a country having a representative, democratic government, we must prove it is a fact for every individual."

MAN WALKS EIGHT MILES TO KILL RIVAL AFTER ROW

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 5 (ANP)—Herbert Bynum, 27 year old Sharpburg resident walked eight miles Tuesday night to kill a man after a quarrel over Bynum's wife, then walked four miles to give himself up to police.

He walked four miles for a shot gun, Bynum told officers here, then returned that distance, to the home of Adam Farmer, 35, to kill him.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM FOR NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

There will be a special Community Program for Negro History Week at the Urban League, Monday, February 10, 1941 at 8 p. m. There will be talks on the "Negro in Foreign Lands" and a panel discussion on "What the Negro Can Contribute to National Defense".

Participants in the discussion will be Miss Dorcas Taylor, Mrs.

Thelma Hancock Mrs. G. A. Blackburn and Messrs Raymond R. Brown, Dillard Crawford, S. E. Gilbert, Bennie D. Brown, and Dr. W. W. Peebles.

Music will be rendered by the WPA Orchestra. This program is sponsored by the teachers of Adult Education. You and your friends have a special invitation.

ED. JONES, POLICY KING SENTENCED TO SERVE 28 MONTHS IN PENITENTIARY

Chicago, Feb. 5 (ANP) Edward P. Jones, reputed boss of the south side policy racket, was sentenced Thursday by Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan to serve 28 months in the penitentiary for income tax evasion. He took the rap for his two brothers, and Thomas R. Gilson, white, who had served in the internal revenue bureau for 23 years before becoming an independent tax counsellor. The brothers and Gilson were discharged.

When sentence was imposed, Judge Sullivan granted E. Jones a stay of execution to March 10, to allow him to get his affairs in order.

The multimillion dollar policy income, the government pointed out, comes from pennies, nickles and dimes that Southsiders bet in the "numbers racket". The Jones boys got 75 percent of everything that is bet.

John M. Kiely and Paul Plunkett assistant district attorneys, told the court that the brothers' tax liabilities has been settled for \$481,710 in a civil suit. Kiely told the court, however, that he had repeatedly advised the defendants that "under no circumstances" would the settling of the civil case affect Ed Jones' sentence for his plea of guilty in the criminal case.

Kiely narrated in detail how the Jones brothers, son of a Mississippi minister, ran a \$15,000 stake up to \$1,600,000 in 10 years.

He said Ed is 43 years old, a graduate of Howard university, married and the father of four children. He lived in Mississippi until coming to Chicago. From 1918 to 1922 he operated a small

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14 SOLDIERS OF 369th REGIMENT HURT IN FIRE

Oswego, New York (C) Fourteen soldiers of Harlem's 369th Regiment, which had just arrived here last Wednesday for its year of active service, suffered severe burns when fire precipitated by a boiler explosion swept through the one story wooden building which served as headquarters for the Regiment.

Beginning just before 9 o'clock, the fire quickly covered the middle wing of the E-shaped building causing several thousand rounds of ammunition to explode and destroy most of the regimental records. The blaze reached to post exchange at the northern wing and did some damage to supplies. Fire men from the Oswego department joined in with the soldiers to help combat the flames, but it wasn't until 90 minutes after, that the blaze was completely extinguished.

The most seriously injured soldier was private Benjamin Freeman who suffered second degree burns and possibly internal injuries. In addition to Private Freeman, four other soldiers were taken to the post hospital, overcome by smoke. They were Sgt. Nevil Martin, Privates Joseph Thompson, William Green, and Harold Jones.

It was believed that a new building would be constructed soon, in the place of the one damaged by the fire. Fortunately, the east wing kept the flames away from the \$500,000 sixty-five building cantonment completed at the fort last week.

MORE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS ANNOUNCED

Washington, Jan. 27 (ANP)—The United States Civil Service commission announces competitive examinations for the following positions: high speed radio operator applications to be filed immediately and until further notice is received; engineering draftsman, chief engineering draftsman, senior engineering draftsman, principal engineering draftsman and assistant engineering draftsman applications to be filed until Dec. 31, 1941; junior veterinarian, medical guard attendant; medical technical assistant; home economic specialist; senior home economic specialist, associate home economist, associate in food composition, psychiatric nurse; family economics writer. Further information may be obtained at local post offices.

LINCOLN—"DESPISED AND REJECTED?"
(by Charles Stelzle)

Perhaps no President of the United States has been so vilified as Abraham Lincoln. He was publicly charged with being weak and inefficient, a perjurer and a thief, wasting the public's money, disregarding the constitution, and being a dictator, a political spoilsman, and incompetent to be president.

No man guilty of the charges made against him could have given expression to the noble sentiments credited to him, sometimes in spite of the attacks of powerful opponents. Many of these expressions have become classic and are today counted worthy of having an honored place among the world's greatest declarations.

It is well as we again celebrate Lincoln's birthday that we should be reminded of some of these famous affirmations. Who can forget the address that he gave at Gettysburg in which he said that "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth?"

In his second inaugural address he pleaded for "malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right."

Speaking about the framers of the Constitution he said: "They did not declare all men equal in all respects. They did not mean to say that all were equal in color, size, intellect, moral development, or social capacity. They defined with tolerable distinctiveness in what respects they did consider all men created equal—equal with certain inalienable right, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In a debate with Stephen Douglas, Lincoln once said: "No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent." Speaking at Springfield, Lincoln said: "This government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free."

History has proved that Lincoln was one of the greatest Presidents that our country has had in all of its history, and he is now honored not only by all Americans, regardless of their political convictions, but by people overseas who have come to know about the great service he rendered for the people of the United States, particularly those who were oppressed or afflicted.

HOLLYWOOD CRITICS ARE WILD OVER HATTIE MCDANIEL IN 'THE GREAT LIE'

Hollywood, California, (C)—Critics out here are raving over Hattie McDaniel's performance of Violet in Warner Brothers picture "The Great Lie". Louella O. Parsons, veteran Hollywood editor calls Hattie the greatest scene-stealer in the picture. By the way Academy Award winner, Bette Davis and George Brent have the stellar roles in the picture.

Hattie is getting all set to start for her new role in "Affectionally Yours", starring Merle Oberon. The picture is to be the chubby actress's first under the new contact with Warner's. When she was signed for the "Great Lie" she was still with the David O. Selznick productions.

ANXIOUS TO SERVE IN FIRST ALL-NEGRO AIR SQUADRON



The young men pictured here are anxious to serve in the first all-Negro army air squadron to be established at Tuskegee institute and have already met the physical requirements for technical men and have sworn allegiance to the American flag.

They are shown with Col. C. Robinson, in dark uniform with cap, who distinguished himself fighting for Haile Selassie in the Ethiopian-Italian war a few years ago. Col. Robinson has given them more than two years of

technical training at his school in Chicago and they are experienced in servicing and maintaining army aircraft. There are more than 100 students at Col. Robinson's institute. (ANP Photo)

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