

# WPA. Foreman Turns Man Back Without A Chance



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LECTURER IN LAW



SILAS E. GARNER recently appointed lecturer in law in the Lincoln University School of Law, St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Garner is former president and veteran member of the Mound City (St. Louis) Bar Association.

## NEGRO TO BE REPRES'NTED

—SECY. STIMSON

### PROPORTIONATE NUMBER WILL SERVE IN ARMY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18. Secretary of War Stimson today told a delegation from the American Youth Congress that "the colored population will be represented by its proportionate representation in the United States army."

Stimson gave an impromptu talk to pickets who paraded in front of the war department with placards charging "Jim Crow" discrimination against Negro troops.

He told the youths they ought first "to be sure of the facts." "I am the first secretary of war," he said, "to have appointed a colored officer to be a brigadier general in the United States army, that is, Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis.

"I am the second secretary of war who has appointed a colored person as civilian aide to the secretary of war. And finally I am now starting the organization of a pursuit squadron to be composed of colored personnel, including pilots."

The squadron, he explained would be organized and trained at Tuskegee, Ala. Training of some of its personnel already has been started by the civil aeronautics authority, he added.

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### NEGRO APPOINTED TO NAVAL ACADEMY

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—Appointment of Charles Toussant Gadson, Jr., 18, a Negro, to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., was announced today.

The youth, a graduate of Tilden Tech in 1939, and now a sophomore at the Illinois Institute of Technology, was appointed by Arthur W. Mitchell, Negro congressman from the First Illinois district.

## Negro Machinists Employed At D C. Navy Yards

Washington, Feb. 11 (ANP)—Progress in the fight against discrimination against Negro skilled workers in the U. S. Navy yards was noted this week in the employment of more than a score of Negro machinists at the Washington Navy yard following their graduation from the apprentice school there.

At the same time, it was learned that between 15 and 20 more Negro workers have been accepted as trainees in the apprentice school. Following graduation, they are expected to receive immediate employment in the Washington Navy yard as machinists third grade.

The banning of Negro trainees from both private and government owned ship and navy yard apprentice schools has been protested by Negro organizations in various parts of the country. These protests have been made to the National Defense Advisory commission and the problem has been turned over to Dr. Robert C. Weaver, administrative assistant in the division of labor supply.

Negro enrollees at the Washington Navy yard credited part of their success in finishing the apprentice course and receiving civil service appointments to the director of the apprentice school.

"Once the bars were broken down and we were permitted to enter," one of them explained, "the director protected us from any unfair charges of incompetency which were made by prejudiced supervisors."

The success in the Washington Navy yard is expected to inspire other local groups to continue to fight against bars in other private and government owned ship and navy yards. The pay scale of the machinist is from \$7.48 to \$8.14 per day in the Washington Navy yard.

### PLANS DENTAL MEET



Dr. M. D. Wiseman of Washington, D. C., chairman program committee of the National Dental association, who presides at a meeting in Richmond, Va., Feb. 22, where plans will be laid for the annual convention of the dentists which will be held in the Virginia city August 11-15.

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This picture will be shown at Bethel AME church Thursday, February 20, 1941 at 8 p. m. under the auspices of Captain No. 1, Mr. H. L. Morrissey. Don't miss this sensational picture.

## WISCONSIN SOLDIERS WORRY LOUISIANIANS

Alexandria, La., Feb. 11 (ANP)—Considerable difficulty is being experienced by authorities in regulating the conduct of soldiers in the 32nd division of the national guard which is encamped at Camp Beauregard here.

Members of the 32nd are from Wisconsin and have for the most part had limited contact with colored people or, for that matter, with urban conditions anywhere. For the most part they are free of prejudice.

This fact was so pronounced that when they first arrived in camp, leading local white citizens called upon a prominent Negro citizen to ask him to use his influence with the colored girls of the town so as to prevent their parading about the streets of the city on the arms of the white soldiers. The white group contended that in the first place it was bound to lead to racial trouble and in the second place it showed lack of pride in the young colored men of the town when the Negro girls would desert them so easily. No comment was made about the white girls who flocked about the vicinity of the camp.

Taking advantage of the inclinations of the northern youth, various immoral establishments are said to have sprung up. The results has been a shower of telegrams and letters from parents and citizens in Wisconsin, directed to their senators and congressmen and to military officials here at Camp Beauregard, protesting that houses of prostitution which have been permitted to spring up must be closed.

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### SEE AND HEAR MR. W. M. KUNOLD

In his travels through Mexico and South America with moving pictures in Technicolor with two comedies included. This is something very unusual and if you fail to attend you will miss a treat.

## BROTHERHOOD WINS PAY INCREASE FOR CNW PORTERS

### FORMER BANK OFFICIAL IS FIRST NEGRO GRAND JURY FOREMAN

New York (C New York County got its first Negro foreman of a Grand Jury when Robert P. Braddicks, former Harlem bank official and now connected with the Service Department of New York's new daily newspaper "PM" was sworn in Tuesday, Feb. 5th. District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey worked to have Braddicks appointed.

He was sworn in to the position of declaring their town "entirely moral." In the meantime the war department is seeking to develop additional recreational facilities within camp so as to keep the soldiers more contented in their own environs.

## GEN. DAVIS TO TAKE OVER THIS WEEK

Washington, Feb. 11 (ANP)—Branding false all statements to the contrary, Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Davis, spending a couple of days in Washington, declared he was on his way to present to Ft. Riley, Kans., where he would take command of the brigade of cavalry regiments there this week.

Calling Gen. Davis' attention to an article appearing in the current issue of News-Week which states:

"Gen. Davis, due to retire next June after 43 years service, is now on leave and rumors at Fort Riley have hinted that he may never actually take over the command."

The General said he was traveling leisurely, but he was supposed to report to the new command at the end of the past week.

Many stories concerning General Davis have appeared since his promotion and appointment but for the most part, he has ignored all of them, particularly those with reference to the ill feeling of Negro soldiers toward him.

At the time of his command of the 369th regiment in New York, Gen. Davis was one of the most popular men ever to officiate in that capacity and many of the members of the crack regiment freely expressed themselves as saying they had never soldiered, although they had been members of the outfit for a number of years, until the colored colonel took over the command. There was no ill-feeling among the enlisted men concerning Col. Davis and they felt that the regiment had been bettered.

In this particular regiment, Col. Davis had the cooperation and full support of an entire staff of Negro officers, whereas in his new assignment as Gen. Davis he will have only one colored officer and that will be his son. The new command is to be known as the Fourth Cavalry brigade, composed of Negro troops with white officers, excepting of course, his son, and personal aide, Capt. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

### TO CALL 110 PHYSICIANS WITHIN 60 DAYS

Washington, Feb. 11 (ANP)—Following through on its recent announcement that Negro physicians would be called for service, the war department issued an order that 110 physicians would be called within the next 60 days for active service at Fort Devens,

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has just concluded the negotiation of wage agreement with the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, involving buffet car, coach and parlor car porters, that secured for them increases in pay ranging from \$13.50 for in charge buffet car porters to \$20 for in charge supervising porters per month.

The agreement committee consisted of A. Philip Randolph, International President, M. P. Webster, 1st International Vice President, and Theodore Brown, one of the members of the porter personnel of the carrier.

The settlement of the dispute between the railroad and the Brotherhood was affected by Mr. John F. Murray, one of the mediators of the National Mediation Board.

Fort Bragg N. C.; and Ft. Livingston, La.

### WILLIAM PICKENS TO SPEAK BEFORE COLLEGE CONVOCATIONS

Pittsburgh, Feb. 11 (ANP)—Washington and Jefferson college in Western Pennsylvania, has invited William Pickens, NAACP director of branches, to speak before "convocation" of all students and faculties, it was learned here this week. Exact date of the meeting has not been set but it will be held the latter part of April or the first week in May.

According to the college chaplain this will mark the third time Dean Pickens has appeared there for the convocation address. In June the dean will also speak for the Institute of International Relations in Wichita, Kans. and in the city of Grinnell, Iowa. Vice-President Henry A. Wallace is sponsor of the Institute of International Relations.

During his long spring-summer, cross-country jaunt, Pickens will address meetings at NAACP branches in New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. Enroute he will address some of the biggest U. S. forums, including the Chicago Educational council and others in Milwaukee, Detroit and Cincinnati.

April 23-26, Dean Pickens will go to the University of Missouri at Columbus, for several seminars with the Missouri Association for Social Welfare.

### SENATOR LODGE CITES DISFRANCHISEMENT AS DEFECT IN PRESENT SYSTEM

Washington, D. C.—In a statement read into the Congressional Record of January 31, by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Republican from Massachusetts, in support of a joint resolution introduced by him calling for a constitutional amendment to provide for the popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States, disfranchisement of the Negro is cited as one of the defects in the present electoral college system.

Citing seven other defects in the present system, Senator Lodge concludes with the following statement:

"The eighth defect is the tendency of the present system to disfranchise the Negro. Under a system in which no minority votes are counted, there is scant incentive to bring out the Negro vote. Under a system where all minority votes are counted there is reason to call forth a wider public participation in government, because even though a voter is in the minority,

Lycurgus C. Curry, 2612 Corby St., was refused the opportunity to work as a Senior clerk as he had been assigned by the WPA office. Curry reports that upon reporting for work he was asked by the foreman of the project if he had ever worked as a material clerk on WPA. Curry answered no that he had not. The foreman then told Curry to go back to the WPA office and be reassigned as a laborer—Curry, who has had three years at Morehouse University and one year at Omaha University Law School, asked Morrissey to write the request out, which he did and asked Curry to take

the message to the assignment clerk at the WPA office. Curry returned to the WPA office for further assignment but did not produce the note from Morrissey. Curry waited four days for assignment and did not receive one. Finally he turned Morrissey's note and his assignment slip over to Arthur B. McCaw the President of the Omaha branch of the NAACP and explained his plight.

McCaw called Raymond Brown of the Omaha Urban League and S. E. Gilbert of the Omaha Star, both of whom are members of the NAACP, to serve on a committee to wait on Mr. Tietort, Personal Director at the WPA, who explained that his office would not be able to give any information regarding the matter until he first talked to Mike Morrissey, foreman. At the time the committee was leaving the office, Mr. Curry was handed a notice to report for work at 24th and Pratt St., as a clerk. A photo of Morrissey's note and Curry's assignment were secured by the NAACP. AND ARE REPRODUCED BELOW—

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY		NOTICE TO REPORT TO WORK ON PROJECT
4	PROJECT NUMBER	DATE TO REPORT ON PROJECT NO. UNIT NO.
1	329-49726	8:00 A. M. 2-5-41 6582
	RECEIVED	15th & Cass St. Rec. 1-30-41 Senior Clerk
		Report to Mike Morrissey
		NAME: Lycurgus C. Curry
		ADDRESS: 2612 Corby St.
		CITY: Omaha
		STATE: Nebraska
		EMPLOYER: M. C. C. Rucker
		DATE ISSUED: 2-3-41
		PLACEMENT OFFICER: M. C. C. Rucker
		EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: _____

*Mr. Rucker  
This man has never had  
any experience as a material clerk  
with P.A. He would be acceptable  
a laborer on 7177  
Thanks  
Morrissey*

Editors Note: The irony of this story is that in the note Morrissey wrote, note his spelling of the word, "Acceptable".

## KC. AME, GROUP EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN WILLIAMS

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11 (ANP)—Support and "unlimited confidence in and with" Bishop Noah W. Williams of the AME church, has been expressed by the AME Ministerial Alliance of Greater Kansas City whose Missouri branch is headed by the Rev. F. F. Moten, and whose Kansas branch is headed by the Rev. J. Edward Foster. Rev. S. S. Frazier serves as secretary for the entire group.

Resolutions giving their approval of the prelate were adopted by this group because of a fight against Bishop Williams by a small group of laymen in California, who want him removed from office.

Declaring that they are "unanimously convinced as to the good-will, sincere intentions, and sound wisdom of our present episcopal head," the Kansas Citians resolved that "we express ourselves as being unequivocally with the administration to the extent that we shall defend his episcopal authority when and wherever it is necessary."