

## HISTORICAL EVENTS OF THE NEGRO RACE

(by H. W. Smith)

Christus Attacks shed his blood in the Boston Massacre.

B. K. Bruce, U. S. Senator from Mississippi and later registrar of the U. S. Treasury. When Senator Bruce was led up to be confirmed, the Senate refused but after Sen. Horace Greely of Mass., made a speech Sen. Bruce was sworn in without an opposing vote.

Negroes served as sailors on British and American ships during the Revolutionary War with great honor.

Fred Douglas prevailed upon John Brown not to make the insurrection at Harper's Ferry Va. and Mr. Douglas made a visit to John Brown while fishing. He also started the first Negro Sunday School for children under a tree in Maryland.

U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge sponsored a civil rights bill which was supported by Congressman John M. Langston of Va. President Benjamin Harrison was in favor of the bill and recommended an amendment to furnish soldiers at all voting precincts in the south.

U. S. President Grant issued orders to all soldiers to shoot all Ku Klux Klansmen wherever they were seen in uniform.

Three U. S. Presidents were assassinated. Abraham Lincoln was shot in Ford's Theatre in Washington, D. C.; James Garfield was shot in the B & O railroad station in Washington and Wm. McKinley was shot at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo by a man named Zolgosch. A Negro, George Parker was the first man to knock him down and hold him for the officers and was hurried out of the building before the intense excitement raised.

When Wm. Pickens was a student in Harvard university he wrote an essay on Haiti and won the Gen. Eick prize. U. S. President Grover Cleveland paid him \$100 for a copy of it.

Mr. Carter G. Woodson, one of the historians of Harvard university, lectured in Omaha at Central High School in Omaha and made mention of incidents of the Revolutionary and Mexican wars; and what part Negroes played as officers in each.

Dr. Leroy Bundy led a group of 27 Negro men with repeating rifles in East St. Louis and routed a mob of 2000 men. He was arrested and convicted in federal court and sentenced to a prison term in Chester, Ill. Attorney Wm. Houston appealed the case to the U. S. Supreme Court and the decision of the lower court and he was released on a writ of supercedes. His case was reviewed and he was acquitted.

R. R. Church of Memphis Tenn, was the leader of the Republican party in the State of Tennessee for many years. His father was

one of the leading business men of Memphis.

Z. E. Bush and C. W. Keats of Little Rock, Ark., organized the Masonic Templars in Arkansas 55 years ago and they rendered good service to members until it failed during the long depression.

U. S. President George Washington gave all his slaves money when he freed them.

James Gordon Bennett, the N. Y. newspaperman, borrowed ten thousand dollars from a Negro who had an oyster lunch counter in New York.

Booker T. Washington met T. Thomas Fortune in New York when he returned from the Philippines Islands and told him to purchase a house with the money he had earned.

Monroe Trotter worked his way on a ship to attend the peace Conference of World War I.

Bishop Arnett of the AME Church lost one of his legs in the Civil War.

Mother Zion Church of New York claims to be the first Negro church in the U. S.

John Stewart, a Negro was the first missionary among the Indians. He was from Ohio.

Rev. I. B. Scott was editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate at the time he was elected Bishop of the AME Church.

The State of Louisiana had a Negro governor at one time, Wm. Pinchback.

The State of Arkansas had 3 Negro judges: J. P. Jones, county judge of Desha County; M. W. Gibbs circuit judge in Little Rock and J. A. Carr, municipal judge at Hot Springs.

PAST EVENTS  
75 years ago—The great fire in Chicago. The Centennial in Philadelphia.

60 years ago—Earthquake in Charleston, S. C.; U. S. Congress passed the Civil Rights Bill. Senate rejected it. Fire destroyed the business portion of Hot Springs, Ark.

50 years ago—Fire destroyed 1 of the fine theatres in Chicago killing many persons.

Galveston, Texas, destroyed by tidal wave drowning thousands.

Vigilance Committee killed 11 men members of the Nafi Society that assassinated Chief of Police Hennessy in New Orleans, La.

Mob in North Carolina killed many Negroes in political riot. Negro soldiers went up San Juan hill and won the land fight in the Spanish American War. Admiral Dewey with the Atlantic fleet went into Manila Bay between mid-nite and dawn and destroyed the Spanish fleet.

Carver Day Set in New York City

New York City (CNS) The New York City Council turned aside from an agenda heavy with controversial city matters last week and paid a unanimous tribute to the late George Washington Carver, eminent and unassuming scientist whose birthday falls on January 6th. Following short eulogies by several members of the body, the Council voted to set aside January 6th as George Washington Carver Day to be observed with fitting ceremonies in honor of the man who pursued a life of unselfish service.

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## After Assembly Vote-What?

There has been much rejoicing over the stand of the General Assembly of the United Nations, against racial discrimination practiced against East Indians, Malays and their descendants in South Africa.

It was a victory for the small nations and especially for that great woman Madame Pandit, the head of the Indian delegation.

On paper this all looks very fine and makes the United Nations seem to be an improvement over the old League of Nations, but we hasten to point out that condemning Jim Crowism is one thing and ending Jim Crow is

something else again. We applaud the United Nations Assembly's statement of high principle, but we are wondering how and when it is to be implemented.

Even if the United Nations possessed any machinery for stopping Jim Crowing of Indians in South Africa, would the Security Council establish a precedent by intervention?

It is not very likely that it would, considering the vulnerability of so many countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom; Australia; New Zealand; Portugal; Belgium; the Netherlands; the Soviet Union; Yugoslavia; Poland; China and others, all of whom practice similar discriminations against some of their nationals.

There is a great deal of hypocrisy in international affairs and the history of such relationships is littered with fine statements of principle while everybody accepted but nobody carried out.

So while we may be thankful that South Africa's white dictatorship has been exposed by the white light of world publicity, let us not imagine that this UN statement of principle means more than just that.

## Bilbo Investigation Recalls Ponzi Empire

WASHINGTON, (CNS)—Testimony brought out during the investigation of Senator Bilbo's war time conduct reveals that in a smaller and more confused way, the senator has built himself a financial empire that brings back memories of Ponzi, the financial wizard of another era who finally crashed-landed in jail.

A Mississippi banker testified before the committee, told of a mysterious special bank account carried by Edward Terry who was secretary to the senator, and who was sought far and wide by the committee only to turn up in a hospital back home. Terry will be placed on the stand to reveal why he held the account, and to whom it belonged. The former secretary will also be asked about his personal account which is believed some of Bilbo's cash.

So confused have the committee found Bilbo's financial dealings, it is almost impossible to determine whether money that flowed into his accounts were personal gifts, political gifts or loans. Top confusion in the Bilbo dealings is the matter of the Juniper Grove Baptist Church, complete with a five bathroom parsonage. The church has been on Bilbo's plantation in Poplarville, Mississippi, for years and the new building is completed. The parsonage, however, lacks plumbing and water facilities.

It has been brought out that every war contractor who had even a slight acquaintance with the Senator made a substantial contribution to the church, yet the parsonage is far from completed. A few days before the present hearings opened, Bilbo turned the deed to the church and property over to the deacons for a \$1,000 consideration, but because the senator also had a deed in escrow which turns the title over only in the event of his death, the deed is invalid.

Adding to the confusion and mystery was testimony that showed a \$15,000 fund ear-marked to defeat Bilbo was, at least for a while, in the custody of Terry the senator's private secretary.

## Editorial: "We Wish '47 A Better, Happier Year!"



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## Editorial: "A Bit Embarrassing---Isn't It Uncle!"



ters met in the Great Northern hotel and in a business session they elected officers for the ensuing year. Joe Bostic of the New York Amsterdam News was named to the Board of Directors.

PRIEST AND RABBI ONLY TWO WHITE BILBO CRITICS

JACKSON, Miss. (ANP)—Only two white men in this state openly opposed last week Bilbo's argument in favor of a white democratic primary before the senate's subcommittee that investigated the Klan politician's appeal to white voters last summer to keep Negroes away from the polls.

ocratic primary, which is tantamount to election. Not a single white Protestant clergyman challenged the klansman's position that the primaries should be all-white.

Right-wing political leaders here believe Bilbo scored a victory during the senate investigation, but the real effect will be revealed during next August's primaries for state and local offices.

Minor Mystery About Sugar Ray's Weight

New York City (CNS)—You probably know already that Sugar Ray Robinson lambasted Tommy Bell of Youngstown, Ohio, all over the ring at Madison Square Garden the Friday night before Christmas and that he is now the undisputed King of the welterweights. Just in case you don't know it, Bell might have won, and that is really an upset for which most of us were unprepared. The point of this item, however, is an episode that occurred at the State Athletic Commission offices a few days before the battle.

Both Robinson and Bell were in the Commission offices for a physical examination and following the check up, Bell's manager suggested that the boys be weighed in officially at the same time.

"Profits are the wages of capitalist, the return on money invested in the tools and plants furnished excluded from voting in the democratic primary, which is tantamount to election. Not a single white Protestant clergyman challenged the klansman's position that the primaries should be all-white.

## THEY'LL NEVER DIE By Elton Fax

DAVID A. FERGUSON WAS BORN IN PORTSMOUTH OHIO 1875. HIS CAREER BEGAN AT 14 WHEN HE WORKED IN THE OFFICE OF A DENTIST IN NEARBY KENTUCKY. AT 21 HE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, ENTERED HOWARD UNIV. WITH 7 YEARS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, AND LED HIS CLASS WITH EASE. DR. FERGUSON LEFT FOR RICHMOND WHERE, IN 1900, HE BECAME THE FIRST NEGRO DENTIST TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE "OLD DOMINION STATE."

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**LIFE at A Glance**  
BY DAVID BETHE

Sometime ago—seventeen years to be exact, a doctor in France began experimenting on rats and guinea pigs, growing hair. Yes, sir, the old scientist was quite successful, growing blankets of hair on the rodents and guinea pigs. Naturally, feeling his invention was matured enough to try it on some heads that had been bereft of their moss, he advertised for a victim. Strangely enough only one man appeared, and when he was asked about the hazard he might be taking, he replied casually, "Well, I haven't anything to lose."

Did you know that some of the most prominent male faces you see in the movies wear false hair to shade their faces? One scientist recently stirred Hollywood by saying bald headed men are more manly, have more vigor, and are usually hairy chested. If you are bald it would seem that you are classed in that group of real heroes.

After all, youth means a tempestuous predominance of courage over timidity of the appetite for adventure over love of ease. Youth is not time of life. It is a state of mind, and a youthful state of mind often exists in men of fifty or more, says a well in the know psychiatrist. Come to think about the thing, nobody grows old by merely living a certain number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but self distrust, fear and despair ah... But they are the things that make you think everytime you have a little pain, you are getting too old to live. Good Prof. Reck on you are right. You are old when you think you are old.

Interesting Observations On The National Horizon  
The CIO has just hit critically at the effectiveness of the FEPC in the State of New York. That's right, the Congress of Industrial Organizations thinks the whole law might become a dead letter if Governor Dewey does not see to it that it adheres to its purpose, which is to set up an end to discrimination in employment. The good Governor might lend an ear to this warning, if he expects to cash in on the Negro vote in 1948. Don't forget, Negro voters are just like any other voters; they are out to elect any man, who loves the Constitution and is willing to see to it that its amendments are recognized.

Here is a good one. One man was murdered in East Harlem district of New York on the morning of election day... a little more than a month ago. And already it has provoked a drastic shake up in the world's finest police department. Several high-ranking officials have already been demoted and the end of the shake-up is not in sight. Why there is even talk in several quarters thru-out the nation calling in the district attorney before an investigating committee in Washington for neglect of duty. Yes, sir, that is what happens in New York when a guy is cut down cold blooded.

But down in Georgia, Four Negroes were murdered cold bloodedly, more than five months ago... and not even a high way cop has been decoated. Wake up America. You may not regard these fifteen million Negroes as real citizens, but the rest of the world knows America as a country of 130 million people. As a Christian Nation, let us reach out hearts, remembering that on the twenty-fifth of December Christ was born to save not just the whites... but the black also.

To all my readers—May health, joy, and good luck greet you on this coming New Year.

**Great Negro Pitcher Dies in Chicago**  
Chicago, (CNS)—Water Ball, who stood out at the beginning of the century as one of the great pitchers in baseball died here early last week. Ball pitched for the Leland Giants, famed segregation, that preceded the American Giants in the American Negro Baseball League. Notable among the many great performances turned in by Ball was his pitching duel with "Three Fingered" Brown. Ball was on the knole for the Giants in a classic game against the Chicago Cubs in 1909. It was a tight session, and both outfits were on their toes. Ball pitched his heart out in one of the sharpest exhibitions of his career, but he lost the duel, 4 to 2, to Brown.

## Boxing Writers Honor Jacobs And Tony Zale

New York (C). Promoter Mike Jacobs who is gaining slowly in his fight for recovery from a cerebral hemorrhage, was voted the annual boxing writers award for the greatest contribution to boxing over a period of years last week. Uncle Mike was the unanimous choice of the scribes as was Tony Zale, who was awarded the Edward J. Neil Memorial Trophy for his contribution to the sport last year.

Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong have received the Neil award in previous years and the late Jimmy Walker received the trophy for his contributions to boxing. The writers met in the Great Northern hotel and in a business session they elected officers for the ensuing year. Joe Bostic of the New York Amsterdam News was named to the Board of Directors.

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