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**THE WORLD'S SEXIEST
NEGRO WOMEN**





WHICH WAY NECKLINES: UP OR DOWN?

The battle of the necklines still seems to be the hottest issue of the style season. Some designers are pulling collars up to the chin, while others are snipping décolletages to a revealing new low. Sexy movie star Dorothy Dandridge is a strong advocate of the daring "down style." (See "Modern Living")

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□ NATIONAL REPORT

FBI Moves Into Civil Rights Cases

The Federal Bureau of Investigation moved on widely-scattered fronts to crack down on violators of civil rights laws:

- In Florida FBI agents completed their investigation into a slaying of a Negro prisoner in the much-publicized Groveland "Little Scottsboro Case" and continued to probe recent bombings of Negro housing projects and Jewish synagogues in Miami.

- In Louisiana FBI men were ready to look into the slaying of an Opelousas Negro slain after he filed suit for the right to vote. The Justice Department was awaiting final reports before ordering the FBI investigation.

- In Tennessee FBI-gathered evidence led to the conviction of two whites in Columbia charged with jailing Negroes illegally after they defaulted on loans. Loan agent Paul Brown and constable Joe

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Colagross were sentenced to a year in jail and fined \$1,000.

The Florida case involves the slaying of Samuel Shepard by Sheriff Willis McCall after the U.S. Supreme Court ordered a new trial on rape charges. A Florida jury absolved the sheriff and the Justice Department ordered a probe. In Louisiana John Lester Mitchell was fatally shot by deputy sheriff David Lanclos in a night club argument and later cleared by a grand jury.

Along with the Cicero indictments of seven officials (see following story), the cases now being handled by the FBI are a new peak. The Justice Department's civil rights unit has never had as many cases as currently on its docket. It is expected that all will be pushed by the administration as part of its answer to Soviet charges at the United Nations that the U.S. is "hypocritic" in espousing democratic ideals.

U.S. Jury Indicts Seven In Cicero

A special federal grand jury indicted four Cicero, Ill., officials and three policemen for violation of U.S. civil rights laws which led to the shocking race riots of last July. Meeting in Chicago, the jury decided that Cicero president Henry J. Sandusky, police chief Erwin Konovsky, and two other high city officials conspired with 36 policemen to prevent Negroes from moving into Cicero.

The "Cicero Seven" surrendered and posted \$500 bonds. U.S. District Judge Walter J. LaBuy is expected to arraign them early next year, but a trial

is not expected until June because of a clogged court calendar. Maximum penalty: \$1,000 fine, a year's imprisonment, or both.

Chicago civil rights leaders hailed the indictment, which was largely the result of work by special prosecutor Leo F. Tierny. Waitstill H. Sharp, director of the Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination said: "It marks a memorable day in the history of minority rights in Greater Chicago, in America, and around the world." There was evidence, however, that the decision was not reached without jury conflict: three women jurors, on leaving the Federal building, muttered that the indictment was a "disgrace." Jury foreman John F. Kreiner admitted that there was "a great deal of bias" in the jury.



Cicero officials post bond in riot case.

U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Voters' Plea

Fifteen Negroes of Forrest County, Mississippi, who charge they have been denied the right to vote, had their pleas rejected by the U. S. Supreme Court because they had not previously exhausted all legal steps available to them. The group explained that to appeal to election officials and the state's high courts, as required by law, applicants must post \$100 and \$500 respectively to cover court costs in event of an unfavorable decision. This "enormous" sum, they said, was fixed as another "trick" to keep Negroes from voting.

Memphis Families Settle Air-Crash Suits For \$7,225

Three Negro families of Memphis settled out-of-court suits resulting from air-crash damages to their homes in 1950. They sued the Memphis Aero Corp. after a plane it had rented to Negro pilot Willie Moore Jr. crashed into their homes and burned. H. E. and Adlaid Gooch and Fannie White received \$6,475 to be divided as they see fit and David and Mary Crawford were paid \$750. Moore and two passengers were killed in the crash.

Four Tots Die In Flames

Four Negro children were burned to death in two fires in Arkansas and Missouri as the cold wave swept south. Biggest death toll was in Hermondale, Ark. where all three of Fred and Clare Thomas' children died in flames. The children were Betty, 4; Paulette, 2; and Fred Jr., aged one. In El Dorado, Ark. a four-month-old baby, who had not yet been named, died when an overheated stove set the house afire.

Old Prejudices Block South, Group Says

Ancient racial taboos are still blocking progress in the South, the Southern Regional Council declared at its annual membership meeting in Atlanta. It noted, however, that some gains have been made because of an increase in the number of persons in the South "who are able and willing to reject the taboos on interracial effort in their communities."

President's Brother Supports Beck

President Truman's brother, J. Vivian Truman, testified in Kansas City in support of the President's nomination of Earl W. Beck for the vacant, \$9,300 job as District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds. A federal housing administrator, Vivian Truman, told Senate investigators who were probing Beck's background that the Pendergast machine figure Beck is an "efficient, dependable man." Conflicting testimony was given by Kansas City Board of Education member Butler Disman who criticized Beck's administration of the Jackson County Home for Negro Boys. He said 1) the boys were mistreated; 2) the food was bad; and 3) the school's plant was allowed to run down. (Beck was forced to resign the job in 1940.) Twice Beck's nomination has been denied confirmation. At an October hearing, Beck testified that Vivian Truman helped him fill out an application for the job and admitted that he knew "nothing" of its duties. The Senate's final decision is expected in January.



J. Vivian Truman

Alabamans Pass New Negro Vote Gag

Ever since the Boswell Act, which by ruse excluded many Negroes from voting, was federally outlawed, Alabama white supremacists had been seeking a replacement. This week it appeared that they succeeded. In an unusually-close election, voters okayed (58,917 for, and 56,773 against) an amendment to the state constitution which requires that before registering voters must: 1) be of good character; 2) take a written examination; 3) "embrace the duties and obligations of citizenship"; and 4) sign an anti-Communist oath. It does not disturb existing poll tax provisions.

The broad loopholes of points No. 1, 2, and 3 allow prejudiced vote registrars to rule out any Negro who fails to fit their personal whims.

Josephine Baker Blasts Winchell At Chicago Meeting

Josephine Baker, guest of honor of 900 women of the American Jewish Congress in Chicago, accused columnist Walter Winchell of deliberate slander when he said she had collaborated with the Nazis during World War II and when he distorted passages from her memoirs that made it appear she was anti-Semitic. She told the audience that she could not be anti-Jewish because her second husband, Jean Lion, was a Jew.

Winchell's charges against her came when she accused him of being present at the Stork Club in New York last October when she and her party were denied service.

□ THE WEEK'S CENSUS

Died: Mildred Bailey, 44, one of the nation's top blues singers who was famed for her singing of *Old Rocking Chair*; in St. Francis Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., of a heart ailment. Miss Bailey, a long-time night club favorite before going into semi-retirement a few years back, made recordings with many Negro artists, once toured the country with a trio composed of Benny Goodman, Teddy Wilson and Gene Krupa. Several times she was the headline attraction at Harlem's Apollo Theater. . . . Dr. G. F. Hall, 58, financial secretary of Greensboro, N. C.'s AME Zion Church and Deputy Grand Master, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, who was a strong candidate for bishop in forthcoming elections at the AME Brooklyn conference; of a heart attack; in his Greensboro home. . . . Dr. Limas Dunlap Wall, 51, biology professor and science department head at Virginia Union University, Richmond; of a heart attack; in his home on the university campus. . . . Alva Tabor, 57, official in the Georgia State Division of Vocational Education and pioneer in agricultural education; of a heart attack; in Maywood, Ill.



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FORECAST

New Picture. Next big all-Negro production to come out of Hollywood will be George Gershwin's famed folk opera, *Porgy and Bess*.

Cicero Clarks. The Harvey Clark family will not be reinstated in their Cicero home despite recent NAACP claims.

Heavy Title. Ezzard Charles will be the first champion to regain his title and he will do so within the next six months.

Legal Jitneys. Chicago jitney war will end in another month. The contraband cabs will then be legalized.

Best Year for Easter. 1952 will be big Luke Easter's best year in the majors. His knee, completely healed, will give him no more trouble.

Derby Rider. Young Hosea Richardson, 16-year-old jockey, will ride in this year's Kentucky Derby, the first Negro to do so since the early part of the century.

South Africa and UN. A proposal to oust the Union of South Africa from the United Nations will be presented at the conference in Paris within the next two weeks. Countries behind the proposal are those opposed to British, French and Belgian colonial empires.

▣ FOREIGN NEWS

South Africa Starts UN Boycott

South Africa's chief United Nations delegate, T. E. Doenges, has been recalled to Capetown from the Paris conference in the first step of a "limited" boycott of the United Nations. In recalling Doenges, Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan said "more careful and if needs be more drastic action" will be taken on the question of South Africa's trusteeship of many Negro tribes and their hereditary lands. South Africa wants to continue the trusteeship without interference from the United Nations. The withdrawal of the South African delegation was sharply criticized by other U.N. members who feared that a "dangerous precedent" may be established. Other countries, they said, may also walk out when UN meetings and decisions go against them.



T. E. Doenges

Negro Charges Job Bias In Canada

Employers in Ontario, Canada, consistently refuse to hire qualified Negroes, a Negro Men's club executive of Niagara Falls declared. Discrimination against Negroes is a "widely accepted common practice," he said. In Stamford, Canada, as result of protests from Negro citizens, the town council passed a resolution denouncing job discrimination.

Nigeria's Exports Hit New High

Nigeria in British West Africa exported a record \$422 million worth of goods in 1950, the British colonial office in London reported, while in government, one in every seven senior posts is now held by a Nigerian. Expenditures on education increased 10 times over pre-war years to \$8,400,000 last year.

Jet Bases For Africa

A chain of jet aircraft fields is being strung along the West African Coast as part of the European defense setup. Areas of interior Africa, once by-passed by major European conflicts, now have (or are getting) long landing strips to handle fast-landing jet planes of the Royal Air Force.

Eritrea Wants Union With Ethiopia

A United Nations political team, surveying public opinion in Eritrea, has found that most residents of the former Italian colony want to federate their country with Ethiopia. The UN team offered Eritreans a choice of independence, colonial status under Italy or England or federation. Students, youth organizations, the few industrial workers and most native leaders have demonstrated in favor of union with their neighbor, Ethiopia (right).

Some ex-soldiers who had fought full scale wars with England and Italy and border skirmishes with Ethiopia preferred independence. Since the withdrawal of Italian forces from Eritrea a wave of banditry has swept the country. At least 20 bandit chieftains, with as many as 50 horsemen each, swoop down on the roads, waylay and rob travelers. A task force of 3,000 Africans officered by the British is fighting the bandits.



Eritreans for Ethiopian union.

Yale Divinity Dean Hits Church Jim Crow

American religious organizations are more Jim Crow than commerce or industry, the Rev. Dr. Liston Pope, dean of Yale's Divinity school, told 300 Protestant church officials meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. He pointed out that: 1) less than one per cent of American Christian congregations have persons from more than one racial group; 2) by giving tacit approval to segregation, church organizations are making a "hypocrisy" of democratic ideals; and 3) in fields such as science and industry, there has been more race relations progress in the last 10 years than in the last half century. "The churches have a lot of housecleaning to do," he said, "before they can call themselves Christian."

Yesterday In Negro History

Dec. 22, 1942—John Borican, famous runner and only athlete to win the national decathlon and pentathlon titles in one year, died of an unknown ailment in Bridgeton, N.J. at the age of 29.

Dec. 26, 1944—Composer William Grant Still won the \$1,000 war bond prize offered in Cincinnati for the best musical composition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. His winning composition was *Festive Overture*.

Dec. 27, 1910—The Nickel Savings Bank of Richmond, Virginia, one of the first Negro banks founded, went into receivership. It was organized in 1896.



William Still

WEEKLY ALMANAC



HOT DOG OF THE WEEK. A hot dog sandwich, garnished with the usual condiments of mustard, chopped onions and picalilli, was brought to the front door of the Chicago jail by Miss Armentha LaCosta. She said it was for Leslie Irvin, a prisoner, and offered a turnkey \$1 to deliver it. Before police handed it over, however, they discovered a tube of heroin tucked in with the mustard and chopped onion. Miss LaCosta is being held on charges of narcotics possession.



MYSTERY LETTERS OF THE WEEK. For the past three years a Durham, N. C., evangelist, Henry Oliver, has been getting anonymous letters with small amounts of folding money in them. Sometimes they contained a single dollar bill, sometimes as much as \$30. Oliver never knew whom they came from and never tried to find out. Then, last August the letters stopped coming. When he inquired at the Post Office, he found similar letters there but postal officials held them in the dead letter office because: 1) his name was not spelled correctly; 2) the address was wrong. Postmaster J. C. Allen says Oliver will have to establish himself as the man to whom the letters are intended before he can get ten letters with a total of \$52. Preacher Oliver can't readily prove this until he finds out who is sending the letters and why they do not have his right address. Postal inspectors have been called into the case.



Henry Oliver and son

 **FIRING OF THE WEEK.** Ralph White, a white orderly at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, said he was fired from his job because he always ate in the "colored dining room" in an effort to break down racial segregation. He charged that the Negro dining room was stocked with inferior equipment and food while the one for whites was well equipped. He said he went to the colored dining room his first day at work and continued to eat there in spite of repeated warnings from hospital authorities. But the hospital's personnel manager, Paul Smith, denied that White was fired because of his racial beliefs. He said White was fired because he was "too emotional."

 **FLAG BOOM OF THE WEEK.** Biggest manufacturers of the Confederate flags which Dixie diehards are displaying in a strangely new fad is the Northern concern of Annin & Co. in Verona, N.J. The firm, which is the world's largest flag-making concern, is turning out 100,000 weekly.

 **DOG OF THE WEEK.** The basenji, a small African dog, never will win any canine beauty contests. It has a tail like a pig and a face like a bloodhound. Yet some American breeders are importing the African dogs and are confident they may one day become a highly-popular U. S. breed. Reason: basenji dogs never bark and a barkless dog is figured as ideal for the small apartment.

 **CRIMINALS OF THE WEEK.** Two bandits entered a Philadelphia barroom, lined the customers against a wall and forced the owner, Morris Cohen, 45, to turn over over \$250. "You've got plenty money there. Give it all to us," they said. A customer heard one of them say, "Man, we've got plenty of money now." Replied his companion: "Yeah, but we oughta have something to celebrate with." He walked behind the bar, picked up a bottle of whiskey. They got away with both money and liquor.

▣ LABOR

15,000 Negroes Work At Ford Plant

With 15,000 Negroes on its payroll the Ford Motor Co. employs "the largest single group of Negroes at work in any one industrial plant in the world," Henry Ford II, president of the company, declared. Not only is the company a vast employer of Negro labor but its Negro employees work on "a great variety of jobs. At the Rouge Plant fair employment means that we employ men on a basis of competency and not because of other considerations that have no bearing on a man's ability to work." Ford also told a Jewish fund-raising group in New York that he "deplored" discrimination in industry, received a citation for advancing human rights.

▣ BUSINESS

Chicago Banks Loan \$10 Million To Negroes

Chicago bankers are financing more home-building for Negroes than ever before, and are easing credit restrictions for prospective buyers as result of their discovery that Negroes are good credit risks. Robert Landrum, realtor and president of the Dearborn Real Estate Board, says Chicago banks loaned more than \$10,000,000 to Negro home owners in 1951 and that increasingly more FHA funds are becoming available to prospective Negro builders and buyers. Reason: In the past 10 years not a single Negro has defaulted on his FHA loan, according to records of FHA administrator Edward J. Kelly. At present, Landrum says 34 per cent of Negro family heads in Chicago own their own homes.



Robert Landrum



NEGROES WHO GOT RFC LOANS



Spotlighted by mink-coat scandals and graft disclosures, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation—the world's biggest banking concern—has been reeling under Congressional fire in recent days but there was once a time when it was the salvation of many businessmen, some of them Negro. Often credited with whipping the depression with some \$50 billion in loans, the RFC has frequently been a refuge of last resort for desperate busi-

nessmen. Because Negroes usually find the most difficulty in getting long-term financing from private banks, they have turned to RFC for aid.

Typical was the case of three ex-GI's, Hayward Weaver, Jr., Edward D. Bonner, Jr. and George L. Pryor, who, while on Saipan during World War II, dreamed of establishing a modern movie house in their native Waco, Texas. Waco's 25,000 Negroes had only one movie house and two balconies in white shows. The idea seemed a natural to the tan Texans beached on the Pacific isle. But once back in their central Texas home town, they



Elder Michaux negotiated a \$3,524,000 RFC loan for Washington's Mayfair Mansions, a 594-unit Negro housing project.



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found obstacles pretty near insurmountable. Local bankers all but laughed in their faces. The idea of three Negroes asking for loans to crash into the movie theater business seemed absurd to them. One banker, with tongue in cheek, suggested that they apply to RFC "which was quick to hand out dollar bills." Disregarding the note of sarcasm, the young men applied for and got a loan of \$36,500, which they used to build a modern, 500-seat theater, representing a total investment of \$50,000. Today, RFC reports that the loan "is in good standing with payments of principal and interest being made on schedule."

A loan to another Negro of only \$500 was described by Jesse H. Jones, 1932-45 RFC head, in his book, *Fifty Billion Dollars*, as "one of the smallest, yet most beneficial loans" ever made by the corporation in its entire fabulous history of money lending. In 1936 Ed Sanders, a Pasadena, Calif., handyman, took himself and a score of men off relief rolls by putting them to work felling trees, racking kindling and doing odd jobs for neighbors. His small loan of \$500 saved the little business during a slow period and avoided laying off its regular workers to relief rolls again. He paid off his RFC loan at the rate of \$15 a month.

The biggest loan ever made in history to Negroes was extended by RFC to Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux, "Happy Am I" radio evangelist and organizer of Washington's swank Mayfair Mansions, a 594-unit Negro housing project. The loan of \$3,524,000 to Michaux came to light in March, 1951, when political foes of George E. Allen, a former RFC director and honorary deacon in Michaux's Universal Church of



Financed by RFC, Alpha theater is only movie house for Negroes in Waco, Texas.

Loans To Negroes Prove Successful

God, charged that he had helped Michaux obtain more than \$3,500,000 in RFC loans for the development through political maneuverings. Elder Michaux denied that the loans had been expedited by "political connections." The basic loans for the project were in arrears several times after the project was completed in 1946 and the loan foreclosed in 1948. The mortgage is now held by the Trust Company of New Jersey, which owes RFC \$17,000,000.

While this loan venture has met considerable financial difficulty, others to Negroes have been highly successful with no adverse publicity accompanying them. In fact, no accurate count of RFC money given to bolster Negro business can be made. As James Allen, special assistant to the administrator, says, "We would have no way of determining that, since our records do not classify applicants by race."



Ex-GIs Hayward Weaver, George Pryor and Edward D. Bonner got \$36,500 from RFC to build theater in Waco, Texas.

Today RFC has extended its non-discrimination policy. Now it has in its Washington office a Negro special assistant to Administrator W. Stuart Symington. He is George L. P. Weaver, former secretary of the CIO's Anti-Discrimination Committee, who is currently on an extended mission for Symington in the Far East studying problems of tin producing countries.

□ MR. AND MRS.

Abortion Blamed In Death Of Howard Coed

A Washington coroner blamed an abortion for the death of Mary J. Cooper, 20-year-old Howard University coed and niece of Charles D. B. King, Liberian Ambassador to the United States. After Coroner A. M. MacDonald announced that the death was caused by "peritonitis due to septic abortion," police arrested Dr. T. B. Spriggs, 52, on the complaint of Clifford J. Andrews, 24-year-old senior pre-medical student at Howard, who admitted having had an affair with the coed. Dr. Spriggs denied having performed an abortion on Miss Cooper but admitted that he had treated her.

Man, 60, Jailed For Operating Sex Shack

Pig-tailed girls and teen-aged boys were spending a lot of time at a shanty owned by 60-year-old Benjamin Williams in Romulus, Mich. When one 13-year-old girl stayed out all night, her mother complained to police who investigated. The police discovered that Williams had been renting sleeping space in his tiny shanty to teen-aged girls and boys from a nearby school and that sex parties were regularly held there. Arrested, Williams admitted renting the youngsters his bedroom for 50 cents to a dollar a night. He is the father of two grown sons and the divorced husband of a 15-year-old girl.

Acquit Stepfather Of Rape Of Girl, 14

A Cleveland criminal jury voted an acquittal for Arthur (Bud) Douglass, bus driver and former newspaperman, who was charged with raping his wife's 14-year-old daughter. The girl had convinced her mother, Mrs. Lillian Warren Douglass, of her stepfather's guilt, but defense counsel Norman S. Minor spent three of the four days of the trial picking out flaws in the girl's testimony. Thomas Stevenson, a teacher at Patrick Henry high school where the girl was expelled for annoying him, and Oliver J. Deex, principal of the school, both testified that the child was a frequent liar and unreliable.

BILLY ECKSTINE SUED FOR DIVORCE

*The key's in the mail box the same as before.
But nobody's waiting for me any more.
The end of my story is told on the door.
It's a cottage for sale.*

For as long as the fifth has been flatted, fair maidens have shivered whenever big-throated Billy Eckstine boomed forth the story of a lost love in the above words. Last week, Mr. B's own song had come home to haunt him. When baritone Billy came flying home to Los Angeles, it was to find that voluptuous wife June wasn't waiting "any more." Instead of a key in the mail box, Mrs. B. had left a summons notifying Billy she had filed a divorce suit.

No more shocked Santa had ever come bearing gifts than Mr. B., who had brought with him a luxurious new mink coat for his June. Mrs. B, it appeared, had contrary ideas about what she wanted in her shapely stocking. Charging cruelty, June hinted hopefully in her suit, that Billy racks up a \$75,000 annual salary and that they own community property in excess of \$200,000. (California law provides the wife receives half of all assets.) To make certain that she didn't come out on the short end of the deal, Mrs. B. suggested to the court that Billy be restrained from transferring any of their property.

Billy, whose singing voice is tremendous enough to fill Manhattan's Carnegie Hall to the rafters, maintained a Sphinx-like silence on the matter.

Less than silent was the singer's personal representative, Milt Ebbins, who declared: "Billy is shocked and surprised. There's really no reason for this break-up. Okay, right now it looks like there'll be a divorce. Next week it may be a different story. You know how these things are. I won't actually believe it until I see it happen."

Ebbins pronounced: "of course, Billy won't try to get in touch with June."

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Billy and June Eckstine during one of happier moments. He will file counter-suit and deny cruelty charge.

□ EDUCATION

"Leftist" Professor Protests Firing

Dr. Forest O. Wiggins charged that he is being fired as philosophy professor at the University of Minnesota by officials who accuse him of "following the Communist line." He denies any connections with the Communist Party. Wiggins was the first Negro in the nation to be appointed to a state university faculty. Members of the philosophy department, according to chairman George P. Conger, are unanimous in recommending his retention. Assistant Dean Russell M. Cooper said the decision not to reappoint Wiggins was made because "he was careless and irresponsible in stating his philosophy." The professor is a state vice president of the Progressive Party. The \$4,000-a-year professor has been at the university six years.



Dr. Forest O. Wiggins

D.C. Parents End School Strike

Two hundred Washington, D. C., parents called off their week-long strike against the school board, sending their 800 children back to classes. Reason for the strike's end: school board commissioners promised to re-examine the parents' complaints. The strike started after the board decided to relieve overcrowding in one Negro school by taking over a white school. Claiming that the selected school was too far away from Negro areas and that another white school was more suitable, the local branch PTA protested the action, then struck. Officials countered by pointing out that the parents were breaking a law by keeping their children at home. After parents sent a telegram of protest to President Truman, District Commissioner F. Joseph Donohue chided them for "annoying" the President. A parent-group spokesman pointed out, however, that the telegram had spurred the officials to action.



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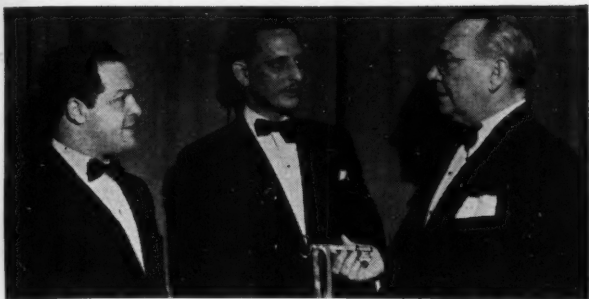
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Forbidden Photo: Continued rumors of a secret romance between Moslem prince Aly Kahn and Katherine Dunham were revived when a photographer sneaked this exclusive picture of the couple dancing at a private party Aly gave for La Dunham on her opening night at the Theater des Champs Elysees in Paris. It is first photograph of the two.



ACOM

Christmas Time In Korea: Although far from their families and the accustomed bright, tinsel-dressed symbols of Christmas, GI's in Korea still have the Yuletide spirit. Capt. Edgar Albrick (left) uses decorations sent from home to create a "Christmas tree" from branches of Korean shrubbery and a coil of barbed wire.



Gets Key to St. Louis: Mayor Joseph M. Darst of St. Louis presents a "key to the city" to Ben F. Carruthers, St. Louis-born Negro social affairs officer of the United Nations, who was principal speaker at St. Louis celebration of Human Rights Day.



Cheering Wounded Ethiopians: Mrs. Alben W. Barkley, wife of the Vice President, and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgeway, wife of Supreme Commander Ridgeway, stop to cheer up Ethiopian soldiers, Pvt. Negasa and Pfc. Alamayo Kafane, Korean battle casualties, during hospital visit.



Santa's Retreat: A Negro Santa Claus was forced to retreat hastily from his position on the corner of Mississippi and Florida streets, Memphis, after he was spotted by excited Negro children. Screaming happily, the several hundred children stampeded through police in an effort to reach him. The Santa, teacher Walter Tamphlet (opposite page), was forced back into a house from which he had emerged. He reappeared when order was restored and passed out 1,000 gifts to his riotous admirers.



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☐ CRIME

Moonshine Murderer Gets Life Term

John R. (Fat) Hardy, 44, the 360-pound, "juggle-jawed" ex-convict whose poison moonshine whiskey killed 40 persons in Atlanta last October, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment by an all-white jury. Murder of a Negro moonshine victim, John W. Blount, was the indictment that imprisoned Hardy. He was saved from the electric chair on a recommendation of mercy.

Hardy admitted mixing the "witch's brew" of moonshine whiskey (methyl wood alcohol) and well water, and stirring it with a dirty broomstick in a rented barn. It killed 36 Negroes and four whites. He will become eligible for parole under Georgia law

after serving only seven years of the life sentence. However, he still faces four other pending murder indictments. Fulton County Solicitor General Paul Webb demanded the death penalty for a "calculated, thought-out scheme." Hardy's lawyer, J. B. McCordy, said he would file a motion immediately for a new trial.

Hotel Accountant Sought For Missing \$3,600

New York police are searching for 33-year-old Robert Rhone who disappeared from his \$60-a-week job as accountant at the Hotel Theresa simultaneously with the discovery of \$3,600 missing from the hotel safe.



John R. Hardy

Taxes Killed Policy Racket, Jones Says

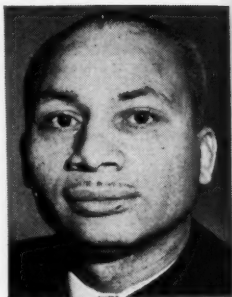
The Federal government's new gambling tax law killed the policy racket, believes Edward P. Jones, one-time Chicago gambling boss now voluntarily exiled to Mexico City. Illinois Assistant State's Attorney Peter Kuh told of Jones' opinion after talking to friends of the former policy-wheel operator. They indicated that Jones is content to live permanently in Mexico where he operates two businesses, maintains a 12-room mansion in a fashionable area, and faces no race discrimination. He must appear in Chicago on January 21, however, to face indictment on gambling charges which resulted from his testimony before the Kefauver crime investigation committee. On the basis of figures released by the committee, Jones and his partners grossed an average of \$1,000,000 yearly between 1945 and 1950.



Policy men Theodore Roe and Ed Jones

Two Negroes Named In Tallulah Trial

The names of two Negroes—Dickie Wells, late Harlem playboy, and Sidney Bechet, famous saxophonist — were introduced into New York's Tallulah Bankhead trial in which the actress charges her former secretary and maid with stealing \$15,000 by "kiting" checks drawn on her account. The maid, Mrs. Evyleen Cronin, countered by charging she was authorized by Miss Bankhead to spend the money for cocaine, whiskey and sex. Defense questioning of Tallulah's accountant, Benjamin Nadel, brought out the names of the onetime night club proprietor, Dickie Wells, a close friend of the actress, whom she mourned at his Harlem funeral in 1949. Bechet, elderly master of the soprano saxophone, recently married German-born Elizabeth Ziegler, on the Riviera. There was no elaboration on the roles either Wells or Bechet played in the private life of the fiery Alabama-born star.



Judge Stevens

Judge Harold A. Stevens, highest paid New York Negro judge and first Negro ever elected to the General Sessions bench, is presiding over the trial. At one time he ordered Tallulah from the courtroom for "noises, coughs and groans."

Lawyer's Son Freed In Slaying

Theodore Spaulding, Jr., 18, son of Philadelphia lawyer Theodore (Ted) Spaulding, was exonerated after a coroner's hearing in the slaying of Jakie Rice, 39, who was shot fatally in the Spaulding home last August. Rice, a gospel singer and youth leader at National Baptist Temple, was shot in the chest when he reportedly persisted in making improper advances to young Spaulding.



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Figure In Sensational Trial: Name of the late Harlem playboy, Dickie Wells, was brought into the sensational New York trial involving actress Tallulah Bankhead and her maid. Shown here in Club Ebony before Wells died, the two were close friends. With them is singer Billie Holiday.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Rev. Hugh Hostetler, minister at the East Harlem Protestant Parish, describing overcrowded housing conditions in Harlem: "If all the people in the United States had to live as closely packed as these people do, the entire national population would be squeezed into an area one-half the size of New York City."

William Hall, assistant prosecutor of Fulton County, Ga., demanding a death penalty for Atlanta bootlegger John R. (Fat) Hardy: "He has no more regard for human life than (General William T.) Sherman had for fire."

Sarah Vaughan, telling why she likes to record religious songs: "I like to sing and I like to pray. This way I kill two birds with one stone."



Sarah Vaughan

Walter White, commenting on Presidential candidate Senator Taft's support of separate schools in the South: "His surrender to the Dixiecrat point of view on civil rights merits recognition. They ought to nominate him on their ticket."

John F. Kreiner, foreman of the special U. S. jury which indicted seven Cicero, Ill., officials as a result of last summer's riots: "We can't treat them (Negroes) as they are treated down South."

Burns Bennett, commenting in Washington on his commission as colonel in the Confederate Air Force, a Dixie brotherhood of World War II pilots: "Yes, Sir! I'm a C.A.F. Colonel—a real Southern fried chicken colonel—and what's more I've been alerted for duty because those damnyankees keep sending those Confederate caps down for our boys with union labels sewn in them."

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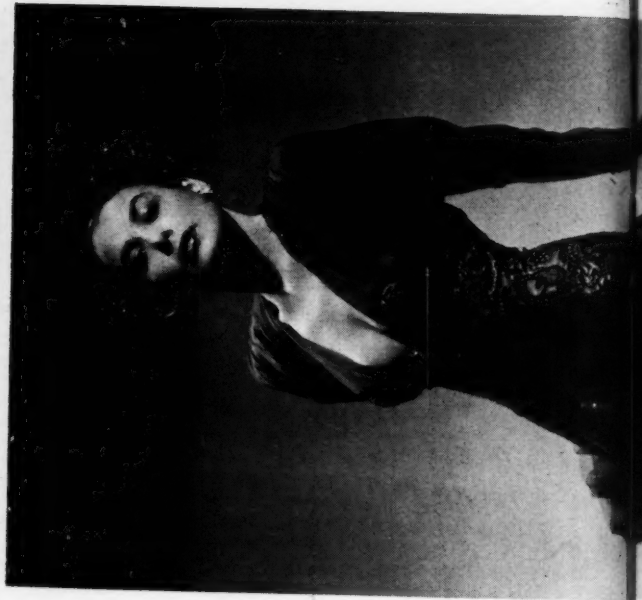
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THE WORLD'S SEXIEST NEGRO WOMEN

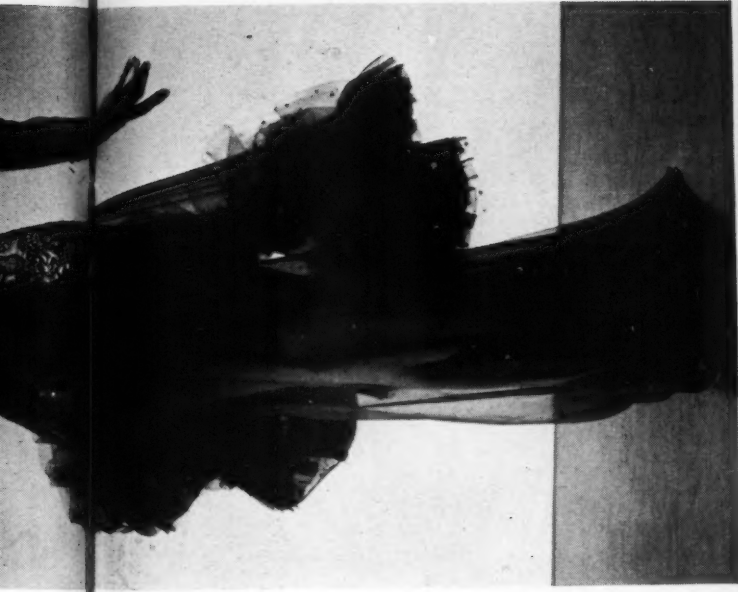
Whether in foxholes in Korea, over beers at the corner tavern or around cocktails in the living room, favorite subject of men is their choice of the sexiest women they know. As debate waxes hot and heavy, inevitably candidates for the most exotic pulchritude narrows down to a handful. JET polled 100 men at random to learn who these favorites are and the results of their selection of "The World's Sexiest Negro Women" are on these pages.

LENA HORNE

Acknowledged queen of pulchritude, movie star Lena Horne has been called "the most beautiful woman in the world" by famed portrait artist John Vogel. Filmdom's Ava Gardner has bluntly declared: "Lena Horne's the sexiest-looking woman I've ever seen." Another tribute has come to her from noted actor James Mason



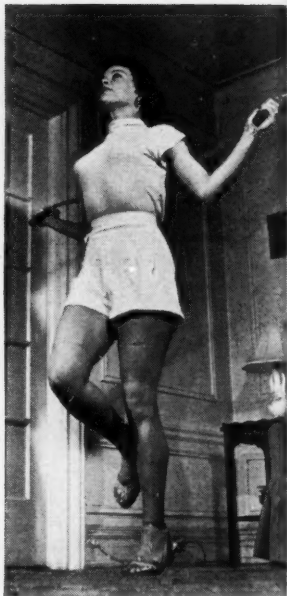
seen." Another tribute has come to her from noted actor James Mason who said that "one of the most expressive faces since Helen of Troy." When her movies played in Sweden, beautiful blondes rushed out to buy the darkest makeup they could find. One Chicago night club critic described her in these words: "A personality like a sultry high noon in the tropics warmed by the sunshine of a cryptic smile, where a slumbering volcano of passion is ready to rip loose—that's Lena Horne."





MARVA LOUIS

Vivacious, attractive ex-wife of former heavyweight champ Joe Louis has been top glamour girl of Negro life since she left stenographer's desk in Chicago to wed boxer. A stunning dresser, she pays minimum of \$350 for dresses.

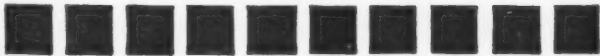


RUBY DALLAS

Original model who posed for E. Simms Campbell's famous harem cartoons in Esquire, former show girl played at Cotton Club at same time as Lena Horne. Perfect figure plus doe-eyed look brought her admiring suitors, including Joe Louis.

KATHERINE DUNHAM

"Sexy—sizzling—sensuous—sultry" are some of the adjectives used to describe the exotic dancing of Katherine Dunham, who became involved in the world's most-publicized romance when she was linked with millionaire Aly Khan after he and Rita Hayworth separated. France's famed author and movie producer Jean Cocteau commented of her dances: "If we were to write what she tells us with her legs, our scripts would be unprintable."



DOROTHY DANDRIDGE



Tabbed by Life as "the most beautiful Negro singer since Lena Horne," hip-tossing, torchy vocalist is newest glamour girl to come to forefront although in show business since childhood. She says she has learned art of giving nitery patrons "sexy looks."

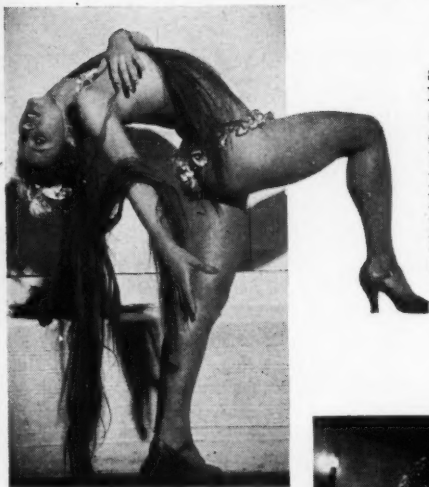
HORTENSE ALLEN

Called "The Body," dancer has most beautiful legs in show business. Tall, loose-limbed, she has led and danced in more chorus lines than any other show girl.

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FORTUNIA

Folies Bergere star was toast of Paris with her erotic tropical dancing. Polish-born fireball of Haitian father has been hottest performer in Folies since Josephine Baker.

EARTHA KITT

Termed "the most exciting woman I have ever seen" by famed actor Orson Welles, former dancer with Katherine Dunham turned singer and became European sensation with her exotic, blood-stirring style. Author Richard Wright called her most thrilling blues singer since Bessie Smith.





CANDY BOWMAN

Alluring, languorous wife of wealthy restaurant owner Lawson Bowman is known as "prettiest woman in Harlem." One of best-dressed women, she has turned down movie bids.



HILDA SIMMS

As the loose lady leaning on a lamp-post in *Anna Lucasta*, entrancing, beauteous actress became the best-publicized stage street walker since Sadie Thompson in *Rain*. Here she is with Miss America of 1945.



TONDELAYO

As exotic shake dancer, she has excited spectators in dozens of New York night spots. Her provocative, orgiastic, snake-like dances have been described as wanton. She has run several New York night-eries, currently is hostess at Greenwich Village's Club Savannah.



BILLIE HOLIDAY

Voice of great blues singer has been described as "sexiest in business." Time magazine once called it "a petulant, sex-edged moan." Billie, too, has won admiration for her beautiful mouth and at least one Hollywood movie star openly expressed wish she had lips like Billie's. Her voice seems to mean it when she sings *Take All Of Me*.

□ PEOPLE □

Hattie McDaniel, movie star is incurably ill and doctors doubt she can last through the holidays, Jimmy Fiddler reported.

Branch Rickey on his 70th birthday called his signing of Jackie Robinson for the Brooklyn Dodgers one of the "great thrills" of his life.

Gordon Parks, Life photographer who has been working in Paris, will return to the U. S. early in January.

Lena Horne opens her first date in Miami on January 23 at the Clover Club.

Adelaide Hall, darling of London's music halls, is being coaxed to make a February appearance at the Sugar Hill night club on Broadway.

Billy Eckstine is planning to open a new barbershop in Hollywood full of tonsorial gimmicks.

Pearl Bailey refused to do *Shuffle Along* as presently written, so the musical is being altered to suit her.

Katherine Dunham will return to London Jan. 8 for a series of performances which will include new

dances not yet seen in America.

Channing H. Tobias, United Nations delegate, will spend the Christmas holidays with his wife in Rome.

Ted Poston, New York Post reporter, was given a citation by the New York branch NAACP for "journalistic service" for true democracy.

Christine Ray Davis, chief clerk of the House Committee on Executive Expenditures, returned to Washington from a 44-day trip around the world.

Hazel Scott recorded six French Decca records while in Paris.

Billy Daniels, the balladeer, will headline the New Year's Eve show at Hollywood's swank Mocambo and patrons will pay \$26 each for the evening's entertainment. Billy will get \$8,500 weekly when he opens later at Miami's Copa City.

John Davis, weight-lifting champion, has been nominated for the James E. Sullivan award given the top amateur athlete of the year.

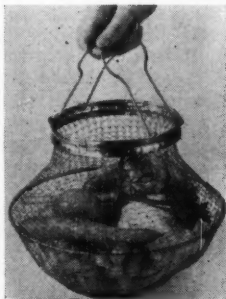


MODERN LIVING

WHICH WAY NECKLINES? The necklines on today's advance fashions are going up and down faster than elevators in a sale-struck department store. None of the leading designers, Parisian or American, seem able to make up their minds on the issue, and each is attempting to outdo the other in unusual treatment of necklines. They have reached a happy medium for holiday necklines: The look will be not quite so bare as last year's.

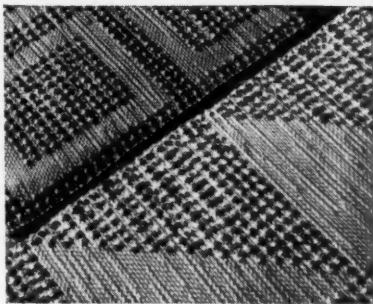
Many evening dresses cover only one shoulder, leaving the other unveiled. Other gowns feature stoles which can be drawn over the shoulders and around the neck. Necklines are high in sweaters, cocktail gowns and many dance dresses. Fashion-conscious females who have thin, boney necks or large, plump arms will find this to be good news. But for the women who have lovely shoulders and want to have the sexy look, there are still a number of gowns retaining the bare, breathtakingly low necklines of last season.

FRENCH GADGETS. A new salad basket from France is one of the handiest salad and vegetable washers ever to grace a homemaker's kitchen. Simply whisk greens in basket under cool water and shake, or the basket can be doused in a sink or pan of water. It is wonderful for strawberries, grapes, cherries, plums, as well as all vegetables. Made of a stringy, rust-resistant wire, the basket is easy to clean and will collapse flat for easy storage. Available at Elron Co., it is priced at \$1.25.



Salad basket.

COTTON AND LINEN CARPETING. A new blend of cotton and linen hemp that wears like iron and keeps its good looks for years, is now being shown in eight different carpet patterns by Trend Floor Coverings, Inc. The carpeting is custom-woven and dyed to customer specifications in any two color combinations or monotone. The



New blended carpet.

carpeting blends with either contemporary or provincial furniture and is ideal for children's rooms as it can be washed with soap and a damp cloth. Price: About \$10 to \$15 a square yard.

BUTTONS EVERYWHERE. The most economical way to change last year's dress into a modish new outfit is to change the buttons. Styles in buttons change as regularly as fashion's silhouettes, fabrics and colors. Dresses this season have buttons in every place designers could find to put them. Several rows of glittering new buttons will change last year's old black dress into a really regal new gown.



Tiny iron.

PORTABLE IRON. A new portable travel iron is now being manufactured in England for export only. It is about six inches long, weighs scarcely a pound and comes complete with changeable plugs to fit all continental currents. To insure safety, an asbestos pad is also included. It fits into a handy leather case for carrying.

FLOWER CUFF LINKS. A new feminine idea in cuff links has been created by New Jersey jewelry designer, Roberta Hayes. Made of plastic flower designs in a wide variety of colors they come in complete sets with studs, pins and matching earrings. Price: \$1.95 up.



New cuff links.

BUFFET COOK BOOK. A new cook book on buffet cookery is certain to help solve the problems of homemakers and career women who must do their entertaining in small apartments. Cleverly written with a few novel touches in seasonings and combinations, the recipes and menus are planned for 8 to 18 people. Authored by Ruth Holberg, the book sells for \$3.

FROZEN CRAB CAKES. With today's trend in frozen foods, shoppers can find most anything they want from soup to nuts. But for the first time, after months of testing, fresh crab cakes are being offered for national distribution. The patties now come ready to cook in 8 oz. packages. Also in the frozen fish line are deveined shrimps which are sure to make housewives happy as they come packaged 26 to 30 in a box and ready to use. Price: about 79 cents.



Nutmeg grater.

INDIVIDUAL NUTMEGGER. A new type of nutmeg grater is a mighty handy gadget for adding extra touches to holiday drinks such as Egg Nog and Tom and Jerrys right at the table or bar. Easy to operate, the grater is attractive enough for a table piece and helps guests add more zest to their drinks according to individual tastes.

□ SOCIETY

CHICAGO. Windy City clubs are going all-out to make certain that no needy family is forgotten this Christmas. Typical of the yuletide parties being staged to raise money for the less fortunate is the White Christmas dance which the Unity Matrons club will hold in the Parkway Ballroom on Dec. 23. Profits will be used to buy baskets of food for the poor . . . Mrs. John Sengstacke, wife of the Chicago Defender publisher, helped young members of the Jack and Jill club repair and dress dozens of dolls which they will distribute among children in the pediatrics ward of Provident hospital. For the boys there are sleek, shiny airplanes . . . Biggest dance of the New Year will be the glamorous affair which the Royalites will toss on Dec. 31 at the Parkway. . . . The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will entertain a bright young crowd at their Christmas Day dance at the Parkway. . . . Angela and Jean Cervantes will be hostesses at the Tri Epsilon's Christmas Show Boat Dance Dec. 22 at the Parkway. The Tri Eps are all high school seniors or college students. . . . The Kappas, who have just put the last bit of paint on their newly acquired fraternity house, will hold a week-long housewarming, starting New Year's Eve when they will throw open three of the lavishly-decorated rooms to accommodate the crowd of guests whom they have to their first "at home" party.

CLEVELAND. Socialites here will don masks and fantastic costumes on Dec. 29 when they attend two clever masquerade balls. The younger set will be the guests of the Reynards, while The Art-Modes, Cleveland's artists and models organization, will play hosts to the older folk . . . To the amazement of everyone at Karamu House, hundreds of holiday party-goers braved 8 inches of snow and nine-below-zero temperatures to attend Karamu's gala ball . . . The graduate chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will hold its annual eggnog party on Dec. 21 at the Mercury Lounge . . . Members of the noted

Metropolitan Club and their wives will be guests at a closed dinner, their own, on Dec. 26 . . . Delta Sigma Theta sorors will get together for a closed yuletide party on Dec. 26 . . . The Gay Twenties will arise early to attend the breakfast which the "Rock" Reeds are planning for 6 a.m. Dec. 23 . . . And the Topaz Club will fete other guests at a breakfast before sunrise on Christmas morning.

NEW YORK. Housing Commissioner Fred Weaver threw an exciting bon voyage party in honor of his attractive wife, Jacqueline, prior to her departure for the Virgin Islands. She won a two-week, all-expenses-paid vacation as a door prize at the recent Continentals' benefit party in the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf . . . Tennis titlist Gladys Dyer has announced plans for a matinee dance to be given by her chapter of the American Tennis Association Guild on Jan. 20 at the Savoy Ballroom . . . Those tall and shapely members of the Scalawags turned out en masse to greet guests at their formal ball in the Concourse Plaza hotel. Surprise of the party was the appearance of the Paul Robesons, who made the Sigma formal the same night . . . Minks by the score went into the making of the white stole which Rose Morgan, the House of Beauty lady, will get for Christmas . . . Urban League Guild members are already planning their Feb. 1 Beaux Arts Ball to be held in the Savoy Ballroom.

MEMPHIS. Fifty of the city's business and professional people paused for a bit of holiday fun at the brilliant party staged by Memphis' physicians and dentists wives on Dec. 20 . . . Amateur movie photographers Dr. H. H. Johnson and Mrs. J. H. Seward recorded the whole event on film . . . Marion Spight will fly in from Daytona Beach, Fla. to be on hand for the open house which her parents, the W. O. Spights, will hold on Dec. 22. Dr. W. O. Spight, Jr., who just returned from Korea where he was a medical corps captain, will arrive from New York with his wife and son to spend the holidays with the family.



Gladys Fair, a New York debutante, will make her bow wearing a white nylon strapless gown, embroidered in silver.

Most brilliant events of the winter social season are the memorable Christmas debutante balls now taking place across the country. Wearing their first formal gowns and holding bouquets of roses, hundreds of young ladies will curtsy gracefully in ceremonies which will mark their entrance into the world of grown-up society.

In at least six cities huge coming-out parties have been scheduled for the holidays. They are:

DEBUTANTE BALLS

- **NEW YORK.** Noted educator Mary Church Terrell will lead an honor guard of outstanding women from every state and U. S. territory when the New York Amsterdam News stages its third annual cotillion in the

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369th Armory on Dec. 28. Standouts among the 50 debutantes are the first twins to make their bows in the New York ceremony, Jean and Janet Moorhead, daughters of Virgin Islands health commissioner John S. Moorhead and Mrs. Moorhead. Also making her debut is Gladys Fair, of Brooklyn, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fair, Jr. Mr. Fair is Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons.

• PHILADELPHIA. The most talked-of charity ball on the Eastern Seaboard is the elaborate "Pink Cotillion" presented annually by the Philadelphia Cotillion Society. At the 1951 ball in the Metropolitan Opera House on Dec. 28, the society will present its annual "Philadelphia Citizens Awards" to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune Cookman College, and to Branch Rickey, former head of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Marian Anderson and Dr. Ralph Bunche were honored in 1949 and 1950. The society has donated over \$10,000 in proceeds from the two earlier cotillions to Freedom City charities.

• DETROIT. The Cotillion Club, Inc., well known organization of young Detroit businessmen, will introduce 50 debutantes at their third fashionable charity ball on Dec. 27 at the Graystone Ballroom. Duke Ellington's band will play at



Twins Jean and Janet Moorhead will wear white nylon net formals embroidered with silver lilies of the valley at New York debut.



Hands joined, debutantes and escorts rehearse the grand march which they will repeat before 12,000 spectators at New York Cotillion Ball.



Dance instructor Dick Campbell carefully scrutinizes New York debutantes and their leading men as they practice curtsys. Rehearsals begin a month before the ball.

the impressive ceremony at which children of the Motor City's most prominent families will make their bows.

• CHICAGO. Thatched huts, tropical palms and flowers will transform Chicago's huge Parkway Ballroom into a bright South Sea island setting for the Dec. 26 cotillion to be given by the select Royal Coterie of Snakes, who staged the Midwest's first debutante ball in 1938. One of the many well-known girls in white who will be introduced is attractive Florence Miller, vice president of the Senior Girl Scout Council of Chicago. Other outstanding debs are Betty June Brown, Kathleen Winona Kelly, and sisters Janet and Isabell Roberts.

• CHARLOTTE, N. C. Twelve co-eds from eastern and southern colleges will be

presented at the Dec. 26 cotillion to be given at the YMCA.

• MONTGOMERY, ALA. The Eamon Club will introduce 23 debutantes at the City Auditorium on Dec. 21.

The nation's final debutante cotillion will take place in March, when the select Los Angeles March Club, whose members trace their parentage back to early Negro western pioneers, introduces 30 painstakingly selected California co-eds at a midnight ceremony.



Debutante Barbara Brandon (right) chats with officers of Philadelphia's Junior Service League at deb ball.

* PEOPLE ARE T

- * Chanteuse Sarah Vaughan who is rumored to be spatting seriously with husband and manager George Treadwell. Friends say it is so bad they don't even look at each other if they happen to be in the same room.
- * The stream of orchids which Dr. Lucien Brown of New York City supplied for attractive Blanche McRae of Baltimore during her visit to the Big Town. Dr. Brown is leaving for Brazil in January.
- * The St. Albans (New York) society matron who unwisely confided to an acquaintance that she and her physician husband were quietly getting a divorce. Her confidante immediately snared the about-to-be-divorced husband, and their engagement has already been announced. The new marriage is set for February.
- * The Los Angeles Alpha Phi Alphas who rented the swank, expensive Chase Hotel ballroom for their yuletide dance which will highlight post-conclave activities. The hotel, one of the finest along the Pacific coast, overlooks the ocean and has its own private beach.
- * Dr. Edmund Casey of Cleveland who is almost ready to wager that his second child will be born on May 30, exactly! He is a physician at the Cleveland city hospital, and his wife, Lilliane, is a lovely French-born Fisk graduate.
- * The coming marriage of prominent Philadelphia physician Oscar Cooper, one of the three living founders of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, to Mrs. Willa Mae Todd, former wife of advertising man, Thomas Todd. Wedding will take place during the Christmas week.

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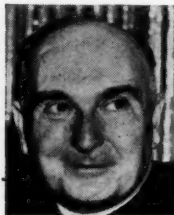
- * Los Angeles socialite medic Ford Wells and playboy oilman C. G. Price, who squared off about Wells' attractive technician and threatened to settle their fistic-shenanigans in court. Price later called off the altercation hearing, saying no one would believe his side of the story, since nobody else "actually saw the battle" except Dr. Wells.
- * The newest Delta Sigma Theta sorority grand chapter to be formed—Delta Kappa Sigma in Lawrenceville, Va.
- * Miss Maxine Daly of Washington, D. C. who went to London as an exchange teacher—to teach English. She received a formal welcome from the League of Colored Peoples of England.
- * New York's top public relations consultant William B. Graham, who left by plane for a 10-day rest in the Virgin Islands. He and wife, Elaine, made headlines a few months back when she filed for separate maintenance, but Graham says his exodus has nothing to do with the rift.
- * The three Memphis couples who are storkalating: the Richard McCleaves who are hoping it will be a boy, so they can call him "Junior"; the William Coxes who are saying "any day now," and the John C. Browns who are talking about the heir to be as if he were already here. They have selected the name already—Keith Edwards if it's a boy, Johnetta if a girl.
- * Dorothy Dandridge hiring a new pianist to replace talented Phil Moore, who coached both Dorothy and Lena Horne and helped put them on the road to fame. Rumor has it that Dorothy was annoyed by Phil's habit of wearing his heart on his sleeve.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

BISHOP SHEIL AND THE CYO

By Roger L. Treat

Religious leaders for centuries have battled with the never-ending problem of translating their Sunday sermons into everyday living. Too often the noble principles espoused from pulpits are forgotten by both preacher and congregation on Monday morning. The nation is paying the price today in the low current state of public morality. One of the few men of God who has been able over the years to bring the principles of the Bible into the day-to-day life of his parishioners is a noble Chicago priest, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil. In his early days as a Catholic chaplain he walked down the "last mile" to the electric



Bishop Sheil

chair with some 20 youths condemned to die. He felt the desperate need for some way to save the lives as well as the souls of these men. The result was Chicago's Catholic Youth Organization, which has accomplished miracles in preventing thousands of youngsters from "going wrong."

The story of *Bishop Sheil And The CYO* is told in a new book by Roger L. Treat (Messner \$3). Treat tells Sheil's story in human, earthy terms. It is

the story of a man who saw the need for the church to practice what it preached, saw the necessity of giving decent, dignified outlets for boyhood energies to detour them from almost-inevitable crime in their slum homes. He saw all boys in the same muddle and forgot all racial and religious lines in setting up CYO centers. One chapter is devoted to the Sheil center on Chicago's South Side although Negro youths participate in activities at all CYO settlements.

As a human document this book is as moving and meaningful as the most stirring sermon.

SPORTS

Joe Louis Returns Home From Far East Tour

Joe Louis suddenly got "homesick" and decided to cancel remaining exhibition dates in the Far East. Joe, who left the U. S. shortly after his loss to Rocky Marciano, closed out his tour by: 1) visiting Taipeh, Formosa, where he was the Chinese luncheon guest of former premier Gen. Ho Ying-Chin; 2) accidentally kayoing his scheduled Taipeh opponent, Chang Lo-Pe, who walked in too close while Joe was shadow-boxing (Lo-Pe later refused to box Louis, cancelling the bout); and 3) stopping to chat with hospitalized Korean veterans (see below) at Tokyo. He said he was returning to the U. S. by way of Honolulu in time for Christmas holidays. Meanwhile, American boxing fans continued to ask: Will he quit fighting? Or, will he, like Joe DiMaggio, retire? There were rumors they would be featured on a television show to be called "Why We Quit."



Joe Louis cheers hospitalized Korean vets.

Central State Wins Six Straight Games

Central State (Wilberforce) College's basketballers put in their claim early for national recognition by speeding to six straight victories. Their best scorer was captain Elmer Bolds, who racked up 26 points in a 94 to 58 rout of Alcorn. Closest shave: Tennessee State, 62 to 60. The Tennessee team later traveled to Chicago where it lost another heart-breaker, 70 to 71, against the Chicago Comets.

Early Rematch of Charles, Walcott Planned

It appeared that Ezzard Charles would get an early chance to regain the heavyweight title from Jersey Joe Walcott after proving again that he is the champion of Joey Maxim. Their fifth meeting, at San Francisco's Cow Palace, ended like the four previous bouts: a decision (12 rounds) for Charles. In Chicago, IBC promoter Jim Norris, who has virtual control of the fight game, said: "Charles has to get the first crack at the championship. I want to clear the decks for the winner to fight Rocky Marciano in June." Most likely spot for the Walcott-Charles rematch is the Chicago Stadium,



Ezzard Charles and Joey Maxim swing and miss.

Matson Nabs Ground-Gaining Title

The faces of All-America football team selectors were red. Reason: Most of them had placed Ollie Matson, University of San Francisco fullback, on their defensive teams. But, NCAA statistics revealed that Matson was the No. 1 major college ground gainer for 1951, easily winning his position with 1,566 yards. His total was only four yards short of the one season mark set in 1948 by Fred Wendt of Texas Mines. Also: in three years Matson gained 3,166 yards to set a new college-career mark.



Ollie Matson

Gavilan Successful In Middleweight Bid

Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan was looking for better middleweights to conquer after knocking out Walter Cartier in the 10th (and final) round of their Madison Square Garden bout. It appeared that he would get Randy Turpin in a March fight at the same arena. His win over Cartier, however, was not easy. Outweighed 159½ to 151 pounds, Gavilan took an early beating.

Cage Trio Bids For Scoring Honors

As the college basketball season got in its pre-holiday licks, three Negro players stood out for their shooting ability: 1) Seton Hall's captain Wally Dukes; 2) Purdue's Ernie Hall; and 3) Notre Dame's Joe Bertrand. Hall, an Indiana native who averaged 20 points a game last year for Ventura, Calif., Junior college, returned to his home state to spark the young Purdue five. In successive games, he scored 32 and 26 points. Dukes tallied 28 points as the undefeated Seton Hall team (South Orange, N. J.) beat Iona College 70 to 60 at Madison Square Garden.

Meanwhile, Bertrand was proving himself the star shooter of Notre Dame's first Negro duet (best game: 22 points). His teammate, guard Entee Shine, conversely was acclaimed for his defensive ability.

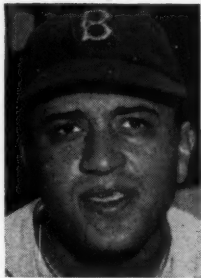
Browns, Rams Win Pro Grid Titles

Pro football ended its regular season on a familiar note: Cleveland's Browns and the Los Angeles Rams were repeat pennant winners in the American and National conferences of the National League. They were to clash for the championship at Los Angeles with the Rams trying for the fourth time to bag a victory over Paul Brown's crew. The Rams waited until the final game of the season to take the National conference pennant, whipping the Green Bay Packers 42 to 14 while the San Francisco 49ers were knocking Detroit's Lions out of first place in a 21 to 17 upset. Cleveland, already title clinchers, won their 11th straight game by beating Philadelphia's Eagles, 24 to 9.

Outstanding individual performances: 1) Emlen Tunnell's 74-yard kickoff runback for a touchdown (his fourth of the season) as the New York Giants beat the Yanks, 27 to 17. Backs George Taliaferro and Sherman Howard scored for the losers. 2) Fullback Joe Perry's surprising 32-yard touchdown pass for the 49ers.

Newcombe Breaks Hand, Thinks About Army

While others wondered what effect, if any, the broken metacarpal bone in Don Newcombe's right hand would have on his pitching for the Brooklyn Dodgers, the 20-game winner was thinking about something else: the army. Big Don, who broke the hand moving furniture in his mother's Elizabeth, N. J., home, said: "What's the use of getting excited about the thing? I've got more important things on my mind, like the army." Meanwhile: 1) Dr. Foster Orton, who set the broken bone, said Newcombe would not have full use of his hand for four or five weeks; and 2) Newcombe remained in an indefinite army classification as a "physical holdover" due to a kidney condition.



Don Newcombe

Chicago Negro Birth Rate Soars

The Chicago Negro birth rate has increased 44 per cent over 1947 and 322 per cent over 1936. In 1936 the Chicago Board of Health recorded 4,168 Negro births as compared with an estimated total of 17,600 Negro births this year. Chicago's health commissioner Herman N. Bundesen said reason for the disproportionate increase of births was due to the migration of Negroes to Chicago during the last decade who were in the child-producing ages of 17 to 30.

N. C. Farmer Wins \$2000 From Physician

Herman Teasley, a 48-year-old Durham, N. C., farmer, won \$2,000 damages from Dr. Max C. King of Franklinton on his charge that the physician had been negligent in treating an injury. Suing for \$10,000, Teasley complained to the Franklin County Superior Court that after his left shoulder was dislocated in an auto accident last October, he went to Dr. King for treatment. He charged that due to the physician's improper handling, his left arm became paralyzed and he is unable to work.

Doctors Seek Doom Of Segregation

Negro physicians, dentists and pharmacists from four Southern states, in a Camden, Arkansas meeting, opened a drive to end racial segregation in the Southern schools. Abolition of segregation in Arkansas schools is the group's first target. Dr. G. U. Jamison, president of the group, which is chartered as the Southwest Medical-Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, said a resolution was passed which will assure financial aid to persons taking fights against segregation to the Arkansas Legislature. He also said the drive will be carried to Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.

S. C. Midwife Receives \$1,500 To Aid Work

Maude Callen, who was publicized in her work as a South Carolina midwife in a recent Life magazine story, has received \$1,500 in unsolicited contributions to set up a backwoods maternity clinic.



Three children in Henry Oliphant family in Los Angeles are

THE MYSTERY OF ALBINOS

When police found little Carolyn Johnson cruelly beaten and locked in a filthy closet in a Chicago South Side kitchenette, they knew there was one thing which must be done immediately: Find a better home for the child. The second: Find Carolyn's mother. Confronted with a charge of cruelty to a minor, she snapped: "I hate her! She is a curse! She is an albino!"

In a world where whiteness



albinos. Two others are brown-skinned like brother at left.

of skin is frequently an "asset," the albinos, whitest of all people because they have no color at all, find themselves in a racial no-man's land, made acutely miserable by the countless superstitions which mankind has about their origin.

In normal human beings, a certain amount of pigmentation is always to be found. Their skin color is the result of interaction in the tissues of clear color bases called chromogens, and ferments, called enzymes. In almost the same way that bacteria acts upon grape juice to give it a "kick," the enzymes in human tissue ferment the chromogens to produce color. If one of these ingredients of pigmentation is lacking, the person remains a chalky white. The Encyclopedia Britannica estimates that 1 out

of every 10,000 persons are so effected and become albinos. There are approximately 1,400 Negro albinos in the U. S.

Even though scientists have proven indisputably that albinism is caused by a sport of nature, the superstitions about albinos live on. In Africa, albinos are feared and treated as outcasts; in India, they are more despised than the untouchables; in many parts of northern Asia, they have alternately been persecuted as devils and worshipped as deities, according to the beliefs of the ages and areas in which they were born.

In America, they are regarded as freaks. Circuses have been quick to exploit Negroes suffering from "vitiglio," a form of progressive albinism, in which the colored person loses his pigmentation in splotches which whiten, widen and meet, assuming weird patterns. Billed as "leopard men" and "Negroes who are turning white," they are exhibited to the curious crowds in sideshows throughout the country.



Daniel Hines, 70, is janitor at Good Shepherd church in Los Angeles.

Many Negro albinos are mistaken for white persons. Police in Louisville, Ky., once arrested Mrs. Arline Allen, an albino who holds a master's degree from the University of Indiana, and her brown-skinned husband when they were seen riding together in a car. "We had to call friends to establish our identity," she said. "They wanted to keep him in jail!"

Another nasty incident occurred to the Allens when they attempted to

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buy a ticket for a railroad compartment from a biased clerk in Chicago. "He held up the line of passengers on the night before Labor Day for 20 minutes until we convinced him we were a Negro couple going about our own business!" she related.

Although some albinos are reluctant to marry because of their skin-condition, James George, a 67-year-old Louisville cook, wasn't deterred at all. "It was love at first sight," he said, "and I married my wife Effie after only a few weeks' courtship. But we don't mingle much with people. They make you unhappy."

Although albinism is found frequently among Negroes, and the Indians of Mexico and Arizona, it is common to all races. Capitalizing upon their colorlessness, some Negro albinos have passed in order to secure employment. Others, anxious to be accepted by darker society, dye their hair, use brown make-up in order to appear more Negroid.

Many of the outrageous superstitions about albinos were blasted when a Chicago psychologist, Albert S. Beckham, published an exhaustive study which he had spent 10 years in preparing. Although the life span of albinos is somewhat shorter than that of "normal" colored persons, Beckham found few other differences between them and their darker brethren. Many of those whom he counseled suffered grave feelings of self-consciousness.

The one thing they want the public to realize is that they are not a people set apart, that they live, work and play just as other persons do. They are not freaks.



White albino Charles Derouin of Detroit is complimented on platinum blonde hair.

□ ENTERTAINMENT

New Negro Musical On Tap

John Wildberg and Al Segal will begin production soon of *Cool and Crazy*, an all-Negro revue, which will be premiered in New York City. Music and lyrics will be written by Gerald Marks and Milton Pascal, with William Friedberg, Nat Hiken and Charles Sherman collaborating on the sketches. Wildberg produced *Anna Lucasta*.



John Wildberg

Hazel Scott Begins Israeli Tour

Famed pianist Hazel Scott played to a packed house as she opened her Israeli concert tour at Tel Aviv. She will be received by the Prime Minister in the tour which has scheduled ten concert appearances.

Four Negro Singers Sign Met Opera Contracts

Four talented Negro singers have signed contracts to sing background music for the Metropolitan Opera presentations of Pietro Mascagna's *Cavalleria Rusticana*. Rhea Jackson, Helen Colbert, Dorothy Candee and Ida Jackson's singing in *Aida* earlier this year so impressed the Metropolitan's choral master Kurt Adler that he signed them for the new opera.

The signing of the four marks another step forward for Negroes in the staid Metropolitan since Rudolph Bing took over as director. Bing signed Janet Collins as premiere danseuse before the season's start and has been giving her featured billing for every performance.

Former Decca Executive Heads Ebony Label

J. Mayo (Ink) Williams, former Decca Records executive, is now producing his own records under an Ebony label in Chicago. First recording dates went to Horace Malcolm and his Harlem Hamfats who made more than 70 sides for Decca before the war.

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Two-A-Day Set For Negro Theme Film

First of the Negro-theme films to play a New York theater on a two-a-day policy will have its premier Jan. 23 at the Bijou Theater when *Cry the Beloved Country* begins a Broadway run. The picture was made in South Africa by the famous Korda brothers, and is based on the best-selling novel of the same name written by Alan Paton. Star of the film is ex-boxer Canada Lee, who plays the part of a Zulu minister. Sidney Poitier, remembered for his acting in 20th Century Fox's *No Way Out* also has a featured role.

The picture is already playing to packed houses in Johannesburg, much to the surprise of the producers. Natives used in the cast had no theatrical experience because there is no theater for Africans in South Africa. Absalom is played by Lionel Ngaga, former reporter on Zonk, the South African picture magazine. Nagaga got the role when Zonk fired him for not getting a story on *Cry the Beloved Country*. The producers hired him "to keep him from starving."

Ruby Dee Stars In Play At Lincoln U.

Movie star Ruby Dee spent a week on the all-male Lincoln University campus in Oxford, Pa., and assisted the school's drama group in a week-long performance of the romantic comedy, *John Loves Mary*. Ruby, played the lead role in the campus presentation, the same part she played when the comedy was shown on Broadway several years ago.



Ruby Dee at Lincoln U.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

The Model and Marriage Broker

When marriage broker Thelma Ritter decides secretly to untangle the romantic life of Jeanne Crain "free of charge and out of the goodness of (her) heart," cupid goes to work overtime. Convinced that the best way to cure Jeanne of her infatuation for a married man is to introduce her to a single one.



Jeanne Crain and Thelma Ritter.

Thelma has handsome x-ray technician Scott Brady peer at Jeanne's insides for a lost earring (which Thelma has secreted elsewhere.) In short order, they fall in love. But when they discover the romance was "fixed," the hilarity really starts and the laugh is on Thelma. A warm-hearted comedy peppered with humorous characters, *Marriage Broker* (20th Century Fox) is a sure box-office favorite.

Week's Radio-TV Preview

Adele Addison on the Chicago Theater of the Air (Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10 p.m. EST) on MBS radio.

Tuskegee Institute Choir in special Christmas program
(Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10:30 a.m. EST) on ABC radio.

Roy Campanella on the Una Mae Carlisle show (Monday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. EST) on ABC radio.

Mahalia Jackson on Stud's Place (Monday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 p.m. EST) on ABC television.

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COMING-OUT TIME FOR DEBUTANTES

The holiday season is the time when debutantes come out of their cocoons, dress up in puritannical white and curtsy gracefully as they make their bows into the grown-up social whirl. Debutante balls are the biggest news of the social season and are scheduled in Negro communities in a dozen cities. Three deb's who made their bows a bit early are Philadelphia's Barbara Miller, Marva Baylor and Barbara Comfort whose debuts were sponsored by the Junior Service League (See "Society")

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