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HOLLYWOOD MOVIE CHILDREN

Hollywood's Negro children, like most small fry in the make-believe town, have no special privileges, and are responsible for their share of household chores. Typical of offspring of movie people is little McHenry Norman II, son of pretty movie actress Madie Norman, who starred in *The Web*. (See "Entertainment")



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□ NATIONAL REPORT

Dallas Night Club, Carolina Home Bombed

The wave of Southern "scare-bombings," which previously murdered Florida NAACP administrator Harry T. Moore and his wife, fanned out to Texas and North Carolina, putting law authorities on the jump and jangling the nerves of both Negroes and whites.

• In Dallas, the Gold Coast Club, a night spot operated by Negroes and located in a "border" neighborhood between white and Negro settlements, was bombed. A police sergeant reported that a homemade bomb was used, "probably some nitro-glycerin," which blasted the roof loose and ripped a door from its hinges. No one was injured. It was Dallas' third successive Saturday night explosion.

• In Oxford, N. C., dynamite demolished a portion of 65-year-old Negro farmer Sanford Holding's

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new home. Again, no one was injured. Sheriff E. P. Davis said he did not believe race was a factor in the case, but local Negroes contradicted his opinion, charging that whites, jealous of Holding's success as a farmer, were responsible. Holding, father of 11 children, set up an armed guard around his property and announced that he would rebuild.

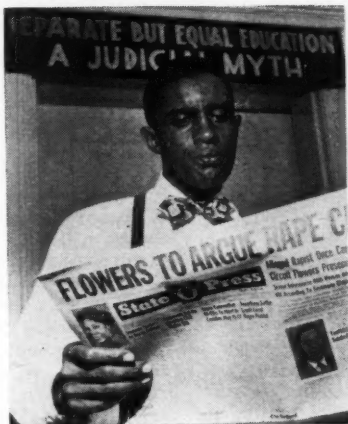
- In Coral Gables, Fla., 600 fans were hurriedly evacuated from a high school gymnasium when police received an anonymous tip that the place would be bombed. The tip proved erroneous, however.

- At Jacksonville, Fla., an anonymous caller threatened a white minister with a "Mims-type" bombing. Telephoning Rev. E. G. Hodges' church while he was away, the caller told Mrs. Quinton Swinford, his sister: "Due to your pastor's strong preaching, he is not qualified to be a minister. Tell him that the same thing is apt to happen to him and his church."

Meanwhile: 1) U. S. attorney general J. Howard McGrath said in Washington that he was giving the FBI "unlimited authority" to track down the Mims murderers and that after the culprits are apprehended he may appoint a special U. S. attorney to prosecute the case; 2) Florida Gov. Fuller Warren broke Southern precedent by entertaining an interracial group of 20 at a luncheon, where the racial outbursts were discussed, and raising his reward offer to \$5,000; and 3) an army explosives expert arrived at Mims to assist FBI men (seven, including two Negroes) in their probe.

Arkansas Attorney Receives Klan Threat

A Negro attorney backing federal court suits which ask the end of segregation in Arkansas public schools received a letter signed by the initials "KKK" telling him to "get out of Arkansas by Feb. 1." The attorney, Harold Flowers of Pine Bluff, turned the letter over to the FBI. He now has two suits pending in the federal courts demanding the abolition of segregation in public schools. "I intend to stay in Arkansas and also continue to file these suits," he said. The threatening letter was postmarked Texarkana, Ark., and read in part: "White citizens . . . have gotten along very well with the Negro population by staying in their places and the Negro in his. This is the way the white citizens intend for it to stay. You may not know it, wise guy, but you are fixing to leave Pine Bluff and the State of Arkansas . . . or face the consequences." Flowers said he would be in Pine Bluff or "elsewhere in Arkansas" on Feb. 1.



Atty. Harold Flowers

Messman Hits Enterprise Captain

A Coast Guard board, meeting to investigate circumstances surrounding loss of the famed freighter Flying Enterprise, heard a Negro messman criticize the captain. Samuel Miller, Highland Park, Mich., said Captain Kurt Carlsen, hero of a lonely vigil aboard the doomed ship, failed to head for the nearest port after the hurricane in

which the vessel was cracked ended. When a ship's delegate asked Carlsen whether or not they were returning to port, Miller said, the captain replied that he was awaiting orders from New York. Another crew member blamed Carlsen for not sending a distress signal until 28½ hours after the ship cracked.

Meanwhile, Robert Lumpkin, Boston seaman-cook who swam from the wrecked Flying Enterprise to a nearby rescue ship carrying an 11-year-old boy in his arms, is in an English hospital suffering from pneumonia. Enterprise owners informed his mother, Mrs. Lillian Gemes, that he had been chilled through in his heroic swim. Lumpkin carried the boy, Lothar Muller, to safety on the ship Southland only two minutes after Lothar's mother and 18-year-old sister had been placed in a lifeboat.

White Terrorists Run Amuck In Georgia Town

A wave of lawlessness by white teen-agers terrorized Negroes in Milledgeville, Ga. In quick succession the following acts of violence were reported:

- Bombardment of Negro churches and homes with rocks.
- Placing of hate stickers on business windows, reading: "The Klan Rides Again."
- Beating of Negroes including a veteran.
- Attempted-kidnapping of several Negro teen-age girls by youths in a truck.
- Raiding of a Negro night club by six armed white youths clad in Ku Klux Klan robes.

Police seized six of the terrorists as they entered a second place. They confessed to burglarizing the local Klan headquarters and stealing their garb, but denied taking part in other disorders.

Harlem Hears Powell Report On Europe

Europe hates Americans, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., told 3,500 persons who jammed Harlem's Golden Gate ballroom to hear him report on his four-month tour of Europe and the Middle East. In fact, the con-

gressman said, "America is the most hated country in the world." Specifying why America is hated in Europe and the Middle East "more so than England," Powell said: 1) "The U. S. Congress has talked too much before doing anything in the case of India; 2) We are selling Europe democracy and jim crowism all at the same time, and jim crowism is winning out."

Powell said General Dwight W. Eisenhower, whose availability for the Republican Presidential nomination was announced, cannot win the Negro vote unless he repents his stand on Army integration. Powell pointed out that Gen. Eisenhower's opposition to full integration, as expressed to a Senate Armed Services Committee, has been quoted as a military bible by Dixiecrats and that integration under his present European command lags far behind that under the Pacific command of Gen. Matthew Ridgeway.

Yesterday In Negro History

Jan. 21, 1945—Iris Jean Walker, the first "extra-uterine abdominal baby" born alive in medical history, was delivered in a Los Angeles hospital. The Negro baby was carried until birth in her mother's digestive tract.

Jan. 22, 1942—Joe Louis was awarded the Edward J. McNeill memorial plaque by Boxing Writers of America for his contributions to prize fighting.

Jan. 22, 1790—The first Negro Baptist Church was formally organized in Williamsburg, Va.

Jan. 22, 1949—Herb McKenley, Jamaican runner, beat the world record for the 220-yard dash on a curved track in Sydney, Australia. Time: 21 seconds.



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Bury Phoenix Vet After Six Weeks Delay

Following a wave of nation-wide protests, the body of Pfc. Thomas C. Reed was buried in the veterans' plot of Greenwood cemetery in Phoenix. The burial ended six weeks of pleas by the Korean soldier's aged, ailing father, George E. Reed, who wanted him buried with other veterans. Cemetery officials had held up the burial, while Reed's body remained in a mortuary, on the grounds that they needed specific letters of requests from local vets organizations before they could bury a Negro. But shortly after two Congressmen (Rep. Bernard W. Kearney, R.-N. Y., and Rep. Harold A. Patten, D.-Ariz.) began inquiry into the case, cemetery officials capitulated.

Harlem Building Supt. Wins Achievement Award

Harry "Doc" Williams, 47, New York building superintendent, was named first winner of the quarterly Schaefer Achievement Award for his work with Harlem youths. As winner of the new award, which was created by F. and M. Schaefer Brewing Company to honor persons who render community service without pay, Williams will receive a \$500 check to be used in his project. He began his youth work in 1945 when neighborhood boys began breaking windows in his building. He realized they needed supervision, and to keep them off the streets, organized the youngsters into a baseball team. Today, a mixed group of 375 boys are in his program and make up 18 ball teams of the National Coryle League.

Oil Man Gets \$20,000 U. S. Refund Check

Luther Tucker, Chicago, picked up a U. S. tax refund check of \$20,408.93 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for money he overpaid the government on his oil income from 1916 to 1923. Tucker, who once owned 160 acres of oil land, discovered in 1950 that he had overpaid the government \$12,858 and brought suit in Tulsa to recover the money. An audit was ordered which showed he was entitled to the money.

Stuyvesant Town Tenants Defy Eviction

In New York the Peter Cooper and Stuyvesant Town tenant group, which has been fighting the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for nearly two years over discrimination against Negro tenant applicants, challenged the company to evict them. Eviction notices were served on 19 members of the group. One of its leaders, Paul Ross, indicated that none of the 19 will move, (said): "If the company is prepared to shock the American people by using force to evict me and put my belongings on the street, my family is prepared to take the consequences." Metropolitan officials made no comment. The battle with Metropolitan began when a Negro couple moved into a Stuyvesant Town apartment as guests of the tenants, who then were accused of violating the lease. Later, the Negro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hardine Hendrix, moved to another apartment where they now reside. When leases of the tenants' group expired, Metropolitan refused to renew them.

Negroes Drive Chicago's Yellow Cabs

For the first time in history, Negroes drove Yellow Cabs in Chicago after the company finally dropped its rigid color bar. With 15 Negroes already working, Benjamin Samuels, president of the company, said more will be added. The policy change resulted from pressure brought by Negro organizations.

Washington Bias Law Of 1873 Tested In Court

Arguments in a case to determine whether Washington restaurants can legally refuse to serve Negroes were heard before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The John R. Thompson restaurant company is seeking reversal of a municipal court decision which held that the law of 1873 prohibiting discrimination in restaurants was valid. The attorney for the Thompson Company contended that the legislative assembly, which was part of the District's governing body from 1871 to 1874 exceeded its powers in passing the 1873 law.



FORECAST



Ingram Acquittal. Mack Ingram, North Carolina victim of rape charges because he "looked" at a white girl 75 feet away, will be finally acquitted and will leave the State immediately.

Jackie To First. The Brooklyn Dodgers will trade Gil Hodges for a pitcher and shift Jackie Robinson back to first base.

Integration In Germany. Segregated Army units in Germany will be deactivated by spring, in accordance with the Army's integration plan, and to stop overseas criticism of anti-democratic policy in occupied countries.

Matson To Army. Football All-American Ollie Matson will not join the pro team which drafts him but will enlist in the army, which in turn will sponsor him in the 1952 Olympic Games in Finland.

New Trotters. -As a result of the recent drubbing at the hands of the lanky Minneapolis Lakers, Abe Saperstein, owner of the Harlem Globetrotters, will shortly announce the hiring of at least two 6 feet 3 inch players—Harlem's sensational Isaac (Rabbit) Walthour and big Hank DeZonie, ex-Renaissance Big Fiver.

Record Breaker. George Brown, Los Angeles broad jumper who has already leaped over 26 feet, will break Jessie Owens' world broad jump mark this year.

□ FOREIGN NEWS

Tobias Opens UN Debate On Land Reform

The world's economy will suffer unless land is used in ways best suited to three-quarters of the world's population who depend upon it for its livelihood, Dr. Channing H. Tobias declared in opening the United Nations' land reform debate in Paris. "The general conception of land reform is to break up large estates. Our view goes far beyond that. Our concern is with people who work on the land," the U. S. alternate delegate urged. Citing U. S. success in reducing the number of share-cropper farms, Dr. Tobias said that it was significant that one of the world's greatest leaders in land reform was an American Negro, George Washington Carver, who helped revolutionize agriculture for both black and white people.



Channing Tobias

King To Make Trip To Africa Despite Protests

England's King George VI is expected to stand by his decision to visit South Africa's "white supremacy" prime minister, D. F. Malan, despite mounting criticism. The controversy was touched off by a Buckingham Palace announcement that the ailing monarch would stop off in South Africa and stay at the official residence of the prime minister during a recuperation cruise to begin in March. Echoing protests were: 1) Laborite Fenner Brockway who said he would ask in Commons who was responsible for arranging the visit with a man whose anti-Negro and anti-Indian policies have been bitterly denounced elsewhere in the Commonwealth; 2) the influential London Observer which said: "It seems politically unwise that the king should be advised to identify himself with one factor in a racial cold war that has aroused such unfavorable comment in the United Nation

Assembly; and 3) The Reynolds News which commented: "Malan heads a government which is carrying out the vilest racial discrimination that has ever disgraced the British name. Is this the time for (the King) to be house-guest of a man who is detested by hundreds of millions who are linked together by the British crown?"

Gambia Buys Baboon Tails

Thirty thousand baboons were killed in Gambia, British West Africa after the government offered two shillings (28 cents) for every baboon tail handed in to a divisional commissioner. The sale was used to induce natives to support the year-long campaign to rid Gambia of the ferocious animals, who raided and destroyed countless plantations. West Africans also wiped out 14,000 wild pigs and 12,000 monkeys.

Ghandi's Son Acts To Defy Jim Crow Laws

As the first move in his protest campaign against South African race laws, Manilal Gandhi, son of India's late Mahatma Gandhi, defied restrictions and entered the Orange Free State without a permit. Earlier the Indian leader had sent word to Premier Daniel Malan that he intended to defy the law as a protest against the Jim Crow treatment of natives. When he crossed into the state on a bridge marked "Europeans only," he was questioned by a policeman and then allowed to pass. Later, Gandhi said he was glad he was not arrested, but added that it was no consolation to him to be treated differently from other members of his community.

Firestone Liberian Rubber Profits Set Record

The 72,588,225 pounds of natural rubber which rolled from Liberian plantations boosted the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company's net profits from foreign units to a record \$21,213,178 for the fiscal year 1951. The annual fiscal report covers a period when the world price of natural rubber reached a 25-year high (83 cents a pound).

Edith Sampson Delights In Nettling Reds

Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet foreign minister, is well known for his ice pick tongue and his ability to speak English. But he forgets his English and falls back on an interpreter to evade political discussions with Mrs. Edith Sampson, Chicago lawyer in Europe on a special State Department assignment. Collaring Vishinsky in the United Nations delegates lounge, Mrs. Sampson complimented him for finally releasing the German World War II prisoners they held. The United Nations had asked last year that they be freed. "I knew Russia would do the right thing—eventually," she said. Vishinsky's English-speaking apparatus went dead. On another occasion, Mrs. Sampson used a piece of pumpkin pie as a political argument. Presenting it to Poland's chief delegate Juliusz Katz-Suchy, she said sweetly: "I thought you would like it. I understand they don't eat very well in your country."



Atty. Sampson

Dr. Logan Tells French Of U. S. Race Progress

In Paris, Howard University's Rayford Logan gave governors, senators and Negro leaders of French overseas territories facts on race relations advances in the U. S. So rapid has been progress in this field, he said, that it "has surprised many of the most competent students." The noted educator is in Europe on a Fulbright scholarship.

English King Honors Negro Attorney

Grantley Herbert Adams, Oxford-educated Negro from the West Indies, was honored in London when King George installed him into the order of St. Michael and St. George. Adams, a lawyer, gained fame a few years ago when he became the first Negro to serve on a British delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

Seretse Khama Rival Returns To Africa

Tshekedi Khama, uncle and political rival of exiled African chief Seretse Khama, departed from London airport after being granted permission to return to the Bamangwato tribal Territory in Africa by the British government.

Both Seretse and Tshekedi were exiled from their homeland nearly two years ago after bitter rivalry developed between the two over the young prince's marriage to a white London typist. British government used the quarrel as an excuse for taking the tribal chieftainship away from Seretse who is now living in London with his family.

HOW INDIA LOOKS UPON

Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, told in his newspaper column of how he learned about the attitude of a typical Indian toward America. On a train to New Delhi, a guard came into his compartment. McGill offered him a banana, invited him to sit down. The Indian inquired: "American?"

McGill replied: "Yes—the Southern part."

Then the following conversation ensued—as related by McGill.

"That's where the colored people live?" the Indian asked.

"That's right," I said.

"They can't walk on the sidewalks can they?" he queried, "or go in the shops?"

"Oh, yes," I said, "things are not perfect, but much of what you read here is exaggerated."

"I read about a lot of them getting shot by men in masks."

"Not a lot of them," I said, "and the men in masks are gangsters like your own dacoits."

"Where did these colored people come from?"

"Africa. They were sold as slaves by Arab slave

French Send Money To Willie McGhee's Widow

Dr. Ralph Bunche received 100,000 francs (about \$280) from a French organization which instructed him to give it to the widow of Willie McGhee, the Mississippi truck driver who was electrocuted on a rape charge. Henri-Sacha Dillot, secretary general of the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism, presented the money to Dr. Bunche at a small cocktail party. He said members of the league raised the money in a nation-wide French campaign. Many French people donated as little as 10 cents in the campaign, symbolic of France's feelings on the Negro problem.

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traders and then, later on, by white men, too."

"They came from Africa?"

"Yes. And they were not sold as slaves because they had dark skins. That's important to know. They were sold as slaves because they were primitive peoples, and were available."

"How did they get free?"

"We fought a big war almost a hundred years ago and the men who wanted them free won the war."

"White men fought it?"

"Yes, white men."

"And they didn't send them back to where they came from?"

"No, they didn't."

"I would have," he said.

"Well," I said, "they didn't want to go and they are good citizens. Many of them are wealthy and successful in business and professions like doctors and lawyers, entertainers."

He grinned at me in disbelief.

"I read about them in Blitz," he said. (Blitz is the Communist paper.)

☐ CRIME

Duke Ellington Plans Fight On Dope Evil

Planning an active role in the national campaign to stamp out the dope racket, Duke Ellington said musicians and bandleaders have their work cut out for them in repudiating the charges that link the dope habit to "hot" musicians. He said bandleaders cannot duck away from the "unsavory headlines" that link the dope evil to musicians and, in a measure, to popular music. "Youngsters," he pointed out while playing an engagement in St. Louis, "don't pay much attention to preachers, social workers and school teachers.



Duke Ellington

It is a juvenile habit to take as a model a moving picture star, a saxophonist, pianist, drummer or trumpeter. If these people do not live up to what is expected of them, all kinds of harm is done to the young hero-worshipper. In this connection, an all-out campaign against the evils of becoming a dope addict stands out big."

Berserk Baltimorean Wrecks 11 Houses

Before he was halted by a police bullet, Albert J. Tibbs of Baltimore ripped a neighborhood apart in 30 minutes—with his bare hands. In his reign of destruction he: 1) tore two skylights from their frames; 2) kicked in seven others; 3) ripped 11 chimneys apart; 4) wrecked two bedrooms; 5) pulled out the plumbing in one house, causing a flood; 6) uprooted a television aerial; and 7) showered a hail of bricks (and one radio) at patrolman John Popp, who finally dropped him with a bullet in his thigh, while police in five squad cars stood by helplessly. Two fire trucks and an ambulance were also dispatched to the scene. Said Tibbs penitently: "I don't know what made me do it."

Police Nab Policy Boss Ted Roe In Crap Game

Theodore (Ted) Roe, 53, millionaire policy baron, was arrested by detectives in Chicago as he tried to flee a crap game raid on a South Side basement apartment. He was booked as keeper of a gambling place and later freed under \$100 bond. Thirty-three men and one woman were also taken in the raid in which police confiscated \$45, three pairs of dice and a loaded .38 caliber revolver. Roe was freed only last August in the slaying of Leonard (Fat Lenny) Caifano, a minor hoodlum, who attempted to kidnap him. Roe is also under indictment for conspiracy to run a policy racket.

Walcott, Baker Join In Plea For Fugitive

Heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott and singer Josephine Baker joined 100 New Jersey civic and religious leaders in asking Governor Alfred E. Driscoll to refuse extradition of an Alabama prison fugitive. The fugitive, Anderson C. Salters, was convicted of raping a white woman in 1933. He served 12 years of a 35-year sentence, then escaped to New Jersey, obtaining work as a wood-cutter and assuming the alias "Jasper Lark." Recently, his real identity became known when he was arrested on a wood-stealing charge from which he was acquitted. Alabama soon lodged a detainer warrant, which was honored by Governor Driscoll.

In his plea, Salters' attorney, Martin C. Bloom, pointed out: 1) Salters was treated cruelly in Alabama prisons; 2) in New Jersey, he married and plied his trade at Newtonville; and 3) he lived a model life.

Man, 37, Charged With Rape Of Cousin, 11

John Nicholas, 37, of Detroit was charged with rape on complaint of his 11-year-old cousin. Nicholas, who admits attempting unsuccessful sex relations with the girl, is alleged to have given her several drinks of whiskey. The girl, whose aunt questioned her when she came home intoxicated, said Nicholas had had previous relations with her and once gave her a dollar to keep it quiet.



HOT SPOTS OF SIN

Pin-pointed on police maps of cities across the U. S. are dozens of cross-roads of crime—"hot spots of sin"—that are breeding grounds of every species of criminal listed on police blotters. From these centers of crime graduate a steady stream of gamblers, dope peddlers, prostitutes and



murderers who fan out into many decent Negro neighborhoods and give even these respectable communities a bad reputation.

Police stations near these "hot spots of sin" do a land-office business and in at least one city, Chicago, the local flatfoots ruefully boast that they run "the world's busiest police station." Despite efforts of the Kefauver committee to root out the confidence men, policy operators, bookies, hustlers and bootleggers who infest these Negro areas, overlords of these vice-ridden Negro neighborhoods continue to elude the Federal dragnet. In many instances,

Politicians Shackle Police

scattered police attempts to wipe out the honkey-tonks and "backroom" businesses fail because of political connections in high places which the vice kings openly brag about. City by city the crossroads of vice in Negro neighborhoods reads as follows:

- **DETROIT**—Adams and Hastings Streets in the center of Paradise Valley, which is the Auto City's slum area.

- **WASHINGTON**—7th and T Streets NW in the teeming Negro rialto not far from Griffith Stadium.

- **NEW YORK**—126th Street and 8th Avenue which is called "the alley district of Harlem."

- **CHICAGO**—Oakwood and Drexel Boulevards which is but a stone's throw from Lake Michigan but infested by dope peddlers.

- **LOS ANGELES**—Central Avenue and 5th Street, not far from City Hall but a rundown ghetto where hoodlums thrive.



Chicago's "sin" districts abound in gin joints, street corner idlers.

- **PHILADELPHIA**—South Street and 15th Street, a narrow row of taverns and hock shops where "winos" have a hang-out and policy hums.

- **CLEVELAND**—Cedar Avenue and 30th Street, where numbers operators have their headquarters.

- **LOUISVILLE**—7th and Walnuts Streets, where backroom gambling and

cheap liquor "joints" operate just one step ahead of the law.

From these corners come a majority of Negro underworld characters who are spawned in the poverty of the slums. Every conceivable racket to make "a quick buck" operates from central headquarters at these crossroads. Typical of an underworld hoodlum who had his beginnings on one of these corners—and there are hundreds of them—is Red Dillon Morrison, once of Harlem and Washington. Currently his address is Atlanta Penitentiary.

Several years ago, Morrison, a sallow-complexioned young man with a penchant for flashy clothes, drove his cream-colored Cadillac convertible from Washington's teeming T Street district to lower Harlem and set up shop as a dope agent. He prospered under the benevolence of Harlem's notorious "Big Joe" Richards, undisputed boss of the seaboard Negro rackets, and in less than three years, wormed his way up to become one of the most notorious hoodlums along the eastern seaboard. He was involved in many gunfights from which he escaped unscathed. He menaced local Harlem gangsters and got away with it, was once beaten up by a rival dope agent while he lay in a Sydenham Hospital bed. Yet, he was idol to many cafe society women until the FBI finally convicted him on dope charges, sent him to Atlanta.

In late years, police



Milwaukee cops let Charles Gooden operate policy bank in candy store.

have linked Baltimore and Washington to Harlem as an underworld circuit. Now they have been able to add Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Miami and Los Angeles as major spokes in the wheel. Huge quantities of marijuana, heroin, cocaine and other narcotics are dumped on the market in New York, which District Narcotics Supervisor Boyd Martin of Washington says is the "cancerous heart" of the heroin traffic.

Despite claims to the contrary, prostitution too is still flourishing in many of these "hot spots of sin." In Harlem, for example, one enterprising lady of the night hired a panel truck, outfitted it with equipment necessary to her trade, and was making a small fortune until police caught up with her. Accompanied by her "girls" she would park in "likely" neighborhoods and have two of the girls get out and pretend to be changing a tire. When gallant males happened by and offered "help," they were promptly solicited and invited into the truck.

How long vice will continue to flourish in these "hot spot" areas is a moot question. Periodically, reform movement's cause law enforcers to crack down; but, vice, like the proverbial cat, has many lives. It returns, often bigger than ever under the "benevolent" protective eyes of crooked politicians. Some feel that federal intervention will help check the underworld crowd but basically these "hot spots of sin" are a local problem that need a police crack-down on a local level.



□ JOURNALISM



John H. Johnson

Jet Publisher Wins High Honor

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce named John H. Johnson, 34-year-old publisher of *Ebony*, *Tan Confessions*, *Negro Digest*, and *JET* magazines, as one of the 10 outstanding young men of 1951. The first Negro so honored, he received a gold and ruby distinguished service award key and a scroll of honor at the Jaycees' annual banquet in Dayton, Ohio, January 19—his birthday.

The citation to Johnson said, in part: "He developed publications that record and describe the progress of the Negro in America and serve as inspiration to all Negroes. Through these publications, he has made available for the first time a current history of the Negro people in America."

Testimonial To Anti-Ellington Reporter Flops

A proposed testimonial dinner to Otis Thompson, St. Louis *Argus* reporter who wrote the explosive "Negroes ain't ready" story following an interview with Duke Ellington, failed to materialize in the Mound City where the affair was planned to coincide with Ellington's opening night at the Club Riviera. The Mound City Press Club had planned to toast Thompson right under the bandleader's nose but Thompson was not to be seen in the overflow crowd that welcomed Ellington to St. Louis.

African Magazine "Reprimanded" For Its Policy

Because it showed "too many white people shaking hands with Negroes," the *African Drum*, Negro monthly magazine published in Johannesburg, South Africa, was sharply reprimanded by the South African government.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Joe Louis, answering queries on who will be the next heavyweight champion: "The first man who fights Jersey Joe Walcott."

African chief, viewing the introduction of tractors in his realm as a definite threat to polygamy: "This machine can do more work than 10 wives."

Don Newcombe, Brooklyn's 20-game winner, bravely facing his impending induction into the army: "If I can serve my country better in the army than I can by playing baseball, that's where I belong."

Sugar Ray Robinson, quoting Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher Don Newcombe's reply as to what kind of ball New York Yankees outfielder Tommy Henrich hit for a home run in the 1949 World Series: "A change of space."

Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida, explaining to a delegation why he doubted the Klan was involved in the bomb-murders of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore: "The typical Ku Kluxer hasn't enough sense to handle a piece of explosives such as took the lives of these good citizens." To which a labor delegate replied skeptically: "But they sure are expert with a piece of rope."

Walter White, addressing delegates at the NAACP's annual meeting in New York: "At times during 1951 it almost appeared that American bigots were on Stalin's payroll to supply a steady stream of material to turn the colored peoples of the world away from the democracies and toward communism."

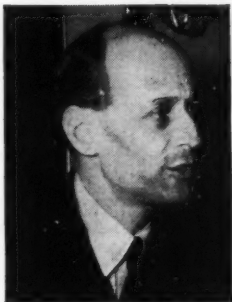


Walter White

WEEKLY ALMANAC



REWARD OF THE WEEK. Metropolitan opera company manager Rudolph Bing stepped out of a cab in front of his home in New York City and asked the Negro driver: "How much do I owe you?" The hackle smiled, replied: "Not a cent. You're Mr. Bing of the Met, aren't you?" Bing nodded. "Well, you don't owe me anything, then," the driver continued. "It was a pleasure to drive you." Puzzled as the cabbie drove away, Bing could draw only one conclusion: the driver was personally rewarding him for hiring Janet Collins, the first Negro ballerina to dance with the Metropolitan company.



Rudolph Bing



MURDER OF THE WEEK. Will Appleby, 48, an oil mill worker sentenced to life in prison by a Little Rock, Ark., jury for the shotgun murder of Dudley Thomas, 53, testified that he was "affected in the head" from a "spell" put on him by the victim. Appleby maintained in a day long court session that he was the victim of voodoo invoked on him by Thomas. Said he: "My head bothered me all the time. My nose bled and I couldn't do my work. At night I'd lay down and see snakes and couldn't sleep. Dudley put some kind of stuff on me to make that happen." The "spell" did not disappear, Appleby said, until after he killed Thomas with the shotgun as the latter was leaving his house. Thomas had married a woman who was once the common-law wife of Appleby.



BUCK PASSER OF THE WEEK. David Tart approached a kindly looking stranger in front of a Chicago restaurant and asked for a dime "for a cup of coffee." The stranger obliged with not 10 cents, but \$10. He told Tart it was a phony, but said he could spend half of the money on himself—if he could pass the fake bill. The hungry man agreed, soon ran up a \$4 dinner tab. But when he presented the money to proprietor Henry Johnson, the restaurateur took one look at the bill, quickly called police. As the squad car rolled up, the kind stranger who had been waiting out front for his change, fled. Tart was left holding the bag, or buck, as treasury department officials prepared to question him.



LINGUIST OF THE WEEK. Pvt. Leon Rainey of Chicago thought that when he shipped out to Korea he would have little use for the Japanese language he had learned in his five-months stay in Japan. But once in Korea, his knowledge of the language helped fend off a Communist attack. During the fight for hill 485, Rainey, an infantry rifleman, captured a Japanese-speaking Korean. He began to quiz the prisoner in his own tongue and discovered that the Reds were planning a counter-attack for that night. The attack came off as scheduled, but Rainey's company, alerted by his information, completely routed the Reds, inflicting heavy losses.



CONFESSION OF THE WEEK. When Detroit policemen Elmer Coleman and James Adams answered a disturbance complaint, they jokingly asked David Ford, who was causing the commotion, whether he was wanted by police outside Detroit. To their astonishment, Ford replied: "I escaped from a chain gang at Montgomery, Ala., in 1930, killed my wife four weeks ago in Bessemer, sold the gun in Tennessee and came up here." A check of records revealed a 21-year-old circular which told of his escape. No record was found of the alleged murder, but police are holding Ford, just in case.

□ PEOPLE □

Dorothy Dandridge will leave *Ciro's* at Miami Beach to make her New York night club debut at *La Vie en Rose* on Jan. 21.

Roi Ottley, in Los Angeles, promoting his new book, *No Green Pastures*, says he may settle down in the West Coast city if he can "find a place to live and something to do."

Leigh Whipper, veteran actor, has a featured part in *The Shrike*, the new Jose Ferrer-Milton Barron three-act drama that opened its trial run at the Walnut Theater in Philadelphia.

Frank Silvera, noted actor, was brought back to Hollywood by Producer Alex Gottlieb for a role in *The Fighter*, a new movie now being filmed at Motion Picture Center.

Marietta Canty was signed for a role in 20th Century-Fox's *Dream Boat*, starring Clifton Webb.

Pearl Bailey is scheduled to start a European trip to entertain GIs on February 18.

Billy Eckstine got \$3,000 for his appearance on Spike Jones' "Saturday Night Revue" over NBC-TV.

Gordon Parks, Life photographer, returned to New York with his family after a year's assignment in Paris.

Woody Strode, former UCLA football end, was signed by Hollywood's Pine-Thomas studios for a role in *Caribbean Gold*.

Billie Holiday says she will retire from the stage within two or three years to become a housewife for her husband, Louis McKay.

Sugar Ray Robinson, who plans to quit the ring for the stage after his next fight, signed a contract giving agent Joe Glaser 50 per cent of the profits to manage his theatrical activities.

Jimmy Edwards is now trying his hand as a writer. The Hollywood actor has written several TV murder stories and is trying to sell a movie script based on the life of Florence Mills.

SICKBED

For a sick man, Elkdome's iron ruler, J. Finley Wilson, maintains a gruelling, 10-hour, round-the-clock schedule. From the living room office of his Washington, D. C., home, the titular head of 500,000 Negro Elks continues to boss his sprawling fraternal empire with the absolute authority of a Caesar. In spite of illness he still manages to: 1) dictate daily voluminous piles of correspondence to his secretary; 2) keep appointments with a steady parade of callers, and 3) appear personally for speaking engagements, both in and out of Washington. To many, his boundless energy seems incredible for a man who only two years ago was administered last rites by a priest.

Floored again last month by a flareup of the diabetic condition that threatened at one time to claim his left leg by amputation, the dynamic little Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks was ordered to bed by his physician, but insists on carrying on his regular schedule. He will be 72 years



In early days of Elkdome rule, Wilson figured in stormy elections, but always won out.

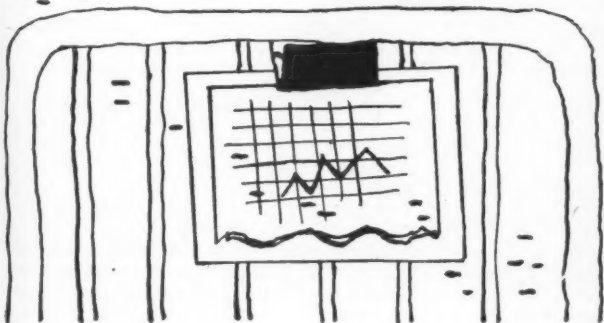


Flamboyant ruler has always been featured attraction in Elk parades held in Harlem.

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old on Aug. 27, but has already declared that he will seek reelection at the Atlantic City convention in August to the post in Elkdom he has held for the last 30 years.

Many persons laughingly say that the Tennessee-born, 30-year Elk ruler founded the order, but actually he was made a member in 1901, three years after the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World was organized. He was made a "Bill" at Norfolk, Va.



PRESS DIGEST

Negro Doctor in TIME: Dr. George Henry Starke has had a solid record of achievement ever since he started his practice in small Sanford, Fla., 24 years ago, Time reports. He was the first doctor in the region to treat pneumonia patients with sulfa drugs. He is the first and only Negro to practice medicine in the local hospital. He was the first Negro admitted to the Florida Medical Association. Most recent achievement is his own \$50,000 clinic for patients. Said Time, finishing off the doctor's story with a provocative twist: "But even as Dr. Starke was getting ready to move into it (his new clinic) he got a sharp reminder that his position was unusual among Florida Negroes . . . He was called from his bed to a patient with a blood clot in the lung. He gave her stimulants . . . to no avail. Next day she died. She was Harriette Moore, second victim of the lyncher's bomb which had already killed her husband, Harry Moore, state head of the NAACP."

Army integration in THE REPORTER: Possibly the most vital lesson the Army has learned in Korea is that mixed units make stronger fighting teams, concludes an article in The Reporter. An analysis in the current issue of the magazine reveals that the Negro soldier is the equal to his white counterpart when he is convinced his superiors have confidence in him and treat him as an equal.

Lund of Jim Crow in LOOK: Complete equality in education, housing and social life are still a long way off in the South's future, Carl T. Rowan writes in the current issue of Look. Rowan, the only Negro reporter on the Minneapolis Morning Tribune, toured the South for the first time since he left Tennessee in 1942 and reports but few improvements. Many whites are privately opposed to race prejudice but are afraid to come right out and say so, he finds. In some towns Negro children are not allowed in libraries, and what books they need are borrowed by their teachers.

▣ MR. AND MRS.

Eckstines May Kiss And Make Up

Singer Billy Eckstine and his pretty wife, June, may kiss and make up. So declared his manager, Milt Ebbins, who said, "To me it seems there will be a reconciliation between them." He said they have been out to dinner "two or three times" in Hollywood since she announced (in December) she was seeking a divorce. Ebbins, who dined with her at Hollywood's plush Player's Restaurant, said June "isn't mad at Billy about a thing." He indicated that most of the rumors about the couple are "just a lot of newspaper talk and cheap gossip. It has all been a mistake and I think everything is going to be all right between them." Ebbins, discussing reports that Eckstine had put his \$100,000 Encino, Calif., home in his name, explained that Billy wanted the house "more than anything, but he had to leave town in a hurry and got me to buy it in my name with his money.

Wife Sues Rev. Bill Bailey For Separation

Tap-dancing Rev. Bill Bailey who doubles from the pulpit to the theater and night club stage at \$1,000 and more per week, is cruel and inhuman in his family life, his 19-year-old wife, Eddie L. Bailey, charged in her suit for separation in New York City Supreme Court. Asking a \$250 weekly alimony allowance and \$2,500 attorney fees, Eddie said she was married



Rev. and Mrs. Bailey

to the 39-year-old tap dancing minister on Dec. 31, 1949, at Canton, Ill., when she was 17. They parted in October, 1951, she said, after Bill had threatened her with "a large knife." She said the dancing minister often struck her, and called her vile names.

"Brotherly Love" Too Much For Husband

Furious when he returned home after four nights absence and discovered that his brother-in-law had slept in bed with his common-law wife, Los Angeles butcher Charles Thomas, Jr., shot Sadock Fry, 31, in the chest and shoulder at the house which they shared with Frances Dunn, Fry's sister. Mrs. Thomas told police her brother slept with her to "protect" her from her husband. The shooting climaxed a chummy drinking party between the three.



Second Set Of Triplets: Mrs. Annie Smart of Baton Rouge, La., holds her second set of triplets born in New Orleans' Charity Hospital. The 28-year-old mother has eight other children.

Suicide Victim Wills Estate To Erring Husband

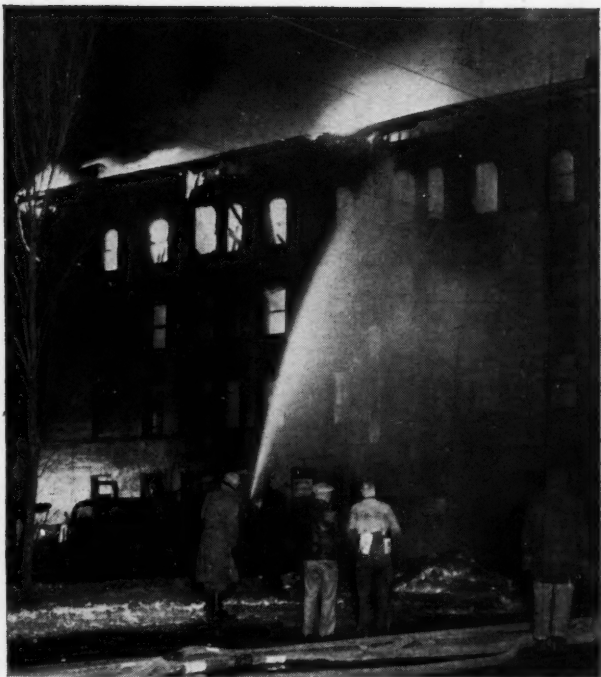
Jailed briefly when his 51-year-old common law wife, Willie Mae Harris, committed suicide, Los Angeles salesman Roger Leal provided police with a perfect alibi: he was with another "woman friend" when Willie ended her life. Released, Leal walked out of jail and into a fortune. Cutting her relatives off with only one dollar, Willie willed the rest of her estate, including a furnished home, \$8,745 in cash and checks, a new automobile and an assortment of gems to her husband.



THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS

Wide World

When In Rome: The ancient advice, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do," is shunned by Ada Smith (Brick-top) Du Conge. Born in Alderson, W. Va., 57 years ago, she first gained fame as a night club hostess in Paris during the '20s. Now, she is operating a nightclub in Rome and teaching the "Mambo," a Latin dance, to Italian celebrities like Count Ludovico Ceriana Mayneri.



International

Slum Landmark Burns: A roaring 5-11 blaze helped write the last chapter to the history of Chicago's most notorious slum landmark, the old Mecca Building. Flames swept through the southeast section of the unoccupied, once-palatial dwelling, from which 3,000 persons were evicted to make way for new, modern buildings to be erected by the Illinois Institute of Technology.



Globe

Time Out for Play: Ex-Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis paused in Los Angeles to night-club with Hollywood glamour girl Lena Torrance, before heading East to make public his retirement plans. The ex-champ golfed with scores of coast celebrities, but hit a snag with the PGA.



Wide World

Basketball Ballet: Tall, hairy-chested basketball stars make like graceful ballet dancers during game between Seton Hall and Western Kentucky at New York's Madison Square Garden. Wally Dukes, Seton Hall captain and high-scoring center, takes rebound in play with Gene Rhodes (11).



Polio Swimming Hole: Smiles return to the faces of young polio victims recovering at the Lutheran Hospital in Vicksburg, Miss., when it is time for their daily dip in the whirlpool bath. They are a few of the 300 Negroes stricken this year in Mississippi who received aid from the March of Dimes.

▣ SPORTS

PGA Bans Louis From San Diego Tournament

When Joe Louis arrived in San Diego, Calif., to play in that city's open golf tournament, he learned that the Professional Golfers Association had banned him under their "for whites only" rule. The specific action against Louis was taken by PGA president Horton



Joe Louis

Smith who called the San Diego committee which invited Louis and notified its chairman, Anderson Borthwick, that Joe could not play since the tournament was under PGA jurisdiction. An angry Louis, accompanied by Negro golfers Bill Spiller and Eural Clark, who also expected to play, said: "It's about time that it (PGA discrimination) is brought into the open." He added: "Horton Smith believes in the white race like Hitler believed in the super-race." Smith, who was to further investigate the dispute, said: "I am sorry Joe saw fit to make this a personal matter. I would be very pleased and would think it proper to reconsider the ruling at the earliest possible time." Meanwhile, Joe announced: "I will fight no more."

Chicago Cards Seek Negro Stars

The Chicago Cardinals, National Pro Football League team, announced a new policy: henceforth they will hire at least two Negro players. The announcement was made simultaneously with their signing of a new coach, Joe Kuharich, late of San Francisco. Coincidentally, they announced that one of the players they seek is fullback Ollie Matson, who was coached by Kuharich last season.

Negro Players Find Mecca At Wayne

A mecca for Negro basketball players is Detroit's Wayne University, the largest (enrollment: 17,384) municipally-owned school outside New York. This season: 1) seven Negro players are listed on the 14-man squad; 2) six of the seven top scorers are Negroes, including the first three; and 3) frequently four out of its five players in games are Negroes.

The team's high scorer (197 points; 16.4 average) is Johnny Kline, a six-foot, three-inch forward. Second best is Charley Primas, the six-foot, two and one-half inch forward who is generally regarded as the finest sophomore to play for Wayne in many years. As a freshman last year, he scored 327 points (average: 18.1) while the team won 18 games and lost but one contest.

Tallest player (6 feet, 4½ inches) and one of two oldest (24) on the squad is Gene Bolden, whom many expect to wind up as the team's first string center. Coach of the team is Joel Mason, former pro football and basketball star.



Johnny Kline

Central State Wins Eighth Straight

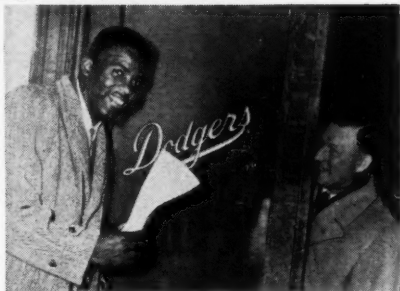
Unbeaten Central State (Wilberforce) College won its eighth basketball game, beating Lincoln (Mo.) University, 58 to 45. It was Lincoln's sixth defeat against seven victories. Lorinzer Clark, a guard, was high scorer with 13 points.

Bright Incident Called "Blow Of The Year"

The "polls" were marching on. The latest revealed that: 1) the blow which made the loudest impact in college circles during 1951 was the one which broke Drake star Johnny Bright's jaw (it was thrown by Wilbanks Smith of Oklahoma A. & M.); and 2) less and less Southern colleges refuse to play football against teams which include Negroes. The poll, conducted by the College Analysts' Bureau, said that the Bright incident was regretted even in the South.

Jackie Robinson Signs \$40,000 Contract

If the wage stabilization board gives its okay, Jackie Robinson will set a new team high of \$40,000 in salary for the Brooklyn Dodgers during the 1952 season. He signed a contract at that figure, but since his 1951 salary



Jackie and manager with new contract.

(reportedly \$35,000) was the team's previous high mark, he cannot obtain the \$5,000 raise without the board's approval. No decision from the board was expected until it had time to consider a request made by Stan Musial of the Cardinals who has a similar problem (but involving a \$35,000 raise). At Cleveland, meanwhile, Indians manager Al Lopez announced: "We're not going to trade Larry Doby. He's our center fielder." This announcement scotched rumors that have persisted since the season ended. In Birmingham, New York Giants center fielder Willie Mays was ordered to his Fairfield, Ala., draft board for a second examination.

Minoso Honored As "Rookie Of The Year"

Orestes (Minnie) Minoso, fleet-footed sparkplug of the Chicago White Sox, was honored as the American League's "Rookie of the Year for 1951" by the Sporting News, baseball's bible. J. G. Taylor Spink, Sporting News publisher, made the presentation as a highlight to Chicago's



Durocher, Minoso and Cavaretta

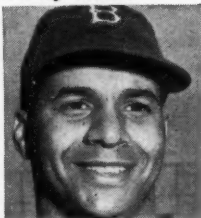
annual Diamond Dinner at the swank Palmer House Hotel. With more than 700 writers and dignitaries in attendance, Minoso responded in a lengthy Spanish speech, which no one understood. He ended it abruptly by saying, "Anyway, thank you very much." Toastmaster Warren Brown said it was the best gag in the history of the annual affair. While in Chicago, Minoso also signed his 1952 contract at a reported \$16,000.

Purdue Drops Hall After Assault Charge

Purdue University dropped Ernie Hall from its basketball squad following an off-campus altercation for which he was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Hall, first Negro to play on a cage team at the Indiana school, was picked up by police after Coy Monroe charged that he attacked him with a knife at a private residence in Lafayette (Ind.). He was released on \$250 bond. Purdue coach Ray Eddy said that Hall, who had set a two-game scoring record, was being dropped because "he broke training rules." A native of Indiana, Hall played last year for Ventura (Calif.) Junior College.

Campanella Uses Elbow In Quest Of Pay Raise

Speculation was rife as to the real reason behind Brooklyn Dodgers catcher Roy Campanella's abrupt refusal to go through with a scheduled operation for removal of bone chips in his left elbow. It finally appeared that the reason was discontentment over his estimated \$20,000 salary for 1952. Campy was one of the first Dodgers to sign up. Later, however: 1) Jackie Robinson signed for \$40,000; and 2) Yogi Berra, New York Yankees and American League counterpart of Campanella, signed for an estimated like sum. Campanella, the story goes, felt that as the National League's Most Valuable Player he was entitled to pay in the same scale. Thus, his holdout on the elbow operation was viewed as a "last resort" attempt to get more money, although his 1952 contract is signed.



Roy Campanella

Sugar Ray's Mother Ill, Olson Fight Off

Middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson postponed his Damon Runyon Fund benefit fight with Carl (Bobo) Olson, scheduled for San Francisco on January 24, because of the serious illness (intestinal poisoning) of his mother, Mrs. Leala Smith.

Did Jack Johnson Throw Willard Fight?

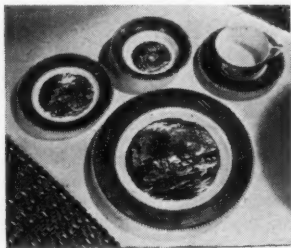
Did Jack Johnson throw his memorable heavyweight championship fight at Havana to Jess Willard on April 5, 1915? Ever since the fight was held under peculiar circumstances, the argument has raged hot and heavy. Some claimed Johnson was knocked out in the 26th round. Others pointed to a picture which seemed to show Johnson shading his eyes from the sun and surmised that he threw the bout. A new book, *The Greatest Sports Stories from the New York Times*, renews the argument. Its ringside account concludes: "The consensus of opinion is that Jack felt there was no possibility of his winning and when knocked down chose to take the count."



MODERN LIVING

IT'S BLUE FOR SPRING. Once again "blue" will be the favored color for spring coats. The shades range from aqua to the violet blues, with navy, the perennial favorite, remaining high on the list. Preferred materials will be smooth fleeces, boucles and poodle fabrics. The styles are diverse, although flared skirts, high waistlines and clever sleeves will receive emphasis in the spring collections. Many fitted coats with buttons galore will be shown.

NEW AMERICAN CHINAWARE. Two quaint china patterns to adorn contemporary dinner tables have been introduced by Country-Craft. The Currier and Ives pattern, though designed to look fragile, will wear like iron. Colors are a soft, deep blue on white, which can be used in any color scheme. Each plate in the selection shows a different reproduction of a favorite Currier and Ives scene. The Pennsylvania Dutch pattern shows historic designs and vivid country scenes in shades of black, red and yellow against a glistening white background. The dishes can be used in both modern and traditional homes. Starter sets priced at \$5.95-\$7.95.



Currier and Ives pattern of new china.

RICE FLUFFER FOR AMATEUR COOKS.

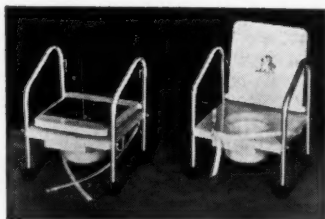
A new ball-shaped rice cooker will be welcomed by inexperienced cooks who have trouble turning out tender, fluffy servings of rice. The perforated cooker is easy to use, and drains instantly on removal from the pot. No steaming is necessary. The cooker holds enough rice for 4 to 6 generous portions. It prevents burning and gumming, and is perfect for blanching vegetables for deep freezing. Made of sturdy aluminum, it is an Elron product. Price: \$1.95.



Ball-shaped rice cooker.

STEP-UP STOOL AND TRAINER.

A "throne" for the kiddies serves the dual purpose of trainer and step-up stool. The arms of the trainer are made of aluminum tubing. The wood portions are finished in enamel for easy cleaning. The pottie is plastic. When the backrest of the trainer is dropped forward, the unit becomes a bathroom step stool with a rubber foot step. The unique trainer stool is an excellent item to take along on auto and camping trips.



Kiddie's stool and trainer.

LINGERIE IN GAY COLORS. When spring rolls in, the colors in milady's underwear will become gayer than ever with undergarments featuring new shades of beige, soft reds, lime green, yellow and blue. This assortment of colorful underclothing will be shown in a variety of styles and materials, including cotton. Even corsets, girdles and bras will be shown in navy blue.

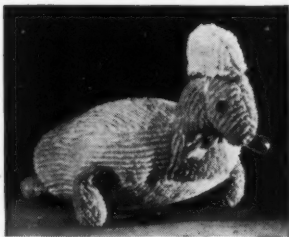
ADJUSTABLE SKIRTS. Pat Pringle of Cleveland has introduced a clever new skirt idea called "Alter-Magic" which enables women to lengthen a garment simply by pulling a thread. Secret of "Alter-Magic" is a second, fully-finished hem which drops the second the thread is removed. A tiny white tab is sewn inside to mark the right string. The new skirts also have a non-slip belt which holds the blouse pertly in place. They are available in a wide variety of colors and sizes.



Adjustable skirts.

BUTTONS FOR HOSE. Dozens of tiny pearl buttons sewn to the seams of stockings are the newest gimmick being introduced by hosiery designers. While the new hose look well on certain types of legs, not all women can wear them. Confusion also arises when women try to determine with what types of costumes the new hosiery should be used.

NEW WASHABLE TOY. "Myrtle The Turtle," is a "different" new cuddly toy for babies. Made of resilient foam rubber and covered with soft cotton chenille, the Country-Craft product is 15 inches long, washable, and has a hand-made look. Its softness makes it a perfect, comfortable baby pillow. Adorned with a cute bonnet, tied under the chin, Myrtle has flapping feet, a button tail, and comes in boy-blue, or blush-pink with white. Price: \$2.95.



Foam rubber toy.

□ SOCIETY

CHICAGO. Baseball star Larry Doby was guest of honor at a stag luncheon in the Parkway Ballroom . . . United Nations representative from Haiti, Madame Madeline Boucher-eau, will be entertained at a tea in the University of Chicago's International House on Jan. 27 by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which is celebrating its Founder's day . . . The Winsomettes staged a spectacular "thank-you" dance at the Parkway, then sipped champagne at a party for club hostess Desoree Pyburn who was celebrating her first wedding anniversary the same day . . . Vera Green, Vivienne Pryor and Marva Louis Spaulding modeled a stunning collection of new spring chapeaux in the Up-To-Daters' "A Toast To Fashions In Paris" show at the Club DeLisa . . . New pledges to the Iota Phi Lambda sorority were greeted at a party in the home of Dr. Cecile Alexander . . . Society band leader Fletcher Butler called in caterers to prepare their tastiest dishes for the party he gave for members of his band and close friends. Music was no problem. The guests played their own . . . The popular Foxes crowned Nancy Calloway, of the Smarties club, Queen of Clubs at their formal dance in the Parkway. Contestants were entered by clubs all over Chicago, and from La Grange, Gary, Milwaukee and cities in Michigan and Wisconsin.



Vivienne Pryor

DETROIT. The entire Thomas clan gathered at the home of young Dr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Thomas, Jr., for a reunion dinner following the christening of little Linda Thomas at St. Matthews Episcopal church. Col. B. O. Davis, Jr., is

Linda's godfather. He gave the young Thomas heiress a sterling silver fork and spoon set as a christening gift . . . Mrs. Don Raphael, wife of the popular organist, is expecting another child in March . . . Also infanticipating are Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Thompson, and Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Dickson . . . The Arthur Hills are taking a prolonged vacation in the Bahamas.

MEMPHIS. The La Jovial Social Club's semi-formal dance on Jan. 25 did not start out to be a fashion show, but it is going to be just that. Top society names in the Bluff City are scouring the shopping areas for just the right gown for this popular annual occasion. Club president Mrs. Corinne Lewis has already chosen a coffee brown Chantilly lace which will be set off with gold accessories. Mrs. Mabel Johnson will don a Ben Reig original of cerise lace embellished with cerise bugle beads. A Sondheim original of navy blue satin will be worn by Mrs. Foster Johnson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pope are expecting their third child . . . The Leonard Joneses are anxiously awaiting a fourth baby, and hoping it will be a girl . . . The Howard B. Chandlers wanted a boy, but got a girl. They are happy, anyway, and Mr. Chandler passed out whole boxes of cigars to co-workers at the Universal Life Insurance Company and his friends.

CLEVELAND. The Metropolitans, one of Cleveland's oldest and most exclusive men's clubs, have bought a new "club house." It is the coach house behind the thriving Dunbar Life Insurance Company. Wives of the Metropolitans are busy refurbishing the house, buying new lamps, drapes and furniture to make the coach house one of the city's most attractive gathering places . . . The fabulous game dinner sponsored annually by Eddie Hilliard, gourmet and chef without peer, will be held on Jan. 27 at Cleveland's Cosmopolitan club. Specialty for the evening will be Hilliard's hunter's stew, but other rare menu items will include bear, venison, wild rabbit, coon, possum and pheasant. Society folk have circled the date on their calendars.

* PEOPLE ARE TA

- * The reports from Paris that a Katherine Dunham escort almost slugged Ali Khan.
- * The run-in between Paul Robeson and former Dodger pitching star Don Newcombe at George Woods' Red Rooster Sports Bar in Harlem where Robeson sought to introduce himself to army-bound Newcombe. Exploded the pitcher: "I don't want to meet you. I don't want anything to do with any Communists. If the Dodger bosses hear about me hanging out with you, they will get the wrong impression."
- * The reconciliation of the Billy (he's New York Police Commissioner) Rowes. Harlem reports are that he will leave 555 Edgecombe Ave., where he shares an apartment with Joe Louis to rejoin his wife, Izzy, at home. They have been quietly separated for several years.
- * The mortification of two Harlem newspapers that reported boxing's colorful promoter Fred Irvin as dead and ran obituaries on him while Irvin is actually recovering from a stroke at Chicago's Pershing Hotel and planning to open a tavern.
- * Ethel Waters' new heart throb said to be a widely known Harlem playboy.
- * The fall sustained by Jane White, actress daughter of W. W., in the marble corridor of their Harlem home in which she received a fractured skull.
- * The report that the fabulous Ben Webster, tenor sax virtuoso, may return to Duke Ellington's band, when he returns to St. Louis from Los Angeles where he recorded for Mercury.
- * The coming reconciliation of Ella Fitzgerald and her hubby, bassplaying Ray Brown, after a 1951 war of rumors.

TALKING ABOUT . . .

- * Paul Robeson's sudden reappearance at social affairs. He danced at the Debutante Ball and missed very few sets at the Gothamettes matinee dance.
- * The son born to the Atty. John T. Doles, Jr., of Harlem, a playmate for their small daughter. She was one of the fabulous Zanzibeaunts, while he is a prominent barrister and politician.
- * The famous Harlem widow who lured away the handsome young husband of that popular wartime overseas Red Cross worker.
- * The world tour (our first real honeymoon, she says) planned by music arranger George Treadwell and his famous singing wife, Sarah Vaughan, which spikes nasty rumors that they aren't speaking.
- * The separation of the Howard Robertses of Cleveland. He's the Negro tenor of the One World Ensemble; she's the former Anita Lewis, daughter of the socially prominent John Lewises.
- * The attendance of Knoxville, Tennessee's wealthy Sam P. McMahan and his wife at the wedding of Howard Henry Baker, Jr., and Miss Joy Dirksen, daughter of U. S. Senator E. M. Dirksen, at Pekin, Ill. McMahan is a successful Negro brick mason and contractor.
- * How long bandleader Erskine Hawkins can continue paying his estranged wife, Flo, that \$100 a week alimony with the band business shot as it is. And she is relentless in having him chucked in the hoosegow if he misses.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

TOWARD MANHOOD

By Herman Bundesen

As head of Chicago's board of health, Dr. Herman Bundesen has long been a crusader for a franker approach to taboo subjects like venereal disease and sex problems. By open billboard campaigns and free clinics, he reduced VD rates in the city so the health board could boast that "Chicago is the safest city in the world to have sexual intercourse." Bundesen's handling of sex education is in a similar vein and to sum up his attitude, he has written an excellent new book as a guide to youths in their adolescent years. In *Toward Manhood* (Lippincott \$2.95) Bundesen talks about sex as a father should to his son—but too often does not. He explains the facts of life from description of sex organs to how babies are born. But more important are his chapters designed to give to young men a wholesome attitude and understanding of what too often is a subject discussed in whispers. No finer gift could be given to any teenager.



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▣ THE WEEK'S CENSUS

Died: William Henry Dean, 41, noted economist and United Nations chief of the Africa unit, division of economic stability and development, who was secretary of a technical assistance mission to Haiti and, later, headed UN mission to Italian Somaliland; in the gas-filled Harlem apart-

ment of his father-in-law, Dr. Channing H. Tobias. Police listed death as "apparent suicide." Dean's close friend, Dr. Ralph Bunche said the economist had been "physically exhausted" by overwork on his Somaliland mission. Commented Bunche: "He was skin and bones when he came back. He had done a perfect job of knocking himself out. I urged him to delay his report . . . but he was temper-

amentally unable to do that and seemed very nervous." . . . Frankie Baker, 75, former shoe shine parlor owner in Portland, Ore., later a recluse who claimed the song, *Frankie and Johnny* was composed about her; senile and insane; in Oregon State Hospital at Pendleton. Miss Baker's inability to make money from the famous ballad embittered her life.



Frankie Baker



Dean on vacation in Haiti.

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

London Palladium Nixes "Smart Affairs" Revue

Larry Steele's *Smart Affairs* of 1952 will not play the Palladium Theater in London as scheduled following a break in negotiations for a six-week engagement there. The unit, instead, will play at the Circle Theater in Cleveland, the Regal in Cincinnati and the Regal in Chicago. The Palladium, however, is still interested in an all-Negro revue.

Swanson's Symphony Wins Critics' Award

Howard Swanson's "Short Symphony" won the New York Critics' Circle award as the best orchestral work performed in New York in the past 15 months. The 42-year-old Negro composer, who has been called the "Cinderella Man of U. S. Music," won the award on the fourth ballot. Swanson was the first American composer to compete with European composers in the annual competition. His winning symphony was first played in New York by the New York Philharmonic-Symphony, directed by Dimitri Mitropoulos.



Howard Swanson

"Porgy" To Tour Europe With Negro Cast

George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* will soon be seen in Europe with a Negro cast for the first time. Rights to the Negro folk-opera were purchased by Blevins Davis with Robert Breen as co-producer. Davis will take the musical to Europe for a tour this spring if time permits. The European tour will be followed by a U. S. tour next season. It is believed that the opera will be presented with the cooperation of the U. S. State Department as a cultural venture.

Eckstine, Basie Set For One-Nighters In South



Count Basie

Billy Eckstine will return to the Southland in February when he teams with Count Basie and his new band for a series of one-nighters. Eckstine, who has just completed a



Billy Eckstine

cross-country concert tour with the George Shearing quintet, will be appearing in the South for the first time in five years. The Billy-Basie package will earn from \$2,500 to \$3,500 nightly against 60 per cent of the gross.

Option Taken On Negro Musical

An option was taken by Theatrical Agent Pat Allen on *The World's My Oyster*, an all-Negro musical. The musical, authored by Lorenzo Fuller and Carley Mills, satirizes the efforts and failure of a Harlem Negro who tries to introduce modern industrial and financial methods to natives of a tropical island.

Week's Radio-TV Preview

Mahalia Jackson on Ed Sullivan's *Toast of the Town* (Sunday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. EST) on CBS television.

Livingston College Choir on *Negro College Choirs*, (Sunday, Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. EST) on ABC radio.

Eugene Hairston vs. Al "Red" Priest 10-round middle-weight bout (Friday, Jan. 18, at 10 p.m. EST) on ABC radio and NBC television.

■ ■ ■ ■ MOVIE OF THE WEEK ■ ■ ■ ■

Cry The Beloved Country

South Africa's smouldering racial tensions inspired Alan Paton to write a poetic and moving novel that became a best seller in America and was made into a hit Broadway musical play. Now the author has written a screen adaptation of his unusual novel about the ordeals of a good and gentle Zulu minister, the Rev. Stephen Kumalo.



Canada Lee and Sidney Poitier.

The film was shot on location in South Africa and contains unforgettable glimpses of the beauties of the countryside, and the sharp contrast of the squalid native sections of Johannesburg. Canada Lee stars as the Zulu minister who almost loses faith in man and God, while Sidney Poitier turns in an excellent performance as the Reverend Msimangu. Although the script lacks the emotional power of Paton's fine novel, it follows the story faithfully. The film, by the British Lion Film Corp., is a tragedy which dramatizes the brutal effects of economic exploitation and racial inequalities in South Africa.

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Fisk Jubilee Singers on United Negro College Fund Shows (Sunday, Jan. 20, at 12:15 p.m. EST) on NBC radio.

Herman McCoy on Eddie Cantor show (Sunday, Jan. 20 at 8:00 p.m. EST) on NBC Television.

HOLLYWOOD MOVIE CHILDREN



Nat Cole says daughters Carol Lane and Natalie Marie are not spoiled.

One day when Lena Horne's son, Teddy Jones, was riding in a cab with his mother, he banged on the glass partition and shouted to the driver, "I betcha don't know my mother's a movie star, I betcha!"

That was several years ago when the youngster was only five. Dividing his time between divorced parents, Teddy had more enthusiasm for his glamorous mother than do most Holly-

wood children of Negro movie stars.

The glitter of screen and stage, the adoration of the public, the long working hours and unconventional lives led by those who make their cake and champagne in a make-believe-world, can, and often does, raise havoc with rearing children. The stars' biggest problems are keeping the spotlight off the home and counteracting children's growing awareness of their



Herb Jeffries is idol of daughter Ferne, 3, who likes to hear him record.

parents' importance.

Like Nat (King) Cole who frequently cancels and rearranges dates to spend more time with his family, and Maidie Norman who gives son McHenry chores such as taking care of his room, polishing his own shoes and emptying trash, Negro movie luminaries do their best to provide normal home backgrounds and make useful citizens of their offspring.

Few of their children



Maidie Norman rehearses scripts with son McHenry who is aspiring actor.

Some Children Want Careers

have private tutors or personal servants, and most of them attend public schools when possible. When Lena Horne first moved to Hollywood, daughter Gail and the daughter of the Horne maid were the only Negro children enrolled in the nearby school. But the children were continually snubbed, often came home crying. Finally Miss Horne removed them, sent them to a private school.

Few Hollywood personalities want their children to follow in their foot steps, even if the imprint of that step is preserved in the famed cement in front of Grauman's theatre. Chips from stage and screen props, however, fly just as fast as those from lawyer's shingles or the doctor's front door. Lena Horne's Teddy acquitted him-

self with credit in a kiddies' panel on *Life With Linkletter* TV show last June. "Cookie" Cole, who has just recently become aware of her crooner father's fame and who gets quite a kick out of watching daddy on TV or hearing his records, has a definite leaning toward show business, especially dancing. "Sweetie," the two-year-old Cole offspring, according to present indications, will someday be pounding out *Unfor-*



Nellie Lutchter wants son Talmadge to play piano, but he prefers drums.

gettable while an aging King Cole sings.

Talmadge Lutchter, Nellie's 15-year-old son, who was born in Los Angeles and who has grown up on the Hollywood merry-go-round, is set on becoming a drummer man like his hero, Lee Young. Mother Nellie has selected the piano for her only son, but after hearing the late Sid Catlett perform, young Lutchter was sold on the percussion instruments and has been conscientiously studying for the last three years.

With two stage plays and a couple of movie shorts already behind him, McHenry Norman is well on his way to an acting career, although mother Maidie Norman says she does not want him to be an actor. Realizing that her sudden rise to fame in the picture, *The Well*, has had quite an influence upon the youngster, she, like so many Hollywood mothers whose children come before career or anything else in their lives, says she wants McHenry to be "good at whatever life pursuit he chooses. That choice is up to him."



Gail Jones often travels with famous mother, Lena Horne.



Brother Teddy, like mother Lena, wants stage career.

The New King Cole



Where Old King Cole had his fiddlers three, Nat (King) Cole figures he is now big enough to go it alone. When he announced last September that he was abandoning his famous trio as a featured attraction and henceforth would be billed as "a single," jazz critics sat down and cried: "He's gone commercial." Jazz, they said, pointing to his initial success with *Straighten Up and Fly Right*, was his natural field. Others observed: "Nat Cole's playing for

the squares to make that loot." A national magazine, lamenting the transition from what it called "the greatest instrumental combo of all times" to his solo vocalizing backed by big bands and strings, hinted that his long-time fans would soon forget him.

It was the age-old controversy: jazz vs. "schmaltz." Even Cole's former sidemen joined in the criticism. After he quit the trio, guitarist Irving Ashby said: "The truth is that anyone who puts in a year or so of study on guitar could play all the guitar Nat needs for the kind of music he's playing today." Bassist Joe Comfort commented: "I guess I just set my hopes too high. He knows what he wants to do. Maybe he's right, but it's not for me."

Indeed, Cole thought he *was* right. "During the last several years," he said,



Original trio featured King Cole (right), Oscar Moore, Johnny Miller.



After first shakeup, group included Irving Ashby, Cole, Joe Comfort.

*Straighten Up
and Fly Right Paper Moon
That ain't Right*

"I've made most of my recordings with big bands. These recordings were my biggest sellers. So, I decided that it was time to step out as a single attraction. I am trying to broaden my field, to please the majority of the public."

Admitting that *Fly Right*, *Paper Moon*, and *That Ain't Right* coined "big dough," Cole pointed to such big-band-and-string-backed recordings as *Nature Boy*, *Christmas Song*, *Mona Lisa*, *Jet*, *Too Young*, and his recent hit, *Unforgettable*, as proof that the public likes him best as a single. *Too Young*, he pointed out, was the No. 1 song of 1951 on juke boxes, records, and in radio plays.



Cole's original intimate style inspired others, like singer Mel Tormé.

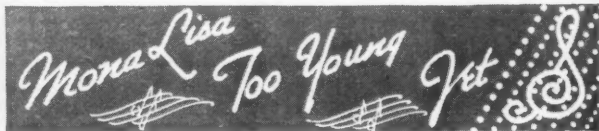
Cole did not set out to change his style. The public, by its enthusiastic acceptance of his solo tunes, made up his mind for him. In a break with the old style, he made *Nature Boy* for Capitol Records. The song caught on, sold like proverbial hotcakes. That was the turning point. Then followed *Christmas Song*, an identical response from record buyers, and a new King Cole was born.

Actually, however, Cole still maintains a trio as background for his vocals. Its members are: John Collins, guitar; Charley Harris, bass; and Jack Costanza, bongo drums. They merge into big bands when Cole plays major dates and makes recordings. In intimate clubs, they frequently fill the role played by his original success group (Oscar Moore, Johnny Moore, Cole). However, since he is now billed as a single, the trio never: 1) gets publicity buildups; 2) feature billing; 3) or photographed when he appears on television.

Yet, in spite of all this, Cole contradicts anyone who claims he is completely lost to jazz. Fact is, he says: "I may be doing jazz a lot more good than some of these real hip, cool people. I play and sing for a lot of folks who you could call square. They have confidence in what we're doing, so we can sneak in some jazz—and they like it because it isn't being forced down their throats." Perhaps the controversy over Cole will fade with time. But, one thing is absolute: everybody is talking about "The New King Cole." And in show business, that's a sign of success.



New King Cole won plaudits on Ed Sullivan's TV show and others.



▣ EDUCATION

Millionaire Leaves \$500,000 To Negro Students

A \$500,000 trust fund to provide college scholarships for outstanding Houston Negro high school students was set up in the will of the late white Texas millionaire Evan Edward Worthing of Houston. Probate Judge Clem McClellan said the entire estate was worth at least \$1,000,000. Worthing, a graduate of Texas A. and M. College, owned extensive rental property in Houston.

Bennett Receives \$75,000 Kresge Grant

By raising more than \$180,000 in its Quarter Century Fund Drive, Bennett College in Greensboro, N. C., became qualified to receive a \$75,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation of Detroit. The grant was promised in 1950, on condition that Bennett raise \$180,000 by Dec. 31, 1951. The money will be used to pay for a new \$260,000 Student Union building, housing a dining room and recreation area. The grant makes Bennett one of the few debt-free institutions of its kind in the South. Quarter Century Fund chairman N. S. Calhoun presented the Kresge check to Bennett president David D. Jones.



Pres. Jones receiving check.

Hampton Dormitory To Be Erected Soon

Construction of Hampton Institute's \$875,000 men's dormitory, which will house 257 persons, is expected to begin in 60 days, said business manager Don A. Davis.

U. Of Tennessee Admits First Negro Student

The University of Tennessee admitted its first Negro student, Gene Mitchell Gray of Knoxville, to its graduate school where he will be a candidate for a Master of Science degree in bio-chemistry. University trustee board representative John J. Hooker said three other Negroes would be admitted within a month.

The university agreed to lower its racial barriers after the NAACP, representing the four students, took the case to the U. S. Supreme Court. Chief Justice



Gene Gray

Fred M. Vinson threw out, however, the student's plea for a review of Tennessee laws requiring school segregation, saying that since the university had agreed to admit them, the case was closed. Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor had ordered the university to accept the Negro applicants earlier because they were not receiving an education equal to that of whites, but he did not rule on the constitutionality of the state statutes. Other Negro students to be admitted are: Joseph H. Patterson, a file clerk, who will enter the law school; Lincoln Blakeney, former YMCA secretary now enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, and Jack Alexander, a student at New York University.

Byrnes Seeks To Abolish Carolina Public Schools

Gov. James F. Byrnes urged the South Carolina state legislature to repeal its constitutional provision for public schools in order to give the state full control over the school system. If the measure is submitted to the public in referendum and approved, the state will then have the power to abolish the public school system and institute instead a system of private school education on a segregated basis.

☐ FARM

Truck Farmer Earns \$10,000 Yearly On 14 Acres

During the depression, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Freeman of St. Helena Parish, La., decided there was no future in sharecropping (their best year gross: \$900). With \$300 in savings, they bought a 14-acre farm. Their neighbors, they observed, were hard at work growing single crops, but making very little money. "Why grow one or two vegetables," they debated, "when we can grow a variety of them?" Putting their answer to action, they were



Freeman and farm agent.

soon raising enough vegetables to make worthwhile 60-mile trips to New Orleans markets. Today, they: 1) gross \$10,000 yearly from thrice-weekly sales of lima beans, winter mustard and turnips, strawberries, and cucumbers; 2) own a modern home which they built in 1948; and 3) have amassed enough savings for their children's education (the oldest one goes to college this year). Unlike their neighbors, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says, the Freemans have discovered a success formula for small farm operators.

Farm Extension Agent Honored At Tuskegee

Thomas Monroe Campbell, oldest Negro farm demonstration agent in the U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension service, was honored on the 42nd anniversary of his appointment in a special service at Tuskegee Institute. Notice of his appointment was delivered to him in 1906 by the late Booker T. Washington. Campbell's one-man department grew quickly into a huge organization.

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