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**The News**  
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### BARTER AND TRADE

Weekly I peruse about seventy-five colored "exchanges" that come to me from all parts of the country and I carefully scan each advertisement for in each a story is told if one is observant enough to unfold it.

Here and there I have seen some very interesting ads that indicate considerable ingenuity on the part of advertiser. The advertiser, apparently, has realized that to sell his commodity, or service, for cash only, would considerably restrict his business, so the advertiser has suggested an exchange of commodities, or services.

After all what is commercialism but an exchange of commodities or services? Barter and Trade may not be considered as high-class commercial business but it at least brings the actual producer and consumer together on a common basis.

Money was invented as the medium of exchange and as such is very useful when one has it. Unfortunately, it has a way of, seemingly, becoming cornered and divested in the hands of a few, while the many are still in need of the commodities, or services, but have not the money to obtain same.

As long as actual labor will produce the necessities of life, there will be found ways for industrious persons to barter their labor in exchange for various forms of commercial trade even without a cent of money exchanging hands.

In one community I noticed that a tradesman, once prosperous and doing a thriving business, was faced with the dilemma of retiring from business or to continue and eventually face bankruptcy proceedings for at the rate he was going his obligations were exceeding his collectible assets.

He was doing plenty of business and on paper was making money but his debtors couldn't pay him. What did he do? He hit upon the ingenious plan of collecting his accounts receivable in the form of labor and started many improvements.

In a short time his own place of business was entirely remodeled and made entirely modern, all out of the profits of his business which he accepted in the form of labor. He expanded the idea and is today the possessor of much valuable improved realty holdings.

If you are one who thinks the Negro hasn't a chance you should more carefully observe the many opportunities he is creating for himself by exchanging his commodities and services in an effort to get a foothold and which I am constantly observing by reading the advertisements appearing in our papers throughout the country.

### CLEVELAND MAYOR WILL NOT PERMIT SEGREGATED VICE

NEW YORK, July 18—Mayor Ray T. Miller, of Cleveland, O., will not permit the establishment of a segregated vice district anywhere in Cleveland, "let alone near a portion of the community which is inhabited by colored people," he states in a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The letter, addressed to Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary, says further:

"I am personally very much opposed to any such scheme and I can assure you that as long as I am Mayor it will not be attempted in Cleveland."

Cleveland daily papers some time ago had carried hints that an old-fashioned "red light" district might be established near a colored neighborhood. The N. A. A. C. P. protested the scheme.

### WILL MAKE INTER-RACIAL TOUR

NEW YORK, July 18—Every part of the country is showing keen interest in the first Inter-racial Excursion, which sails from New York, October 22 and will pass through seven European countries. For the first time in tourist history a large group of American Negroes and whites have arranged for extensive travel together. This marks the excursion as an especially interesting pioneer movement.

The route of the Inter-racial Excursion includes Holland, Germany, Finland, Poland, the Soviet Union, Lithuania and Latvia. The tour is well planned and offers an excellent opportunity to observe the November celebration of the establishment of the Worker's Government in Russia.

Upwards of 500 tourists are expected to make the trip. Groups in Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and other centers are already arranging to accompany the excursion, according to All Nations Travel Bureau, 144 Lenox Avenue, New York City, sponsors of the tour.

### JEALOUSY CALLS SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGE

IRONTON, O., July 18—Five alleged members of a mob which lynched Luke Murray, 24 chauffeur, near here last month are to go on trial Friday July 22 on charges of second degree murder. All the men pleaded not guilty when arraigned and were held on bond of \$5,000 each. The sixth person held, Lawrence L. Massie, was tried by the juvenile court on charge of abduction and kidnapping, was found guilty and sentenced to the reformatory for an indefinite term.

### FIVE ALLEGED LYNCHERS WILL GO TO TRIAL IN OHIO

The lynching of Murray might never have been known had not the Portsmouth, O. Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People investigated the case. Murray had been listed as dead "from drowning." Actually, his neck was broken. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People found that he had been lynched because he was "too popular with his employer" and took the mistress of the house and her daughter out riding in the car at the instruction of his employer.

The N. A. A. C. P. has asked Governor White to appoint a special prosecutor if such action is within his power.

### DEMAND JOBS FOR NEGROES ON NEW YORK SUBWAY

NEW YORK CITY, July 18—A demand for jobs for Negroes on the New Eighth Avenue Subway line here, is contained in a letter addressed to C. H. Delaney, chairman of the Board of Transportation of New York City, from the Trade Union Unity Council of New York, an organization of Negro and white workers.

A delegation of transport workers appeared last week before the executive committee of the Trade Union Unity Council, with a report on the discrimination by the city against Negro workers.

The T. U. U. C. addressed to the Board of Transportation, the following demands:

1. The employment of Negro workers as motormen, conductors, etc.—i. e., the better paid crafts.
  2. The right of Negro workers to take the necessary assignment required to work in these crafts.
  3. No discrimination against Negroes in the assignment of jobs.
  4. The same working conditions for white and Negro workers.
- The Trade Union Council is ready to wage a struggle for its demands, officials of that organization have announced.

### "SHOW BOAT" ARTIST SINGS OPERA ROLE

### FIRST RACE MAN TO TAKE IMPORTANT PART IN AMERICA

### NEGRO WINS ACCLAIM AS AMENASRO IN VERDI OPERA

CLEVELAND, July 18—Applauded by more than 5,000 opera-goers, Jules Bledsoe, Negro baritone, became the first man of the race ever to sing the role of Amenasro in Verdi's "Aida" at an American stage.

The performance concluded Cleveland's second season of outdoor grand opera in the municipal stadium.

Bledsoe, famous as the Old Man River in "Show Boat," had sung in Aida in London, but never before in the United States. With only 24 hours' notice to prepare, the Negro baritone gave remarkable portrayal of the captive Ethiopian king, and won for himself a long round of applause.

Aida Vane repeated previous successes in the role of Aida, as did Pasquale Ferrara as Rhadames. Edwin Eustis as Amneris, Foster Miller as the king, and Armand Elovik as Ramphis, also gave excellent performances.

### "PRINCE DE RAJAH" BUILDS MANSION AND GOLF COURSE AT IDLEWILD

Detroit, Mich., July 18—Recent visitors to Idlewild, the famous resort community in upper Michigan, have returned with glowing reports of the lovely mansion which Prince Jevoddah De Rajah, the noted mystic, has just finished building there and in which he has installed his latest wife, a young and beautiful Caucasian, whom he married this spring.

The house, which is modern in every detail and fitted with all the latest architectural wrinkles, is said to be the finest for many miles around. A nine hole golf course has been developed over part of the 80 acre rolling tract which the prince owns and in addition an athletic field containing a perfect baseball diamond with dugouts and all the professional accoutrements has been built. The prince has announced that he is signing up players for an "all-nation" baseball team which will meet various semi-pros during the summer for the edification of visitors and residents.

The new wife of the prince is said to be the widow of a wealthy Canadian who died a year ago. Her wealth is said to be spoken of as six figures. She is reported to have maintained homes in Canada and Florida and is said to cherish hopes of making her husband a golfing expert. She is said to be enthusiastic about and most proficient in the game of golf and personally interested herself in the laying out of the course.

The community of Idlewild is much interested in the news ventures of the prince.

"Prince Jevoddah, is one of the most popular men in Idlewild and for that matter throughout the country wherever he is known," said Rev. H. Franklin Bray, pastor of Idlewild's Community Church and editor of the Idlewild Herald. We have been extremely grateful for the additional and remunerative employment which work on his estate has made possible this winter for the men of the community.

"Idlewild you know is the largest exclusive health and summer resort in America. People from every section own lots here. We are expecting the prince to be one of our principal speakers at the grand public auction of 3,000 additional lots which we are holding August 8th, and which we believe will inaugurate the greatest season Idlewild has ever had."

### NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNISTS TO NAME NEGROES FOR OFFICE

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 18—CNA A large number of Negro workers will be nominated for office when the state convention of the Communist party meets here on July 31st, it was announced from Communist campaign headquarters here this week.

A. B. Charley, a Negro truck-driver, will be proposed for Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina. He will run with Roy Deerman, white, who will be proposed for the office of Governor. Deerman has a record of struggle for the rights of Negroes. He used to be a well-known radio speaker, but when he spoke in favor of the release of the Scottsboro boys, he was barred from making further radio talks.

Miss Almee Williams, a Negro worker, will be proposed to the convention for secretary of state, and L. V. Wertz, Negro painter, for the state senate. Two Negroes, Ralph Garrett, a farmer, and Miss Mattie Adams, will be proposed for state representatives.

### HONOR OF WHITE WAX DUMMIES IS SAVED

Atlanta, Ga., July 18—The cops of this city are very watchful of the "purity of white womanhood."

The department stores on Peachtree street display gorgeous gowns and undies on alluring pink-and-white dummies. Passerby sometimes look into the windows. Sometimes the passerby has a black skin. His eyes, too, are attracted by the window display.

But a black man must not let his eyes linger on a wax dummy—if it is white. So along come the uniformed protectors of "pure white womanhood"—and "Move on!" is the order. For who knows but that the Negro may break right thru the plate-glass windows and commit horrible rape upon the pure white dummy.

So zealously does the Southern white ruling-class guard the honor of its dummies—and even of its wax dummies!

### ASK REMATCH WITH GILKERSON'S GIANTS

The Gilkerson Olored Giants team will return to Portland August 1, 2 and 3rd for a three game series with the West Side Babes at the Vaughn Street park. The games will be played at night starting at 8:30 o'clock each night.

Ray Brooks, manager of the West Side team, was anxious to bring them back as his club lost to them here last Monday and he is confident that the local boys can defeat the visitors in a series of games.

The visitors from Chicago have a real ball club consisting of the fastest colored players in the United States. They showed some real baseball in their game here recently and it is expected that their return management will bring out a large crowd of fans.

Charlie Akers, the visiting short stop, is the real comedian of the visitors. He is always talking and affords much entertainment with his talk. He is also a great short stop.

The local team consists of high school all-star players that are considered to be the fastest young baseball team that has ever been organized in Portland. They were excited in their first game but Brooks is confident that this has worn off now and expects his boys to give the visitors some real ball games.

### N. A. A. C. P. PROSECUTES MAN ON RAPE AND MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES

WATERLOO, La., July 18—A white man has been arrested and held to the grand jury here by the Waterloo branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on charges of rape and manslaughter following the death of Mrs. Mollie Mitchell, colored, on June 19. Mrs. Mitchell was found half-nude and in a stupor in an abandoned house. Local police rushed her to a hospital and alcoholism. Investigation by members of the N. A. A. C. P. indicated that Mrs. Mitchell had been drugged and criminally assaulted by four foreigners. All four were arrested, but three were released for lack of evidence. The third is awaiting action of the grand jury. The legal work for the branch is being handled by M. F. Fields. J. H. Patten is president of the branch.

### HOOVER TO BE TOLD

Washington, July 13 —P resident Hoover will be formally notified of his renomination as Republican presidential candidate sometime between August 5 and 10, at the White House, according to present plans of Rep. Snell, House Republican leader.

Snell said the President would not go to Palo Alto, Calif., to make his acceptance speech.

### BUNDY GETS GOLD BELT

Andy Bundy won the fight over Abe Israel last week in a mix-up at the Multnomah Stadium. The verdict gave Bundy the Jack Barde gold belt, emblematic of the Pacific northwest featherweight title.

Mrs. Bula Morrow-Oliver will arrive in Portland next week from Minneapolis, Minn., to pass the summer as the guest of her sisters, Mrs. E. L. Jamelson and Beatrice Cannady-Franklin.

### MRS WRIGHT IS GREETED BY NORWEGIAN WORKERS

OSLO, Norway, July 18—CNA) July 16, anniversary of the first date set for the execution of the Scottsboro boys, found Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of these boys, Roy and Andy, being greeted by a tremendous demonstration of workers here.

Mrs. Wright arrived at Oslo direct from London, after a successful tour of the most important centers of England and Scotland.

Norway is the ninth country that has been touched on by Mrs. Wright and J. Louis Engdahl, secretary of the International Labor Defense of the United States. They have already toured Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, France, Holland, Belgium and England.

Mrs. Wright's tour has been extended to include the Scandinavian countries—Sweden, Norway and Denmark—and also Spain, the Southern provinces of France, Bulgaria and Greece.

### PLAN STEPS IN FIGHT TO SAVE AGED NEGRO SEEK CHANGE OF VENUE

BALTIMORE, Md., July 18—(CNA) The demand for a change of venue from Towson to Baltimore and thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the murder of Green Davis and his family last October, are among the next steps in the fight to save Enel Lee, aged farmhand, from the death chair, according to local officials of the International Labor Defense.

The Maryland court of Appeals on July 3 handed down a ruling reversing the death sentence imposed on Lee at his trial at Towson in January. The chief ground on which David Levinson and Bernard Ades, attorneys for Lee, asked a reversal was that Negroes had been barred from the jury at Towson.

Immediately after the rendering of the decision by the Court of Appeals, Mr. Levinson, who lives in Philadelphia, came to Maryland to visit Lee in the state penitentiary and to plan the next steps in the fight to save Lee.

Immediately, a delegation of five workers, four of them Negroes, went to Patrick J. Brady, warden of the penitentiary, demand the removal of Lee from the death house. The delegation was headed by Louis Berger, local secretary of the International Labor Defense, Warden Brady insolently refused the demand.

The fight will go on to remove Lee from the cell in the death house, Berger announced. Mass meetings are being planned in Lee's behalf.

Lee was framed for the murder of Green Davis, wealthy white farmer, and his family. He was barely saved from a lynch-gang of rich farmers during the reign of terror that swept the Eastern Shore at that time. He was at first denied the right to a change of venue and even to choose his own lawyer. These elementary rights were won only after a bitter struggle by attorneys for the International Labor Defense, backed up by angry protests of Negro and white workers all over the country.

### THANKS N. A. A. C. P. FOR AID IN FIGHT ON MONTGOMERY NOMINATION

NEW YORK, July 18—Mrs. Mary C. Boose, Republican National Committeewoman for Mississippi, and her husband, Eugene P. Boose, have telegraphed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here thanking the Association for its aid in the successful fight on the nomination of B. B. Montgomery to be U. S. Marshall for the northern district of Mississippi. President Hoover withdrew Montgomery's name late Friday, July 8 after an avalanche of protests had reached him and members of the senate from Negroes and Negro organizations. The association wrote President Hoover and each of the 96 senators. Affidavits were presented showing that Montgomery had made a public statement that he did not believe there were any chaste Negro women and that he would not serve in any meeting where Negro women were present. The telegram to the Association reads in part: "Please accept our congratulations and appreciation for services rendered by you (Walter White) and your association—To have the President withdraw the name of B. B. Montgomery."

Eugene P. Boose, Mary C. Boose

### RETURNS FROM GEYSERVILLE

George Latimer returned from Geyserville, California Tuesday night. Mr. Latimer had been teaching in and attending the Bahai Summer school.

### NEGRO, WHITE MAN ROB STORE OWNER

Joe Brail, proprietor of a men's furnishings store at 133 Russel street complained to police Tuesday that he had been robbed by a Negro and a white man, who he said took \$25 from the cash register and then took his wallet containing about \$55. Brail said the Negro asked to be fitted for a pair of shoes when he entered and that the pair demanded money. Brail said he saw no gun.

### "HOT SHOT" JOE SUFFERS ATTACK

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 18—"Hot Shot" Joe Daniels, Negro bootblack charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the fatal shooting of T. C. Williams on July 1st, went suddenly berserk in the county jail Thursday morning according to a report from Sheriff L. L. Lov.

"Hot Shot", who has been depressed since the murder, was seized with a sudden attack of insanity, and tore his clothes from his body, screaming all the while that he was being pursued by people and demons. The attack was not a long duration and after he became calm the Negro was placed in a separate cell for observation.

The asserted murder, for which "Hot Shot" is being held, occurred during a broad street brawl, in which Mrs. "Hot Shot" became involved in a wordy battle with Williams.

### CONFIRMATION PROTESTED BY COMMITTEE

### HOOVER WITHDRAWS MONTGOMERY'S NAME

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18—President Hoover withdrew the nomination of B. B. Montgomery to the United States marshal for the northern district of Mississippi. It has been on the senate calendar for confirmation since May 15.

Senator Shortridge, republican, California, objected to its consideration on the ground that Montgomery was reported to have made remarks derogatory to colored women.

The appointment and confirmation were urgently protested by National Committeewoman Boone of Mississippi and others.

### SULLIVAN STILL REPORTED TO BE UNCONSCIOUS

The condition of F. T. Sullivan, Southern Pacific dining car steward who has lain in the company hospital unconscious for five weeks, is unchanged and still critical, the United Press reported Monday night.

Sullivan was beaten over the head as he slept in his berth, by Theodore Jordan, local Negro who confessed to officers he had planned to rob the dining car funds.

### STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

ALBANY, Ore., July 18—Ira Aldridge, a full-blooded Negro whose father was born in Senegal, was brought to this country as a slave and became one of the world's greatest actors. He died in 1857.

### EXCLUDE NEGROES FROM BOULDER CITY

NEGROES HIRED AT HOOVER DAM BUT MUST COMMUTE 58 MILES EACH DAY

NEW YORK, July 18—Although ten colored men have been employed at the new Hoover dam at Boulder City, Nev., they have no quarters at Boulder City and must commute 29 miles each way each day to reach their jobs, according to information sent the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from Las Vegas, Nev.

The U. S. government has built a new city from the ground up at Boulder City for the workmen on the dam. Negroes are not allowed to stay in Boulder City overnight. There are no lodgings where they may stay and no place where they may eat. This was one of the excuses made for not hiring Negroes—that "no provision had been made" to house them. Even the two Negro bootblacks who shine shoes in Boulder City have to come each morning from Las Vegas, bringing their lunches with them, and return each night.

So, for the present at least, the Negroes working on the dam, must ride the 22 miles from Las Vegas to Boulder City and the 7 miles from Boulder City down to the dam site to get work and repeat the weary process each evening. They carry their lunches. All because there is no room in a brand-new city, built and owned by the United States government, for citizens and ex-soldiers who are not white.

The N. A. A. C. P. and the National Bar Association which jointly carried on the fight to get Negroes jobs on the dam, announce that agitation will be continued until Negroes get a fair proportion of the jobs and receive housing and food in Boulder City near their work. Walter White, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., and Jesse S. Healy, president of the National Bar Association, both announce there will be not let-up in the campaign for jobs and fair treatment for Negro citizens and ex-servicemen.