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The News
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BOOK PUBLISHERS

I am taking this means of replying to at least fifty different inquiries that have come to me during the past few months for a list of book publishers who have, within the past few years, published books either by or about Negroes, or at least the themes are of interest to Negroes.

The list as published here may not necessarily include every such publisher as I am listing those only who have forwarded one or more of their books to me for review or comment. The list also includes a half a dozen publishers of purely statistical data, and a few authors who sent their books to me direct.

These names are not given either in alphabetical or geographical order but are listed in the order that they became cooperators with me. Space will not permit my giving local addresses and every name that is not followed by a specific city is presumed to be in New York City.

George S. Schuyler (author); Harper & Bros.; Harcourt, Brace & Co.; Meador Pub. Co., Boston; Wetzel Pub. Co., Los Angeles; R. R. Rosamond, Hollywood; Farrar & Rinehart; Christopher Pub. Co., Boston; Hobbs Merrill Co., Indianapolis; Minton, Balch & Co.; New York Book & News Agency; Yale University Press, New Haven; Robert Mallory (author); Mingsong Press, New York; Chicago; C. W. Merrittweather (author), Hopkinsville; A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago; Stanley Newman (author), Hartford; Modern Library; J. L. Nichols & Co., Naperville; MacMillan Co., E. P. Dutton & Co., Henry Holt & Co.; The Lantern Press; Negro Year Book Co., Tuskegee Institute; Columbia Univ., Press; Wm B. Eerdmans Co., Grand Rapids; Grosset & Dunlap; Manual Arts Press, Peoria; Thomas Y. Crowell Co.; Doubleday, Doran & Co., Garden City; Cokesbury Press, Nashville; The Viking Press; Smithsonian Institute, Washington; International Pocket Library, Boston; Frank D. Fitzgerald, Lansing; W. P. Dabney (author), Cincinnati; The Stratford Co., Boston; Legislative Reference Bureau, Springfield; George Sully & Co.; Arizona Year Book Co., Phoenix; U. S. Dept. of Commerce (James A. Jackson), Washington; W. A. Wilde Co., Boston; John C. Winston Co., Philadelphia; Rosencranz Brotherhood, San Jose; J. A. Rogers (author); A. Stokes Co.; Frank A. Johnson (author-deceased); All Sports Record Book Co.; Vanguard Press; Ethiopian Press, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Myrtle Thompson Claybourne (author), Columbus; R. M. Mc Bride Co.; The Meteor Press; John Day Co.; Pegasus Pub. Co.; Stanley Rose, Ltd., Hollywood; Sociological Press, Hanover; Prof. A. H. Gordon, (author); Funk & Wagnalls; McCaully Co.; Dial Press; Caxton Printers, Ltd., Caldwell; William Faro, Inc.; The Bahai Pub. Co.; Ray Long & Richard R. Smith; National Home Library Foundation, Washington; Lex Pub. Co., Scatliff; Eudora V. Marshall (author), Duluth; Freedom Pub. Co.; Joseph S. Klinepeter, Toledo; Fisk University Press, Nashville; Mrs. Katherine Ash (author); Charles A. Battle (author), Newport; D. H. Smith, Brooklyn; Frederick M. Waterbury; Biographical Research Society; George F. Robertson (author), Clover; Brewer, Warren & Putnam; George Press, East River; Norman W. Henley Pub. Co.; Annie Nathan Meyer (author); The Bihelot Bros Inc.; The Kingdom Press, St. Petersburg; Alfred H. King, Inc., and John H. Paynter (author), Washington.

In addition to the above eighty-five publishers or authors who have furnished me with copies of their books a score or more of others have furnished pamphlets which I have not classified as books.

WOMAN SAVED BECAUSE OF GREAT SIZE

Houston, Texas, Dec. 1—When Lettie White, 280-pound colored woman, stepped into an open manhole, she didn't disappear from sight. She wedged.

"If I had reduced like I planned to do last summer, I sure would have got hurt," she told an ambulance driver and a policeman who rescued her.

TO INDICT "GEORGIA NIGGER" AUTHOR

MILK FUND PROGRAM BIG EVENT

BUSINESS MAN HEADS GROUP

Mr. Nate Boody, advertising manager of Roberts Brothers Department Store, has been appointed general chairman of the Business Men's Advisory Committee which is cooperating with the Unemployed Citizens' League in its Milk Fund Show to be held at the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday evening, December 15th.

"It is a genuine pleasure," said Mr. Boody, "to be accorded the honor of heading a committee that is engaged in such meritorious work as raising funds with which to purchase milk for distribution to the children of the poor and needy."

"It is the intention of the members of this committee to present an all-star vaudeville show that will compare favorably with any that has ever been held in the city. Executive members of the Unemployed League and our committee are bending every effort toward the presentation of an outstanding entertainment."

The fact that Mayor George L. Baker will act as Master of Ceremonies is in itself assurance that those who attend the performance will see something out of the ordinary.

"Local theatre managers and radio stations are donating the best talent for the show—other well known and popular entertainers have offered their services."

"In appealing for the support of Portland citizens for the Milk Fund Show, I desire to emphasize the fact that the entire proceeds will be used for the purchase of milk for the children of impoverished families. The milk will be distributed through the fire stations of the city through the cooperation of the Portland Fire Department."

Among other members of the Advisory Committee are Wm. J. MacKen, Edward L. Kropf, Jack Laue, Jack Harde, Carl Greve, Herb Faber, Ed Spooner, Frank Muenster and George Roberts, Harry Sroufe, George Sammis, Claude Kemp, Thomas G. Ryan, Brockmann Junius Wright, Dewey J. Stack, Fred Roberts, M. C. Athey, Harry Haugsten, Claude Palmer, Ray Carr, Harry Nelson, Ed Gavin, Joe Delmore Lessard, Geo. C. Todd, Clyde Rand, Chas. Castner, F. D. Swisher, Rauch.

The Girls of the Friendly Society will have charge of the Vesper Service next Sunday. A Christmas program will be presented. Mrs. DeNorval Unthank is the advisor of this group.

The Annual Christmas Party of the Y. W. C. A. will be held on Christmas eve in the afternoon. All children of the community are invited to come.

The Committee of Management will meet Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. This will be the last meeting in the old year.

The Business and Industrial Girls Club are presenting a pageant of the Nativity on December 18th at the First Congregational Church.

NOTED MAN DEAD

BISHOP J. H. JONES DIES AT OHIO HOME

Xenia, Ohio, Bishop Joshua H. Jones, 76, of the African Methodist Episcopal church, a former president of Wilberforce University, and father of Dr. Gilbert H. Jones, also a former president of that school, died at his residence at Wilberforce, three miles east of Xenia, last week.

Bishop Jones was one of the most eminent of the hierarchy of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and had served in the East, South and Middle West as a member of the episcopacy. He was born in Lexington county, South Carolina, June 15, 1856.

He took work at Howard university at Washington, D. C., and Wilberforce University following his graduation from Clifton. He occupied various positions as a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal church, and also served on the faculty of Wilberforce University, to the presidency of which he was elected in 1900, succeeding S. T. Mitchell.

He held that post until 1908, when he was elected to the episcopacy of the African Methodist Episcopal church by the general conference at Kansas City, Mo. His first assignment as a bishop was to the Ninth Episcopal district in Tennessee and Alabama, which he served until 1912.

He then was transferred to the Tenth district, comprising all of Texas. He remained there until he was appointed to succeed Bishop C. T. Shaffer to the Third district, comprising Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania, at the death of Bishop Shaffer in 1919.

While presiding over this district he rebuilt Shorter Hall, the old building destroyed by fire. New Shorter Hall is a monument to the deceased. It is one of the largest school buildings in the country for the education of Negroes. Besides dormitories, classrooms and executive offices, it contains Jones auditorium, where commencement exercises and other large gatherings are held. The financing of this project was one of the major accomplishments of the late bishop.

He remained as head of that district until 1928, when he became bishop of the First district, comprising New York and the New England conference. He has been living in retirement since last May.

Honoring Dr. Jeanette Matlisky of Irvington, a large group of her friends gave a big surprise party in her honor on last Saturday night. A number of outstanding people of several nationalities attended the brilliant affair, many of whom expressed their love and appreciation for the noble, unselfish work she is doing and has done for humanity.

Mrs. Guy Holmes was the recipient of a delightful surprise birthday party Dec. 2 arranged by her mother, Mrs. W. G. Bird at 651 Gantenbein street. Covers were placed for six. The lovely birthday cake was the gift of Mrs. William J. Marshall. Mrs. Bird gave Mrs. Holmes a beautiful silver bracelet.

Invitations have been issued to members of the younger social set requesting their presence at a formal dancing party to be given by the Trianon Girl Reserves at the gym of the Y. branch on Friday evening, December 16 from 8 until 12. Great preparations have been made to make the affair a huge success.

Mrs. Edith Williams-Johnstone is a pleasant visitor in Portland. She is stopping with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Gray.

Prisoners Respond to Good Treatment

PRISONERS AND PRISONERS

By C. C. Mitchell in Prison Paper

Prisoners in Jackson Prison have a great many things to render thanks for at this joyful Thanksgiving Period. Compare the progress and the accomplishments of our prisoners with those in any other prison and our record stands unsurpassed.

And when scores of these blooms make their appearance in many diversified fields and in many avenues of progress, to the thinker and observant, the hand of the cultivator is clearly seen and it is thus a great deal more than coincidence that so many prisoners of Jackson Prison are able to make the progressive showing that they have.

So much from the standpoint of the prisoner, but what of the administrator? Surely, they have much to be thankful for also. It is no coincidence that in prisons in nearly every state of the Union and Canada, within the past few years, there have been uprisings, discontent, riots, fires and mutinous insurrection but in Jackson Prison these possible disorders have been minimized and nipped in the bud.

Such a state of affairs must be distinctly evident that an atmosphere of mutual good will and an amicable spirit of cooperation must pervade within the four walls of the two Jackson Prisons, and the good and progressive thoughts easily offset the evil and discouraging ones.

Thus it is seen that in the circle of achievement all are benefitted by a system and an administration that recognizes that there is more to a prison than walls, cells and keys, plus thousands of the socially recognized misfits of life.

Thanksgiving should mean a lot to be exceedingly thankful for. Personally, I KNOW I have.

William Goodloe, colored, was convicted on a charge of assault and robbery while armed and will be sentenced Monday at 9 a. m. by Circuit Judge Hewitt.

Goodloe was found guilty by a jury in Judge Hewitt's court after 25 hours deliberation. His case was based on the holdup September 6th of a beer parlor where Merle Barr, proprietor, was slain.

Goodloe was brought back from Chicago to stand trial.

George Harwood, who fired the fatal shot, is under life sentence and William Pasch, also present at the slaying, faces sentence on a manslaughter plea.

CLARENCE CAMERON WHITE RECEIVES MEDAL FOR OPERA

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 24—Clarence Cameron White's opera, "Quanga" was given a concert performance on Sunday afternoon at the Three Arts Club under the auspices of the American Opera society. "Quanga," based on the belief in voodoo still reported to be prevalent among the peasants of the island of Haiti. The story brings in a number of outstanding characters including Desalines, Haitian Patriot, Toussaint L'Ouverture, the great Haitian general, and other historical characters. The opera calls for seven singing principals, an ensemble of native drummers, soldiers, peasants, dancers, voodoo worshippers, vendors and couriers.

After the first rate performance, in which the soprano, Cleo Wade, was particularly attractive, the composer was awarded the David Blahpan medal for distinguished service to the cause of American opera. The presentation was made by Elenor Everest Freer, president of the society that sponsored the concert.

MUST PAY WIFE \$300 PER MONTH

EDITOR OF CHICAGO DEFENDER EARNS \$104,000 ANNUAL SALARY

Chicago, Dec. 7—While the principals in the suit for separate maintenance brought by Helen T. Abbott against her husband, Robert S. Abbott, self-made millionaire and president of the Robert S. Abbott Publishing Company, took time out to catch their breath, Circuit Judge Philip Finnegan on Saturday ordered Mr. Abbott to pay his wife \$300 monthly alimony and to allow her to occupy the palatial South Parkway home.

Abbott through his counsel joined with the court in an effort to reveal as near as was wise his present financial standing. Mrs. Abbott, through her attorney, not only sought to prevent that picture, but also to turn it around and show another of Abbott being milked by high-salaried employees.

It was also revealed that for the year 1929, Abbott received a yearly salary of \$104,000 and a like amount for 1930. In 1931, he was given a \$10,000 salary advance, but has been paid nothing in 1932.

Instead of receiving money in 1932, he has paid a considerable sum into the company. Thus on January 1, 1932 he withdrew \$31,000 from his personal account, and deposited it to the credit of the company to meet some obligations.

Gives Company \$284,000

In June of this year, after he is alleged to have left his wife, he transferred \$254,000 in cash from his personal savings account to the commercial account of Robert S. Abbott Publishing Company.

He has there fore placed at the disposal of his company this year, in round numbers, a sum of \$284,000, of which only \$222,000 remain.

However, because it was set up that Abbott had received only \$10,000 in 1931 and nothing this year, it could not be proved that he was making money.

The most questionable item in the recital of figures was the sum of \$17,000 given to Mr. McGill a few days after Mr. Abbott had left his home. Mr. Abbott testified in court that he had given the money to Mr. McGill on the latter's representation that he needed money to cover some mortgage because he had been permitting the company to use his salary.

Further action is expected in the case this week from both sides.

THOUSANDS SEE BANKER BURIED

Boley, Okla., Dec. 3—Thousands of citizens of the State of Oklahoma, white and colored swarmed into this ordinary tranquil little city today to pay final tribute to D. J. Turner, who was slain in his bank last week by members of the notorious "Pretty Boy" Floyd gang.

The banker was shot down during an attempted hold up of the local bank. He has been cited for bravery by no less notables than the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association and in addition he has been given the laudation of the press of the entire country.

H. R. McCormick, bookkeeper and avenger of Turner's death, was given \$500 as a reward and made a colonel on Governor Murray's personal staff.

PRISON OFFICIAL CLAIMS HE FAKED TO GAIN ENTRY

New York City, Dec. 7—A federal indictment against John L. Spivak, author of the much discussed book, "Georgia Nigger", will be asked by State Prison Commissioner Vivian E. Stanley of Georgia, according to a news dispatch from Atlanta. The dispatch indicated that the indictment would charge that Spivak had impersonated a federal officer in order to photograph the torture of Negro prisoners and obtain official records from the Prison Commission. Commissioner Stanley also charges that Spivak bribed a life-term prisoner in Seminole County to pose for a picture showing the infliction of torture.

The book, "Georgia Nigger" was published this fall by Brewer, Warren and Putnam of New York. It is a startling expose of the system of forced labor in the South, on the cotton plantations and the chain gangs. By the unique technique of fiction based on documentary evidence and illustrations, the story of a young Negro boy is unfolded. This lad, once caught in the web of the law, finds himself more and more deeply entangled in its mesh and is indefinitely bound to forced labor.

The book is profusely illustrated with letters from prisoners and pictures of the torture of Negroes in the sweat-box and the "stocks". The facts presented have aroused a furor especially since the "Daily Worker", organ of the Communist Party, began serial publication of the book on November 1.

Mr. Spivak, upon hearing of the efforts of the Georgia officials to send him to jail, issued the following statement: "Commissioner Stanley knows as well as I that I did not impersonate anyone in getting the photographs and documents of the atrocious tortures Georgia inflicts upon its helpless prisoners. I have my own letter of introduction to prison camp wardens to prove it. His statement is merely an effort to divert public attention to the horrors that Georgia inflicts upon its prisoners."

"Commissioner Stanley, instead of making rapid strides, would do well to answer the official records of these tortures contained in 'Georgia Nigger', records which are only a few of the thousands gathering dust in his files. The documents and the pathetic letters of the prisoners themselves, telling of inhuman tortures, are the best answer to Prison Commissioner's allegations."

"As for bribing a convict in Seminole County—that charge is as absurd as the one that I posed as a federal agent. Certainly I did not bribe Warden J. D. Williams of Early Co., yet I photographed him in the act of breaking a prisoner on the rack—virtually pulling his arms out of their sockets. And I certainly did not supply the terrible spikes which I photographed riveted around another prisoner's legs. Nor did I supply the iron collar that was locked around a helpless prisoner's neck in Muskogee Co."

"Commissioner Stanley's statement sounds to me too much like an effort to escape the rising tide of protests."

ZELL BROTHERS TO OPEN ULTRA-MODERN QUARTERS

The new modernistic home of Zell Brothers, jewelers and opticians, at Broadway and Morrison streets, will be formally opened on Monday.

The opening brings to a climax the firm's 20 years in Portland business, and is its fourth store.

The store is ultra-modern throughout from the walnut interior to the bronze marquee over the entrance and the bronze fittings over Italian marble on the exterior.

The three Zell brothers, Harry, Julius and Daniel, each specialize in a particular branch of the business. Harry, in charge of the jewelry department, is an authority on precious gems, particularly diamonds and Siamese zircons. He introduced the Siamese zircon to America.

Julius Zell, head of the optical department, is a graduate optometrist. Daniel Zell, who heads the watch department, studied his craft in Europe and was for many years a maker of fine watches in European centers.