

# THE NEGRO BOY MARBLE STAR

## RACE SOLON FIGHTS CITY JIM-CROW RULING

### COLORED STAR WINS PLAUDITS

The Advocate  
Commentator

### EXPOSES RACE'S DOUBLE-CROSSER

#### ETTA MOTEN IN 'GOLD-DIGGERS'

Los Angeles, Calif., July 14 (ANP)—Have you ever seen Etta Moten, the screen and stage star? If you haven't don't miss "Gold Diggers of 1933". Etta is the University of Kansas girl who, after her graduation two years ago, stormed Broadway, then starred in a dramatic production and now is breaking into pictures out here on the west coast.

In Warner Brothers' new feature film, she has been given her first real chance, and has taken advantage of it. Look it over when it comes to your theatre and then you tell me.

I've tried to get Etta to have a new set of photographs made but she won't do it. California sunshine has made her better looking and it ought to be advertised along with the reasons why she has made such nice progress in her work here.

She has endeared herself to all kinds and classes of people—from the soror of her beloved A. K. A. to the garbled old ladies in the amen corner of the church where she directs the choir. Absolutely without affectation but with sincerity of purpose and intelligent application, she has won the admiration of her employers and the respect of members of the profession—which says a lot.

Etta is one of the hardest persons I ever tried to interview. She just won't submit to the conventional hokum that has to surround a movie star or one aspiring to stardom. For instance, I asked her why she wasn't more exclusive, that is, why she didn't stay more aloof except on certain mysterious occasions when she would make a "personal appearance." (She insists on directing a choir, rattles around in the swimming pool with her sorors at the Y, goes to all the house parties and wouldn't miss a formal for anything.)

"I want to be happy WITH people," she replied, and, waxing vehement, "I live with them, Jesus, why can't I be with them?"

That may be the secret of her charm; a wholesome naturalness, a natural wholesomeness that Hollywood isn't accustomed to, at least not from Negro (women). A lot of them seem to have the mistaken idea that sex will carry them where they want to tread. Nobody denies that Etta has more than the ordinary allotment of both but when she goes to work, she goes to work and there's no Apollin. Looking more like a newspaper reporter than any motion picture performer, with a vagabondish little old brown hat cocked at an rakish angle over one eye, she strides across the lot at an easy rhythmic gait, en passant the taboos and totem poles of the great gods of moviedom direct to the sound room where she is scheduled to do her stuff. No asking if she might see Mr. So and So; no hanging around for appointments; no "hipping" for the property man, no "clowning" for the masses of hangers-on who want to be mistaken for directors.

I met her one day swinging out of First National where she was doing a bit in "Women They Talk About" with Barbara Stanwyck and had to remind her that all she needed was a dinner pail to look like a lady engineer!

Before she left she had "engineered" herself into a significant part in "Gold Diggers of 1933" which, by the way, had its world premiere here at Gramman's Chinese Theatre recently. In that Etta does the Negro version of "My Forgotten Man", a song hit destined to outdo "42nd Street". It is a challenging theme and the one serious note in the whole picture. During the number an army of "forgotten"

#### OPENS BUSINESS

##### "BOJANGLES" TO OPEN CHICAGO CABARET

Chicago, July 14—(ANP)—Reports were circulated over the week-end that Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, king of the tap dancers, is to reopen the once-famous Sunset cafe, beginning this month. As the story goes, the dancer will come to town with a show the week before the scheduled open and route it into the cafe later.

It had been expected that the Sunset would open in May, but the sponsors were unable to obtain a license. The present license is said to be in the name of a Republican politician, formerly a high officeholder.

#### Digesting . . . The News

BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

##### Keeping a Promise!

Back in my prison days (over a month ago now) I promised to use this column for the balance of my life in an effort to help the Negro in Business for I am convinced that every wrong affecting the Negro today can be righted if the Negro, as a group, will just quit chasing will-o'-the-wisps and concentrate on building up a strong economic group. Favors of any kind can best be secured by that group who know how to control and use their purchasing power. If you don't believe that is true just put a small want ad in your favorite white paper advising that you have some money to invest. The many people who answer your ad and seek your funds will be so concious, pleasing, promising and docile to you that you will even forget that you are black such is the power of possession. Since being free the very first step I have taken towards helping the Negro in Business is to ferret out all the little leaks that waste the money, and sap the financial vitality out of our economic system. For years, in prison, I recorded every significant fact and now I am checking these facts—no best as my meagre funds will permit me. And while a prisoner I wrote many an article on the wastefulness of our people chasing rainbows through following the leads of questionable advertisers. The very spot in our economic system that is worse than a cancer is the fact that many of our publishers, in their zeal to achieve a revenue today without realizing the effect it has on their own revenues tomorrow, or on the race as a whole, use the questionable, and yes, in a great many cases, fraudulent advertisements that are plastered all over the advertising columns of some publications.

That condition is the very worst spot in our economic condition today. How can we as a race expect to build ourselves up on a sound economic basis when the advertising columns of our paper lead the reader to believe that all one has to do is buy a rabbit's foot, lucky charm, snake ring, incense powder, confidential tips, or whatnot and then sit back and wait for lady luck to do the rest. I am frank to state right here that every publisher who encourages this sort of procedure, regardless of what he may extol in his editorial columns, or how public-spirited he may be, is POSITIVELY dragging his own race down and is POSITIVELY making it harder for his own paper to secure the advertisements of strictly legitimate business firms.

Our publishers are continually harping on cooperation and talk to one of the paper's readers about cooperation and you will be forced to wait until they "hit" the number or their lucky charm has brought around their ship for such readers spend their earnings in such quackery while their legitimate business needs are neglected and their honest debts are ignored. How any publisher can ride around in his swank car knowing that he is playing the part of a common "steerer" to a more common and despicable "fracket" and not permit his conscience to hurt him is beyond me.

During the past few weeks I have checked up on some of my previous compilations and in my possession I now have FACTS on many of these questionable advertisers and I have definite proof of the worthlessness of their efforts. In some instances their mail has been definitely prohibited through a governmental fraud order, and yet our publishers run their advertisements permitting them to use the telegraph to further mulet our people.

From time to time, through this column, I shall expose in concrete form some of these many propositions naming the papers in which such ads are run and the method in which they are secured, and why they are run. It goes without saying that the guilty publishers will not run such releases but I am grateful to know that there are a sufficient number of other reliable publishers who can see far ahead and are willing to help a fight that will eradicate the cancer from our economic system and which will, in time, mean a larger and more reliable flow of advertising revenue from legitimate advertisers AFTER the illegitimate advertisers are first chased to oblivion.

#### UNIQUE SERVICE AID TO VISITORS

##### FORMER PORTLANDER CONDUCTS TRAVEL BUREAU

Chicago, Ill., July 15—One of the only Travel and Hotel services ever to be developed by members of the Negro race, is incorporated under the title and style of the Interstate Travel and Hotel Association, H. B. Brady, general manager. For years, Mr. Brady has struggled and planned to build a first class service designed to fill the want of the travelling Negro public. He had to wait until 1933 to realize his dream and labours of many years. Today, the Interstate Travel and Hotel Association ranks high in service and intelligent direction. Our people are no longer handicapped and can consult any branch of the association and receive first hand information regarding any movement of transportation.

The association has planned a special World Fair Service to visitors which will cover tours of the World's Fair. They have and are in a position to issue Money Orders, Travelers Checks. They have affiliated themselves with the American Express Company and can offer all services at a minimum cost. Further, they handle Travelers' Accident and Insurance Policies which places them on a solid foundation when it comes to any form of transportation. The general office is located at 4731 South Parkway and information is always cheerfully furnished.

Mr. Brady formerly resided in Portland where he has many friends who will be glad to avail themselves of his services should they visit the Fair in Chicago.

#### NO. AND SO. MIX

##### DIXIE BOY BEATS CHICAGO LAD IN MBS CONTEST

Chicago, July 16—(ANP) A record of twelve games won and none lost was sufficient to award the Western Marble Championship to a young Dixie lad from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

William Matthews, 14, high school boy, the western finalist, was victor over thirty of the best knuckles in the country, who competed against him in three days of playoffs at Soldier Field.

After two days playing the field was reduced to six boys, who played against each other. The Chattanooga boy won the largest number of games against his five opponents.

Running a good second to the champion was Clarence Hesser, colored boy and Greater Chicago champion, who won four out of twelve games. Hesser won the right to appear as the Greater Chicago champion after he had defeated all qualifiers in the neighboring cities of Chicago and its suburbs.

##### THE ATTRACTION OF OPPOSITES MAKES FOR ART

Chicago, Ill., (ANP)—July 6—Local artists have been interested in a recent exhibition at the Loop Galleries here, where two pictures, rejected by the jurors for the Chicago show are being shown. The pictures, which were nude, were refused at the Chicago show held at the Art Institute, because of a general opinion on the part of the judges unfavorable to nudes. Practically no nudes were shown.

The two pictures, however, are winning commendation on every side. One is of a Negro girl and is named "Mitt". It is by Miss Macona Barton, a white artist, and is a new study of her model "Mitt" which has been touring the country for a year in the travelling exhibit sent out by the Art Institute. The other is by Archibald Motley, Jr., rapidly becoming celebrated for his work, and is a study of a white girl in the nude. He did the work during his recent sojourn in Paris. Both pictures have won wide commendation.

##### SLAYER OF TWO HELD

Kansas City, Mo., July 15—(ANP)—Police are holding without the privilege of bond, 44-year-old Fred Reeves, accused of murdering his wife and her 18-year-old son, Sylvester, May 31.

##### DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY ANNOUNCES CONFAB DATE

Baltimore, Md., July 16—(ANP)—From Boston to Los Angeles Delta Sigma Theta women are turning their eyes toward Chicago where their Biennial Convention, August 27-31 will be held.

This 12th national convention is expected to be one of the largest in the history of the sorority, since it is being held during the Century of Progress Exposition, and will mark the completion of the first score of years of its life. Lambda Chapter, university of Chicago, is the hostess chapter.

Prominent Sorors Expected Among the nationally prominent Delta women expected at the convention are Mrs. Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Miss Jessie Paussett, Mrs. Pauline Garner, Miss Shirley Graham, Mrs. Florence Cole Talbert, Miss Camille Nickerson and many others; some of whom will appear on the public presentation program of the convention.

Since the last convention at Nashville, Tennessee, December 1931, eight new chapters have been setup in a total of 14 cities. The University of Washington, Seattle, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority places chapters only at those colleges and universities that have an A rating. Sororists must have scholastic standing above the average to be eligible for membership. The sorority has now a membership of over three thousand college women.

#### SHE JUST HAD TO SEE HER FOLKS

##### 113 YEAR OLD WOMAN RETURNS TO SOUTHERN HOME

New Orleans, La., July 14—(ANP)—An ex-slave woman, 113 years old, longed for her "white folks" walking 39 miles to big city and back again. She is a true daughter of the south and well liked by "all de white folks".

Mammy July, rocked slowly back and forth on the porch of her little cabin on the False river and proudly told white and colored listeners about her trip to Baton Rouge.

"Ah jes' cided tuh go see de white folks so I jes' put on mah hat and walked out," she said.

She was born on Christmas Day, 13 years ago on Percy Creek, near Fort Adams, Miss. "Ef'n you don't believe I was born on Christmas Day, de white folks don't writ it down in a book. Ah wuz sold for \$1,010, but mah ma she brung \$2,920.

"Den atuh dat, ah wukked on a place neah heah, but lawdy I haint seen all de chilluns fer so long or space, ah jes' ups and goes tuh Baton Rouge.

"Lawdy, when I got dere tuh de city, ah found out wheah dat de doctah libed, his office wuz in one of doze 'hi' buildings, so ah got on one of dem things dey call elevators, an clock dere I wuz Yasah. I sho' wuz glad tuh see dese chilluns again."

She said she used to whip the white children but would not let "nary a darkey touch them." She has traveled that distance to see the four Lorde brothers, all of whom are doctors. She said that she had had nine children "fore de wah started."

##### MEDICAL FOLK TURN EYES TOWARD CHICAGO FOR MEET

Chicago, July 16—(ANP)—The doctors, the nurses and the hospital executives of the country all are turning their eyes toward the Century of Progress City upon the shores of Lake Michigan these days. For the National Medical Association convenes in Chicago, Tuesday, August 15, and continues through August 18th. The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses meets here at the same time. The National Hospital Association will hold its sessions August 13, 14, while the National Association of Life Insurance Examiners meets on August 14th.

##### ARRESTED BECAUSE POLICE THOUGHT WOMAN WAS WHITE

Louisville, Ky., July 14—Local social and civic circles here are still perturbed by the arrest some days ago of George Clement of the well known Clement family for being in company with his sister in law, Mrs. Carrie Oliver Clement.

Mr. Clement was returning from a whist party with his brother's wife. Leaving the apartment, motor-cycle policemen who saw them arrested the

#### COLORED WOMAN WINS HONOR

##### MRS. ALBERT C. DENT RECEIVES ROSENWALD GRANT

New Orleans, La., July 16—(ANP)—Mrs. Jessie Covington Dent of New Orleans, La., has been awarded a fellowship in music by the Julius Rosenwald Fund for study on her master's degree at Oberlin college.

Mrs. Dent is a graduate of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, receiving her B. M. degree and election to Phi Kappa Lambda, honorary music society of that college, in 1924. From 1924 to 1928 Mrs. Dent was a Fellow in music at the Juillard Foundation, which enabled her to study privately under Madame Olga Samaroff, James Franklin, and Franklin Robinson. During the years 1928 and 1929 she taught piano in a private studio in Houston, Texas. From 1929 to 1931, Mrs. Dent taught piano at Bishop college, Marshall, Texas.

Mrs. Dent has given piano recitals throughout the south and in the New England States. In the review of her concert performances critics of metropolitan newspapers have stated that Mrs. Dent possesses excellent technique and a very fine sense of spiritual values contained in the music of Beethoven and the Brahms series.

##### CONVICTED OF SLAYING SWEETHEART

Raleigh, N. C. July 16 (ANP)—Sam Peacock was sentenced Wednesday by Judge Clayton Moore of the Wake Superior court to serve from 22 to 27 years in the penitentiary when he entered a plea of guilty to slaying Alma Davis, his sweetheart. A charge of second degree murder was set in the records.

The woman was shot early in June in her home by Peacock. He fled after the killing and was captured a week later. Peacock said that he shot in self-defense after the woman had shot him in the side.

#### FINE AFRICAN NATIVES ONE HUNDRED CATTLE

Nairobi, Africa, July 15—(ANP) Intertribal fights and cattle raids have been recurring in Karamoja territory between the Suk and Karamojong tribes are explained as being the result of the drought and disputes over water holes.

A. W. Bradley, a white district commissioner, took a small detail of police and set out to restore order. He ran into a hornet's nest, however, and was attacked by a band of Karamojong warriors armed with spears. A native corporal saved him by keeping at bay the other natives who were determined to have his life.

Mr. Bradley had the ring leader arrested. They have been sentenced to six months in jail and fined 100 cati each. 1000 cattle said to have been stolen from the peaceful Sebeli tribe have been returned to it. This tribe was the chief victim of the Suk and Karamojong raids.

##### STRANDED IN PRINEVILLE FOR ALL THE AFTERNOON

Prineville, Oregon, July 11—Five porters for the Pullman company who came to Prineville, Monday morning with a contingent of C. O. soldiers, started out to see the town and selected many picture post cards of local scenes at the Prineville Drug company to send back to their friends in New York. While they were thus engaged, the train on which they came started back to the junction and the five porters were left stranded here. They took their troubles to Major W. B. Morse who assured them that another train would go out that evening in time to connect with their car and that they could enjoy the afternoon here. Thus reassured, the five men found the shaded banks of the Ochoco a rather pleasant place to spend an afternoon.

couple because of Mrs. Clement's looking like a white woman. When the police accosted Clement asking who the woman with him was, he replied that it was none of their business. Lodged at the station house, his brother, Dean Rufus Clement made bond for him.

##### CONCERNING REVERSING ONE'S SELF TO BE CONSISTENT

"In these days we have to run like the devil in order to stand where we are"—Credited to an Irishman.

The Monetary and Economic Conference in London has compelled the President to do two things out of the ordinary—he has had to run to stay where he is and to shift in reverse gear to go forward.

That doubtless epitomizes the present situation.

The President is largely responsible for the London Conference. As things stand he has no reason to regret the part he played in it. In the eyes of Europe he will be called on to shoulder the responsibility for its failures, but that is purely a technical matter and not factual. The residuum always appears on careful analysis.

On the surface the President's words and actions have been disappointing. His conversations with leading diplomats from all parts of Europe and the world, in Washington, just prior to the calling of the London Conference, as revealed in published statements from the White House at the time, do not harmonize in any sense with his most recent deliverances. The very severe message he sent to the Conference in London could not but disturb the composure of the most hardpiled and unfeeling of diplomats. That Mr. Roosevelt wrote the message with something of that sort in mind is easy to conjecture.

The President has imagination and possesses in a remarkable degree the ability to sense in advance the reactions of the public mind. Those who merely criticize, and talk about inaptitude, the disregard of the niceties of diplomatic usages and courtesies, on the part of the President, and the gruff, uncouth and impolite manner of his approach to an advanced assembly in a stiff and formal atmosphere such as characterizes London, to my mind fall to even surmise the import of that drastic, if not dramatic, and sensational message of Mr. Roosevelt.

In the first place, of all men that ought to have known, the representatives of the various governments that came to Washington, should have known that this government did not want ad would not stand for the matter of debt settlement to come up in that conference. Mr. Roosevelt's policy in regard to that matter is well known to every intelligent statesman in the world. It would be repetitious and unenlightening to even go over the ground again. Yet the Premier of England, the Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, in the opening of the Conference took occasion to thrust that matter to the front. Our own able Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, very wisely ignored the matter entirely. That it was an attempt to divert the conference from its main objectives is easily seen, if Mr. Roosevelt is not stupid, if he is stupendous.

In the second place, the ever ubiquitous log rolling and vivacious France stepped on the scene with a hard and fast program for the stabilization of currency, softly mentioning tariffs, etc., with herself in the center, and with an unconscionable disregard for her own past, both with respect to her own use and history of the franc and the very great esteem in which she holds herself as an arbiter of international morals, particularly in regard to debts and contracts, and threw down the gauntlet that she would "bust" the conference, call for adjournment and go home, if she did not get what she came for. Mr. Roosevelt was on the Ambergack but he got wind of it, and he has a good memory.

In the third place, the United States in the opinion of Mr. Roosevelt, as he without doubt decided long ago, in his study of the matter of stabilized currencies, has a right to presume that the leading European gold countries have done with their gold, and the manner of their shifting it a bout to suit their needs and purposes, this country can do, and without consulting, or even feeling under obligation to consult, any other nation. Mr. Roosevelt being a student of history happens to know what France and England and other countries have done, without consulting anybody about the gold standard, or any other standard. So in this respect, if in no other, Mr. Roosevelt decided to follow, the lead

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#### JOURDAIN FAVORS MIXED GAMES DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

##### FIGHTS MIXED BASEBALL BAN IN EVANSTON

Evanston, Ill., July 15—(ANP) How Evanston colored voters were double-crossed for years by white professional politicians they had elected to represent them, was revealed Monday night, when Alderman Edward Jourdain, Fifth ward representative, took the floor in the meeting of the Evanston City Council, to demand a full council investigation into a Jim Crow rule which city officials said that the city council passed while ex-alderman Peter Jans, (white) was "representing" the Fifth ward.

The "Jim-Crow" rule, from what City officials said, was passed by the City Council while Alderman Jans, whom Jourdain defeated last year by a wide margin, was still at the height of his power.

The council rule positively barred baseball games between white and colored ball teams on public playgrounds of the city. From what was brought out Alderman Jourdain started investigating, the rule must have been quietly passed, and quietly guarded. The white alderman who was representing the Fifth ward when it was passed apparently never let his colored constituents know about it.

Not until Alderman Jourdain demanded a council investigation of the situation, was the spotlight of publicity, for the very first time, thrown upon the condition.

Attacking the law as unfit and shameful from every angle, the colored alderman told the city council that it would have to be repealed, or it would be carried to court, where it would be turned down as illegal. He concluded his speech with a motion that the entire matter be referred to the City Council Judiciary Committee, and to the City's Corporation Counsel for complete investigation, and a complete reopinion at the next city council meeting.

"Mixed Games Replace Beer as Issue" So forcibly is Alderman Jourdain pushing the fight against segregation in Evanston, that the Evanston edition of the Chicago Herald and Examiner stated Thursday that:

"Mixed games" have replaced beer as a civic issue. The big issue of the day in Evanston has been for months the hotly contested beer issue, but the intension of the fight which Alderman Jourdain is making against any drawing of the color line led the Examiner to declare:

"The problem of baseball games has replaced beer on the schedule of Evanston's city fathers, and the next three weeks will be spent seeking a solution. It was indicated yesterday, Edwin B. Jourdain, alderman from the Fifth ward, raised the issue at Monday night's council meeting, when he demanded an explanation of the ban on 'mixed games' at Mason park Sunday. . . . The Fifth ward alderman scored the council regulation as unconstitutional, unfair, and unreasonable. . . . Court action will be sought to remove further interference by the city council, he said."

##### LETTER TO PRIMO CARNERA

(By Roger Ridler for th A. N. P.)

Dear Primo: Now that you have become heavyweight champion of the world, I want to send you a warning to beware of black men. You can understand that ever since you set foot upon American soil there has been a Nordic disposition to resent your possibilities as a prize-fighter and you have been brick-batted with ugly names, somebody was double-crossed when you whipped Sharkey. That victory was not in the cards.

The United States will want to regain the title you now wear. Uncle Sam's white boys do not grow large and tough enough to tear you down, but he has some black boys "down home" who don't know where their strength ends. As long as one of Uncle's white sons can be champ, his black children don't get a chance, but he will not hesitate to send one of the black boys after you. Be careful, Primo, for, to the black Hannibals of Flatina there are no Alps. There's no tellin' what would happen to you if the white folk encouraged one of the black boys to go and take you.

Yours very sincerely,

ROGER.

Kindly pay for your paper.