

## Meharry Medical Student Shoots Professor

### Youth Wiends Gun When Barred from Examinations

Nashville, Tenn., June 30—(SNS)—Dr. W. E. A. Forde, prominent and widely known professor of ear, eye and nose studies at Meharry Medical college, was slain by a student, who later turned the gun and killed himself Friday.

According to school authorities, the student, Erick Williamson, a junior of New York City, was caught with a "pony" shortly after semester examinations, started and was barred from the classroom by President Turner's order, following the report by Dr. Forde.

Williamson, highly nervous and irritated over the dismissal for "cheating," is said to have returned to the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity house, where he resided, and secured a revolver. Returning immediately to the medical college and the corridor of the examination room, he is reported to have approached Dr. Forde, who was conversing with Dr. Raphael Hernandez, professor of anatomy, and Dr. J. L. B. Forrester. Ordering the latter two professors to stand aside, Williamson reportedly told Dr. Forde to "Stay where you are," and fired a shot directly into his heart. Then he turned and fired a bullet from the same revolver into his own temple, causing instant death. Dr. Forde died approximately ten minutes later, according to reports.

Both the slain professor of the science of otolaryngology and the suicide student were West Indians; it was stated.

Dr. Forde had been professor of Meharry college for some twenty years, according to President Turner.

He survived by a wife and son, Dr. A. Forde, Jr., who is in St. Louis at present, having finished medical in June, 1938.

### Room for Marian Anderson

New York, Jan. 30—Famous names in the world of music, including stars of the Metropolitan opera, voiced a strong protest against the action of the Daughters of the American Revolution in barring Marian Anderson from singing at a concert in Washington's Constitution Hall April 9th. The D. A. R. owns the building, the only suitable concert auditorium in the nation's capital, and has a contract clause prohibiting the appearance of colored artists in the hall.

In a telegram addressed to the N. A. A. C. P., in which he termed the action of the D. A. R. "undemocratic, un-American," Lawrence Tibbett, star of the Metropolitan opera and president of the American Guild of Musical Artists, said: "You can't upon my personal support for action to alter this rule. I shall recommend that the board of directors of the Guild pass a resolution supporting your stand."

Many Interested  
Others who voiced similar protest in telegrams to the association included: Kirsten Flagstad, famous soprano of the Metropolitan opera, said: "As a foreigner in America I have always been impressed by freedom and democracy in this country. I therefore am greatly surprised that the Constitution Hall in Washington has been refused for a concert by my fellow artist, Marian Anderson."

Geraldine Farrar, former Metropolitan opera star, called for rescinding "so unjust a ban in our country that loudly proclaims its democratic principles in the interest of a superb artist."

### COMPROMISE ANTI-LYNCH-BILL HIT BY N. A. A. C. P.

New York, Jan. 30—A so-called "compromise proposal" for a federal anti-lynch bill, said to have been drawn up by Vice President John N. Garner, was declared to be "inadequate to meet the situation" by officials of the N. A. A. C. P.

The exact text of the new proposal has not been made public, but it is understood that under the plan, federal bureau of investigation men (G-men) would be given authority to investigate every lynching and to report the findings to congress.

Effort to Sidetrack Other Proposal  
The N. A. A. C. P. regards the proposal as an effort to sidetrack the Wagner-Van Nuys-Capper anti-lynching bill in the senate, and the "cavang" bill in the house. These two measures provide for action against sheriffs for negligence and for a suit for damages against the community in which a lynching occurs.

The bills which are being supported by the N. A. A. C. P. are now before the house and senate judiciary committees respectively.

### NEGRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED HERE

Monday, January 30th, a Negro Chamber of Commerce was organized by sixty-two business and professional men and women. Charles P. Howard, attorney, was elected president.

Rotenizing Hardaway and Rev. J. W. Tutt were elected vice presidents; Quentin Mease, secretary, and J. W. Mitchell, treasurer. Directors are G. W. Scott, A. P. Trotter, Mrs. Helen Beshears, Dr. E. T. Scales, S. Joe Brown, the Rev. Mr. Tutt, Charles Howard, Melvin Carl, J. W. Mitchell, Miss Waurine Sprott and Quentin Mease.

A program of five points was adopted. It lists: Reduce unemployment among Negroes; improve relations between business men and consumers; effect a co-operation between small business men; encourage a Negro housing program and seek a farm project.

Temporary offices will be at 1204 Center street.

### N. A. A. C. P. TO DEFEND SEVEN MEN CHARGED WITH SOUTH CAROLINA MURDER

McCormick, S. C., Jan. 27—Word was received here today that seven colored men being railroaded swiftly to trial on a charge of murdering Lewis Leslie, a white storekeeper, would be provided with a defense by the N. A. A. C. P.

Joseph Murray, well known local white attorney, offered his services to the N. A. A. C. P. for a nominal fee and a letter from Thurgood Marshall in the New York office confirmed the agreement today.

Local opinion is that the state's case against five of the men is very weak. Attorney Murray expects to provide the fullest defense for the accused men, including the raising of the question of Negroes serving on juries.

Like Scottsboro Case  
A bitter legal battle is in prospect because the family of the dead man has engaged special counsel to assist the prosecutor in rushing the men to a conviction.

### STUDY SHOWS RAPE LEAST AMONG NEGROES

New York, Jan. 30—The crime of rape in the United States is committed least by Negroes and most by foreign whites, according to statistics contained in a new book, "Crime and the Man," by Dr. Ernest Albert Hooton, head of the department of anthropology at Harvard university.

Dr. Hooton's figures show that the rankings in rape in America are as follows: Foreign white, 12.5 per cent; native white but foreign parentage, 6.2 per cent; old American, 4.7 per cent; Negroid, 4.5 per cent; Negroes, 4.3 per cent.

### Excel in Some Crimes

However, Dr. Hooton's figures show that the Negro rates first in crimes of burglary and larceny, the rankings being: Negroes, 43.9 per cent; native white but foreign parentage, 43.7 per cent; Negroid, 39.2 per cent; old American, 38.3 per cent; foreign white, 32.8 per cent.

Dr. Hooton's statistics found that so-called pure Nordic types go so heavily for forgery and fraud. Material for the book was gathered over a period of three years by trained field workers. Nine years were spent at Harvard analyzing the material before the book was published.

### A. K. A. SORORITY PAYS \$500 N. A. A. C. P. MEMBERSHIP

New York, Jan. 30—The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority became the first Greek letter organization in the country to be a full life member of the N. A. A. C. P. by paying the balance due on a \$500 life membership this week.

The sorority's name will go on a bronze plaque in the association's office and a special life membership medal will be presented to the organization at the next annual conference of the N. A. A. C. P. to be held in Richmond, Va., in June.

### Joe Resents Boasts

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The fight is expected to gross a million dollars, and Louis will receive 40 per cent of the gate, while Galento will be given 17 1/2 per cent of it.

In spite of these rumors Galento is a courageous fighter, and not afraid of anyone. He has a terrific punch, and there's no question that he'll put up a good fight and make a good showing against the champion.

### Joe Louis Is Easy Winner

Joe Louis needed only two minutes and twenty-nine seconds to knock John Henry Lewis, former world light heavyweight champion, out and show the world that John was not the man to take his crown away from him on the night of January 25th in the Madison Square Garden.

When Lewis hit the floor the third time, Referee Arthur Donovan stepped in between the conquering Joe and the fallen Lewis and stopped the battle. The fight was put on the records as a technical knockout.

### To Battle Galento

With another link added to his long chain of knockouts, Champion Joe Louis looks forward to a big battle with Tony Galento, the round beer drinker.

Several months ago Galento was stricken with pneumonia on the eve of his fight with John Henry Lewis, and it was rumored at that time that it was just a camouflage to cover the fact that he was afraid, Galento disputed these rumors with the statement that he wasn't afraid of anyone and would fight and beat any fighter, including Joe Louis.

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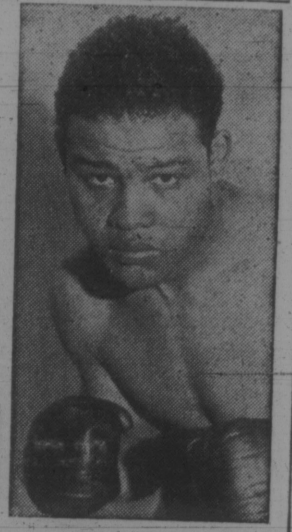
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### F. H. A. JIM CROW CALLED "DANGEROUS TENDENCY" BY WALTER WHITE

New York, Jan. 27—Officials of the federal housing authority were accused of exercising a "dangerous tendency" in assuming "that all human beings are incurably prejudiced" by Walter White in an address before the National Public Housing Conference at the Commodore hotel government, the N. A. A. C. P. secretary today.

Mr. White sharply criticized the government agency for discriminatory practices that have worked to the disadvantage of Negro citizens who are entitled to decent housing.

Pointing out that he was absolute, he opposed to segregated units in housing units set up by the federal retary said:

"As a Negro, I am opposed to segregated housing units, whether they be for Negroes, Jews, Aryans, or hotentots, and particularly when they are financed or fostered by the federal government. They don't segregate Jewish, Negro, Catholic, Aryan, Southern, or Northern tax dollars when they go into the United States treasury."

White urged the National Housing Conference to "take an unequivocal stand on this issue and follow through."

### HUNGARY

Last November's Italian-German commission settled a boundary for Czechoslovakia and Hungary, but neither nation liked it. Since January 8 a series of border incidents has kept both nations aflame, each holding the other responsible.

### JAPAN

"Britain and the United States are believed to be aware that should they resort to serious economic pressure against Japan, Japan would have sufficient determination and preparation to resort to retaliatory measures against their mainlands and dependencies."

This war talk came from Japan's Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita in answer to measures Great Britain and the U. S. had already taken to combat growing Japanese domination over the Orient. Because Tokyo has closed China's "open door" in violation of the nine-power treaty, both London and Washington have given China financial support. Meanwhile the U. S. has completely stopped the sale of war materials to Japan.

Minister Arita's statement, appearing in Tokyo's Fascist newspaper, Nichi Nichi, is the most warlike gesture yet made against the U. S. What equalized the threat, however, was a similar gesture made against Russia by Lieut. Gen. Rensuke Isogai, Japanese chief of staff in Manchuria. Said he: "We do not want war. But the Soviet authorities have shown no sign of cooperation. Instead they are strengthening their military works and reinforcing their armies in Russia and the Far East."

### Plans Completed for Charity Ball February 8

With plans completed for the thirtieth anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to be celebrated at its Second Annual Charity Ball and Style Review at the Billiken ballroom Wednesday, February 8th, officers of the Des Moines Branch announce that the 1939 affair promises to be extraordinarily good this year, with a surprise feature attraction.

### Club Members to Model

The Style Review, featuring formal attire for women, will last from 10:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m., with Miss Clara Webb in charge. Some of the clubs participating in the review are: DeLuxe, Ten Keyes, Senior Modernistic Junior and Senior Mary Church Terrell, Twentieth Century, La Faissonne, Iowanna club and others.

Dancing will be from 11:00 p. m. to 2:00 a. m. Mrs. Azalia Mitchell is chairman of the program committee. Other members are: Mrs. Georgine Morris, Clara Webb, A. P. Trotter and Noble Gray.

### MARYLAND WOULD REPLACE ALL NEGRO-TEACHERS WITH WHITES, SAYS ATTY. GEN.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 20—There is nothing in the laws of Maryland to prevent the state from throwing out all its colored teachers and replacing them with whites, if the federal court rules that the salaries of Negro and white teachers doing the same work must be equalized.

This was the threat made by William C. Walsh, state's attorney general, when the case of Walter Mills, a Negro public school teacher, of Parole, Md., was heard here January 14th in the United States district court before Judge W. Calvin Chestnut.

The attorney general stressed the fact that Maryland operated a segregated school system, and was therefore not obliged to pay white and colored teachers the same salaries even though both were doing the same work.

The total annual difference in white and Negro teachers' salaries in Maryland is now about \$480,000. Mills, who is represented by Thurgood Marshall, assistant special counsel of the N. A. A. C. P., Charles H. Houston and Leon A. Ransom, is seeking an injunction to restrain the state from distributing its educational funds for teachers' salaries in a manner which discriminates against Negro teachers.

After hearing both sides Judge Chestnut reserved decision on the state's motion to dismiss the injunction.

### Pythons' Claws Parts of Legs

Pythons' claws are really parts of fully developed legs inside the snakes' bodies. The claws are all that protrude from the skin. They can be moved, and are used as weapons. Pythons are the largest snakes, but different types vary in length from 6 to 33 feet. They are favorites of circus "snake charmers." As such, they become affectionate, often refuse food from anyone but their owners. However, most of them are vicious. They will attack a man, but cannot swallow him unless he is narrow shouldered.

### Carried Ox on His Shoulders

Milo of Milon of Crotona, a Greek athlete who lived about the end of the sixth century B. C., carried an ox on his shoulders through the stadium in Olympia. He was six times crowned at the Olympic games and six times at the Pythian for wrestling. His name was a synonym for strength throughout the civilized world and he commanded the army which defeated the people of Sybaris in 511.

### KEY DANCE OF SERIES TO BE HELD IN HARBLEM

New York, Jan. 27—The key dance to the country-wide series of dances to be held throughout the United States by the branches of the N. A. A. C. P. will be held February 11th at the 108th Regiment Armory in New York, with Duke Ellington and his orchestra playing. Sharing honors with the dance is wine Bryant, well known band leader and favorite Harlem master of ceremonies. Other stars who have indicated that they will appear include: Count Basie, sister, Rosita Thorpe, Mildred Bailey, Victor Moore and Joe Louis, master of ceremonies, from the Detroit Branch.

The Columbia broadcasting system will carry Duke's music for half an hour over a hookup that will tap the key cities throughout the country. More than forty national and local organizations have taken boxes for the affair, which is expected to draw in an excess of 6,000 people.

According to Walter White, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., funds raised from the dances will go toward pushing the anti-lynching bill through congress, fighting against educational inequalities and broadening the association's program in fighting anti-Negro propaganda in text books, films and radio.

### SOUTH CAROLINA RUSHES TO CREATE LAW SCHOOL

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20—The house judiciary committee of the South Carolina legislature on January 18th voted 22 to 0 to sponsor a bill to set up a school of law at the state Negro college, South Carolina A. and M. at Orangeburg.

The committee acted unanimously and hastily after House Speaker Sol Blatt made a speech in which he declared that the University of South Carolina faces "a critical situation." Speaker Blatt spurred action in the judiciary sub-committee by stating that the N. A. A. C. P. was planning a legal move to have a Negro student admitted to the University of South Carolina law school on February 3, the beginning of the second semester.

The bill, approved by the judiciary committee, stipulates that "the state board of trustees is hereby empowered to establish a school of law forthwith and to prove for proper instruction therein."

The South Carolina legislators feel that any application by a Negro now may be answered with the statement that the state has directed the setting up of a law school at the Negro college and that he will find facilities there.

### Former Iowa Student Gets Appointment

Dr. George O. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, Sr., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been appointed veterinarian with the United States department of agriculture. He is stationed in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will work in the field.

Dr. Berry is a graduate of Iowa State college at Ames, attended the University of Minnesota and Fisk university in Nashville and is affiliated with Psi chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Recently Mr. Berry became engaged to Miss Thelma Sayles of Minneapolis, Minn. Miss Sayles is Basileus of Eta chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; a member of the Modernistic club and a student of the University of Minnesota. No definite date has been set for the marriage.

Dr. Berry is well remembered among the social set of Des Moines.

### Corinthian Baptist Church Has Unique Social Service



CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

A nursery room is the latest addition to the Corinthian Baptist church, Ninth and School streets. A group of young women organized under the auspices of the Missionary society operate this department. The president is Mrs. M. Scott, succeeding Miss Rozella McCraven. Mrs. Mary Hardaway was one of the leaders in forming the nursery work.

The room is beautifully decorated with a color scheme of pink and blue, the wall paper printed with baby figures, nursery chairs and rockers, baby beds and toys add to the convenience and beauty of the room. A cabinet is used for storage of toys during the week. The room is kept warm and comfortable at all times with a special heating pipe in the room.

Mothers may now bring their babies to church and enjoy the services while their babies are being well cared for in the nursery. Every Sunday a young woman donates her services to the nursery to care for the babies. This addition has proven to be a great asset.

Plan To Install Loud Speaker  
Rev. G. W. Robison, pastor, states that "the nursery is a fulfillment of my idea and desire for several years." He plans in the very near future to install a loud speaker which will be connected with the pulpit to the nursery, thus providing even more convenience.

Recently the nursery sent a box of baby clothing to the Bahama Islands.

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