35,000 TO WORK FOR CWA IN MD. BY NEXT WEEK

Number to Be Scattered Throughout the State, Officials Say.

1,000 STARTED ON WEDNESDAY

Women Hard Pressed Finding Jobs.

Approximately 35,000 men will be employed in Maryland by the C. W. A. at the end of next week and, although definite figures are not available at present, a large number of these are expected to be colored, the organization's public relations bureau told the AFRO-AMERICAN on Thursday.

Furman L. Templeton, of the Federal Re-employment Bureau, declared that 1000 men had been given work on Wednesday and he was finding little difficulty in the placing of men from his office. He disclosed that most of the colored workers were unskilled and that opportunities for mechanics were none too abundant.

Women Handicapped

He further indicated that considerable trouble was being had in finding jobs for women workers owing to the fact that they could not do outside projects. Many of them, who have registered and are as yet unplaced, was set at 1000.

On Monday the big hold-back to most of the projects under consideration which is the absence of tools will be eliminated by a sufficient consignment of working implements.

An interview with Miss Mina B. Ward, of the Baltimore Emergency Relief Commission, revealed that the number of cases dealt with by her organization had not decreased in the amount of money spent because the incomes of clients had been augmented by the new employment.

Miss Ward indicated that the first C. W. A. payroll was released after November 25, 1933, and the number of persons receiving aid was increased from 25,531 to 25,938. The week ending December 8, 1933, the figure was set at 21,728 but the week ending December 29, 1933, it was increased to 22,867.

She further asserted that nearly forty per cent of those receiving aid were colored people while the remaining sixty per cent were white and yellow race. In her opinion, however, this is no indication of the C. W. A's inability to meet the problem of moving in the direction of National recovery.

Workers Satisfy

When questioned concerning her opinion of the present social workers, who were recently employed by the Baltimore Emergency Relief Commission, Miss Ward stated that while some were better than others she had no reason for saying that most of their services were efficient and satisfactory.

MANY EXPECTED TO ENROLL FOR POLICE EXAMS

Enhartened by previous excellent showings made by Northwestern citizens in local police examinations, many new candidates are expected to make application for the pending examination which is to be given by the board of police examiners.

Wilmer Brinton, secretary of the police examiner board, has announced that application blanks for the examination will be given out, starting Monday, and may be secured until February 15, each day, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The distribution will take place from police headquarters.

To qualify, applicants must be not less than 25 years of age and not more than 35; must be citizens of the state; not less than five feet ten inches in height, or weight less than 150 pounds.

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YOUTH, 15, HELD IN FATAL AUTO KILLING CASE

Arraigned before a coroner's jury on charges of causing the death of his companion, Leroy Hall, 15, in the South Baltimore General Hospital, Charles Brickhouse, 15, 1531 N. Carey Street, was ordered held for the action of the grand jury by Coroner Joseph Pokorney, in the central police court, Friday.

Brickhouse, who is the youngest operator ever to be arraigned before the automobile coroner, was also the first person to be committed for the action of the grand jury for a fatal accident this year. At the inquest testimony showed that he was operating an automobile stolen from the home of a physician of the 1300 block of Butaw Place.

In Crash

While attempting to escape from a motorcycle policeman on November 24, who was chasing the stolen machine the vehicle crashed into a trolley pole on Hanover Street near Cromwell. The machine was completely demolished. Hall, who was riding with Brickhouse, sustained a fractured skull and internal injuries. The injured boy died on December 29, after he had contracted pneumonia.

Exonerated

John H. Ballman, white, 1321 Hanover Street, was exonerated by a coroner's jury for the death of Samuel Tidnell, 1130 Clarkson Street, on January 5, when arraigned in the Central police court, Tuesday.

While operating his automobile at Hanover and Cross Street on January 5, Ballman reported to police that he struck an unidentified man who ran from behind a parked automobile. The man was taken to the Mercy Hospital where he died shortly afterward. The following day the man was identified as Tindell.

At the inquest Tuesday Dr. Joseph Pokorney in his verdict, freeing the driver stated that there were no eye witnesses to the accident, except the drivers and his brother and consequently he was forced to accept their testimony.

Given a hearing before Magistrate Joseph O'Donnel on charges of manslaughter for the death of William Kennedy 69, 1440 Division Street, who was fatally injured on January 3, Roland Geary, 32, white, 1101 E. Hamburg Street was held for the action of a coroner's jury Tuesday.

Police records show that an unidentified man was struck by Geary's machine while crossing Covington Street about 200 feet from the intersection of Cross Street. The injured man was taken to the Mercy Hospital where he was found to be suffering with a fractured skull and internal injuries, the following day.

The man was identified as Kennedy by his wife Mrs. Frances Kennedy. Geary was arraigned on the manslaughter charges and held for the action of Coroner Joseph Pokorney who will hold an inquest Friday afternoon.

V. DANIEL SPEAKS TO VOTERS' LEAGUE

RIDGE, Md. — Victor Daniel, former principal of the Garrison Ribbons Institute here, addressed a meeting of the Negro Non-Partisan League at Abel, Md., last week.

Mr. Daniel spoke on Charles Sumner and the Negro. Officers of the league are: Thomas A. Mack, Charlotte Hall, Md., president; Victor H. Daniel, assistant to the president; Benedict Smith, Jarboesville, Md, secretary; W. Q. Bland, supervisor of colored schools in St. Marys County, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Constance Daniel, treasurer.

"Blindness Is No Handicap," Sightless Assure AFRO Reporter

By GLENNIS HALL

Interviewing a few of the graduates of the Maryland School for Colored Blind and Deaf at Overlea, I found dthat very few of them have been able to put their knowledge to any use because of the belief of people that a person without all of his senses is incapable of fulfilling a position, although he has received formal training.

Thomas Hall, 25, deaf and dumb, now living in Elkridge, completed 12 years of work at the school in 1928.

He received a grammar-school course, manual and industrial training; upholstering, tailoring, shoe repairing, brush and spray painting.

Has Done Little Work

Since his graduation, according to his aunt, Mrs. Cora Boyd, who has aided in rearing him, Hall has done a bit of painting during the summer. The school from which he was graduated has given him work also.

Two years ago, he was married to a deaf woman. They now have a boy one year old. The boy has all of his senses, and already is a help to his affected parents.

Another graduate of that school is Elizabeth Shields, 18, of 225 Arlington Avenue, who received her diploma in 1933.

Mrs. Shields is an interesting young woman. Being minus the senses of hearing and talking has in no way disturbed her spirits. She has completed the grammar-school course: manual training, cooking, sewing, fancy work, and household arts.

In 1931, she was awarded a medal for excellent application and conduct.

Has Found No Job

Although she has not been able to apply any of her training, she declares that there is a chance for her. Since graduation, she has done only a few days' work, in service at the school.

She isn't married, but she has a boy friend, who is also deaf and dumb. And when they get together, they know what they are skidooing to each other, because they talk with their hands.

Robert Jackson, 26, of 1723 Riggs Avenue, one of the first to get work with the CWA, according to his wife, Mrs. Marie Johnson, was graduated from the school in 1928.

Deaf, Was Honor Student

Johnson, who lost his hearing when he was about 15, was an honor student at the school when he graduated. He completed the grammar-school course: speech and lip-reading, manual and industrial training, shoe-making, painting, upholstering, cleaning and pressing.

He has made use of his training in painting. When the depression made it impossible for him to get work, he worked for the Family Welfare, until the CWA came into existence. He is the only colored deaf person working with the CWA, according to Mrs. Johnson, who said that at first they did not want to employ her husband because of his physical defect.

Mrs. Johnson is also a graduate of the school. She became deaf when she was 9 years old, after a fall. She completed the grammar-school course, high-school English, sewing, cooking, fancy work and household arts.

SIMILARITY OF NAMES CAUSES KIDNAP ARREST

A woman's jealousy coupled with the similarity of names, presented a complicated situation when Mrs. Viola Hayes, 29, of 754 West Redwood Street, accused of kidnaping a child, was dismissed in Northwestern police court, Friday.

Mrs. Hayes was arrested by Western district police Thursday afternoon, after they had received a tip that the young matron was wanted on charges of kidnaping four-month-old Viola Elizabeth Johnson from the custody of her parents, George and Dora Johnson, 1022 Parrish Street on January 31, 1933.

At the hearing before Magistrate James Pohlhaus, it was testified by Dr. John Hayes, husband of the arrested woman, that several months ago, while he was separated from his wife, he was friendly with a certain woman.

When he and his wife effected a reconciliation he stopped visiting the other woman, he said. The latter, Dr. Hayes stated, became jealous and started writing threatening letters to his wife.

It was this woman, the husband stated, who caused his wife's arrest on charges of kidnaping. Records of the Northwestern district show that in January, 1933, the child was kidnaped by a Mrs. Viola Minnie Hayes, a resident of New York City. A warrant for her arrest was obtained.

Evidently Remembered Case.

The second Mrs. Hayes's husband stated that it was his belief that the similarity in names of his wife and the New York City Mrs. Hayes gave the woman the idea to link his wife with the kidnaping.

"She evidently remembered the case of a year ago," he said, "and had not forgotten the similar names."

Failure of police to note that the first Mrs. Hayes had been convicted of the crime made easier the immediate arrest of the second Mrs. Hayes, it was stated.

This Mrs. Hayes was extradited from New York on the kidnaping charge and, after a spectacular trial in criminal court, was sentenced to five years in the Maryland House of Correction. Search of records also shows that, following the conviction, the warrant was not withdrawn from the files of the Northwestern district.

It was when George Johnson, father of the child, gave an account of the previous proceedings in court that the complicated matter started toward being straightened. After disclosure of the facts, Judge Pohlhaus ordered the dismissal of the Baltimore Mrs. Hayes on the kidnaping charges. At the close of the hearing the magistrate issued a summons for Miss Virginia Tansell, 1617 Edmondson Avenue, to appear before him Saturday morning.

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MYSTERY SHOT BAFFLES POLICE IN DEATH HERE

A mystery surpassing some in popular thrillers have local police baffled in connection with the death of William H. Smith, 45, 945 Eden Street, who died in the City Hospital from gun shot wounds Thursday morning.

The man, who was an inmate at a hospital, suffered a relapse early Thursday morning, and a few minutes later it was learned that he had been shot. He died without regaining consciousness or giving attendants any clues as to how he was injured.

Was Transferred

Police records show that Vernon W. Taylor, manager of the Friendly Inn at 2 S. Frederick Street, had Smith, who was suffering with a cancer, removed from the welfare center for jobless men, to the Mercy Hospital. After treatment he was transferred to the City Hospital where he died mysteriously.

Smith first applied at the Friendly Inn for shelter on February 5, 1932. He has been living at the place until November 11, 1933, when he became ill and was admitted to the hospital rooms of the inn. On December 22, he was allowed to leave the hospital room.

An investigation disclosed that he had been shot in the left side of the abdomen. No trace of the pistol could be found, police report.

The man's relatives, stated, became estranged from the deceased because of his habits, it was learned. Police were further baffled when attendants and inmates of the hospital declared that they had not heard the report of any revolver or gun during the night. Physicians, it was learned, stated that the man had been shot at least two hours when he was discovered injured.

An investigation is being made by police to obtain clues that would solve the mystery of the man's death. When he first registered at the Friendly Inn, Smith declared that his home was in Edgecomb, N.C., and gave his residence as 945 Eden Street. Investigators sent to the house discovered that the man is not known there.

As police are trying to solve the mystery and effort is being made also to discover the man's relatives. An autopsy has been ordered performed on the man's body.

227 MISSING PERSONS FOUND

Officers of the Missing Persons' Bureau located a total of 227 persons who were reported missing from homes and institutions last year, according to the report sent to the Commissioner of Police, Wednesday.

The report shows that the missing persons' division received more than 1,108 cards for missing persons. Of that number there are 125 more unaccounted for than missing, of which 36 are colored. The records of the department show that 258 persons reported to police have not been located, while 29 persons escaped from institutions are still at large.

Of the 1,256 persons reported missing, 124 were and 71 women residents of Baltimore were located. Five out-of-town men and a similar number of women were found by local officers.

Boys Runaways

Of the runaways, ten males and two girls have been located. There are about five children, two of whom are girls who have not been found. A total of 10, including three women, who escaped from institutions, were located.

Seven persons, including two men, were among those who were reported missing from home, this week. The last revealed that two school girls were said by relatives to be missing. Reported missing this week are the following:

Corrine Scott, 13 1329 Argyle Avenue, 5 feet 1 inch, 115 pounds, dark brown skin, wore brown dress, white sweater.

Cola Mae Jones, 15, 1824 Druid Street, 5 feet 6 inches, 135 pounds, light brown skin; wore brown coat, blue-striped waist.

Malik Davis, 33, 593 Orchard Street; 33 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 131 pounds, dark skin; wore gray overcoat, blue suit, dark cap.

Manuel Mark, 45, 1036 W. Franklin Street; 5 feet 8 inches, 97 pounds, dark brown skin; wore black coat, for collar and cuffs.

Dorothy Shenden, 15, 673 Bank Street; 4 feet 10 inches, brownskin; wore plaid gingham dress, blue coat.

Mary Pontleroy, 19, 1205 Bishop Street; 5 feet, 160 pounds, brownskin; black coat with fur collar, blue dress, black sweater, black shoes.

James House, 20, 1120 McCulloh Street; 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds, small mustache; brown suit, overcoat and hat.

A 40-year-old police requesting that Claudine Gipps, said to be residing at 214 Willoughby St. Broadland, be located and informed that his brother, August Gipps, who has been living at the Salvation Army home, died Wednesday.

COMMUNISTS CELEBRATE THE DEATH OF LENIN

H. M. Wicks, veteran communist leader, will be the principal speaker at a meeting which will be held in Baltimore on Friday to commemorate the death of Lenin.

The meeting will be held in Lehmann's Hall, in the 800 block of N. Howard Street, and M. W. Williams, who has traveled widely in the Soviet Union, will be the master of ceremonies.

A group of singers will aid in making the evening of interest to the audience. The main speaker has been an ardent fighter of the jim-crow tactics of the south for many years.

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"Well," answered the prospect, "I was operated on. I wouldn't have been quite certain whether it was appendicitis or professional curiosity."

FOUR HELD ON WHISKEY CHARGE

Steven Taylor, 38 first block York Street, who was arrested as a state's witness against Mrs. Rose Snyder, white, accused of selling alcoholic beverages without a license was released following a hearing in the Southern police court, Wednesday.

William Hall, 21, 829 Bevans Street, was held for the action of the grand jury under $500 bond when arraigned in the Southern police station on charges of selling intoxicants without a license, Tuesday.

Liquor Seized

When police raided his place at 128 Winter Street, and seized drinks he is said to have sold to several men, Charles Berry, 25, 738 Mulberry Street, was ordered held for the action of the grand jury when arraigned in the Southern police station, Wednesday.

Mrs. Rosie Harris, 26 725 W. Fairmount Avenue was held for the action of the grand jury when arraigned in the Western police station on charges of selling David Gantt, 38, 706 Josephine Street, a gallon of whiskey on which no tax had been paid.

At the hearing in the police court charges of selling intoxicants without a license were also made against the woman. Police testified that they saw Gantt leaving the woman's home with a bottle containing the intoxicants.

PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE DISCUSSES COSTONIE

"Is Prophet K. Costonie a False Messiah?" was the question before the house at a meeting of the Young Negroes' Progressive League in Cosmopolitan Community Church on Tuesday night. According to Robert E. Ford, president of the league, the gathering was not called to "crucify" Mr. Costonie because the spirit of the Progressive League is not of such quality. Mr. Ford declared, however, that it was simply a fact-discussing group such as would be called together about any big movement.

The discussion was given to the audience and a charge was made that Mr. Costonie had not settled his recent movement, to secure jobs for young people in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, when he had opportunity to do so.

Mr. Costonie, who suddenly arrived during the meeting, denied this charge and declared that he had opportunity for conference with the merchants but had had no opportunity to fulfill them.

He further asserted that several invitations had been extended to him from present leaders. Among these one had been received from Philadelphia, Pa., according to the prophet.

A suggestion that police who were standing around the vicinity of the meeting, for what was called intimidation, be protested against in a letter to Commissioner Charles D. Gaither, was not definitely accepted.

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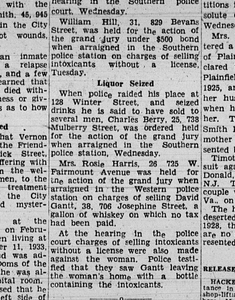

MR. AND MRS. ANGUS STACKHOUSE, of Brooklyn, N.Y., who were held in $10,000 bond each in the kidnaping of an ofay baby recently. Mrs. Stackhouse, who is white, is said to have obtained the child to satisfy her husband's desire to father an offspring. She convinced him the kidnaped child was his, and that is the story she told the police at first.

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MISS ALTONELL HINES, of New York, chief contralto in "Four Saints in Three Acts," a new opera, with all colored singers, which opens in Hartford, Conn., February 8. When the management was unable to find a soprano for leading parts, Altonell stepped up and now she has it.

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Peculiarities of the work to be done on the C.W.A. rat catching project have caused him to refrain from hiring colored men, Dr. Thomas F. Wright, who is in charge of the project, told the AFRO-AMERICAN on Thursday.

A number of men were sent for by Dr. White, who at first asked for a mixed quota of white and colored. On arriving at the Curtis Bay station, where the headquarters of the project are located, nearly all of the white were accepted, but the colored were sent back.

Later three men who were former employees of the city, who had recommendations were refused the work on the project by an unknown white man who said he was the assistant to Dr. White.

The reason for refusal at that time, is reported to have been that it was impossible to find men of sufficient intelligence and trustworthiness.

Not Prejudice

When questioned concerning the matter, Dr. White declared that he did not know of the incident and felt certain that it was some irresponsible person who gave out the information. He declined, however, to state definitely why he was not hiring any colored but insisted that it was not a question of prejudice.

One Foreman

So far one only colored foreman known to be working on a C.W.A. project is Chief John Allen, 812 Par-

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ADES'S PAPERS WERE TAMPERED WITH, SAYS HOUSTON

Charles H. Houston, one of the attorneys for Bernard Ades, filed in United States District Court, a petition for a rule upon the clerk of records in the case had been tampered with and changed. Wednesday.

As the AFRO went to press, Mr. Houston, after making an attempt to force Judge Coleman to make available documents which would prove his charge, was preparing to ask the Court of Appeals now sitting here to oversee the entire proceedings.

Judge Coleman held that certain documents in the case were private. Houston, on the other hand, cited the illegality of Judge Coleman's sitting as judge in a case which he himself has initiated in his court till he in progress as this is written.

Roosevelt Inspects Swimming Pool

WASHINGTON —(CNS)— President Roosevelt made a personal inspection of the new swimming pool now being constructed at the Warm Springs Center site on Georgia Avenue. It was learned this week.

The President looked over the plans and questioned Julius Rosenwald, president of Federal protects, concerning the possibilities of the pool being used self-supporting, Matthew Lewis.

Liberian Senate Will Not O.K. Dixon

MONROVIA, Liberia (ANP) — Charges of gross immorality hurled the senate to turn down the appointment of R. E. Dixon, former attorney-general, to the office of associate justice of the Supreme bench.

Mr. Dixon was named for the position by President Barclay, pending the approval of the senate. It was pointed out, however, that a joint resolution had been passed some years ago in the legislature, which barred the appointee from any judiciary position.

Other members of the bench have resigned, and it is rumored that the senate will ask for the removal of all members of the group.

Roland Hayes Hurt in Accident

SEATTLE, Wash.—While riding in a taxicab here Saturday night, Roland Hayes was injured when the cab and a private car collided.

Taken to Providence Hospital, it was found that the tenor sustained shoulder bruises and shock. He was discharged Monday.

Forced by his injuries to cancel a concert at Bellingham, he was expected to be able to sing Thursday night at the University of Washington.

OWINGS GETS PRINCIPALSHIP AT SCHOOL 104

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SIMMS GOES TO SCHOOL NO. 108

Transferred to Post from School 104.

Samuel R. Owings, 911 N. Carey Street, was transferred to the principalship of the Robert Brown Elliott School No. 104, through action of the School Board at its session Thursday.

Mr. Owings, who comes from the principalship of School No. 108, will assume duties in the new position February 1. He succeeds Mrs. Mary Rodman, who was retired last week.

He is a graduate of the Douglass High School and Training School. Last year he received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Columbia University. He was appointed an elementary teacher in 1921, a vice principal in 1926 and a principal in 1928.

Graduation Date

The date for the mid-year commencement of the Douglass High School was approved for February 6.

Simms Transferred

George E. Simms, 2562 McCulloh Street was transferred from the vice principalship of School No. 104 to the position of vice principal in charge of School No. 108, effective February 1, to succeed Mr. Owings.

Indiana Attorney Is Nand Prosecutor

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ANP)— Beliefs that the appointment of a colored attorney as prosecutor would cause trouble failed to prevent Cornelius R. Richardson, vice-chairman of the Coolidge Virginia Island Commission, from receiving the office this week.

Mr. Richardson has been assigned to all city and state prosecutions in the city court at Richmond, Indiana, without regard to the race or color of the defendant.

Neglected Child, Wife Says

Charged with failing to provide for the support of his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Pogle, and one child, Arthur Pogle, 1153 North Gilmor Street, was ordered held for the action of the grand jury when arraigned in the Northwestern police court, Saturday.

Y.W.C.A. Secretary in Cincinnati

MISS EVA D. BOWLES who was called to West End Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday. Miss Doris Wooten who married recently. Miss Bowles was formerly a senior secretary of the National Board in New York.

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One Bishop Is Found Willing to Stay.

WASHINGTON. — The seventh anti-lynching bill introduced in the House last Monday. It was presented by Representative Emanuel Celler, Democrat, of New York, and was referred to the judiciary committee.

Other bills particularly affecting colored people, introduced in Congress last week included:

A bill by Representative William H. Sutphin, of New Jersey, January 9, incorporating the National Brotherhood of the Universal Order of Free Masons (Ethiopian Rites, inclusive). It was referred to the committee on the District of Columbia.

DePriest Has Bill

A bill by Representative Oscar DePriest, Republican, of Illinois, providing for pensions for ex-slave citizens of the United States, referred to the committee on invalid pensions.

A bill by Representative Thomas F. Ford, of California, last Friday, extending the classified civil service to the messenger, messengers, referred to the committee on post offices and post roads.

The bill introduced by Mr. Ford which is the companion bill to S. 1. Greene, who presides over the Mississippi district and is the host to the President.

Bishop Greene

Bishop Greene wrote, in part:

Great Honors Agree

I could not agree with you unless Jackson, Miss., was far more an ex-

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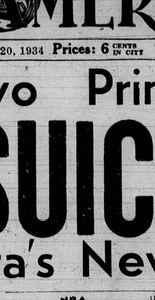
7TH ANTI-LYNCH BILL IS PUT IN CONGRESS MILL

Latest Measure Presented by Rep. Celler (Dem.) N.Y.

DEPRIEST HAS PENSION BILL

Bill About Masons to Committee.



MRS. MARY RODMAN

Another landmark in the public school system of Baltimore will pass from active work when, after 44 years of teaching service, Mrs. Mary Rodman, principal of School No. 104, Carey and School streets, will retire February 1.

Mrs. Rodman, who has also been active in civic and club af-

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MRS. RODMAN RETIRES FROM BALTO. SCHOOLS

ALL-NEGRO CAST FOR NEW OPERA CREATES STIR

NEW YORK.—Beatrice Robinson Wayne and Edward Matthews, selected from a Harlem chorus rehearsal, will be America's new operatic stars when "Four Saints in three acts" opens as the first all-colored opera.

"Four Saints in Three Acts" is the strange name given to the opera Hartford, Conn., on February 8 with an all-colored cast.

An April date is agreed upon as the greatest opportunity yet given the Negro singer, the use of an all-colored cast in the opera written by Virgil Thomson and Gertrude Stein, the former a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and educated at Harvard, but spending the past twelve years in Paris which is the present abode of Miss Stein, born in Pennsylvania and considered one of the "incomprehensibles" in literary style.

Caused Consternation

The decision of the producers to employ Negroes to express the work which is based on early Catholicism and given a frankly modern treatment, exciting the utmost in technique, caused considerable consternation and provoked much discussion in musical and literary circles. The composer's contention that Negro singers sing with superior style, with greater ease, clearer diction, and could more easily put them-

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Mrs. Rodman Reviews Her Long Teaching Career

Her long and colorful career in the public schools of Baltimore was reviewed this week by Mrs. Mary J. Rodman, who will retire at the end of this month. To an AFRO reporter, she said:

"I was a member of the first class graduated from the colored high school, in June, 1888.

"In September of that year, nearly the whole of our class of nine began teaching. The school at Carroll-lon and Riggs Avenue had been built for colored people, as an experiment by the city of Baltimore. George W. Biddle was first principal.

"My first promotion" occurred around September, 1893, when I was asked teacher in charge of the first grade in old No. 9, in the magnificent abstay of $504 a year. In December, 1895, I left the service. I returned, however, in September, 1896, fully determined to do my best in my chosen profession.

"In the spring of 1902 a special promotion was granted to the best one hundred teachers in the city three belonged to our group. The conditions were that each must write a thesis of her own choosing, and defend it in an oral examination. If successful, each received $100 increase.

"The greatest thrill of my life came back to the day that I got that. I was called back to the examiner's room and presented with a card with "Accepted" written on it. This was the first promotional examination held in our city.

"With many others I attended the first summer session held in our schools, under Dr. James N. Wyman, July, 1902. It was great. In July, 1903 a large group of us went to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., where we became a part of that institution.

"June, 1904, saw nearly the whole teaching school group entrain for the State Normal School, at Ypsilanti, Michigan, in those days attended by nearly a thousand students. Some of our training was had in the Detroit public schools.

"We spent few idle hours in those days, lectures and courses after school took up most of our spare time. In 1920 we had a remarkable summer school under Dr. Joseph E. Lockerman's leadership. Then followed many courses at Morgan College for me in 1921, 19 4 and 1925. By 1927 Columbia University had become by far the favorite summer school in the east, and therefore, I took my study there.

"This is my story ends—work, hard work, and plenty of it! But, oh, what a thrill one gets out of it. Forme, dealing with little children brings a joy unsurpassed by any other service. And so, 'auf wieder-

De Priest Votes "No," But F. D. Cuts U. S. Employees' Pay

WASHINGTON. — Representative Oscar DePriest, Republican, of Illinois, voted with his party in an unsuccessful effort last Friday to recommit the controversial Independent Offices Appropriation Bill to restore the salary cuts to Government employees.

By a vote of 24 to 141 the motion to recommit was beaten. Republican opponents of the measure were aided by 41 Democrats.

Insurgents Rise.

On the day before there had been an insurgent uprising in the House when the House by a vote of 197 to 192 adopted a special "gag rule" governing debate on the measure.

The resolution prohibited any move to amend not only the economy sections of the offices bill, but also all economic sections of other appropriation measures that are to follow during the present session.

Votes With G.O.P.

On the three roll calls during the fight against the special "gag rule," Mr. DePriest voted each time with the Republican bloc. On the final roll call, considered by leaders and observers as the first big test of the administration this year, the House adopted the special "gag rule" by a vote of 197 to 192. the Democrats crushing the uprising by the narrow margin of five votes. Eighty-four Democrats joined with the Republicans in voting against the rule.

The President's economy legislation provides that a 10 per cent cut be applied to salaries of Government employees during the next fiscal year. The 15 per cent cut now in effect will expire June 30.

Nail Kills Man

CHICAGO, Ill.—(ANP)—Rudolph Marshall, 31, 467 Division Street, died at the county hospital on Wednesday from an infection which developed after he had stepped on a rusty nail.

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Hayes refuses to insult race in review.

Names priest as love thief; wants $25,000 heart balm.

Shore murder suspect arrested.

MARYLAND

Dixie farmers receive loans free from bias.

Terror reign continues in Georgia state.

Kidnaped lad, held a slave, eludes captors.

BALTIMORE

Nagged him to distraction, is slayer's plea.

Hitler program okey, Cheyney head sees at For.

35,000 work for CWA in Maryland, next week.

Police invade homes without any warrants.

WASHINGTON

University of Maryland bar at athletic games called "amirch" by L. Littman, lawyer.

Dr. S. L. Carson, defendant in $10,000 suit.

Seventh anti-lynch bill put in Congress.

NEW YORK

Kidnaped child is returned to white parents.

New York society, churches, schools.

Believe Me, by Malcom B. Pulcher.

N.A.A.C.P. spent just $60,527 last year.

PHILADELPHIA

Valida Snow sobs over "publicity" in blasmy case.

In A Personal Vein, by Orrin Evans.

Hold alleged ofay attacker of waitress.

Pastor cut in row over maid's love.

NEW ENGLAND

Evangelist is told expect Beacon ending.

The Whirling Hub, by Elliott Freeman, Jr.

All-Negro cast for new opera creates stir.

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Off to Haiti