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Navy Yard Employment Figures Soar

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upgraded as rapidly as possible into skilled mechanics."

The greatest increase in colored employment occurred in two Southern navy yards, the survey indicated. The Charlestown Navy Yard at Charlestown, S.C., increased its number of colored employees from 453 to 1,802 during the one year period.

At the same time, colored employment in the Norfolk Navy Yard at Portsmouth, Va., increased from 2,111 in September, 1940, to 3,426 on September 30, 1941. Officials at the Norfolk Navy Yard stated in November that their colored employees now exceed 6,000 and comprise more than twenty-three per cent of total employment.

Norfolk to Add 3,000

"Scores of the colored youths now employed in this yard are graduates of defense training courses," Dr. Weaver stated. "Officials there have indicated that they will employ an estimated 250 additional colored workers each month for the next year. They have also indicated that defense training graduates in all categories will be given every consideration."

Applications for employment as "trainee helpers" in any United States Navy Yard may be obtained at any first or second class post office. Defense training graduates should file a certificate of training, obtained from their training center, with their applications.

Skills Being Utilized

Dr. Weaver pointed out that colored workers are employed in a variety of skills in the navy yards. The survey revealed, for instance, that colored are employed in thirty-seven different crafts in both the Philadelphia and Norfolk Navy Yards; twenty-eight different crafts in the New York Navy Yard and eighteen separate categories in the Washington Navy Yard.

Twenty-three colored machinists were working on September 30, 1941 at the Norfolk Navy Yard, nineteen at New York, seventeen at Washington, and sixteen in the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

An analysis of the occupational distribution of colored workers in the United States Navy Yards revealed an increase in clerical and technical workers from 118 to 205; skilled workers, 1,003 to 1,839; helpers and classified laborers, 4,153 to 10,822, and apprentices, 103 to 205. Colored common laborers decreased from 857 to 300 during the twelve month period.

3 Youths to Hang for Murder

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Court history in the recollection of long-time court attaches in which more than two persons have been sentenced together to hang for involvement in one crime.

The death penalty was imposed by Judge Dennis just four days after the appeal for the three men for a new trial was denied by the Supreme Bench late Monday.

Assistant State's Attorneys Douglas N. Sharretts and Joseph G. Finnerty prosecuted during the five-day trial which ended October 29 as an all-white jury returned a first-degree murder verdict.

2 of 50 Veniremen Colored

William Curran, Morton P. Fisher and Paul Mason, white attorneys appointed by the court to defend the men, based their plea for a new trial on the fact that of some fifty-odd veniremen, from among whom the jury was selected, only two were colored.

These attorneys argued that this lack of colored men available on the panel of veniremen was in violation of the constitutional rights of the defendants to demand their presence, and also not in keeping with the ratio of colored and white citizens in Baltimore.

The eleven city judges, who form the Supreme Bench, disregarded this argument, however, and contended that the three men had received a fair trial in all respects.

Cite Euel Lee Case Ruling

The opinion of the judges as to colored men available as veniremen was based on that given by the Court of Appeals in the Euel Lee case a few years ago, when it was pointed out that the placing of a colored man on a jury because he was colored was just as unlawful as excluding him for the same reasons.

The Supreme Bench ruled that neither of these instances had been the case in the trial of the three men.

A further contention by defense counsel was that confessions introduced at the trial, obtained by police from Jackson and Holton, were secured through force and intimidation and should have been excluded.

However, the judges ruled that their admittance was correct and proper, as there was insufficient evidence to show they had been obtained illegally.

L. H. Davenport Dies at Age of 91

LOUIS H. DAVENPORT

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been ill at his home where he had operated a second-hand furniture business for the past thirty-one years.

Fought with Tenth Cavalry

He was a member of the famed Tenth Cavalry and fought against the American Indians. He traveled extensively with the U.S. armed forces throughout the Midwest, Far West and Southwest.

After leaving the army he came to Baltimore, married, and went into the produce business, eventually opening stalls in Lafayette, Hollins and Richmond Markets.

Insurance Company Founded

He was a salesman for a clothing concern and one of the five founders of what is now the Southern Life Insurance Company. In 1910, Mr. Davenport opened the business he was operating at his death.

He was a member of Union Baptist Church for more than fifty years and at his death was chairman of both the trustee and finance boards.

Politically, he was prominent under the Republican administration, having been instrumental in obtaining the appointment of several colored persons to city positions. He was often an unsuccessful candidate for the city council and State Legislature.

Mr. Davenport was past grand senior warden of the Masons, past grand deputy of the Fishermen of Galilee, past grand master of the Samaritans, deputy grand master of Odd Fellows, deputy grand master of Moses for thirty years, and a member of the Sampson Brooks Elks' Lodge.

WOMAN HELD ON LOTTERY CHARGES

Charged with lottery law violations, Mrs. Rose Griffin, 38, of the 1800 block of E. Eager Street, was placed under $500 bail for grand jury action in Northeastern police court Wednesday.

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Defense Delays Action on Bias

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at the institution, which existed despite the fact that there were frequent vacancies, the citizens' committee was organized.

Members appeared at the November meeting of the board, which promised to take up the matter at its Dec. 15 meeting. In a letter to President Pattison on December 11, Mr. Templeton stated:

"We hope the board has given thorough consideration to the matter which we have presented because we feel that our requests were justified.

Cites Growing Problems

"I take this occasion to point out that events of the past few days, together with existing merit service shortages as admitted by Colonel Jones, will certainly operate to increase your personnel problems.

"By the same token, it becomes increasingly necessary for the board to permit employment of qualified colored people in all categories."

Other members of the citizens' committee are Dr. Ralph Young, John Berry, Dr. N. Louise Young, H. H. Murphy, W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., and Mrs. Bettye M. Phillips.

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Slayer Goes to Gallows Calmly

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after the slaying.

Speedy Verdict

An all-white jury returned a guilty verdict against Baker after deliberating for thirty minutes in the circuit court in Dorchester County. The trial was moved there from Worcester County on a change of venue plea. Judge Death sentenced and ordered Baker James M. Crockett imposed the er committed to the penitentiary on November 8.

Court records indicate that the two men argued over a drink and that Baker, ordered from Donohue's home, returned a short while later with a shot-gun. He said Donohue had struck him in the mouth with a bottle, and that he shot in self defense.

Records of the F.B.I. and local police authorities revealed that Baker, a native of Newport News, Va., had been arrested in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey for various offenses. He never married, but among relatives is a brother, William Royster, believed living at 2709 Warwick Avenue, Newport News, Va.

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