Government Biggest Owner Of Site Commemorating Life Of Carver

By Rob Roy Ratliff

WASHINGTON — (ANP) A national memorial honoring the great Negro scientist George Washington Carver came a step nearer to reality when a federal court jury in Joplin, Mo., awarded damages of $78,500 to several plaintiffs who held interests on the land, enabling the government to secure the 210-acre Carver birthplace site near Jolpin.

Plans for the Congress-authorized shrine on the old Carver home near Diamond, Mo., a few miles south of Jolpin, began several years ago and traveled the long trial through several sessions of the U.S. Congress and than through lengthy court proceedings culminating in the recently announced awards.

Largest portion of the $78,500 awards resulting from a federal condemnation case went to Dr. Dawson W. Derfelt, a Joplin osteopath who had purchased the farm a short time before the government began legal proceedings. Dr. Derfelt was awarded $48,00, $14,350 more than was recommended by a board of commissioners who appraised the land last autum.

Other sizeable awards went to the empire District Electric company, which will be required to relocate power lines now running across the premises, $29,000 and the New Mac Electric Cooperative, which must relocate a service line, $1,500. The Empire district award represented an increase of $14,700 over what had been recommended by the commissioners while the New Mac concern lost over $600 as a result of the trial.

TRIAL IN JOPLIN

The trial in Joplin, which was held before a jury of 12 men with Judge Albert A. Ridge of Kansas City presiding, came after both the government and several of the defendants in the litigation filed exceptions to the awards the Empire district asked for a jury trial of the issues.

Several minor awards totaling only a few hundred dollars were also made by the commissioners but these were not involved in the trial because they were not contested. Most of these awards were for mineral rights to the land, which is located in a rich lead and zinc mining area.

As a result of the jury's decision, the government will now take over the 201-acre farm tract preparatory to starting construction on the monument to honor Carver. Government officials here in Washington declined to give any estimate as to when the work would be completed nor even when it would begin. Presumably, however, plans were in readiness and could start within a few weeks if the government desired to move that rapidly.

Dr. and Mrs. Derfelt will retain 110 acres of their 330-acre farm 80 acres on one side and 30 acres on the other side of the land purchased by the government. The government's trace includes the farm house and other improvements on the land.

The Joplin osteopath testified at the trial that he had paid $50,000 for his farm when he purchased it a little over a year ago. He valued it at $60,000. Other witness gave figures ranging from $42,000 to $60,000 as the value of the land. The Empire district officials claimed it would cost $30,000 to move power lines while the New Mac unit contended their costs would be around $2,000. The Joplin jury deliberated about two hours before returing its decision

REPORTER'S BEAT

ATTORNEY Harold R. Boulware and family have returned from Washington, D. C. where they attended graduation services at Howard University for his brother, Dr. Ralph Boulware.

THE SMALL son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Dean is reported as improving following an operation last week at Durham, N. C.

SOME 1,450 teachers are said to have enrolled in the annual summer school at Allen-Benedict for the largest in its history.

AMONG out-of towners seen in the city the last seven days is A. Maceo Anderson of Simpsonville, formerly of Summerton. He says things are really nice up in the Piedmont section, which many of us know already but are happy to hear him say so.

ALSO seen in town during the week was the always cordial and on the ball Allard A. Allston of Darlington, the "safe-salesman" who says business is still on the ball and looking forward.

GOOD things come to those who don't wait, the Waverly gal is saying. She liked the other gal's hubby and got tired of the waiting. So she ups and calls its quits only to find that there is a fine "next" guy who has been wanting to march her up that big aisle as soon as she tells him it's all right. She is now so very thrilled she doesn't know when the sun goes up or down.

THINGS are really changed on the "Square" (Congo Square), that is. The folk move along with considerable dignity. Don't know if it's the heat, hard times or a couple of cops who seem to intend to have law and order if it is their job.

WE WONDER what's become of the lady with all the bright thing-a-me-bobs on her arm this year. We wonder if she is still on this side of the ocean, or now stolling through Man Bush row in the Congo.

BET NOBODY can guess who "Miss Droopy Squirt" is. Well [illegible] if you remark about how droopy the place looks, the secretary will give you promptly a verbal [illegible]

TWO great layfriends, a pair which is inseparable, Miss Hirsch [illegible] and "Miss Legs" sure must have struck bad. The first ate a bad [illegible] and got sick. She relayed the bad news to the second who in turn became [illegible] remembering she had had one with her breakfast and Boy, did it act up. All we've got to say is that friends like that don't come every day.

THE cutest sight the other morning, the littel cocker spaniel who makes daily rounds at Allen and Benedict, and the newspaper office, giving his master the time of his life. Master wanted Maxie to be nice and jump in the car and go back home. Maxie was definitely against the plan. So up and down the street they had it with Maxie pulling another [illegible] finally, he hopped in like a good boy, went home and wagged him tail until things got a bit quiet, then strolled out and made his rounds in peace.

PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL PLANT

Shown above is a portion of the Palmetto high school at Mullins, which has just ended one of the best years in its history, under the program of Principal A. S. Johnson. The school organized its first P-TA during the term, which organization did much to speed the school on to its ultimate goal. A great building program is to begin soon.

Deacon Austin Is Funeralized Here

The late Deacon Ben Austin of the Friendship Baptist Church was funeralized at the church last Sunday, and interment was in the Baptist cemetary at Blythewood. The Reverend F. M. Young, pastor of Friendship was in charge and delivered the eulogy.

The obituary was read by Mrs. Kate Young. Remarks expressing the sentiments of the board of deacons of the Friendship Baptist Church and the membership were made by Deacon J. B. Barnett, who made it clear that all were of the opinion that Deacon Austin had led a Christian life, and had been an inspiration to the membership on account of his loyalty and Christian leadership. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. John Steward of Philadelphia. Remarks were made by the Rev. E. A. Davis, pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Deacon Austin was the son of the late Spencer and Rhoda M. David Austin. He is survived by two brothers, David and Samuel of New Jersey and Boston; four [illegible] three sisters, Mrs. Lucas Thomas of Columbia, Mrs. Flora [illegible] Nathan and Mrs. Eliza Austin of [illegible], one son, Samuel Austin of Columbia and several aunts, [illegible] nieces, nephews and cousins.

D. C. Youth Given Harvard Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (ANP) Breaking away from the normal practice in the nation's capital, the Harvard club of Washington passed over thousand of 1949 high school graduates to select a Negro to receive its annual scholarship award to Harvard.

Named for the top honor was Ulysses G. Shelton, Jr., a tall 17-year-old who had already compiled an outstanding record in studies and public speaking contests at Washington's Dunbar High school. Shelton was also recognized for his leadership qualities as he had been president of his school student council and president of the school's honor group, the Masque and Gavel Society, during the past year.

The Harvard club award will be for the 1949-50 school year at Harvard university and will include $400 to meet Shelton's tuition and room fees. It was not the first time Shelton had been singled out for the very top honors available to Washington students. He had already won a $1,000 four year scholarship as a result of taking first place in a regional Elks Club oratorical contest [illegible] years old.

Other public speaking contests had helped build a college fund for the smooth speaking, serious student. In the annual Washington American Legion oratorical contest in 1947 Shelton won a second place $50 [illegible] reentered the same contests in 1948 and topped all [illegible] to receive the Legion's first place award [illegible]

THE HAG WALKS

The Ole Hag's been in retirement for a long time and she had decided just to close her eyes and see nothing and say nothing. Ole Hag did all right until the other night. She was fanning on the front porch when all of a sudden there was some yelling and loud pleading that shook the night. Then running up to Hag's door begging for protection was that little Waverly chick who had got caught by the wife with not a bit of hiding things on. She was out with the wrong guy again and I hope she brings back my sheet.

Boy, is that taxi driver going to wise up soon. He has been trying to latch onto a certain of the schoolmarms and thinks he's got the joint cased. But Buddy all that gal wants is the cash you throw round so freely. And she done tole your best friend she don't want you in any shape or form. And that's what you aint got none of anyhow, that is to say, shape and form.

One little papperhead almost turned Wheeler Hill out the other night. She got too much booze in her, and that was that New Depression Boole, fresh from Hell Hole Swamp down in Berkeley County. She raved and loud mouthed and tried to beat up everybody. Shucks, gone now [illegible]

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They say the best time [illegible] Congo Square [illegible]

[illegible] Burma Road [illegible] solid gold, and when that happens with the [illegible] things done sunk to the very bottom.

Well, Ol' Hag will be hoping on. Send me your dope so we can put our heads together. N[illegible] games called [illegible]

THIS EDITION BEGINS OUR 13th [YEAR] OF PUBLISHING 'THE LIGHTHOUS[E]'

With this edition, The Lighthouse begins it thirteenth year of publication and service in South Carolina.

A general newspaper, not catering to any sect, clique or group, the paper is the development of publication efforts in three of the state's cities. The Lighthouse itself began in Charleston. In 1940, it took over the business of The Peoples Informer at Sumter, and this explains the "Informer" in its title, which was successfully published by Attorney E. A. Parker, whose interest in the combined newspapers has never waned.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II, the newspaper acquired the business of The Aiken Journal, being published by business man and civic leader, the well-known Robert A. Brooks of Aiken. Mr. Brooks has also kept his interest in the newspaper.

Both of these men agreed to the merger with The Lighthouse for the reason that they felt one good newspaper could cover the common objectives better. Moreover, they knew that running a newspaper was an engaging and expensive undertaking.

Ready for its statewide [cover]age, the newspaper moved [from] Charleston in November [with] its first edition in Columbia [bear]ing the date, Dec. 7, 1941. [It] continued to grow and de[velop] and is today one of the more widely read southern newspapers, and perhaps the most frequently referred to and quoted.

It's subscription list carries the names of hundreds of white subscribers, and it goes into every South Carolina, 33 states and into several foreign countries. It is being read weekly in three universities in Belgium, as well as in the libraries of most Negro colleges.

In January of this year, it let go of its old quarters in the Simkins Building to move into its own home, its present address, where it does several types of printing.

The Lighthouse has many good things it can point to in the interest of Negroes. It started the equal pay cases. It started the Progressive Democrats. It published the story of Isaac Woodard and has consistently scooped larger papers on many stories.

Secretary Johnson Approves Equality Act

WASHINGTON — (ANP) Secretary of Defense Louise Johnson last week approved specific actions proposed by the Department of the Navy to assure equality of treatment and opportunity for all navy personnel.

At the same time, Secretary Johnson asked the Department of the Army to restudy its position on the subject, to consider carefully informed suggestions received from the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Forces and submit its reconsider[ation of the matter by June 20.]

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Proposals of the Department of the Air Force to assure equality for all its personnel were approved by Secretary Johnson on May 11. He then ask the Department of the Army and the Navy to furnish clarifying information through Chairman Thomas R. Reid of the National Military Establishment's Personnel Policy board before making a decision in their cases.

The Department of the Navy has proposed "to promulgate a statement of the department's policy regarding minority races."

"To augment efforts to obtain [illegible] in the navy by the assignment of Negro petty officers to duty in the Navy Recruiting service, ordering volunteer qualified Negro Reserve officers to active duty to assist in recruitment and slanting advertisements, poster, films, and pamphlets to attract Negroes to the navy by use of photographs showing whites and Negroes working together in the Naval service."

"To exert greater effort to attract qualified Negro students to participate in the Navy ROTC program."

"To promulgate a directive to insure that all members of the steward branch who are in all respects qualified are given an opportunity to change their rates to another rating branch.

"To change the status of chief stewards to that of chief petty officers.

"To disestablished within the marine corps the present separate Negro recruits training facility and integrate the training of Negro recruits with that of whites."

The proposed directive to all ships and stations setting forth the navy's revised policy regarding minority races points out that "it is the policy of the navy department that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the navy and marine corps without regard to race, color, religion or national origin.

Kendrix Boosts In Broadcasts

WASHINGTON — (ANP) [Civi]l Rights Involved [illegible] given [illegible] new series of broadcasts initiated recently by Moss H. Kendrix as a summer replacement for his commentary which is heard regularly over the Capital City's Radio Station WWDC on Sundays 9:45-10:00 P.M.

In announcing his new program series, Mr. Kendrix pointed out that he would like to see "that there is no American opposition to the advancement of human rights." In fairness to opinions he stated "let us admit, nevertheless," that methods of procedure in the extension to the "rights" would vary.

According to Mr. Kendrix, "Some people feel that full exercise of these rights will come only through Federally enacted and enforced legislation. Others believe that the 'problem' must be solved at local and state levels." In order to take inventory on Civil Rights, the young commentator plans to interview during the next several weeks, "people who represent various shades of opinion" on the subject.

His two speakers to date have been Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota on June 5, and on the following Sunday, June 12, Cong. Brooks of Arkansas.

Features Mark Jackson Closing

CAMDEN — A chorus of Jackson high school pupils under the expert direction of Miss Alma E. Bailey, of Columbia, prepared in a few weeks a brilliant program of commencement music. Citizens laud in their praise of the performances on both the baccalaureate and graduation day programs, declared that the music has been seldom, if ever, equalled, and never surpassed.

During the baccalaureate exercises, held at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, selections were: Easten to the Lambs (spiritual,) The Lost Chord by Sullivan, and Malotte's The Lord's Prayer. Numbers on the commencement program, held at Trinity Methodist church were: Morning, by Oley Speaks; Pesialossa's Chiribirin, Allah's Holiday by Friml; and Your Land, and My Land, by Sigmund Romberg. The closing number was a melody of spirituals, arranged by Miss Bailey.

Miss Bailey, an ardent lover of music, and an accomplished musician, who served for several years in the recreation division of the American Red Cross overseas during World War II, gave her services in preparing the chorus, as special contribution toward developing music appreciation and the remarkable variety of talent she noted in Camden youth.

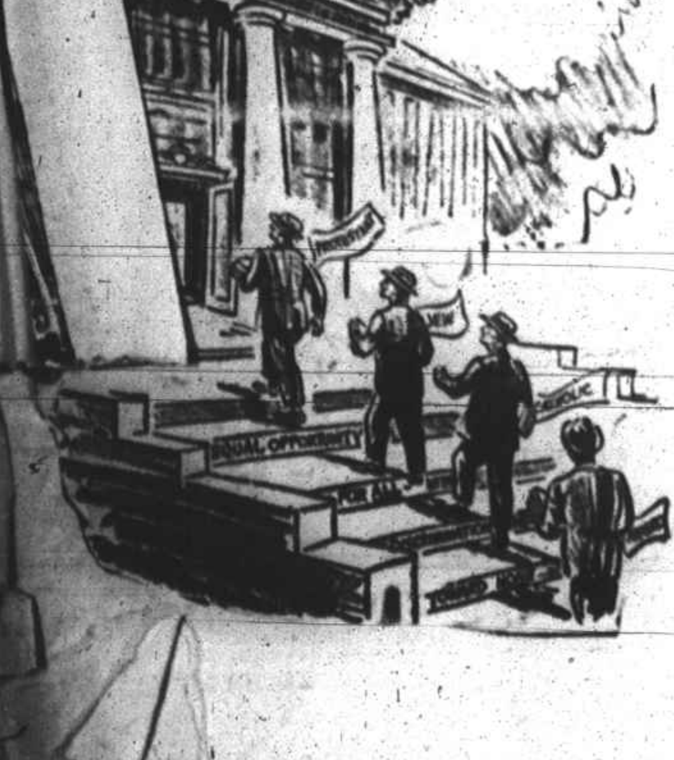
Alert patrons and friends of Jackson high school, sensing the many things necessary to make Jackson a standard, first-rate high school, noted with special regret, as in past years, the dire need of an auditorium at the school.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. Charles S. Morris. James T. McCain, dean, Mor[ris] college, Sumter, delivered the [an]nual address. P.B. Mdodana [is] principal of the school.

[G]EORGETOWN NEWS

[GE]ORGETOWN — Attorney [Harol]d R. Boulware of Columbia, [w]ill be the guest speaker at [a mee]ting of the Voters League [c]ounty wide mass meeting [Thurs]day June 17, at 8 P.M. [The] meeting will be held at [illegible] Baptist Church, Rev. F. [illegible] pastor. Music will be [illegible] by the choir.

[LE]TS KE[E]P THAT DOOR OPEN



Hold Montgomery On Lottery Count

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) Bob Montgomery, former Philadelphia boxing idol and ex-lightweight champion of the world was held here by police last week on charges of conducting a lottery. He was arrested with Thomas Goode, 27.

Both men were accused of setting up and operating a lottery. Bail for Montgomery was set at $500.

Montgomery retired from the ring in 1947 after losing a title bout to the present champion, Ike Williams. He held the New York-Pennsylvania version of the title and Williams, NBA version when they fought.

Housing Project For Columbia Approved

The construction of a $1,9[illegible] rental housing project for Negroes was approved here last week by H.E. Bailey, director of the [illegible] Housing administration here.

To be known as the Washington Carver village, this will be the first private industry development for Negroes in Columbia.

Construction of the 346-unit project will begin within a month, W.S. Hogan, owner and builder, promised.

Four room units will be rented unfurnished at about nine dollars a week.

Graduates Hear Allen U. Prexy

CHARLESTON — Dr. Samuel R. Higgins, president of Allen University at Columbia, was the finals speaker for graduates of the Six Miles high school in district four last week.

The AME leader urged students to regard character as the leading force in all endeavors. He was introduced by principal A. D. Greene of the Simonton school in Charleston. Certificates and diplomas were presented to supervisor James R. Bonds.

J. Thomas Wilson is principal at the school.

Hemingway News

HEMINGWAY — [illegible] Pvt. Otis Beckman Jr. who was killed in [ac]tion during World War II. He [was given] military funeral [illegible]

Cards of sympathy and the obituary were read by Mrs. Sara Rodgers.

Pvt. Beckman is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nellie Beckman Blow, four sisters, Mrs. Rosa Lewis, Mrs. Venia Washington, Richmond, Va., Mrs. Alice Beckman, Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Mrs. Blondel Lewis, also two brothers, Junis Beckman and Urak Beckman of Richmond, Va., and aunts and uncles.

Walterboro News

WALTERBORO — Ralph Waring Tracy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tracy of Walterboro, S.C. graduated from the college of Pharmacy, Howard University, Washington, D.C. on June 3rd.

His father and brother, Harry Tracy Jr. attended the exercises.

Ralph has always been an excellent student and has won a number of awards during his school life. In 1949 he took an aptitude test given by the Pepsi Cola Co. and won a scholarship he has kept for four years.

His work was outstanding while at Howard.

Scout Camp To Begin June 19

Camp Brownlee, the Central South Carolina's Camp for Scouts of Richland, Lexington, Saluda, Barnwell, Bamberg, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Kershaw and Fairfield counties will open 4 P.M. Sunday afternoon, June 19, for summer camping periods.

Scout leaders plan three periods for their Scouts this summer. First period, June 19-25; and period June 26-July 2nd and 3rd period July 17-23. A number of scouts have already registered for the first two periods indicating a record number of campers this summer.

Camp Developments

Five huts and a gate purchased through contributions from fraternities, sororities and individuals are additions to camp property. Improvements on waterfront, activity area and additions to water system have also been made.

Camp Staff

The following persons are to serve as members of the staff this summer: Robert Baker, F.G. Johnson, John Brown, William Goff, Robert Banks, Maceo Gordon, Elliott Gunthrope, Henry Webber, T.K. Bythewood, Henry Guess and John Harper. The staff members will arrive at camp Friday night to complete final preparations for the campers.

Harry M. Haysbert, Assistant to the Director of Health and Safety Services, Boy Scouts of America, and Director of National Council Aquatic Schools will visit the entire first period.

Howard U. Frosh To Naval Academy

WASHINGTON — (ANP) William Isaac Lee, 19, of Goldsboro, N.C., has been appointed to enter the U.S. Naval academy, it was revealed here last week. A freshman at Howard university, Lee will enter the naval school in September, 1950.

Rep. William L. Dawson (D., Ill.) sponsored his appointment. The congressman selected Lee because of his high scholarship and his efficiency in the Howard ROTC. He was rated 134 out of a possible 138 by his military science professor.

He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Williams I. Lee of Goldsboro.

Young Athlete At Orangeburg In 1st Tennis Tourney

ORANGEBURG — Carl A. Williams, Sr., native of this city and a senior year student at Howard University in Washington, is one of two Negro students participating the 1949 Eastern Intercollegiate held from June 13 to June 17 at Montclair, N. J. He and Renard Gordon are entries from Howard which marks the first time a Negro college or student has ever participated in this meet.

Among other colleges in the tournament are Harvard, Yale, Rutgers, NYU, Princeton, etc. An attempt was made last year by the entrant to get into the meet but admission came only a few days ago.

Atomic Scientist Quits At Fisk U

NASHVILLE — (ANP) — Atomic scientist Rossi Lomanitz, 28, has left his job as an associate professor at Fisk University, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president, announced Monday. Lomanitz had been accused by the House un-American Committee of being a Communist.

Dr. Johnson said that Lomanitz left the campus without submitting a formal resignation.

In a hearing before the house committee Lomanitz refused to say whether he was or was not a Communist.

N. O. Judge Frees College Students

NEW ORLEANS — (ANP) Judge J. Bernard Cooke of the criminal district court here, last week reversed a municipal court decision and stated that the charges of disturbing the peace which police had made against 64 college students, Negro and white, was unfounded.

On Feb. 6 the police raided a private white residence here located near the French section of the city when they learned that a mixed affair was in progress and that Negroes and whites were dancing together.

Five patrol wagon loads were carried to the station at an early hour to await trial the next morning. The entire group was fined $5 each. Sixty appealed the decision. The remaining four paid. Said the judge in open court:

"It was not shown that any one of the persons charged was individually guilty of conducting himself or herself in violation of the terms of the ordiance (making illegal breaches of the peace) nor was it shown which, if any one, was acting in concert with another to wilfully disturb the peace."

Judge Cooke further pointed out that there was not the slightest indication of indecency, obscenity, vulgarity or insulting remarks. He summed the entire affair as unwarranted.

LANGSTON PREXY ADMITS

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Some 26 Negroes have applied to the University of Oklahoma for summer school.

"I was opposed to the plan in the beginning and I said so openly when Gov. Caldwell came to Oklahoma to talk to the legislature for it. But I don't stay on the outside and criticize. I keep going ahead, things to find [illegible] [illegible] thought they would stump it in Congress. But this plan didn't need congressional approval. It's just the same thing the state have been doing for Negroes all along, paying a student's tuition in an out-of-state school, only it's being extended to whites now as well.

"Since the state legislatures have approved the plan what are we going to do about it? It is possible to work within an organization and do more than standing outside and attempting to boycott it. Personally, I think since it is a fact the whole country is deeply concerned with it, that it is very important that all persons regardless of race take an active part and make it a success, and get the best out of it.

"Actually the fact that the governors and leading educators of the south had an opportunity to discuss educational problems sitting down together at the same table in a hotel like the Shearton-Plaza is a step toward integration.

26 Students Apply To Enter State White Colleges

NORMAN, Okla. — (ANP) — With the unsigned bill to admit Negroes to the University of Oklahoma by Gov. Roy Turner, [some] 26 Negroes have applied for admission to the university, school officials said during the week.

No action has been taken on them yet, Dr. J. E. Fellows, dean of admissions, said. Everything is awaiting the governor's signature to a bill passed by the state legislature recently. This bill calls for state universities to admit Negroes on a segregated basis in schools and courses they cannot get at the Negro school, Langston university.

A large number of students also have applied to enter Oklahoma A. and M., but school authorities would not say how many.

Most of the applicants are teachers in the state public school system, and they would like to attend summer sessions.

BACKED BY NAACP

This is part of a campaign pushed by the state NAACP, headed by Dr. H. W. Williamslon of Idabell to get as many Negroes as possible to attend the white schools.

Most of the students have applied for courses in petroleum, engineering, home economics, education, psychology, social work, zoology, and law. One student seeks to enter the school of journalism.

Oklahoma A. and M. in Stillwater seems to be more preferred of the two largest state schools because it is near a Negro community Norman, where Oklahoma is located, in an all-white town. Students may have trouble finding homes here.

W. S. HANDY IN BIG BENEFIT

FLORENCE, Ala. — (ANP) — The father of the blues, W. C. Handy returned here to the place of his birth June 12 to participate in a benefit show sponsored by the Blessed Martin de Porres Negro Catholic church.

The composer of "St. Louis Blues" and several other all-time great works, has been signed for a long engagement at Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe for two shows daily, but has been released long enough for him to visit this city.

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