

Duke Ellington Again Wins Nation-Wide Courier Band Contest

"KING OF JAZZ RHYTHM"



DUKE ELLINGTON

ALLEY BEATERS BRASS ENSEMBLE

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WILL BE GIVEN HIS CROWN HERE MONDAY NIGHT

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"THE DUKE" WIRES APPRECIATION

The following telegram was received in the office Monday morning from "Duke" Ellington, following the announcement that he had been once again crowned "King of Jazz Rhythm" in The Pittsburgh Courier's 1933 Most Popular Orchestra Contest.

1812 Edgewood Ave., New York City, Jan. 1, 1933.

My happy returns of the day. I wish to congratulate you and the Courier for the wonderful manner in which you conducted the contest. Kindly express my sincere thanks to the public and those responsible for my success in becoming the winner.

(Signed) DUKE ELLINGTON

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GRAND JURY TO CONSIDER PROBE BOOKS OF ALDERMAN IN MISCONDUCT QUIZ

"THE PRINCE" BROTHER'S LOWER

Back in Town After Inquest Was Held Unknown to Him, Adams' Former Clerk Told of Blonde's Strange Love For Undertaker—Believes Woman's Friends Beat Up Adams a Week Before His Death—Lived in Fear of Tragedy.

Allen Beatty, dehonored pugilist-office boy of the late Canada Adams, has broken his silence at last!

Absent last Thursday afternoon when the coroner's inquest into the death of the prominent Homewood mortician was held, Beatty returned to the city last Saturday and, in an exclusive interview with The Pittsburgh Courier, exposed the sensational and startling information which "stunned" the slain man as a "lover deluge," who laughed at the fact that his platinum blonde "boy friend" had a bullet for him but lived in daily fear that his life might be snuffed out.

Allen's story, an intimate portrayal of Canada Adams "As I Knew Him," revealed the former officer as a man who "boasted of his conquests" but never called a woman's name. His story revealed that death was on its way, by a statement he made the morning before his death. His story revealed Adams as a modern "Don Juan" who had "affairs" with many women, but who always respected his family, and gave them

BETROTHED!

Lovey Harriet Mabel Fulton of Des Moines, Iowa, is smiling a "Happy New Year" and we are telling you this really is her biggest year! Her parents, Mrs. Mabel Fulton-Vandover of Des Moines and Mr. Andrew Fulton of Pittsburgh, announce her engagement to Mr. Nathaniel O. Callaway, student and research fellow at Iowa State College, Miss Fulton is the sister of Mrs. Charles Conway, Jr., of Francis street, this city.

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Duke May Broadcast Over WCAE Monday

Efforts are being made by Station WCAE to have Duke Ellington and his boys broadcast Monday evening by remote control direct from the stage of the Pythian Temple. Further details can be obtained by calling the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

PHILIPPINE FREEDOM TEN YEARS HENCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(CNS)—The Senate on December 22nd adopted the conference report on the Philippine bill granting independence to the islands in ten years. The report now goes to the House.

The House was agreed to without roll call and after only brief discussion. The House must now approve the compromise bill before it goes to the White House.

There was some doubt among Republican leaders that President Hoover would sign the measure.

BULLETIN!

Robert L. Logan, Fifth Ward Alderman and Earl H. Sims, were both indicted by the Grand Jury Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, on a charge of malfeasance in office.

The facts of Alderman Robert H. Logan and Constable Earl Sims on trial before the grand jury on charges of malfeasance in office, Thursday morning as the investigators decided to have the probe continued through the afternoon.

The hearing charges Wednesday, and late this afternoon the bench of Alderman Logan was ordered impounded by the investigators.

The grand hearing is the aftermath of a hearing held before Judge of the Peace Lawrence V. Gibb of Sewickley a few days ago on an informant's sworn testimony against the Alderman and Constable by Hyman Shulansky and the Feldman who charged Sims and Logan with irregularities in the conduct of their offices.

The charges pointed out that Constable Sims assisted in a raid on a Heman street room and that Logan had released two men arrested in a liquor raid.

FIGHT FOR LIFE OF PETERSON TO HIGH TRIBUNAL

REDUCE DETECTIVE SMITH, INSPECTOR WATKINS FIRED IN BIG POLITICAL SHAKEUP

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 5.—One of the ablest criminal lawyers in the state of Alabama has been brought to perfect the defense of Willie Peterson, twice sentenced to death on a charge of murdering a white woman, himself still a prisoner in jail by the woman's brother.

Dr. Charles A. J. McPherson, secretary of the Birmingham Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, states that the bill of exceptions in Peterson's behalf is being filed before the Alabama Supreme Court, instead of before the trial judge, \$12,425," said Dr. McPherson today, "and to date we still have a drive on in our N. A. A. C. P. branch to raise the balance of \$575. Our local newspapers in Birmingham have all given us exceptional support in our drive."

The alleged crime occurred Aug. 4, 1931, and involved the murder of a white "society girl" and the wounding of a third by a "Negro" who was charged kept the girl in a lonely wagon road "more than three hours."

Peterson, a sufferer from tuberculosis, a church member with good reputation never before in trouble, was suddenly seized on the street by the surviving white woman passing in an automobile screamed that he was the Negro who had shot her. Peterson steadfastly denied the guilt. An alibi established for him by witnesses at the trial, begun Dec. 7, 1931, resulted in a mistrial. A second trial brought a death sentence March 4,

HERE'S THE SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY OF BEATTY IN POINTED QUIZ BY COURIER

(Editor's Note—Allen Beatty, of 7119 Monticello street, who was employed as office boy in the late Canada Adams' funeral parlors, disclosed the following sensational testimony Wednesday when cross-examined by Courier representatives:)

Q. What is your full name?
A. Allen Beatty.

Q. Where do you live?
A. 7119 Monticello street.

Q. How near is your residence to that of the late Canada Adams?
A. Two doors away. Mr. Adams lived at 7406 Monticello street.

Q. What was your connection with Mr. Adams?
A. I was employed as office boy in his undertaking establishment at 7017 Frankstown street.

Q. Were you still employed by Mr. Adams on the date of his death?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you notice anything unusual the day before the death of Mr. Adams?
A. Yes. Adams and myself were both dressing a body. All of a sudden he stopped and looked at the morgue table. He seemed to be very nervous and agitated, and then brought up the same question which he had brought up many times before "Beatty," he said, "I were to get bumped off or killed instantly, do you know who is to take care of my insurance and everything, don't you?" And I answered, "Yes, but why bring something like that up?"

THE FINALE

Duke Ellington 110,500
Cab Calloway 104,000
Yubla Sledge 72,000
Fletcher Henderson 55,000
McKinnon's Cotton 51,000
Blanche Calloway 35,000
Bennie Moten 34,000
Loe Hill 34,000
Zack White 31,000
Jimmie Lunceford 30,000

GET DECREASE IN JUDGMENT ON BAPTISTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 5.—(By AP) — The judgment of \$110,000, which the receivers of the People's Trust and Savings bank, a colored institution here, got against the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, was compromised last week when the receivers allowed a decrease in the judgment to be entered in the court records of \$17,000. Terms were allowed for payment of the judgment which was secured on the basis of notes of the publishing board which were in the bank at the time of the closing. The effort to secure credit for the total amount of the long time lease held by the bank upon the Quarters which it occupied in the Board's building was not successful.

Economy

Round Trip For Corpses Saves Long Trip By Relatives

COLUMBIUS, Ga., Jan. 5.—Economic considerations caused Elijah Thuman, an aged Negro, to apply to a local freight office here for a round trip rate to Chicago for a corpse.

He explained, it was said, that he had been unable to look at the deceased before burial here.

Thirty heads of the far-separated family figured it far cheaper to transport the corpse in that manner, than to send the distant relatives here for the final rites.

WHITE FIEND HELD IN GIRLS' ATTACK

BRADETOWN, Pa., Jan. 5.—A white man who is charged with assaulting one colored girl and attempting to attack another was arrested Monday by deputy sheriff of Morgan county. The man is a King-Pittsburgh program. He is alleged to have picked up both girls under the rule of wanting to give them work as nursemaids.

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