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## Mayor Hartsfield Opens Negro History Week Here

More than 2,000 delegates, students and teachers attended the opening session of the twenty-fifth annual association for the Study of Negro Life and History at Spelman College's Sisters Chapel, Friday morning, October 27, 1950.

Mayor William B. Hartsfield welcomed the delegates of the Association to the city and expressed his hope that they would continue to carry out the Association's objective of searching for and exposing the truth of Negro life and history. The mayor emphasized again and again the importance of each person attending the assembly keeping before him the objectives of democracy and of fighting for them whenever possible. It is unwise for the "United States to cry out for democracy in Asia and lose it in Georgia," said Mayor Hartsfield.

Dr. Charles Wesley, President of Wilberforce State College, addressed the assembly on the subject of "Carter G. Woodson-Among Scholars" honoring the association's founder. Dr. Wesley clearly explained the needs of present-day society when he said, "We can now appraise Woodson; he was a builder of his own movement. He was discoverer, organizer, and fighter of truth. He was a distinguished scholar in his generation." Dr. Wesley urged the continuance of Woodson's work.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan read a paper, "The Torch Is Ours," prepared by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, the association's president, who found it impossible to attend the opening session.

Miss Gwendolyn Brooks, Pulitzer Prize Winner in Poetry, was honored at a luncheon held in the Atlanta University Dining Hall Saturday at noon during which Miss Brooks commented on and read selections of her poetry. The association's five ensuing sessions were held during the three-day assembly on the campuses of Clark and Morris Brown Colleges.

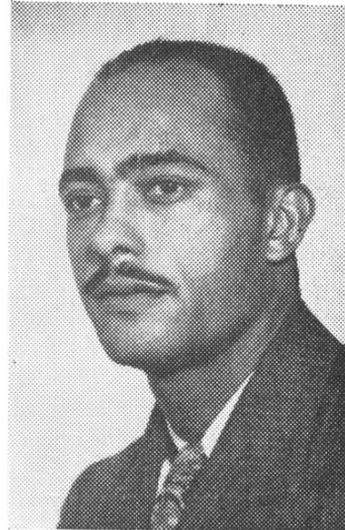
The final session convened at the Wheat Street Baptist Church, where a public meeting was held on Social Organization and Progress.

## Dr. Boyd Principal Speaker During Achievement Week Here

Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its annual Achievement Week Program this week in Sale Hall Chapel. The theme for this year's Achievement Week was "Strengthening and Safeguarding the Human Rights of All Americans."

Three speakers addressed the Morehouse student-body. They were: Grant Reynolds, well known attorney and First Vice-Grand Basileus of the fraternity; Dr. G. Paul Butler, Editor and manager, Books, Churches and Schools, New York Mirror, and Dr. William Boyd, professor of the department of political science at Atlanta University. Dr. Boyd, head of the department of political science at Fort Valley State College for eight years before coming to Atlanta, delivered the keynote address.

Talking on human rights and the many implications of the Achievement Week theme, he said, "Unless and until America implements democracy at home, with all of its concomitants regarding human rights for all, it can never win the minds and loyalties of the teeming millions in Asia, Africa, and Europe." Continuing, he said, "It is most difficult for the United States to convince others of the superior status of our institutions, customs, and practices, as they relate to the advancement of human rights, so long as we permit the status and treatment of the Negro and other minority groups to represent its Achilles heel. We can



Dr. Boyd

never expect that abroad which we refuse to practice at home." Summing up his most effective talk, Dr. Boyd said, "We must work increasingly with all groups which seek to implement the principles upon which this country was founded."

Two awards were made by the chapter. John H. Calhoun, executive secretary of the Atlanta branch of the N.A.A.C.P. received the chapter's award for the outstanding Omega man of the year, and Attorney A. T. Walden, prominent lawyer, received the Chapter's award for the outstanding citizen of the year. Both men are key factors in the present suit against the Atlanta public school board.

## Charles Johnson Urges Maturity In All Students

Charles Spurgeon Johnson, Fisk University President, internationally acclaimed sociologist and educator, erudite scholar and persuasive speaker, expounding on the seventh Annual Charter Day Program of the historic Atlanta University System on October 17, 1950, counseled the minds of the assembled youth whom he pictured as "those coming of age in a new age." The real test of survival lies in the maturity of the individual. Such maturity is not inherent but constitutes a defense mechanism against the frustrations and accelerations of this world. Pointing out the inevitability of change and the relativity of everything, he cited one of the roles of education as affording freedom from problem-solving and fear.

Dr. Johnson lashed out against sophistication in youth which he termed unsound, instable, and unfruitful. He advised the control of immediate actions in the light of future goals. "One should be free to do only that for which he has paid the price."

As further evidence of maturity Johnson asked for the ability to organize conflicts into one immediate whole and to profit from experience from which would eventuate an internal ability to make decisions in the best manner in the light of what is known.

Historically, he said, "Great spirits have been disciples of service and sacrifice." Commenting on the value of the gospels, he said, they introduced grace which is an outpouring of love and an evidence of inner life.

As a final aid to the young in their struggle for maturity, Dr. Johnson with the aid of William Rose Binet admonished God to protect, uphold, and perpetuate the ideals and aspirations of youth.

## Homecoming Day Festivities Feature Gala Maroon and White Ball Tonight

By James Brooks



Royalty at its very best! Miss Maroon and White and her attendants radiate sparkle and enchantment as they reign supreme over the Homecoming festival. Her Highness, Miss Neeka Garrison, center; shares her queenly task with the royal family, Miss Laura Williams, left; and Miss Arnett Sayles, right.

Today, the eyes of Atlanta and the South are centered on Morehouse College. The atmosphere is electrified with expectation, spirits are at their highest. Alumni from far and near have returned to the campus, a few Hollywood talent scouts (they've heard of our queens) have been noticed strolling innocently through the campus, and the band has been pruning its feathers like a vain glorious peacock.

And why all this? Well, brother, homecoming is only once a year.

After everything is put in order a spectacular parade will move to Herndon Stadium. There the stalwart Maroon Tigers, under the tutelage of Coach Echols, will attempt to vanquish the howling Bulldogs of Fisk University. The Tigers are anxious to even the score for a defeat handed them by Fisk last year.

However, the festivities are just beginning. After the game, the famous Maroon and White Ball will be held in the "Blue Room" of Magnolia Ball-room. Music for the occasion will be furnished by those renowned "Troubadors" of Atlanta, and it promises to be the most "Gala" of all affairs. The members of the class of 1895 will be waltzing to the strains of "Blue Danube" while the class of '54 will be jumping to the latest "Bop".

When all of the celebrating is over, weary "Housemen" will drag themselves home after bidding fond "Adieu" to their dates . . . moist-eyed alumni will take one last longing look at the old "Red Hill," and return to their respective endeavors filled with fond memories of another "Maroon and White" day as only "Housemen", the world over, remember it.

## Gwen. Brooks Pulitzer Winner Speaks Here

Miss Gwendolyn Brooks, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, spoke to an audience of over a hundred persons at a luncheon given in the Atlanta University dining room Saturday, October 28. The luncheon was given by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History during its 25th annual convention held here in Atlanta. Miss Brooks received the Pulitzer Prize for her book *Annie Allen*.

After being introduced by Mrs. Stellar Brewer Brooks of Clark College, Miss Brooks graciously arose and immediately charmed the audience with her quiet sincerity. Miss Brooks, who is Mrs. Henry C. Blakely in real life, proved to be as capable at holding her audience with her voice as she is with her pen. Miss Brooks expressed the opinion that "any writer who wants to write should become acquainted with modern writers." Though a knowledge of writers of all ages is necessary, Miss Brooks believes that in order to write now one must know the most recent writers. After reading from her collection of poems which included: "Song in the Front Yard," taken from her earliest experiences; and "The White Troops Have Their Orders, but the Negro Troops Looked Like Men," from her war-time writings. Miss Brooks shyly asked if there were any questions and took her seat.

The Pulitzer Prize was established by Joseph Pulitzer in a bequest made to Columbia University. Since 1917, prizes have been awarded annually by the University's Trustees on recommendation of the Advisory Board of the School of Journalism at Columbia, which Mr. Pulitzer also founded and endowed.

Miss Brooks received her award for: "A distinguished volume of verse by an American author."

## The Perils Of Skepticism

Doubt conquers the "would-be" victor before the contest commences. A striking biblical example is the first attempt of the Hebrews to occupy the promised land after their trek through the wilderness. The majority of the Hebrews felt that the giants were too mighty to be subdued. As a result their first attempt was put down. Their fear and defeat grew out of their skepticism. The incredulous state of their minds issued forth gigantic waves of distortion and rendered them weaklings.

Centuries have rolled by, but doubt has not lost an ounce of potency. Even today similar waves of discord and distortion stand ready to engulf the Negro in his gallant, just, and intelligent fight, through the courts, for equalization and integration of public school facilities in the South. Today, as yesterday, doubt and indecision cause a people to fold up their hearts and minds to the duties which are theirs, and wither in the depths of their despondency. Today the Negro must fight doubt as the Hebrew fought it—with confidence. Anger and passion will not help.

This is not an hour for doubting nor is it an hour for anger or passion. Any trace of anger must be expelled from the mind of the Negro in relationship to the fulfillment of his objectives and the realization of his goal. Anger or passion once securing a firm grasp on a people, hampers the effectiveness of the undertaking in which they are engaged.

The Negro must take cognizance of the fact that passion is not a counterpart of intelligent thinking. Anger eats its way into the quick of the character of individuals, destroying the primordial cells of manhood, rendering that which is left a mass of worthless protoplasm. The probability of such a condition becoming a reality must be eliminated with great haste in preparation for the long struggle ahead.

The real and important phase of the struggle will begin with favorable court decisions. However, just decrees by themselves will not end the fight. This will only mark the beginning of a unique effort. The Negro will then have the responsibility of proving to the civilized world that he is worthy of the fair treatment shown him. He must prove his capabilities. To do this he must fight like a Trojan warrior, out to achieve his final victory. He must reach the top and fight to stay there. Unpreparedness must not become an insurmountable obstacle in the face of this courageous warrior. A state of unpreparedness would cause the previous gains to be picked to shreds and utterly destroyed. The Negro must be PREPARED.

**"Be prepared" is a gigantic challenge which has come down through the ages in every conceivable language. It is the challenge of the Negro today. This challenge is before the Negro today because of its eternal truth and implication of duty to self, mankind, and God. The Negro must accept it for what it is worth.**

Make no mistake, men are NOT good enough to give people their just deserts. A people must stand up, be counted, and fight gallantly for what they want and rightly deserve. It is a grave misrepresentation of the facts to believe and pretend that the world is growing better and that these things will just come to the Negro. The Negro can no longer look on in smirking idiocy or bewildered apathy.

Surely the time has arrived, many Negroes think it's long overdue, to take the initiative and demand action and complete freedom. The hour has come to stand firm and challenge the supporters of evil, unethical, and un-Christian Southern traditions. Now is the time to move forward with deep rooted conviction and determination to stand together until the last dong of the bells of these evil Southern customs fades away never to echo again. Every Negro must go forth with unquestionable confidence in himself reinforced by unshakeable faith in God that these evil institutions will be crushed.

**It is right to challenge that which is evil. It is proper and just to oppose unethical and un-Christian practices wherever and whenever they appear. It is undeniably conformable to moral law and all standards of rightness to express this opposition through the courts.**

The Negro must abolish all skepticism and doubt and stand firm. He must feel with the deepest certainty that he is ready. To all people there comes an hour when fear and doubt must become secondary, when duty to God, mankind, and self must become foremost in one's endeavor. That hour is now upon the Negro.

## Censor Bans Film Here...

That a local committee can ban anything which is not in the interest of the community was the reply of the Federal District Court in Atlanta and the Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. This ruling upheld the right of Christine Smith, censor, and the Carnegie Library Board to ban pictures not in the best interest of the people of Atlanta.

The controversy was in connection with the RD-DR Corpora-

## Homecoming Day Has Rich History

Tonight Morehouse College will climax the year's gala Homecoming activities with the annual Maroon and White Dance. The Maroon and White dance is the highlight of the Morehouse social calendar.

One of the main reasons for the great success of the Maroon and White dance has been the fact that the entire Morehouse family, realizing the vital part that social life plays in education, supports it in every way.

The Maroon and White Ball is the first formal dance of the year. Nothing adds more to the gaiety and romance of dancing than beautiful girls in colorful evening dresses and handsome gentlemen in tuxedos or tails.

Still another reason for the popularity of the Maroon and White Ball is the fact that it includes all Morehouse students. Unlike the fraternity dances and the Junior-Senior Prom, which are mainly for members of the particular organizations involved and the preferred few who get invitations, the homecoming dance is of, by, and for the entire Morehouse student body.

Two speculative questions always arise whenever preparations for the dance get underway. First, where will the dance be held? Second, will Spelman girls be allowed to attend? Usually the second question is answered upon the basis of the answer to the first. There was a time when the Maroon and White was held in the gymnasium. As the student body grew, however, the dining hall, in addition to the gym, was used. During the past two years the gym and the dining hall have not been large enough to accommodate the large crowd that desired to attend the dance. In order to accommodate the huge overflow the student body found it necessary to rent the spacious and beautiful Magnolia Ballroom.

Unfortunately, Spelman young ladies are not allowed to off-campus dances. This means that this year, as for the past two years, Morehouse men will not have the pleasure of escorting Spelman young ladies to the homecoming dance. It is regrettable that a city the size of Atlanta does not have a place large enough to accommodate a crowd the size of which usually attends the Maroon and White dance, and at the same time be acceptable to certain factions of the university community.

tion film, "Lost Boundaries," which was forbidden a release here in 1949. The censor released "Pinkie," "Intruder in the Dust," "Home of the Brave" and "No Way Out" but "Lost Boundaries" was banned.

"Lost Boundaries" is the story of a light-skinned Negro doctor, who, with his light-skinned family, "passed" in a New Hampshire town. The outbreak of war created the first conflict. The doctor had received a commission in the Navy but reports and papers proved him to be a Negro. He was disqualified upon the grounds of "Physical unfitness." The climax came in the re-action of the town after his "Secret" was exposed.

Dr. L. D. Reddick, director of the Trevor Arnett library, Atlanta University, who has seen "Lost Boundaries," feels that "Lost Boundaries" would do the people of Atlanta a world of good. Those who are afraid to let the people see such a true story of race-relations in America are making one more desperate effort to save the lost cause of "White Supremacy."

## The Maroon Tiger

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Today, more than ever before, the newspaper is one of the most powerful molders of public opinion known to man. The press and the radio are the average man's two supreme authorities. In the light of the tremendous influence of these two agencies the question just what is the function of the newspaper naturally arises.

To my knowledge the true function of the newspaper is to collect and disseminate news; to hew to the line and let the chips fall where they will.

The distinction between truth and non-truth should be clear and evident. When any newspaper lowers itself to muddle the truth with the untrue then it is time for the people to close that paper.

Admittedly, if a paper publishes the truth, it is a powerful factor for good in the community. To remain so, the paper's editors and reporters must be fine, upstanding persons.

Sometimes, however, the expression of true sentiments by newspapermen are often met with jeers by the public. At some time or other the press tramps on the toes of nearly everybody. It is at once criticized and persecuted. It is lauded for its beneficence, and it is cursed for its nosiness. It is accused of everything from slander to politics.

To some people the newspaper is a wonderful constructive force, the last stronghold of truth. To others it is regarded as a menace and a retarding influence upon the progress of our civilization.

As far as the Maroon Tiger is concerned there shall be no compromise; truth will be our guide.

# CAMPUS SYMPOSIUM

By Raymond Simon

**Question:** Do you favor the subsidization of college football players in order to be assured a good team?

Calvin Williamson, senior, Atlanta, Georgia.

I condone subsidization in some form for those schools which are financially able to bear such an expensive program. Many schools use subsidization in one way or another, and I see no reason why some consideration shouldn't be given those men who participate in athletics.

William J. Williams, junior, Montgomery, Alabama.

I am not in favor of subsidization in football because of this point of view: Subsidization professionalizes the game among colleges thus altering the true pur-



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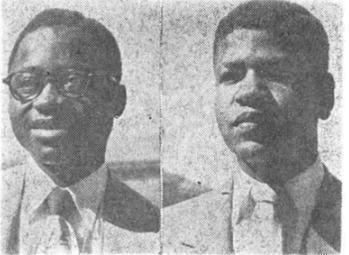
pose of sports in the schools.

John Downs, junior, St. Louis, Missouri.

There should be no subsidization whatsoever in private colleges. It might be all right in state universities but I believe subsidization is ruining collegiate football.

Nathaniel O. Olaku, Nigeria, West Africa.

The time and energy plus the glory which comes to the institution as the result of a winning team, should be taken into consideration and some sort of remuneration made to those who play. This would encourage possible players-to-be and raise the spirit



N. Olaku

and morale of those now playing football.

Samuel E. Wilson, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

The football player gives to the school. He should get something



C. Williams

in return. Such a plan would make it possible for a number of men to attend school, who, otherwise would be unable to do so.

Perry Harvey, senior.

By reason of the hard work and the untiring effort put forth by the football player, he is entitled to subsidization. There should be a reciprocal agreement between player and school whereby both would benefit from the team.

## Debating Team Issues Call Now For Logicians

In the annals of Morehouse history, the debating team has done much in shaping the character of Morehouse men. Through the years those participating on the squad have had many lasting benefits. Dr. N. P. Tillman, debate coach for a number of years, has said, "There is a great amount of intellectual growth that can be won by active participation on the debating team."

Not only does a debator gain knowledge of current events, but he also derives a sense of self-respect. It is a worth-while skill that enables the participant to test his ability to stand on his own two feet and think. Debating also proves that team work is a necessary asset in our society.

This year Dr. N. P. Tillman is again at the helm of the debating team. His plans call for a very vigorous program. The national question this year deals with establishing a pact of non-Communitistic nations to secure world peace. This is a very timely issue in that public opinion is presently turning against the United Nations.

Dr. Tillman has already placed data concerning the national question on reserve in the library and anyone interested in broadening his perspective through intelligent argument is urged to prepare himself now.

Complete information concerning trials and team positions will be released as soon as the program has been organized.

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## Alcoholics Made Instead of Born States Dr. Milner

"There is a fair chance that a number of you here will be alcoholics by age 35, according to present trends," Dr. Esther Miller, instructor of psychology at Atlanta University, told Morehouse students in a chapel address entitled, "To Be or Not to Be an Alcoholic by Age 35."

The two most frequent kinds of personal problems found to be associated with alcoholics, says Dr. Milner, "are feelings of inadequacy and failure in economic effort and/or in social relations, and feelings of extreme pressure or



Dr. Milner

tension that develop from having to keep up the terrific pace necessary not only to "make good" in our fiercely competitive society, but to maintain and enhance one's economic and social status."

Current evidence on the causes and cure of alcoholism is "tending toward establishing that the craving for liquor develops gradually in the potential alcoholic," Miss Milner continued, and leads to "steadier and steadier, heavier and heavier drinking."

Miss Milner was careful to point out that "personal problems and maladjustments are increasingly being recognized as the causative core of alcoholism, and psychotherapy along with, or even instead of, medical treatment, is being more and more recognized."

During the course of her address Miss Milner cited to the students seven "areas of choice" and contrasted each "area of choice" with two sample alternatives designed to clarify the best possible solution to the growing problem of alcoholism.

Concluding, Miss Milner said, "perhaps if you sit down now with me, myself and I, so to speak, and ask myself, 'Do I want human relationships values to take precedence over material values in my life, or do I want material values to take precedence over human relationship values,' you may at the same time be coming to a decision of whether 'to be or not to be an alcoholic by age 35.'"

## Johnson — A Giant Among Men Lends Inspiration to Tiger Team

By William Carter

After peering over the Herndon Stadium fence for the duration of the Morris Brown-Morehouse encounter, a youngster ran over to one of the losing combatants and inquired, "Who was that l'il boy who was tackling all those big men?" Of course, there was no reply forthcoming, but anyone who was in the stands that gloomy day knew that the reference was to none other than Walter "Foxy" Johnson.

Johnson was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 18, 1925, and the first four months of his infancy were spent there. Boston Massachusetts, was his next stop. At the age of twelve "Foxy" returned to the South and Atlanta. At David T. Howard High School Johnson became a prominent figure in both political and athletic circles. He held the presidency of the student body in his senior year in addition to being first baseman on the baseball squad and fullback (that's not a misprint!) on the football team. He received recognition for being the most improved player in Atlanta High School football during his final season at Howard.

Incidentally, his friends tagged him "Foxy" upon noticing the close resemblance between him and Jimmy Foxx, former Boston Red Sox great at the initial sack.

His educational career was interrupted for three years when he joined the Navy. During this period Johnson traveled extensively in the Pacific area and attained the rank of third-class petty officer.

"Foxy" entered the "School on the Red Hill" in the fall of 1948 because it "offered a challenge" and because he "wanted to learn." He made a natural adjustment to the quarterback spot during his initial grid season at the "House" and performed in a commendable fashion. In the latter half of the scholastic year Johnson proved his versatility on the baseball diamond by pitching, playing second base, and also third base. The 5'9" 150-pound package of TNT (Terrificly Nimble Tiger) has shown remarkable improvement with each succeeding season.

The "Old Pro," as "Foxy" is known to his present teammates, possesses a keen interest in reading murder stories, which may account for his explosive attitude toward foes afield. His next greatest love is eating — ice cream above all.

Johnson's sincerity is complemented through his willingness to learn, his friendly air, and his ready wit. This stamps him as a man that Morehouse can feel truly proud to call her own.

## Ministers Union Extends Welcome To New Students

The Morehouse Ministers Union is one of the many campus organizations continuing its activity this year.

The purpose of this organization is to create a fellowship among the men who are interested in religion and to make a contribution to the religious life of the college community.

The Ministers Union contends that a "sound religious leadership is the most effective weapon to be used for the establishment of a high social and moral order" and it is to this end that the Union works.

Basically the Ministers Union is composed of Pre-Theological students, but it is also open to men who are interested in religious activities on the campus and in the city.

The Morehouse College Ministers participate as active members in the following conferences:

"The Regional and Area Conference of the Interseminary Movement;" "The Southwide Baptist Theological Students Conference;" and the "Paine College Conference."

The new officers for the 1950-51 school year are William D. Mosley Jr., president; Paul A. McDaniels, vice president; Ernest M. Bradford, secretary; Charles S. Byrd, chaplain. Professor G. Murray is the advisor.

New members for this school year include J. A. Wilburn, D. R. Parson, Barnada W. Gleen, James Kendrick and Julius James.

Each Sunday night from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. a member of the Morehouse College Ministers Union conducts the Vesper Service at Grady Hospital's new nurses home on Butler Street. The nurses of that institution invite the men of Morehouse to worship with them, and to enjoy a social hour preceding the service.

## Political Science Hist. Department Organizes Club

A History-Political Science Club for Morehouse students has been formed. The idea was initiated by Dr. Melvin Kennedy of the Morehouse Department of History, who was very much impressed by a pre-class discussion on the "Crusade for Freedom" Movement which was held by the senior political science and history majors during the opening moments of a seminar class.

Spearheaded by Mr. H. A. Olawasanni, the class on Oct. 7, formed a club comprising primarily all class members. On Oct. 24, the club elected its officers who are Lawrence Boone, president; James Mitchell, vice-president; Jose Ananias, secretary, and St. Elmo Reynolds, treasurer.

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At the University of North Carolina the dance committee ruled that any girl leaving a campus dance intending to return must be

escorted by a chaperone during her entire stay from the dance hall.

According to the Daily Lass-O, an ex-GI at the University of Ala-

bama, advertised for a wife with 15 children. His explanation was that he was stationed in Korea after the last war and didn't want to go back.

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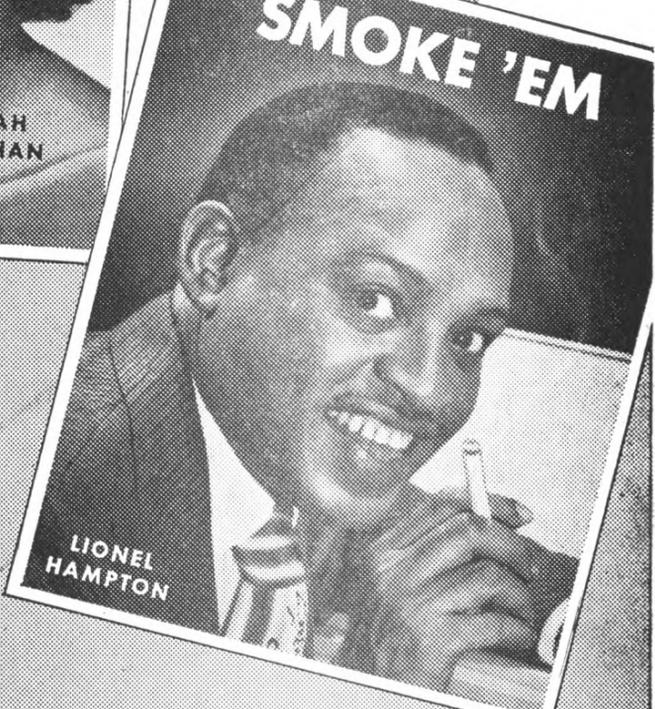
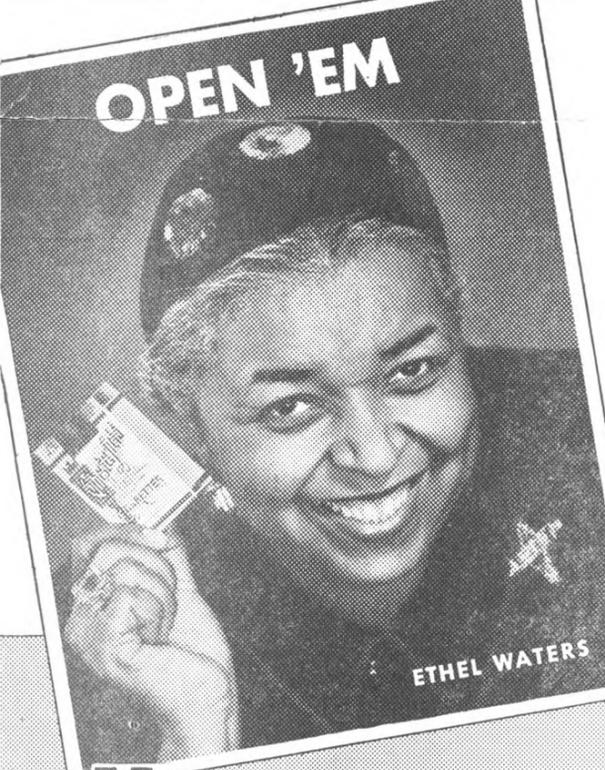
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