

Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

NEGRO HISTORY BAFFLER

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Negro Americans have made important contributions to the country by accomplishing many outstanding "firsts."

If you know who they were, and get at least four correct, you're a history "first" yourself. Three is fair; and less than that makes you "last." The Bonus Question at the end is worth two points. Here's the multiple-choice quiz:

1. The world's first successful heart operation was performed in 1891 by a noted physician in Chicago's Provident hospital, which he helped establish. He was:

- A. Dr. J. H. Jackson; B. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams; C. Dr. Nat Turner.

2. The traffic light is believed to have been invented by:

- A. Garrett A. Morgan; B. Prince Hall; C. Jack Johnson.

3. This man invented a lubricating cup for engines in 1872 and other lubricating devices. He was:

- A. Elijah Muhammad; B. Paul Robeson; C. Elijah J. McCoy.

4. He invented the first clock to strike the hour in America and helped lay out Washington, D.C.:

- A. Benjamin Banneker; B. Benjamin Willis; C. Ben the Banker.

5. He invented the lasting machine which made the mass production of shoes possible:

- A. Frederick Douglass; B. Jan E. Metzlinger; C. W.E.B. Du Bois.

BONUS QUESTION: This Southern scientist's pioneering research made possible the widespread use of the peanut in this country today. He was:

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ANSWERS: 1. B; 2. A; 3. C.; 4. A; 5. B;
BONUS: George Washington Carver.

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This Baffler will test your knowledge of the Negro's achievements in sports and the records he has set.

Get four or five right and you're an athletic ace. Three is fair, and two makes you a sports weakling. The Bonus Question is worth two points.

Here's the quiz:

1. Jesse Owens surpassed which Olympic record five times at the 11th Olympiad in Berlin in August, 1936?

- A. Discus throwing; B. Broad jump; C. Bicycle racing.

2. Joe Louis (Joseph Louis Barrow) won the world's heavyweight boxing championship in:

- A. 1954; B. 1929; C. 1937.

3. Jackie Robinson, the first Negro to break into major league baseball, was named "Rookie of the Year" in:

- A. 1961; B. 1947; C. 1919.

4. Negro-boxers were champions at the turn of the century. Which of these was heavyweight champion of America in 1908?

- A. Jack Johnson; B. Paul Robeson;

School Integration Solution Possible

Mrs. Frankie Freeman Commissioner U.S. Civil Rights Commission served as a keynote speaker at the NAACP West Coast Regional Conference at the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California.

Referring to the Commission's recent report entitled "Racial Isolation in the Schools" Mrs. Freeman said, "four major findings of fact emerged in this report.

"First, racial isolation in the Nation's public schools is extensive and is rapidly growing worse.

"The Commission's second major finding was that racial isolation in the schools, however it is caused, has a negative affect upon the performance and attitudes of Negro children.

"The Commission's third major finding was that compensatory programs which seek to provide equal education opportunity in racially isolated schools do not appear to be meeting with much success. Programs designed to improve the quality of education in existing schools (rather than to engage in extensive programs of school desegregation) are quite popular.

Petition Supreme Court On Federal Housing Law

The United States presently has valid Federal open housing law, according to a petition recently filed asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review a Negro couple's complaint of housing discrimination by a private developer. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee Jones of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1966, violated a century-old Federal statute by refusing to sell them a subdivision lot, because of race.

Three attorneys associated with the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing (NCDH) have joined Samuel H. Liberman II of St. Louis, counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Jones, in petitioning for review of a June 26 decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eight Circuit upholding lower court rejection of the complaint against the Mayer Co.

"THE CASE of Jones v. Mayer Co. is as important to the open housing phase of the civil rights movement as Brown v. Board of Education (which resulted in the 1954 school desegregation decision) was to desegregation in education," NCDH Executive Director, Edward Rutledge said.

The three attorneys acting for NCDH who have joined with Liberman in signing the petition to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari are: Sol Rabkin, NCDH legal committee chairman, and director of the law department, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Joseph B. Robinson, NCDH general counsel, and chairman of the Commission of Law and Social Action, American Jewish Congress; and Robert L. Carter, NCDH executive committee vice chairman and general counsel of the NAACP.

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C. Andrew Johnson.

5. One of the following boxers was either bantam-weight or featherweight boxing champion from 1890 to 1900, with the exception of one year. The other was lightweight champion from 1902 to 1908. Who, respectively, were they?

- A. Elijah McCoy and Sugar Ray Robinson; B. W. E. B. DuBois and Jan E. Metzlinger; C. George Dixon and Joe Gans.

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BONUS QUESTION: One of the first Negroes to break into organized baseball, he was catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers and was voted the "Most Valuable Player" in the National League in 1951. He was semi-paralyzed after an auto accident. Who was he?

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ANSWERS: 1. B; 2. C; 3. B; 4. A; 5. C.
BONUS: Roy Campanella.

"The Commission's fourth major finding was that desegregation is possible, and that it is consistent with the maintenance of educational standards and the improvement of the quality of education. This is to say, quality desegregated education is neither a paradox nor a pipe dream.

"IN MANY cities, racial isolation can be overcome with relative ease and swiftness. In others, more time and expense will be necessary. But solutions are possible, and they are consistent with improvements in the quality of education for all children. The question before us is not whether there is a problem to be solved, or whether it will yield to our efforts, but rather, WHEN will we make the required investment of energy and resources to fulfill the promise of equal educational opportunity.

"The crisis we face in education and race relations today primarily results from years of neglect and the triumph of evil. Either we move now to insure equality of opportunity in all walks of life for Negro Americans and other minorities, or we face a bleak and violent tomorrow."

THIS WEEK IN NEGRO HISTORY

AN "NPI" FEATURE

- Oct. 19, 1870 Joseph Rainey became the first Negro member of the U.S. Congress.
- Oct. 21, 1872 John Henry Conyers was the first Negro to be admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy.
- Oct. 21, 1948 Presidents of Negro Land Grant Colleges, meeting in Washington, D.C., proposed end to racially-separate university system.
- Oct. 22, 1852 The Rev. T. J. Hornsby, founder-president, Pilgrim Life Insurance Company, born in Augusta, Ga.
- Oct. 22, 1952 Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, a founder of Mercy Douglas Hospital, Philadelphia, died in Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 23, 1886 Wiley Jones operated the first car line in Pine Bluff, Ark.
- Oct. 23, 1935 Joe Louis defeated Max Baer in Madison Square Garden, New York.
- Oct. 23, 1952 Frank E. Peterson, Jr., Topeka, Kans., was first Negro to win a commission and wings in the Marine Corps.
- Oct. 23, 1958 The Rev. W. H. Jernigan, pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., and president, National Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress, died.
- Oct. 25, 1953 Dr. John B. King became the first Negro to be nominated assistant school superintendent in New York City.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO "THE DUCHESS" MRS. REBEKAH WEST (Mother Of Dr. West) ON HER 99TH BIRTHDAY OCT. 16, 1967

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