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ASK JUDGES TO PROVE FAIRNESS

The following judges were sent the identical letter: Edward J. Jeffries, John P. Scallen, Donald Van Zile, W. McGay Skillman, Arthur E. Gordon, Thomas M. Cotter, Christopher E. Stein, John V. Brennan, Henry S. Sweeney, John J. Maher, Sherman Callender.

Judge W. McKay Skillman, Recorder's Court Building, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The above committee issues a sufficient number of bulletins to reach every congregation, club, fraternity, as well as every Negro home from time to time, giving figures on how Negroes are employed in the various public department of this city.

We have noted that there is no Negro clerk stenographer in the Recorder's Court office. We are also aware of the fact that the judges tell us often of their fairness to the Negro and their respect for him in our public meetings, along with promises to see that everyone gets a square deal. Seeing no Negro employed in this particular office speaks for itself. We are not only requesting that a Negro clerk or stenographer be given a position but also that a social worker be given the post made vacant by death.

We have on our list competent social workers as well as stenographers or clerks who can fill these positions immediately. We are sure that any judge on the Recorder's Court bench, if interested at all, will call a meeting and have a definite understanding as to what day these assignments should be made. We are so often told by individual judges that they are willing to vote for it, but that there are other judges who are not in favor of doing so. We are now requesting that some agreement be reached among you regarding this matter.

Negro citizens are no longer being fooled by public officials and it is the duty of this committee to point out to Negro citizens as well as public office holders, the unfairness of this matter. We would be very pleased to announce in our bulletin the names of the persons who are to fill these vacancies and the day they are to go to work providing it is on or before February 20. If you desire, we can send these people in for an interview.

We assure you that we will send you persons who will not only be a credit to the race but to the department as well.

Awaiting your reply.

Detroit Civic Rights Committee.

Snow F. Grigsby,
Chairman

N. A. A. C. P. DIRECTOR
APPOINTED TO NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEW YORK, April 15 — Attorney James Marshall, a director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a member of its national legal committee, has been appointed a member of the Board of Education of this city by the mayor of the city, Mr. La Guar-



QUEEN MARY

NEGRO PILOT STABLES AERO- PLANE ON FARM

Newport Ark.—The South's only licensed negro aviator, Pickens W. Black, Jr. keeps his 80-horsepower aeroplane in a home-made hanger east of Newport.

Pickens, 30 is one of the four licensed negro pilots in the United States he said, and one of the few in the world. He has flown in a Memphis air circus, made trips to Kansas City and Florida, and has had one forced landing in his more than two years of flying.

He hopes to qualify soon for a transport pilots license.

As a boy, Pickens whittled aeroplane models from sticks. One powered with rubber bands sailed for 100 yards the pilot recalled proudly.

A broken propeller on a ship that came to Jackson county with an air circus gave Pickens his first chance to realize his boyhood dreams of flying. The pilot was at the Pickens farm while the machine was being repaired and before the ship left young Pickens had four hours of flying time to his credit. He soloed with two and a half hours of instruction.

With the instruction he received during those few days, Pickens finished building an airplane he had started to convince his parents he knew something of aviation.

Reconciled to his flying, his parents bought him his present machine. He attended the Air Travel School of Flying at Little Rock and received his limited commercial pilot's license.

Pickens is a graduate of Virginia Union University at Richmond.

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His term is to run until 1938.

Mr. Marshall is the son of the late Louis Marshall, a noted authority on constitutional law, who served for many years as an N. A. A. C. P. director and a member of its national committee.

Colored people here are highly pleased at Mr. Marshall's appointment.

He is expected to appose any attempt at color discrimination in the mixed school system of this great city.

We wish him the best of luck and assure him of the continued support of the colored people.