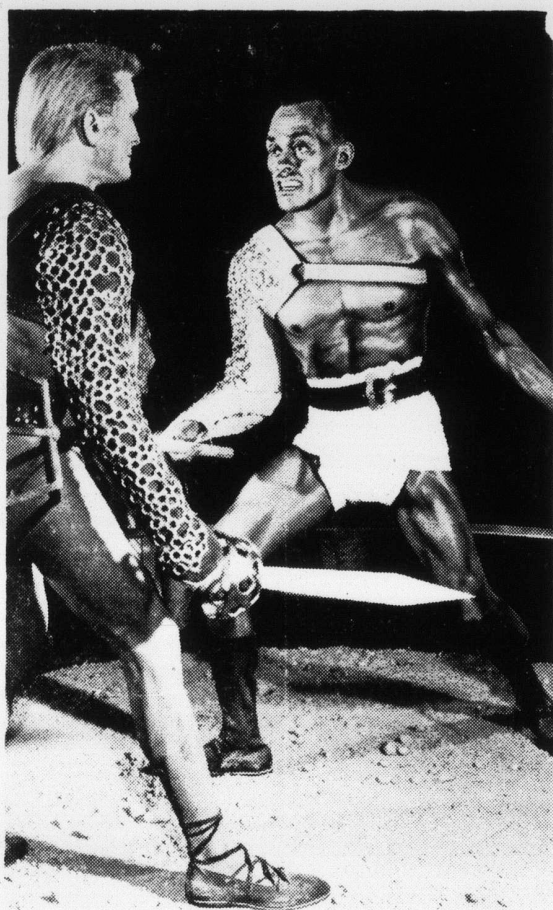




ACTOR AND FORMER FOOTBALL STAR — Woody Strode has been immortalized at Movieland Wax Museum, Buena Park, Calif., in scene from film "Spartacus," which is in current re-release. Tableau depicts climatic hand-to-hand gladiator combat between Strode and film's star Kirk Douglas. Strode and Douglas join more than 100 other greats of motion pictures and television in stars' hall of fame.

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Negroes Score Many Firsts In U.S., State Civic Votes

Negroes won a variety of offices in U.S. elections, including some historic firsts. Here is a list of Negro winners:

Democrat Carl B. Stokes won his battle to become mayor of Cleveland — and the first Negro chief executive of eighth largest American city.

Democrat Richard G. Hatcher emerged the winner by 1,495 votes in the race for mayor of Gary, Ind.

Dr. W. Ferguson Reid, a surgeon, became the first Negro member of the Virginia state legislature since the reconstruction days following the American Civil War. He is a Democrat.

The Mississippi state legislature also saw its first Negro since the reconstruction era with the apparent election of Robert Clark, an independent by the voters of predominantly-Negro Holmes County.

James M. Brady was easily elected sheriff in Charles City County southeast of Richmond, Va., defeating a white incumbent who had held the post 43 years.

Mrs. Iona W. Adkins, a housewife and teacher's aide, was the Charles City County clerk's post by a substantial margin.

William C. Ross Jr., was elected to the school committee in Pittsfield, Mass., and James H. Wynn to the regional school committee in North Adams, Mass. They were both the first Negroes elected to public office in those towns.

In Boston, where the race issue was an often unspoken factor in the mayor's race, Thomas Atkins, 28, a Harvard law school student, was elected to the city council—the first Negro to sit on that body in modern memory.

Municipal Court Judge William Parker was re-elected in Waterloo, O., the site of racial disturbances last summer.

In Jacksonville, Fla., three of four Negro candidates won Democratic nominations over whites.

In addition to Clark, six

Negroes were elected to county offices in Mississippi, increasing to 24 the number of Negro office holders in that state.

Of the six, two won posts as county supervisors, two as constables and two as justices of the peace.

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Not only Dickens, but almost every writer, from the little-known to the famous, has been inspired at some time in his career to "honor Christmas" in prose or poetry.

For instance—
At Christmas I no more
desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's
new-fangled mirth.
But like of each thing that
in season grows.
William Shakespeare

At Christmas play and make
good cheer,
For Christmas comes but
once a year.

Thomas Tusser
For somehow, not only at
Christmas, but all the
long year through,
The joy that you give to
others is the joy that
comes back to you.
John Greenleaf Whittier

England was merry England,
when
Old Christmas brought his
sports again.

Sir Walter Scott
I heard the bells on Christ-
mas Day
Their old familiar carols
play,
And soft and sweet the
words repeat,
"God is not dead, nor doth
he sleep."

Henry Wadsworth
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