

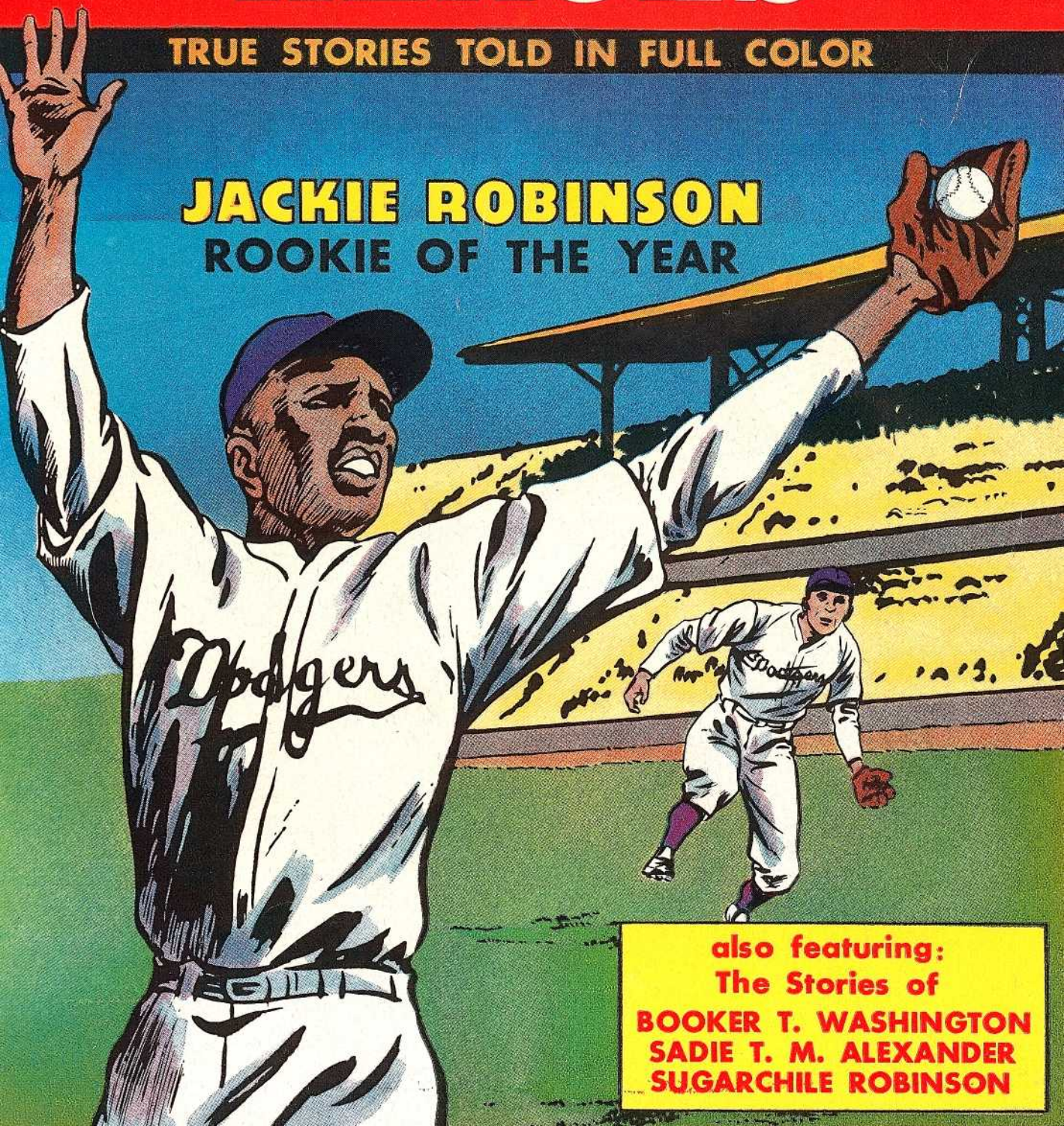
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NEGRO HEROES

TRUE STORIES TOLD IN FULL COLOR

JACKIE ROBINSON
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



also featuring:
The Stories of
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON
SADIE T. M. ALEXANDER
SUGARCHILE ROBINSON

Calling All Young Americans!

Here's the second issue of NEGRO HEROES that you have been waiting for. It is chock full of true stories of real heroes. It gives the inside story of how they became great people.

You start right off reading about Booker T. Washington, leader; Toussaint L'Overture, Haitian patriot; Mabel K. Staupers, dynamic nurse; Jackie Robinson, outstanding baseball player; Sadie T. M. Alexander, lawyer, champion of civil rights; actor Sugar Chile Robinson.

You will get a real thrill as you read about these people. Had you ever thought that Americans with colored skins had done so many of these things? Here they are before your very eyes. And these are just a few of the hundreds of stories of true heroes that could be told.

The National Urban League and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are very glad to be able to make it possible for NEGRO HEROES to come to you. You see, Delta Sigma Theta is a national sorority of college women who believe in you. They want every youth to know about all jobs and have an equal chance to be trained and hired on whatever job for which he can qualify. All this is a part of the sorority's Job Opportunity Project.

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Here's hoping that you are going to enjoy reading it. But what is more, that you will get some ideas that will help you make up your mind to show your teachers, parents, and pals that you too, can be among the heroes in American life.

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Woman OF THE YEAR



A GREAT SCHOLAR AND LAWYER, SADIE T. M. ALEXANDER, HAS GIVEN HER ENERGIES TO NEEDY NEGRO YOUNGSTERS AND TO HER COUNTRY. SHE IS TRULY AMERICA'S "WOMAN OF THE YEAR."

BORN SADIE MOSSELL IN PHILADELPHIA, SHE WAS TWO YEARS OLD WHEN...

TOO BAD WE HAVE TO LEAVE PHILADELPHIA, SADIE, AND MOVE TO WASHINGTON— BUT I THINK IT'LL BE EASIER FOR US THERE.



IN WASHINGTON D.C., SADIE WAS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT AT THE M STREET HIGH SCHOOL. A TEACHER, DR. CARTER G. WOODSON, FAMOUS NEGRO, INFLUENCED SADIE MOST.

SADIE MOSSELL WILL NOW READ WHAT I CONSIDER A VERY GOOD REPORT.



AT SEVENTEEN, SADIE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL WITH HONORS. SOON AFTER...

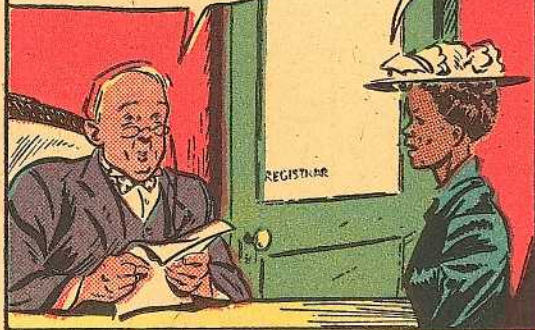
I'M SO GLAD WE'RE RETURNING TO PHILADELPHIA, MOTHER. NOW I'M SURE I CAN GO TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.



SADIE WASTED LITTLE TIME IN TRYING TO GET INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

YOU ARE VERY YOUNG, MISS MOSSELL. WE CAN ONLY ADMIT YOU ON PROBATION.

THANK YOU, I'LL WORK HARD.



SADIE WORKED VERY HARD.

I WISH YOU COULD JUST PLAY ONE SET, SADIE.

I'VE GOT TOO MUCH TO READ—I MUST TAKE TWO EXTRA COURSES.



AND WITHIN THREE YEARS SHE HAD EARNED HER B.S. DEGREE IN EDUCATION:

THEN ONE OF HER CROWNING ACHIEVEMENTS CAME IN JUNE, 1921, WHEN AGAIN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA...

TO YOU, MISS MOSSELL IS AWARDED THE FIRST PH.D. DEGREE TO A WOMAN MEMBER OF YOUR RACE IN THIS COUNTRY!



BUT THERE HAD BEEN OTHER FIRSTS IN SADIE'S FAMILY.

FIRST NEGRO EARNS LAW DEGREE AT UNIV. OF PA.

Sadie's Father

MEDICAL DEGREE AWARDED TO FIRST NEGRO IN PA.

Sadie's Uncle

HALLIE DILLON FIRST WOMAN TO PASS ALABAMA MEDICAL BOARD

Sadie's Aunt

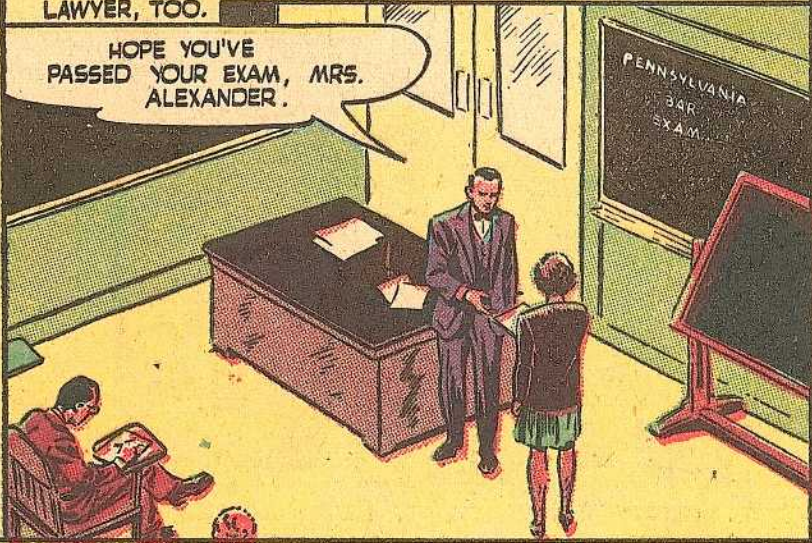
FIRST NEGRO RECEIVES PH.D AT UNIV. OF PA.

Sadie's Uncle

SADIE'S STUDIES WERE NOT OVER. SHE WANTED TO BE A LAWYER, TOO.

THERE WERE OTHER FIRSTS TO COME FOR SADIE. MEANWHILE ON THANKSGIVING DAY, 1923, SHE MARRIED RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER. HE HAD JUST RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE AT HARVARD. HE IS TODAY A DISTINGUISHED LAWYER.

HOPE YOU'VE PASSED YOUR EXAM, MRS. ALEXANDER.



INDEED SHE DID. IN 1927 SADIE BECAME THE FIRST NEGRO WOMAN TO BE ADMITTED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA BAR. SOON AFTER SHE BECAME ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR OF PHILADELPHIA FROM 1927-1930, AND AGAIN 1934-1937.

ONE OF SADIE ALEXANDER'S GREATEST DELIGHTS IS TO HELP WORTHY STUDENTS. ONE DAY IN 1937 JERRY CERTAINE WAS A BEWILDERED PHILADELPHIA BOY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO—I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE— BUT THERE'S NO MONEY.



SADIE HEARD ABOUT JERRY AND SENT FOR HIM.

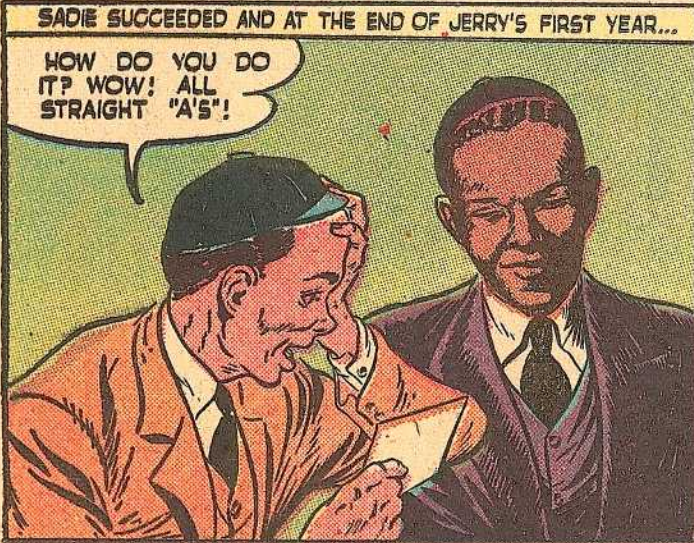
ALL RIGHT—I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET A SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOU AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, MRS. ALEXANDER.



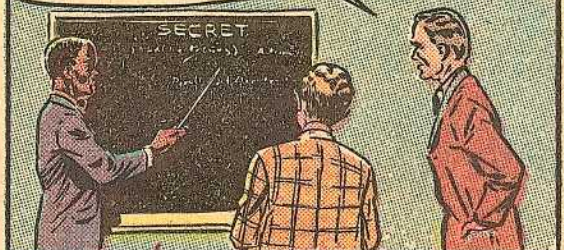
SADIE SUCCEEDED AND AT THE END OF JERRY'S FIRST YEAR...

HOW DO YOU DO IT? WOW! ALL STRAIGHT "A'S"!



SADIE HELPED JERRY THRU TEMPLE AND ON TO HARVARD, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS PH.D. THEN AT MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DURING THE WAR...

YOUR FORMULA, JERRY, SHOULD HELP IN OUR ATOMIC WORK.



JERRY CERTAINE, STILL DOING SECRET WORK, IS TODAY A PROFESSOR AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

AMONG THE MANY OTHERS SADIE HELPED WAS AGNES ANTHONY. ONE DAY IN FEBRUARY...



MISS ANTHONY—YOU'LL WORK UNTIL EIGHT TONIGHT. YOUR PAY IS ONE DOLLAR.

THAT SAME NIGHT...

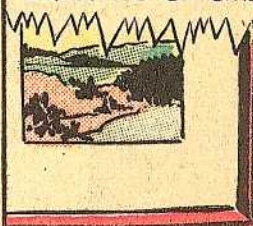
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU—I KNOW YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE. TOMORROW MORNING YOU'LL ENTER THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.



AGNES GRADUATED AND THEN RECEIVED HER MASTERS DEGREE AT FISK UNIV. IN 1945. SHE THEN RECEIVED AN URBAN LEAGUE FELLOWSHIP TO THE NEW YORK SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK GRADUATING IN DEC. 1947. TODAY SHE SUPERVISES YOUTH WORK AT THE MANHATTANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER IN NEW YORK. WITH HER GUIDANCE AND INFLUENCE SADIE ALEXANDER HAS HELPED MANY ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.

ONE DAY EARLY IN 1947...

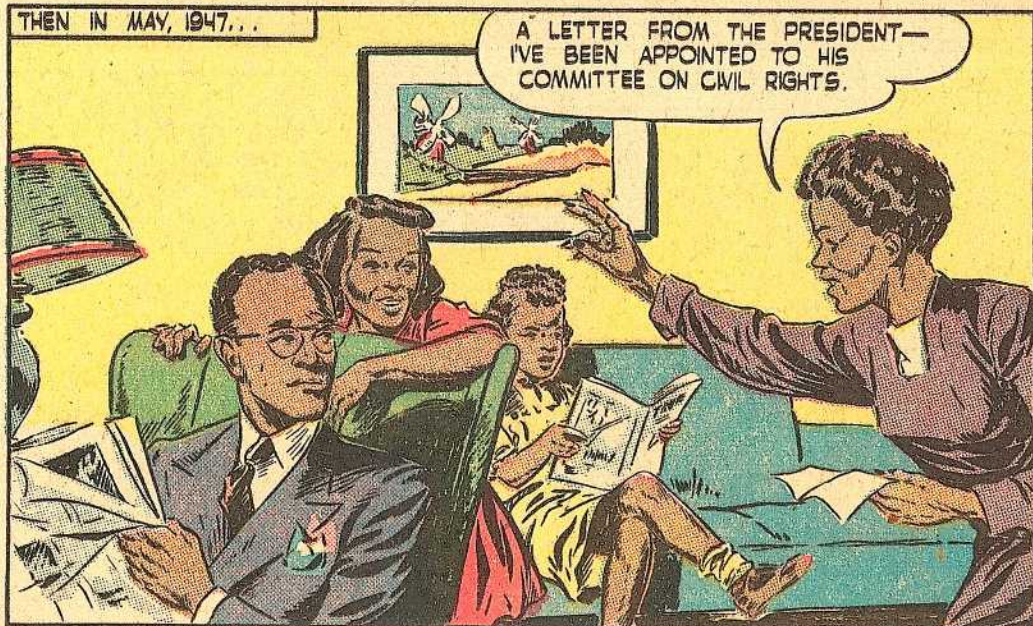
THIS IS MR. NILES, PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S ASSISTANT, CALLING. YOU ARE BEING CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS.



IT SHALL BE AN HONOR TO SERVE!

THEN IN MAY, 1947...

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT—I'VE BEEN APPOINTED TO HIS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS.



SADIE ALEXANDER BECAME ONE OF THE ONLY TWO WOMEN MEMBERS OF THE 15-MAN PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STATE OF AMERICA'S CIVIL RIGHTS.

SHE WORKED HARD ON THE COMMITTEE...

...INTERVIEWING MANY PEOPLE...

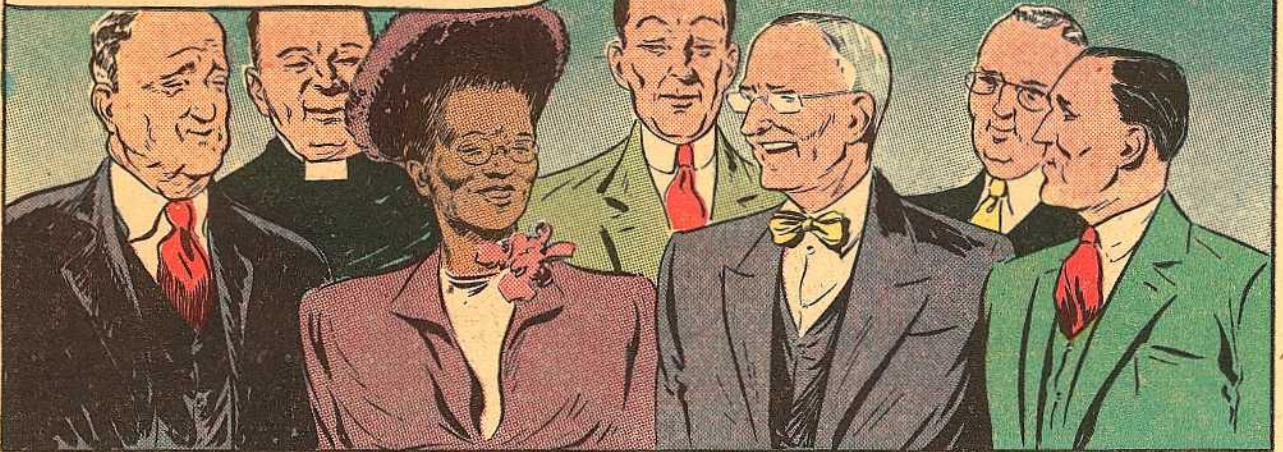
...DOING RESEARCH WORK...

...AND COMPILING REPORTS.



FINALLY ON OCT. 29, 1947, THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT "TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS" WAS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN.

THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE ARE BUSY MEN AND WOMEN. WE OWE THEM A DEBT OF GRATITUDE... I THANK THEM FOR THEIR UNSELFISH AND DEVOTED SERVICE.



AND NOW MRS. ALEXANDER'S ADVICE TO YOUTH TODAY...

IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT SHE IS ONE OF AMERICA'S LEADING WOMEN LAWYERS SHE IS: SECRETARY, NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION; SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE BOARD, NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE; CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FELLOWSHIPS, NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE.

BEING PREPARED FOR AN UNUSUAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IS AS IMPORTANT AS HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY OF TAKING A NEW AND UNUSUAL JOB. THE PRIME THING FOR NEGRO YOUTH TO DO IS GET THE HIGHEST AND MOST EFFICIENT TYPE OF TRAINING!



THE Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded at Howard University, Washington, D. C., January 13, 1912. Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander was Delta's first national president. Today through its 177 chapters on college campuses and in communities, Delta renders, among other public services, the following: scholarships and fellowships for students at home and abroad; traveling libraries in southern rural areas; education and action for civil rights; vocational guidance and increasing job opportunities for Negroes; the "Jabberwock" and other cultural activities.