

city owned lot at the northwest corner of Sixteenth and Geneva streets. It would be a frame structure 41 by 16 feet in size and, in addition, would have a 15 by 16-foot stage offset and a basement. Seating capacity would approximate 250.

"Cost of materials was estimated at \$8,975, Corliss said. WPA, in addition to providing labor, bears 35 percent of the cost of such projects if the city sponsors them, as it would this one. The other 65 per cent would have to be raised by solicitation. The earlier proposal would have required only \$1,986 from that source....."

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"BREAKS" GIVEN RACE WIN FOLLOWERS FOR F. D. R.

L. F. Coles, prominent Negro Socialist, recently returned from a tour of the South and in a lengthy interview with an Amsterdam News reporter, noted the following observations:

"(1) 'Negroes are all for President Roosevelt,' and (2) 'They are for his re-election because the New Deal has given "breaks" to Negroes as they have never had them before.'

"Mr. Coles said: 'On any number of government projects in Arkansas, Negroes have done extremely well, and while, in too many instances, they have not had all that was rightfully theirs, they have been able to get a number of Negro people on teaching projects, women on sewing projects, and men on building projects as painters, carpenters and bricklayers.

"In New Orleans there are several hundred Negroes on WPA projects, teaching and sewing and in WPA building, especially as bricklayers. In fact, here I found something that would be worthy of Ripley's 'Believe It or Not.' I found that the bricklayers' union has a Negro as president and a white man as vice-president, and that both white and black bricklayers meet together, in the same room, under the same roof, in the common bond of their labor problems.

"There are eight or ten playground projects, with four playgrounds completed, in New Orleans, and without these, made possible by the Works Progress Administration, Negroes would have no places for recreation in the entire city.

"This same condition is true nearly all over Mississippi, and largely true in the States of Florida, Alabama and Georgia," Mr. Coles stated.

"As to Georgia, the traveling free lance writer said that several large projects there are giving Negroes a chance to earn a living wage, despite rantings of Governor Eugene Palmadge, who was defeated a few days ago, and