

National Negro Newspaper Week



NEGRO PRESS

1827-1961

A GUIDING LIGHT FOR 134 YEARS

*(Poem by J. Edward McCall,
late editor-publisher, The
Tribune, Detroit, Michigan)

COME, let us sing of the **Negro Press**,

Sing of its courage, its trials, its success;
Sing of its fight for the right, waged so long
In defense of our people who suffer much
wrong.

There's power in the printed page, power in
the pen,

Power in the **Negro Press** and its news men,
Who, for the past hundred and thirty-four years,
Have guided and guarded us and assuaged our
fears.

Russwurm and Cornish, may their souls rest in
heaven,

Launched the first Negro weekly in 1827,
And from that time down to the present hour,
Negro newspapers have grown in influence and
power.

We can't build and run thriving journals with
foam,

Some good Negro papers should be in each
home.

Then let's make each week "**Negro Newspaper
Week**,"

By supporting the Press through which we
speak.