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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters' Meeting Goes Over In Big Way

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters held their mass meeting at Zion Baptist Church, Tuesday, November 18, 8:00 P. M. with the Honorable Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters of New York and the Honorable M. P. Webster, Vice President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, also a member of President Roosevelt's committee on Fair Employment for Negroes in the defense industries, were principle speakers.

Mr. Samuel Towles, President of the local branch of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Towles is becoming a master in the capacity as Master of Ceremonies. Several favorable comments were heard throughout the audience of how he successfully handled the meeting.

Mr. Webster, the first speaker, dealt principally with his new position as a member of the President's Fair Employment Committee—in the work they are trying to do, to increase the earning capacity of our group in the defense industries.

Mr. Randolph held the audience spellbound for one hour and eight minutes. You could hear a pin fall during the time he was speaking. After the meeting had adjourned, many of the attendants shook hands with each other congratulating themselves on deciding to attend the meeting. You could hear them say on leaving the entrance, "It was the greatest message as well as inspiring one, that they had ever had the pleasure of listening to."

Wednesday at 11:00 A. M. the local branch held their Brotherhood meeting in the NAACP office 2418 Crant St. At 2:00 P. M. Mr. Webster attended the Chair Car meeting at the Urban League. Mr. Randolph and Mr. Webster arranged a visit, with many other members, through the plant and offices of the Omaha Guide Publishing Company.

Wednesday evening at 8:30 the honorable guests were entertained at a reception at the Elks beautiful hall. All seem to be of an enjoyable evening.

Mr. Randolph and Mr. Webster, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Rome, Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Taylor, were the guest at dinner of Mr. Towles and Mr. Sims at the King Yuen Cafe, where a reporter of the Omaha Guide dropped in on them and if you had been there you would have thought that the reception at the Elks hall had not adjourned for the evening, but just for a few minutes.

Mr. Webster stated at the King Yuen Cafe, that New York had nothing on Omaha when it comes to entertaining its guests. Mr. Randolph says he always has a feeling of joy when he is headed for Omaha and that he considers the Omaha branch of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, one of the finest branches of the entire organization.

Mr. Vernon Booker T. Washington who is chef cook on the Union Pacific, had the pleasure of meeting the distinguished guests at the King Yuen Cafe. Mr. Washington was very much impressed with his introduction and Mr. Randolph with his keen interest in the welfare of the Negro worker asked Mr. Washington many questions about his position with the Union Pacific. Mr. Randolph asked Mr. Washington was it true that the Union Pacific was planning to exclude Negro chefs in the dining car system. Mr. Washington stated that he didn't know, but that they have not hired any Negro chefs since 1938. Mr. Washington stated to the Omaha Guide reporter, that he expected it to be a good idea, in order that his many friends may know who he is...that he had better say that Mr. Washington, better known as "Sioux Bill".

Thursday at 6:00 p. m. the local branch gave a dinner in honor of their distinguished guests at the Masonic Hall.

When Louis fought Baer in Washington last May he was declared the winner when Baer's manager refused to allow him to answer the bell for the 8th round claiming he had been fouled. This however, after Baer had been dropped several times by the champion.

To Pastor Councilman Powell Begins Harlem Fight In Detroit

WILL PREACH FAREWELL SERMON TO MT. MORIAH ON 2ND SUNDAY, IN DEC.



REV. F. P. JONES, pastor of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, and Moderator of the New Era Baptist State Association of Nebraska, and one of the Vice Presidents of the National Baptist Convention who has been called to the Corinthian Baptist Church of Detroit, one of the leading churches of the state of Michigan extended his resignation to the Mt. Moriah Church Sunday morning.

He has served as minister of the Mt. Moriah Church for over 10 years, working hard with his hands, mind and spirit. Giving his money at a sacrifice, endeavoring to prove that he was not here for the fishes and loaves. Finding the church heavily in debt the mortgage has been paid. The parsonage was threatened with foreclosure, has been readjusted. 75 percent of the active membership and those who hold responsible places in the church are those who came in during his administration.

The church is well organized and operates under the church control system. How well he has served, ad lived in the community is left for the public to judge. He came as a Christian gentleman, and gospel preacher and leaves the same way. He has made many friends among all races and classes. The loyal members who have worked with him earnestly, and untiringly, deeply regret the loss of his leadership. Mrs. Jones who has faithfully labored by his side, serving in various capacities in the church and community, will be equally missed.

Uel J. Battle who was selected by Mayor LaGuardia to take the late Lou Gehrig's place on the New York City Parole Board. The Associated Football Charities, Inc., which hopes to make this game an annual affair, represents various Negro, Catholic and Jewish charities.

JURY FREES EX-CONVICT OF ROBBERY CHARGE IN FIVE MINUTES Chicago, Nov. 19 (ANP) Deliberating only five minutes, a jury acquitted Harvey Rogers, white, 39 year old ex-convict of a robbery charge here Wednesday. The trial was held before Judge John A. Sbarbaro in criminal court.

The complaining witness, James C. (Big Jim) Martin, testified that Rogers and two other men had kidnaped him, his wife and chauffeur last May 27, and demanded \$100,000 ransom. Instead of waiting for the ransom money, they fled with \$30 and a \$300 ring. Martin is alleged to be king of the west side policy racket.

FORT BRAGG KILLINGS BY "UNKNOWN SOLDIER" SAYS WAR DEPARTMENT

Investigators Assert Whites and Negroes Were Shot With Same Gun, and Killer Is Still Hunted Three Months After Crime

New York, N. Y.—The killer of a Negro private and a white sergeant of military police in a row on a bus at Fort Bragg, N. C., the night of August 6, is still unknown, it was asserted by Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, in a letter to the NAACP, this week. All reports at the time of the shooting agreed that Sergeant E. L. Hargrave, white military police man, had been killed by Private Ned Turman, colored, who, in turn was killed by Sergeant Russell Owens, another white military policeman. These accounts were given by the daily papers, the Associated Press, Negro weekly papers, a personal investigator for the NAACP, a reporter for the New York newspaper, P. M. and eye-witnesses.

Despite all this, Secretary Stimson stated in his letter to the NAACP, that an examination of the bullets showed that both Hargrave and Turman were killed by bullets from Hargrave's gun. Secretary Stimson asserts that Sergeant Russell Owens was using a different type of ammunition from that used by Hargrave and none of his bullets were found in the bodies of the dead or wounded men.

WALTMAN RESIGNATION SHOWS REPUBLICAN LACK OF VITALITY Washington Bureau ANP—Washington, Nov. 19. (ANP)—Dying slowly because of an inability to cope with the present day issues, the Republican party is about to lose its last vestige of vitality, if the reported resignation of Franklin Waltman is true. To the lay members of the party, the name of Franklin Waltman means little—but to those who look to the issues of the party and to the cause for which the party fights, the name is the open sesame to a ringing battle.

Mr. Waltman is and has been the best publicity director the Republican party has ever had. His contemplated resignation comes, according to friends, because there is no issue confronting the party or rather there are no issues on which the party will take a definite stand in opposition to the administration.

Purely political, Mr. Waltman is one of the most astute writers in his field. Taken on when it seemed that the party needed a man with vision and ability, he was given unlimited powers at the outset. One of his first moves was to rebuild the party, and name Emmett J. Scott, director of Negro Publicity, a position which Dr. Scott has held for three years. Dissension in the party is believed to be wholly responsible for Mr. Waltman's decision. Saddled with Rep. Martin of Massachusetts as minority leader, who himself is saddled with Wendell Willkie, Democratic convert to the Republican ranks and last campaigns candidate, leaves Mr. Waltman with a terrible burden.



LEARN LATEST IN CARE OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN—Participants in Post graduate course, in care of Infantile Paralysis victims, held at Tuskegee Institute

Head Nurse; Miss Mary MacDonaid, Orthopedic Consultant; Mrs. Florida Trice, Brady Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Sallie Adams, Miss Warren Turpin. (ANP)

Reading from left to right: Mrs. Blanche Polk; Mrs. Katherine Parker; Miss Lulu B. Boswell, Head Nurse; Miss Mary MacDonaid, Orthopedic Consultant; Mrs. Florida Trice, Brady Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Sallie Adams, Miss Warren Turpin. (ANP)

Louis, 'Cab', Jesse Owens On "Freedom's People"

New York, N. Y. (NNS) —Joe Louis and Jesse Owens will headline the cast for the third broadcast of the NBC-Red Network's "Freedom's People" series, Sunday, November 23. The program will salute the contributions of American Negroes to the world of sports.

Bill Stern, NBC director of sports, will interview Owens in NBC's New York Studios, and Kon Carpenter, NBC West Coast sports caster, will interview Louis from Hollywood's Radio City. The program also will feature dramatizations of the careers of Owens and Louis.

Sues School Board For Equalization Of Salaries

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 18 (ANP)—Suit was filed recently in federal district court here by the Hillsboro county unit of the Florida Teachers' association against the Hillsboro county school board for unequal salaries. The petition was made by Miss Hilda Turner, teacher in the public schools here, who is represented by the law firm of McGill and McGill, Jacksonville Fla., and Atty. Thurgood Marshall, NAACP member.

Miss Turner has worked in the public school system for 12 years with only a meager increase in salary annually. Her maximum salary was recently reached and she only received \$87.68 per month as compared with \$148.13 for a white teacher with the same experience and training. Miss Turner is a graduate of Atlanta University and has done graduate work at Atlanta and Northwestern universities, the later at Evanston, Ill.

A difference of 41 percent between salaries of Negro and white teachers for the same type of work requiring the same degree of preparation exists. White teachers are paid on a graduate scale with substantial increases yearly. Training and experience are both considered in determining the salary. Negro teachers are paid more or less arbitrarily with a maximum reached after 10 years' service and with no serious regard for qualifications.

The wage discrimination is practiced generally throughout the south in utter disregard for the United States Supreme court ruling in September, 1939, in the case of Melvin Austin versus the city of Norfolk, Va. The court ruling teachers was in favor of Austin.

A formal request for salary adjustments was presented by local teachers to the school board, but the request was ignored and suit was immediately filed. Recently a similar case in the Gainesville district brought a ruling from Judge Long that the case of McDaniel vs. Escumbia county was in the same category as the case upheld by the U. S. Supreme court. This was the first case of this kind contested in the state.

claims. The two men, former claim-takers in the state unemployment compensation bureau, pleaded guilty to the charges. Bell had defrauded the state of \$800 and Ashford, admitted taking \$2,000.

JAMAICAN NATIONALISM GIVEN BOOST Kingston, Jamaica, (NNS) Another step favorable to Jamaican nationalism was taken by the British Government when in a recent order it gave permission to the island to have a national flag designed and flown from the flagpole of King's House, the official residence of the Governor.

The Jamaican ensign will replace the Union Jack. As recently as March of this year a new constitution was proposed for Jamaica by the London Government. This constitution included universal suffrage, enlargement of the council and abolition of the veto power exercised by nine electors in financial matters and of fourteen in all matters. Though the new constitution increased the Governor's vote and compulsory powers, it nevertheless represented a progressive step and partial success for the forces struggling for the island's independence.

Looked at in another light these steps of the British Government, might be regarded as measures designed to appease the labor and other social groups in Jamaica. The island is the largest in the British West Indies and is strategically regarded as the key to the Caribbean.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND HOME ECONOMICS WORKERS AMONG NEGROES GOES TO MEMPHIS FOR 1942 Memphis, Nov. 19 (ANP) The National Association of Negro

INDEPENDENT MERCHANTS ENDORSE STATE CHAIN STORE TAX

Over one thousand men and women attended a mass meeting of the Omaha Independent Grocers and Meat Dealers held at the Blackstone Hotel, Thursday night. Mrs. R. M. Kiefer, Secretary of the National Retail Grocers Association, addressed the assembly on "Modern Merchandising" and "The Advantages to the American Community of Maintaining and Preserving the Independent Retailers."

Short talks were made by Louis Kavan, secretary of the association, Richard Jespen, police commissioner and Ben Perelman, president of the association.

A discussion was had concerning the proposed state chain store tax now being sponsored by the Federation of Nebraska Retailers. The entire assembly unanimously adopted a program favoring the enactment in Nebraska of a state chain store tax based on the Louisiana law. The Louisiana statute, in effect since 1935, provides for a graded tax based on the number of units owned or controlled by a chain system in the entire United States rather than the number of stores in the particular state.

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if Waltman leaves, there will be a void in the party which will be hard to fill.

CARVER ART CENTER OPENS AT TUSKEGEE Tuskegee, Ala., (NNS) Another step in commemoration of Dr. Carver's monumental work was the dedication this week of the Carver Art Rooms which were opened at the George Washington Carver Museum at Tuskegee Institute.

Several weeks prior to the opening of the Rooms Dr. Carver was busy classifying and selecting canvases that had been rolled and packed away for nearly half a century. Not only did the aged artist clean every canvass himself, but he also personally supervised the construction of the frames and he trusted no hands but his own to put the pictures in the frames. Only when it came time for the pictures to be hung did Dr. Carver call upon his assistant.

TWO RECEIVE ONE YEAR SENTENCE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FRAUD Chicago, Nov. 19 (ANP) Municipal Judge Erwin J. Hasten sentenced James R. Bell, 33, and Carter Ashford, 32, to one year each in county jail on charges of defrauding the state of \$2,800 thru false unemployment compensation

Aggricultural Workers for its 1942 sessions will meet in Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 4-6.

The organization is gaining momentum and a paid up membership of 500 is expected to be present or to be represented by proxy J. W. Mitchell, chairman of the North Carolina State committee and vice president of the association has been formed. J. E. Ion, reports that a state organization of Oklahoma reports that the extension agents voted to affiliate with the national through their state organization. The officers of the association are Miss L. C. Hanna, Tuskegee, corresponding secretary, A. T. Busty, Alcorn, Miss., recording secretary J. C. McAdams, Texas, treasurer; J. W. Mitchell, North Carolina, vice president, and M. F. Spaulding, Langston, Okla., president.

The association was organized in 1940 at Tuskegee institute. It has as its object to advance the knowledge to promote the general interest of agriculture and home economics by developing standards and informing the public of conditions existing and suggesting remedies.

LOUIS-BAER FIGHT PURSE TO NAVY RELIEF New York, N. Y. (NNS) Having completed an exhibition tour of eight army camps heavyweight champion Joe Louis will do another stint for Uncle Sam when he meets Buddy Baer in Madison Square Garden on January 9th. The bout will be for the benefit of the New York Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society.

Louis will receive only expenses although his title is at stake. Promoter Mike Jacobs also is donating his services. The Relief Society does not accept proceeds from any promotion where the promoter receives payment of a fee. Organized in 1904, Navy Relief provides for emergency situations encountered by officers and enlisted

men and their families.

Louis has been classed by his Detroit draft board as 1-A and is subject to call by the army any moment. But in view of this charity bout and the fact that the champion will be 28 in May he may be permanently deferred.

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by RUTH TAYLOR

"Can we give thanks? Can we in all honesty celebrate Thanksgiving this year—when famine stalks a war torn Europe, when violence and threats of war are at our very door step, when even the elements themselves seem to conspire to the feeling of desolation?" So speak the gloomy souls. They know as all of us know that Thanksgiving Day is the day set apart for the annual festival of thanksgiving for the year's blessings but they do not see the blessings.

Last year at Thanksgiving time they were sure we would be at war in a few weeks they set the date so many dates that never happened. They were sure England would fall, that they would never withstand raids and deprivations. They were sure the Russian-German coalition would be too strong for the world. The one thing they were confident of was disaster.

Let's see what has happened. The low countries have fallen. France lies helpless. The Scandinavian countries have been overrun. Greece was devastated but in a battle of Thermoplae that as far surpassed the ancient heroism as this war has surpassed the wars of the ancients. But—the coalition is broken; the conquered countries are seething with revolt, even against the greatest odds: England still stands firm, united and courageous. With us...we have still not declared war, but within the country is arising, despite an avalanche of Nazi inspired propaganda, a sense of cooperation, a national unity which is our best safeguard of defense. Slowly but surely we are struggling to a sense of responsibility, of idealism, of high morale. Spiritually we are becoming armed for any crisis the coming year may bring forth.

Thanksgiving is the expression of gratitude for divine mercies. Not only can we give thanks this November—but we must. We, who still have peace, whose shores war has not penetrated, who still can enjoy the blessings of freedom, have a solemn duty to rejoice and give thanks unto the Lord for his many favors bestowed upon us as individuals and as a nation. In the spirit of thanksgiving for the divine favor of the past year, and with a deep and abiding trust in His mercies in the future we must celebrate this day of Thanksgiving, 1941 as a UNITED people in a UNITED STATES.

MRS. BETHUNE ADDRESSES D. A. R.

New York, N. Y. (NNS) Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women said in an address to regents of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel that in spite of discrimination against Negroes in the U. S. they feel that the fight against Fascism is their fight too.

"We're not blind to the fact that the doors of democratic opportunity are not opened very wide for us," Mrs. Bethune said, but she added that Negroes realized that under Hitler their persecution would be far greater.

The D. A. R. is the organization that refused to allow Marian Anderson or Paul Robeson to sing at Constitution Hall in Washington and from which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and others resigned in protest.

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NAMED HONORARY CHAIRWOMAN OF ALL STARS VS. YANKEE GAME New York, Nov. 19 (ANP) —Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has consented to become honorary chairwoman of the committee in charge of the charity football game to be played at the Polo grounds Sunday, Nov. 30, between the Colored All Stars and the New York Yankees.

Active head of the charity organization is Commissioner Sam-