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## SURROUNDED BY THEIR CHILDREN AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY—THE LAWSONS CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM LAWSON, SR., CELEBRATE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson, Sr. of 2511 Corby Street, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, July 26, at Elmwood Park, with a picnic and family reunion.

Six of their ten children were present: Mrs. G. Blair, Mrs. Dorris, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Joe Rice of Chicago and Messrs. Clifford and Lyle Lawson. Twenty-one grandchildren and one great grand child also helped Mr. and Mrs. Lawson to celebrate their anniversary. Other children are: Mrs. G. Stanley of Denver, Colo-

ado, Mrs. E. Morrow of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. LaVerne Delespine of Kansas City and Mr. William Lawson of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson united in Holy Matrimony in 1892 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. All of their children were born in Nebraska, two in Lincoln, the others in Omaha. Mr.

Lawson is 75 and Mrs. Lawson, 70. Mr. Lyle Lawson, the youngest son, leaves Saturday to join the armed forces. He will be the second member of the immediate family serving his country. Robert Blair, a grandson is now in Australia with Negro troops.

## CLAIR CHAPEL HOST TO TOPEKA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Topeka District Conference Conventions of the Youth Fellowship, and Women's Society of Christian Service, and Worker's School will convene at Clair Chapel church Tuesday, August 4 to 9, 1942.

The Conference Sessions will be presided over by District Superintendent Dr. D. G. Hancock of Kansas City, Kansas. Miss Charles Jacobs of Independence, Kansas is District President of the Youth Fellowship, and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds is District President of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Ministers and lay-delegates will be in attendance from Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. Mrs. Inez Ballard of Wellington, Kansas is dean of the Worker's School offering the following courses: "The New Testament in the Life of Today"; "How to Finance the Small Church"; "At Work for a Christian World"; "Children and the Changing World"; "Young Adults in Action in the Church"; "The Use of Leisure".

Sermons will be delivered each day at 6 a. m., 11:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Revs. L. A. Story, F. C. Williams, C. Q. Hickerson and J. E. Blackmore will deliver sermons during the Conference. The pastors and members of all churches are cordially invited to attend all the sessions and services. For further information call Rev. C. C. Reynolds, Webster 1937.

memorial in honor of Dr. George Washington Carver.

## ORDER FBI INVESTIGATION OF TEXARKANA LYNCHING

Attorney General Francis Biddle announced today that he had ordered an FBI investigation into the lynching of William Vinson, Negro, by a mob at Texarkana, Texas, on July 20.

According to information in the hands of the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice, Vinson is alleged to have attempted to rape a white woman at the Red River Ordnance Depot trailer camp, near Texarkana. While being captured he was shot and critically wounded. He was then taken to the Texarkana Hospital for treatment, where, it is charged, he was left without a guard or police protection.

It is reported that in the early morning hours of the following day a mob of approximately 50 men entered the hospital, took Vinson from his bed, tied one end of a rope around his neck and the other end to the rear bumper of an automobile, and dragged him through the streets of the town. When the cavalcade of several automobiles reached the grounds of the Texarkana Cotton Oil Corporation, Vinson's body was hanged from a winch on the loading platform.

The investigation ordered by the Attorney General is for the purpose of determining whether the identity of the lynchers can be learned and whether the year be prosecuted under the Federal Civil Rights Statutes.

## DR. CARVER IS HENRY FORD'S GUEST AT DETROIT OPENING OF NEW FOOD LABORATORY

Detroit, July 25 (ANP)—At the opening, last Tuesday, by Henry Ford, motor magnate, of his new food experimental laboratory to be used for developing new food uses for agricultural products, Mr. Ford's guest of honor at his Dearborn laboratory was his old friend, Dr. George Washington Carver, Tuskegee Institute scientist whose development of the lowly peanut has brought his worldwide fame.

Mr. Ford and his guest took occasion to deny that Dr. Carver's researches at Dearborn would be connected with synthetic rubber, as had been rumored.

On display was a platter of sandwiches made of soy bean mixture of weeds which Dr. Carver called wild vegetables. The weeds were wild bergamot, narrow leaved plantain, purslane, pigweed, milkweed, dandelion, lamb's quarter and wild radish.

Austin W. Curtis, Dr. Carver's

## What Is A Blood Test?

This is the third of a series of Articles on Syphilis and Gonorrhea by doctors of the local medical society.

This article is by—  
DR. A. L. HAWKINS.

Fortunately for the 6,500,000 sufferers from syphilis and for the half million new cases each year, science has found a way to detect infection in time to cure most cases, and to prevent the spread of new infections.

It will come as a surprise to many that you cannot tell by looking at a person that they have been infected with syphilis. In fact, it will be a greater surprise to learn that even a physical examination by a competent doctor will often not disclose syphilis in its latent stage. The best way to discover syphilis in this stage is to have a blood test as a part of the physical examination.

The actual technical operation of the laboratory work on the blood test is too difficult to describe here. Science has discovered that the syphilis germ changes the composition of the blood stream so that when the blood is given certain chemical tests, the blood of an infected person reacts differently than that of one whose blood is not contaminated.

The taking of the blood sample is a simple and painless procedure. The arm is bared above the elbow and pressure is applied to make the veins stand out. A hollow needle is inserted in the vein and a small amount of blood is drawn. This blood is placed in a small vial prepared for it. The laboratory work is done in duplicate to eradicate the possibility of error, and if the results are in doubt, a second test is conducted. All possibility of error is removed as nearly as is possible.

If the test is returned as positive, the doctor may ask for a second test if there are absolutely no signs, symptoms, or history which would indicate the correctness of the test. The identity of the person is confidential, and there is no need for anyone to know the results except the physician and the patient.

Because so many people are infected and so many of those infected are unaware of the infection, even in the beginning, the blood test is the greatest step toward the wiping out of syphilis since the discovery of the treatment.

The day will come—and if we work steadily it will be soon—when a blood test will be as regular and necessary as vaccination for smallpox. When each person accepts this fact, then syphilis will be as rare as smallpox, because no one in his right mind, upon discovering it, would refuse treatment and cure.

# Negroes In Major League Ball Sport

## REPORT NEGRO BASEBALL PLAYERS' TRIAL SET FOR AUGUST 4TH

Three Negro baseball players will at last after a long time of continually pounding at the baseball sporting world's door, will receive a try-out August 4 with the Pittsburgh Pirates, according to an announcement Sunday in New York by Sports Editor Nat Low of the Daily Worker.

Low picked the date after a conference with William Benswanger, Pirates' president.

He identified the trio as Roy Campanella, 20 year old catcher with the Baltimore Elite Giants and last year's most valuable player in the Negro National League; second baseman Sam Hughes of the same club and Pitcher Dave Barnhill, winner of 18 games and loser of three for the New York Cubans last season.

Benswanger said "there still are many problems to be ironed out. Manager Frank Frisch told reporters, "I'm only the manager. I do what I'm told."

## LANDIS STATEMENT LEAVES ISSUE SQUARELY UP TO MANAGERS AND OWNERS

### RANDOLPH SAYS FIGHT MUST BE MADE NOW TO GET BALL PLAYERS IN MAJORS

In the light of the statement syndicated under Chicago date line of July 17, by U. P. News Service of Baseball Commissioner Kennesaw M. Landis in which he says: "There is no rule against major clubs hiring Negro baseball players." He went further and said: "I have come to the conclusion it is time for me to explain myself on this important issue: Negroes are not barred from organized baseball by the Commission and have never been since the twenty-one years I have served. There is no rule in the organized baseball prohibiting their participation to my knowledge."

If Durocher, any other manager, or all of them want to sign one or more. That is the business of the manager and the club owners. The business of the Commissioner is to interpret the rules and enforce them. This statement from Judge Landis was provoked by an alleged statement by Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers in which he said: "He would hire Negro players if he were permitted."

This is one of the most important comments that has yet been made on the question of Negro baseball players entering the major leagues. (Continued on page 2)

# 'Color Prejudice' Is Crux Of World Struggle Says White

Los Angeles... More than 9,000 persons attending the closing meeting of the 33rd annual conference of the NAACP held in the Shrine auditorium on Sunday July 19, heard Walter White describe color prejudice as the basis of the world conflict today. In masterful fashion Mr. White reviewed the viciousness of British imperialism in India, Asia, and Africa, pointing out the pattern of racial superiority evolved there continued to hold even in the face of the formidable defeats handed the United Nations by the Axis. He voiced hopes that America at this crucial moment would give up its general conceptions of the Negro and the other colored peoples of the world as being second class citizens, since the positive support and loyalty of these peoples is vital to victory.

Mr. White said in part: "I sometimes wonder why it should be so, thank God, the Negro's faith and loyalty continue to rest in the American ideal of human decency. Despite all the temptations to cynicism and revenge the Negro has resisted every attempt of Japanese or other anti-American propaganda to capitalize on the Negro's discontent. The few exceptions have been of an infinitesimally small number of Negro racketeers whom we of the NAACP repudiate and condemn without reservation. We continue to buy war bonds and we are going to invest every penny we can in them. We continue to fight for the right to fight for democracy. We loathe Hitler because we have known in our own land for three centuries and more what racial bigotry like Hitler's means. We hate the imperialism of Japan just as we hate that of white nations from which we have suffered. And we are going to continue to raise our voices and to use our organized strength against Hitlerism in Nazi Germany, in Tokyo, in Mississippi, in Washington, D. C. and in Los Angeles, California. We are going to continue to work with the forces of enlightenment in the desperate struggle to overcome the head start the forces of greed and intolerance have gained."

## WEBSTER PUSHES CASE OF COLORED RR. FIREMEN

### IN FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Los Angeles, July 30—Because of his rich experience and extensive knowledge as a result of long activity in the labor movement as a leader and executive of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, as 1st International Vice President, M. P. Webster who is a member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, officially presented for the consideration of the Fair Employment Practice Committee, the deplorable plight of the colored locomotive firemen on the railroads in the Southeast and Southwest of the country, such as the Sea Board Air Lines, Louisiana and Nashville, Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Louisiana and Arkansas, Illinois Central, Central of Georgia. The Georgia and a number of others. Mr. Webster called for a thorough and complete investigation of the whole problem of displacement of Negro locomotive firemen by white firemen of lesser seniority rights and the policy of Negro firemen who have died, have been fired or retired. According to Webster the program will be to hold hearings of the Committee where various parties to this question of the elimination of Negro firemen from the railroads will be brought before the Committee for examination and testimony.

By this method it hoped that the secret contracts negotiated by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engine-men with various railway carriers containing non-promotion clauses that provide that no worker should become a fireman who is not eligible also to become an engineer on the railroad. Since, of course, Negroes are not eligible to become engineers, they cannot become firemen in as much as the next step of promotion from a fireman is that of the engineer, stated A. Philip Randolph, who is the Chairman of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Provisional

### Committee for the Organization of Colored Locomotive Firemen.

## NAACP ADOPTS AGGRESSIVE RESOLUTIONS AT LOS ANGELES CONVENTION

Los Angeles—The resolutions adopted by the delegates attending the 33rd annual conference of the NAACP held here July 14-19, voiced interest in, and complete support of the war effort, but insisted upon complete integration of colored Americans and other minorities in every phase of it. The preamble to the resolutions cited the responsibility of the Association in securing and protecting the rights of all citizens, pointing out that unless democracy could be made to work for America's largest minority group, it could not and would not work for any others. Excerpts from the strong resolution on WAR AND NATIONAL POLICY are quoted below:

"The war against Axis aggression into which our nation has been plunged along with Russia, China, Great Britain, and twenty four other nations is a war in which racial minorities in this and other lands have a great stake. We in the NAACP, know that the racial ideas of Nazism are directly and completely contrary to everything for which we have stood and stand today. We remember well Hitler's contemptuous reference to Negroes as half apes. We know that the destruction of all civil rights, the rights of free speech, press, and assembly, the right to worship without state interference, and the right to hold elections after free discussion, are all slated for destruction if Nazism is victorious; and that if Nazi doctrines prevail in an America defeated by the Axis, then the NAACP would itself become illegal.

"We are therefore squarely behind the war and especially support the ideals proclaimed by the Vice

President Wallace.

"We Negroes of America demand no special privileges. But we do demand from America all the rights accorded to our white fellow citizens, the rights to which we would be entitled if the professed democratic ideals of race, creed, or color were really carried out. We demand the right to live and work for our country in the defense industries and otherwise, and the right to die for our country without segregation or discrimination in the armed forces and on the same basis as all other citizens.

"Therefore, we do raise and will continue to raise with all the vigor of which we are capable, these issues of discrimination and segregation in the armed forces, denial of employment in war industries, brutality against Negro soldiers by prejudiced military and local civilian police in some areas, and denial in some sections of the right to vote and to serve on juries; police brutality against Negro civilians, discrimination against Negroes in government and diplomatic service; lynching, railroad jim crow cars, and educational discrimination which condemns Negro children to totally inadequate schooling in the places where most Negroes live, and all the other evils against which our organization contends.

"We raise these issues because we stand for justice; we raise them now with special vigor and energy because this is a war against aggression and for peace against dictatorship, and for freedom, and against the Nazi master race ideas, and for the ideal of equal rights for all."

Equally strong resolutions were adopted of the Poll Tax, Lynching, Housing, Dies Committees, Rent Control, and Discrimination by Unions and Employers. Other resolutions included those denouncing the present policy of the Red Cross on blood; discrimination in public conveyances and the evacuation of aliens solely on an arbitrary and color basis. A resolution also endorsed the movement to have the Federal government establish a park or

## DENTISTS' DAYS - AUG. 10-14 - NASHVILLE



## PIONEER OMAHAN DROPS DEAD

Mr. John A. Hickman, who has lived in Omaha for some 30 years, and was employed as caretaker at the First Methodist Church at 20th and Davenport Sts., and recently employed at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 30th and Woolworth Ave., dropped dead at Eudra, Kansas, July 28th, at 11 a. m.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, Mrs. Zenobia Hickman and a son, Emory Hickman who resides at 3402 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, Neb.

## TALMADGE TELLS NEGROES TO 'STAY OUT OF GEORGIA' IF THEY OBJECT TO SEGREGATION

Atlanta, July 30 (ANP)—Eugene Talmadge, governor of Georgia, issued a public statement Thursday in which he advised any Negro who objected to the state's segregation laws "to stay out of Georgia."

Talmadge made the statement in his political weekly, The Statesman as a comment on numerous telegrams of "indignation" he had received after the brutal beating by police at Rome of Roland Hayes, internationally famous tenor.

"We are going to keep the Jim Crow laws and protect them and will not allow the whites and the blacks to be taught in the same schools and colleges in the state of Georgia," said Talmadge.

Whites and blacks in Georgia, he contended, approve of the state's separation laws in hotels, restaurants, and other public places.

## WAR MANPOWER SEEKS SKILLED NEGRO WORKERS

New York... The NAACP has been asked by the War Manpower Commission to assist in finding qualified skilled Negro workers for certain specific jobs in war industry. There exists almost immediate openings for those with as little as one year's experience in the types of work listed below. Individuals who think they can qualify are

NASHVILLE, July 28 (ANP) The above pictured committee chairman and officers of the Capitol City Dental Association, Aug. 10-14. The national president, Dr. Leon A. Reid, Richmond, Va., advised the local to go ahead with the convention program because the office of the director of defense transportation, J. E. Eastman assured that there would not be any curtailment of passenger railway traffic in the near future. Also the inland location of Nashville is away from the over crowded eastern coast.

Highlighting the meeting is the military first aid course offered by Dr. Leo Holton, Washington at which sessions the dentists will be instructed in first aid measures to carry on with the physicians and nurses. Outstanding faculty members of Meharry Dental College are to give clinics and exhibitors will show the latest and most improved types of dental equipment and materials.

The social program includes a picnic barbecue, stagg and grand ball with special plans for the dentists wives and the dental hygienists.

Shown in the group reading from left to right are: Dr. William H. Watson, chairman exhibits and finance committee and faculty member; Dr. D. H. Turpin, chairman, scientific program committee, faculty member and vice president, National Dental Association; Dr. C. W. Engard, faculty member; Dr. R. F. Safford, chairman, local program committee, vice president, Capitol City Dental Society and secretary; Dr. J. F. Perkins, chairman, housing committee and secretary; Dr. J. B. Singleton, chairman, entertainment committee and faculty member; Dr. S. C. Freeman, president, Capitol City Dental Society and faculty member.