

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION CLOSES

Fortieth Annual Session Attended by More than 8,000 People and Said to Be Most Successful in History of Denomination.

DELEGATION VISITS SENATOR HARDING

Convention Decides to Erect Publishing House. Lays Plans for Raising Funds for Proposed Building. Chicago Is Selected for Next Meeting.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 23.—The National Baptist Convention has just closed its fortieth annual session in this city, which is said to be one of the greatest in its history and was attended by fully 8,000 people from all parts of the country.

One of the features of the convention was the appointment of a committee of 20 to confer with Senator Warren G. Harding, Marion, O., republican nominee for president of the United States. The delegation was headed by President E. C. Morris of Helena, and Secretary R. N. Hudson of Selma, Ala.

In speaking for the convention and the committee, among other things, Dr. Morris said: "We are not here to ask any special favors as a separate and distinct race in this country, neither to evoke any pledge from your

country, neither as to your attitude when you become president, as we confidently believe you will be the next president. For having watched you act as a great christian statesman, we believe that when elected you will be the president of all the people of our great country. The platform adopted by your party and your speech of acceptance appeal to us, as we believe they do, to an overwhelming majority of the American people, as worthy of the hearty support of all patriotic Americans.

"The people we represent are, and ever have been, one hundred per cent Americans, and have proven it from the days of Crispus Attucks in Boston to the time when the news of the Armistice was sounded by the bugle in Argonne Forest barely two short years ago. We believe that it was your good nature and high sense of justice which prompted you in your speech of acceptance to acknowledge the valour of the four hundred thousand black boys who so cheerfully put their necks under the yoke of American patriotism, to secure for all people universal democracy. These brave black boys expect as a reward: the security, protection and all the unqualified rights of American citizens as provided in the laws of our country. This much they have a right to expect and will not be satisfied with less, for the republic must be strong enough to enforce its laws if it is to survive."

Every session of the convention was freighted with interest. Senator Watson delivered an address of welcome as did Governor James P. Goodrich.

It was decided to erect a publishing house in Nashville, and plans were laid to raise money for that purpose. Three men were named as members of the National Baptist Publishing Board, of which Dr. R. H. Boyd is secretary, the court having decided that the convention had an equity in the plant.

The convention accepted the invitation from Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago to hold its next annual session in Chicago.

WOULD PREVENT INTERMARRIAGE OF REDS AND BLACKS

Governor Hobby to Be Asked to Present Bill to Texas Legislature Forbidding Intermarriage of Black and Red Races. Wealth of Osage Indian Lands Underlying Motive.

(By Associated Negro Press.) FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 16.—In an effort to save the Indian race from further intermingling of Negro blood, C. B. Trailer of Hominy, Okla., son of the chief of the Osage tribe, will ask Governor Hobby to present to the next Texas legislature a bill preventing the intermarriage of Indians and Negroes.

Through his efforts Oklahoma already has such a law and a similar law was recently passed in Louisiana. He believes that it is imperative that Texas enact the same legislation.

The Osage tribe is the wealthiest in the United States and one of the most advanced. Its lands are rich with oil and its per capita wealth in the hands of the government mounts into the millions of dollars.

The Indian leader declares that the time has come for the Indian to take his chance with the other citizens of the republic. He declares that the aborigine has been an unwilling ward of an unwilling government for many years and that it is now time for him to look after himself.

"No aboriginal race has shown finer native qualities than the American Indian in this state who is free from Indian blood," Trailer declared. "If we can get laws passed in each state prohibiting his intermarriage with the Negro race and lend a helping hand for a while to stimulate him in his development, he will contribute useful and important elements to the future citizenship of our lands."

"At the same time that we are encouraging the immigration of foreigners and their assimilation by our people we should not neglect a like treatment of the Indians, who have far more promising qualities than many of the foreigners who seek our shores."

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION'S RECORD

(By Associated Negro Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 23.—During the 32 years of its existence the Berean Building and Loan Association, of which Rev. Matthew Anderson is president, has assisted no less than 1,600 families in purchasing homes in this city. It has matured stock to the amount of \$415,350 and paid out \$354,224.19 on stock withdrawn before maturity. Assets of the association are now valued at \$354,989.84, and 441 homes are now being purchased by shareholders who drew on matured stock during August \$10,556. W. Basil Webb, long Mayor's messenger and widely known in and about the City Hall, is secretary of Berean B. & L. Association.

DUPONT SCHOOL HOUSES BEING BUILT

(By Associated Negro Press.) WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 23.—Three new school houses, one-teacher types, the first product of the \$500,000 contributed by Pierre S. DuPont and dispensed by the Delaware School Auxiliary Association for improved educational facilities for the Negro children in this state, were dedicated at Hockessin, Marshallton and Christiana, and formally transferred to the New Castle County Board of Education. The trustees of the school districts adopted resolutions thanking Mr. DuPont for his generous gift. Many persons admired the school buildings, which are substantially constructed and fully equipped.

EDITOR KEMP GIVEN LARGE VOTE AT PRIMARIES

(By Associated Negro Press.) DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 23.—Editor Wm. P. Kemp of the Detroit Leader made an excellent showing in his recent race for the Legislature from this city. Kemp received 10,246 votes. There were 46 candidates, running and 11 were to be nominated. Mr. Kemp was greatly handicapped by being stricken ill just on the eve of the campaign and was unable to take any active part in the fight which he would undoubtedly have won by a good margin had he been able to even direct the energies of his friends, who so nobly came to his aid and rendered herculean service in their efforts to put him over.

APPOINTED MILITARY INSTRUCTOR

(By Associated Negro Press.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 23.—Capt. Thomas M. Dent, Jr., of Washington, D. C., formerly of the 368th infantry and the youngest colored officer in the American Army during the world war, has been appointed Military Instructor of the Cadets at the Lincoln High School of this city. In addition he is to have charge of the football eleven. Capt. Dent has had several years' experience in football, having played in the backfield of the Howard University team for 4 years previous to his graduation last June. Since his return from France, where he had the distinction of receiving a citation for exceptional bravery in action, not only from his regimental and divisional commanders, but also from Gen. John J. Pershing himself, he has been in the Register of the Treasury Department office in Washington.

BAPTIST CONVENTION MET AT COLUMBUS

(By Associated Negro Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio., Sept. 23.—The National Baptist Convention presided over by Dr. E. P. Jones, Evanston, Ill., held its 40th annual session here this week. It is estimated that two thousand delegates were in attendance in the convention and the woman's auxiliary. Throughout the week the reports of the eight different boards were read by their secretaries showing the scope of activity of the convention through its several arms during the past year. The local committee had charge at the night sessions, and the various welcomes from business, political, social and civic organizations were made. The official opening of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention occurred at the Long Street Baptist Church. Mrs. G. DeB. Ashburn presided. 200 members of the convention took a special train and under guidance of Henry Lincoln Johnson, National Committeeman from Georgia, visited Marion, Ohio, where they were addressed by Warren G. Harding, Republican candidate for President. Dr. E. P. Jones was re-elected president; E. H. Branch of Texas was elected Treasurer.

PROTECT LONGSHOREMEN

(By Associated Negro Press.) BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Determined to break the non-working conditions among the Irish longshoremen for the last two weeks on the White Star pier, officials of the line adopted radical measures. The Irish longshoremen "vacationists," who have been out since the Baltic arrived were ignored and no appeal was made to them to come to work. This firm has 200 Negro longshoremen ready at the outside of the pier at 7 a. m. Two sergeants and 25 policemen were ready to suppress any rioting, but there was no disorder.

FRAGRANCE OF ROSEWOOD

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Lost No Time.

Mary, aged 4, was pulling her baby brother in a wagon when the baby slipped over and began to cry. When she took him to her mother and told her about it her mother asked: "What did you do when the baby cried?" Mary replied: "I got scared to death just as quick as I could."

A Sandy Inheritance

By RALPH HAMILTON

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The young man looked fagged out as he came down the road and turned into Farmer Worth's yard to get a drink of water at the pump.

"You think you won't stop!" a voice startled him, and he arose to his feet, neither wishing to play intruder nor eavesdropper.

"Not I," came the prompt response. "I won't say that your offer isn't liberal, for a farmer, but they're paying a dollar an hour for carpenters and I've quite a knack that way."

Wayne Delmore had moved on and started for the road. A young man carrying a worn satchel came down the porch steps and swung through the gate. Their paths crossed, Delmore halted.

"I wasn't trying to listen," he said, "but it sounded as if you were turning down a job."

"Yes," acceded the other promptly, "looking for one?"

"I've got to, I guess," answered Delmore in a dull, weary tone. "Any use of a man who never handled a plow applying?"

"Abel Worth don't want a plow hand," came the reply. "It's a sort of superintendent or overseer he's after. Cripple, you know, and can't get around any too good. Are you quick at figures, and can you boss a gang of six?"

"I did some work of that kind over the state line," said Delmore.

"Well, it won't hurt to try your luck. I want a man who can watch the odd ends and keep the hands straight," advised Abel Worth. "Since my daughter went to work in the town I haven't anybody to keep track of things as she used to. You'll have to be manager, timekeeper and cashier. References? Security? You see, I must know that I am trusting an honest man, although you look that on sight."

"I am too honest and trustful, I've begun to think," replied Delmore, with a wan smile. "I have a letter from my last employer. Security, yes, if you'll consider sixty-eight acres just over the ridge, as that."

"Oh, you own some land hereabouts, then?" inquired Worth in manifest surprise.

"Yes, about a half quarter section. That's my trouble. I wanted to get a little farm and I traded a house and lot for the sixty-eight acres. The seller was a land shark. I've just looked it over. It's all sand and even a weed won't grow on it."

"Ah, I understand now. Yours are the third hands through which that triangular piece has passed in the last five years. So they hoccussed you? Too bad! Well, I'll be glad to give you a show. Got any traps with you?"

"At the depot—my trunk."

"We'll get that later. I will pay you \$55," and Worth went into detail, then called his wife, explained matters, and Delmore found himself apportioned a neat bedroom, and was made aware of the nature of the work expected of him.

"You can hitch up the sorrel about four o'clock, if you will, and go and get your trunk," instructed Mr. Worth. At just six stop at Front street block in the town—anybody can direct you there—and call for my daughter in the office of Bird & Black, lawyers. She works there. Bring her home."

Six o'clock began a new and delightful chapter in the life of Wayne Delmore. A bright, pleasant, intelligent girl of eighteen, Ruth Worth was beautiful as well. She chatted with Delmore all the way to the farm. At the supper table she, as well as her father and mother, seemed glad to make the stranger feel at home.

Within a few weeks Delmore was domesticated and a new man in feelings and character. He had thrown the sand land to the discard.

"I'm so sick of it," he told Ruth one evening. "that I never want to think about it again. A man was around yesterday asking its price. I wouldn't talk to him. Because some one cheated me, I'm not going to play the swindler in turn."

Delmore at the end of the season was an expert in his new position. He was only too willing to continue in the same. Ruth had become the light of his life and he had won the sincere liking of every one about the farm. He was sent for in the field one day by Mr. Worth, who somewhat astonished him with the information that Ruth had telephoned from the law office to have him call her up. Delmore was equally amazed when the words came over the wire:

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It was in a great transport of excitement that Ruth joined him in the farm buggy at six o'clock. She had quite a story to tell. A client of the firm had been having the sand of the 60 acres analyzed, as had several other concerns. It seemed that the substance was known as crystallized sand, found, after experiments, to be especially adaptable for the making of fine porcelain.

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