

DOCTOR SHOT

THREE BULLETS FIRED INTO DOCTOR'S BODY BY JEALOUS MATE; LIVES

SEVENTEEN BLACK AMERICANS WERE LYNCHED LAST YEAR

Texas Atones For Former Transgressions—Has Clear Record For First Time In Forty-Three Years

ANTI-LYNCHING CAMPAIGN

Actively Waged For Several Years Is Bringing Good Results Lynchless Land Goal Not Yet Reached

Washington, D. C., (Special)—Seventeen persons, all colored American citizens, were lynched in the United States during 1925, an increase of one over the record for 1924, the Federal Council of Churches set forth Wednesday in its annual report on the subject.

The council put on its honor roll 38 commonwealths where no lives had thus been taken. It also saw an encouraging sign in the fact that in 39 cases officers of the law had prevented mob violence and that there had been a number of convictions of mob members.

The report was prepared by the council's committee on race relations and the committee in an accompanying statement declared "mob law has thrown down the gauntlet to the churches and all other organizations standing for law and order and justice through the courts."

The goal of achieving a lynchless land in 1926 could not be reached because a lynching had occurred as early as January, the report added.

Two unusual events were recorded in 1925. Texas for the first year since the beginning of records in 1882 being free of lynching and Utah having its first occurrence of the kind since 1884.

"During the past year five states which had previously been on the honor roll, namely: Arkansas, Ohio, Virginia, Alabama and Utah, lost their places because of mob murder within their borders," the committee declared.

"Four states, Illinois, Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee, which had been on the roll in former years, were restored because their borders were free of lynching in 1925."

The council's roll of honor follows: States that have never had a record of a lynching: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Additional states that have no record of a lynching since 1886: Connecticut, Maine and New Jersey. Additional states that have no record of a lynching during the past 20 years: Delaware, Michigan and Wisconsin. Additional states which have no record of lynching during the past 10 years: Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

Additional states which have no record of a lynching in the past five years: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Additional states which have no record of a lynching during 1925: Illinois, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Total states free of lynching in 1925: 38. Total states still having lynching: 10.

"Love knows no law," quoted the single guy. "You seem to forget the mother-in-law," suggested the simple mug.

GEORGE GARNER SINGS WITH CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Chicago, Ill.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Fresh laurels were won by George Garner, tenor, Thursday night when he appeared as soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Frederick J. Stock, conductor, at the popular concert in Orchestra Hall. Mr. Garner, who was the winner in the male voice class of this year's contest of the Society of American Musicians, sang the aria "On Away! Awake, Beloved," from Coleridge Taylor's cantata, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," the singing of which Edward Moore, music critic of the Chicago Tribune, described as "a matter of fine voice, extra good enunciation, and thorough knowledge of the piece." As an encore, the soloist sang an Italian number. Thursday night marked the second appearance of George Garner in Orchestra Hall this season.

COURT REFUSES TO SET ASIDE JURY VERDICT IN RHINELANDER CASE

New York, March 25.—Leonard Kip lost again today in another step in his litigation to annul his marriage to Alice Beatrice Jones Rhinelandter on the ground she is of Negro blood. Supreme Court Justice Morschauser denied a motion to set aside the jury's verdict that sustained the legality of the marriage and also denied a motion for a new trial. An immediate appeal is expected. Counsel fees of \$12,000 were allowed against young Rhinelandter, Justice Morschauser cutting a request for \$25,000 to that amount.

WOMAN ADOPTS COLORED BOY

Detroit, Mich.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Mrs. Elizabeth Seidel, a white Christian Science practitioner, has adopted a 14-year old colored boy, Roy Murphy, an orphan. Mrs. Seidel is rich, but was once poor, and attributed her success in life to her failure to draw either color or class lines. Young Murphy has been placed in school.

"RACIAL INTEGRITY" BILL KILLED BY MISS. SENATE

Jackson, Miss.—On the last day of its session, the State Senate, after having passed the House "Racial Integrity" bill, reconsidered its action and killed the measure. The explanation given was that the existing law covered the situation as far as Mississippi is concerned, and that the new measure would unnecessarily intensify racial animosity.

HARVARD DEMANDS PHOTOGRAPHS

Cambridge, Mass.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—In spite of the announcement that there is no desire on the part of Harvard College to bar any race or creed from the institution many are viewing askance the recent ruling that all applicants to the freshman class this fall must send photographs along with their application, and there is a fear that very few Negroes will be numbered among the freshmen who will sing with reverence and a fervent spirit "Fair Harvard."

This new action, which goes into effect in September, has recalled a series of incidents, that had its genesis with the refusal of admission of Roscoe Bruce, Jr., to Freshman Hall, some five years ago, that have tended to show that the spirit of Harvard has undergone a radical change since the days of William H. Lewis, William Clarence Matthews, Roscoe Conkling Bruce, Sr., W. T. B. Williams and hosts of other members of the Negro race who are among the most noted sons of Harvard.

VIOLINIST COMPLETES WORLD TOUR

New Orleans, La.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Andre F. Rosemond, the first colored violinist to make a tour of the world, left Havre, France, March 10 on his return to this city. Rosemond was the first colored man to enter the living palace in the Forbidden City, in Peking, China. In the Old World, he became famous as a violinist and director. Rosemond was born in New Orleans, the son of Mrs. Nancy Rosemond, who is now living.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA IN ANNUAL SESSION HERE

The Nebraska Grand Lodge of the Mosaic Templars of America, which has a national membership of over 100,000 and a local membership of 600, convened in annual session here Tuesday night at Pilgrim Baptist church. At the opening session an address of welcome on behalf of the city was delivered by Mayor Dahlman and responded to by Dr. J. S. Elliott, of Little Rock, Ark., national grandmaster. Several musical numbers added to the program.

Important business sessions were held Wednesday and Thursday, Grandmaster D. W. McQueen, presiding, with a public session Thursday night, featuring the juvenile department, which is rapidly growing. Dr. Elliott delivered an excellent address and there were brief addresses by others.

All the grand officers were re-elected, namely: Rev. D. W. McQueen, G. M.; Rev. J. D. Davis, Aaronic G. M.; Mrs. Georgia Borders, State Scribe; S. W. Mills, S. T.; R. C. Stewart, burial secretary; Dr. Herbert Wiggins, burial treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Mills, assistant secretary; Moses Gaines, State Marshall; G. W. Wilson, State deputy; Joseph Scott, Temple treasurer; Dr. D. W. Gooden, medical examiner; Rev. W. F. Botts, chaplain; Mesdames E. C. Hill and Emma Taylor, committee of management.

It is said that this was the best session of the Grand Lodge ever held, reports showing marked progress made by the order.

JIM CROW BLOCKS DETROIT SCHOOL BOARD

Detroit, Mich.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—An injunction issued in the courts of Judge Jayne with Atty. W. H. McKinney, counselor for the N. A. A. C. P., was held valid this year. The Board of Education of the city of Detroit will not be able to let any contract for annual school outings on Bob-lo Island because they refused to sell colored children tickets. Judge Jayne informed the Board of Education that the injunction will remain valid as long as they continue to discriminate on account of creed or color.

YOUNG WIFE PARLEYS WITH BOLD PROWLER AS HUSBAND SLEEPS

Percy Banks Is Charged With The Crime And Has Been Bound Over To The District Court Under Maximum Bond

Last Wednesday night about 10:45 a prowler, said to be a well-dressed young Negro, is alleged to have entered the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Harland P. Christie, white, on the first floor in the Roland apartments on North Seventeenth. The Christies had retired early. The door had been left unlocked for a young woman who was visiting the family. Hearing some one enter, Mrs. Christie, called "Loretta." There was no reply, but she heard footsteps approaching the bed. Next she felt the cold barrel of a revolver against her head.

She nudged her husband, several times, according to the report published in the World-Herald, as the intruder commanded her in a low voice, "Throw up your hands, or I'll shoot you dead." Instead the young woman grabbed for the electric light switch above her head and turned it on. She saw a well-dressed young Negro near the bed. The next moment he had turned off the light.

"What do you mean by that," he said in a hoarse whisper. "I should your money? Get it."

"Won't my husband do? Can't he have shot you for that. Where is your money? Get it."

"Won't my husband do? Can't he get it?"

"No, you get it," he ordered.

As she got out of bed Mrs. Christie tried to awaken her husband by nudging and kicking him. She showed the man \$6.00 in her purse, which he took. He ransacked the drawers and got \$43.

Finally the husband awoke and grappled with the man, while Mr. Christie jumped out the window and screamed. The prowler broke away from Mr. Christie and ran.

Several young colored men were arrested, but released when unidentified by Mrs. Christie.

Saturday morning Percy Banks was arrested, and had a preliminary hearing in Police court before Judge Holmes, Tuesday morning Mrs. Christie identifying him. His bond was fixed at \$10,000 the maximum for such offense, although Deputy County Attorney Stalmaster had recommended a bond of \$5,000. No witnesses were placed on the stand for Banks, Mrs. Christie being the only witness against him.

CREOLES CLAIM THEY ARE NOT COLORED

New Orleans, La.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Creole families of this city which have been living as white have recently explained their right to do so by protesting that on logical grounds they are not colored. They assert that a Creole is a person of Spanish and French blood, with nothing colored about it. They profess to speak a pure French and claim that the so-called "Creole" is no more than the dialect French which their Negro slaves used to speak. Although there are many sure-enough colored families in the city which claim to be Creoles, the protest of the lighter-hued Creoles has nothing to cover their case. What is a creole, and who cares?

Doctor Wesley Jones, Well-Known And Popular Physician Pays For Jocular Reply To Wife

EXHIBITS WONDERFUL NERVE

Desperately Wounded Physician Drives Himself To Hospital In Car And Undresses For Operation

Dr. Wesley Jones, one of Omaha's most popular and successful physicians, was shot and dangerously wounded by his wife, Myrtle, last Friday morning at their home and his office, 1518 North Twenty-fourth street. Wreting the gun from his wife, Dr. Jones gave it to a friend, went down stairs, entered his automobile, drove to the Paxton Memorial hospital, over a mile distant, walked to the operating table, undressed himself, summoned the physicians and said, "Go to work, boys, do whatever you can for me."

And the surgeons who esteem him highly went to work with a will, knowing as he knew, that his chances for recovery were very slight. His driving to the hospital after his wounding was a characteristic exhibition of the nerve and will power of the man.

Dr. Jones, who is a jovial, good-natured man, always full of fun, arrived home Tuesday morning, after being absent from home all night on a professional call, and was accosted by his wife, whom it is said by personal friends is of an exceedingly jealous disposition, who asked him where he had been all night, to which he replied, it is said jokingly, "Oh, out with my little girl." Mrs. Jones ran to the bed room, secured a gun and fired three shots into his body while he scuffled to get possession of the gun. One took effect in his chest, one in his shoulder and one in his leg. At first little hope was held out for his recovery. While he is still in a precarious condition it is now thought that his recovery is possible. Mrs. Jones is in custody awaiting the outcome of her husband's injuries.

Dr. Jones is an ex-service man, and a reserve officer, and is active in St. John's A. M. E. church. He is 35 years old and his wife 32. They came to Omaha from Tulsa a few years ago. The unfortunate affair is deeply deplored in the community, sentiment being strongly in favor of Dr. Jones.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE HIGH MASONS

Minneapolis, Minn.—Scholarships of \$200 each have been awarded two colored college students by the education committee of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masons. The students to receive the awards were Robt. T. Scales of Dayton, O., who is at Wiberforce, and Chester N. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., who is at Colgate. The scholarships were offered to encourage education.

OFFER CHURCH FOR SALE

The Rev. J. H. Ellis, pastor of Grove M. E. Church, Twenty-second and Seward streets, headed a delegation from the church, which appeared before the City Council Tuesday morning and tendered their church building to the city for a community building in connection with the municipal play ground to which it is adjacent. They want \$64,000 for the church property.



Prominent Men of the Race from every Section Participated in the Dedication of the New Woodmen of the Union Building at Hot Springs, Arkansas, January 17-24.