

## Advancement Association Scores Another Big Victory

### PLAYGROUNDS REDUCE JUVENILE WAYWARDNESS

Colored Americans Enjoyed Health-Giving Recreation in Nearly Two Hundred Centers Last Year

### CITIES RECOGNIZING VALUE

New York, April 17.—Colored Americans last year enjoyed health-giving play in 179 public recreation centers and playgrounds maintained for their exclusive use, according to the Year Book of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, just issued. More and more cities are realizing that their Negro citizens can get no recreation except the expensive and often degrading commercialized kind, states the Association, and so they are providing in colored neighborhoods play leaders and facilities for wholesome good times.

Outdoor playgrounds for colored children numbered 133 during 1924, reports from 58 cities indicate. Five of these playgrounds were opened last year for the first time. Twenty-two cities stated the average number of colored children who daily enjoyed these grounds, and the total is 14,339. Nine cities reported the total valuation of their playgrounds for colored children to be \$112,000.

Social evenings, athletics, music and dramatics were among the activities furnished for colored citizens, both grown-ups and children, by 46 indoor recreation centers in 37 cities, says the Year Book. The total value of these centers in five cities was reported at \$97,000.

Playgrounds Reduce Delinquency  
From Columbus, Ga., which last year opened a playground for colored children, comes this report, "The playground has more than justified its expense, if for no other reason than that juvenile delinquency among colored boys has been cut down materially. Of course its greatest benefit has been in providing supervised recreation for hundreds of colored children who had never known what a playground meant."

The Columbus playground was made possible by a playground committee organized among the colored people of the city. They secured the use of six acres of land and raised the funds to equip it. The city Playground Board supervised the layout of the playground and furnished a paid leader.

Orangeburg, S. C., has recently made a beginning in the establishment of recreation parks where colored people may meet and enjoy outdoor activities. The first such park has an artificial lake, five sunken gardens, and a neat little administration building. Several rustic bridges have been built over the stream that crosses the grounds and the grove affords shade all day. Colored people of the city have given personal labor toward the development of the park.

National Bureau Assists  
Cities credit much of their expansion in providing recreation for colored people to the aid of the Bureau of Colored Work of the Playground and Recreation Association of America. In 1924 this Bureau gave personal service to forty cities and help by correspondence to ninety additional cities in meeting the play and recreation problems of their colored citizens.

### DENVER CONFERENCE OF N. A. A. C. P. TO VISIT COLORADO SCENES

Delegates and visitors to the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Denver, Colorado, this June, will have an opportunity of seeing some of the finest scenery of the Rocky Mountains. George W. Gross, president of the Denver N. A. A. C. P. writes that the Colorado Springs outing, to be tendered delegates and visitors on June 27, will include not only a free barbecue in the Garden of the Gods, but a motor trip taking in Manitou, Ute Pass, North Cheyenne Canon and Broadmoor.

The scenery along this route includes high mountains, glaciers, deep canyons, fields of wild flowers up to the "snow line" of the mountains, and innumerable streams.

For those delegates who wish to remain in Colorado after the close of the N. A. A. C. P. conference, the railroads offer easy access to vacation points in Rocky Mountain National Park and other points of interest.

### EASTER AT PHILIP'S ISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter services at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon reached the highwater mark in attendance, communions and offerings. At the 6:30 a. m. service the church was filled and ninety-seven received the Holy Communion. At 11 o'clock another large congregation was present for an inspiring service. The music was heartily sung, the soloists in Shilling's "Christ Our Passover" were Mrs. Augustus Hicks, soprano; Miss Melva McCaw, alto; and Weldon Solomon, tenor, all of whom sang well. The sermon topic was "The Remembrance of the Resurrection." At 5 o'clock was vespers and the children's service. Brief addresses were made by Mr. H. W. Thompson, Dr. L. E. Britt and J. Dillard Crawford, superintendent. Easter cards and tokens were given the children. The attendance at all services was the largest in the history of the parish.

On Easter Even at 4:30 Florence Minerva, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. James, and Marjorie Edna, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, were baptized. The sponsors for the James' baby were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Riggs, of Chicago, the parents answering for them by proxy; and Mrs. J. Frank Smith. Those for the Johnson baby were the Misses Ernestine Singleton and Melva McCaw; the great-grandmother, Mrs. Thos. Reese; the grandmother, Mrs. Edna McCaw, and the mother, Mrs. Andrew Johnson, all being present. The paternal grandmother, Mrs. Robert Severe; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, of the James' baby were also present.

Following this service Miss Lou Robinson, who is ill on Palm Sunday, and Mrs. Edna McCaw were confirmed by Bishop Shaylor in his private chapel.

### LIEUT. JULIAN PREPARING FOR U. S.-AFRICA FLIGHT

New York, April 17.—Lieut. Hubert Julian, who received his United States aviation license last February, is rapidly pushing plans for his second attempt at a U. S.-Liberia flight. He has already secured a mechanic, Solomon Allard, 24, to accompany him on the trip. He is having a special plane constructed for the flight. Lieut. Julian has obtained the financial backing of a minister, two doctors and a colored woman publisher.

### NEGRO TEACHER OF SEVERAL LANGUAGES DIES IN GERMANY

Karl Frazier, Native of New Orleans, But Resident of Berlin for Two Years, Found Dead in His Room.

### DOG WATCHES BY BEDSIDE

(Preston News Service)  
Berlin, Germany, April 16.—Professor Karl Frazier, regarded by the German people as a "mystery man," a native of New Orleans, La., who was a teacher of twelve languages here, was found dead in his room recently. The police say that when they entered the room crouched by the side of his dead master was his famous dog, named Passa, watching at the bedside. The German authorities believe that Frazier died three or four days ago of gas poisoning caused from a leak in a gas pipe.

When the rumor spread that Frazier was dead children and students of the entire section of West Berlin flocked to the house. None of the neighbors knew much about his life, except that he was a quiet, studious and highly respected man. He has been here for two years teaching students. Many German people marveled to see a Negro who could fluently converse in more than a score of languages.

The body was taken to the morgue and was released Friday for a funeral arranged from the American consulate. Professor Frazier's widow, it is said, was afraid to accompany her husband to Germany, and is living in New Orleans, La.

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DISMISSES DR. PLECKER COMPLAINED OF BY ASS'N

New York, April 17.—The U. S. Department of Labor has dismissed from its service Dr. A. W. Plecker of Richmond, Va., concerning whose anti-Negro pamphlets distributed at the expense of the government, complaint was made to Washington by National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The N. A. A. C. P. has received a letter from Arthur E. Cook, assistant to the Secretary of Labor, confirming the dismissal.

## West Virginia Supreme Court Puts Ban on "Birth of a Nation"

New York, April 17.—Colored citizens of Charleston and of the state of West Virginia have won a great victory before the State Supreme Court which has decided that "The Birth of a Nation" shall not be exhibited in the Rialto Theatre in Charleston.

The picture was to be shown on April 1 to 4, and the city had been flooded with advertisements. Thursday afternoon, March 26, T. G. Nutter, president of the Charleston branch of the N. A. A. C. P., together with W. W. Sanders, vice-president of the N. A. A. C. P. branch and state supervisor of Negro schools; Capt. G. E. Ferguson, hotel proprietor and former member of the N. A. A. C. P. branch executive committee, called on Mayor W. W. Wertz. The delegation protested against the film being shown in violation of a special law which colored leaders put through the legislature in 1919, expressly to prohibit this film.

Mr. Nutter informed Mayor Wertz he had power to prevent the showing under that statute as well as by exercise of the police power of the city. The mayor after consultation with the city solicitor notified the theatre management that "The Birth of a Nation" should not be shown and that if attempt were made to show it, he would confiscate the film and arrest the manager and all the employees of the theatre, also any owner of the film who might be in Charleston.

The mayor asked Attorney T. G. Nutter to prepare the necessary affidavits describing the film and showing violation of the law. Thereupon the management asked for a committee of colored citizens to view the picture to see if objectionable portions could be cut out. Through Mr.

### National Advancement Association Scores Another Victory In Fight Against Anti-Racial Propaganda

### MAYOR TAKES FIRM STAND

President Nutter of Local Branch Tells How the Campaign Against Film Was Waged.

Nutter 30 colored people appeared but declined to reach any agreement other than withdrawal of the film.

The management held up the film long enough to apply to the Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Kanawha county for an injunction restraining Mayor Wertz and Chief of Police John Britton from interfering with the film. Judge Owen granted a temporary injunction and the picture was shown twice that day. Appeal to the Circuit Court the next day resulted in dissolution of the injunction and the picture was not shown that day.

The following day, Friday, April 3, the theatre people applied to the Supreme Court of Appeals for an appeal and supersedeas from the order dissolving the injunction. The Virginia Amusement Co., in its petition set forth that the mayor's threat to arrest all the theatre employees and to seize film and projection apparatus would be confiscation of property without due process of law.

The mayor replied that nothing would be done to interfere with the production until the scene was reached where "a white girl is chased by a Negro from a spring and she jumps from a precipice; the moment that

part of the picture was reached warrants would be served and film and machine would be taken as evidence." The judge held warrants could be served and arrests made but film and machine could not be seized and issued a sweeping injunction prohibiting the mayor and the police chief from interfering with the showing of "The Birth of a Nation." This injunction was dissolved by the Circuit Court Judge on the ground that "city authorities had a right to make the arrest under proper warrants charging that a crime had been committed and to seize the film, machine and other paraphernalia used in the production of the picture as evidence of the crime." This decision was unanimously sustained by the State Supreme Court.

Mr. Nutter, who assisted the city officials throughout the fight, writes: "The fight made by Mayor W. W. Wertz and City Solicitor, Ex-Judge H. D. Rummel, stands unparalleled in the history of the state. They made it a personal affair transcending mere official duty. Mayor Wertz was with the committee that witnessed the picture Tuesday evening and as soon as it was over, rushed to the manager of the Rialto without consulting the committee and said:

"It is the worst thing I ever saw, and I cannot understand why any law abiding citizen should bring such a picture to Charleston. It will not be shown so long as I am mayor of Charleston."

Mr. Nutter states that in the fight he had the support of the entire colored citizenship of the city. The N. A. A. C. P. has extended congratulations to Mr. Nutter and is writing letters of appreciation to Mayor Wertz and City Solicitor Rummel.

### BISHOP A. J. CAREY GETS \$150,000 APPROPRIATION

Kansas City, Kan., April 17.—(Special.)—The legislature of the state of Kansas has passed the bill calling for the appropriation of \$150,000 for Western University, which is located at Quindaro, Kans., a suburb of Kansas City. A delegation of ministers of the A. M. E. Church, headed by Bishop A. J. Carey of the fifth episcopal district in which the Western University is located, went before the committee on appropriations and urged upon them the need of a substantial sum for the maintenance of this university. After much deliberation the committee recommended the sum asked for, which was finally passed by both branches of the assembly.

Western University is one of the leading schools of the A. M. E. Church and is located in the heart of the great agricultural west. In connection with it are the State Normal and Industrial Departments. Recently Western University sustained a severe loss in the destruction by fire of Ward Hall, which was the main building of the school group. Already, however, this building has been rebuilt at a cost of \$200,000. But the \$150,000 just

appropriated was urgently needed for maintenance, teachers' salaries and upkeep.

### BASE BALL

The Western League baseball season for 1925 was opened yesterday in Oklahoma City with the champion Omaha club as visitors, results of the game were not available at press time.

The season's home play will open here on Wednesday, April 29th, with Tulsa as the visiting club.

Great plans are being made for a real welcome to the champs on their return here. Full details of the opening day ceremonies will be given next issue. Secretary Reis, however, declares that fans may expect an innovation in the old stereotyped plans of opening festivities.

Mr. Reis also announces the plans are being made for the Kansas City Monarchs to play here on the off Sunday against all star colored teams from over the country.

Only the strongest colored teams will play against the Monarchs.

### LADIES' BAND ENTERTAINS

Prof. Waddle, Pioneer Bandmaster, Presents a Ladies' Band of Forty Pieces at Grove M. E. Church.

Last Monday evening at Grove M. E. church, 22nd and Seward streets, Prof. Waddle, pioneer bandmaster, presented a band of forty ladies. The band held a fairly sized audience of music lovers spell-bound throughout a well arranged program for more than one and one-half hours.

Although filling a major space on the program, the entire band did not entertain through the whole program. There was a cornet solo by Miss B. Brown; a well rendered vocal solo by Mr. Carter; violin solo by Miss K. Brown; cornet duet, Misses Warmeta and Smith; cornet solo, Miss Margaret Murray; remarks by Mr. W. H. Hall and Rev. J. H. Ellis, pastor of Grove M. E. church.

A reading from Paul Laurence Dunbar, "Lias", was given by Iola Holiday. This selection caused the audience to call the reader for a second number.

The whole program was well rendered.

The band is very well equipped with instruments and uniforms. Prof. Waddle, at the conclusion of the program, announced that entirely new uniforms had been ordered and would be worn by the members at the next recital, A. M. E. church, Ave. A and 16th Sts., Council Bluffs, Thursday, April 23rd.

### SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 3RD ANNIVERSARY

Salem Baptist Church, located at 1811 North Twenty-third street, has been celebrating its third anniversary of the church and its pastor, Rev. J. S. Williams. The observance began April 6 and closed April 13. The church was attractively decorated with Easter lilies, purple and white, flowers, Easter lilies, palms, birds and a beautiful background. The services each night during the week were very successful with visiting churches largely represented.

Sunday, being Easter, was a great day. At 5:30 a. m. the pastor preached on "The Resurrection" and at that early hour the church was crowded. Just before the Rev. J. S. Williams began his sermon, three veiled women, impersonating the three Marys visiting the tomb, entered and gave an impressive and dramatic setting to the sermon.

Mr. H. L. Anderson of Zion Baptist church visited and addressed the Sunday school at 10:30. The Rev. S. S. Farley of Lincoln, preached at 11, and the anniversary sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Botts, pastor of Zion at 3 o'clock, and his choir rendered the music. Salem was organized April 9, 1922.

Judge A. L. Sutton addressed the B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock. He also brought candy for the Sunday school children and remained to their program which began at 7:30. The church was crowded and many turned away.

Monday night a banquet was given by the church to its pastor, visiting friends and members. It was served in the church dining room appropriately decorated for the occasion. Over 100 persons were served. The guests of honor included Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Botts, the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Young, the Rev. and Mrs. James Crowder, the Rev. Messrs. Derton, McQueen and I. M. Cogs, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Perkins, Mr. H. L. Anderson and Dr. Wesley Jones.

In the State of Delaware, colored men are not permitted to serve as jurors.

### COWARDLY KLUXERS BRAND FOREHEAD OF NEGRO CITIZEN

Prosperous Merchant of Plymouth, N. C., Victim of Mistreatment for Being a "Smart Nigger"

### WAS FIRST FINED AND FLOGGED

Plymouth, N. C., April 17.—The Ku Klux Klan scored what the members of that hooded band called a "Ten Stripe" when they branded the forehead and cheeks of a Negro with the letters "K. K. K."

The victim, Robert H. Taylor, a local merchant, has left the community for parts unknown to the public.

The reports, however, have it that he is at Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C., undergoing treatment, in an effort to remove the K. K. K. letters from his cheeks and face, which were engraved with acid. From the best information at hand, the charge against Taylor was that he is a "smart nigger." Indirect charge against him is, he tried to pass for white.

Just before he was kidnapped, flogged and branded, he was fined five dollars in a Kangaroo Court, where he was charged with resisting an officer.

On leaving the court room, Taylor was met at the door by a hooded band, who forced him into a waiting auto, took him to a lonely spot about ten miles out of the city, where he was beaten mercilessly, branded on each cheek and the forehead with "K. K. K." and told to "beat it."

Members of the Ku Klux Klan are well known in the community, but all deny any knowledge of what happened to Taylor.

Nothing has been done to molest his wife or mother, who are still here. But it is understood that they are planning to leave as soon as possible.

MME. E. HACKLEY LAWSON, 2631 Lake street, We. 1655. Scalp treatments scientifically done. All kinds of human hair goods made to order. Acme hair preparations and skin whitener for sale.

### NEGRO SCHOOL PLAYS PART IN STATE PROGRESS

Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal School Big Factor in Development of Southeast Arkansas.

### WORK ON BUILDING PROGRAM

An institution which plays a large part in the advancement and development of the Negro people in Southeast Arkansas is the Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal school, which is a branch of the University of Arkansas and is located in Pine Bluff. This school has been in operation since April, 1875, and although starting in a small way, its work has been of such practical character and its supervision so efficient that today the school occupies a tract of twenty acres of ground in the western suburbs of Pine Bluff, upon which have been erected buildings supplying administration offices, class rooms, and mechanical shops.

University Board  
The government of this school is vested primarily in the board of trustees of the University of Arkansas and the superintendent is the administrative head of the school, under whom there are department directors, each responsible for the development and efficient management of his particular department.

The work of the school is divided into many departments, among which are the preparatory department, normal department, mechanical industries department, business training department, scientific course, tailoring division, home economics, agricultural, blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, carpentry, vocational training and music.

Co-Educational  
The school is co-educational and the social and moral welfare of the pupils is carefully safeguarded. There is connected with the school a branch of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. and weekly meetings for Bible study are held regularly and are widely attended. The school is strictly undenominational and no doctrine or creed is taught, however, daily the students are assembled together with the faculty for devotional exercises and attendance upon these exercises is compulsory.

Just recently the school acquired a farm site of thirty acres and agricultural experts of the University of Arkansas are now at work upon a cropping plan for the development of this farm.

Building Program  
Experts are also at work upon a fifty year building program in connection with the farm with reference to the proper types, sizes and locations of buildings, also the proper equipment for same. The power line of the Arkansas Light and Power Company from the Remmel Dam station crosses the farm and it is possible that this power may be utilized to operate the machinery necessary in the work of the farm. Pure bred live stock, poultry, etc., is being procured and will be added to as rapidly as possible until the farm is ruiy stocked.

More than 500 students are enrolled in the Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal school this term. The summer term begins in June. R. E. Malone is superintendent of the school.—Pine Bluff Commercial.

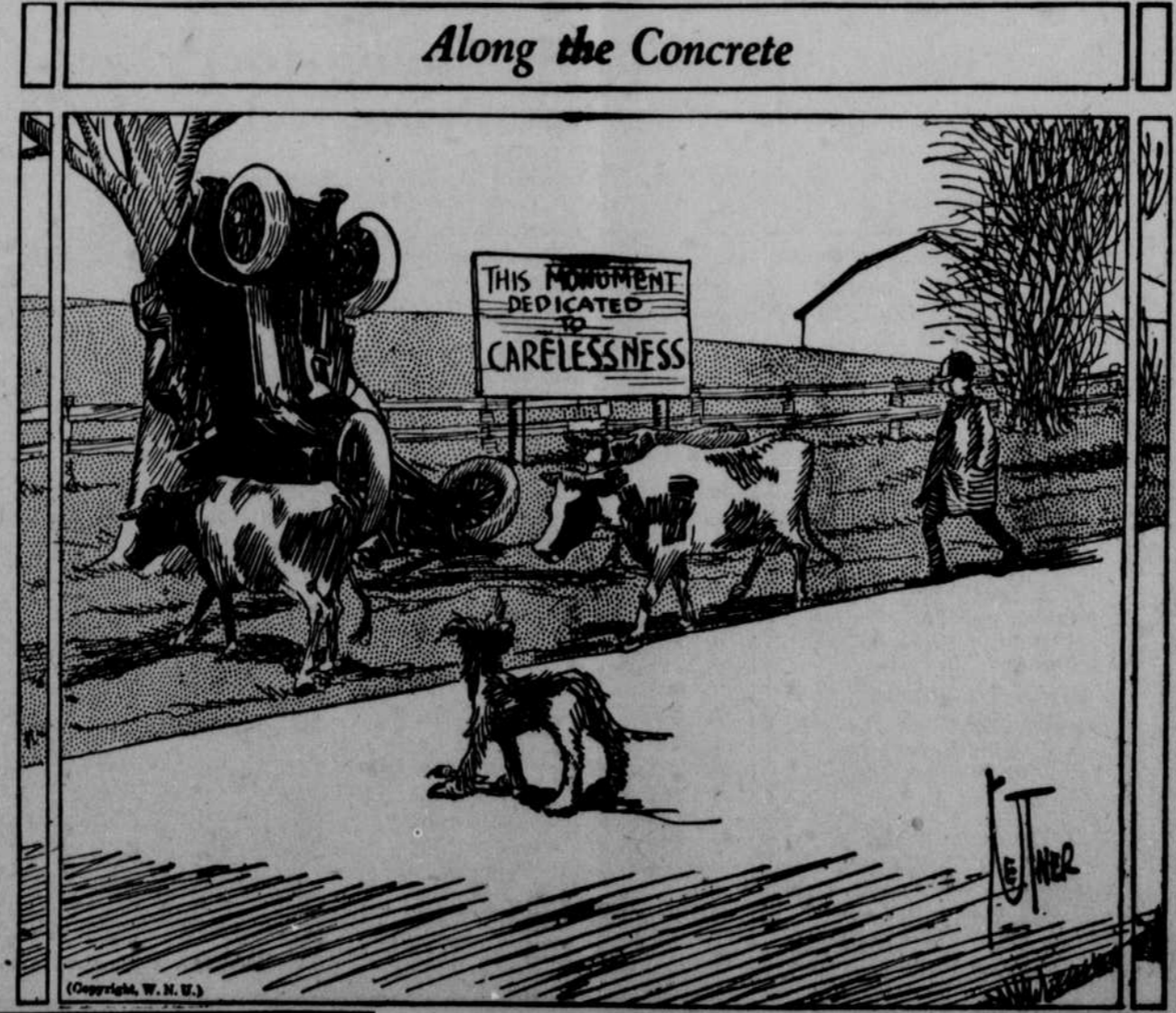
### \$10,000 ORGAN DEDICATED

Washington, D. C., April 17.—The \$10,000 pipe organ was dedicated last week at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, this city. Rev. C. E. Stewart, D. D., pastor, is a talented musician, and it was his love for music that inspired the church to gladly invest in this one of the largest and best organs owned by any church in America, and the "largest in any Negro church."

"This organ," says Dr. Stewart, "is not built in its constructive details by a colored man, but the outline, supervision, plan and scope of the instrument are the result of the labors of a colored man." Prof. Wm. C. Braxton is organist and has been for over thirty years, and Prof. J. Henry Lewis is chorister.

Bishop J. A. Johnson of Philadelphia and others joined in the dedication exercises.

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