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BIG BATTLE AGAINST SEGREGATION LOOMS

Omaha Pastor to Celebrate 34th Anniversary of His Ordination

ANTI-RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION FIGHT IN SEVENTEEN CITIES

National Advancement Association Reports Action Against Evil Along Lengthening Line of Defense

DENVER THE LATEST ADDITION

Metropolis of Centennial State Finds Colored Citizens Prepared to Fight for Legal Rights

New York.—Acute segregation situations in seventeen cities throughout the United States, ranging from New York to Los Angeles, are reported by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has just received a report adding the city of Denver, Colo., to those previously listed.

George W. Gross, president of the Denver Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., reports that "the grim monster of segregation has raised its head in Denver as in other cities just now and it looks as though we are to have a fight here."

The Denver situation arises out of a joint meeting recently by three "improvement" associations, whose members and friends are being urged to sign agreements not to sell property to Negroes. Petitions have been prepared and are being circulated for every block in those districts and numbers of property owners are reported to have signed. Proposals were also discussed at the white property owners' meeting, to establish a separate school for Negro students and to amend the state law to provide for segregation.

The cities besides Denver now involved in segregation fights are:

DETROIT: 11 Negroes charged with first degree murder for defending Dr. O. H. Sweet's home from a riotous mob, are being defended by the N. A. A. C. P.

STATEN ISLAND (New York City): Samuel A. Browne, colored letter carrier, has repeatedly been threatened with death if he does not sell his house. Backed by the N. A. A. C. P., Mr. Browne, is suing a white neighbor who has been indicted for participation in disorders.

WASHINGTON, D. C.: Case of segregation by property owners' agreement is pending in U. S. Supreme Court, carried to that court by the N. A. A. C. P.

NEW ORLEANS: N. A. A. C. P. is fighting local segregation ordinance passed in contravention of Supreme Court's decision in Louisville segregation case of 1917.

NORFOLK, VA.: has passed ordinance similar to that of New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS: Attempt to enjoin colored physician from buying and occupying property subject to white property owners' agreement. Outcome of this case depends upon Supreme Court's decision on case now up in Washington.

ROANOKE, VA.: Home bombed, and S. C. Medley sued for not consummating purchase of a house in which his white neighbors would not have permitted him to live.

BALTIMORE: Court upheld race zoning law, segregating races.

PITTSBURG: Colored people arrested for firing on prowlers after receiving K. K. K. threats.

LOS ANGELES: Case involving attempt to dispossess colored people from ownership of land which it had been previously agreed was not to be sold to Negroes.

ST. LOUIS: Attempt to prevent Attorney William T. Francis from occupying home he had purchased. Fiery cross was burned in front of house. Local N. A. A. C. P. furnished watchman.

FALLS CHURCH, VA.: Attempt by court action (injunction) to prevent a colored man erecting a house on lot purchased by him some time previously.

KANSAS CITY, MO.: Homes of Negroes bombed; threats made against Negroes living in so-called white districts. Local N. A. A. C. P. furnished watchman to guard homes from mob attack.

CLEVELAND: Attempt being made to prevent colored doctor from occupying property he has purchased.

OAKLAND, CAL.: Attempts made to force Negro dentist to remove from

WEALTHY WHITE WOMAN WANTS WHITE YOUTH TO READ PICKEN'S BOOK

Will Present Copies of "Bursting Bonds", the Autobiography of Negro Scholar, to Libraries and Individuals

CERTAIN OF ITS HELPFULNESS

New York.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Mrs. C. K. Bartlett, prominent and wealthy woman of North Carolina, writes from Asheville that she will present copies of "Bursting Bonds", the autobiography of William Pickens, to white school libraries and to white individuals whom "racial conditions" might otherwise prevent from getting it. In a letter she writes as follows:

"I have just read 'Bursting Bonds' and if I can succeed in placing it in hands that would not otherwise have found it, I shall be, to say the least, better satisfied with a life's accomplishments.

"The duty of every human is to see as much of the world as possible—and here we are arrived at the root of the trouble with the white American provincialism so provincial that he fails to 'see' his nearest and best neighbor, the Negro American. You are generous in your apologies for him—'existing social conditions'—but the fact remains that with wonderful heroism, you overcame the handicap these conditions imposed on you and have done inestimable service toward rescuing him from the clutches of this stultifying provincialism, the handicap placed on him by the monster, 'social conditions'. I haven't a doubt that to some of your Yale classmates, the biggest and best thing derived from the years at this great university, was their acquaintance with you, Mr. Pickens, and whenever I can put your book into the hands of white boys, it will be in the hope of doing something for Negro young people and the certainty of doing MUCH for white ones."

NEWSPAPER IN INDIA COMMENDS N. A. A. C. P.

A newspaper published in India, "The Hindu", on July 4th last, in the course of an article on the relations of America and India, comments as follows on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People:

"The Association for the Advancement of the Colored People offers a fine illustration of what can be done by steady, intelligent and persistent agitation to educate people and to uphold the rights of an oppressed section of the population. Since their work in 1889 (should be 1909) lynchings have decreased from 175 to 16 in the year. Many whites have been brought to trial and punished. They have created a sentiment in the North against the exploitation of the colored people, which is influencing the better minds of the South and they have brought to bear all the influence available on the redress of injustices. They have helped to give the Negro a new spirit of self-respect —"

MILITARY BURIAL FOR SLAIN EX-SOLDIER

Denison, Ia.—Joe Cary, the Negro who was killed in a stabbing affray at Arion last week, was given a military funeral by the Denison Legion post. He had papers showing he had served in the late war and was honorably discharged. His mother at Jeanerette, La., was heard from and could not send funds to have the body sent to her. The funeral was held in the chapel of the undertaking parlors of the coroner, John Schnoor. The casket was draped with the flag and flowers. Three members of the W. R. C. sang the hymns and the sermon was given by the Presbyterian pastor, Rev. Hamlin.

The Legion boys were out in uniform, and at the grave the customary salute for the dead was given. Cary was a strong looking intelligent young man, and had evidently done good service for his country as a soldier.

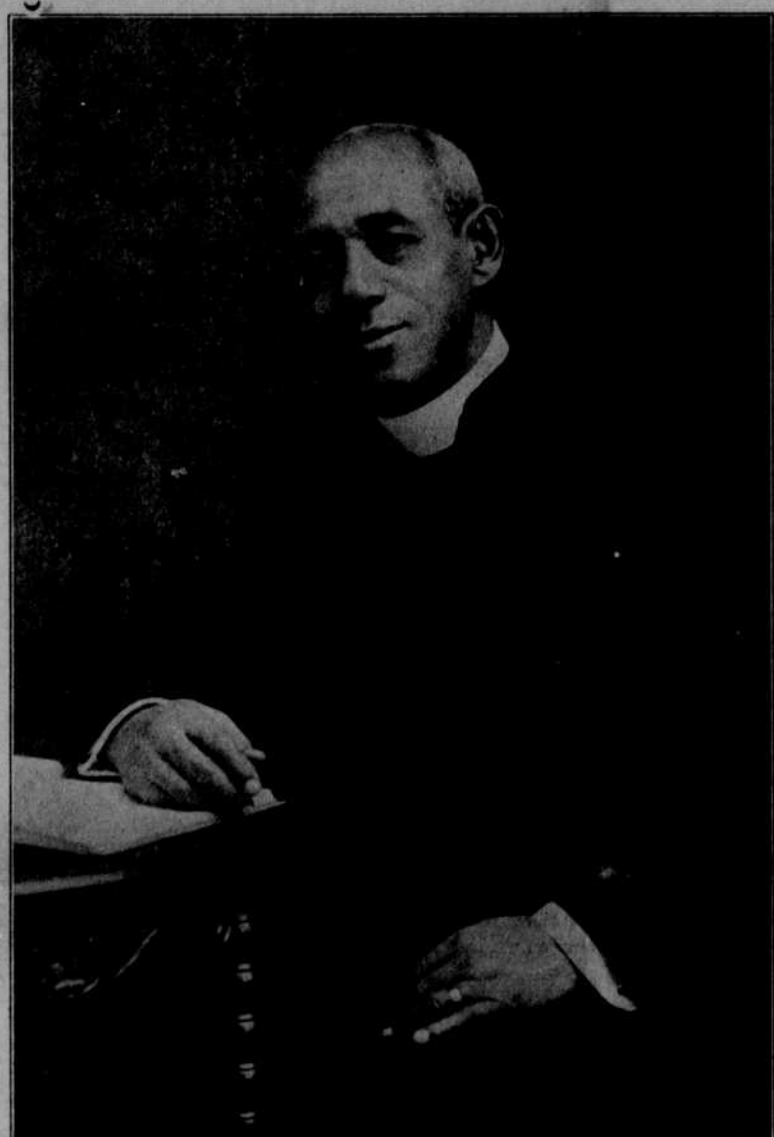
new home in so-called white district. Threatening letters signed K. K. K. sent and windows broken.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Vaughn threatened with death if they moved into house they had purchased. N. A. A. C. P. obtained police protection.

WILL OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Sunday is the thirty-fourth anniversary of the Rev. John Albert Williams' ordination to the priesthood. There will be a celebration of the Holy communion at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, at 7:30 a. m.; choral eucharist with sermon at 11 and evening prayer with sermon at 8.

Father Williams was ordained Sunday, St. Luke's Day, October 18, 1891, in St. Matthias Church, Tenth and Worthington Place, by the Rt. Rev. George Worthington, S. T. D., Bishop of Nebraska. At the same time the Rev. Irving P. Johnson, now Bishop of Colorado, and the Rev. Paul Matthews, now Bishop of New Jersey, were ordained to the priesthood. Father Williams' entire ministry has been spent here.



Rev. John Albert Williams, B. D. Pastor Church of St. Philip the Deacon, who was ordained to the priesthood here Sunday, October 18, 1891.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE IN SESSION AT GROVE CHURCH

Bishop Frederick T. Keeney Presiding—Many Delegates, Ministerial and Lay, Are in Attendance

The Twenty-fourth Session of the Lincoln Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is being held here this week in Grove M. E. Church, Twenty-second and Seward streets, the Rev. J. H. Ellis, pastor. Bishop Frederick T. Keeney, D. D., LL. D., of Omaha, is presiding. There is a good attendance of delegates present.

The formal session of the conference was preceded by a reception Tuesday night at which there was a program of music and speeches, followed by refreshments, served by the ladies in the church parlors. Music was rendered by Prof. Waddles' Concert Ladies band.

The conference formally opened Wednesday morning at 8:30 with Bishop Keeney presiding. The opening service was the Holy Communion. Organization and memorial services followed. The welcome addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. F. Botts and the Rev. Clyde Clay Cissell, D. D., with a response by the Rev. N. J. Johnson. The afternoon session was devoted to statistics and the Board of Pension Relief. Rev. C. R. Ross presided and the Rev. E. M. Jones was the speaker. Wednesday night an excellent address was delivered by Dr. L. H. King, editor of the Southwestern Christian Recorder. He discussed the dangers of Nationalism, Materialism, Denominationalism and Pigeonism, and made an impressive appeal for racial unity and team work.

Three sessions are held daily and a full program covering various phases of church work keeps the conference busy. The conference will close Sunday night with the reading of appointments. Sunday morning at 11 Bishop Keeney will be the preacher, in the afternoon at 2:30 Rev. N. J. Johnson will preach and ordinations will be conducted.

PIONEER CITIZEN IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Mrs. Ella Reed Dillard Passes Away at Residence—Was Born Here—Had Been in Poor Health for Some Time

Ella Reed Dillard, wife of Luther J. Dillard, died at the family residence, 501 South Twenty-fourth avenue, 2:30 Friday morning. Although she had been in poor health for about five years, Mrs. Dillard was only confined to her bed since Monday. Mrs. Dillard who was born in Omaha in 1867 was the last member of the family of the late Jeremiah Reed, one of



Omaha's earliest colored pioneers. Prior to her invalidism Mrs. Dillard was very active in social and philanthropic affairs. She loved to entertain and her home was the scene of many pleasant social affairs. Having musical and dramatic ability she took part in many successful entertainments of this character. The funeral was held from the Episcopal Church of St. Philip the Deacon, Monday afternoon at 2:30, interment being in the family plot in Prospect Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. T. P. Mahammit, Alphonso and Maynard L. Wilson, G. D. Gordon, Josiah Brown and T. Smith. Rev. John Albert Williams officiated. Deceased is survived by her husband and one son, Bertrand.

ENTERTAINS FOR CALIFORNIA GUEST

Mrs. W. H. Robinson entertained at a beautifully appointed luncheon at her residence, 2124 Lake street, Saturday in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Marian P. Panky of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Thomas H. Slater of Atlanta, Ga. The guest were seated at sight at small tables, which were artistically decorated in colors suggestive of Hallowe'en. After luncheon the afternoon was spent playing whist. The first prize was won by Mrs. Jas. G. Jewell; second, Mrs. Vernice Lee; the booby by Mrs. A. G. Edwards. The guest prizes were awarded to Mrs. Panky and Mrs. Slater. Other out of town guests were: Mrs. Owen Jones of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. A. F. Wells of Dallas, Tex.; Miss Iona Stewart of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Frankie Givens of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. B. E. Wilson of Wichita, Kans.

GIVES \$50 FOR N. A. A. C. P. PUBLICITY IN FOREIGN PRESS

R. L. McDougald, of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Durham, N. C., has given \$50 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to be used in supporting the publicity obtained in the newspapers of foreign countries.

Of recent years N. A. A. C. P. reports on lynching and other phases of race relations have been published throughout Europe and South America.

Dr. Amos B. Madison who was seriously injured Monday night, October 5, by an automobile at Twenty-fourth and Grant streets, has sufficiently recovered to be able to be removed to his home, 2206 North Twenty-seventh street, where he is convalescing. He left the Swedish Mission Hospital Saturday.

An interesting program was rendered Sunday afternoon at the regular Sunday meeting of the Omaha Chapter Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League at the Interdenominational church, Twenty-sixth and Franklin streets. The band rendered selections. Members were enrolled. Continuance of meeting was announced. —Louis Little.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST JOURNALISTIC LITERARY PRODUCTS

Opportunity Magazine Is Encouraging Literary Craftsmanship in Race Newspapers by Series of Awards

RACE PRESS POWER GROWING

Editorials as a Rule Are Always Interesting and Frequently Brilliant and Compelling

New York.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Opportunity Magazine which is announcing in its October issue a series of awards for constructive journalism to be given to the papers who have the finest editorials, news stories, and feature articles during a period of time to be designated, plans these awards "to bring to the attention of the world at large those splendid qualities of literary craftsmanship which frequently go unnoticed in the Negro Press." Editor Charles Johnson states that "the winning editorials, news stories, and features will be placed in a new prominence, and their message as well as their skillful handling pitted against the best that the white press can offer." The following editorial in October "Opportunity" explains the purpose behind the awards:

"The Negro weekly press is today one of the most important agencies for the forming of opinion among Negroes. It expresses their desires and grievances, their philosophies and their faiths. For this group it is the fourth estate, no less powerful than that institution to which Edmund Burke addressed himself. It can inspire, foster and create movements; it can ruin them. The Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of New York, under the sturdy and inspiring leadership of Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, has shown a rare discernment in directing its attention to the press, and combining with the ideal of competent craftsmanship that of inter-racial peace and understanding.

There are perhaps more Negro writers in this field than in any other, and incentives to the highest standard of production are not always present. More attention needs to be paid to the editorials of this press. Always they are interesting, and, not infrequently, they are brilliant and compelling. The prizes offered are in recognition of the latent existence of literary competence in a field where improved technique can register in definite social returns. They, also, are the seeds of a living monument to inter-racial good will for which we all are working, and to which end the press itself can, perhaps, contribute most."

N. A. A. C. P. NATIONAL LEGAL CHAIRMAN FOR DEFENSE OF SWEET

New York.—Arthur B. Spingarn, vice-president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and chairman of its legal committee, has gone to Detroit, accompanied by Assistant Secretary Walter White, to confer with the Detroit Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., and local counsel for the defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet, Mrs. Sweet and nine other defendants, held in charges of murder for defending Dr. Sweet's home from a mob.

In the meantime Mrs. Sweet was released from prison on \$10,000 bail, bail bond being furnished by local colored citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Johnson, and Dr. L. Thomas, through the intermediary of the Detroit N. A. A. C. P.

One of the most prominent lawyers in the United States has signified his willingness to be associated with the case. His name will be proposed to local counsel and the N. A. A. C. P. Branch in Detroit and will be made public when arrangements have been completed.

RACE GIRL POSES AS MODEL FOR ARTIST

The first race girl in Omaha to pose for Negro art exhibit in Aquila Court is Miss Ione Lewis. She is a graduate of the Farnam school and sophomore of Central High school. Miss Lewis is the daughter of Mrs. Effie McClure.

ALLURING BEAUTIES WIN PRIZES



A FEW OF THE STATE AND NATIONAL WINNERS!

1. Miss Oklahoma (Miss Alma Berry).
2. Miss Columbia (Miss Gladys Randolph).
3. Miss Graves, of Ohio.
4. Miss New York (Miss Edna Young).
5. Miss Golden Brown of America (Miss Leggett).
6. Miss Iowa (Miss G. Lorena Mann).
7. Miss Wisconsin (Miss Lina Gray).
8. Miss Ohio (Miss Mabel Peoples).
9. Miss California (Mrs. Armantha Kennedy.)