

ALICE RHINELANDER WINS

VIRGIN ISLANDS RECEIVE BETTER TREATMENT NOW

Improved Government Conditions Are Effective Under Regime of United States Naval Authorities

RELATIONSHIP MORE FRIENDLY
Islanders Have Been Without Civil Government Since Their Acquisition from Denmark

New York.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Distinctly improved government in the Virgin Islands under the regime of Naval Governor Trench was reported Thursday by D. Hamilton Jackson and Jean Hestres, members of the colonial councils of St. Thomas of St. Croix. Jackson and Hestres, as members of the committee now in this country, working for an autonomous civil government for the islands, go to Washington in the nearest future to begin the congressional campaign for the islands. Mr. Hestres has just returned from a brief visit to the islands and reports a change for the better in the attitude of the naval authorities toward the islanders.

"A distinctly friendly, even conciliatory, attitude has replaced the old arbitrary conduct of government," Mr. Hestres said. "The change has been so marked that it has caused general comment in the islands; particularly coming as it does just before a vigorous effort to bring conditions in the islands before congress."

The Virgin Islands have been without a civil government since their acquisition by the United States from Denmark in 1917. No provision was made at the time for the institution of a representative government and the Virgin Islanders have been without effective civil status under the government of the Navy Department. Previous campaigns for an autonomous government have been marked by much complaint against this arrangement and by much criticism of the alleged misconduct of judicial affairs under former governors.

ALL SWEET CASE DEFENDANTS RELEASED UNDER BAIL BONDS

New York.—(By Telegraph from Detroit) M. L. Walker, treasurer of the Detroit Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People telegraphs that all of the 11 defendants in the Sweet case have been admitted to bail and have been released under bail bonds furnished by colored property owners of Detroit, and by the local defense committee. The National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. will help defray the cost of such bail bonds as have not been met in their entirety by local colored citizens.

N. A. A. C. P. attorneys appeared in court on Wednesday morning, December 2nd, and procured admission to bail in the sum of \$10,000 each for Dr. Ossian H. Sweet, Henry Sweet and Leonard Morse. Mrs. Sweet was released on her personal recognizance, thus releasing the \$5,000 bond heretofore furnished for her. The N. A. A. C. P. attorneys in the case have already begun preparations for the new trial in the case, which has been set for January.

FAKIRS PROFIT FROM PUBLIC DESIRE FOR FILTH

Chicago.—(By the Associated Negro Press) Anxious to get a glimpse of the famous "mystery letters" which were a sensational feature of the Rhinelander annulment trial, many persons in this city and surrounding cities fell for peddlers selling sealed envelopes supposed to contain copies of the letters. The innocent purchaser would be lead aside and told not to open the envelope until he was alone. Inside the envelope he would find a piece of paper with "Thanks" written on it.

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER PROVOKES RACE HATRED

Raleigh, N. C.—(By the Associated Negro Press) Colored residents of this city are much angered by the recent innovation in headlines of the local News and Observer. They claim that the newspaper is adding to a long series of insults by permitting the word "darkey" in its headlines in referring to members of the Negro race, which have arisen between Negroes and whites in this district.

FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL NEEDS MORE NURSES

Washington, D. C.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The greatest need of the Freedmen's hospital for the coming year is more nurses, according to the annual report of the surgeon in chief for the fiscal year of 1925 submitted to the Secretary of the Interior recently.

At no time in the history of the hospital, the report states, has it been fully manned and the need of additional personnel has been acute since 1908. The urgency has become more pressing each year with the ever increasing demands of the public and the onward progress of medical science. The health of the present nurses as well as the success of the training school will be seriously affected unless relief is granted, the report continues.

At the beginning of the fiscal year there were 215 patients in the hospital. During the year 4,056 were admitted for treatment, making a total of 4,271 indoor patients treated. Of the number admitted, including births, 960 were pay patients; 1,563 were indigent residents of the states; and 1,533 were indigent residents of the District of Columbia.

There were 1,916 surgical operations performed of which many were of a major nature. In the outdoor department 18,845 patients were treated in the several clinics, an increase of 7,814 over the preceding year. There were 31,369 revisits to this department, and 2,001 emergency cases received care and treatment.

16,000 ATTENDED THE FIRST ORANGEBURG COUNTY COLORED FAIR

Orangeburg, S. C.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The first Orangeburg county colored fair closed here recently having registered an attendance past the 16,000 mark.

Exhibits coming from every nook and corner of this and from adjoining counties bespoke with credit progress that is being made by the farmers. Special mention was made in the white dailies of elaborate displays by the State College in Home Economics and Agriculture; of Claflin University exhibits in plain and fancy sewing and furniture making and of the industrial and agricultural exhibits of the farmers.

White merchants of Orangeburg gave ardent support to the efforts of the colored people by offering prizes to the many boy clubs. Over 200 prizes were distributed to the many premium getters.

SWEET DEFENSE BACKED UP BY DETROITERS

Detroit, Mich.—(By the Associated Negro Press) This city has not wavered in its determination to do its last bit in the effort, growing out of the trial of Dr. Ossian H. Sweet and ten others, for the killing of Leon Briener, white member of a mob which attacked Dr. Sweet's home, to guarantee to all colored citizens the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The City-wide Finance Committee, operating under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Gomez, and appealing to all groups in the city, has collected sufficient funds to pay to the three colored lawyers representing the defense, Rowlette, Perry, and Mahoney, \$400 each; to Clarence Darrow, \$1,000, and to Nelson, local white lawyer, \$450, making a total of \$2,650. This group still has \$300.

In addition to the work of the City-wide Committee, colored Detroit property owners have bailed the defendants out, scheduling \$140,000 to do so, and charging nothing for it. Bail was arranged for the last of the defendants Thursday, these being Dr. Sweet, his brother, and Mr. Morse. These three had to have \$10,000 each, and the other eight only \$5,000 each because the police department reported that only these three had guns in their hands when police invaded the Sweet home. All the defendants had to give, in addition to this homicide bail, additional \$500 for assault on the man wounded. The total amount of bail was \$75,000, and all but \$5,000 was scheduled by colored Detroiters, the other \$5,000 being covered by a friendly Jew.

WADDLES LADIES BAND TO GIVE CONCERT

Prof. Waddles 40 piece Ladies Band, assisted by the best local talent will give one of their popular concerts next Thursday night, Dec. 17 at Labor Temple, Twenty-fifth and M street, South Side in honor of Golden Rule Tabernacle No. 35. Admission 35 cents.—Adv.

NEWTON BAKER, EX-SECRETARY ON SEGREGATION COMMITTEE

Cleveland, Ohio.—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under President Wilson, is a member of the Shaker Heights Protective Association committee, which is conducting a campaign designed to prevent purchase of property and homes in certain districts by colored people, it was reported to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The announced purpose of the committee is to prevent "occupancy in any given neighborhood in the village of persons who might be deemed by the residents of that neighborhood as undesirable neighbors" and to prevent such persons buying property there in the future.

"The 'Club Idea' is stated as follows: 'The moral as well as the legal right of the selection of one's associates has always been recognized by churches, clubs, secret societies and organizations of every kind. Members have the vote in connection with any applicant and generally

rules require almost unanimous consent for admission. The applicant abides by the result and would be deemed unworthy if he insisted upon admission in an organization against the wishes of its members.' Citizens in that region are being urged to sign restriction petitions.

NEGRO FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY ENTERS ARKANSAS

Little Rock, Ark.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The state insurance department of the state of Arkansas announced that all requirements having been met, the Bankers' Fire Insurance Company has been licensed to do business in the state. The news was welcomed by Negro residents who in many instances have been without fire protection, through a disinclination of white companies to accept Negro risks.

CHARGES LINCOLN FREED SLAVES TO ATTACK WOMEN

Spartanburg, S. C.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—"I dislike to hear Lincoln spoken of as the great emancipator and humanitarian," explains Mrs. St. John A. Lawton of Charleston, president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. "The emancipation proclamation was not humanitarian. Lincoln had no thought of kindness when he signed that famous document. The object of that paper was to have the Negroes rise up and attack women in southern homes, so that the soldiers in the confederate armies would be compelled to return and protect them. There is a certain type of northern individual to be seen in Pullman cars and restaurants who expresses loud and long amazement over the fact that we have not forgotten. He insists upon showing how he and his friends of the north have absolutely forgotten everything pertaining to the war."

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB

The annual election of the officers of the Colored Commercial Club of Omaha, was held at the club rooms, 1514 North Twenty-fourth street, Monday evening. The following officers were elected and committee chairmen named.

Dr. D. W. Gooden, president; Chas. M. Simmons, vice-president; H. J. Ford, secretary; Dan Desdunes, treasurer, and R. L. Williams, commissioner.

The executive committee: Allen Jones, Nathaniel Hunter, A. F. Peoples, Rev. John Albert Williams, S. H. Dorsey, J. H. Wakefield, H. J. Pinkett, T. P. Mahammit, Charles Solomon, Dr. A. L. Hawkins, and Rev. O. J. Burckhardt.

The following were elected committee chairmen: Legislation and municipal affairs, Rev. John Albert Williams; publicity and conventions, H. J. Pinkett; ways and means, T. P. Mahammit; membership, Nathaniel Hunter; retail trade, Charles Solomon; public health, Dr. A. L. Hawkins; boys' work, A. F. Peoples; entertainment and good fellowship, Rev. O. J. Burckhardt, and real estate and housing, Allen Jones.

A membership campaign was decided upon, and a special joining fee was provided in the sum of \$2.00, from January 1st to April 1st, 1926. It is the intention of the executive committee and the membership committee to enroll every eligible business and professional man as a member of the club, for the coming year. Solicitation for membership begins at once.

Publicity Committee, Colored Commercial Club of Omaha.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS AND AID IN STAMPING OUT TUBERCULOSIS

The annual sale of Christmas seals conducted by the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association is now being held and will continue until Christmas Day.

Funds to fight tuberculosis in Nebraska depend entirely on the money received from the sale of these little Christmas stickers. Proceeds from the Christmas seals are devoted to teaching health education through the schools, supplying milk to undernourished children, supporting a tuberculosis nurse for Omaha. This nurse takes care of tuberculosis persons, takes them to clinics, assists at the clinics, visits their homes and teaches them how to care for themselves and their families, and frequently takes patients to the tuberculosis hospital in Kearney Nebraska.

When you buy Christmas seals you are giving the greatest gift of all—you are giving health!

Seal your mail with Christmas seals! Stamp out tuberculosis!

NEWS OF OLD FOLKS HOME

The Negro Women's Christian Association met Dec. 2nd at the Home. This was the last meeting of this year. Quite a bit of interest was manifested. There will be a tree for the inmates on New Year's night. Give something and make them happy. The dinner given at the Y. W. C. A. for the Home was a success. Thanks—come again. We wish to thank the following persons and club who remembered the Home on Thanksgiving Day: Mrs. S. J. Roberts, 1-10 lb. goose; Mrs. Charles Davis, 913 N. 25th St., 2 hens; Mr. L. M. McVay, 1 bushel of apples; Mrs. Botts, 5 shirts; Mt. Ema Social and Charity Club, Mrs. Todd, president, 2 chickens, 2 cans of peas, one-half peck of Irish potatoes, one-half peck of sweet potatoes, 1 lb. cranberries, 8 oranges, and candy; Mr. Hill of Bethel A. M. E. Church sent 4 dinners to the Home. The next meeting will be January 6th, 1926 at the Home.

Many thanks,
MRS. L. ROY PORTER.

THREE GRADUATES FROM TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

The December class of Technical High school who received their diplomas Tuesday morning contained three colored students, the Misses Carrie Harrison, Alice Hunter and Ina Mae Williams. There were ninety-nine members in the class. Our ratio of graduates was therefore about three per cent. Congratulations and best wishes, girls. What's the matter with the boys?

ROOSEVELT POST TO GIVE CHARITY BALL

Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion, is making active preparations for a charity ball to be given December 18th at Dreamland Hall to help out its Christmas fund through which it will extend help to the families of ex-service men.

DEFENSE FUND AT MARK OF HALF

New York.—Contributions of \$4,885.42 toward the Legal Defense Fund being raised by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People brought the total up to \$19,250.14 at the close of this week, well past the half-way mark toward the \$30,000 required to meet the Garland Fund's offer of \$15,000. The present status of the fund is as follows:

Given by Garland Fund.....	\$ 5,000
Offered in addition.....	15,000
Required to meet offer.....	30,000
Total.....	\$50,000
Raised to date.....	\$19,250.14
Still to go.....	10,649.86

The Philadelphia Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. again topped the list of contributors to the fund, sending in a check for \$700, which, together with contributions of individuals to be credited to that Branch, brings the total for Philadelphia up to \$2,350, the highest point hitherto reached by any contributor to the fund, Branch or individual, except the Garland Fund.

REALTOR PRAISES PROGRESS OF NEGROES IN CHICAGO

Chicago.—(By the Associated Negro Press) N. Rahtblott of the Rahtblott Realty Company, Philadelphia, Pa., was loud in his praise of the progress that Negroes are making in this city. Mr. Rahtblott spent three days here recently as the guest of Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the National Baptist Convention and pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Chicago. During his visit here, Mr. Rahtblott visited the many business enterprises being conducted by Negroes here and observed the many indications of economic and civic progress.

Mr. Rahtblott has many times publicly acclaimed his interest in promoting the advancement of the Negro race in America and has indicated it by several philanthropic deeds, conspicuous among which was the donation of two sites for homes for aged people. The first was given to the B. P. O. E., headed by J. Finley Wilson, Washington, D. C., and the other to the National Baptist Convention. While here in Chicago, he made a further gift of one hundred dollars to the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

In addition to his philanthropy, Mr. Rahtblott is also promoting a movement whereby a select Negro community may be established at Mizpah, New Jersey. This community site is a large tract between Philadelphia and Atlantic City on the famous Black Horse Pike. Since purchasing the acreage, he has spent thousands of dollars in developing it into one of the most beautiful locations in America, and as a result many of the race have purchased sites for summer homes. The community is beautifully laid off and affords all of the conveniences of the larger cities with the exception of electric transportation.

When discussing the Mizpah community project with a group of Chicagoans, Mr. Rahtblott said: "It is my idea to develop there one of the largest Negro communities in the country and my desire to help an oppressed race of people as well as foresight in seeing the possibilities of great realty caused me to invest heavily in the project."

New York.—(By the Associated Negro Press) Four colored boys will sail for Europe next summer as members of the Third World Friendship Tour, to be conducted under the auspices of the National Council of Young Men's Christian Association. It is probable, owing to a desire that the group be made "as representative as possible," that an American Indian also will be included, according to those in charge of the selection of the boys.

A SECOND DRED SCOTT CASE

The sum and substance of the Dred Scott Decision was that a colored man has no rights that a white man is bound to respect. Of course this decision is something over a half a hundred years old, but there seems to be a large number of people in many sections and communities of the United States who feel that this decision is still the law of the land. The civil and legal rights of the Negro people as a race have not yet been fully conceded by a vast majority of the American people. Hundreds of the dominant race still refuse to believe and accept the fact of Negro citizenship. The Negro, notwithstanding his faithfulness as a citizen both in the time of peace and in the time of war must fight most strenuously the color prejudices and evil standards of America for a full share in the legal and moral and business life of the nation. Notwithstanding the guarantees of the constitution of the nation he must still fight hard for every inch of liberty's ground that he occupies. A case in point is the Dr. Sweet case of Detroit, Mich. Dr. Sweet, and a few friends defended his home against the intrusions of the outside world; during such defense a man was killed; for such defense he and his defenders are now facing a murder charge. Thanks however, to Almighty God, hundreds of white people who see and know the justice of Dr. Sweet's case are rushing to his defense. Among them is that powerful defender of human rights, Clarence Darrow, the supreme criminal lawyer of Chicago, Ill. At his back is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This association, the twin brother to Christianity, is doing more possibly to break down the nefarious walls of human prejudice, foul play and legal and civil butchery as practiced upon our race than any other organization in America; Every Negro should help.—From The Mosaic Guide, Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 21.

MUSICIAN, ABROAD, LONGS TO HELP THE SOUTH

New Orleans, La.—(By the Associated Negro Press) Andrew F. Rosemond, a colored violinist who has been directing a hotel orchestra in the Plaza, Hotel Shanghai, China, writes a letter to Harry B. Loeb, a well-known white impresario of this city, in which he expressed the hope to return to New Orleans after a tour of the world which he is making and do something for his race in the South. "I shall never be satisfied," he says, "until I make a success as professor of music in some Negro college or supervise music for the public schools." Rosemond was the first Negro to enter the palace of the Emperor of the Forbidden City was within a stone's throw of the Nanking road riot when the English fired on the Chinese students. He is going to Paris later, and on his return to New Orleans will arrange for a recital, wishing to be the first Negro to appear at the Atheneum.

KAPPA ALPHA PSIS ORGANIZE NEW CHAPTER

Des Moines, Ia.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—November 28, 1925, Attorney Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago, grand polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi, assisted by several members of Gamma, organized Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. The charter members of this chapter include eleven students of Drake and Des Moines universities and three alumni of Gamma Chapter in Iowa City. The alumni members are Attorney S. Joe Brown, a Phi Beta Kappa; Attorney H. R. Wright, and A. A. Alexander, civil engineer, all of the State University of Iowa. E. L. Dimmity of Drake University is the first polemarch of this chapter.

WEALTHY EX-SLAVE DIES IN KENTUCKY

Danville, Ky.—(By the Associated Negro Press) The second wealthiest ex-slave in Kentucky has just died and the greater part of this old Southern town, bound up in its Southern traditions, mourned her. She was Kate Whelan, who her life had either been a slave or connected as a domestic with many of the town's leading families. All the colored and every white person who knew her had the utmost respect and admiration for her. By living in a modest manner and practicing the utmost frugality, Miss Whelan accumulated an estate estimated to be worth \$30,000.

RHINELANDER LOSES HIS SENSATIONAL ANNULMENT SUIT

Jury After Deliberating for Twelve Hours Returns Unanimous Verdict for the Defendant

IGNORES APPEAL TO PREJUDICE

Closing Sessions of Trial Marked By Appeal To Race Prejudice On Part of Rhinelander's Attorney

White Plains, N. Y.—(By the Associated Negro Press) After more than 12 hours' deliberation, the jury in the annulment suit of Leonard Kip Rhinelander, wealthy son of Philip Rhinelander, against his colored wife, Alice Beatrice Rhinelander, decided in favor of the wife. The jury received the case Friday morning and, except for a short time taken out to get instructions relative to the testimony of a woman reporter, was in steady deliberation until after eleven o'clock at night. When court adjourned for the day, Justice Morschauser ordered the jury locked up and directed that if they came to a decision during the night, the verdict be sealed. It was opened at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Prior to the announcement of the finding in favor of the wife, reports were circulated that she had won and that only two of the jurors had been against her.

The closing sessions of the trial this week were probably of greater significance than those of any of the preceding weeks of the trial which lasted four weeks. It was marked by the masterful appeal for fair play and against race prejudice by Lee Parsons Davis, counsel for Mrs. Rhinelander, and by an open, impassioned, uninterrupted plea for race prejudice by Isaac Mills, the former supreme court justice and 75 year-old attorney for Rhinelander. Mills minced no words in asking the jury for a prejudiced verdict. He admitted the fact and the necessity of prejudice in America and adjured the jurymen to be guided by it rather than by law in the case. Attempts to make him stop, made by defense counsel, were overruled by the court.

Ku Klux Klan and other iniquitous influences were busy in the last days of the trial. Strong letters were written to the jurymen so strong that the court ordered them not to be opened. It is not definitely known what the next step in the drama will be. One of two are said to be possible: the first is an action against Philip Rhinelander, father of Alice's husband, for alienation of affection, and the other is divorce from her white husband.

One of the insults which Mills hurled at the Negro race during his address to the jury men was that though Mrs. Rhinelander had been degraded during the course of the trial, she could return to her race where any good colored man would be glad to have her.

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE PARTY

Last Saturday night the Eagles an organization of the young people of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, gave a pleasant dancing party at the home of Mrs. McCaw, 2306 Ohio street. They will have a candy booth at the bazaar in the Jewell Building next Thursday. They have set a certain financial goal for themselves which they hope to attain within a year.

MATTHEWS PROSECUTES NEW STRING OF FEDERAL CASES

Springfield, Ill.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—William Clarence Matthews, special assistant to the U. S. Attorney General, has arrived here to prosecute a string of cases for the government. Most of them are prohibition cases and the action of the government in sending a special prosecutor without local connections presages a vigorous fight for conviction in the opinion of local authorities.

WARN WHITES AGAINST INVADING NEGRO DISTRICT

West Palm Beach, Fla.—(By the Associated Negro Press) All white persons have been warned to stay out of the colored section of this city. It is felt that the warning is issued as the result of a number of whites having been beaten in the district within the last few months. Another angle to the incident is that whites very often go into the district for pleasures, a practice which is a source of embarrassment to the prejudiced whites who don't. Neither race is to go into the residence section of the other after nightfall.