

# Richmond Negroes May Desert G. O. P.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

One Thousand Delegates and Visitors  
by Thousands Are Attending  
Sessions of Great  
Denomination

### REPORTS REVEAL PROGRESS

Easy Divorces and Companionate  
Marriages Are Condemned  
in Episcopal  
Address

Chicago, Ill.—(By the A. N. P.)—The African Methodist church, in all of its ramifications, "is moving along." This fact is being firmly established by the reports submitted at the general conference of the denomination, which is in session here at the Eighth Regiment Armory, at Twenty-fifth street and Giles avenue.

Day in and day out, the thousand delegates and thousands of visitors, who pack the armory which extends a half block in length, are listening to the reports of the progress of the church in its various departments. Reports that have been compiled and printed and which have been distributed to the delegates so that they may take an accurate record back home to their vast constituents.

To be sure that "not a word is missed" by the vast audience, a microphone and amplifiers have been installed. In many instances these instruments are unnecessary as numbers of the brethren are fully capable of being heard even in the far recesses of the building.

### The Episcopal Address

Easy divorces and companionate marriages were scored as the "greatest blight to our civilization" and "the nearest approach to prostitution to the marriage altar" by the episcopal address, which is a message from the bishopric to the conference and delivered by a series of bishops. The message pointed to the progress of the Church, declaring "that in every city of any size, churches had been built, purchased or rebuilt, the membership has increased and the ministers as a whole are more cultured and better trained."

Modernism and fundamentalism were thrust in the background, in this address, evidencing the belief that the greatest work could be accomplished through "unity of religion," "unity of the church," and the "unity of man."

In pointing out the problems faced by the Church, due to the migration of Negroes from the south to the north, the bishops ascribed the reason for the migration to "the suppression, oppression, and repression of our people by the dominant group in the south, and the deprivation of political rights."

Recommendations were submitted condemning lynching and segregation and urging the people to make a thoughtful use of the ballot in all elections. Other recommendations pertaining to legislation were referred to committees.

### Reports

The report of the financial department showed that the denomination was enjoying a healthy financial growth. More than a million and a half dollars have been paid into the department and in dollar money alone there had been an increase of more than \$150,000. Through the financial department, many churches, schools, and other departments of the Church have been helped materially. The report was made by Mr. John R. Hawkins, secretary.

In education the A. M. E. Church is doing great work. Conducting 15 schools, all of which reported that they were making progress and were in better shape than at the last general conference, this denomination is touching the lives of thousands of young people who are endeavoring to prepare themselves for a larger and more serviceable life and a well-rounded citizenship.

The Methodist Book Concern, under the management of D. M. Baxter, is now a source of pride to all members of the Church. A new building

## BYRN MAWR GIRL WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Washington, D. C.—Miss Enid a Cook, brilliant young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cook of this city, said to be the first Race girl undergraduate ever enrolled at Bryn Mawr college, Bryn Mawr, Pa., fashionable girls' school, was announced as the winner of the Maria Hopper scholarship award by President Marion Edwards Park at chapel meeting Saturday.

Miss Cook was one of the four sophomores of a class of 1,500 to receive a scholarship. She won her award through excellency in scholarship, having led all of her white classmates in her studies.

Miss Cook, who graduated from Dunbar High School in 1925 was the outstanding student among 400 freshmen at Howard U in 1926.

## FIELD TRIP TO STUDY SOUTH AMERICAN NEGRO

An Expedition from Northwestern  
University Plans To Go To  
South America  
Soon

Evanston, Ill.—To study a colony of Negroes in South America, who have established a civilization of their own in the jungle, Melville J. Herskovits, assistant professor of anthropology of Northwestern University here, plans to make a field trip to Dutch Guiana. Mrs. Herskovits and Dr. Morgan C. Kahn of Cornell University will accompany him.

The colony consists of three bush Negro tribes who revolted from their masters in the early part of the 18th century and have since lived in a part of the jungle reached only by water. This will be the first scientific study made of their life and customs, according to Northwestern University.

## GETS \$100 DAMAGES AGAINST WHITE CASTLE HAMBURGER HOUSE FOR DISCRIMINATION

St. Paul, Minn.—It is felt that a death blow has been dealt discrimination against Negroes in Minnesota now that Attorney C. J. Smith has won his second case within a year against the White Castle system of eating house corporation. The latest case was conducted in the interest of Isaac L. Finner, who was awarded a verdict of \$100 damages in the court of Judge J. Boerner. Prior to this a waiter for the corporation was forced to pay a \$100 fine for discriminatory practices. Both cases were prosecuted under the civil rights law of the state.

has been purchased and is modernly equipped. The volume of work turned out and the financial return, as reported by Mr. Baxter, met with the approval of the conference.

Dr. R. R. Wright, jr., told of the advance made by the Christian Recorder, of which he is the editor, and in doing so, made a mighty fine impression in favor of his candidacy for the bishopric. This organ of the Church, according to Dr. Wright, has grown in circulation and in influence.

### The Sessions

The sessions have been harmonious from the beginning and while there are "rumors of war," as yet nothing has really broken the serenity of the meeting. One of the most important resolutions passed has been that bishops who have served two or more terms in one district must be moved. While it is rumored that this did not take so well with some of the bishops, there has been no howl heard from the bishopric. Bishop Flipper, who was presiding at the time the resolution was adopted, however, warned the delegates that the "bishops would appoint themselves."

Each night a special program was rendered and many distinguished speakers addressed the conference, including Dr. Robert R. Moton, Mayor William Hale Thompson, Dr. Shalor B. Matthews, dean of the theological school of Chicago university, and Dr. George E. Haynes of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

## EDITORIAL

We received this week a typewritten communication signed "A READER" reading in part as follows: "We trust that when you decide to name the proprietors of the various colored gambling houses in this city of Omaha that you will not fail to include in the list" and here follow the names of two gentlemen, one of whom the letter states "is silent partner with \_\_\_\_\_ in his gambling dive," and the other "runs a private game in his home, etc." The anonymous writer also names a certain club, which he or she, states "conducts a full-fledged gambling dive in their club rooms." "The take-off of which goes to maintain their club." The writer adds this P. S.; "You have my permission to publish this in your next issue."

It is customary for newspapers to ignore anonymous communications. They, however, admit to their columns letters with a pseudonym, provided the writer signs his true name, as a matter of good faith, and also provided that the communication is not libellous or defamatory. Anonymous communications, as a rule, indicate cowardice. They are generally so regarded. Among honorable people they are classed with stabs in the back. That is why newspapers ignore them, as a rule, or only refer to them when such reference may conserve some good purpose. This is The Monitor's policy. We only refer to this letter to state for the information of "A READER" and for all others who desire to send letters to The Monitor, that if they will have the courage to sign their own names, as an act of good faith and that their identity may be known, publication will be given their letters when they conserve any good purpose. We refer to it also because it would indicate that there are gambling places in Omaha more than we had any idea of, conducted by members of our group, some of whom are considered members of "the best society," the existence of such places being known to some but entirely escaping the notice of our able and alert police authorities and of our efficient sheriff. We desire to state further that should The Monitor decide "to name the proprietors of the various colored gambling houses in this city of Omaha," of which our anonymous correspondent seems to have such intimate knowledge, he or she may rest assured that we will publish the names of all such persons no matter who they may be. If such publication should be made we will have proof to substantiate the charge made.

We are not foolish enough to believe that we can reform the city. We have never had any desire to pose as a reformer, nor have we now. We know that there are influences and agencies in all communities that are detrimental to the best interests of any people. We know that there is such a thing as commercialized vice that panders to the lowest instincts of humanity and degrades and pulls down and ruins men and women in body and soul. Unscrupulous and unprincipled people make money out of catering to these lower instincts. This class at times becomes brazen and bold and flaunts its shame and seeks to dominate and control. The impression prevails that all Negroes, no matter who they may be, are under the dominance and control of these evil and degrading influences, and that we all want it so. This is evidently the impression that prevails here among the powers that be. This is why we get such scant recognition in political positions. Privileges and protection for a few to run questionable resorts, it is alleged, are considered satisfactory substitutes for substantial employment. It is a lead pipe cinch that our people have mighty few worthwhile political jobs in this community. Not so many as we had when our numbers were vastly sparser than now. What is the reason? Every effect must have a cause. There is some cause for this condition. Is it because a certain few enjoy the privilege of running places that are in violation of the law? If this be true, we suffer not only a moral loss, which is the chief consideration, but also an economic loss.

If there be men, as our anonymous correspondent states, posing as honorable and respectable citizens who are proprietors of such places, so much the greater shame, and so much the greater reason that they should be closed, because such men do infinitely more harm than those who are openly and frankly of the so-called sporting class. Members of our race who have the best interests of our people at heart cannot defend the running of questionable resorts, gambling, bootlegging, or any other.

## TO DESERT THE G. O. P. FOR THE DEMOCRATS

Negroes of Richmond Issue Warning  
To the Republican Party—  
Are In Favor of Al  
Smith

Richmond, Va.—Republicans of Richmond were caused much concern Monday, when race political leaders of the city announced that their constituents planned to desert the ranks of the Republican party for the Democrats. The 5,000 race voters of Richmond to nearly a man will vote the Democratic ticket in the presidential elections next fall contingent upon the Democrats picking Al Smith as their candidate, it was said.

A test suit for damages growing out of colored voters being refused ballots in the Democratic mayoralty primary April 5, last, is in United States district court for trial next fall. Upon the outcome of this case will rest the possibility of the colored voters becoming Democrats.

The Ladies' Birthday Kensington Club held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at the residence of Mrs. T. P. Mahammit, 2116 North 25th street. Mesdames T. P. Mahammit and George Dixon were the hostesses.

## THE METHODISTS RAP MOB CRIME

The Conference at Kansas City Goes  
On Record As Condemning  
the Lynching  
Evil

Kansas City, Mo.—The quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church went on record as advocating rigid law enforcement to bring to an end the evil of lynching.

Lynching and mob law was denounced as "a hideous thing in our higher civilization," by a southern delegate. The statement was made that later in the conference strong resolutions would be presented as a national protest.

The loss of 223,000 members during the past quadrennium was deplored. It was indicated that the church of the North favors unification, but the church of the South is opposed to it. Smoking and Sunday automobiling was rapped.

The election of new bishops is slated for next week. Five bishops will be retired.

Mrs. C. L. Jennings has returned from Greenwood, Miss., where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Terrell.

## CARL DITON TO GIVE RECITAL IN OMAHA

Carl Diton, president of the National Association of Negro Musicians, and called "America's foremost versatile Negro musician," who is on his second transcontinental tour, before leaving for Europe, will give a recital in Omaha, Thursday night, June 7, at Pilgrim Baptist church, under the auspices of St. Philip's Episcopal church. Mr. Diton is one of our finest pianists and organists. He is also a vocalist. His recital will be on the piano and pipe organ. Mr. Diton is now in the west where he has scored musical triumphs wherever he has appeared and in returning eastward has engagements which will keep him busy until the last of June when his tour ends, preparatory to his leaving for an extended concert tour in Europe.

## HEADS RANK ON THE UNITED STATES ROLL

E. A. Savoy Begins Fifty-eighth Year  
in the Government Service—  
He Hopes To Set  
a Record

Washington, D. C.—Edward Augustine Savoy has been elevated to head of the government service roll. Savoy is 74 years old. He began his fifty-eighth year of continuous service last week as messenger for Secretary of State Kellogg, having entered the department as a manual laborer in 1871, during the administration of President Grant.

Despite his advanced years, snowy hair, and slightly buckled frame, "Eddie," as he is now known to diplomats the world around, expects to remain in harness at least two years more to establish a new all-time service record.

Savoy served thirteen years as general fixer about the cavernous state, war and navy buildings before he attained the rank of "assistant messenger."

## PULLMAN PORTERS MAY GET CHARTER FROM THE A. F. OF L.

New York.—On April 25th, in the A. F. of L. headquarters at Washington, D. C., A. Philip Randolph, general organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, appeared before the executive council to present the case in behalf of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters receiving an international charter. His argument was received with great interest, attention and concern. The outlook is that the Brotherhood will receive an international charter from the American Federation of Labor. In the event that it receives such a charter, it will be epochal and historical and veritably mark a revolution in the relationship of Negro labor to organized white labor in the country and also invest Negro workers with a new weapon of offense and defense in the industrial struggle.

It will be the first International union headed and controlled by Negroes in the history of the American labor movement.

## CALIFORNIA PLAYERS ORGANIZE

Los Angeles, Cal.—(By the ANP)—Taking their name from the recent publication, Ebony and Topaz, edited by Charles S. Johnson of New York, a group of amateur players here have formed an actor's guild. The last of this month they will produce their first play at the Vernon and Central community house. It is "Black Alkali" and was written by George S. Grant, a local writer and poet. Direction is in the hands of Webb King.

The Ebony and Topaz players plan to produce at least four plays a year, including all types, hoping to include some of Eugene O'Neill's. Ruth Skeen has been active in the formation of the organization, while its officers are Anita Grant, president, Emma Lue Sayers, secretary, and Eddie Forsythe, treasurer.

## BAR ASSOCIATION PERFECTING PLANS FOR BETTER WORK

National Negro Legal Organization  
Aims at Greater Proficiency In  
Improving Race's Civil  
Status

### ASSOCIATION BROAD IN SCOPE

Chicago, Ill.—(By the ANP)—To enable the Negro lawyers of the country to render an even more effective service to the organizations seeking to improve the civil status of the Negro in this country, officers of the National Bar association conferred here last week and laid plans for a comprehensive program to be developed at their annual meeting next August.

"The rapid strides being made by Negroes in the legal profession, the recognition given in such cities as Chicago, Washington, St. Louis, Gary, and New York, where legally trained men are occupying high positions of public trust, in several of the communities holding judgeships, carries with our advanced position, the responsibility of being of even greater service to our group," said Homer G. Phillips in addressing the gathering. "The Negro lawyer with adequate ability is better able as a rule to protect the interests of the Negro client because first of all he has a sympathetic interest and a keener understanding of the conditions which confront the colored petitioner at the bar," said Mr. Phillips. The National Bar association is as broad in its scope and purpose as the American Bar association except that it has no color restrictions. In fact, we have white members, a judge in St. Paul being one of our membership.

The officers of the National Bar association are President Homer G. Phillips, St. Louis; Vice-President, John Q. Adams, Omaha; Secretary, C. Francis Stradford, Chicago; Asst. Secretary, Georgia Ellis Jones, Chicago; Treasurer, Alva Bates, of the same city; Regional Directors, Leland Hawkins, San Francisco; George C. Ross, Denver; Orlando J. Smith, St. Paul; William H. Haynes, Chicago; Ferdinand Q. Morton, New York; and William C. Todd, Panama.

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

Last Thursday night a Mother and Daughter banquet was held in St. Philip's Guild room, under the chairmanship of Mrs. B. B. Cowan, assisted by Mrs. Herbert Wiggins and Mrs. Winifred J. Johnson. Despite the rain there was a good attendance. An interesting program consisting of a recitation by Otelia Gordon, a solo by Sylvia Adams, papers by Miss Madeline Shipman and Mrs. Lucile Dixon, an address by Mrs. L. E. Britt and a comical skit by the Girls' Friendly Society was given.

## PIONEER CITIZEN DIES

Cyrus Terrell, one of Omaha's pioneer citizens, died at his late residence, 2327 North Twenty-seventh street, last Saturday afternoon after a protracted illness. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. The Knights of Pythias held their service at 2:30 in Myers' undertaking chapel, after which the body was escorted to St. Philip's church, where the burial office of the Episcopal church was said by Rev. John Albert Williams. Interment was in Forest Lawn. The deceased is survived by his widow, one son, Dr. Price Terrell, three grandchildren, two sisters and other relatives.

## SCIPIO A. JONES IS DELEGATE

Russellville, Ark.—Scipio A. Jones of Little Rock, one of the state's outstanding Negro leaders, was elected delegate to the National Republican convention at Kansas City Monday at a meeting of republicans of the Fifth congressional district. Mr. Jones will go to the convention unaccompanied. A. C. Logan of Little Rock was chosen alternate.