

Demented Porter Shoots Two Women

LOS ANGELES DONS GALA TOGS TO WELCOME CONFERENCE

Streets Are Decorated With Flags and Banners; Prominent Citizens Meet Special Trains Bearing Delegates

WELCOME ADDRESS BY MAYOR

Los Angeles, Cal. — Two special trains bearing the national office staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and delegates and friends from the eastern, southern and western states to the N. A. A. C. P. conference were met by prominent white and colored citizens of Los Angeles and with a special escort of Los Angeles police were escorted through the streets of the city which were decorated with flags and banners to the Hotel Somerville.

The Hotel Somerville, of Spanish Mission style, and the most elaborate hotel owned and operated exclusively by Negroes in America, was formally opened to the public on the opening day of the conference, and will house the national office staff, delegates, and friends to the conference, during their stay in Los Angeles.

Mayor George E. Cryer of Los Angeles, delivered the address of welcome at the opening mass meeting of the conference on the night of June 27th in the Philharmonic auditorium, which is located in the heart of the city's downtown district. It is famous for its symphonies and concerts and outstanding artists have performed there, including Roland Hayes, and many others. A crowd of more than 3,000 jammed the building to the doors and more than 1,000 were turned away.

Moorfield Storey of Boston, national president of the association, sent a letter to the conference, hailing the brilliant achievements of the association during the past year, which was read at the opening meeting by James Weldon Johnson, executive secretary.

Dr. H. C. Hudson, president of the Los Angeles branch, in his address, recited some of the many achievements of the association during the 19 years of its existence.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of The Crisis, delivered an address on "The Presidential Election, Black Votes and Democracy in the United States," and was given a big ovation which lasted for many minutes at the close of his speech.

Dr. Miriam Van Waters, referee of the juvenile court of Los Angeles, who also addressed the conference on the opening night, said: "California had been favorable for the progress of the Negro," and traced the history of the Negro race in Los Angeles since the early Spanish explorers and Negro pioneers, and declared that Negroes owned and operated the first steamship in the San Francisco bay.

SAVES THREE GIRLS FROM DROWNING

Pass Christian, Miss.—The name of Joe Pallode will be sent to the Carnegie Hero Commission with the recommendation that he be awarded a hero medal as a result of his bravery in saving the lives of three small white girls here Monday. A fourth child was drowned before the heroic Race man could reach her.

The children were playing in the gulf when Margaret Pouydeau, 12-year-old daughter of a wealthy planter, suddenly stepped off into deep water. The other children went to her rescue, but they, too, sank. Pallode, who was working near the scene of the accident, heard their screams and rushed to their aid.

He dived into the water and rescued three of the children, but the Pouydeau child had sunk before he could reach her. The body was recovered several hours later by use of a trawl net.

It is conceded that all four of the children would have been drowned had it not been for Pallode's bravery.

SOUTHERN MISS WINS M. S. DEGREE AT W. R. U.

Cleveland, Ohio—Eliza Redd has the distinction of being the first girl of her race to receive the degree of master of science from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Redd attended the graduate school of Western Reserve for two years, at the same time working as part time case worker at the Butler branch of the Associated Charities. The last year she spent as full time worker and in preparing her thesis, which, she has just been informed, has been accepted. The subject of her thesis is "A Comparative Study of Sixty Retarded and Non-Retarded Migrant Negro Children."

Miss Redd was born in Savannah, Ga., and is a graduate of Fisk University. She will continue her work as case worker at the Associated Charities in Cleveland.

PORO COLLEGE HETD HERE FOR LECTURE NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Founder and President of An Outstanding Racial Commercial and Cultural Enterprise To Visit City

Mrs. Anna M. Malone, founder and president of Poro College of Beauty Culture, St. Louis, Mo., will visit Omaha next week and give an illustrated lecture on the wonderful institution she has developed. Mrs. Malone is not only noted for the great million dollar commercial enterprise with its cultural features and indus-



trial opportunities which it affords, but for her generous benefactions to so many worthy educational and charitable organizations of the race. Her delight is in doing well. With all of her success she has maintained a democratic spirit and most gracious, charming and winsome personality. Her lecture will be instructive, illuminating and inspiring and the proceeds are to be divided between three of the local churches. It is to be given at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

LYNCHING RECORD FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1928

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., July 1.—Editor of The Monitor: I send you the following information concerning lynchings for the first six months of this year. I find according to the records compiled at Tuskegee Institute in the department of records and research, that in the first six months of 1928 there were five lynchings. This number is four less than the number (9) for the first six months of each of the years 1925 and 1926; it is the same as the number (5) for the first six months of 1924; 10 less than the number (15) for the first six months of 1923; 25 less than the number (30) for the first six months of 1922; and 31 less than the number (36) for the first six months of 1921.

All of the persons lynched were Negroes. The offenses charged were murder, three; being brothers of a man who had killed an officer of the law, two.

The states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Louisiana, two; Missouri, one; Texas, two.

R. R. MOTON, Principal.

The J. M. F. Bridge club held a moonlight picnic at Big Lake, Council Bluffs, Ia., Wednesday, July 4. A very enjoyable time was spent by all.

EDITORIAL

The Omaha Branch of the National Urban League, an organization formed in New York City, in 1910, to improve industrial conditions for Negroes in that teeming metropolis and gradually extended to more than forty large cities, where it has done effective work, is now ready for active functioning. The executive secretary in the person of Mr. James T. Kerns, who has been in charge of the Milwaukee Urban League, has arrived and gone to work. Of course it will take time to get matters well in hand and in this we feel sure he will have the sincere co-operation of all broad-minded and right-thinking citizens and especially those of our own group.

While the work of the Urban League concerns itself primarily with the improvement of industrial and cognate conditions among Negroes, short sighted indeed must he be who thinks that either its influence or its benefits lodge within and affect only this group of the population. Whatever improves the condition of any segment of any city's population improves in a corresponding scale the status of the whole population. Our social fabric is so closely interwoven, whether we are willing to admit it or not, that what affects one strand helps to mar or beautify the whole pattern. Therefore if you better the conditions of the Negro group, or of any other strongly differentiated group, like those of foreign extraction, in the urban populations the whole city is bettered thereby. This is the reason that all classes of citizens should be interested in whatever makes for improvement of social conditions for any group of the under-privileged.

But what is everybody's business is nobody's business and so special agencies are of necessity called into being for focusing attention on specific needs. The Urban League was born of this necessity. It has justified its genesis by its growth and the comparative success it has achieved wherever adequately tried. It has been believed by many of the socially minded that Omaha needed this organization. A branch was organized here in March with an official personnel of both races, but there was delay in securing an executive secretary and so practically very little work could be done until such an official could be on the grounds. He is now here and we express the hope that all will heartily co-operate with him in making the Omaha Branch of the Urban League as efficient an agency in our city as it has proven itself to be in other communities.

COMMENDATION OF PRESS AND POLICE

The Monitor desires to commend the daily press of Omaha, the World-Herald and Bee-News, for the manner in which they reported the deplorable act of an insane Negro who shot two women and endangered the lives of other persons in the Woolworth store Thursday morning. We desire also to commend the police department for the good judgment and ability with which they handled the situation, quite tense until the truth was known. Any sensational playing up of a case of this kind, where the two races are involved, naturally and easily leads to disastrous results. Regrettable though it be, the fact remains that race prejudice is so strong, even in a community like this where race relations are normally sane, that the report of an act of violence by a black person against a white person and especially where women are involved, that the murderous mob spirit is easily aroused. Omaha is still paying a heavy penalty for its insane madness of nearly ten years ago. All right-thinking citizens must therefore rejoice that there was no distorting of the truth or sensational playing up of wild and unfounded rumors in this case which would undoubtedly have led to serious and regrettable results. The power of the press for the maintenance of law and order has been clearly demonstrated in reporting this deplorable incident.

"Economics Create Race Problem," Says William Pickens In Address

Los Angeles, Cal.—The notion of "superior" and "inferior" races is closely linked with the economic domination of the "superior" group, declared William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaking Friday night at a mass meeting here at the association's 19th annual conference.

"Those with the economic advantage are always the 'better' people, the upper caste," declared Mr. Pickens, "the masters, the rulers, the 'superior race.' The economically ill-situated are the lower caste, the servants, the subjects, the 'inferior race.'"

"The sentiment that grows around a class is subsequent and secondary; the economic fact is precedent and primary. Primarily, a slave is a fellow to do the work; next it becomes very disgraceful to be a slave because of his economic disabilities: he gets the lowest possible wages, his mere 'keep'; he cannot strike and he cannot change his boss. He is lowest in the social scale because he is lowest in the economic scale, and for no other reason. Serfs, 'common people,' working classes, are determined by their relation to the economic goods of society. Aristocrats, blue bloods, 'dicties,' capitalists, kings, have their status determined by their relation to the same goods.

"Dirty slaves and ignorant personal servants seem more acceptable to the dominant race than clean and economically independent colored freemen. Atlanta and South Carolina try to legislate Negro barbers out of

JUNE FROLIC WAS A PLEASING AFFAIR

The June Frolic given by the Service Committee of the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A., under the chairmanship of Mrs. S. B. H. Canty, at Dreamland hall, Thursday, June 21st, was a very delightful affair, which merited a larger patronage than it received. A delightful program was given under the direction of Miss Ruth Seay, whose young ladies' orchestra furnished numbers for the program and the music for the dancing which followed. The beautiful May Pole dance was presented by a group of young girls who had been carefully trained by Mrs. Lizzie Buford, whose talent in this line is well known. Vocal numbers were contributed by Thomas Dooley, Mrs. Addie Bell Moore, Gordon Hopkins and Forrester Scott. John Jackson gave a violin number with Miss Catherine Williams at the piano.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OMAHA URBAN LEAGUE PLEASSED WITH OUTLOOK

Trained Social Worker Comes From Milwaukee, Where He Has Rendered Good Service for Race and Community

J. Hawley Kerns, Executive Secretary of the Omaha Urban League, who arrived in the city Saturday, is highly pleased with the outlook for constructive social work here.

A native of Wilmington, N. C., Mr. Kerns took his degree from Livingston College at the early age of 19, and took Social Science and Econom-



ics at Western Reserve University, Cleveland. He has been employed in social service work for ten years in Cleveland and elsewhere and for the last 4½ years as Executive Secretary of the Milwaukee Urban League where he has done very effective work, serving on many civic and educational organizations. He comes to Omaha with high testimonials of outstanding social service work and will prove a valuable asset to our city.

Mr. Kerns is married and has two children. His family will join him here in August.

NEGRO GETS BIG JOB

The contract for the construction of a ten million dollar apartment house in Philadelphia, Pa., has been given to a Negro contractor, Frederick Massiah. It is the largest beam and girder building ever erected in the city, and is to be twelve stories high, with 220 apartments. Mr. Massiah, who is a native of the Barbadoes, has made quite a reputation in engineering and architecture in Philadelphia. He studied civil engineering at the American School of Art.

VOICE FROM ACROSS WATER

There can be no doubt that the American Negro is conquering England as he has conquered America. How proud the American Negro must feel nowadays when he visits our ancient cities and finds our intelligent singing, or more usually listening to his spirituals on the gramophone, and the rest of the country dancing his inspired steps to tunes inspired by him. As Bret Harte once asked, "Is the Caucasian played out?" — The Manchester Guardian.

GRAZED NEGRO RUNS WILD WITH PISTOL IN A DIME STORE

Several Persons' Lives Endangered When William Lewis Empties Gun In Department Store

HAD BEEN INSANE PATIENT

Two women were injured and several persons' lives endangered when William Lewis, aged 23, porter in the Woolworth Dime store for the past two years, staged an orgy of pistol shooting in the cafeteria Thursday morning. Not only were the patrons and employees in the dime store basement menaced by the madman's bullets, but also those in the basement of the Brandeis store.

Miss Nina Dobson, clerk, was shot by one bullet through the breast, and Mrs. Julia Connor received a bullet wound in the leg. Miss Marie Maloney, employed in the store kitchen, at whom the first shot was fired, fell and fainted at the shot, but was unharmed. A bullet passed through the apron of Eva Walker, lunch counter waitress, and another cut through the clothes of Leland Bunten, assistant manager of the store. Lewis pointed his gun at Virgil Davis, store manager, and pulled the trigger, but his ammunition was exhausted.

William Lewis and his brother, Henry, aged 21, had been employed in the Woolworth store for the past two years, and according to the manager, had given good service. For the past two or three weeks, Bill, as he was called, had been "acting queer." He had not seemed to be quite himself since the death of his mother in April. Recently he had brought a pistol to the store and the manager had told him to take it home.

Thursday morning, Marie Maloney had spilled some gravy on the floor. Lewis told her that she should be more careful as he had to clean it up. "Oh, I couldn't help it, Bill," the girl replied. Lewis is alleged to have muttered, "I'll get 'em for talking about me," and going to his locker he got his pistol and opened fire on Miss Maloney and others with the results named.

He was arrested by Detectives Harry Buford, Paul Haze and T. J. Ryan. The detectives entered by different doors and Lewis seeing Buford said, "Here I am" and offered no resistance.

Lewis had been a patient in the asylum for the insane for nearly a year prior to his employment at the Woolworth store, but had been released as cured.

HAD BEEN IN ASYLUM

Theodore Mallory, 4518 Saratoga street, Lewis' brother-in-law, a postal clerk, said Thursday afternoon that recently he had asked Judge Charles Foster, Lewis' guardian, to take steps to have Lewis returned to the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln, where he formerly was an inmate.

"He had been acting queerly since his mother died last April," Mallory explained. "He imagined that everyone was making fun of him and plotting against him. Three weeks ago while visiting at my house he flew in a rage over nothing and threatened my wife, who is his sister.

"I asked Judge Foster to have him put away until he had recovered his faculties."

The victims of the insane man's bullets are recovering at Lord Lister hospital.

E. A. CARTER APPOINTED OPPORTUNITY EDITOR

New York, N. Y.—The National Urban League, through its executive secretary, Eugene Kinckle Jones, announces the appointment of Elmer Anderson Carter executive secretary of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Urban Leagues, as editor of "Opportunity" magazine, to succeed Charles S. Johnson, whose resignation takes effect September 15. Mr. Johnson goes to take charge of the Department of Social Sciences of Fisk University, at Nashville, Tenn.