

## BALANCE OF POWER HELD BY NEGROES IN THE BORDER STATES

Politicians Are Busy Trying to Hold Trend of Negro Voters to Democrats in Doubtful States— They Promise More

(From the New York Telegram)

Washington, D. C.—Negro voters can turn the national election in doubtful border states. Hence the politicians are scurrying about trying to devise ways and means to make the colored vote safe for Hoover or Smith, as the case may be.

Republicans have reason to fear a revolt at the polls in some Northern cities, where Negroes in the past have voted with almost automatic regularity for the G. O. P. candidates. These changed conditions are said to be due to younger radicals of the race, who are preaching to their followers that the republican party has long exploited them by taking their votes without doing anything in return to justify the boasts of "Lincoln's party."

Quick to take advantage of this discontent, democrats are going out for the first time with an almost nation-wide organization to catch these racial ballots.

### Three Fronts in Fight

According to the campaign strategists on both sides, there are three fronts in this battle: Industrial centers of the North, such as New York, Chicago and Indianapolis; border states, including Missouri and its St. Louis colored belt, and, of less importance because of so-called disenfranchising laws, certain Southern states, such as North Carolina, where election returns may conceivably be close.

The republican and democratic problem in the industrial areas of the North is both political and economic. To meet racial discontent this year, they find they must pledge not only adequate political representation, but also protection for the welfare of the Negro workers who are becoming "class conscious."

Unfortunately for the politicians, however, they find that the very propaganda required to capture the Negro vote is the kind that will lose white votes in the doubtful border and Southern states.

In the North, republicans are trying to sell their ticket on the basis of being the traditional party of the Negro, committed to championing his equality of rights. But with Hoover trying to crash the border States and lead the G. O. P. into the solid South for the first time, republicans find their worst obstacle the democratic warning to beware of the "Negro's party."

This situation is becoming no less embarrassing to the democrats. In the North they want the valuable Negro voters to forget that the party in congress is dominated by Southern whites. In the South they want the whites to forget the democratic appeal being made to colored voters above the Mason-Dixon line.

### Working for Smith in Harlem

Smith's aides are working Harlem, the New York City belt. Organizations include Colored Democracy, led by F. Q. Morton, a Negro municipal employe, and the Smith-for-President Colored League, under the National Democratic Committee, said to be active in many states.

In Chicago, republicans hope to hold the colored vote by allowing a Negro to succeed the late Martin B. Madden in congress. Direct political representation by a Negro congressman is generally recognized by politicians to be the most effective manner of "keeping the colored vote in line," provided this end can not be achieved "less expensively."

Not to be outdone in this, the democrats have broken precedent by backing a Negro for the congressional seat from the Twelfth Missouri district in St. Louis. This young man is Joseph L. McLeMore, formerly an employe at the national capital. He is running against Representative L. G. Dyer, author of the anti-lynching bill and popularly known as "the Negro's best friend in Washington."

Shanghai—According to unofficial estimates made public here, the Chinese wars fought in the provinces of Chihli and Shantung during the last several years have resulted in the deaths of 4,000,000 men, 1,000,000 of whom are said to have been youths.

## NEBRASKA STATE FAIR AND DAN DESDUNES

Once more Nebraska's great fair has come and gone with credit to all concerned. For years this fair has put Nebraska in a class with the leading states of America. Besides bringing to the state some of the greatest attractions of the day, its exhibits, its live stock and products are beyond comparison. This year, along with the fair, came the largest attendance in its history. The workings of the old time pickpocket and thug have been so minimized that such workings were things of the past, and each and every pure blooded Nebraskan was proud of the part he or she played in bringing it about.

Yes, Desdunes and his band were there as usual, and their numbers brought about the usual amount of interest of which all colored citizens should be proud. It would be a difficult matter to recall all the beautiful pieces of music he has played at the many fairs he has played, but it is with the greatest of pleasure that we gaze upon a monument of the highest moral standing, Desdunes and his musicians have built during the ten years they have played for the Nebraska state fair.

Under the capable management of William Lewis, Desdunes' band is a credit to the colored race in every respect.

It is to be hoped that each and every member of this organization who has contributed so largely to its success will continue to do so for another ten years, for I am positive that the high moral and distinctive character of the musicians that Desdunes brings to this great fair has as much to do with his immense popularity in this community as his selections, his jazz, singing and dancing.

### MRS. WALTER CRAIG HOSTESS AT LARGE LUNCHEON

Last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Walter Craig was hostess for a large number of her friends at her pretty home, 2320 North Twenty-seventh street, when she gave a luncheon honoring Mme. J. Ernestine Wyatt of Waterloo, Iowa. Mrs. Craig opened the fall social season most fittingly when she chose this event to have many visitors and friends meet the accomplished dramatic artist, Madame Wyatt. The affable hostess was assisted by Mesdames Belle Taylor and Roberta Bailey. A delicious luncheon was daintily served to the 27 guests present. An impromptu program was rendered amidst much merriment. The out-of-town guests present were Miss Margie L. Danley of Pasadena, Cal., the executive secretary of the North Side branch of the "Y", who has arrived to cast her fine personality in Omaha; Mesdames W. O. King of Tacoma, Wash., M. W. Madison of Wichita, Kansas, Richard Houston of Lincoln, Neb., Misses G. M. Seraphin of New Orleans, La., and Esther Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio. About 20 Omahans shared the hospitality of Mrs. Craig.

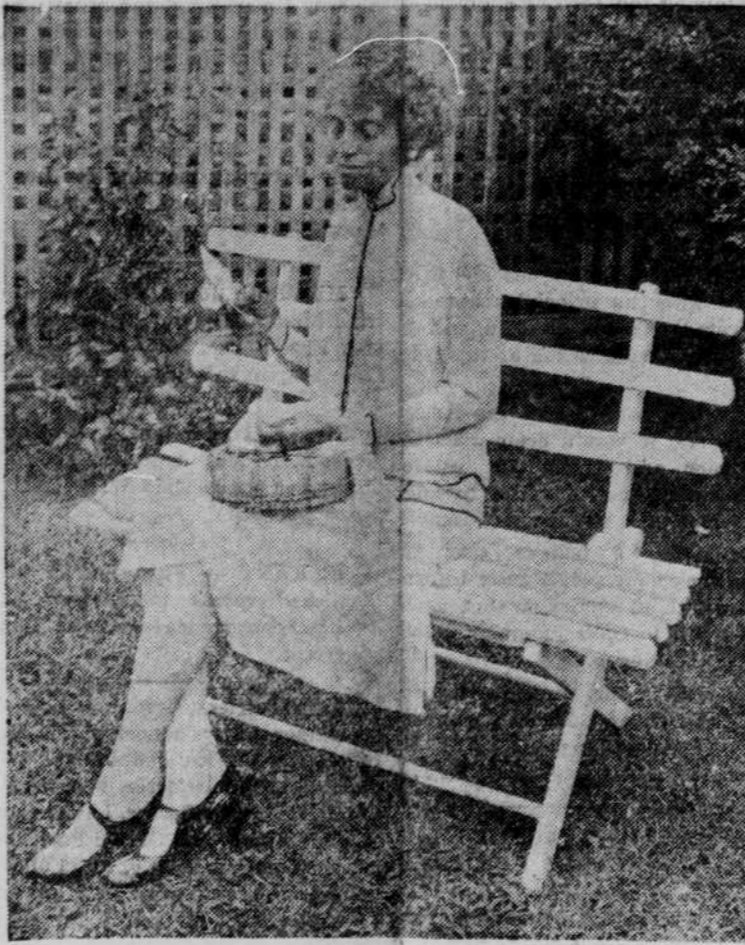
### ENTERTAIN FOR GUESTS AT PLEASANT PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gordon of Huntington, West Va., accompanied by their three daughters, who have been visiting their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Freeman of 2917 North Twenty-sixth street, were delightfully entertained by their hostess at a picnic in Elmwood park Sunday afternoon. About 85 guests were present. Mrs. Freeman was assisted by Mrs. Josephine Goodlett, Mrs. Vay Davis, Miss Theresa Liverpool and Mr. Virgil Shobes. A delightful time was had by all.

### INDIA DELEGATE AT GENEVA RAPS SEX FILMS IN INDIA

Geneva.—At a session of the Social and Humanitarian Committee of the League of Nations, an Indian delegate appeared to discuss the motion picture industry in his country. The cinema is undoubtedly good for the child, he said, but added that it was a double-edged weapon.

"In India children are being shown films in which all the passions of pre-nuptial love are displayed. This is bringing about serious consequences and serious steps should be taken. The production of films whose sole object is to make money is something the League of Nations should put a stop to," he said.



Mrs. Dan Desdunes

### URGES NATURAL GAS FOR ECONOMY

If natural gas comes to Omaha, Mrs. Dan Desdunes, wife of the popular Omaha band director, will be one of the first to welcome it into her home at 2516 Burdette street. Mrs. Desdunes is convinced that natural gas will save her nearly a hundred dollars in gas bills for heating and cooking in her home.

During the past year Mrs. Desdunes' gas bill for heating from October to May, inclusive, was \$178.74. C. D. Robinson, engineer of the Metropolitan Utilities district, has carefully estimated that Mrs. Desdunes

will spend only \$93.42 for the same period next year if natural gas is brought to Omaha. This means a saving of \$85.32 during the winter months.

Mrs. Desdunes paid \$2.64 for artificial gas from June 29 to July 31, or an average summer month. Mr. Robinson has estimated a saving of 70 cents a month by natural gas when used for cooking in the amount that Mrs. Desdunes uses it. This means an annual saving of \$8.40.

Thus, Mrs. Desdunes expects to save a total of \$93.72 yearly by using natural gas for cooking and heating. That is why she favors natural gas for Omaha.

### POLICE LYNCHED NEGRO—REPORT IN "VARIETY"

New York, Sept. 13.—A hitherto unpublished report saying that the lynching of a Negro in Houston, Tex., just before the democratic convention convened there, was engineered by local police, is relayed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, from "Variety" for Wednesday, August 1. The report of the Houston lynching in "Variety" reads as follows:

### LYNCHING AT HOUSTON

"An unprinted story of the lynching of a colored man in Houston by policemen of that city, just prior to the democratic convention, seems to have been known by all the newspaper men in attendance, notwithstanding. It was on account of the correspondents that the rope being was smothered over by the authorities. It would not sound nice, they decided, for the world to know that Houston policemen violated the very lynch law that the south has been trying to square for years.

"A night or so before the convention opened a cop and a Negro fired shots at one another. Both were hit and taken to a hospital where the officer died. Later the same night five of the dead cop's uniformed companions went to the hospital where the still unconscious Negro had been taken, removed and hung him from a bridge near the outskirts of the city. His body was cut down the next morning.

"That the cops had done it spread over the inside of the city. Houston's mayor, it is said, in the dilemma, thought to bespeak the advice of four other Texas mayors on how to hush up or keep quiet about the cops as the lynchers. Only one reply contained a suggestion thought worth while. That is said to have come from the mayor of Dallas. It suggested any other five men be pinched and held until after the convention ended.

"Accordingly, from the story, the police of Houston picked up five local vagrants on the lynching charge, told them to behave or they would get the limit afterward, otherwise later let loose, and even made one of them write a confession.

"As far as any of the newspaper men know, that was the end of the Houston being."

### N. A. A. C. P. RETAINS TEXAS LAWYERS TO FIGHT PRIMARY VOTE ON JIM CROW

New York, N. Y.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has retained Fred C. Knollenberg of El Paso, Texas, the attorney who laid the groundwork for the celebrated White Primary case victory before the United States supreme court, to fight the newest form of disfranchisement of Negroes in Texas.

When the supreme court declared unconstitutional the Texas law barring colored voters from the state democratic primaries, the white people sought to accomplish the same end by a law placing in the hands of the state committees the power to determine who shall have the privilege of voting in the primaries. Thus, instead of a law barring voters from the primaries the democratic state committee enacted a rule that no Negro should vote.

This new dodge is being challenged by the N. A. A. C. P. precisely as was the White Primary law. Dr. L. A. Nixon offered himself as a fully qualified democratic voter and was refused a ballot. The N. A. A. C. P. has now retained Mr. Knollenberg to carry this case up to and through the United States supreme court, pledging itself to pay a fee of \$2,500 and necessary expenses up to the sum of \$1,500.

Since the White Primary decision by the supreme court many southern states, prevented from barring Negroes by law, have tried the expedient of having state party committees pass rules against their voting. The Texas case, therefore, like the White Primary case, will serve as a precedent for similar situations throughout the southern states. The N. A. A. C. P. confidently expects that on the basis of the White Primary decision, the supreme court will outlaw the new subterfuge.

Dr. G. B. Lennox has returned from an extensive eastern trip which included attendance at the National Medical convention, Baltimore, Md., and visits to Washington, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and other points.

You'll be surprised how far \$1.00 will go at St. Philip's Rummage Sale, Monday, September 17th, at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets.—Adv.

## FIELD ORGANIZER NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE HERE

Claims That Hoover Stands Squarely for the Rights of All Citizens and Can Be Trusted. Confident of His Election.

Homer L. Phillips of St. Louis, Mo., a member of the national republican committee, western division, with headquarters in Chicago, was an Omaha visitor this week. Mr. Phillips is field organizer for the western territory.

Mr. Phillips frankly admitted that while he finds a spirit of resentment against the attitude of the republican party quite prevalent among Negro voters, there is a general disposition among them to trust Mr. Hoover and support him. He is confident of Hoover's election and says that from what he knows of Mr. Hoover personally, the race need not have the slightest doubt of a square deal at his hands.

Mr. Phillips claims that by personal investigation upon a recent visit to New York he finds that during his eight years as governor, Al Smith has not appointed a single Negro to office.

"We have an historical background in the republican party upon which we can stand and fight for what we conceive to be our rights," said Mr. Phillips. "We have no such claim upon the democratic party and therefore it would be unwise to permit ourselves to be driven out of the party. Our hope, as I see it, is in Herbert Hoover."

## PROMINENT DENVER DOCTOR IS AN OMAHA VISITOR

Dr. J. P. Q. Westbrook of Denver, Colo., spent a few hours in Omaha last Friday visiting friends, upon his return from Chicago, where he attended the national Elks' convention. Dr. Westbrook is the national secretary of the shrine commission of the national Elks, which has to do with the erection of a national Elks' home in the nation's capital, Washington, D. C. He will handle approximately one hundred thousand dollars in the next year. Dr. McClain of Denver, Colo., accompanied Dr. Westbrook, who was motoring through to their home in Denver, Colo.

## PIONEER CITIZEN CALLED BY DEATH

Charles H. Hicks, a resident of this city for 45 years, died at his home, 2530 Maple street, Wednesday night, in the 70th year of his age, after an illness of a few weeks. Mr. Hicks had not been in the best of health for the past year, but continued at his work at the Iten Biscuit company, where he had been employed for the past 20 years. He was a member of St. Philip's Episcopal church and of Excelsior Lodge No. 2 A. F. and A. M.

His funeral will be held from St. Philip's church at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, preceded by the Masonic ritual at his late residence.

He is survived by his widow, Laura, to whom he was married for 42 years, and one or two distant relatives.

## SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Sunday school opened at 9 a. m. by the Supt. T. H. Garden, and the lesson was reviewed by Dr. Wesley Jones. At 11 a. m. Rev. Mr. Anderson preached in the absence of the pastor, who is attending the national Baptist association in Louisville, Ky. At 5:30 B. Y. P. U. was opened by the president, George Lett. The program was rendered by group No. 5, the Busy Bee group. Group No. 4 was awarded the financial banner and also the championship badge of the sword drill. At 8 p. m. the acting pastor, Rev. Mr. Anderson, preached on "Conversion." Rev. and Mrs. Rhodes have returned from their vacation. They motored to Tennessee to visit their parents and friends and reported a very successful and pleasant trip.

"Mother" Wilson is home again. She has been out of the city for some time. She found us in our new church home. She was all smiles. She spent her vacation in Little Rock, Ark., visiting relations and friends.

The men laymen's league meets every Monday night. Visitors are welcome. Collection for the week, \$141.42. Come—you are welcome.

## FOUR MEN BEING HELD AS SLAYERS IN ALABAMA OUTRAGE

Indicted for the Murder of Negro Woman Who Was Shot Down in Her Home by Band of Hooded Men

Montgomery, Ala.—Four white men had been indicted here recently in connection with the lynching of Mrs. Lillie Cobb at her home in Blount county Sunday, April 25, 1926, by a band of masked and hooded men, said to be klansmen. Prosecution to the fullest extent of the law will be asked in the case, said Attorney General McCall.

"We have been working on this case out of Oneonta since the Calloway flogging trials there last year," McCall said. "The evidence presented to the Blount county grand jury represents the material accumulated by operatives out of this office since those trials."

### Four Men Indicted

The four men indicted are John Wade, reputed former exalted cyclops of the Klan in Oneonta; Byron Hurst, Enoch Evans, and Joe Harris. All four are held in the Blount county jail at Oneonta without bond on charges of murder. Their trial dates will be set later.

Edgar Moses, who is also an alleged member of the band which invaded the Cobb home, was indicted some time ago in connection with the killing.

Lillie Cobb was slain when a band of masked and robed men invaded her home, peppering the house with bullets from their guns. Emory Cobb, husband of the slain woman, returned their fire. Shortly afterwards Cobb disappeared.

### Refused to Return

Though Cobb has steadfastly refused to return to the section where his wife was slain, it is understood that arrangements have been made for him to be here at the trial.

The Cobb slaying was one of a number of flogging expeditions investigated in Blount county.

Seven men were given sentences in connection with the flogging of Jeff Calloway, a youth. Five of them served their sentences in the Blount county jail.

Two have appealed their sentences.

## HONOR THEIR GRAND LECTURER

The past grand lecturer, Mrs. Hazel Terry Lewis, was recently a recipient of a beautifully solid gold O. E. S. ring presented to her by the worthy grand matron, Mrs. Maude H. Johnson, and past grand conductress, Mrs. Leona Glass. The showing made by the grand lecturer this past year filled the hearts of the O. E. S. with pride and pleasure. Her individual venture was winding the labyrinth and demonstrating all the degrees during the grand chapter. The jurisdiction can well be proud of their past grand lecturer, she conducted her part of the work in the most efficient manner and added to the dignity of the O. E. S.

## CULTURAL CENTER LOSES ACTIVE WORKER

In the passing of Mrs. Lulu Powell, on Sunday, September 2nd, the Cultural Center recognizes the loss of one of the community's most faithful workers.

As a devout member of the Galilee Baptist church, Mrs. Powell recognized the need of the spiritual, the mental, and the social development of the community.

As president of the South Side Mission union, she led a circle of over 30 women, representing all churches in the community, in a united effort to bring practical aid to those in need.

As a faithful member of the West Side Parent-Teachers' association since its organization and as assistant secretary for the past year, she labored with others for the children of the community.

Be it resolved, therefore, that the Cultural Center express to Mr. Edward Powell, the bereaved husband, its sincerest sympathy with him in the loss of his beloved wife, and its tribute to her memory.

(Sgd.) HELEN W. GAUSS, Head Worker Social Settlement and Cultural Center.