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Joan Rankin Ohio Delegate to D.C. Meet of Girls Nation

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Joan Rankin, 16-year-old Cincinnati high school girl, who was elected Governor of the Buckeye Girls State last month will be among the Ohio delegation to Girls Nation to be held in Washington in August. Girls States and Girls Nation are educational activities of the American Legion Auxiliary, conceived to show American girls how their government works and to demonstrate the actual details of the democratic processes at various levels.

The Ohio American Legion Auxiliary in selecting its delegates to Girls Nation had previously named Miss Rankin an alternate and said that she would not go to Washington. The action was taken to save her "embarrassment posed by social discrimination in Washington." The Ohio auxiliary reversed its decision last week and said that Joan Rankin would make the trip. The Ohio State Democratic league and the Ohio chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had previously lodged a protest to the by-pass and had urged the Ohio Legion to fight discrimination in the Nation's capital by sending the attractive Ohio miss.

Meanwhile, out in Nebraska, no word had been received as to whether or not Teresa Littlejohn, 16-year-old Omaha governor of the Cornhusker Girls State would attend the national meet.

5th AME District Laymen Plan For Solid Organization

OSKALOOSA, Kans.—The laymen of the Fourth Episcopal district of the AME church held their annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., July 6, 7, 8 and 9, under the administration of its president, William Entxminger of Detroit. The work of the convention was to consider ways of "better supporting and the supervision of and preaching the Word."

Meanwhile, Bishop D. Ormonde Walker of the Fifth Episcopal district of the AME church expressed his interest in a letter to George J. Jones, president of the Fifth district's Laymen's organization, said, "I am definitely interested in a very strong laymen's organization in the Fifth district."

At a meeting of the ministers and laymen in Kansas City, Kans., last month, Bishop Walker suggested a fine, simple plan for each church conference and district in organizing.

1. That a lay organization should be set up in every church.
2. That in each local church one Sunday of every year be given over to laymen to raise funds for the support of their organization.
3. That each local laymen's organization would send a delegate to meet at the seat of the annual conference with the assurance that certain time would be given to it.
4. That conference laymen's organization be set up by elections.

President George Jones further urged the laymen of his denomination to co-operate in the development of their local units.

Warren Will Sign National Guard Bill



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.
Gov. Francis E. Warren.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (ANP). Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford's measure to abolish racial discrimination in the California State National guard received the unanimous approval of the senate here last week, just as it had in the assembly. The senate voted 29-0 in favor of the measure.

It is now on its way to Governor Warren, who has already announced he will sign it and see that the law is put into action. The adjutant general of the state militia announced similar intentions.

The measure bans segregation and discrimination in the state guard because of race, color, creed or national origin. An amendment gives the governor reasonable discretion as to the time required to effectuate changes without impairing efficiency or morale of the militia.

The bill is patterned after the New York law.

Bell Telephone Hires Two More At Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (ANP). Two colored girls were added to the corps of operators at the Northwest Bell Telephone company here last week to bring the number of Negro "hello" girls to four.

The two new girls are Miss Vivian Patterson and Miss Shirley Kyle. Both were hired through the aid of the Minneapolis Urban league.

They began training June 27 for their jobs. The first two Negro girls were employed July 8, 1946. They were Jewel Beck and Carmen Allen Davis.

Our Honor Roll

The following is a list of those who are New Subscribers or have Renewed their subscription to THE VOICE.

How does your Subscription Stand?

- Mrs. Connie Winston.
- Mrs. Clayton Lewis.
- Mrs. Walter Bell.
- Mrs. Maurice Copeland.
- Mrs. Lela Beck, Beatrice, Neb.
- Mr. Sanford Bern, Hamburg, Ia.
- Mr. R. E. Collin.
- Mrs. Mattie D. Brown, Bivins, Texas.
- Mrs. Mollie Lankford, New York City.
- Mr. J. H. Polick.
- Mr. W. A. Lynn.
- Miss Florence Reed, Detroit, Mich.
- Mr. A. E. Simms.

Texas Gets Anti-Lynch Law

Gov. Jester Signs Measure With Stiff Penalties For Mobsters Who Wound, Kill

AUSTIN, Tex. (ANP). An anti-lynching bill, carrying severe penalties for persons taking part in



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.
Gov. Beauford Jester

mob action that results in death, was signed into law last week by Gov. Beauford H. Jester. The bill, an emergency measure passed by the legislature at the governor's request, provides punishment for two degrees of lynching.

One specifies death or imprisonment of not less than five years for persons convicted of participation in unlawful assembly resulting in the death of a person or persons. The other gives imprisonment of not less than a year or more than ten for mob members who shoot, stab, cut, maim or wound victims but do not kill them.

Any act of violence upon any persons resulting in death is defined as a lynching. The district attorney in the area in which lynching occurs is charged with investigation and prosecution, and is also empowered to seek help from other sources. The governor has the right to spend such amounts as needed to apprehend lynchings. Persons convicted under the act are also subject to civil liability.

Jail KKK Official For Withholding Klan Records

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ANP). William Hugh Morris, director of the Federated Ku Klux Klan, inc., was sentenced to jail here Friday, July 8 for refusing to turn Klan records over to a grand jury which is probing into mob violence in Jefferson county. Williams, sentenced by Judge Robert J. Wheller until he produces the records, said his refusal was based on his belief that the papers had nothing to do with the investigation.

The grand jury probe started July 1, with a county grand jury opening an inquiry into the invasion of a cafe by 60 white-sheeted men. At the start of the hearing, three more Alabama floggings were reported and in addition two state investigators reported the disruption of a KKK meeting near Lineville.

Several high Klan officials have testified before the grand jury. Among them are Dr. E. P. Pruitt, chairman of the board of governors of the federation; Dr. John R. Jones, secretary; E. E. Campbell.

Mrs. Walt White Gets Divorce In Mexico

JUAREZ, Mexico. (ANP). Rumors that Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, and his wife were divorced were confirmed here last week when it was revealed that Mrs. White was granted an uncontested divorce in Juarez June 30.

Mrs. White still has "the utmost respect for Mr. White," according to a statement issued in her behalf. Her suit was filed on a claim that she and her husband could not agree on family matters.

Married for 27 years, they have two children, Jane and Walter Jr., a property settlement agreeable to both was made.

Mrs. White spent three months in Mexico before obtaining her divorce. Both she and her husband had continually denied divorce rumors.

Newman Bible School Closes Friday Night

The Vacation Bible school which has been held at Newman Methodist church for the last two weeks, will close with exercises to be held Friday evening at 7:30 in the church auditorium. The school has had over fifty children enrolled and has been under the direction of Mrs. Goosby, Omaha, extension worker of the Methodist board of education. Kindergarten classes have been taught by Misses Dorothy Greene and Emma White. Maxine Stith has instructed the primary children and Mrs. Marie Collins, the juniors.

The classwork has been varied, with handcraft and scrapbooks and supervised play adding to Bible stories and prayers. Robbie Powell has been in charge of the music.

The public is invited to attend the closing exercises says Mrs. William Greene, wife of the pastor.

South Africa Lets Bars Down For AME Bishop

CAPETOWN, South Africa. (ANP). Bishop Bonner, superintendent of the two South African districts of the African Methodist Episcopal church, arrived here on the S. S. Athlone Castle. Bishop Bonner was elected to serve in Africa at the last general conference of the denomination which met in Kansas City in May, 1948.

Ministers and officials of the church with women members of the congregations wearing leopard skin hats, led by Dr. Francis F. H. Gow, African Methodist leader, widely known in the United States, met Bishop Bonner at the dock.

This is Bishop Bonner's first charge. He comes from the state of Alabama, he said. Asked what tribe his forebears hailed from, Bishop Bonner smiled and said he wouldn't be knowing but it must have been a pretty tall tribe since he himself was six feet four inches tall.

Queried as to how long he expected to remain in South Africa, Bishop Bonner said "six months," according to the reporter from the daily Argus.

Lancaster Polio Chairman For 1949-50 Named

Dr. Harold Arnold succeeded Dr. Kenneth E. Holland as chairman of the Lancaster County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at a meeting of the association held at the YMCA July 12. In his report Dr. Holland noted that there had only been one case of polio in the county.

Last year, \$11,555 was spent on new cases in Lancaster county with an additional \$2,239 in treatment for old cases between June and December. This brought the total amount spent by the local unit for polio treatments to \$24,096 for the year 1948.

National Urban League Reviews Pool Tensions

NEW YORK. (ANP). The National Urban league issued a statement here last week reviewing the anti-Negro tensions which have cropped up during recent weeks in the three widely-separated areas of St. Louis, Washington, D. C., and Youngstown, O. The statement, entitled "An Urgent Call to Action To Enforce The Rights of All Citizens—Without Discrimination—To Use Publicly Owned and Operated Recreation Facilities," charged that flare-ups between Negroes and whites were "planned, instigated and fomented" by employes entrusted to maintain discipline at the swimming pools.

None of the cities have laws, ordinances or rules denying the free use of facilities by citizens because of race, creed or color. Said the league:

"Each incident points up the utter failure on the part of public officials intelligently to protect the rights and privileges of Negro citizens to use publicly-owned and operated facilities."

In St. Louis, despite an order from the director of public welfare to the director of parks and playgrounds that Negroes be permitted to use municipal pools, employes at the pools "threatened to walk off their jobs if Negroes were admitted." This action apparently persuaded white youths to attack Negroes.

The Urban league looked upon this tension as creating "general unrest among Negroes for fear of similar clashes in their other relationships in the community." It outlined a three-point program which called for (1) conferences with city officials, (2) enforcement of state and city laws against discrimination and segregation, and (3) the request that newspapers and radio editors give unbiased presentations of facts involved in any disturbances which might occur.