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Sunday School and A.C.E. Leagues Meet in Omaha and Kansas City Districts

By Betty Wilson

In a joint session of the Kansas City and Omaha districts of the Nebraska conference of the A.M.E. church which met July 5, 6 and 7, at Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Kas., with Rev. F. D. Gregory, host-pastor, new and up-to-date methods were set for Sunday school and Allen Christian Endeavor League workers. The delegates were divided into eight clinic Workshops under the supervision of Mrs. O. M. Blount, Dean of the School of Religious Education. Each of the eight Leaders gave class room instructions for approximately seven hours each day with a general assembly which followed each intermission.

Work Shops were as follows: 1. Sunday Church School Workshops, Leader, Mrs. Minnie Cooper. 2. Weekday Church School Workshop, Leader, Mrs. S. Speed. 3. Vacation Church School and Summer Camps, Leader, Mrs. S. M. Pointer. 4. Youth Movement Workshop, Leader, Miss LaClaire Jones. 5. Allen League Workshop, Leader, Miss Ethel Lynn. 6. Missionary Society Workshop, Leader, Mrs. Ethel Myers. 7. Boy Scout Workshop, Leader, Rev. W. W. Betton. 8. Visual Aid Workshop, Leader, Rev. Paul Kidd.

The Rev. Elmer W. Newton, presiding elder of the Kansas City district, presided over the morning session July 5, which was devoted to worship and organization of the conference. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Calvin McMillian, pastor of St. Luke. Following the sermon, officers of the convention were elected, Miss Dorothy Green, Quinn Chapel, Lincoln, Neb., secretary for the Omaha district and Miss Barbara Davis, First Church, Kansas City, secretary for the Kansas City district.

Each morning a well planned and appropriate devotional service was conducted by Mrs. S. Speed. Mrs. E. B. Childress was assisted at the piano by delegates. The Rev. John Adams, presiding elder of the Omaha district presided interchangeably with Rev. Mr. Newton.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. F. Moten of the Kansas City-Lexington district, the Rev. Carl F. Flipper, Kansas City-Springfield district, the Rev. E. A. Foust, pastor of

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Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., the Rev. George F. Martin, Ebenezer, Kansas City, Mo., were among the visitors during the three-day meet.

The Rt. Rev. D. Ormonde Walker, presiding Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal district, addressed the conference the first day at which time he made known that a \$100 scholarship was available to high school graduates who wishes to enter Wilberforce university. The Rev. W. W. Betton, Bethel, Leavenworth, Kas., and his choir furnished the evening worship service on Wednesday evening. A unique program was given by delegates from various churches under the direction of Miss LaClaire Jones.

Officers for the year 1950-51 were elected. Miss LaClaire Jones, Kansas City district Sunday school superintendent and Miss Eugenia Holmes, district president of the A.C.E. League. For the Omaha district, Miss Dorothy Green was elected District superintendent of the Sunday school and Miss Ethel Lynn, Topeka, district president of the A.C.E. League.

Must Pass State Test to Practice

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ANP). The state supreme court ruled here last week that Negro lawyers must pass the state bar examination before being permitted to practice within Alabama. The decision was handed down in the case of four Birmingham Negroes who had sued for admittance to practice without an examination.

The quartet—Manley Banks, Clarence Moses, Henry Moss and Henry Pearson had studied outside Alabama under the out-of-state education program. They claimed exemption from the state law which says only graduates of the University of Alabama law school can be admitted to the bar without examination.

However, the six justices on the bench held that Negroes are not entitled to exemption from the state board. The jurists added that the plaintiffs knew when they entered the out-of-state schools that they would be required to take a bar exam.

Student Named Consultant



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

DR. CHARLES JOHNSON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, has been named consultant to the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

The foundation has been active in aiding persons who have not had the opportunity to develop to the fullest extent because of such barriers as race, cultural background, or region of residence.

He replaces the late Edwin R. Embree.

Dr. Johnson, in addition to his duties at Fisk and with the foundation, is a member of the executive committee of the U. S. national commission for UNESCO and of the national commission on children and youth.

U.L. Director To AASW Office

ATLANTA. (ANP). Nelson C. Jackson, southern field director of the National Urban League, was elected second vice president of the American Association of Social Workers for the next two years in the national balloting held during April and May.

Mr. Jackson served as a member of the national board 1947 to 1950 and as a member of the executive committee 1949-50.

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Colored Railroad Workers Win Fight To Keep Jobs

Decision Affects 150 Santa Fe Porter-Brakemen; Sets Job Pattern

BY VERNON JARRETT

CHICAGO. (ANP). A 50-year cold war between porter-brakemen on the Santa Fe railroad and the white Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was won by colored workers here last week in U. S. District court.

District Judge Walter J. LaBuy issued a permanent injunction blocking the Brotherhood's conspiracy to drive colored porter-brakemen from jobs held since 1899.

Opera to Be At Pinewood Bowl

Lincoln's second season of opera-under-the-stars will feature production of the popular opera, "The Chocolate Soldier" by Strauss, in Pinewood Memorial Bowl at Pioneers park Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, July 14, 15 and 16 at 8 o'clock. The opera is sponsored by Lincoln Singfest committee and Professor Oscar Bennett will direct the 40-member cast and full orchestra. No admission charge will be made; a free-will offerings will be taken to cover expenses of production. Bus service is available from 10th and O streets to the bowl, and ample parking space for autos is provided at entranceway.

Leading roles will be sung by Dorothy Lueninghoener, Helmut Sienknecht, Shirley G. Larson and Jerry Hedges. John Carson who scored as the general in last summer's "Pirates of Penzance" will sing the role of Massacoff. "The Chocolate Soldier" is based on George Bernard Shaws' brilliant satirical comedy, "Arms and the Man," and takes place in Bulgaria in the year 1885. The musical score is familiar to the public.

Members of Lincoln Elks club, Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees will serve as ushers for the three evenings, and Rev. William Paul Barnds, Rev. Thomas A. Barton and Rev. Virgil Anderson will preside.

Women's Day at Quinn Chapel a Great Success

Women's day at Quinn Chapel was carried out according to plans Sunday, July 9th. The three services during the day exceeded all expectations as members, invited guests and friends filled the church to near capacity at each meeting.

Evangelist W. W. Farmer of Omaha, thrilled her audience when she spoke to them on "Laying Aside Their Weights," at the morning service.

In the afternoon a miscellaneous program was given with an all church women's choir to furnish the music.

Mrs. Kathryn Favors, a teacher in Omaha, gave a dynamic and forceful speech. The young people of Quinn Chapel had charge of the evening program. Mrs. Ralee Harris was mistress of ceremonies.

Mrs. Jennie R. Edwards was general chairman for women's day.

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The decision affects immediately 150 Santa Fe porter-brakemen and set the pattern of job security for several thousand colored rail workers throughout the nation's entire network of railroad systems.

The La Buy decree climaxed eight years of research and court argument by Chicago Atty. Richard E. Westbrooks, who won the Arthur Mitchell Jim Crow rail transportation decision before the Supreme Court in 1941.

This week's court action upset a 1942 award favoring the white union by the government's National Railway Adjustment board, First division. It made permanent a temporary injunction won by Westbrooks before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1948.

VIOLATED FIFTH AMENDMENT

The plot to oust colored porter-brakemen violated the Fifth amendment to the U.S. Constitution, in that it denied the workers property rights without due process of law, the court declared.

Following Westbrook's sharp line of argument, the Court agreed that the adjustment board's composition made its 1942 ruling unconstitutional. Here is a summary of the half-century old job struggle:

In 1899, the Santa Fe hired colored workers to inspect cars and test signals and brake apparatus, close switches, engines, attachment, hose, couple and uncouple cars, keep passenger cars in a neat condition, and perform duties of brakemen. They were paid an average of \$50 per month.

They performed these duties with such efficiency that in a few years every rail system in the nation hired them in similar capacities.

They were given a tremendous increase in pay and shortly after the turn of the century they were considered permanent fixtures in all major rail systems.

This was the signal for the all-white Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to move in. They exerted every available pressure on railroad companies to replace porter-brakemen with white members of the union.

Following the negative 1942 award, two porter-brakemen were fired by Santa Fe. This formed the basis for a test case, involving Porter-Brakemen Obie Fauster Hunter of Pampas, Tex., and 35 other colored workers. This was a class suit, backed by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

NOT ALLOWED TO ARGUE DEFENSE

Westbrooks argued that colored porter-brakemen were being discharged without having had the opportunity to utter one word in their defense. He ex- (See Win Fight, Page 2, Col. 2)



SIGN SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT—Jesse H. Jones, former secretary of commerce, and Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee institute, signed a contract last week from Houston Endowment, Inc., granting Tuskegee a \$10,000 Scholarship fund. The fund will provide scholarships to promising young men and women enrolled at Tuskegee institute who would find it difficult otherwise to obtain a college education. Houston Endowment, Inc., is financed by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Jones and seeks to serve worthy charitable, educational and religious organizations. (ANP).