

CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

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companion, Angelo Morris, Weathers was identified by both of them. Morris made his identification so emphatic that even the white police became suspicious, suspecting that the white man might be trying to cover up something.

Weathers, however, after a preliminary hearing, was bound over to the grand jury under the heavy bond.

Two days later, the white woman called upon Lt. John F. Scott, colored commander at the Station Avenue police station, to explain to him that she had been wrong, that Weathers was not the man and asking what she might do to get him out of the trouble he was in.

Lt. Scott advised her to go to the state's attorney, in whose custody Weathers is while awaiting action of the grand jury.

Weathers will probably be freed on the representation of the state's attorney, backed up by the white woman's testimony, that there is no case against him.

"But if all this had happened down at my home," Weathers told reporters, "there would be no chance to prove yourself innocent. They might have lynched me before the white woman had made up her mind to tell the truth. Or the white woman might not have made up her mind, fearing the scorn of her own people. I'm sure glad I'm living in a town where a fellow's got a chance."

The Surest Lynching Preventive

From the Bristol, Va. Herald-Courier, May 2, 1935.

Senator Glass, opposing the anti-lynching bill before the Senate, quoted the late President Coolidge as saying that if the States did not more vigorously assert their rights the Federal Government would invade them and take them away. "And that," the Virginia Senator added, "is what is happening in this bill."

It would be interesting to know what State right the pending anti-lynching bill would invade. If it is the right to prevent mob murders, or to find and punish those who commit these crimes, that is a right which the States seldom exercise. They seem jealous of it only when a Federal anti-lynching law is proposed.

Looking at the question from another angle, the Federal Constitution provides that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law. That provision is violated every time a lynching occurs. Indeed, mobs often interfere directly with the due process of law by seizing their victims from the hands of its officers. Should this provision of the Constitution be regarded as a dead letter?

There was an attempted lynching at Shelbyville Tennessee, some time ago. It was averted when the local authorities asked Governor McAlister for troops and the troops were sent. Four of the would-be lynchers were killed when the mob clashed with the troops in a defiant and determined effort to invade the courthouse and take a prisoner from the very presence of judge and jury and kill him.

This newspaper has cordially commended Governor McAlister and the local authorities of Shelbyville for the stern measures taken by them to uphold the law in this instance. But has any member of that mob, which later ran amok and burned the county courthouse, been apprehended and brought to account? If so, the fact has escaped notice. Drastic steps may be taken to prevent lynchings, but as long as mobsters feel that they risk no penalty for their crimes lynchings will continue to be perpetrated.

There is a growing sentiment in the South for a Federal anti-lynching law, not because the prospect of such a statute is pleasing but because under it lynchers would be hunted down and haled to court and sent to prison. And that is the surest preventive of lynching.

Kansas City Youth Wins Scholarship

Reuben Brown, of Kansas City, Missouri, was awarded the first prize of \$1,000.00 in the Elks' Midwest Oratorical Contest, which means a four-year scholarship to any class A college he chooses.

Running him a close second was Madree Jackson, Omaha's own, who had been under the able instructions of Mr. Oscar Washington, a recent graduate of Creighton University, and an orator of note.

Other contestants were Roland Rhodes, Virgil Harris and Floyd Love. The judges included Miss Mary E. Graham, Miss Elsie M. Mountain, Thomas A. Webster, Charles A. Calloway and L. Herbert Henegan.

Elmore Williams was master of ceremonies, and music was furnished by the Lincoln High school chorus.

Mr. Johnson Company Announces New Business Increases

Mail Order Co. Report Their Hair Grower Sales Far Ahead Of Last Year.

The Mr. Johnson Company, with offices at 207 North Michigan Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois, have announced that sales of Mr. Johnson's sensational Hair Grower discovery are way ahead of last year at this time. They point out that this great increase in sales is the best testimonial known to show the remarkable results obtained from the continued use of their product.

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Dr. W. E. Sealock Awarded Degree

Ninety-nine graduates were awarded degrees and certificates at the commencement exercises held in Jacobs hall at the Municipal University of Omaha last week. It was the largest graduating class in the history of the university. In addition to those awarded degrees at the annual commencement 20 additional members will receive degrees upon completion of their work during the summer session.

Stanton W. Salisbury, chaplain in the United States navy, who was graduated from the University of Omaha in 1923, delivered the commencement address.

Miss Bernice Perlmetter, junior, 3151 Davenport Street, was awarded the D. A. R. prize for her essay on "The Constitution as an Instrument of Progress." The Alwilda Worthington Clark history award was won by Miss Lucille Mitchell, 3520 Ames Ave., for her essay on "Responsibilities of the American Citizen." Mrs. James S. Anseow, regent of the Maj. Isaac Sadler chapter of the D. A. R. presented the awards.

Joseph C. Stone, 513 No. 22nd, St., a junior, won the award made annually by Alpha Kappa Delta, national sociological fraternity, for outstanding research work.

Dr. W. E. Sealock, university president, awarded the degrees.

Oxley Named CCC Educational Director

United States Commissioner of Education J. W. Studebaker today announced the appointment of Howard W. Oxley as Educational Director of the CCC to become Associate Director of the American Council on Education.

To his new position Mr. Oxley brings a wide and varied experience. He was high school principal in Hardin, Mo., superintendent of schools at Jerico Springs, Mo., professor at Iowa State College, educational adviser to Liberia, and director of office training for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

As Educational Director of the CCC with headquarters in the Federal Office of Education, Mr. Oxley will promote the educational program in which more than 170,000 enrollees are now voluntarily enlisted. To nearly every camp commander is assigned an educational adviser whose responsibility it is to develop the educational and recreational work of the camps. At present there are 1,401 advisers in the camps. This number will be increased with the increase in the number of the camps.

Japanese Scores U. S. "Superiority"

New York June 7.—ANP.—In a Navy address at Tokio last Tuesday, Vice Admiral Sankichi Takahashi of the Japanese navy is reported condemning the "sense of superiority" which the United States and Great Britain seek to sustain in respect to the Japanese people.

"Japan must seriously consider," said the admiral, "the sense of superiority of the United States and Great Britain; as shown by the naval ratio system, toward Japan and the envy and suspicion of those and other powers regarding the development of Japan's national power."

"Japan demands nothing by an effort to abolish the irrational ratio principle and the fixing of a common maximum strength of the principal naval powers. Japan is also insisting on a reduction of all naval strengths, thus giving each country security in national defense.

"If we stretch our imagination and are allowed to frankly state what we think, it is conceivable that the United States and Great Britain think that if Japan is granted equal power it will be in a way tending to tie up their investments and trade in the far east. If this is the case, they

Reign of Terror Sweeps Alabama

Selma, Ala., (CNA)—Ed Arnold, Robert Washington, two militant workers, and an unnamed third Negro worker are the latest victims of police terror here.

Arnold was taken from his job last Monday morning, held "for investigation" until Thursday. He was then "released" to be turned over to the same band which last week kidnapped and flogged two white workers who were investigating conditions in Selma. The band was made up of police and landlords.

Arnold was taken to the same lonely spot, about fifteen miles out of town. He was flogged with a horse-whip and dumped by the roadside. When he returned to Selma, he had lost his job. He has been forced to leave town in order to find work to support himself and his family.

Tortured, Beaten By Thugs

The next victim, Robert Washington, was sent to Selma to recover a car stolen by the police in the raid of last week. Washington went to the sheriff's office and claimed the car. He was immediately thrown in jail "for investigation." The last heard of him was that he was presumably still in jail—although it is understood that since he has been "released" in the same manner as the others were—to be tortured and beaten, or killed. The unnamed third worker was arrested in an out-of-town section in the sharecropping territory. He was taken to the county jail in Selma, held the same as the others and released to be beaten and dumped.

Answer To Sharecroppers Strike

This outrageous series of illegal arrest and flogging is the landlords answer to the militant cry of hundreds of sharecroppers who have adopted the fighting policy of the Sharecroppers Union and answered its call to strike.

Mass Campaign Planned in Harlem

Picketing To Begin

New York, (CNA)—A plan for mass campaign against job discrimination to be launched against department and chain stores as well as the public utilities, was adopted at the last meeting of the Joint Conference Against Discriminatory Practices.

The campaign will also include organizing the present employees in these establishments.

According to the announcement, picketing is to begin this week on 125th Street.

The Joint Conference represents over 60 of the most influential organizations and churches in Harlem.

City Officially Designates Colored Undertaker

By W. R. Johnson for ANP Hartford, Conn., June 13.—Sidney M. Johnson, Negro undertaker of Hartford, Conn., has been awarded a contract to bury the indigent Negro dead due in part to a protest made by the Hartford Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Heretofore it has been the custom to send application blanks to a selective list among whom the Negro undertakers have not been included. The successful bidder has usually in turn made an agreement with one of our undertakers to take care of Negro cases. This is the first time a Negro undertaker has received a contract from the City of Hartford.

It is generally agreed that this action is a step in the right direction and the branch is to be congratulated on the part it played.

Personals

Dr. L. E. Britt, who returned to the city last week from Missouri where he had been in several hospitals for the past six months, has been confined to a local hospital for the past six months.

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SHARPS AND FLATS

AMONG THE MUSICIANS

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The City Service Orchestra, of the Recreation Department, appeared on the program at the Musical Recital given by the Sunday Musical Club at the Hill-side Presbyterian Church Sunday.

How did you like that Congo Rhythm band that played at the Elks' last Monday? A lot of these Kats around here have really got their oil, and how.

We see a certain club is presenting a new band in the person of Gene Coy and his Twelve Black Aces. They are supposed to be good, but we'll see. A band that comes around here will really have to be mellow for us to like them. So what.

Wonder when the Kats are going to swing forth in all their new glory?

After all, fellow musicians should try to have peace and harmony in their midst. Don't you think so? Of course, we "hear no evil, see no evil and speak no evil," but you boys really should try to get along.

Shorty Gray has bought himself a pretty gold saxophone. Those Dixie Ramblers must be getting popular.

Children's Day Program A Success

The Children's Day exercises at Pleasant Green Baptist Church were held at 3 P. M. Sunday. Due to the efficient instructions of Miss Eugenia Johnson the children rendered a wonderful program.

The flag drill, the participants of which were boys of all sizes carrying flags of all sizes, was especially good.

The pageant was also good, with Helen Hytche, Martha Hall, Clara Alford, Joe Melton, Tee Gane and Clark Washington as the principal characters.

The floral decorations were beautiful. After the program, everyone was served ice cream and cake by the members of the Starlight Band. It was a Children's Day that will long be remembered.

Legal Notices

Attorney W. B. Bryant No. 2722 Binney Street.

PROBATE NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Eler White, deceased.

Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 24th,

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day of July 1935, and on the 24th, day of September 1935 at 9 o'clock, A. M. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustments and allowances. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 24th, day of June 1935.

Bryce Crawford, County Judge. Begins, June 1-3-5. Ends June 21-3-5.

Attorney Ray L. Williams, Room 200 Tuchman Bldg., 24th, and Lake Streets.

PROBATE NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Hattie Williams Johnson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the Administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 17th day of July 1935, and on the 17th, day of September 1935, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 17th, day of June 1935. Begin 5-25-35 Bryce Crawford, County Judge. Ends 6-8-35

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