



## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The services Sunday were very well attended. Rev. Goodlett spoke from the subject: "The Change and the Changeless One." There seems to have been a very high spirit manifested in the service. Several visitors were present.

Sunday, January 6, 1936, Rev. Goodlett will deliver his farewell message. At 3:00 p. m. there will be a special service at which time Rev. M. K. Curry will deliver the message. Music will be rendered by Zion's choir. There will be an address by Rev. M. B. Bilbrey, pastor of Salem Baptist church. Subject: "The Ministers Task." Ministers and friends of other churches are invited to be with us at this special service. The 8 o'clock service will consist of music and remarks by the heads of the various departments of the church.

Monday, January 6, 1936, the "City Symphony Orchestra" will render a special program, at 8:00 p. m. Immediately after the program there will be a banquet honoring Rev. F. S. Goodlett. We are asking our many friends to help us make these programs successful.

### Ethiopian Riflemen Shoot Down Italian Plane

Narar, Ethiopia, Jan. 4. (CNA Special Dispatch)—An Italian plane was shot down by Ethiopian forces at Dagah Bur last Thursday, December 26th.

Two occupants of the plane are reported to have escaped while a third was captured.

The plane was one of two flying over Dagah Bur seeking out the Ethiopian defense positions. Seeing nothing the plane flew low, when a group of cleverly concealed Ethiopian sharpshooters rushed from hiding and opened fire.

Two other planes came later looking for the plane that had crashed, but they found nothing.

### Greek Seamen Tie Up War Shipments

Portland, Me., Jan. 4.—Refusing to sail on a ship carrying war material to Italy to be used against Ethiopia, the entire crew, including the technical engineers, of the Greek freighter Ithakos deserted. So strong is the anti-war and anti-fascist sentiment here among the sailors and workers that the ship has been tied up for two weeks past its sailing date while the captain is desperately and vainly trying to round up a crew and a radio man.

### Borah Questioned On Anti-Lynching

New York, Jan. 4.—K. N. Llewellyn, member of the faculty of the law school of Columbia university, and of the legal committees of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has written Senator William E. Borah concerning the constitutionality of the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill.

Mr. Llewellyn's letter poses the question as to whether the supreme court ought not be allowed to pass upon the constitutionality of measures when there is on both sides in the legislating chamber a question as to its constitutionality. The letter:

"Like many of your fellow citizens, I have followed your work for decades with gratitude that we have such legislators.

"There is, however, one point on which I hope you will find time to enlighten me. It has to do with a lawyer-legislator's responsibility on points of constitutionality.

"I assume, as of course, that no responsible legislator will deliberately vote for measures which he knows the courts will later throw out. This I understand to be your position, often made clear.

"My doubt begins when doubt begins. If a legislator himself firmly believes a given measure to be unconstitutional, and yet able and disinterested lawyers hold the contrary view, is the legislator entitled to substitute his personal view for that of a Supreme Court which has not spoken? Especially in view of the fact that until a bill is passed, the Supreme Court will not speak.

"The problem becomes pressing to me, Sir, because of your definite views on the Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynching bill. I feel that a fairly persuasive case can be made for the constitutionality of that bill. You are convinced to the contrary, and feel it your duty to oppose its passage. I honor the conviction. But I am worried about the premise. If lawyers as honest and able as Wagner and Costigan feel the bill to be sound not only on policy but on constitutionality, should the discussion not proceed on the basis of the policy considerations involved, leaving the admitted doubt on constitutionality to be settled by the constitutional arbiter, the Supreme Court?"

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### Chicago Branch Wins A Victory

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—After a three-year struggle the Chicago Branch of the NAACP last week won a signal victory over the attempted persecution of three Negroes by prejudiced officials when the Illinois Supreme Court reversed the convictions of John Thompson, Levi Minter and Viletta Lowe, colored, in the notorious Vivian Ranz (white) alleged rape case. The supposed rape was charged as having occurred November 9, 1931, in Viletta Lowe's apartment in Chicago. The defendants were convicted in 1932 after a bitterly fought trial, and Thompson sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, Minter to 10 years, and Lowe to 30 years.

The brief and abstract for the defendants showed that one DeVol, a white businessman in Evanston, Illinois, brought the Ranz girl, then 17 years of age, to the Lowe apartment. DeVol had been a frequent visitor at the Lowe apartment, and was the sweetheart of the Ranz girl's sister. The Ranz girl had been married but was separated from her husband. She feared she was pregnant, and agreed to a plan of DeVol that she have intercourse with another man in the hope of inducing an abortion. DeVol carried her to the Lowe apartment, where as part of the plan she voluntarily submitted herself to intercourse with DeVol and Thompson. DeVol paid Thompson \$5.00 for Thompson's participation.

DeVol was indicted with Thompson, Minter and Lowe, but skipped bail. It was brought out that he had made a settlement of \$500 on the Ranz girl in an effort to absolve himself.

At the trial the assistant state's attorneys in charge of the prosecution played up the fact that the defendants were Negroes and the alleged victim a white girl, and injected considerable racial animosity into the case.

Immediately after the convictions several agencies went to work to aid the prisoners. The Chicago Branch of the NAACP through its legal redress chairman, Earl B. Dickerson, took charge of the case, and after numerous setbacks due chiefly to lack of funds the case finally reached the State supreme court. Assisting Mr. Dickerson in various stages of the proceedings on appeal were Attorneys Euclid L. Taylor, Joseph E. Clayton, Robert Ming and Nelson M. Willis.

In the unusual opinion which it handed down the State supreme court failed to comment on the evidence at all, merely stating that the testimony was so revolting that the public would have no interest in its discussion. The court set aside the convictions without remanding the case for a new trial. As soon as the time has expired within which the state's attorneys may petition a rehearing and the mandate of the supreme court goes down to the trial court the three defendants will be set free.

### Car Aids White Worker Trapped By Terrorists

Montgomery, Ala.—(CNA)—A blow-out in a car driven by a group of Negroes foiled the kidnap plot of a band of terrorists trying to trap a white man suspected of labor activity.

The town of Montgomery is ridden by terror and suspicion since the recent cotton pickers strike. The Post Office Department has five special detectives who trail anyone who buys a large amount of stamps. The Department also opens all mail coming from Northern States.

Eludes Detective  
A few days ago a white worker entered the post office to get a large envelope for an important letter. He left without mailing the letter. When he stopped to talk to a friend, he noticed that he was being followed. He managed to elude the shadow after a chase all about town.

Miss Lucille Breedlove, of St. Rita Academy, is home visiting her mother, Mrs. Lillian Breedlove, and her godmother, Mrs. Mabel Fields, for the holidays.

### State's First Lady Plays Godmother



Mrs. Roy L. Cochran at Boys Town

Wife of Governor Pays Visit to Father Flanagan Home and Compliments Institution

Boys Town, Neb.—Last names have no place in this story so we will just call him "Little Leo" because his first name is Leo and he is little and eight years old.

Little Leo is the youngest of three brothers who came to Father Flanagan's Boys' Home here from an orphanage. The other two are John, 14 and Anthony, 12. Their father is suffering from a permanent total disability and their mother is unable to care for them.

The trio of brothers came to the Boys Town home last September, forlorn and lonesome. At that time Little Leo had no idea he ever would meet the first lady of Nebraska. But the other day Governor Cochran came to visit Father E. J. Flanagan, head of the home, and the more than 200 boys. And with him was Mrs. Cochran. United States Senator

Burke and Bishop James Hugh Ryan of the Omaha diocese of the Catholic church also were present.

Mrs. Cochran talked with many of the boys who gathered in the auditorium to greet them. She picked out Little Leo when the photographers came around for pictures.

And that's why he is breaking into print.

Not only Mrs. Cochran but the governor himself gave high praise to the work being done at the home in the rehabilitation of homeless boys, from which more than 3,500 have been sent out into the world equipped to make good and useful citizens of themselves. The home is supported solely by public contributions, receiving no financial assistance of any kind from church, state, county, government or community chest.

### Publishes Photo Of Lynching

New York, Jan. 4.—What has been described by a number of individuals as being "one of the most effective propaganda pamphlets ever published" is now being distributed by the NAACP. The leaflet contains a photograph of the lynched body of Rubin Stacy, Negro sharecropper killed by a mob at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on July 19, 1935. Around the tree stand a group of white people, among them seven neatly-dressed young white children, upon whose faces as they gaze at the gruesome figure are mirrored expressions of horror, gloating, and excitement.

Through the generosity of a friend who desires to remain anonymous, the NAACP has been able to print 100,000 copies of this striking leaflet. Copies are being sold at 25 cents a hundred, to permit maximum circulation. NAACP branches, churches, women's clubs, and other organizations interested in helping in the fight against lynching are urged to purchase copies of this leaflet and give it the widest possible circulation. Orders accompanied by remittance should be sent to the NAACP at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

### Harlem Greet Ethiopian Secretary

New York, Jan. 4.—Liz Tasfaye Zaphiro, first secretary to the Ethiopian Legation in London, was greeted with a roaring welcome by more than 3,000 Negro and white supporters of Ethiopia at a mighty protest meeting against Mussolini's attack, at the Abyssinian Baptist church in Harlem.

Harlem Thanked For Support.  
The representative from Ethiopia, introduced by the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of the church, expressed the gratification of his government and people for the moral support and financial support offered by people of this and other countries to Ethiopia in its fight against Italian fascism. He appealed for coordination of all agencies raising funds for the shipment of medical supplies to Ethiopia.

A collection at the close of the meeting netted \$305, which will be used to send medical supplies to the Ethiopian soldiers.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the United Committees for the Defense of Ethiopia.

### Southern High Schools Below Par Says Harvey

Atlanta, Jan. 4.—(ANP)—The primary need of the South according to Professor B. T. Harvey of Morehouse College, is two or three private academies for boys, that will fit them for college. This was the statement made by the Professor and former coach to the Associated Negro Press here Thursday.

Professor Harvey, noted as one of the most prominent developers of athletes in the South during his days as a coach at Morehouse and now one of the leading officials in football, stated that "what we need is the establishment of two or more private academies for boys for the purpose of developing freshmen college material of sound mental and physical powers. Our public high schools, now or in the near future will not properly and efficiently educate the lads for college."

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### Floridans Pay Tribute To Minister

Jacksonville, Jan. 4.—(ANP)—Floridans of all denominations joined with the members of the Bethel Baptist Institutional church here Sunday to pay tribute to the work that has been carried on and accomplished by the Rev. John E. Ford, who has pastored the church for the past decade or more.

Rev. Ford has been outstanding as a citizen here, taking part in every movement that has meant for the advancement of his people. As a minister, according to those eulogizing him, he has been a leader, as a civic leader he has been among the outstanding, and as a social worker through his efforts thousands have been benefitted. In other words, according to the statements made at the services Sunday, Rev. Ford has been everything that a minister is supposed to be.

Among those who participated in the program which proved to be a tremendous surprise to the pastor, were Deacon Samuel Smith, L. M. Argett, Mrs. Julia James, L. G. Ervin, Mrs. M. L. Paynter, Mrs. N. U. Patterson, Mrs. Mamie F. Stewart, Keith Hines, Robert R. Thomas, Mrs. Henrietta Andrews, Robert F. Stewart and S. A. Austin.

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By Wiley Padan

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