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FLOOD MAKES THOUSANDS HOMELESS

NEGRO YOUTH CONCLAVE TO BE HELD IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA FEBRUARY 12

400 Young People Expected from Southern States to Attend Parleys; Many Speakers

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30—Nationally-known leaders from every sphere of Negro life are listed among the speakers for the forthcoming Southern Negro Youth Conference scheduled in Richmond, Va., Feb., 12-14.

This information was contained in a "tentative conference program" released this week by the Youth Section of the National Negro Congress, 717 Florida Ave., Washington, D. C., which is sponsoring the conference.

More than 400 delegates are expected at the conference. More than 30 have already been elected in Florida and 25 delegates are reported from Alabama.

List of Speakers

Heading the list of speakers are: Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Max Yergan, secretary of South African Work of the International Committee of the YMCA; Angelo Herndon, internationally known Youth leader; Edward E. Strong, chairman of the Youth Department of the Congress; A. Philip Randolph, president of the Congress and of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Others include: Mary McLeod Bethune, Director of Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration; E. Franklin Frazier, professor of Sociology at Howard University. The conference, which has attracted wide attention all over the country, will be attended by 400 Negro youth from all parts of the South.

RADIO THIEVES BUSY

Sunday night thieves broke into Lewis' Oil Station, 24th and Grant Streets and took his radio. With the help of detectives Mr. Lewis later found his radio in a pawn shop on 24th Street, and will be able to get it back within a few days. According to Mr. Lewis, the only regret he has in losing his radio is that he will be unable to listen to Foster May, the "Man on the Street."

OMAHA URBAN LEAGUE CHARITY CLUB

The Charity club of the Omaha Urban League met Tuesday, Jan. 19th, at the Urban Center. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Florence Terrell, president; Mrs. Carrie Jewell, vice president; Mrs. Ione Hanger, secretary; Mrs. Alberta Jones, treasurer and Mrs. B. E. Squires, reporter.

The next meeting will be held February 2nd, at the Urban Center.

BOOK LOVERS CLUB MEET

The Book Lovers club met Thursday, Jan. 28th at the YWCA.

Mrs. B. E. Squires reviewed the book "Wake and Remember," by James Gray, due to the illness of Mrs. Lois Gordon, who was to have made the review.

Mrs. F. H. Dorsey gave a review of the author's life.

Criticism and discussion on the book was led by Mrs. John A. Williams.

The next meeting of the club will be Feb. 18th, at which time Mrs. Gady Pullum will review the book "Days of Wrath," by Andre Malraux. Mrs. Lois Blackwell will review the author's life. Mrs. Thelma Hancock will lead the discussion.

Mrs. Littlejohn is very ill in a local hospital.

The Bacchanite Club Seeks to Disfranchise the Negroes of Omaha

By Ollie Lewis

In the pre-election campaign for the election of the Negro Mayor of Omaha, each candidate pledged himself, if elected to use his influence and prestige to promote better economic conditions for the people of our community, by seeking employment for our group in such places as the Omaha Public Utilities (Omaha gas and water works), in tax supported institutions, such as the Farm Credit Administration, Home Owners Loan Corporation, Federal Land Bank, the Omaha Public Schools, in such private corporations as the Nebraska Power Co, the Telephone Co. and Paxton and Gallagher wholesale grocery, and all other places that we are compelled to support because of our economic and social connection, and yet we have but little or no representation in the way of employment.

There were several candidates in the race namely: J. C. Carey, J. B. Horton, jr., R. C. Price and Johnny Owen. Having received 771 votes out of 1643 votes cast, Mr. Owen was elected by the people, mind you, (not by the Bacchanite Club),

to carry out this program. To start with he is shackled by the undemocratic schemers of the Bacchanite club. Who ever heard of a candidate being elected by a free and democratic community (local, state or national) and then denied the right to appoint his aides or council to carry out his pledged platform? For so says Mr. Farrell, vice president of the Bacchanite club: "A candidate for the council must have an official letter from the Bacchanite club."

The election of a civic leader for our community has great possibilities if the proper machinery is set into action, and directed by unselfish motives over a period of years, much good is bound to accrue to our people by reason of having such a leader. When a group of ambitious and selfish men set themselves up to nullify the wishes of a free people as expressed in the ballot box I claim this to be an undisputed case of disfranchisement. So states the by-laws of the ambitious Bacchanite club. "A majority vote of the Council shall govern except as otherwise provided."

This is just another way of saying that a majority vote of vote of the council shall govern except where such a vote conflicts with the wishes of the Bacchanite club.

The members of the Bacchanite club will find out if they have not already learned that it will be pretty hard to arrogate to themselves the veto power over an accredited and duly elected representative of the people. And if the Bacchanite club members persist in trying to proscribe the activity of a free people, the people will initiate another movement to carry out this worthwhile and noble purpose.

Notes From Fremont, Nebr.

Mrs. Irma Brannon was in Omaha Thursday on business. Miss Brannon is associated with Mrs. Eage in the interior decorating business.

Mr. Donald Herndon entertained at the Dodge County Annual Farm Bureau Program held at Midland college. Mr. Herndon is an entertainer of note and fills many engagements in the city.

A chivari party was given recently to honor Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon. Mrs. Dixon was the former Miss Leona Campor of Beatrice, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are making their home in Fremont at the present time.

St. James A. M. E. Church

Rev. H. D. Pigge, pastor of St. James A. M. E. church was accompanied by Rev. O. Butler of Omaha when he motored to Fremont last Friday evening to hold his official board meeting. Sunday school opened at the usual hour with Miss Brannon in charge.

Morning worship at 11 a. m. with the pastor, Rev. Pigge, in charge. A forceful gospel message was delivered. His text was taken from Matt. 22:4, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; mine oxen and

mine fatlings are killed, and all things are ready, come unto the marriage."

Sunday was our quarterly meeting day and the afternoon service was conducted by Rev. D. C. Stevenson of Omaha in the absence of our presiding elder, W. C. B. Lewis, who was sick and unable to be with us. He was assisted by Rev. Oliver Butler. Rev. A. Phillips of Bethel, Omaha, delivered a stirring message which was enjoyed by all. His text was found in II Corinthians, 13:5, "Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith, prove your own selves know that Jesus Christ is in you except you be reprobrates. Rev. Oliver delivered the evening sermon. We are thankful to have closed a very successful quarter.

Beginning February 7-14 in honor of Richard Allen, the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal church, we are planning a very interesting program. Special sermons and lectures will be given on the life of Richard Allen and the history of our church, which was founded in 1787 by Richard Allen one hundred and fifty years ago. If you want to learn something about an organization, organized by the Negro, strictly supported by the Negro, whose superior officers are Negroes, we extend to you an

invitation to come and be with us during this series of programs, given in honor of the Founder of this great body.

The Colored Old Folks Home Ass'n wishes to thank those who donated the home during the holidays.

Junior Culture Girls club and Rhythm Boys club, Miss Ethel Jones sponsor, one fruit cake, candy, nuts, bananas, apples.

YWCA Girl Reserves, box of candy.

Mrs. I Buford, 1 package pimento cheese, celery, apples, oranges, sweet potatoes, lettuce, bananas.

Benson West school, one box of candy.

Just We Social and Charity club, one bushel of Jonathan apples.

Mrs. A. Wilson and son, Cunningham, a radio for Mrs. George's room as she is unable to get out of her room.

Mrs. Dr. Nettie Fredericks for caring for Mrs. George's feet.

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MARRS IS NAMED HEAD OF BOY SCOUT DISTRICT

Members of the South district Boy Scout's Council held the annual election of officers at the South Omaha American Legion Hall last Friday night. H. H. Marrs, South high school principal, was named district chairman and Conrad Schoessler, Charles Leon, and Charles Stewart vice chairmen. Ralph E. Ewing is district commissioner. Plans were made at the meeting for the district participation in the anniversary week of Scouting which will be observed February 7th to the 13th. The South district also plans the formation of a press club. The establishment of Scout training and a membership drive.

Mr. Charles Stewart, 2115 Madison street, South Omaha, is the first of our race who has ever been on the board and he was appointed vice chairman. Troop 83 has 45 boys. John Wakefield is chairman.

ELITE CIGAR STORE

Mr. E. McGill, well known Omaha business man, has taken over the complete management of the Elite Cigar Store at 24th and Willis Ave., which has a direct wire on all sporting events. Mr. McGill reports an encouraging business and urges all his friends to pay him a visit.

REV. MRS. HOWELL PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMMUNITY

Rev. Mrs. Glenna M. Howell pastor of St. Paul AMEZ church, is playing an important part in the social welfare of the community.

Rev. Howell came to the city, Dec. 9 from Missouri. Since Dec. 20th, she had conducted services at St. Paul church, visited the sick of the community and made herself a true neighbor and citizen.

Under such leadership, St. Paul AMEZ church should go far.

Mrs. Bostic, 2518 Decatur St., has been very ill. She would like to receive calls from her friends.

Mrs. Buffkins, 2506 Burdette St., who has been ill in a local hospital, returned to her home.

RACE MEMBERS SUFFER AS FLOOD WATERS DRIVE THEM TO HOUSE TOPS

Race Hatred In South; Segregated in All Branches of Rescue Work Along Rivers

With the death toll having reached 105 and more than half a million persons homeless, America's greatest flood continued to sweep through Ohio and Kentucky as the populace waited for help. The Ohio river, fed by rain and snow is creeping farther and farther over areas that have never before been flooded.

Almost the entire populations of Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, faced imminent danger from fire and disease as the American Red Cross struggled to get food supplies to the flood victims.

Roberta Pharr and R. T. Mc Cloud Married Jan. 14

Mr. and Mrs. I. Pharr wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Roberta J. Pharr, to Rever T. McCloud of Omaha. The marriage vows were taken on Thursday, January 14th at the home of the bride, with Rev. C. E. Stevenson officiating.

The bride's wedding was of white satin, made in a very simple style, with an elbow length veil. She carried white roses. The maid of honor, Miss Ella Mae Mills, was dressed in a gown of baby blue taffeta, trimmed in pink. She wore a corsage of tulleman roses. Sandford Thomas was best man. The newly weds are at home to their many friends at 2735 Seward St.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN FOR WILFORD TOOLEY

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter, 2217 Ohio St., gave a surprise party Saturday for Wilford Tooley, who is visiting his son, Mrs. Allen Sawand cousin, Jimmie Hall. Mr. Tooley will leave Wednesday for his home in Covington, Tenn., to resume his studies.

Autumn Leaf Club Holds Weekly Meet

The Autumn Leaf club of Pleasant Green Baptist church held its weekly meeting at 2217 No. 25th St. on Monday, Jan. 17th. The club decided to have a patriotic luncheon on February 22nd at the home of Mrs. McClinton, 2619 Hamilton St. As this was our guest night, there was not much business transacted. Rev. D. Nicholson, pastor of Second Baptist church, Charinda, Ia., was guest speaker. His subject was, "The Seven Most Important Things that Cause Us To Fall in Life." Many interesting things were emphasized by the Rev. Nicholson and everyone enjoyed his speech. Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Union became members of the club. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. Talbert and Rev. Caldwell. Thirty-eight members and visitors were present. A delightful repast was served by the president. This club is progressing nicely under the leadership of its very efficient president and promises to be one of the most outstanding clubs of the church. Visitors are always welcome.

The Omaha City BYPU will hold its annual meeting at Salem Baptist church, 28th and Decatur Sts. on Sunday, Jan. 31st at 5:30 p. m. at which time the officers for 1937 will be elected. The president Mr. William Cooper, who has served for five years reports amazing progress and 1936 a very successful work with the young people's activities and cordially invites all to be present. He wishes to express his appreciation to the many faithful and loyal co-workers. Last, but not least, he wishes to thank the Omaha Guide for its generous publicity.

Refuse to Aid Race

The radio patrol boats, which are manned by both police and volunteers, all but ignore race refugees and in many cases it is necessary to make four or five calls before the people are rescued.

Eight Are Dead

Eight persons are known to be dead. Three of this number are members of the Race. They were unidentified. Only food stores, drug stores and eating places operated as the river rose to an unprecedented mark of the 80-foot crest predicted officially for Friday.

Property damage has already been estimated at seven million dollars and 25 square miles were under water.

Electric power was barely sufficient for hospitals and police communication.

The city council in special session late Monday offered the emergency powers on the City Manager C. A. Dykstra, while 65,000 homeless crowded church, movie houses and relief agencies.

Louisville, Ky.—The ugly specter of race hatred has reared its head above the angry waters in the flood area, and this week finds thousands of our people, who were washed from their homes by the waters of the mighty Ohio river themselves its victims.

Jim crow tactics are being used in the manner of housing the refugees and in many cases, the motor patrol boats are actually refusing to pick up members of the race, leaving them to die in the flood.

In refugee camps, hundreds of our people are huddled together like cattle and it is safe to say that before the flood waters have receded, many of them will have died as result of either exposure, the flu, pneumonia or typhoid.

There is no sign of life in Louisville. All electric power has been drowned out and virtually all means of communications closed. The city's 330,000 residents, two thirds of them, have been driven from their homes by the rising waters of the mighty Ohio river.

There is no gas and most of the homes are without heat and food. Drinking water is running low and a warning has been issued to boil all water to prevent the contracting of typhoid. Hundreds are in the hospitals. The "Colored" ward of the City hospital is overcrowded and it has been necessary to add more beds in another Jim Crow section of the hospital.