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TROUBLE IN FATHER DIVINE'S KINGDOM Denver Ticket Schemers Fined

Convicted on Vagrancy Charge

On the complaint of Rev. Milton K. Curry, pastor of Zion Baptist church eleven men and women were arrested April 22nd in connection with the promotion and sales of tickets for a musical jubilee scheduled to be held in June. Rev. Curry said he was persuaded to stage the music festival on an arrangement through which the church was to receive 25 per cent of the proceeds. But after \$160 was collected, he was advised that the percentage due the church had been absorbed by the cost of telephones used by the salesmen in selling tickets.

The festival, as described to prospective customers, was to depict the life of the Negro in the United States from the introduction of slavery in 1619 to the present day.

Tickets were 50 cents apiece.

Police found a large box of cards bearing telephone numbers and addresses in the church basement, the collection indicating a complete canvass of the directory had been stated. A sheet of paper bearing a typewritten sales talk was also found.

The Rev. Leroy Minks of Denver, head of the promotional force, was given a 90 day jail sentence by Judge George Holmes Saturday morning when convicted on a charge of vagrancy. His wife was fined, as were two others. Eight were freed on the promise that they would leave town immediately. All were white.

Rev. Curry announced the festival will be produced June 10 and 11 as announced by the Denver group. He further said tickets sold by the outsiders would be honored at the affair, which will be produced by L. Scott, a member of the church.

Omaha Guide to Sponsor Movie Style Revue

Monday evening May 17th, The Omaha Guide will sponsor a city wide Movie Style Revue at the Dreamland Hall.

We are inviting all clubs in or out of Omaha to send a model or models, both male and female.

There will be a trophy given to the club sending the best model, a ring to the best individual model, a prize will be given the club selling the largest number of tickets and to the best individual ticket salesman.

The list of clubs who have already assured us their cooperation in making this the most glamorous affair ever witnessed in Omaha are:

Cleverettes, Council Bluffs Iowa; Girl Reserves; Modernists Maidens; Bacchantes; Mitze; Optimist; Althouse Beauty school; Northside Beauty school; with others promising cooperation as soon as same can be carried through the regular official course stipulated by their organization.

Tickets prior to the 17th may be secured at the popular price of 40

Stepin Fetchit Injured In Auto Crash

Screen Comedian Near Death
After Automobile Smashup

New York, April 25—Stepin Fetchit, movie comic was in Harlem hospital Sunday, his dancing feet stilled by an automobile accident in which he suffered a fractured skull. Doctors said his condition was fair.

Stepin Fetchit, in private life Lincoln Perry, 40 who has become



an international figure in the motion picture industry was injured when his car struck an 'L' pillar on Eighth avenue.

Witness stated that a blown out left tire caused the machine to swerve then skid thirty feet or more because of the wet pavement completely out of control of Stepin Fetchit who was driving alone.

The car was an old '31 Lincoln club coupe which the famed comic star had held in his possession as a lucky charm.

Police at the West 135th street station a half a block away rushed the injured actor to the Harlem hospital, where it is feared he may not live.

Joe Glaser, Artists' Representative of the Rockwell O'Keefe Booking office in Radio City was notified of the accident Sunday afternoon and rushed immediately to the Harlem hospital to aid the seriously injured star. He later conferred with his personal physician, Doctor Dean Makotshi who succeeded in making arrangements for the removal of Stepin Fetchit to a private hospital on Monday morning.

Stepin Fetchit has been playing deluxe theaters in the east and was appearing at the Earl theatre in Philadelphia. As there are no Sunday shows in the Quaker City he had driven to New York City to spend the day. He was not due back at the Earl theatre until time for the midnight performance Sunday.

cents; a 20 per cent saving over the regular price.

The popular Synco Hi Hatters orchestra will furnish the music of the evening, supported by a fast and sizzling floor show featuring Williams and Caldwell of Chicago, Ill.

Every participant in this affair will be filmed, giving all the chance to view their likeness on the screen in a local movie house.

All clubs wishing to enter a model or models are urged to register with Mrs. Mildred Gilbert at the Omaha Guide, 2418 Grant St.

Utmost Pressure on Senate Urged on Anti-Lynching Bill

New York, May 1—Spurred on to increased effort by the smashing vote by which the House on April 15th passed the Gavagan anti-lynch bill, supporters of the legislation turned their attention to the Senate with redoubled energy.

Elated over the momentum gathered by the Gavagan bill in the House and heartened by expressions of determination to keep fighting which are pouring in from all sections of the country, the NAACP this week urged a steady barrage of letters, telegrams, petitions and resolutions be sent to senators impressing upon them the desire of the country for this legislation.

There is a strong feeling in Washington that it is not sufficient for senators to state that they are in favor of the legislation and will vote for it when it comes to the floor. What is needed is the promise of senators to work to bring the bill to the floor.

The citizens back home are urged to write and have their senators go to the leaders in the Senate and call for action on the anti-lynching bill. In the Senate, the bill is known as the Wagner-Ven Nuys bill (S. 1709). It differs only slightly from the Gavagan bill and an adjustment between the two is expected to be a simple procedure.

SUCCESSFULLY SPONSORS THIRD MUSICAL



L. L. McVAY



The Rev. J. W. Adams of St. John Methodist spoke on "Music and Its Relation to the Church Service." The whole

Goodwill Spring Musical Was A Classical Success

Three hundred and fifty voices from 10 choirs of the Omaha church world joined Sunday afternoon in the third annual "Goodwill Spring Musical" at Pilgrim Baptist church. The 10 choirs represented the following churches: Clair Chapel ME, St. John AME; Bethel Baptist; Zion Baptist; Pilgrim Baptist; Mount Moriah Baptist; Cleaves' Temple CME, Firststone Baptist; Pleasant Green Baptist and Zion Imperial choir.

Following the processional of all choirs singing their regular processional selections. The program was as follows: Miss Estella Robinson led 1,800 voices in singing the National Negro anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Invocation by Rev. Curry, pastor of Zion Baptist church; Overture by City Service orchestra whose renditions held the mammoth audience spellbound. The master of ceremonies, Mr. Archie B. Young, was then introduced by Mr. L. L. McVay who returned introduced the various choirs who rendered one selection each. At the Zion Imperial choir completed their all Latin selection Rev. F. L. Stevenson, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist church introduced Rev. R. A. Adams, pastor of St. John AME church, who delivered a brief but in spiring address on the "Relation of the Choir to Public Worship." This was followed by selections from the St. John and Pilgrim choirs, then came the grand finale by all choirs massed under the direction of Rev. J. S. Williams, first "Listen to the Lambs" and the Hallelujah Chorus" which was indeed a masterpiece. Proceeding the benediction, Rev. F. P. Jones who delivered same, paid flowing tribute to the man in whose mind this event was born by leading 1,800 Black Americans in singing to the tune of "Bless Be the Tide," "McVay, McVay; McVay." Mr. L. L. McVay will be remembered as a former student at Fisk University and a graduate of Howard university.



Congressman Charles F. McLaughlin

Congressman Charles F. McLaughlin from 2nd District Nebr. who aided passage of the anti-lynch bill.

Other Nebraska Congressmen who voted for the bill were Henry C. Luckey and Karl Stefan.

Beauty Shop Changes Hands

Mrs. S. Stephenson, an expert marcel waver and beauty culturist of Chicago, Ill., has bought Mr. Homer McCraney's Beauty Salon, located at 2037 N. 24th St., two doors south of the Ritz Theatre.

The public is cordially invited to visit this strictly sanitary shop where you will receive courteous attention and satisfactory workmanship.

Mrs. Carrie Knox of Kansas City, Kans., is visiting her son, Adolphus Knox, 1831 N. 22nd street.

Leader Arrested in Conn. Hideout--Angels Rise Up

New York, April 29 (CNA)—The three day invisibility of Father Divine from police of eight states ended with the arrest of the cult leader in a gloomy cellar at Milford, Conn., late last Thursday night. The bald headed little evangelist whom thousands of Negro and white folk worship as God was collared by two Negro detectives from the West 123rd station, Harlem, as he fearfully peered round the corner of a furnace.



Father Divine, who calls himself God, is shown (center figure) mounting the steps of Police Headquarters in New York City April 23, upon being returned to New York after his arrest in Milford, Conn.

Father mystified New York police with a rapid fade-out following an attempt by Paul Camora, a process server, to hand the cult leader a summons in a civil action during a banquet service at the Kingdom at 20 West 115th street, Harlem. In the melee that followed, Father's angels routed the forces of outer darkness.

When the bedlam quieted down, Harry Green, white, of Teaneck N. J., a friend of the process server, lay critically wounded on the floor and the police had broadcast an alarm to eight states for Father Divine who meantime had assumed his most invisible form.

Earthly Troubles Grow
Taking advantage of his disappearance, Father's No. 1 angel, Faithful Mary, revealed ambitions, heaven-inspired of course, to take over the earthly possessions of the Kingdom. She told reporter she was through with that man hectoring adding:

"He is not God, he ain't nothing just a damned man."

Father Divine was arrested at 11 Gunn street Milford, Conn. after two women disciples had volubly denied he was in the house. As he walked shakily out of the house, eyes of the women, a white girl known as "Lovely Bess," said between her sobs "Father will deal with his enemies."

Father himself indicated that his hide-out had been betrayed by a Judas in his movement. He said that "divine justice" would be meted out to the Judas.

Locked Up for Night
Night court was closed when Father was brought back to New York and the diminutive evangelist was fingerprinted and photographed and locked up for the night. Kovic Frankel, a white attorney was retained to represent him.

George Booker, one of the two detectives who arrested Father Divine said the cult leader told him he had nothing to do with the stabbing in his Kingdom "and if anyone did anything it was his followers and they did it for his protection."

Harlem had a good laugh over the special precautions taken to prevent Father's disappearance from his cell. These precautions included the assignment of a special policeman to sit through the night in front of his cell. Outside in the street, about fifty white and Negro angels who had learned he was in jail, stood in silent wonder.

Angels are Proxies
Meantime Faithful Mary pushed plans to usurp the leadership of the Kingdom or at least take over its tangible assets. She said she had broken with Father and was keeping title to numerous of the earthly properties which the "heavenly kingdom" had amassed. These include restaurants, peace missions, farms and miscellaneous properties.

Murder Charge Looms
Green, the wounded man is in Harlem hospital in a critical condition. If Green dies, police say Father Divine will be charged with murder.

Spend "A Night in Hollywood"

Dreamland Hall Monday, May 17