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DR. BETHUNE CAPTIVATES AUDIENCE

Youth Council Gets Northside Center

N. Y. A. Leader In High Praise Of Local Projects

by S. Edward Gilbert



Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, national director of the Division of Youth Affairs of the National Youth Administration, after a busy day in which she made an inspection tour of local NYA projects, attended a conference of the Council of Social Agencies, spoke at a luncheon in her honor, given by the NYA and Urban League, appeared in an interview over the radio, was in attendance at a dinner meeting at the Urban League Community Center, where she made a brief, but inspiring talk, relating by way of constructive criticism that there was a great need in the state of Nebraska, for the appointing of some qualified Negro man or woman who could and would serve as a Liaison between the state NYA officials and the Negro, climaxed her stay in Omaha by delivering a magnificent address that captivated the huge audience that packed the spacious auditorium of Zion Baptist Church Tuesday night.

Dr. Bethune in the course of her powerful address urged Brown America, to have confidence in themselves, their own business and their own professional men and women. She interrogated the audience with the questions: Are you making the best of your opportunities or are you standing as if were with your hands folded waiting for someone to bring salvation to you? Are you urging boys and girls in your group to continue school in order that they may be prepared when the opportunity presents itself; are you sending your boy or girl to school and at the same time crying aloud that you don't want one of your group to teach them? She admonished youth to take the stand that I will study and prepare myself and perhaps my chance will come; giving as an example; her life experience, in which she has forged herself up from the cotton-fields of the deep South to the formal recognition among the fifty most distinguished American women. Resulting in her today being the first Negro woman ever to occupy a key federal position.

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Senate Committee To Probe Civil Service; Include Jim Crow

Washington, April 16—Various types of discrimination in the federal civil service, including discrimination against Negroes, will be investigated by a committee of five senators under a resolution introduced by Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana and passed by the Senate last week.

Senator Ellender, one of the bitterest opponents of the anti-lynching bill, has long been interested in reforming certain evils which he charges are rampant in the civil service. He claims that the main proposal of his resolution is "to investigate the discrimination that has been occurring in the various government departments under civil service, with reference to promotion, transfers, disciplinary measures, etc."

It is a well known fact that Negroes are discriminated against in civil service, not only in the securing of appointments after they have passed the examination, but in the few places to which they are appointed, they are greatly restricted as to promotions and transfers, and are held strictly to disciplinary measures. The postal service, although it has many Negroes in it, is notorious for its discriminatory treatment.

The NAACP wrote Senator Ellender concerning the investigation, asking permission to appear before the committee and submit records showing "abuses regarding Negroes qualified for civil service appointment." Senator Ellender has not especially noted the Negroes in his resolution or in his correspondence, but the language of the resolution is so broad that cases of Negro discrimination can be easily included.

The NAACP has sent out an appeal to its branches and to the public generally to send to its regional office, 69 Fifth avenue, New York City, the latest correct information on any civil service discrimination against Negroes in various localities. The NAACP emphasizes that this information must be accurate and factual with names, dates, addresses, and with documentary evidence such as letters, ratings, etc. It will be useless to send mere complaints without facts. The Association emphasizes also that this investigation does not concern state or city civil service, but merely with the federal civil service having to do with government departments.

The civil service was criticized in the syndicated column "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" written by Robert S. Allen and Drew Pearson, as being controlled, not by the three civil service commissioners, but by certain key men and women who have a tight grip upon the machinery and who have resisted efforts to reform the procedure. The column declares that James D. Yaden, chief of the examining division, "holds the power of life and death over all applicants for jobs."

Colored Chamber of Commerce Backs City Clean Up Campaign

City Clean Up week campaign of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was unanimously endorsed by the Colored Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening in its regular meeting held at the Northside YWCA.

The following challenge is made to each family in Omaha: Buy a box or barrel for empty tin cans; empty your ashes on your own property; take pride in the place where you live; the neighbors will clean up if you do; each yard should be kept neat; refrain from dumping rubbish into streets or alleys; have no thought of your health?

Only cleanliness will give you health; much sickness is caused by uncleanness; everyone should take pride in a clean yard; surely you will be willing to help; any yard can be made beautiful; no person admires an unclean yard or home; don't put it off, do it today; you won't miss what little time it will take; reward is yours for a few minutes effort each week; do your share to help make a more beautiful community.

The Chamber invites every organization to send representatives to a call meeting Thursday evening April 14th, matters of importance, to be held at the Northside "Y" at 7:30 p. m.

Etta Moten Takes Leave From Radio

Chicago, April 16—Etta Moten, famed concert and radio artist, will take a five-day leave from her current broadcast, "Cabin at the Crossroads," heard over NBC's red and blue networks every week day morning, it was announced here today by the Chicago Concert Bureau. Miss Moten, who was just recently signed to the Quaker Oats program on a 13-week contract, purposely omitted April 5 to 11, chapter, in Petersburg, Va., on April 7 for Virginia State College, and in Philadelphia on April 11. Her broadcasts will be resumed on April 13th.

According to the NBC officials, Miss Moten has received more fan mail than other participant on the program, and she expresses a deep gratitude for this tremendous support from the radio audience she has been so sincerely endeavoring to please.

From the agreement so that she might fill concert engagements effected prior to the radio contract.

She will sing in Washington, D. C., on April 5 for the local AKA

Mrs. W. B. Gibson Succumbs; Hold Funeral Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Winifred Brewer Gibson, only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan C. Brewer, will be held in the chapel of the Charles S. Jackson, funeral home, Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Peck of Greater Bethel A. M. E. church, will officiate.

Mrs. Gibson, who had been ill for some time, died Monday afternoon, March 28. She was stricken in Omaha, Nebr., and came from there to Chicago.

Mrs. Gibson was a graduate of Hyde Park high school and was employed for eight years on the St. Louis Argus' staff in St. Louis, Mo. She had also worked at the Omaha Guide and the Chicago Bee.

She is survived by her mother, father and a brother.

ARMOURS PLANT STOPPED FOR 30 MINUTES; GANGS RAISED; MEN CUT

The Armour's Packing Company's refusal to raise the gang in its plant on Wednesday, April 6th, up to the required man power necessary to man the out-put against the chain which had been set up, resulted in a complete shut down of the three kills when officials of the powerful CIO gave orders to stop production unless the gang be raised to the required quota.

It is reported that the grievance committee of the CIO locals waited on the management on Tuesday the fifth and asked that the three men whom the gang superintendent had laid off be put back to work, they were told that the matter would be looked into. The following morning the gang went to work as usual but found that the gang was still short of the three men despite the promise to rectify the condition and at the same time they had raised the out-put. The grievance committees of the five CIO locals then had a caucus with the national CIO Regional Director, Mr. Frank Alsop and out of this meeting came an ultimatum to the plant officials, that unless the gang be raised to the required quota the plant would be shut down at 1:20 p. m. At 1:20 no action had been taken by the plant officials, orders were given and every man in the three kills, hog, sheep, and cattle stopped, thereby paralyzing the entire plant. Upon receiving the knowledge that the Ultimatum had actually been carried out, the plant officials found time to meet and talk with the CIO representatives, resulting in the gang being raised and the jubilant men returned to work. It is reported that the company lost \$60.00 for every minute that the plant was closed down.

Workers Celebrate

Saturday night April 9th the five locals held a victory party at their headquarters on South 25th street, which proved to be one of the largest demonstrations of packing house workers loyalty to an organization ever to have been witnessed in Omaha. Fully 3500 persons packed and jammed every available spot in the building, so huge was the crowd that it was necessary to utilize the outdoor court to the building, carrying the many speeches and other form of entertainment to them by means of a loud speaking system. Representatives were in attendance from all over Iowa and Nebraska.

Among the men members who carried greetings from their respective organizations were: Salem C. Bell, chairman of the National Waiters Union, Bernard E. Squires, Ext. Secy. of the Urban League and S. Edward Gilbert, Ext. Secy. of the Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress.

Hairdressers Hold Meeting In Omaha

A number of Negro beauty operators attended the Trans-Mississippi hairdressers convention at the Fontenelle hotel on March 20, 21st and 22nd. Much enthusiasm was shown among those present. The attendance on Sunday alone exceeded 800. Hair stylists from Oklahoma assisted Omaha's own Francois, who has the shop in the Aquilla, in introducing the most unusual and exotic styles in coiffure that have been presented in some time.

The most efficient Francois joined the rest of these beauty world in the prediction that the hair must go "up," which is a death blow to the recently popular "page boy." A crew of demonstrators from New York to the coast were on hand to show the latest in beauty accessories.

Among the Negroes present were Mesdames Elise Turner of the Grow Gloss Beauty Shoppe, Christine Althouse, of the Althouse Beauty School, Katherine Wilson of the California Beauty School, Martha Mayo of the Mayo Beauty Shoppe, and Miss Versie Winston of the Northside Beauty School.

Squatter Takes F. R. At His Word

Cambridge, Mass., April 16 (CNA)—Nathaniel Brewer, 49, one-legged WPA timekeeper, his wife and their eight children moved into a Home Owners' Loan Corporation house February 2, without authorization.

Refusing to concede Brewer the status of tenant, white officials of the HOLC found themselves in a dilemma. They could not institute eviction proceedings and have contented themselves with prosecution for trespassing.

Brewer protested: "I've heard the President in his Fireside chats. He says everybody is entitled to food and shelter. Now I'm going to see if he is giving me the run-around."

VISITS FRIENDS

Miss Sylvia Ware, 2008 North Twenty-seventh street, left Monday morning, April 11, by plane, for Kansas City, Kas. to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ware.

She and her sister, Miss Bernice Ware, motored to Sedalia, Mo., to visit her aunt, Mrs. Gertrude Redmond.

Goodwill Spring Musical Creating Much Interest to Church Choirs

The Goodwill Spring Musical is creating a great deal of interest among the choirs that are participating in the musical on Sunday, April 24, in the Central high school auditorium at 2:45 p. m.

The rehearsals have been very good, and show promise of a great treat for those who love good singing. The final rehearsal will be Tuesday night after Easter at the Hillside Presbyterian church at 30th and Ohio streets. It is very important that all choirs and all members of choirs be at this final rehearsal, so they may know just what you are to do at the high school on the day of the musical.

With the fine spirit of cooperation shown on the part of the ministers and the city-wide usher board, we look forward to a day long to be remembered in Omaha. The choirs in their vested robes will make a picture you should see.

The Omaha Concert band, directed by Mr. George Bryant, will add much to the music for the day, as it will take part in the rendition

of some of the numbers, such as the National Negro Anthem and the Hallelujah Chorus. Just picture in your mind 250 or more people singing these numbers with this great band accompanying them.

It would be use to say to be on time, because you are going to be there before 2:45 if you expect a seat and to enjoy the beauty and sacredness of the professional.

You will be greeted by the city-wide usher board with its service with a smile.

You cannot afford to leave before the close of the service because of the beauty and impression you will get from the last numbers.

Perhaps the number, "Dark Water," is creating more nation-wide interest, than any one composition in recent years, as it will be used as a contest number over in May by many white churches and choirs over the United States.

Now this is a fine time to ask some of your friends, both in and out of the city to come as your guest.

Long School Is Selected As the Right Location

The Youth Division of the Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress has been successful in getting the city recreational authorities to name Long school as one of the places at which a recreation center shall be conducted this summer according to Mr. Wm. Meyers, city recreational director.

Meeting at the home of Mr. S. Edward Gilbert, Sunday, April 3, the Council listened to an inspiring talk by Dr. T. E. Sullenger, in which he told of the eleven wards in which delinquency is the highest in Omaha. He further showed by means of a chart that Long school was located in the heart of a high delinquent area and from such information the Council decided to ask that Long school be named as one of the centers of recreation, based on the theory that for a center to be effective, it should be located in the center of the delinquent area, thereby enabling the influence of such a project to radiate out.

Mr. John Edior, a student at Omaha university, was named chairman of the committee composed of Misses Tamer O'Neal, Mable Longmeyer and Mr. Roy Gordon, with Mr. Gilbert, executive secretary of the Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress serving as advisor.

The committee seeking influential support, contacted Mrs. C. K. Rose of the City Welfare Board, who after hearing their proposition, backed with certified facts, agreed with the committee that Long school was the ideal location, and immediately took their requests to the proper authorities, resulting in Long school being named as one of nine centers which shall be opened to the public Saturday April 16, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Week Of Services At Claire Chapel M. E.

Beginning Monday night, April 18, continuing through to Friday, April 22, there will be a series of sermons delivered by the pastors of various churches of the city.

Monday night, April 18, Rev. F. P. Jones of Mt. Moriah Baptist church and choir; Tuesday night, April 19, Rev. M. K. Curry of Zion Baptist church and choir; Wednesday night, April 20, Rev. G. E. Stevenson of Pilgrim Baptist church and choir; Thursday night, April 21, Rev. Sanford of Bethel A.M.E. church and choir, and Friday night, April 22, Rev. D. W. Bass of Cleaves Temple church and choir.

Rev. W. C. Conwell is pastor.

Intense Interest Being Shown In Second May Day Festival

With Spring coming on us we find intense interest being manifested in the coming second annual May Day Festival to be held May 22nd, the place to be announced after Easter.

The following churches are giving 100 per cent to make the second annual display of youth talent in song the most colorful event ever to be witnessed here: St. John A.M.E., Zion, Salem, Baptist, Christ Temple, Second Baptist, Christa, Iowa, Bethel Baptist, Mt. Moriah, Metropolitan Spiritual, Bethel A.M.E., Pleasant Green Baptist, and the Seventh Day Adventist.

The Committee will meet Monday, April 18th at the North Side YWCA at 7:00 p. m. to complete final arrangements.

All sponsors and directors of junior choirs are urged to attend. Mr. S. Edward Gilbert, general chairman, and Miss Ethel Jones, director.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaw, accompanied by Mr. Robert Horsely, motored here from Detroit to visit the parents of Mr. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shaw.

"Seven Last Words" Closes Easter Music Season At Hillside

Earlygoers to Hillside Presbyterian church on Easter Sunday at 4:30 o'clock, where a chorus of 40 voices, and an orchestra will present, "The Seven Last Words" by DuBois, will possibly be the only ones who will be seated, owing to the fact that more than 150 patrons have already been procured through a courtesy ticket. Therefore music lovers who have no courtesy tickets, should be at the church not later than 4 o'clock.

The altar will be draped with white linen upon which will be seen 37 lily white candles which will be lighted sometime during the service.

The introductory soprano will be sung by Mrs. Frank Smead. The first word, "Father Forgive Them" will be sung by Mr. H. L. Preston, Mr. Richard Miller and chorus.

The second word, "Verily today shalt thou be with me in Paradise," will be sung by Mr. Preston and Mr. Miller. The third word, "Woman Behold Thy Son," will be sung by Mrs. Pease Gibson, Mr. Miller and chorus. The fourth word, a baritone solo, "God, My Father, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?" will be sung by Mr. Preston and chorus. The sixth word, "I Thirst!" will be sung by Mr. Preston and chorus. The seventh word, "Father Into Thy Hands I Commend My Soul," will be sung by Mr. Miller and chorus. The seventh word, "It Is Finished," will be sung by Mrs. Irene Morton, Mr. Miller and chorus.

Mr. Miller is the tenor soloist at the Dundee Presbyterian church. Mrs. Smead from the North Christian church, Mrs. Gibson from St. John A.M.E., Mrs. Morton part time soloist of Hillside Presbyterian, and Mr. Preston, soloist of Hillside, Miss Ethel Webb, pianist of the church, will be assisted by Miss Edrose Willis, who will play the first piano. Mr. Fred Demster, cellist, of the Omaha university orchestra, Mr. William Lewis, bass violinist, Mr. John Reagan, violinist, will constitute the orchestra. Rev. John S. Williams, pastor of the Hillside church will direct the service.

Zion Junior Choir Presents Operetta

An operetta, "The Ghost of Lolly Pop Days," will be presented at the Zion Baptist church, Monday, evening, May 2, at 8 p. m. under the direction of Miss Estella Robertson, who is known for her success in presenting operettas, plays, etc.

It will be one of the most interesting events of the season of our best young people of the city. We hope to have the church packed to its capacity.

Society Suggests Sending Senator Bilbo, Of Mississippi, to Africa

Evanston, Ill., April 16—A suggestion that Senator Theodore Bilbo, of Mississippi, who slandered the Negro race viciously in his fight against the anti-lynching bill, be sent to Liberia, instead of attempting to send all American Negroes to that country was made by the Society for Correction of Civil War Information, with headquarters here. Bilbo's solution of the race problem, advanced during his Senate speeches, was to send Negroes back to Africa.

In its bulletin for March the society quotes Jefferson Davis, head of the Confederacy, as saying that the labor of Negroes had converted "hundreds of thousands of square miles of wilderness into cultivated lands with prosperous people." And that "the labor of African slaves was and is indispensable to the production of the South in cotton, rice, sugar, and tobacco which had swollen to an amount which formed nearly three-fourths of the exports of the whole United States and had become ab-

solutely necessary for the wants of civilized man."

The society's bulletin points out that on the testimony of Jefferson Davis himself, the Negro was a very valuable force in building up the United States. It implies that Senator Bilbo is not half so valuable, and states:

"If, therefore, Senator Bilbo feels that the United States is not big enough to hold him and the Negro citizens, since we owe so much of what America is to the labor of the Negroes, it would be more fitting and less of a drain on the public purse, if Senator Bilbo were to ask for an appropriation to colonize himself in Liberia instead of the 12,000,000 Negro citizens of the United States to whose race Jefferson Davis bears witness we are indebted for much of America's greatness, and that greatness gained by their unrequited toil."