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WEATHER
Weather outlook for the
period May 29 to June 3.
Upper Miss. and lower
Mo. valleys and central
Great Plains, not much
precipitation, indicate
showers middle of week.
Showers latter part of
week; mostly seasonable
temperatures.

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\$10,000 Suit Filed Against Registrar

\$706,760 For Demolishing 140 Slum Fire Traps

Washington, D. C.—The City of Columbus, Ga., today was assured a million dollar increase in its 1939 residential building volume when Nathan Straus, Administrator of the United States Housing Authority, approved a base bid recommended by the Columbus Housing Authority for construction of the "Booker T. Washington Apartments" to rehouse families from the slums in new, low rent, dwellings.

The base bid approved today was as follows:

General Construction (Including demolition of existing structures, site improvement, plumbing, heating, electrical work and landscaping).

Mion Construction Co., Atlanta, Ga. \$706,760.

The bid covers the demolition of 140 slum structures now on the site and the construction of 288 decent, safe and sanitary dwelling units for Negro families. Later additional slum structures will be demolished, effectively closed, or repaired, to conform to the "equivalent elimination" provisions of the United States Housing Act.

Construction is expected to start by June 1 and will be completed within approximately eleven months. Although the low bidder was not a Columbus firm, it is understood that workmen on the project will be employed from the local buildings trades and will be paid the prevailing rate of wages.

The "Booker T. Washington Apartments" are to be built on an "L" shaped site comprising three city blocks, faced on two sides by typical slum dwellings, on a third by vacant and on the fourth by a city park and fair grounds containing a municipal stadium and spacious recreation area.

The site is about one mile from the center of the city and is close to schools, churches, stores and transportation facilities. A large Negro High school is situated within easy walking distance of the site.

Plans approved by the USHA call for fireproof construction of two story row houses featuring brick walls, concrete floors and flat concrete roofs with composition covering. The buildings will be arranged so as to provide front and rear yards and space for small play areas. Individual gas-fired heaters will be installed in each dwelling unit.

The Columbus Housing Authority also is planning a second low-rent project to rehouse approximately 360 white families now residing in unsafe and insanitary dwellings.

NEGRO KANSAS CITY POLICE MAN PROVES WHITE RESTAURANT OWNERS WIFE IS HIS SISTER

WHITE JURY DECIDES WOMAN WHO 'PASSES' WAS NEGRO; BROTHER GETS \$20,000

Dallas, June 1 (ANP)—Mrs. Anita Martinez, who for several years was accepted by white persons as a member of their race or at least a Mexican, and who lived with Sam J. Saros, Greek restaurant owner, was a Negro, an all-

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT



MISS MALLERY

Upon announcing the graduation of Miss Els'e Mallery, from Central High school, on June 3, it is well to cite her splendid high school career. After excelling three times in grade school, she entered high school when she was twelve years old; and she is completing high school in three and one half years. She is the youngest graduate in her class and is believed to be the youngest in the city. She is fifteen years old. She has had excellent ratings throughout her high school career and has been on the honor roll every semester but one.

She has participated in many outside activities also. She has been in Jr. Glee, Sr. Glee and the Latin club two years; and on Student Control a year and one half. She has been very active at the YWCA and was a representative at Camp Brewster Conference last summer. At present, she is vice president of the Gross Eickis. She is also a member of the Los Cantores. She is an active member of Christ Temple Church being in the Jr. Choir, secretary and a teacher in Sunday School, and secretary of the Young People's Union. We think this is a splendid record of achievement for a fifteen year old girl.

white jury in Judge Payne L. Bush's court decided last Thursday. Involved was an estate valued at around \$20,000.

The deceased woman died seven months ago. Saros contended that since they lived together in a relationship that constituted common law marriage, he was entitled to her estate consisting of jewelry and property.

William Daugherty, a Kansas City policeman who is the brother and only relative of Mrs. Martinez, came here and produced witnesses to prove she was a Negro. A white undertaker held her body for several weeks until a court order was issued turning it over to a colored mortician for burial. Daugherty waived his right as administrator in favor of H. Strickland, president of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company.

The jury decided that Saros could not claim the estate because he was white and thus under state law no common law relationship could exist between members of the two races. Mrs. Martinez was known to many colored citizens here as Tena Long.

FOURTEEN BOYS ARRESTED FOR BLOCKING SIDEWALK

14 boys were arrested at 24th and Grant Streets near Robbins Drug for blocking the sidewalk. Six boys were turned over to the Juvenile Department and eight were given suspended sentences of five dollars each and were warned by Judge Holmes of the Municipal Court not to come back.

Judge Holmes gave these boys quite a lecture explaining to them that the proprietor of the Drug store had to meet his obligations by paying his bills and could not have the front of his Drug Store blocked continuously. The arresting officer stated to the court that he had on several occasions forced the boys to move on, then he would drive around the block and come back to find the same crowd, approximately gathered again. One of the boys stated to the Court he had formerly worked in the store and that it was a kind of a meeting place for the youngsters after school hours.

NEGRO SHARECROPPERS 25.2 PERCENT OF FOURTEEN SOUTHERN STATES

Washington D. C.—Farm tenancy in the United States has increased from 25 percent in 1935 with an additional 10 percent part renter group in the latter year. Negro farm tenants represent one-third of this class of labor in the rural South.

These are some of the facts made available by the President's National Resources Committee in a report on farm tenancy. This report and other studies undertaken by State Planning Boards are outlined in volume II of the Index of Research Projects issued by the Works Progress Administration.

Figures just compiled by Mrs. Constance Daniel of the Division of Information Farm Security Administration, present a vivid picture of farm tenancy and sharecropping among Negro farm laborers in 14 southern states.

The total number of farm tenants within the race is 626,750 the FISA figures reveals. This represents 34.4 percent of all the 1,815,754 tenants in 14 states of the South. Negro sharecroppers in the same region total 381,197 or 52.2 percent of the 727,780 total number of sharecroppers in the 14 states.

From one-fifth to one fourth of the farm population live in extreme poverty, the WPA index continues. The average income of tenants in the South is much lower than that of farm operators. In some districts the annual income for tenants averages only \$46 per person, the WPA index says in digesting the report on the President's Committee on farm tenancy.

Recommendations made by the Committee include programs for federal and state action to provide land for tenants, help present land owner-operators retain their farms, discourage land speculation and ownership by non-farmers, improve lease contract and landlord tenant relationships and lighten the tax burden of farmers.

A closer view of the farm tenant situation is given in the report of the Mississippi State Planning Committee. "In 1930, 72.1 percent of all farm operators in Mississippi were tenants," the WPA Index says in outlining the State Planning Committee's report. This was nearly 30 percent

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TO CONDUCT JOINT REVIVAL



REV. J. H. BROWN

Rev. J. H. Brown, outstanding Revivalist and Evangelist of Chicago, Illinois, will conduct the joint Revival which will begin Sunday, June 11, at Zion Baptist Church.

This joint revival will be sponsored by Pilgrim and Zion Baptist Churches and will last two weeks. The public is invited to come out and attend this great revival campaign. We are sure you will be benefited.

TELEPHONE CO. APPOINTS COLORED MAN

FISK GRADUATE APPOINTED COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MICHIGAN TELEPHONE CO.

Detroit, June 1 (ANP)—Ramon S. Scruggs who graduated from Fisk university in 1932 has been employed by the Michigan Bell Telephone company as commercial representative beginning June 5, it was announced by Ben R. Marsh commercial superintendent.

Soon after he finished college, Mr. Scruggs was employed by the Rumford Baking Powder company of Providence, R. I. as one of its field representatives. Later he did service work in Detroit and for the past four years has been Boys' Work secretary at the St. Antoine branch of the YMCA.

In discussing Mr. Scruggs' appointment, Mr. Marsh said, "We have studied the possibilities of developing the telephone business among Negroes of the city, and have discussed it with several leaders of this group. We are impressed with the possibilities in this direction."

"The increasing number of large and small business concerns operated by Negroes provides a growing market for both local and long distance telephone service. The professional group should also be studied to determine whether its members are provided with adequate telephone service facilities. When to the business and professional market is added the large number of homes now provided with telephone service, it would seem that there is a fertile field before us for development."

"We determine to employ a Negro to undertake this develop-

ment work and after interviewing several high grade applicants for the position, referred to us by the placement division of the board of Education, Ramon Scruggs was selected because his background of experience qualifies him especially well to represent this company in the field of sales and service."

MASONIC WIDOWS HONORED

The Masons of Omaha, honored the widows of the deceased Masons Sunday May 28th at the Masonic Temple, 26th and Blondo Sts., with an elaborate dinner sponsored by the Masters' and Wards' council of Omaha, J. T. Scott, W. M. President. About one hundred fifty Masons and their wives were present including Hon. Nathaniel Hunter, N. W. Y. M. of Nebraska and its jurisdiction and Hon. A. R. Goodlett, D. G. M. and other grand officers. Thirty widows constituted the guest of honor, off of whom made gratifying expressions.

These are just a few of the expressions caught by the writer that were made by the widows, "I didn't know that there were so many widows in Omaha."

"This is one day I look forward to each year."

"If I ever marry again, I hope he will be a Mason too."

"I am glad that I was the wife of a Mason."

"I am satisfied with what the Masons have done for me."

Music was furnished by the Masonic quartette, Hon. Nathaniel Hunter, M. W. G. M. of Nebraska and its jurisdiction, made the principle address. He said in part, to the widows, "We are your brothers, we want you to feel as such. The Masonic Lodge is one hundred percent for your protection. And will do all we can for

WIFE STABS HUSBAND TO DEATH

It is alleged that Mrs. Georgia Warner, 2424 Erskine Street, stabbed her husband, Mr. Harry Warner, with a butcher knife, Tuesday at 4:30 P. M. in their home. Mr. Warner died shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Mrs. Georgia Warner is the daughter of the late Mr. Andy Harbin who resided at 30th and Grant streets for a number of years. Mr. Harbin will be remembered by many as a member of Zion Church and was engaged in the plumbing work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warner have been long residents of Omaha.

your interest." Hon. A. R. Goodlett also made encouraging remarks sprinkled with bits of humor and was appreciated by all. The climax came when Mrs. J. D. Lewis, past Grand Matron addressed the body, and told of some of the great accomplishments of the O. E. S. J. W. Dacus, worshipful master of Omaha Lodge No. 9 acted as Master of Ceremonies.

DR MYRON ADAMS DIES

Atlanta, Ga., June 1 (Special)—Dr. Myron W. Adams, the fourth president of Atlanta University, and for forty years in the service of the institution in various capacities, died today at his home in West Townsend, Massachusetts. He was in his 79th year. The news came as a shock to his many friends in Atlanta who were unaware of his illness.

A native of Gilsum, New Hampshire, Dr. Adams spent part of his boyhood days at Wilberforce University where his mother and brother were teachers. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and the Hartford Theological Seminary, and was the first member of the faculty at Atlanta University to earn the Ph. D. degree.

After four years spent in the pastorate in New England, and a year of graduate study at Andover Theological Seminary, Dr. Adams came to Atlanta University in 1889 to serve this institution as instructor, dean, treasurer, acting president, and finally president. He was married to Miss Cora Hardy, secretary of Slepman Seminary in 1914.

At the time of Dr. Adams' election to the presidency of Atlanta University in 1923, the college was predominantly a high school with a small enrollment in the college and normal courses. At the end of his career in 1929, the high school work had been discontinued in the institution proper, courses in business administration had been introduced and summer school work begun.

It was the privilege of Dr. Adams, as president of Atlanta University, to sign the agreement of affiliation on April 1, 1939, whereby Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Slepman College were combined in a university plan for a visit as a guest of Atlanta University.

ERNEST MOORE DEAN SOUGHT BY MOTHER

Washington, June 1 (ANP)—Ernest Moore Dean, 43, wherever you are your aging mother Mrs. Sarah Dean 2724 11th St. N. W. Washington D. C. has faith in the power of the Negro press believing that after all else has failed she can reach you through this medium. At least that is the story

SUPREME COURT BLOCKS ATTEMPT TO DODGE THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

Washington, D. C. June 1—The attempt of the state of Oklahoma to dodge a United States supreme court decision in 1915 which outlawed the grandfather clause in its constitution was in turn outlawed by the United States supreme court here May 22.

In rendering its opinion in Lane vs. Wilson, the court held that Oklahoma had an unconstitutional law in the 1916 statute requiring persons who had not voted in 1914 to register within a period of ten days or forever thereafter lose their right to register and vote.

The 1916 registration law was passed immediately after the grandfather clause was declared unconstitutional, and was designed to catch Negroes off their guard and restrict their suffrage.

The opinion, written and delivered by Mr. Justice Frankfurter, held that the 15th Amendment to the Constitution "nullifies sophisticated as well as simple minded modes of discrimination." The opinion represented a 6-2 decision with Justice McReynolds and Butler dissenting and Justice Douglas not participating.

The case, which was carried to the high court by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, represents the (continued on page 2)

that Mrs. Dean told her pastor who promptly referred her to the office of the ANP in the hope that some help could be given the anxious mother and her daughters. According to her story Mrs. Dean says her son left Chattanooga Tenn. in 1937 and was last heard from in Detroit back in 1938. Since that time there has been no word from her son.

ILLINOIS HONORS VETS OF FAMOUS EIGHTH

Chicago, June 1 (ANP)—More than one-third of the members of the 8th Infantry, Illinois National Guard have been awarded the State of Illinois "Long and Honorable Service Medals. The presentation was made Friday May 26 at the Armory by the regimental commander, Colonel William J. Warfield, who himself enlisted in the regiment as a private in 1902.

Ceremonies preceding the presentation included a regimental parade followed by an inspection conducted by the field and staff officers. Captain James E. Cashin regimental adjutant announced that the general public is invited. The officer receiving a medal for longest continuous service is Captain Harry H. Jones. He enlisted in the regiment at the age of 16 in 1900 after serving five years as a mascot. He commands Company "E."

WOMAN IS NEW HEAD OF NEW YORK WPA NEGRO THEATRE

New York, June 2 (C)—Edna Thomas, for many years prominent in Negro dramatic circles, has succeeded J. Augustus Smith, also colored, as director of the WPA Theatre project's Negro unit in New York it was announced Monday. Mrs. Thomas began her career as a member of the old Lafayette Stock Company in 1918 and appeared in "Porgy" in America and in Europe. She also took roles in "Run Lil' Chilun" and "Stevadore." Her latest parts were in the WPA "Macheth" and "Androcles and the Lion" WPA production of Bernard Shaw's play.