

The Weather

Weather outlook for the period Sept. 4 to Sept. 9. Upper Miss. and lower Mo. valleys and Central Great Plains, cooler beginning of week and temperatures generally near normal thereafter; not much precipitation indicated.

Mayor Butler's North Side Advisory Committee Elects Officers

The meeting was called Thursday P. M. at this meeting Attorney Charles F. Davis was elected chairman and Mrs. Gertrude Lucas was elected secretary of Mayor Butler's North Side Advisory Committee.

ANOTHER RAILROADED TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

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"If Father Devine does, It will Be Over My Dead Body"...

ROOSEVELTS OK DIVINE AS NEIGHBOR

New York, Sept. 7 (CNA)—Through a series of letters exchanged by President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Father Divine, it was revealed this week that followers of the cult leader are negotiating for the purchase of the elaborate 700-acre Vanderbilt estate adjoining the President's ancestral acres at Hyde Park.

The correspondence, in which the President affirmed "the right which all citizens have to purchase any property" but said that he had always felt the Vanderbilt place should be acquired "preferably by some public or government body" was made public by John Lamb, Father Divine's white secretary.

The estate, with its fifty-room manor house, is on the same side of the river as the Roosevelt's

Hyde Park home. The cult leader last year acquired the Krum Elbow property of Howland Spencer, on the other side of the river from the Roosevelt's estate. Spencer, anti-New Dealer, made a "spite" deal with Divine's followers but was discomfited when the President and Mrs. Roosevelt greeted Divine as a "good neighbor."

Meanwhile, publication of the correspondence between Divine

and the Roosevelt brought a "No Sale" statement from Mrs. James Laurens Van Allen, Newport dowager who inherited the huge estate from her uncle Frederick W. Vanderbilt, upon his death June 29, 1938.

Mrs. Van Allen said that it would be over her dead body if Father Divine ever gets title to a place she once valued at \$500,000.

However, in his correspondence

with the Roosevelts, Divine made it clear that he did not expect to effect purchase of the estate by direct negotiations, but rather by using some of his white followers to put through the deal.

In his letters, Father Divine warmly praised the democratic attitude of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and expressed support for the New Deal.

40 Negroes Deported by Coast City

Stockton Cal. Sept. 7 (CNA)—The Stockton Negro community was agitated this week over the forcible "deportation" of forty Negro agricultural workers from the county.

The workers were rounded up by the police and booked in the local jail on vagrancy charges. At a hearing before Police Judge E. E. Breitenbacher political machine appointee they were found "guilty" of vagrancy sentenced to 180 days in the county jail. Sentence was then suspended on condition they leave the county and not return for two years.

It was reported that policeman engaged in the roundup had said: "There's too many niggers in town. We've got orders to drive you out before election."

Many of the workers driven from town had made Stockton their home for many years. Some at the time of their arrest were awaiting the arrival of a contractor's truck to take them to a peach-picking job at Linden.

Upon learning of the raid the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People named a committee to consult with the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, CIO agricultural union, a defensive measure to be taken. The two groups planned to take legal action to win a reversal of Judge Breitenbacher's decision.

Dallas, Sept. 7 (By Fritz Cansler for ANP)—Here is one for the statistician who compiles the lynching figures for the year-book! About 10 days ago near the small Texas hamlet, Terrell, 30 miles from Dallas, a white woman reported that she had been the victim of a criminal assault, and she gave the police the description of a Negro man as the perpetrator. For a whole day and night a "posse" of citizens searched for the assailant until finally a man was found who seemed to answer the description. Ben Waeeler, a few miles from the place the crime allegedly had occurred. The Negro, heavily manacled, was carried to Dallas' lynch-proof jail and promptly indicted for criminal assault, a capital offense in Texas.

With the speed with which such cases are handled in the South, under a change of venue the Negro, guarded by 15 officers and a half dozen Texas rangers, state police, left the Dallas jail at 3:30 a.m. last Monday for Kaufman in an adjoining county. Promptly over-ruling a defense motion to quash the indictment on the claim of racial discrimination in the selection of the grand jury, and in face of the statement of several witnesses, including Judge Joel R. Bond, chief justice of the Texas court of appeals, who stated that Negroes had never been summoned for grand jury service in Kaufman county, the trial was underway and testimony taken. After a characteristically short trial in which the Negro's life was at stake, the case was turned over to the jury, who deliberated for five whole minutes, and returned with the verdict "guilty as charged," with the punishment, electrocution.

Citizens commenting on the case are of the opinion that regardless of the guilt or innocence of the accused, that the presence of spectators crowding the court room and the streets around the court house during the course of the trial, must have had their effects on the jury. Others have stated that five minutes is all too inadequate a time to consider the evidence.

Postal Men \$32,416.80 Good Start; \$40,518.00 Good End

Chicago, Sept. 7 (By Trezzvant W. Anderson for ANP)—The 10th annual biennial convention of the National Alliance of Postal Employees got under way here Monday night, with Mayor Edward J. Kelley welcoming the visitors at a public session at the Metropolitan Community church.

At the registration desk at the Wabash Avenue, YMCA on Monday morning approximately 75 delegates and 80 visitors had registered, in addition to 14 national officers.

Eating Beer Bottles for 18 yrs. Gets Choked On A Few Razor Blades

RAZOR BLADE DIET PROVES 'STICKLER' TO CARNIVAL PERFORMER

Jefferson City, Mo. Sept. 7 (ANP)—For more than 18 years Alfred Edwards has made his living at carnivals and county fairs by swallowing pieces of broken bottles, knives, tacks, razor blades and other articles of cutlery.

The meeting of the executive committee occupied the full morning, and reports from various districts indicated substantial gains in membership. The main reports taken up were those of the national secretary and the treasurer.

The report of Thomas P. Bomar secretary, showed the organization had in cash \$40,518.36, and \$13,000 in government bonds. The total assets were \$54,782.36, as compared with cash in 1937 of \$32,416.80 and the \$13,000 in bonds, or a gain of \$7,925.44 in actual assets during the two year period following the last meeting in Philadelphia. Membership totals showed a similar substantial increase. These cash assets are those left after disbursements had been made.

Armstrong Got Raw Deal

By LESTER RODNEY Crusader News Agency

OUT OF THE welter of accusations of "fix" denials and general bad taste following the second Armstrong-Ambers fight one thing is clear and has to be said—Armstrong got a bad deal.

When two little fighters like Armstrong and Ambers lock together for fifteen bruising rounds of what was almost toe to toe punching it's impossible to cleanly and accurately score the rounds in favor of one or another. The completely contradictory scorecards around the press box and even of the three judges proved that.

Nevertheless there were very few who would have given Ambers the fight without the aid of five rounds automatically awarded him by Referee Donovan for supposed Armstrong fouls. Donavan's scorecard itself even with the five round headstart for Ambers was only 7 and 7 in favor of Lou. So if it weren't for the rounds taken away from him by the referee whose judgement in the matter also dictates the score of the two judges it's clear that Armstrong would have won the fight and retained the lightweight title.

What about those "fouls?"

Railroad Union Demands Probe of Fatal Wreck

San Francisco, Sept. 7 (CNA)—Was the wreck of the City of Francisco, streamlined train in which 24 persons, including eight dining-service employees, were killed, a result of the "retrenchment" policies of the railroad monopolists who reduced appropriations for personnel and maintenance of trackage and equipment?

Former Omahan Dies

Mr. John South, one of Omaha's oldest citizens died in Fremont, Thursday Sept. 7. When in Omaha, Mr. South and Mr. Thomas were the proprietors of a Cafe located where the Roxy is now being run. Mr. South and Mr. Thomam were the first Negroes to run a business on N. 24th St. He was a cousin of Mr. Arlo South, who is now employed by the Treasury Department in the Douglas County Court house. Mr. Arlo South left for Fremont yesterday afternoon.

200,000 Dismissals on WPA Planned

Washington, Sept. 6 (By Chas. Alexander for CNA)—Works Projects Administration officials announced this week that plans have been completed for the dismissal of over 200,000 workers from the work-relief rolls by mid-October. The dismissals are in addition to the thousands being fired under the eighteen months provision of the Woodrum Relief Bill. Workers on the rolls now number 2,000,000, a considerable reduction during the past few weeks.

An extent of the rate of reduction was seen from the reports of major cities. New York City reported 36,000 laid off so far, with an additional 39,000 scheduled for dismissal within the next ten days. It was revealed that the number on the rolls in that city was the lowest since 1933. Other large cities show a similar trend.

The dismissals in New York were reported hitting Negroes with unusual severity. Several hundred Negroes have already been fired under the 18-months ruling and a considerable number is still slated to go.

The social usefulness of the WPA was dramatically demonstrated by a partial report issued by Colonel Somerville, the New York City administrator. The report stated that during the past year the New Deal work program has built 308 new Public buildings, repaired 633, made 190 miles of new highways, built scores of new playgrounds, and made many other public and municipal improvements. Among the structures erected and improved are baby

Prove Rape Charge Untrue

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 7 (By J. E. Fair for ANP)—The entire local populace was thrown into a state of unrest Tuesday morning when a Knoxville daily paper appeared with a sensational story charging Fred Wade, popular young Negro man with raping Mrs. Sarah Anderson, white woman, after driving Hayes Jeffries her white companion away at the point of an automatic pistol. The picture of Wade standing between two police officers and Jeffries, the white man who, according to the highly inflammatory article, positively identified him as the rapist, appeared on the paper.

All Races Same; Skin, Color and Pigment

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 7 (ANP)—A thorough, scientific study of human skin colors, now being conducted at Massachusetts Institute of Technology under direction of Dr. Edward A. Edwards of Harvard Medical School and Dr. S. Quimby Duntley of MIT, has revealed some hitherto unknown facts concerning pigmentation.

Regarded as outstanding among their findings, declared the scientists, is proof that all races have the same five color pigments and that variations in skin color are due to the proportions in which they are blended.

Doctors Edwards and Huntley are using the newly developed recording spectrophotometer in studying variations in the five pigments which make up skin color. Their investigation, as reported in the current issue of the American Journal of Anatomy, may lead to quicker, more accurate diagnoses of anemia and a reliable method of checking results of treatment.

One of the pigments revealed by the investigation—and named melanoid by its discoverers—has heretofore remained a mystery. It is a diffuse form of the familiar brown pigment, melanin, found in abundance in colored persons.

reductions will have an adverse effect on the economy of the country and could not but increase the burden of many municipalities. It was stated that the cities will be compelled to supplement the relief wages of many workers with home relief.

Plans to prevent the mass dismissals were being considered by several organizations including the Workers Alliance. Leaders of the Alliance announced that a delegation from that organization will see Colonel Harrington within the next few days to insist that the rolls be kept intact and a deficiency appropriation be requested when Congress re-venes.

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