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REV. HILSON
PASSES

Detroit, Michigan, July 10.—News was received today of the death of Rev. E. H. Hilson, late pastor of Salem Baptist Church. Funeral services are to be held Saturday, at 10 a. m.

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FIRST ARRIVALS GLIMPSE AT CHICAGO EXPOSITION



Both young and old, many of them remembering the celebration in 1915 of 50 years of Negro progress since emancipation, were on hand early July 4 to enter the doors when the American Negro Exposition was thrown open to a waiting world at the Chicago Coliseum. Top and bottom, left, shows some of the earliest arrivals just as they stepped inside the entrance while bottom, right, shows a partial view of the main entrance with a Negro traffic cop directing traffic on the street. Top, right, show some of the ushers and guards lined up awaiting inspection prior to beginning work at the first real Negro World's Fair in history.

21ST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NAT'L USHERS

Dallas, Texas, July 13.—The coming convention of the National United Ushers will convene in Dallas, Texas July 23, 27 inclusive and bids fair to prove one of the most successful in point of attendance and interest on the part of the visiting delegates in the history of the organization.

This convention will mark the 21st Annual meeting of the association which has grown from a mere "handful" at its beginning to a point where it numbers thousands among its membership in various church denominations in twelve states in the union.

Chief among the features in the session will be a forum discussion on racial welfare and race relation and the awarding of the Scholarship Prize resulting from the decision of the judges in the Annual Oratorical contest. Many other topics of interest will be on the calendar of the convention.

The session will be held daily in the auditorium of the Good Street Baptist Church corner of Good and Montezuma street. Board and room may be secured for \$1.00 per day.

The local committee of arrangements headed by Mr. A. W. Briggs of the host city, promises every assurance that hospitality of its citizenry will eclipse that of any former city which has been host to the convention. Dallas with a large race population which ranks second to that of no city in America, in the strides it has made in economic and cultural advancement. Dallas has long been recognized as one of the most hospitable cities of the country.

Any information desired may be had by correspondence with Anna Jackson, 709 an Leffingwell ave., St. Louis, Mo., National Publicity

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES MARK NEGRO FAIR OPENING

BY HAZEL REED

CHICAGO, July 4—The hand that guides a great nation pressed a button in New York last week, and a Negro's world fair was born the first in the history of a race. Appropriately enough, this so-called fair, the American Negro Exposition, celebrating 75 years of freedom by the Negro race, opened on the birthday of freedom for all Americans, July 4. With the state's foremost leaders gathered to greet its initiation, the Exposition officially began at 1:30 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt made the contact from Hyde Park to send dazzling shafts of light through Chicago's coliseum.

An awed hush settled over the crowd as President Roosevelt's move was announced by Executive Director Truman K. Gibson, jr. Then, with the burst of light upon the scene of Negro history and achievement, it was as though the president's own characteristic spirit of enthusiasm and dynamic force electrified opening day throngs. Lifted spirits soared with pride at the beauty and splendor of the magnificent spectacle, and a murmur of approval rippled through lines of spectators, many thousands of them, on hand for opening festivities. Prof. J. Wesley Jones lifted his baton, and, as in one accord, visitors, joined their voices with those of the chorus in a spontaneous rendition of "God Bless America."

President Roosevelt's message to the Exposition, conveyed by Executive Director Gibson, read in part: "In extending my greetings may I express confident hope that a race that has achieved so much in so few years may go forward to ever nobler things in the generations ahead."

"The nation pays a debt of gratitude to the Negroes today not alone for their contribution to the arts and sciences and for the good and great names that stand out in the book of American achievements, but because they stand 4,000 strong to help strengthen the backbone of Democracy," Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly told the audience.

"You may spell Afro-American with a hyphen if you will; but there is no hyphen in the Negro's allegiance to America," Illinois' Sen. Slattery said. And thus went speeches and messages from many illustrious Americans, including Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, Robert H. Bishop, representing Gov. Henry Horner, Wendell E. Green, Civil Service Commissioner of Chicago, and Dr. Frederick B. Patterson, president of Tuskegee institute.

An ovation of several minutes' duration greeted James W. Washington "father" of the Exposition idea, when he was presented to the audience. Mr. Washington conceived the idea for a pageant of Negro progress more than five years ago, and, with never-failing determination, worked to pave the way for the accomplished feat.

Opening day crowds were warm in their greeting to this man whose dream stood a beautiful reality in the Exposition's exhibits of the Negro in history, past and present, and his place in the worlds of art, science, business, literature and religion.

As though it reiterated Mr. Washington's spirit, the most dynamic figure of the Exposition, "Determination," towered impressively from lofty heights in the Court of Dictionaries in full view of the crowds as they turned from the opening day celebration to tour exhibits. A magnificently sculptured piece, the figure portrays unforgettably the spirit of the Negro race, the spirit which made possible the American Negro

Exposition.

CME. YOUTH CONFAB ELECT NAT'L OFFICERS AT MEMPHIS

Memphis, July 13 (ANP) Delegates to the national youth conference of the CME Church, which met last week at Booker T. Washington High school, elects staff of national officers to serve until the next conference in 1943.

Those selected were: Isaac Moran, Tulsa, Okla., president; Henry W. Meachem, Jackson, Tenn., vice president; Miss Carrie Mangham of Los Angeles, 2nd vice president; Miss Mattie Mashaw, Birmingham 3rd vice president; Miss Laura Brooks, Mineral Wells, Texas, 4th vice president; Gerald Walton Columbus, Ga., 5th vice president; Miss Leola Anderson, Chicago, secretary; Miss Margaret Mallory New York City, assistant secretary and Miss Stella Mayhorne, Tupelo, Miss., treasurer. Rev. C. E. Chapman of Kansas City is chairman of the CME department of public relations.

NEW ORLEANS TO GET \$500,000 SCHOOL

New Orleans, July 13 (ANP)—Local residents rejoiced this week when announcement was made that sealed bids would be received for erection of a new high school on the site now being developed by the Federal Housing administration, in the area bounded by Clio, Calipho, Galvez and Johnson streets. According to Supt. Nicholas Bauer of Orleans Parish School Board, the building will be of brick structure and valued at \$500,000. It will be modern in every respect and contain an auditorium of large size, for school and civic events.

FOUR LYNCHINGS, 3 WHITE CITED BY NAACP IN REFUTING TUSKEGEE REPORT

New York.—The following telegram refuting Tuskegee Institute's statement that no lynchings occurred during the first six months of 1940 was sent to Dr. F. D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People July 3:

"We are inexpressibly shocked by Tuskegee's statement that no lynchings occurred during the first six months of nineteen forty. On March second Sarah Rawls and Benton Ford were flogged to death by a mob at Atlanta, Georgia. Five days later Ike Gaston was beaten to death by a mob in the same city. On June twenty-second Elbert Williams, Negro, was lynched at Brownsville, Tennessee, for attempting to exercise his constitutional right to register in order to vote in Tennessee in nineteen forty Presidential election. Such inaccurate statements by Tuskegee Institute do irreparable harm by causing public vigilance against mob murder to relax and by giving enemies of anti-lynching bill ammunition for sabotage of such legislation."

(Signed)
"Walter White, Sec'y.

HUNTER COLLEGE STUDENT NAMED EDITOR OF PAPER

New York, July 13 (ANP) Miss Shirley Simpson, 19 year old Hunter College student, this week became the first Negro to ever be elected editor in chief of the Hunter Bulletin, weekly newspaper. Her election was unanimous because of the decided changes and improvements in the paper while acting editor during the past year.

One of the few editors to serve more than one term on the paper, Miss Simpson is active in all college affairs. She will hold the office until graduation next June.

REFUGEE FROM TERROR IN BROWNSVILLE TENN APPEALS FOR AID

NAACP ASKS FUND FOR FATHER OF 7 CHILDREN. DRIVEN OUT OF TOWN BY MOB, AND OTHERS IN FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS

New York, N. Y.—An appeal to the country for help by Elisha Davis, who was driven from his business, his wife and seven children by a mob in Brownsville, Tennessee, is being answered by a country-wide campaign for funds by the NAACP.

Mr. Davis, who is now living in another town in Tennessee, (where he is also being threatened with violence), is 39 years old and was the owner and operator of a filling station in Brownsville prior to the outbreak of violence there in mid-June. The campaign of terror against colored citizens of Brownsville, and particularly against the officers and members of the Brownsville branch of the NAACP, resulted from the attempts of several citizens to register and vote in the 1940 presidential elections.

When the Reverend Buster Walker, 55, president of the Brownsville NAACP, and several others presented themselves before the proper officer for registration they were told "You had better stop this or there will be a necktie party."

Mr. Walker and Mr. Davis and Mr. Davis' brother were run out of town and Elbert Williams, another member of the NAACP, was

Plans for a gigantic subscription campaign will be ready by her during the summer vacation.

COMPLAINTS KEEP JEPSEN AWAKE

Police Commissioner Jepsen has been getting little sleep in recent nights, the city council was told Tuesday, Residents in the vicinity of the twenty-fourth and Conroy streets playground have kept his telephone ringing at all hours complaining of noise and disturbances on the playgrounds.

The grounds officially are closed at 8:30 p. m. but older youngsters in the vicinity, it is said, gather there later and create nightly disturbances.

Jepsen ordered cruise-car police to keep a close watch on the grounds.

Cruiser cars picked up some of the offenders last Wednesday eve.

ARCHITECTS WIN TWO PRIZES IN IDEAL BROADCASTING STATION CONTEST

New York, July 13 (ANP) — Roger W. Flood, manager of Harlem River houses, and Percy C. Ifill, a draftsman for the NYC hospitals, won second and third prizes respectively in the Beaux-Arts institute's design's first competition for plans for an ideal building in which to house a radio transmitter and equipment.

First prize of \$250 went to Louis Shulman, white architect. Flood and Ifill won prizes of \$100 and \$50 each. The competition attracted 91 entries from 103 individuals representing 19 leading schools and universities. It was sponsored by the Western Electric company.

Flood is a native of Roanoke, Va., and studied architecture at New York university. He also studied art at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Ifill is a native New Yorker and is 27 years old. He is working as a draftsman with the department of hospitals while attending evening school at New York U. He formerly was a draftsman on the Committee on City Planning for four years.

NAACP, TO PRESENT PLANKS TO DEMOS

Chicago, Ill., July 5—Suggested planks touching upon problems affecting the Negro will be presented to the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention opening July 15 by a committee representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The planks urge inclusion of Negroes in the armed services; passage of the anti-lynching bill; legislation abolishing poll tax and white primaries; abolition of color line in employment; equitable distribution of federal monies to states to aid education, health, housing, relief, farm aid and other services; extension of social security to agricultural, domestic and casual labor; abolition of the color line in federal government posts; enforcement of civil rights laws in all sections of the United States.

The planks which are identical with the ones presented to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, will be offered to the Democrats by a committee consisting of Charles H. Houston, Washington, D. C.; Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas; and Irvin C. Mollison, Chicago, Ill.

\$3500 DAMAGES AWARDED VICTIM OF R. R. SHOOTING

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 13 (ANP) A judgment of \$3,500 damages was awarded James Mason last week by a circuit court in a \$15,000 suit against the Southern Railway company and W. C. Craybill, railroad detective, for injuries suffered by him when he was shot in the leg last February in the railroad yards.

The jury denied the plea of Louis Barnes, 16 year old plaintiff, in a similar suit against the railroad and Craybill. Barnes charged that he was shot in the arm the same day the Mason shooting occurred, near the same place. He sued for \$2,000.

Both shootings took place in the railroad yards near the east third street viaduct. Mason charged that his leg was broken. Both men identified Craybill as the man who shot them, and asked punitive damages charging that he had a reputation for shooting people un-

necessarily. The jury awarded Mason compensatory damages but did not grant punitive damages.

Witnesses for the railroad company claimed that the shooting was done by agents for some other railroad company. Mason said he was picking up coal along the railroad tracks when the shooting occurred, and Barnes said he was walking home through the yards. Aloys Farfar, Ford and Bean represented the men.

NEGRO CATERER SERVES REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Philadelphia, July 13 (ANP) — William Newman, colored owner of the Holland Company here, had charge of the catering service during the recent Republican national convention. Newman won high praise for the excellence of food served delegates and for his generally efficient service.