

AME. Annual Conference To Get Under-Way Next Week

PROMINENT FIGURES IN AME. MEET



RT. REV. NOAH W. WILLIAMS
Presiding Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District, who will preside at the Annual Conference held in St. John's A.M.E. Church.



DR. T. A. SEARS
Pastor St. John's A. M. E. church—Host to the Annual Conference.



DR. JOHN ADAMS
Presiding Elder, Kansas City, Dist.



DR. JOHN W. WILLIAMS
Presiding Elder, Omaha Dist.

WELCOME AME. CONFERENCE TO OUR CITY
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TO BE HOST

Members of Host Church Want Sears Returned To Them

Confab To Start Wednesday Morning, Oct. 15th

The Nebraska Annual Conference convenes with St. John's A.M.E. Church, 22nd and Willis, Wednesday morning October 15th, for official business. The Conference will be entertained by Dr. T. A. Sears and the St. John Congrega-

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH VOTES FOR RETURN OF PASTOR

At the eleven o'clock services, Sunday October 5, the Presiding Elder, Rev. John Williams, asked the members of the church to give a vote on whether or not, the return of the Pastor, Rev. T. A. Sears, was desired for another year, and all present voted in the affirmative, which was a most convincing vote of confidence for their Pastor.

tion in extraordinary program Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. This service will include the "Cathedral Banquet" to the conference and a service. In Honorarium to the same group. The Honorarium Service will precede the banquet. At this service, the local committee has selected a strong group of interested citizens to welcome his grace the Rt. Rev. Noah W. Williams and Mrs. Helen Armstrong Williams, his wife, together with every member of the Nebraska Conference. Prominent among these will be... The Hon. Dan Butler, Mayor of the City of Omaha, Representatives from the Ministerial Union of Omaha and Council Bluffs and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, The Bureau of Social Agencies of Omaha, The Omaha Medical Association and the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

The conference will receive the holy communion Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Bishop Williams celebrant. The annual sermon will be delivered at this service by Dr. T. A. Sears. This sermon is perhaps the most important of all addresses through the week, in that, it serves as the key message for the gathering.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED PROGRAM

Tuesday 8:00 P. M. Reception to Bishop Williams, Mrs. Williams and members of the Conference.

Wednesday 10:00 A. M. Holy Communion. Annual sermon, by Dr. T. A. Sears.

Wednesday noon Organization of Conference.

Wednesday 2:30 P. M.—Reports of the presiding elders and pastors

Wednesday 8:00 P. M.—Annual Missionary Sermon. Dr. S. H. Lewis.

Thursday 9:30 A. M. Reading and adopting of minutes, Annual Conference Rally for Western University and Douglas Hospital and Disciplinary questions.

Thursday 2:30 P. M.—Disciplinary questions and reports of committees.

Thursday 8:00 P. M. Annual Educational Sermon.

Friday 9:30 A. M. Reports of Committees concluded. Addresses of general officers of Woman's Missionary Society.

Friday 8:00 P. M. Program. Saturday 9:30 A. M. Conference Seminar.

Sunday 9:30 A. M. Conference Sunday School.

Sunday 11:00 A. M. Ordination sermon, Memorial Services, followed by reading of Appointments.

The general connection will be represented at this conference by Dr. A. S. Jackson, Washington, D. C., Secretary of finance, Dr. Hemingway, Washington, D. C., Secretary of Church Extension, Dr. A. E. Adams, Charleston, S. C., Secretary of Education, Dr. E. A. Selby, Nashville, Tenn., Secretary of Religious Literature, Dr. L. L. Berry, Sec'y Missions, Dr. J. H. Hooks, Secretary-Treasurer AME Book Concern, Philadelphia, Dr. E. A. Hatcher, Jim Wilson, George Singleton, Editors of the various AME. Church Papers. The Presiding Elders of the Conference are Dr. John Williams, Omaha Dist. and Dr. John Adams, Kansas City Dist.

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JUSTICE & EQUALITY ALL THE NEWS WHILE IT IS NEWS NEW TO THE LINE

LARGEST ACCREDITED NEGRO NEWSPAPER WEST OF CHICAGO AND NORTH OF KANSAS CITY —MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

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Says Military Police Asked Okla. Troopers To Act Against Soldiers

New York—Military police of the 94th Engineers division asked state police to intercede in moving the troops stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., it is claimed by Assistant U. S. Attorney General Wendell Berge, in a statement released this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Berge wrote the Association: "For this reason there does not appear to be suitable basis for federal jurisdiction under the Civil Rights Statute."

The statement came in answer to an NAACP request made September 10 and accompanied by affidavits from members of the 94th Engineers division, that the Department of Justice take action against state patrolmen and civilians who forced Negro soldiers off highway near the camp, slapped Lieutenant Donald Curry, white, made an armed invasion of army territory and insulted officers and men of the division.

Berge's assertion has been referred by the NAACP, to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson with the comment that even if military police had requested the aid of state troopers for any purpose, it is clear that these troopers had no right to commit unprovoked assaults upon United States soldiers.

"The charge that the state police intercede at the request of military police is a serious one," the NAACP said. "If this charge is true, then it is additional evidence in support of the request that the whole question of the military police and Negro soldiers be reconsidered by the War Department."

The NAACP answered Berge Wednesday, Oct. 1, pointing out that there is basis for prosecution under Title 18, Section 52 of the U. S. Code which provides a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than six years, or both, for any two or more persons who prevent an officer of the United States from discharging any of the duties of his office or to injury to his person or property in account of his discharge of his duties, or interrupt, hinder or impede him in his official business. Enclosed in the letter to Berge was a copy of an affidavit made by William Curry of the 94th Engineers which mentions several incidents of racial friction.

ST. PAUL DEDICATES \$30,000 COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 9 (ANP)—(By J. W. Pate)—An estimated crowd of 500 persons, white and colored, attended the dedication of the new \$30,000 gymnasium and auditorium of St. Paul's Hallie Q. Brown community house Sunday.

The dedicatory address was delivered by Atty. L. R. Frankel, white, former president of the St. Paul Interracial committee and a charter member of the executive board of the Hallie Q. Brown center. Atty. Frankel paid tribute to the St. Paul Negroes for their fine community spirit in paying one fifth of the entire cost of the new building, also the Masons and Odd Fellows for their generous gift of the ground upon which the new building is located.

Jule Hannaford, Jr., white, expressed deep satisfaction in presenting the keys to the new building to Dr. J. W. Crump local physician who turned the keys over to Miss I. Myrtle Carden, resident director of the community center and now serving her 13th year in this capacity.

Outstanding on the program was the large Hallie Q. Brown youth chorus of 63 voices with ages from 16 to 20 years.

The center serves more than 1400 youth of both races and is a community chest supported agency

Governor Polletti, Sen. Barbour Join Fight to Stop Displacement of Colored Firemen

FORMER OMAHA GIRL RECEIVES SPLENDID APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Frances D. Elliott, the former Frances D. Gordon, was recently appointed a YWCA. Executive Secretary to organize and conduct this work under the USO. set-up at Mineral Wells, Texas, where a soldier camp has recently been established.

Mrs. Elliott is a native Omahan and was educated in the Omaha Public schools and the University of Omaha. For about ten years after her graduation, Mrs. Elliott taught in the High school at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. For the past six years, Mrs. Elliott has been active in YWCA work in Denver, Colorado, where she attained noteworthy prominence.

The salary which Mrs. Elliott is to receive is \$2500.00 per annum. She is the daughter of Mr. G. D. Gordon and the niece of Mrs. H. J. Pinkett. Her friends and former teachers in the Omaha Public schools and the University of Omaha, are greatly pleased at the news of her success, both with respect to salary and the opportunity for fine public service.

NEGRO APPOINTED AT COLORED ORPHANAGE IN N.Y.



JOHN W. POE WHO SUCCEEDS JOHN G. ROMMEL; Former Institutional Case Worker Now Asst. Supt.

New York, (Typ)—Henry R. Murphy, Executive Secretary of the Colored Orphan Asylum in Riverdale, announced today that John W. Poe had been promoted from Institutional case worker to Assistant Superintendent succeeding John G. Rommel who recently resigned from the post after two years of service.

With the appointment of Mr. Poe, every full time position at the Riverdale Institution, except Mr. Murphy's is staffed by trained Negro personnel. Within three years qualified Negroes have replaced white workers as pediatrician, nurse, secretary, dietician, head of clothing department, matron and now as assistant superintendent.

Mr. Poe came to Riverdale 8 months ago as Institutional worker from Philadelphia, where he had been engaged as a supervisor in the Department of Public Assistance.

Born in Huntsville, Alabama, Mr. Poe received his B. S. degree from Howard University in 1930 and later attended the school of Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Shortly after his graduation from Howard he did research work for the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

Mr. Poe's wife, the former Miss Frances Thorton, has been employed as Case Worker in the Agency's Foster Home Department located at 306 Lenox Avenue here since that Department's reorganization early in 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Poe have moved from their home at 555 Edgecombe Avenue and now reside at Riverdale.

Yale Law School. He also has made studies in public law and sociology at Columbia University and Cornell University.

In 1922-23, Mr. Wells made an interracial and cultural study of the West Indies and Central America under the auspices of the University Improvement Association of New York, and from 1923-1940 was engaged in social studies for the cities of Albany, Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Ithaca, and Schenectady, N. Y., under the auspices of the Association of Negro State Builders, New York.

Most recently, Mr. Wells served

WHEN DIESEL ENGINES ARE INSTALLED

Chicago, Illinois, October 2 1941 "The movement to stop the displacement of Negro Railroad firemen when Diesel Engines are put on is rapidly gaining momentum," states A. Philip Randolph, National Chairman of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Provisional Committee for the Organization of Colored Locomotive Firemen, at the Chicago headquarters of the Brotherhood.

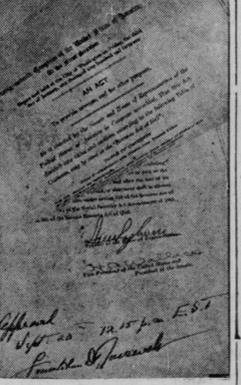
New supporters of the cause of the Colored Firemen are Lieutenant Governor Polletti of New York State and Senator W. Warren Barbour of New Jersey. Governor Polletti has volunteered his services without cost to assist in the prosecution of the legal aspect of the fight in behalf of Colored firemen and expressed his utter revulsion against and condemnation of the policy to displace Negro Railroad firemen of twenty and thirty years' seniority rights by white firemen their junior, and braided this procedure as un-American, undemocratic and unjust.

Senator Barbour of New Jersey has telegraphed Mr. Randolph of his intention to study the problem of the Colored Locomotive Firemen and expressed his interest in the fight to save their jobs. "A conference is being planned with Senator Barbour with the view of enlisting his support behind a movement to secure the adoption of a Resolution by the Senate to have a Senate investigation of the plight of the Colored Locomotive Firemen and the attendant circumstances surrounding their continuing elimination as a result of death, retirement and discharge, along with the gradual, but constant, introduction of Diesel power", concluded Mr. Randolph.

on the interracial committees of Columbia and Charleston, S. C., for the problem of providing recreation for Negro soldiers in Camp Jackson and Negro sailors at the Navy Yard.

Born in Union City, Tenn., in 1899, Mr. Wells has completed his full residence study for a doctorate of philosophy on the thesis "Special Studies in Race Relations".

LARGEST TAX BILL EVER ENACTED



Hyde Park, New York, —Six-page—This photo shows the first and last page of the \$3,553,400,000 tax bill, the largest ever enacted. It is designed to defray the costs of the national defense and the lease-lend programs, and is expected to lift federal revenues above the \$13,000,000,000 mark next year.

ROBESON SINGS "LOUIS BLUES"



New York.—Great Negro baritone, Paul Robeson, center, is shown early this week during his recording of the new song "Joe Louis Blues," written by Count Basie, left, and Richard Wright, right, author of "Native Son." This marks debut of Robeson as a blues singer for an American Recording company. Robeson makes his first radio appearance of the season next Sunday (October 12) as guest star on the radio program "The Pause That Refreshes On the Air" heard from 4:50 to 5:30 P. M. EST, over the Columbia network.

Presidents Committee On Fair Employment Practice IF YOU ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN DEFENSE WORK Here's How To Go About Making A Formal Protest

A letter from any job-seeker who has been denied a job in a defense industry because of his race, creed, color or national origin, is enough to initiate an investigation by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice. It was explained today by Lawrence W. Cramer, Executive Secretary, in answer to numerous inquiries which have come to the Committee.

Any person who has reason to believe that his race, creed, color or national origin has prevented his obtaining a position of promotion in the Federal civil service may also submit his complaint in the same way.

This simple method of filing complaints was decided upon by the Committee. Cramer explained, in order that the least job-seeker, or the unemployed, might find no difficulty in having his grievances redressed in keeping with the President's Executive Order of June 25, which set up the Committee, as one step in reaffirming the policy of the United States "that there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries or government because of race, creed, color or national origin."

It is not necessary for an aggrieved worker to have a lawyer draw up any formal papers, it is explained, but it is necessary that the complainant furnish adequate information to permit the Committee to act, and as the investigation proceeds it may be necessary to have complainant submit a notarized copy of his charges. But to get an investigation started by the Committee, only a clear, fact giving letter is required.

The fact-giving letter, according to Cramer, should tell the following:

1. The name of the firm, agency, school or union against which the complaint is made, and its location (street, city and state);
2. Whether the discrimination alleged is because of (a) race, (b) creed, (c) color, or (d) national origin;
3. The race, religion, or national origin of the person making the complaint.
4. The type of job, position or classification for which application is made;
5. The qualifications of the complainant for the job he seeks (including his education and work history, and his civil service status, if he has passed a civil service examination);
6. Date when complainant applied for the job which he was denied;
7. Date when he was refused employment or admittance to a training course;
8. Name of person refusing position (if available);

RANDOLPH AND WEBSTER TO VISIT OMAHA IN NEAR FUTURE

Chicago, Illinois, October 9, 1941 A Philip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and National Director of the March on Washington's Committee and Milton P. Webster, First International Vice President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and member of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee will visit the Divisions of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters on the Pacific Coast, including Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Oakland, Los Angeles and returning will stop at Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha and Kansas City, for the purpose of holding meetings to discuss the recent wage movement of Railway employees and the general problems of Negro workers in National Defense.

ATTEND THE OMAHA GUIDE'S FOOD SHOW
October 20th-25th