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ALONG MY WAY



(BY LAWRENCE P. LEWIS)

HOW TO BE A SALESMAN

After being turned down last week as an entertainer at the Benefit Dance given for the widow and child of the late James E. Seay, at the AMVETS Club, 24th and Miami on Monday, March 17, I was a little undecided as to what I would do the night of the dance. Surely I could do something to make this gala affair a success. I decided that I would sell tickets. With the price only a dollar plus tax and the purpose so needy, so necessary, I felt that I would not need any sales talk. How wrong I was. As I walked down 24th Street with my hopes high and tickets to sell in my pocket, I approached a perfect stranger, at least a perfect stranger to me, and I said, "Say, Mister, would you like to buy a ticket to a dance?" "What dance?" he asked without answering, eyeing me all at the same time. "The dance at the AMVETS Club," I replied. "I have some tickets here in my pocket and I would like to sell you one of them." "You dance at the AMVETS Club every night," the gentleman said. "Did you see the floor show last week?" he continued. "Boy, it was swell. They had dances, singing,..." "I'm sorry, but I didn't get to see the show," I answered, cutting him off, and getting to the point. "I would like to sell you a ticket to a dance." "Oh, yes, a dance. What dance are you talking about?" he asked. "The dance at the AMVETS Club," I answered. "You said that before," he said. "Yes I did," I replied. "Would you care to purchase a ticket?" "A ticket to what?" the gentleman asked. "To the dance at the AMVETS Club," I replied. "You said that before," he said. "I know I said that before, but I have to say it in order to sell you a ticket," I remarked nervously. "Who said I was going to buy a ticket?" he asked. "Nobody said it," I replied. "You just said it," the gentleman said quite loudly. "I'm sorry, but I didn't mean to say it," I said. "Oh, then you don't want to sell tickets?" he asked. "Of course, I have them here in my pocket," I replied. "When is this dance going to be?" the gentleman asked. "On the 17th of March," I replied. The gentleman stopped talking and by the looks of it, was trying to think. He looked up the street and then down the street, as if wanting someone or something to come and relieve him of this situation. "The dance will be a swell affair," I remarked quite hastily. "I'm go-

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Two Negro O. P. A. Investigators Blow Lid Off Nation Wide Sugar Racket

ing myself." "Does that make a difference?" he asked. "Of course. Everyone wants to go places where they can enjoy themselves?" I answered. "I mean by your going," he said. "No, no. It's just that I don't go often," I replied. "That doesn't mean anything to me," the gentleman said. "I know that, but I just made a remark," I said. "Can't you dance?" he questioned. "Of course I can," I replied. "Then why don't you go to dances?" he asked. "I do," I answered. "But you don't like to dance," he said. "I do like to dance," I spoke sharply. "Then why don't you go often?" he asked. "Say Mister," I said slowly. "Don't say anything for just one minute and I will tell you all about it. It is a Benefit Dance held for the widow of the late James Seay, and it will be held at the AMVETS Club, 24th and Miami, March 17th, and that day comes on a Monday. This young widow will soon give birth to another child, and we are assisting her in facing the next few months, and if the prices go any higher, the next few months will be tough for her. Her late husband was a veteran of World War II, serving three and one-half years in the Armed Forces of the United States. Now will you buy a ticket?" "Why didn't you say so. I will buy two tickets," the gentleman said, reaching in his pocket and giving me the money. "Thank you, thank you," I said almost exhausted. "You have bid your good deed for the day, and I hope that you have the time of your life at the dance."

MINDEN LYNCHERS BROUGHT TO TRIAL

Bludgeon, Rope Scared Negro Youth Takes Stand Against Lynchers

Shreveport, La., Feb. 28 (BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT) One of the most dramatic episodes in the history of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's struggle to afford protection to Negroes in the south was recalled in the Federal District Court last week when a quiet Negro youth, whose eyes still reflected the terror of being hunted down by a mob of blood thirsty killers, related his story from the witness stand in the trial of five white men charged with the blow-torch torture-lynching of a young Negro veteran near Minden, La., last August 8th. The 17 year old witness, Albert Harris whose body is still covered with the scars left by the lynchers' ropes and bludgeons, stood on the stand only by virtue of the fact that NAACP investigators, whose lives were also imperiled, cooperating with the Association's officials in New York, had outwitted the mob last summer and had spirited the youth out of Louisiana while the nation's press and radio reported his fantastic plane and auto flight to safety in the northern Michigan woods. The precedent-making trial in Federal District Court of the five white men charged with depriving two Negroes, one of whom was beaten to death of their civil liberties went into its second day Tues. with defense counsel making the dramatic charge that "this prosecution has been engineered by minority elements in the east." The two white men, two of them deputy sheriffs of Webster Parish Louisiana, are charged with conspiring to deprive Albert Harris, Jr., and John C. Jones, Negro residents of Webster Parish, of rights, privileges, and immunities guaranteed them under the Constitution. Federal District Attorney Malcolm LaFarge stated Monday at the opening of the trial, that prosecution would prove that Deputy Sheriff O. H. Hayes, Jr., one of the defendants, released Jones and Harris to a mob who were present at the Webster Parish jail at 8:30 PM August 8, 1946, and that the other defendants, members of the group on trial, took Harris and Jones to a bayou three miles north of Minden, beat Harris unconscious and beat Jones fatally. Other defendants in the case are Sam Maddry, Sr., W. D. Perkins, Harry Perry, and Deputy Sheriff C. N. Edwards. Charges against Minden Police Chief Benjamin Gantt, previously were dropped because of lack of evidence.

while Maddry was working. Harris denied this, but was kept in jail for two days without charges being filed. Then, Harris testified Deputy Sheriff Hayes told him they were releasing him and that he, Hayes, would drive him down the highway on his way home. Hayes let Harris out at an intersection near Minden where, Harris testified, an automobile full of white men, including Maddry, Sr., and Perkins, were waiting. They forced him into the car took him off the highway and there beat him until he had agreed to say that ex-Corporal John Jones had been prowl in Maddry's yard another way to molest Maddry's wife. Harris testified that the men threatened to shoot him unless he incriminated Jones. Harris was picked up again in 2 days and placed in a cell across from Jones. While the two were confined there Harris testified that he heard Maddry, Sr., tell Deputy Sheriff Hayes to "Let us have them and we'll make them talk." At 8:30 p.m., August 8th, they were led to the court yard by Hayes, where a mob was waiting. Jones was beaten on the head, when he attempted escape, and put into one car. Harris was put into another where he was struck on the head each time he tried to sit upright. They were taken about three miles from Minden, near Dorcheat Bayou, Harris continued, where he was stripped and beaten until he lost consciousness. When he recovered, he heard Jones groan. The ex-corporal asked for water, which Harris brought him in a shoe. "Tell Keeney to take care of him," were his only words and he then died in his companion's lap. Defense Attorney Whitfield Jack asked Harris if it was not true that he himself had killed Jones which Harris denied. Tuesday's witnesses for the prosecution consisted of an impressive array of eye witnesses, white and Negro, who saw the two Negroes seized by the mob in front of the jail. A Negro couple also testified that Jones had been at their home the night when Mr. and Mrs. Maddry Jr., alleged, he was supposed to have been trying to break into the Maddry home. Besides seeking to imply that the FBI had used Gestapo methods in getting evidence, defense counsel asked

Sentenced To 10 Years In Iowa Penitentiary



Orville William Jones...

ORVILLE WILLIAM JONES, several times convicted of minor offenses, was sentenced to 10 years in the Iowa penitentiary. Jones figured recently in the car theft, murder of a Blair automobile salesman. leading questions which implied that several witnesses had been coached by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Counsel showed Harris a picture of Harris with Walter White, executive secretary of the Association, which appeared in the Pittsburgh Courier and asked why he had not mentioned the picture during direct examination. The trial has been conducted in a tense courtroom packed with newspaper men, law students and Negro and white spectators. It highlights the first lynching in Webster Parish since 1886, when two white men were the victims, the prosecution is expected to conclude its case Wednesday.

CHICAGO—Two Negro investigators figured prominently in exposing a huge sugar racket and a budding counterfeit ring, composed of both colored and whites, on Chicago's southside last week. Federal agents estimated that more than 8,000,000 pounds of the precious stuff had been diverted from the regular channels into black market operations. Counterfeit sugar stamps and stolen ration books both were used. Six months ago, Washington O-P.A. officials became alarmed over the large quantities of stamps that were missing and issued orders for a careful checkup on all sugar transactions. As a result of this move, two Negro secret investigators were sent to Chicago from New York and quietly, but swiftly, began to hunt out the "brains" of the racket. The sleuths were told to frequent southside night spots and taverns to make contact with the "big shots." Within two weeks they were taken into the confidence of the leaders. Shortly afterwards they were taking part in selling and transferring the stolen and counterfeit stamps and collecting information that was to blow the lid off the racket. They traced a series of deals that stretched from New York to Los Angeles. The stamp prices varied from three cents to 30 cents, depending upon whether they were counterfeit or the real thing, and upon the number of pay-offs in the transactions. The buyers indicted by a federal jury here included candy manufacturers, food manufacturers, bankers, truck drivers in the yeast department of Anheuser-Busch, a sugar broker and a bottling works operator. Included among the leaders were 290 pound James (Big Jim) Winters, owner of a southside livery service, and his body guard, Robert (Bob the Mole) Bailey, age 30. Winters was already under a three years' probation on a charge of receiving stolen property. Yancey Bridgforth, owner of a taxicab company, is said to have made over \$250,000 from the racket. Ira Roberts is now awaiting trial in federal court in Tulsa, Okla., under a charge of transporting 30,000 counterfeit stamps. One of the Negro sugar kings, at one a clerk at \$25 per week, was able to pay kidnapers \$20,000 in ransom money for his release. Investigations into the sugar racket brought to light a bold plan to make \$20,000,000 in counterfeit money on paper formerly used by the government for printing Chinese currency. The paper, similar to that now used by the government, had been stolen for the purpose. Federal agents nipped the scheme by seizing the paper.

Women's Day At Bethel Baptist Sunday, March 9

Mrs. J. M. C. Amos Chiam of Tulsa, Okla., will be guest speaker of the Women's Day Program on Sunday, March 9, at Bethel Baptist Church, South Omaha. Mrs. Chiam former president of the Texas Women's Baptist Convention, is very well known and thought of nationally. Mrs. Chiam will speak Thursday evening to the Administrative Council of the Bethel Baptist Church, and will speak Friday evening to the public. She will speak on Christian Ethics, which is one of the five points. Mrs. Chiam will be guest speaker Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. The theme will be "Women with Wings," Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon her theme will be "Wings to Raise Above the Clouds and Floods." Mrs. Chiam arrived Thursday in Omaha. Mrs. Maggie Gholson, is chairman of the program.

At Huge NAACP Membership Rally TEXANS CONDEMN SCHOOL SEGREGATION

Houston, Texas—Condemning separate schools and calling for the end of segregation in Texas public schools, the Houston NAACP branch's "kickoff" meeting for its 1947 membership campaign got off to a rousing start, on February 23rd. The resolution, presented to a packed house, was greeted by enthusiastic cheers. The group also adopted resolutions calling for an anti-lynching bill and opposing both state and federal anti-labor legislation. Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel, NAACP, described to the group the NAACP's effort to break down the wall of discrimination facing Negroes at the University of Texas, and told of his part in the NAACP's battle to gain admittance in its law school for Heman Marion Sweat, whose application for admission was refused on the basis of his color. The courts have ordered Texas to provide a "separate but equal" law school for Negroes or admit them to the University's existing facilities. The Houston branch under the leadership of Mrs. Lulu B. White, State Conference Director of Branches, and Rev. A. A. Lucas, president of the branch, presented NAACP life membership medals to four Texans: Dr. Thomas Fletcher Arthur Mandell, Percy Foreman, and Herman Wright. The latter three are white attorneys in Houston. Life members in the NAACP are those who have paid in \$500.

MISSISSIPPI MOB CASTRATES VETERAN

Chicago, Ill. Feb. 28—The revenge of a white man who resented a Negro's interest in a Negro girl came to light today when Archie McLaurin came to the Chicago NAACP branch with a letter from his wife in which the miserable incident was related. Mrs. Vera McLaurin said that W. C. Holloway, a friend of McLaurin's and an honorable discharged Navy veteran, both of Collins, Miss., accepted a lift from a white man after attending a movie in Collins. They went only a short distance when the driver told Holloway to get out of the car and to get out of town right away. The driver said Jenkins was the one he wanted. The unnamed man took Jenkins to a side road off Highway 49, north of Collins, where a group of white men were waiting. They tied Jenkins to a tree and castrated him with a razor blade. Left untied, he struggled to his nearby home where his mother found him lying on the porch. Jenkins is now in a Jackson, Miss. hospital. John Sanford, Sheriff of Covington County, said there was nothing he could do about it because Jenkins will not name his attacker, who was said to be interested in the Negro girl and resentful of Jenkins' attentions to her. The sheriff found the rope and razor used in the attack after a brief investigation. Holloway, who was with Jenkins when he was picked up by his assailant, is in hiding someplace in Mississippi.

AMATEUR FIGHTS TO BE HELD AT St. Benedict Gymnasium

BUDDY McCREA TO HEAD PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT. OF CATHOLIC INSTITUTE Mr. Buddy McCrea, Physical Training Instructor at the Charles Street Recreation Center, will assume new responsibilities this week when he will become Physical Education Instructor at the St. Benedict Parish, 2517 Grant St. In cooperation with the Men's Club of St. Benedict, Mr. McCrea, beginning next Thursday night, will promote amateur boxing matches. These pugilistic events will be a weekly affair at the St. Benedict's Gymnasium. Father Moylan, the Men's Club, and Mr. McCrea, ask the public's support in helping to advance this program.

OMAHA URBAN LEAGUE WILL PARTICIPATE IN VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CAMPAIGN MARCH 16-23

Omaha, Nebraska. The Omaha Urban League will participate in the 15th Vocational Opportunity Campaign, March 16-23, in cooperation with the National Urban League of New York City, it was disclosed this week by Mr. M. Leo Bohanon, Executive Secretary. Hundreds of schools, colleges, centers, YMCA's, YWCA's and veteran groups have already registered to take an active part, said Mr. Bohanon. The VOC, a nationwide program for youth and adults, has an impressive theme this year, "The Future Is Yours, What Are We Doing About It," and the local program is being planned around the general implications of the theme. A general Vocational Opportunity Campaign Committee, community wide and interracial in character is now being organized. Those approached and who readily consented to serve as representatives of labor, business, education, industry, social service, religion and fraternities. Various programs will be planned and will be under the leadership of those who are experts in their field. Mr. Bohanon said that emphasis on training and job opportunities for Negro youth is the underlying purpose of VOC and that the immediate objective is to stimulate Negro youth to think, plan, train and prepare for jobs; thus, to improve employment opportunities for them in order to insure the security of the Negro population. It goes beyond that, he said, it brings about the stability of our national economy. The citizens are urged to watch the papers for further announcements with regards to the VOC campaign. Every Negro youth and every veteran that can possibly do so, should plan to take an active part in all or some of the programs which will be arranged for them. Mr. Bohanon further urged.

Cliff Dudley And His Band Will Play For Benefit Dance

The Benefit Dance, given for the widow and the child of the late James E. Seay, at the AMVETS Club, March 17, has obtained Cliff Dudley and his band who will play sweet music for your dancing entertainment. Mr. Paul Allen, manager of the AMVETS Club, has obtained other Special Entertainment for the night of the dance. The Members of the AMVETS Club have donated the hall and their services to assure the success of this Benefit Affair and all

James E. Seay Fund

With the kindly contributions of the Jolly Mates Club, the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Mr. H. W. Smith, and Dr. Wm. J. Von Druska the fund for the widow and child of the late James E. Seay Jr., was slightly enlarged this week to the amount of \$278.43. Well folks, there will be a Benefit Dance given next Monday eve, March 17th, at the AMVETS Club should receive a vote of thanks and everlasting gratitude from our community, because without their help this affair would have been an impossibility. With Cliff Dudley and his big, little band, and the other Surprise Entertainment, this Benefit Dance will assure you of one of the most cheerful gatherings for a worthy cause that you have ever attended this year or any year. If you are seeking a night of relaxation and enjoyment—DON'T and we are sure you won't, MISS THE DANCE OF THE YEAR.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. TOTAL CONTRIBUTED UP TO THIS WEEK \$252.35. Jolly Mates Club 10.00. Mount Moriah Church 10.58. H. W. Smith 5.00. Dr. Wm. J. Von Druska .50. "The Sight Specialist" .50. TOTAL \$278.43.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO THE JAMES E. SEAY FUND? Mail or bring your contribution to the James E. Seay Fund, Care of The Omaha Guide, 2420 Grant Street, Omaha, Nebraska. James E. Seay, a veteran of three and one half years service in the Armed Forces, died, leaving a widow who will give birth to a second child in a few months. DON'T DELAY, send contributions now.

NATIONAL NAACP OFFICER TO SPEAK HERE MARCH 13



CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, The Omaha Branch NAACP will be host to Clarence M. Mitchell, Labor Secretary of the National Office on Thursday, March 13. He will speak at 8:00 p.m. at the U. P. H. W. Hall, 2502 "M" St. All laboring people are invited. The program will include solos by Mrs. M. C. Williams and Miss Janice Collins. Mr. James Fellows, Chairman of the Labor Committee Omaha Branch, will preside.

The OMAHA GUIDE'S Spotlight Reveals WHO'S WHO IN OMAHA



MRS. G. ANITA HAYES, 2928 North 24th Street, former Northside ranch YWCA, Secretary who since coming to Omaha in 1940, has unselfishly and untiringly devoted herself to the civic affairs of the community. As local President of the National Negro Congress, Mrs. Hayes is seeking to improve the lot of the Omaha Negro. Most recently Mrs. Hayes appeared before the City Council in behalf of a controversy involving Lothrop School. As a YWCA Secretary, Mrs. Hayes played an important part in helping mold the character of Omaha's young women.

Radio's "Bulldog Drummond" To Be Regular KBON Feature

PRESENTED BY OMAHA & COUNCIL BLUFFS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY The first broadcast of "Bulldog Drummond," one of the nation's great mystery shows, under the sponsorship of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway Company, was made last Friday evening over Radio Station KBON. The Company and its employees will present the program as a regular feature each Friday night at 8:30. Messages of interest to street car and bus riders on improvements the company is contemplating in transportation service during 1947 will also be carried on the program.

WEST COAST NAACP HOLDS CONFERENCE

San Francisco, Calif. More than 100 delegates from NAACP branches in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, and Arizona have registered for the regional conference meeting here this week March 7-8 in the Booker T. Washington community center, 2031 Bush street. Noah W. Griffin, West Coast NAACP secretary, is in charge of arrangements.

"Deek" Watson And His Brown Dots Held Over!



The Show at the AMVETS Club, 24th and Miami, was held over for one more week. "Deek" Watson and his Brown Dots and Cliff Dudley and his band, with feature acts by Pat Miller, Dancing and Irene Miles at the Piano. The AMVETS Club has given our community and the entire city of Omaha a chance to see and hear some of the best entertainers in the country. The show now at the AMVETS is in the top bracket of entertainment. The newly organized band, Cliff Dudley and his band, is one that you don't want to miss. Sweet music that will send you home walking on air.

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Those on the program from the New York office included Gloster B. Current, director of branches; Clarence Mitchell, labor secretary; Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel; and Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary. Employment, housing, and education and other problems of the West Coast will be discussed by Marshall at the mass meeting March 7th.

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