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Resumes Dancing Career By Popular Demand



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NEW YORK—Emerging from her elongated silence and seclusion for the past months, the famous dancer Tondelayo (Wilhelmina Levy), erstwhile Broadway night-life hostess and movie star of Herald Pictures, in "Sonia Ciderella," is returning to the footlights with her interpretative dance.

Tondelayo & Her Bayou Dancers the name of her new act is composed of four male terpsichorean artists who portray dances of the old Mississippi Delta. This smart idea, conceived and executed by Tondelayo has brought together a troupe resembling a Broadway production, inasmuch as she engaged a great staff of master minds to prepare her act for the spotlight stage. Among whom are Felicia Sorel, choreographer, who staged "Lysistrata," Carlos Peterson, former Radio City Music Hall Ballet Director, Buster Harding, composer and music arranger for Artie Shaw, Woody Herman, et cetera; Costumes by Forrest Thayer; all under her supervision.

Her intimate contacts with famous celebs, white and colored at her famous Swing (52nd) Street bistro from Broadway to Hollywood was the talk of the nation, in blending all races, colors and creeds into a melting pot of Democracy. —F. S.

GOV. DEWEY ASKED TO BLOCK EXTRADITION

New York, N. Y., April 2nd—A legal tangle which is slowly but surely strangling the man unjustly caught in it was revealed today by the legal staff of the NAACP, which has requested permission to discuss the matter with Governor Dewey.

The man involved is Arthur Elwood Ingram, North Carolina. His unfortunate series of mishaps began in 1941 when he was alleged to have inflicted an injury with a knife upon a woman at a time when they were both intoxicated. Several years later he reported for a physical examination at Local Draft Board 2, Wash County, Rocky Mount, N. C., and at this time he was arrested on the assault charge, tried, convicted and sentenced to eighteen months.

Ingram states that he did not countermand the procedure, that he could not make himself understood that the complainant had forgiven him and did not desire to prosecute and that he was denied right of counsel or an appeal. Three months later he escaped from a prison farm by the aid of a Negro, which has requested permission to discuss the matter with Governor Dewey.

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NEW YORK, April 7th—Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, last week end demanded an immediate and public retraction of Kim Sigler, Governor of Michigan, for statements made by the Governor listing the NAACP as a "Communist Front Organization." The NAACP head demanded the retraction in an unusually vigorous day letter in which it was pointed out that the Michigan governor's predecessor, Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, was a member of the NAACP's Board of Directors. Other members include former Governor of New York, Herbert H. Lehman; Eric Johnston; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; Governor of the Virgin Islands, William H. Hastie and many other distinguished Americans.

Mr. White in his message to Governor Sigler stated: "You are quoted in an International News Service release from Washington dated March 28th as listing the 'Association for Advancement of Colored People' as a 'Communist Front' organization. We assume you refer to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which we hereby call upon you to issue a public retraction of this charge. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is most unqualifiedly non-communist and non-political. Since its organization in 1909 and its incorporation in 1911, it has unremittently worked as a non-political organization for enforcement of the U. S. Constitution irrespective of race or color. Its Board of Directors and officers include such distinguished Americans as U. S. Senators Arthur Capper, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Governor William H. Hastie, Eric Johnston, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, Philip Murray, Godfrey L. Cabot, Judge Ira Jayne, Russell Davenport, P. B. Channing, H. T. Henshaw, and Arthur P. Spingarn. Your predecessor, Honorable Frank Murphy, was a long time member of the Board until he was elevated to the U. S. Supreme Court. The national policies of this Association are determined at the Annual Convention of the Association by vote of the delegates representing 1,507 branches and bi-racial membership of 535,000. No political party whether it be Communist, Republican, Democratic or any other, has ever been permitted or ever will be permitted to influence policies of the Association. Your inclusion of this Association among alleged communist front organizations, if taken seriously by any American unfamiliar with the facts, can do serious harm to the cause for which Americans devoted to the democratic ideals have given themselves unselfishly and in accordance with American form of government. We are therefore requesting immediate and full public retraction of your statement."

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A short time later, the company officially notified Miss Johnson that her application had been accepted and she was instructed to report to Louisville, Ky., April 1st, for a supervisory training course conducted by the company. In addition, she was promised the opportunity to take graduate courses in colleges there.

Miss Johnson, who has been a teacher in the Chicago school system, was currently employed by the War Assets Administration. She resigned this position and appeared in Louisville as directed by the Seagram personnel supervisor. A place to stay had been arranged by the company in a white boarding house near the plant. Miss Johnson reported that she was admitted into the home without a question and went out to do some shopping.

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The Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in inaugurating these Oratorical Contest, national in their scope, are hopeful that in this way a force will be put in motion that will result in directing the minds of all America to the injustice of Race discriminations, and will aid in the correction of these great evils.

Our Order, in the name of humanity, urges all of the students read and study the Constitution of the United States, especially the 14th and 15th Amendments thereto, and generally discuss the same; we desire every public spirited person to aid us in this effort, and especially invite and request the teachers and clergymen to assist us.

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6. Booker T. Washington and the Constitution.
7. The Constitution.

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Pre-Dedication Services At St. John's Sunday

"Light A Window at the YWCA" says Chairman

LEAVES FOR BERMUDA BASE COMMAND

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LOCAL COUNCIL NAT'L NEGRO CONGRESS Leads Fight Against Discrimination And All Forms of UnAmericanism

The Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress is carrying through on its program as outlined by the National Organizational director, Edward E. Strong, after his visit here last fall and appeared before the local School Board on March 17th with a delegation composed of Messrs. Fred McDaniels, and Earl Wheeler representing the Ideal Improvement Club, Rev. F. S. Goodlett, representing both groups, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hayes of the Omaha Council, Miss Mildred E. Brown, editor of the Omaha Star, representing the Negro Press. Mrs. Hayes was spokesman for the group. This group was seeking to clarify several significant issues relative to the school community problems and relationships. The issues were as follows:

(1) If the School Board condoned the rental of school buildings to groups whose aims had been authentically proven to be for the purpose of promoting racial discrimination and instituting restrictive covenants in connection with this issue the Board was asked to take immediate steps to prevent such a group, the Kountze Park Improvement Association from holding further meetings in Lothrop school.

(2) That Colored Teachers be assigned to teach in schools thru out the city system and not be relegated to two schools attended only by Colored pupils as Long and Howard Kennedy. The reason being given that such a move would promote better racial understanding and ease existing racial tensions and barriers.

(3) That courses in Negro history be instituted in the school curriculum in order that both racial groups may become conversant with the contributions of Negroes in all fields of our civilization.

THIS COMING SUNDAY Closes Sixth Year At Clair M. E.



REV. C. C. REYNOLDS

EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CLAIR M. PARISH

This coming Sunday, April 13th 1947, will mark the closing of the sixth year's work of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds as pastor of the Clair Methodist Episcopal Church, 2nd and Miami streets. This has been the banner year of their pastorate. This past February a twenty year old mortgage on the church property was liquidated when the church membership, rallied to their leadership in raising \$3888.86 in five months and more, all of which was from their General Board of \$1750.00. For the first time in the history of Clair Chapel, all of its property both church and parsonage, is fully paid for and free of debt.

The membership of Clair has been increased over four hundred under the leadership of Rev. Reynolds. A fine congregation greets the Pastor each Sunday morning and the spiritual life of the church, is always high.

This coming Sunday morning, Rev. Reynolds will preach from the theme, "We make our selves". Mrs. Reynolds will sing "Lord I Have Tried".

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, Clair Church is sponsoring an Appreciation Service for Rev. and Mrs. Reynolds. The Pastors and members of all our churches have been invited to attend this service. Each Pastor is to bring greetings. The Pastors and Churches that cannot be present are asked to be represented with a Love Offering.

The Rev. R. W. Johnson and his Choir of Mount Calvary Community Church will have charge of the service. Music will also be furnished by the Drama League Quartette and the Men's Chorus of Pleasant Green Baptist church.

We cordially invite the many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Reynolds to attend this Appreciation Service.

Rev. and Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Alberta Jones lay-delegate, and several other members will leave next Tuesday morning for the Annual Conference in St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Reynolds will return to Clair Church for another year it is believed.

Home available to the next of kin of all World War II dead.

"The next of kin of all World War II dead will shortly be receiving letters from the War and Navy Departments asking them to signify their wishes for permanent burial for members of their families who lost their lives during World War II," Miss Norton said.

The Chapter has been informed that all next of kin will not receive their letters of inquiry at the same time. In fact, the letters from the War and Navy Department will be mailed out to next of kin according to a fixed plan for the next 18 months. Miss Norton said that anyone wishing an explanation of the program, assistance in filling out the forms, or any other help or information in connection with this program, should seek the services of the Home Service workers at the Red Cross Chapter House. According to Miss Norton the Chapter House office hours are from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. on weekdays, and 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M. on Saturdays.

MICHIGAN NAACP DEMANDS HOMES FOR SAGINAW VETS

Saginaw, Mich., April 3rd—Moving to secure homes for Negro GI's in Saginaw, Michigan, Attorney F. L. Robinson, representing the Saginaw branch of the NAACP, in cooperation with the National legal staff of the Association, has filed suit on behalf of John Henry Smith and other Negro GI's similarly situated to compel the City of Saginaw to admit Negroes without discrimination to the 200 temporary veterans' housing units provided by the Federal Public Housing Authority.

Only about forty units in the project remain incomplete and over one hundred families have already been admitted to the project, but the complaint alleges that no Negro applications are being considered, and no Negro families have been admitted to the project. More than ninety Negro GI's in desperate need of housing filed applications for admission to the project.

The complaint requests the court to issue an order to the appropriate city officials directing them to consider Negro applicants upon the basis of need, without discrimination because of race or color, and states that the failure to provide units for Negroes because of discrimination is a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and of the rights guaranteed under the Michigan Constitution.

A temporary injunction has been secured preventing the placing of any further families into the project until the decision of the question presented. The case will be argued on April 22nd in the Circuit Court of Saginaw County.

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