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Resumes Dancing Career
By Popular Demand



TONDELAJO

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 Cinderella," 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.

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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. Tolson 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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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.

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6. John Marshall and the Constitution.
7. The Constitution.

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Pre-Dedication Services At St. John's Sunday

Processional Upstairs To Be Led By 3 Choirs

"A PROVISION OF GOD" TOPIC OF REV. CHILDRESS

LEAVES FOR BERMUDA BASE COMMAND

Rev. E. B. Childress of St. John A.M.E. Church, 22nd and Willis Avenue, has chosen as his subject for the opening Pre-Dedication Service at 10:45 a. m. Sunday, April 13th, "A Provision of God." He will deliver this awe-inspiring sermon after the Processional by the St. John's three choirs, the Senior Choir, the Watchmen's Choir, and the Junior Choir.

At 3 p. m. Rev. J. B. Brooks of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, will deliver the sermon and the Rev. Childress will administer the Holy Communion to the membership. The Senior Choir will furnish the music for the service.

At 7:30 p. m. the Presiding Elder of the Nebraska Conference, Reverend John Adams, Sr., will deliver the sermon and the Watchmen's Chorus under the direction of Mr. H. L. Preston will sing.

to get back her old job. Miss Johnson, however, does not plan to take the discriminatory insult without a protest. She is taking up the case with the NAACP and the American Jewish Congress, and intends to prefer charges against Seagram and Company for misleading advertising and breach of contract.

OUR GUEST Column

(Edited by VERNA P. HARRIS)

FOR BETTER HEALTH

Better health for all Americans is obtainable. In a democracy no person should suffer needlessly or die by reason of the lack of proper medical attention. To assure to all people equal opportunity to the best medical care modern science offers is a responsibility of our government. Great strides have been made toward bringing necessary health and medical services to all our people, regardless of where they live, their color, or their income, but more can and must be done to reach that goal.

We know that the death rate for Negro babies is higher than for white babies. We know, too, that at the time of child-birth more Negro mothers die than white mothers. It is common knowledge that in many parts of our country the hospital and other health facilities for Negroes are often entirely lacking or shockingly inadequate. It is the lack of adequate health services for Negroes which explains their favorable social economic life of the Negroes contributes to their lower health and medical standard.

What is needed to bring to the Negro child and mother all the health and medical services needed? The answer is more physicians, more nurses, more hospital beds—more of everything in the way of health and medical care services. And not only must there be more professionally trained personnel and more hospital care. In addition, we must show people how best to use their community health services. These requirements for better health can be achieved. The last Congress increased the amount of funds available to the children's Bureau for grants to the states for health and welfare purposes from \$11,200,000 to \$22,000,000 for the current year. This increase in funds will enable the nation to do more for Negro mothers and children. These funds can be used to employ health and welfare personnel and to purchase health care for physically handicapped children. It will enable State health agencies to develop special projects to meet particular problems in the several States and to enable more persons to be trained as doctors and nurses than otherwise would be possible. These funds cannot do the whole job of making services available wherever they are needed. But they will be a big help to the states in meeting their urgent problems, and particularly those states in which the need is greatest.

Health assurance is a people's cause.

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.

The members of the School Board and the audience manifested much interest during the presentation and the members of the Board asked many pertinent questions relative to the subject. The President of the Board promised that the group would take these matters under advisement.

In a follow-up of the visit to the School Board, a delegation of five persons including Messrs. A. R. Goodlett and Walter L. Seals, President, and Executive Board members of the Ideal Improvement Club, Mrs. George W. Dunbar, a member of the Lake School P.T.A. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hayes of the National Negro Congress, conferred with Supt. Harry A. Burke on Wednesday, March 26, on specific commitments relative to the request made at the School Board meeting.

Supt. Burke promised to cooperate to the fullest extent to bring the request of the group to a reality, and stated that each point which we presented had definite merits. He further promised to work toward the assignment of Colored teachers throughout the city after a study of problems and prevailing conditions. He concurred that Negro History should be an integral part of the school curriculum and felt sure that there would be little difficulty in getting same to be taught in the system. Even though Supt.

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A miniature building is on display at the Northside Building. When your membership is paid, your name will be placed in a window of the replica behind which a light will glow. Your membership will light a window!

The solicitors of new memberships and renewals are called Lamplighters of the YWCA. Mrs. Leola Jones is Chairman of this Committee and the Lamplighters follow: Mrs. Ruth Gude, Mrs. Roberta McCloud, Mrs. Lucile Avant, Mrs. Lida Hughes, Miss Ethel Hughes, Mrs. Mattie Caldwell, Mrs. Lucy Britt, Mrs. Francis Cloud, Mrs. Minnie Dortch, Mrs. Rose Darling, Mrs. Alma Clark, Mrs. Estelle McAfee, Mrs. Thelma Reese, Mrs. Dorothy Brooks, Mrs. Annetta Hogan, Mrs. Greta Wade, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mrs. Willa Woods, Miss Lena Paul, Mrs. Lula Bryant, Mrs. Gladys Erlvin, Mrs. D. W. Gooden, Mrs. Anna M. Kennedy, Mrs. Thelma Hancock, and Mrs. Minnie Dixon. Support your Young Women's Christian Association. Your membership will light a window!



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Your membership will light a window
We want to make them glow
The Y Lamp Lighters of Northside Branch
The Y is so on so don't delay,
Be sure you pay your fee today,
We want to make the Y look bright
and gay for the many who stay
membership, the beam will help
to light the way into the Northside
For we recall the days of old
We love the memories we hold
The many helpful things that we were told,
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LOCAL COUNCIL NAT'L NEGRO CONGRESS Leads Fight Against Discrimination And All Forms of UnAmericanism

Burke's response has all positive indications, only by continued and united efforts will these issues become realities.

Organizations or groups who aim without hesitancy to promote hate and prejudice have no place in the community and democracy of ours. They Must Go!

The Congress aims to stimulate an awareness in the members of the Negro race of their own problems and the conditions which surround them and to create an interest in the community in order that a steering committee might be formed with representatives of all organizations. Such a committee would represent a united front of representative leadership.

Th interest of the Council is in working on the problems which face all as a group, and has to date interceded to get Negro students admitted to the Nebraska College of Barbering.

The management after several conferences with the Council, promised to accept the applications of Negro students for the next class, due to the fact the existing quota was filled.

The Congress also interceded in behalf of one of the Union Pacific waiters, who was fired without a hearing and came to the Council after his local Union representative refused to help him because he was in arrears with his union dues. The Council was able thru its efforts and by forming a united front of said waiters' coworkers, to get a hearing for him before the deadline date.

As a result of the hearing the waiter was reinstated with all seniority rights unimpaired.

Other aims of the Council are as follows:
(1) Joint work for Negroes in all public utilities.
(2) Equal Opportunity for Negroes where-ever they spend money.
(3) For all measures which correct the evils of discrimination, Jim Crow and civil liberties.

A membership in the National Negro Congress means a vote to advance this program.

(4) An enlightened citizenry to become an intelligent non-partisan voting element.

If anyone desires further information about the Congress call the President, Mrs. Thomas E. Hayes, JA. 8366.

SPECIAL SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO NEXT OF KIN OF WORLD WAR II DEAD

Miss Leola G. Norton, Home Service Director of the Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced recently that her office has a special ser-

vice 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 Departments 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.

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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 refusal 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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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 Ourself". 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.

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