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### Dr. Chas. Wesley Wins Court Decision

#### Restraining Order Stopped By Ohio Court

To Remain As President of Education and Industrial Arts

WILBERFORCE, OHIO—Judge Frank L. Johnson of the Court of Common Pleas, Greene County, Ohio, dissolved a temporary restraining order, Tuesday, in so far as it would prevent Dr. Wesley from acting as President of the College of Education and Industrial Arts, Wilberforce, Ohio.

The court decision resulted from a petition by the Wilberforce University board of trustees, Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, Chairman, to restrain Dr. Wesley from acting as President of Wilberforce University, after the University Board of Trustees had summarily dismissed Dr. Wesley.

The decision established Dr. Wesley's right to continue as President of the College of Education and Industrial Arts regard the decision as a distinct victory.

The Attorney General of State of Ohio acted as defense counsel in the case. A demurrer presented by the Attorney General to the petition denied the allegations of the petition and in particular that Dr. Wesley was attempting to act as president of Wilberforce University, a church corporate institution.

The University Board of Trustees attempted to withdraw the case. They requested that the case be "dismissed without prejudice". The court overruled the motion to dismiss without prejudice. It was the opinion of the court that the matter should be adjudicated at this time for the best interest of all parties concerned.

#### MRS. SARA WALKER NEWLY APPOINTED SUPERVISOR OF LINCOLN URBAN LEAGUE

Mrs. Sara Walker has been appointed Group Work Supervisor at the Lincoln Urban League, Lincoln, Nebraska, and will begin work there September 1. Mrs. Walker attended the University of Nebraska and has also taken work at Creighton University. She was formerly employed by the Department of Vocational Education, Omaha Public Schools.

Mrs. Walker is a member of the St. John A. M. E. Church, one of its lay representatives of the Omaha Council of Churches, member of the Usher Board and Auxiliary of the Minute Men's Club. She is also a member of the Eureka Art Club, the Priscilla Needlecraft Club, the Silver Leaf Club Past president of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and successfully served as chairman of the Scholarship department. Mrs. Walker resides at 2203 Charles st.

#### GRADWELL SEARS ELECTED U. A. PRESIDENT

Gradwell L. Sears was elected President of United Artist Corporation, at a meeting of the board of directors of the company, held yesterday (August 5) at the United Artist home office, 729 7th ave., New York. Sears succeeds as president of the Delaware and all subsidiary corporations. Edward C. Raftery, who resigned after serving as president since 1941, is now returning to private law practice.

#### Jordan Choir to Return to New York City Area

NEW YORK—Wings Over Jordan, the world's greatest Negro choir, will soon be returning to the section where one of its most interesting incidents of its amazing career occurred. The choir is now on the West Coast and will move into the Southwest in September.

It was in Kennett, Mo. last year that Wings Over Jordan expected to sing an ordinary concert but got a surprise. When requested to do an afternoon concert in addition to the one scheduled for the evening, Rev. Glenn T. Settle, director of the organization, readily complied; such a request is not unusual.

Shortly after three o'clock, a school bus arrived loaded with children. This was the beginning of a mass influx of children of all ages and descriptions. They kept arriving until the large auditorium was filled to capacity. Wings Over Jordan sang a concert to one of the most enthusiastic audiences of its long career.

At the conclusion of the concert, Rev. Settle found that a number of children had assembled, completely blocking the street outside. Another concert was given to full house.

It was discovered later that practically every child in the county had attended the concert performances through arrangements made by the school board. Evidently, judging from the reaction and results, the children were deeply impressed because it was again necessary to do two performances for the adults in the evening.

#### Wedding Reception at 'Y' August 17th

The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Everett M. Lee will be held on Sunday afternoon from four to eight at the Northside Branch Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. E. Lee is the former Miss Dorothy Lawson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lawson. She is a graduate of Tech High School and attended the University of Omaha.

"This is true love, Judge"—Cleveland woman, insisting on going to jail with her husband who tried to throw her off a bridge.

#### Actor's Strike Feared Over D. C. Race Issue

NEW YORK—Contract negotiations between Actor's Equity and the League of New York Theatres were snarled a few days ago because Actor's Equity insisted that the League join its fight to end discriminations against Negro patrons in the National Theatre in Washington, D. C. The League and Equity are a new contract. The present one expires in two months, and if no contract is signed, a strike of actors will result.

The dispute centers around the National Theatre. However, the League has offered to join Actor's Equity in a campaign of education, and political pressure to remove the National Theatre's discrimination rules.

Actor's Equity has rejected this offer and filed intention to strike, with the necessary boards.

#### Thousands Aid Wilberforce in Jim Crow Fight

Protest Setting Up of State Supported Jim Crow School

WILBERFORCE, O. — Thousands of graduates, friends and well-wishers of Wilberforce University as if in answer, have pledged their support of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the trustees and officials of the school in its fight to prevent a small group of self-seeking politicians from setting up a State supported jim-crow school on its campus. This is the state of things as it became definitely plain that Dr. Charles H. Wesley, out-going president, appeared bent on wrecking the school before taking over his job at Morgan College at Baltimore, next year, it is being charged by Wilberforce University authorities.

From published announcements issued from offices operated by Dr. Wesley as President of the State maintained departments, use of the records of Wilberforce University has been made to circulate questionnaires to members of last year's student body suggesting enrollment in the newly set up State supported college.

It was learned on good authority that prospective students are being misled into believing that only the State supported school will become accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. These efforts to mislead students have gone so far as to make it appear that even those students desiring to play football must enroll in the State supported school because the only athletic field is on the State side.

#### FISH STORY

Claude Rains reports, from his Pennsylvania farm, a week-end in the Chester Country hospital with a chicken bone lodged in his throat. The specialist who removed the obstruction from the film star's throat had it framed!

#### WERE YOU RIGHT?

Warner Oland, H. B. Warner, Paul Lukas, Ralph Lewis (as Hon. Austin Stoneman, father of Lillian Gish) and Lionel Barrymore.

#### NEW URBAN LEAGUE SECY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mr. Julian Westbrook McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. McPherson of 1712 N. 28 st., will assume his post in September as executive secretary of the Urban League at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Julian McPherson, for the past two years, has been serving as director of the recreation center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. McPherson, born and educated in the public schools of Omaha, graduated from the University of Omaha sometime ago, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Since he has been in Colorado, he has continued his studies and now has a Masters Degree in Sociology.

Mr. Julian Westbrook McPherson and his wife will leave during the latter part of August for Phoenix, Arizona.

World's First Champ James Figg, who won the crown as bare knuckle champion in 1719, retired undefeated in 1720.

#### Full Round of Activities Ends Hampton's Six Week Course

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—Nearly 800 articles, 550 of them made by students in Hampton Institute summer classes for teachers of industrial arts, were exhibited here Monday, July 28, in an annual all-day summer exhibit and demonstration of Fine and Industrial Arts. Luther Hinnant, a blind student from Washington D. C., played a leading role in the exhibit, says his instructor, Jerome K. Leavitt, who also is Supervisor of Elementary Schools at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Another student who contributed a large share of articles was Mrs. Hattie E. Coleman, in weaving.

Among the exhibits included were those in clay, cement, charcoal rendering, block printing, weaving, plastics, painting, and other media.

The Industrial Arts Exhibit was one of several activities rounding out the last day of the six-week term of the Summer Session. A "State Departments Day" panel presented Dr. L. F. Palmer, of the Hampton staff, and three visiting experts from state departments of education, who discussed requirements for certification and state salaries. The visitors were Dr. J. L. Buck, Virginia; James E. Hillman, North Carolina; and Paul Huffington, Maryland.

A fashion show presenting clothes constructed and in some cases modeled by students in the Hampton Institute summer clothing clinic concluded the day's activities. Under the direction of the instructors, Mrs. Ruth F. Adams, of Stephens College, and Miss Frankie West, of Atlanta, Ga., the program displayed casual clothes, afternoon dresses, and evening dresses in up-to-date variety.

#### Pedestrian Shortcuts Lead to Disasters

Crossing mid-block, stepping from between parked cars, crossing against traffic lights, general lack of observance in crossing streets, all have taken a severe toll of pedestrians, says Dwight Havens, President of the Nebraska State Safety Council. "The records show that the pedestrian is paying a very dear price in trying to save the extra moments required to go to the regular cross walks and waiting until it is safe to proceed." "Many of us do observe the regulations part of the time," says Mr. Havens, "but once in a while feel that time is so pressing that we can get away with a short cut. Actually, reports show that 577 people last year found this to be a serious fallacy and of these, 45 paid the extreme penalty for trying to take a short cut. Whatever the need seems to be for hurrying, it's never so pressing that pedestrians should jeopardize their life. As pedestrians, Nebraskans are urged to cross at the cross walks, safely."

"SWEETS TO THE SWEET"

#### Audiences who view Warner Bros. 'Silver River' will see Steve Hannagan's most recent gift to Ann Sheridan.

With one of her costumes of the period of 1870, she will wear hand-wrought filigree gold earrings and brooch, set with pearls, with which he surprised her recently. The jewelry is estimated to be so old that it was an antique even in the latter part of the 19th century.

The history of the pieces is not known. Hannagan found them in a tiny shop, the owner of which claimed to have had them in stock for some time and not to recall where he had purchased them.

#### Announce New Director of Christian Jewish Conference

Mrs. Sidney M. Smith, 5109 Charles st., Omaha, has been appointed Educational Director for the Omaha Office of the American Brotherhood of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced by Earle Conover, Regional Director.

The recent resignation of Miss Mary N. Austin, who has carried on the work for the past three years, under the title of Executive Secretary, created the vacancy which Mrs. Smith will now fill. Mrs. Smith's duties will be to coordinate the extensive educational plans of the National Conference with those of the Omaha clubs and societies, schools and churches.

Miss Austin, long a resident of Omaha, and well known in all school circles as the former principal of Miller Park School, is leaving the city September 1st to make California her new home. She will live with her sister, Mrs. Edith Ayers, Julian, California, which near San Diego.

Said Mr. Conover: "The American Brotherhood movement in Omaha has been greatly helped by the splendid work of Miss Austin. We regret her removal from both the work and the city, but wish her God-speed in her new life. We are most happy Mrs. Smith has accepted our invitation to give us a helping hand, and we know that her many contacts in the city will be of much aid in publicizing the importance of the work of the American Brotherhood and in arranging valuable programs for groups."

#### Ex-GIs to Get Jobs in 17 Various Cities

#### Congress Votes Half Million Dollars for Work Project

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Robert K. Salyers, director of the Veterans Re-employment Right Division of the Department of Labor announced a few days ago that field offices had been set up in seventeen cities to see to it that veterans get their legal re-employment rights.

The offices were made possible under a \$500,000 appropriation made by Congress just before adjournment. President signed the bill last Wednesday.

The offices will be in the following cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Harrisburg, Kansas City, Washington, Trenton, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Montgomery, New York, Oklahoma, Raleigh, Louisville.

The duties of carrying out the re-employment of veterans was recently transferred by Congress to the Labor Department. This law, which is a part of the Selective Service Act, guarantees discharged veterans, under certain conditions, the right to their old jobs for at least a year.

"If you don't want your elephant's head smashed, come get him out of my tulip bed," Lansing, Mich., housewife, calling circus headquarters.

"Discrimination, in any form, must be rooted out of our hiring and promotional practices." Carrol E. French, director, NAM Industrial Relations Department.

#### Discrimination Case Thrown Out of Court

Suit Against Vets Swim Club Because Race Discrimination

WARREN, OHIO—The suit against the Vets Swim Club, which operates the municipal pool, for discriminating against James Culver and Effie Hayden because of their race, was thrown out of court Aug. 5 by Common Pleas Judge George N. Graham.

Mr. Culver and Miss Hayden, who incidentally are officials of the Warren Branch NAACP, had set up their case to attack the legality of the lease executed between the city and the Vets Swim Club for operating the municipal pool.

Judge Graham cited that complainants Culver and Hayden had failed to state a cause for action. Dismissal came when counsel for the Vets Swim Club, centering on the legality of their operating municipally-owned property, cited an Ohio law which permitted them to do so and hereupon asked the case to be thrown out of court. It was proven that the city decided to lease the pool the year after 1947 operations showed a loss. The discrimination of the plaintiffs never entered the case. Counsel for plaintiffs was given 15 days to file an amended petition.

#### Marshal Shepard Berates Baptists

COPENHAGEN, DEN.—Dr. Marshall Shepard, who is attending the Copenhagen Baptist Congress as President of the Baptist Foreign Missions Board, cited that white United States delegates had refused to live in the same hotels as Negro delegates. Despite the over cordiality of the Danish people to the Negro delegates, white Americans continued their prejudices with them from the states, according to Dr. Shepard in advance, the whites stipulated that they must not have the same hotel accommodations as the Negroes.

Dr. Shepard is reported so incensed over the affair that on his return to the states, he, with Leonard J. Carr, publisher of the Christian Review, will recommend that Negro Baptists who number over 4,000,000, withdraw their support from the Baptist International if white members were unable to give a reasonable explanation as to their conduct there.

Say you saw it advertised in The Omaha Guide

#### Teachers of Deaf and Blind to Convene at Hampton Institute August 18 and 19

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, VA. Teachers of the deaf and the hard of hearing and teachers of the blind will convene at Hampton Institute next Monday and Tuesday, August 18 and 19, for the second biennial conference of the National Society of Special Education. Theme of the conference "Meeting The Needs of the Handicapped Child."

Highlighting the first general session Monday morning will be by Mrs. I. M. Theus, Principal of the Louisiana School for the Blind and president of the Society. Mrs. Theus' subject will be "Our Job." Among others discussing the needs of the blind or the partially seeing will be Mrs. Constance



Miss Doris Marie Grisham, the charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grisham, of Florida, Miss. is taking a Teacher's Training Course at the Gregg College of Commerce on Michigan Blvd. in Chicago this summer.

Miss Grisham is a graduate of the Junior College at Piney Woods School where she is one of President Laurence C. Jones' official office force.

She also attended Howard University in Washington, D. C.

#### Further Compromise Stays Our Progress

Laders of the AME Church have humbly acknowledged that the relationship heretofore existing between the State of Ohio and Wilberforce was unfortunate. Their only justification for its previous sufferance was the economic condition of the struggling Negro people. To continue, this compromise in the light of the unwillingness of the present day Negro youth to accept an inferior status is to stay progress towards full citizenship in America.

They declare, the church, its people and the officials of Wilberforce are at one in the determination that, at long last, the future welfare of the Negro youth in America must dictate the course to be followed and that course cannot possibly be predicated upon a further compromise of the Negro's right to full and unfettered citizenship.

No person, or group of persons, he leadership demands, must hereafter be permitted to prostitute the welfare of Negro youth for his or their selfish purpose. Upon this premise, The AME Church, the officials of Wilberforce, and graduates and friends of the institution throughout America base their demand that the State of Ohio withdraw from Wilberforce and leave the further conduct of this historic institution to the people by whom, and for whom it was founded.

Salt Lake Great Salt lake has a salt content of about 20 per cent.

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Coville, Principal, Department for the Blind, Staunton, Virginia; Archie S. Lang, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Rosetta Bolen, Louisiana School for the Blind; Mrs. Jessie Royer Greaves, Principal, Greaves School for the Blind, Paoli, Penna. and Dr. P. C. Potts, Assistant Director of the American for the Blind, New York.

Discussing the problems of the deaf or of the hard of hearing will be three Hampton Institute summer staff members from Galaudet College, Washington, D. C. the only college for the deaf and the hard of hearing—namely, Dr. Percie V. Dumas, Prof. Elizabeth Cannon, and Mrs. Mary LaRue; William Whithead, Superintendent, Louisiana School for the

#### Move Is Necessary Because of Increased Costs Building

Effective September 1, groups using the facilities of the Urban League Building will be required to pay a nominal rental fee. "The Board found it necessary to make this move, said Rabbi Mowshowitz, Board Chairman, because of the increase in the cost of upkeep of the League Building and the need for additional income to meet growing expenses." The Board Chairman said the maintenance and upkeep cost of the League Building average, \$3,000 yearly. For 1946 it amounted to \$3,900.

The new rental rates, which become effective September 1 are as follows; a charge of one dollar (\$1.00), two dollars (\$2.00) and three dollars (\$3.00) for group meetings numbering less than ten (10), to twenty (20) and over twenty (20) persons respectively. A five dollar (\$5.00) charge for free public gatherings and a ten dollar (\$10.00) charge for private and or public gathering where an admission fee is levied.

Groups now using the League Building and who wish to continue using it the coming season are advised to register immediately with the Urban League Office

#### Sponsors of Jim Crow Frightened

But, despite all this plotting and scheming, evidence of fear and trembling on the part of those seeking to set up the State supported school is seen in releases to the press, attributed to Dr. Charles H. Wesley and Ray Hughes, trustee of the State Department at Wilberforce, that should Governor Herbert follow the suggestion to turn over State owned property and facilities at Wilberforce to the AME Church School the church could not thereafter maintain the school. This is being regarded throughout the country as a direct insult to AME Church leaders and its thousands of members and friends.

Other evidence indicating fright of sponsors of the State supported college is the publication this week by an allegedly leading trustee of the State side that the setting up of a State supported school at Wilberforce will not result in a jim-crow school in Ohio on the spurious assumption that such result is to be blamed on existing social customs. It is said the attitude is looked upon as a racially traitorous attempt to maintain, for the benefit of a few jobs for a few, the compromising situation which has bedeviled Negro citizens in their every attempt to secure equality in all phases of citizenship.