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## Negro Youth Drowns at Center Street Dam Scottsboro Boys Must Die, Says Alabama Supreme Court Affirming Sentence Grinnell College Publishes Iowa Negro Playwright's Recent Works Clyde Anderson, 23, Is D. M. River Victim

### Executions of Two Youths Now Set for August 31

Montgomery, Ala.—The Scottsboro boys must die, says the supreme court Thursday, as they upheld the death sentences of Clarence Norris and Heywood Patterson, two condemned Scottsboro boys and set their date of execution for Friday, Aug. 31. In the case of Patterson, who was convicted on Palm Sunday of 1933 by a laughing jury, the supreme court granted the motion of Atty. Gen. Thoms E. Knight, Jr., who flayed "New money from New York", and struck from the record the bill of exceptions in the case, which contained all testimony presented in the lower courts. Judge J. E. Horton, presiding magistrate at the Decatur trial, set aside the verdict as being false, as the evidence did not justify a conviction. He was defeated last week for reelection in the primaries.

The attorney general had asked that the bill of exceptions be stricken out on the grounds that it was not filed properly within 90 days after final judgment in the lower courts. With the bill of exceptions stricken, the supreme court was restricted solely to the court records and was unable to consider the merits of the case. In the Norris case, the boy tried the second time without militia protection last year, Associate Justice Lucien D. Gardner overruled the contention of defense counsel that Negroes had been systematically excluded from the jury.

**Will Appeal**  
Samuel Liebowitz, I. L. B. defense counsel for the boys, will appeal to the United States supreme court, the decision of the Alabama tribunal affirming the conviction of the two youths, his New York office said Thursday.

**Fair Decision**  
"We are of the opinion that the proof clearly shows," Justice Gardner said, "that the jury commissioners did fairly and honestly endeavor to discharge their duty, and did not in fact discriminate against the Negro race in the selection of the jury list, and that no provision of the federal constitution has been infringed."

The boys, two of the original nine defendants in the Scottsboro case, were convicted to death on rape charges to Victoria Price and Ruby Bates, two white women hooches on a freight train near Paint Rock, Ala., in 1931. The boys have remained in jail three years under the most trying conditions and torture imaginable. Ruby Bates has toured the country with the Internal Labor Defense in an effort to save the boys, as she repudiated her story as a vicious "frameup" by the Alabama police.

### Y Camp List Swells Daily

No Rise in Fee This Year  
With six weeks remaining before

### White Man Interferes With Party, Negro Hits Him and Is Lynched

Manchester, Tenn., June 29.—Lynched because he resented the intrusion of a gang of whites at a dance where the fate that befell Richard (Dick) Wilkerson here Sunday, Wilkerson, according to information given by witnesses here, blocked the door of a dance hall where a Race function was in progress Saturday night, and refused to permit about eight drunken whites to enter.

After using all sorts of vile language, and threatening to come back and wreck the hall, the white men left. He proceeded at once to Wilkerson's home where they entered forcibly, and with hatchets, hammers and other tools, tore up everything in the house. Then, gathering more white men on the way, the mob returned to the dance hall, forced its way into the

### NAACP Asks More White Membership

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 27.—Thousands of white people all over America gladly would join the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and support its program if they were properly educated and recruited by colored people.

This was the assertion of Miss Mary White Ovington, treasurer of the association, and one of its founders in 1909, in her address to the opening mass meeting of the 25th annual conference tonight at Calvary Baptist church.

Miss Ovington declared most white people were "abysmally ignorant" of the problems of Negroes and urged colored people to drop their own race prejudice and approach whites "man to man" and ask them to join in the work of the association.

### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENDS GREETINGS TO N. A. A. C. P. CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 27.—The following message was received at the annual conference of the N. A. A. C. P. meeting here, June 27-July 1, by Walter White, secretary, from President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

My Dear Mr. White:  
Will you kindly convey to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People my felicitations and best wishes on the occasion of its twenty-fifth annual conference.

No one can glance even casually at the progress which Negroes have achieved in the past sixty years, particularly in the past fifteen years since the end of the World War, without finding hope and inspiration for the future.

I sincerely hope that you will have the most successful conference in the history of your organization.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt.

the opening of the sixteenth annual Crocker Y period at the Y. M. C. A. camp, August 15-22, thirty-six boys have already enrolled at the Y. Several of the veteran leaders expect to return for the eight day vacation.

In answer to a large number of inquiries, there will be no increase in the fee charged for our period the same price that has prevailed for the past several years will be maintained. This includes everything, transportation and all. Further information and particulars can be had by writing the Crocker Street Y. M. C. A., Twelfth and Crocker, or calling 3-5611.

### Dr. Millard Dean In New Location

By Everett Wadsworth  
Staff Writer

Dr. Millard R. Dean, dentist, who was located at 503 E. Locust Street since coming here in September, announces the removal of his office and equipment this week to 514 E. Locust Street. The office hours will remain the same as before, 9:30 to 12; 1 to 5, and 6 to 8.

Graduating from the college of dentistry at the University of Iowa in 1929, Dr. Dean studied pre-dental work in the college of liberal arts at Northwestern in 1925. He spent a year as interne in minor oral surgery at the Harlem Hospital in New York City. While there he specialized in extraction and the relation of pyorrhea to systemic disorders.

Dr. Dean attended high school in Galesburg, Illinois, his home city. With the establishment of his new offices comes the announcement of his approaching marriage to Miss Frankie Carter, of Evanston, Illinois; the event will take place there Saturday evening. The couple will return Monday to Des Moines to make their home.

The young doctor is popular in the community, civic and social life of Iowa's capital city. Dr. Dean belongs to the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Elks lodge, and other prominent organizations.

### ONLY NEGRO WEST POINT CADET IS ON VACATION

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—(ANP)—B. O. Davis, Jr., cadet second class, United States military academy, West Point, is spending his furlough at home on the campus of Tuskegee institute. He is the son of Colonel B. O. Davis, cavalry, P. M. S. and T. and commandant at Tuskegee.

### Sports—By Allen Ashby

**Negro Runners in N. A. A. C. Meet**  
Negroes found the gain a bit rough in the N. A. A. C. meet held on the coast last Saturday. Of course Melcalfe won his two races, the 100 and the 220 yard dashes, in good time, but the rest of the boys found competition a bit keen.

Amen-Des Oliver of Miami university finished second in the high hurdles and third in the jows, while Jimmie Lu Valle of California L.A. was shoved out of place in the final check-up of the 440. Crooms of Kansas State Teachers, Pittsburg, was also checked out after he thought he finished sixth in the century.

### Local Athletics

The Black Barons, who reorganized rather late in the season, won their game, 11 to 1, at Williams last Sunday. There is a report that there were only seven people in the town and the two imported players heaved to the local talent. The Capital City Giants received a baseball lesson from the Texas Black Spiders at the league park Sunday, losing 8 to 1.

Far be it from us to crow, but we feel that our feat deserves some mention. Last week your correspondent and Earl Newcomb entered the district tennis tournament at the Des Moines Tennis club. We made a little history, it being the first time two Negroes got by the first round, advancing to the third round in the singles. We got dusted in the doubles real soon, however. Chas. Howard also reached the third round in the second flight of the city golf meet.

### 120 Enrolled In Vacation School

The daily vacation bible school opened Monday at St. Paul A.M.E. church with an enrollment of sixty pupils from St. Paul A.M.E., Burns M. E., St. Simon's Episcopal and Corinthian Baptist churches. The instructors include Mrs. Gertrude North, principal; Mrs. Mabel Crowder, bible class; Mrs. Jean Morris, hand work; Mrs. Jobness Kelson, music; Miss Arela Jeff, director of recreation; Marzetta Griffin, Haley O'Neal Johnson, Mallydelle Davis, Ellen Strother and Louise Bruce, physical culture instructors.

On Saturday evening at the church there will be an exhibition of art, handiwork, play ground activities, Bible story telling and music drills. The public is cordially invited.

The Church Vacation school for the east side children started Monday at the Union Baptist church with an enrollment of forty children and has increased to sixty. Mrs. L. M. Frye is the superintendent with seven assistants. Parents are invited to visit the school.

### YWCA Campers Return from Boone

Y. W. C. A. campers returned to Des Moines on Monday. Girls in attendance were Loretta Blackwell, Evelyn Carr, Alcyonetta Cassell, Lucy Davis, Huberta Gater, Naomi Gilmore, Odessa Greenfield, Melba Hubbard, Lorraine Jackman, Melba Morrow, Phyllis Virginia Noah, Lula Mae Turner, Fanny Mae Watkins and Pearl Weston. Cabin leaders were Mrs. C. R. Bradford, Miss Marguerite Newcomb, and Miss Doraelva Mackay.

### New Fight Ahead For Anti-Lynch Bill

New York, June 29.—With the adjournment of the 73rd congress on Monday, June 18, and the seventh lynching of the year, occurring in Kirbyville, Tex., on Thursday, the N. A. A. C. P. announced that the fight for a federal anti-lynching bill will be continued. Efforts to pass the Costigan-Wagner bill were pressed right up to the adjournment of congress by Senators Costigan and Wagner. On Saturday, June 16, Senator Costigan spoke, saying:

"It (the bill) is demanded by every consideration of orderly government, humanity and wisdom. Public opinion supports it with overwhelming endorsements. . . . It is more than evident that the constant priority given other bills by those having legislation in charge here will not include this civilized and civilizing reform." Mr. Costigan then presented a petition for the record signed by G. W. A. Murray and 560 other citizens of New York state asking enactment of the bill.

### Senator Long Speaks

Senator Huey "Kingfish" Long spoke after Mr. Costigan, saying the South had learned how to handle lynching and that when he was governor of Louisiana there was not a single lynching in the state. He said he hoped the northern and western states would learn to "exterminate lynching as well as we have done in Louisiana." (Note: Louisiana's record of lynchings in recent years is: 1 in 1931; 1 in 1932, 4 in 1933.)

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Mr. Lamb has also distinguished himself as an actor. During his junior year in college he had the leading part in O'Neill's "Emperor Jones," produced at commencement time. In 1930, he was elected to Pi Epsilon Delta, national dramatic fraternity, the first Negro ever to be honored. The same year he was awarded a Rosenwald Scholarship for outstanding work in dramatic art.

"The Two Gifts," in pamphlet form is now for sale and may be obtained from the Grinnell College Department of Drama, Grinnell, Iowa. A complete volume of Mr. Lamb's one-act plays will be published some time this fall.

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### Is D. M. River Victim Sells Used Cars

In the wake of the blistering heat wave which has gropped the middle-west, the waters of the Des Moines river snuffed out the lives of two local youths. Clyde Anderson, 23, of 1319 School street, was drowned Thursday afternoon after falling in eight feet of water while fishing at the Center Street dam. A white youth was drowned while wading in the river near the Sixth avenue bridge.

Anderson failed to come up after the first time, witnesses told police. The body was recovered immediately; it is believed that his head struck a rock when he fell. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lulu Anderson, sister, Mrs. Valeria Griffin, both of Des Moines, four brothers, Olanda, Estelle, Leslie, all of Des Moines and Alvin of Chicago. The remains are at the L. Fowler & Son Funeral home awaiting arrangements.

### MRS. JAY TONE SPEAKS BEFORE NEGRO DEMOCRATS

The Roosevelt Negro Democratic Club presented Mrs. Jay Tone, candidate for state representative at its civic and political forum Tuesday evening at the Negro Community Center. In spite of the oppressive weather a mixed crowd of men and women of both races were present.

Mrs. Tone, who is making her first bid for public office, spoke on the New Deal in national politics, and local and state tax issues. Other candidates who talked were Dan McEnery, Attorney Miller and Mr. Pollock.

### MUSICAL ROMANCE, DOUBLE MURDER, ON STRAND'S FIRST HALF PROGRAM

Lanny Ross, popular radio singer, is featured in the musical romance, "Melody In Spring," with Ann Sothorn, Charles Ruggles and Mary Roland at the Strand on Saturday. "Upper World" a drama of a neglected millionaire's romance with a chorus girl which results in a double murder, is the other half of the program.

Wednesday's double program includes "Registered Nurse" with Bebe Daniels as the hospital nurse who finds love and happiness after a tragic marriage and romance with two doctors. Joe E. Brown is pictured in "Very Honorable Guy," a comedy of a man who had thirty days to live, Alice White is the feminine lead.

Between now and the opening of the next session of congress, the N. A. A. C. P. said.

"All candidates for the house and senate to be voted upon in the November elections should be put on record in writing on their support for a federal bill by voters in advance of the election," said Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. secretary.

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### FLETCHER WARRICK OPENS AUTO SHOP

Fletcher Warrick, who was employed at the Iowa Auto Market since 1918, opened a complete battery station at 202 E. Grand Ave. Service will be given on recharging, rentals and repair on all makes. His wide range of experience as an efficient craftsman in the motor industry offers to the public a worthwhile business establishment.

Mr. Warrick states that, besides his line of batteries, he is now selling used cars, radios, tires, and accessories. He is a member of the Maple Street Baptist Church and other fraternal and religious groups. He lives at 1320 East Eighteenth Street.

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### Crowd Sees Anderson's Body Brought Ashore



Courtesy of the Des Moines Register

# Fine Widow for Wanting to be Called 'Mrs. in Atlanta

## DUE RESPECT WORTH FINE SHE SAYS

Salesman for the L. B. Price Co. Calls Law When Woman Insists Upon Respect

## JUDGE FINES HER \$12

ATLANTA, Ga.—Her insistence that she be addressed as "Mrs." by a representative of the L. B. Price Mercantile company, with office at 530 Parkway drive whose chief patronage is among Negroes, cost Mrs. W. M. Couch \$12 or twenty days when she was arraigned before Recorder Calloway Thursday on disorderly charges.

Mrs. Couch, who is a widow, lives at 138 Chestnut street. Hostility between the white salesman, whose name was not obtained, and Mrs. Couch developed, according to testimony, when Mrs. Couch signed her name with the prefix generally given a woman after she marries.

When handed the receipt, the salesman, according to Mrs. Couch, turned all sorts of colors, and blustered out: "Give me that spread back. I'll take it back before I'll call a nigger woman." Mrs. Couch, who is a widow, lives at 138 Chestnut street.

When Mrs. Couch refused to tell him her given name, she said, the white salesman returned her money and demanded that she give him back the bedspread, she had purchased.

Several minutes later she heard a knock on the door, and on inquiring who it was, learned that the salesman had summoned police, to prefer a disorderly conduct charge against her.

The salesman in recorder's court Thursday claimed that Mrs. Couch had cursed him. This she denied. "Where are you from?" Judge Calloway asked the defendant.

"I was born in Georgia," she replied. "Why, Bertha," said Judge Calloway, "Southern white people just don't call Nigra women 'Mrs.' It looks like you were a little disorderly here. I'll fine you \$12 or twenty days in the stockade."

After paying the fine, Mrs. Couch declared: "It was worth it. I would have died before I let him call me by my first name." "Negroes," she said, all over Atlanta should shut their doors when they see representatives from the L. B. Price company coming."

## SHOOTING GIRL; MAN CLAIMS ACCIDENT

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Matsy Norfleet, 18, who lives with her mother Mrs. Ellen Norfleet at 133 Tunstall is in the hospital shot through the abdomen and police are seeking her former sweetheart Albert Horton after trouble between them Monday night at Trezevant and Park.

In the hospital, Miss Norfleet said that the shooting was accidental. She said that Horton was a sweetheart of hers two years ago but that had not been especially friendly since.

She said that Monday night Horton was with another girl, Miss Norfleet said that he came up behind her and shot her. Horton, she said, told her after he had shot that he didn't mean to do it, and that he had shot himself in the hand at the same time.

The injured girl was operated on at the city hospital Monday night, as the bullet had pierced her liver. Physicians said she had a good chance to recover.

Miss Norfleet said that she would prosecute her assailant if he was caught.

## Masons Hold St. John's Day Program

ATLANTA, Ga.—Solemn and impressive services featured the observance of St. John's Day Sunday afternoon at the Radcliffe Memorial Presbyterian church, Rev. J. P. Foster, pastor, by the 19 local lodges of the Most W. A. F. & M. Prince Hall affiliation, jurisdiction of Georgia.

The sermon, which was preached by Rev. H. E. Johnson, Congregational minister and past master of Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 56, was a very able masonic sermon which pleased the fancies of the large number present with its revelation of masonic lore and Biblical facts.

District Deputy C. A. Faison was master of ceremonies while M. M. Dowdell was master of the day.

After the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by the congregation and the invocation, O. A. Williams welcomed the masonic guests. Interesting readings were rendered by Mrs. V. E. Taylor and Mrs. Emma Austin while Miss Annie Massey sang a solo.

Mrs. H. R. Butler, widow of the late Dr. H. R. Butler, grand master of the Georgia masons for 31 years, was presented to the group. Her short speech was well received, and following the meeting, a motorcade went to the Oakland cemetery where a wreath was placed on Dr. Butler's grave.

In his address, Dr. T. H. Slater, president of the Prince Hall Association, was greeted with much applause when he told his hearers that the dream of the local lodges for a temple of their own would probably become a reality within a very short time. The local association has been very conservatively saving its money in preparation for the securing of a temple that would be a living monument to colored masonry in Georgia.

Local lodges taking part in this event and their masters are St. James, No. 4, C. A. Faison, acting; H. R. Butler, No. 23, J. W. Dobbs; Gate City No. 42, John H. Golden; Plymouth Rock, No. 56, M. M. Dowdell; W. T. Thomas, No. 112, C. A. Faison; Refugees, No. 243, J. B. Stroud; Fulton No. 274, Rogers Henderson; Excelsior No. 294, F. B. Brown; Elite No. 302, Robert Lucas; and Alexander Hamilton, No. 349, L. W. Rhymes.

The injured members of the Rev. James party were taken to the Highland Park police station where the Rev. James telephoned to his brother in Chicago who drove out for them and rushed them to the Cook County Hospital. There it was found that the Neg child was suffering from a fractured skull and was in a critical condition as a result of having had to go without adequate medical care. Other members of the party were also badly injured.

## VET ANOTHER VICTIM GOES OVERBOARD

American Life Continues To Show Unfairness To Its Negro Policyholders

## EVASDES CLAIM PAYMENT

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Evidence that the American Life and Accident Co. has not changed its tactics in dealing with Negro policyholders despite the wave of publicity which cited numerous instances of deliberate unfairness and "claim-chasing" on the part of this company's Cleveland office, has just been furnished THE EAGLE by Mrs. Alma King, 2188 E. 70th street, who after having carried a combination policy with that company for five years was refused payment of a claim under the most extraordinary circumstances.

Mrs. King whose policy was fully paid up several weeks in advance, applied for sick benefits, and after having been forced to wait several days before her agent showed up—was asked to surrender her book for checking at the office. After giving the book to the agent she heard no more about her claim until upon recovery she called at the office of the company.

There she was informed by a man, who claimed to be Manager McBride, that the company had decided to discontinue writing sick policies in favor of women, giving that reason as an excuse for the failure to pay her claim.

After much remonstrance on the part of Mrs. King, she was handed back her premium receipt book, from which several weeks' payments had been erased, so as to make it appear that her policy was lapsed when her claim was presented. Finally, when Mrs. King threatened suit, she was refunded a part of the premium she had paid by the American office.

It is because of such high-handed and deliberately unfair practices that Negroes in Cleveland are being misled out of insurance protection which they had every reason to believe they had purchased from this Kentucky concern, which a recent check of the official figures shows spends TWICE as much money for expenses of manipulation of claims to policyholders.

## MINISTER TO SUE J. CROW HOSPITAL

Illinois Hospital Refuses First-Aid to Automobile Wreck Victims in May

## NAACP BACKS FIGHT

CHICAGO.—Members of the legal redress committee of the Chicago NAACP this week prepared to file suit against the Highland Park hospital, Highland Park, Ill., in behalf of the Rev. I. S. James, pastor of the Church of God in Christ, for violation of the Illinois State statutes by refusing to give emergency medical aid to members of an automobile party accompanying the Rev. James last week after they were injured in an automobile accident in Highland Park.

The accident occurred on the evening of May 30 when Rev. James accompanied by Mrs. Edna Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Neal, and their ten year old daughter, were returning by automobile from a church conference which had been held in Milwaukee. On a highway turn in Highland Park, an automobile containing a party of white people, who apparently had been drinking, and driven by Moon Stripe, a resident of Morgan Park, ran into the car—carrying Rev. James and his party, overturning their car and seriously injuring the occupants.

A highway policeman arrived on the scene shortly after the crash-up and telephoned for an ambulance, which took the injured members of his party to the Highland Park Hospital for first aid. When the ambulance arrived at the hospital, a physician attached to the hospital met it, and when he observed that the injured persons were colored refused to permit them to enter the hospital for treatment. Upon demand of Rev. James, the physician made a perfunctory examination of the injured people while they were yet in the ambulance, and casually announced that they were not injured seriously enough to warrant medical aid, and steadfastly refused to permit them to enter the hospital with the ambulance, a physician attached to the hospital met it, and when he observed that the injured persons were colored refused to permit them to enter the hospital for treatment.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio—Some seventeen acres of land, largely property to which title is not clear, is being condemned this week as the Cedar-Central and Outlook Federal Housing projects are getting under way. The condemnation proceedings are said to be merely formalities, and not due to any reluctance on the parts of prospective owners to part with their holdings, it is explained.

While no announcement has been made concerning the provision that is to be made for the families which will be temporarily displaced by what the residents of the districts call the "de-housing" program, it was believed that such plans would be made public this week, following a lengthy conference in Washington. Present conditions, especially in the Cedar-Central area, have been made more complicated by the fact that many of the tenants, already far in arrears in their present rents and unemployed, were unable to move into new quarters while the old shacks were being razed and the new homes erected.

## Political Plot Against Gillespie Fails To Line Up Conspirator

CLEVELAND, Ohio—A deliberate attempt to seriously injure the candidacy for reelection of State Representative Chester K. Gillespie to the lower house, was thwarted last week when Rev. D. Ormond Walker, pastor of St. James A.M.E. church, flatly declined to enter the race against Gillespie after he had been impudently over longdistance telephone by a city employee, who claimed to represent the Harry L. Davis political camp.

Dr. Walker was at Willerford attending the commencement exercises when the call from Cleveland came through, and a voice said to be that of a Davis partisan pleaded with the minister to enter the legislative race. The caller informed Dr. Walker, it is said that the Mayor declared that he would be satisfied with anybody at Columbus except Gillespie.

"I could not think of running against Mr. Gillespie," said Dr. Walker to an EAGLE representative Monday, when queried about the incident "irrespective of whence the request came. Mr. Gillespie has been an able representative and by all means deserves reelection. I'm not going to be used to pull anyone's hot chestnuts out of the fire," he concluded.

The Mayor could not be reached for a statement at press time.

## Arsenal Camps Downtown Though Owner Would Welcome It Home

CLEVELAND, Ohio—"You can't do that to you," somebody told Mrs. Efa McDonald, "queen of the policies," last week. She, trustful soul, took the statement at face value and instituted a replevin action to regain the arsenal of almost wartime proportions that had been taken from her after the recent flare-up on the "numbers" front.

But there must have been an error somewhere, because despite the pleadings of the widow of the "spot" murdered Mac Macdonald, the artillery remained in the possession of Police Chief George J. Matowitz, against whom her action had been filed. The store of lethal objects which Mr. Matowitz is so cruelly keeping from the poor widow includes several bombs, two shotguns, automatic and revolver-type pocket weapons, and many similar playthings, including ample ammunition for their business-like manipulation. While there was much praise during the week of the fair widow's "gall" in attempting to regain her just possessions, nobody seemed able to give a very satisfactory explanation of what legal purpose she could have for them to accomplish.

So the artillery is still downtown, many inefficient hospitals and for all the failures to eradicate malaria. "Poor people," the letter read, "who are taken to the hospital because they have no proper care at home, are sent out of the hospital before they are strong enough to

walk because there is not enough money allotted the hospital for the maintenance of these patients. We even had typhoid fever last six months which I believe is due to the unsanitary conditions in which the arsenal of almost wartime proportions has never been in such plight before until this present administration came here."

## KILLED BY POLICE

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—Claude Whitmore, 18, 138 Dorchester avenue, known as "T Mod", who was implicated in many auto thefts and burglaries by two companions, who were captured by police, was shot and fatally wounded by Detective Harold Mills Friday night at his home where the detectives had gone to arrest and question him concerning the alleged crimes. John Thomas, 33, 671 W. 5th street, and Clyde Frazier, 19, 431 W. 9th, are being held for questioning by police after their chase and arrest late Friday. They are alleged to have said that Whitmore was involved in the auto theft.

According to police when they arrived at the house, they surrounded it and Mills entered the kitchen and when followed is alleged to have lunged at the detective with a pair of scissors. Mills fired four shots dropping Whitmore.

## NEGROES AND SHIPPING STRIKE

California Longshoremen of Both Races Refuse to Return to Work

## COLOR LINE ERASED

BY RAY BUFORD—San Pedro, Calif.—(W.S.)—A personal survey of the strike conditions in the Los Angeles Harbor vicinity shows that the colored man is playing a part in the attempt to break the crisis which has gripped the shipping industry. For the last six weeks shipping conditions along the Pacific Coast have been abnormally low.

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### PROVIDE SPECIAL NAACP JUBILEE TRAIN

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced that the Kansas-Texas railroad has provided a Silver Jubilee Special for delegates to the annual convention to be held in Oklahoma City, June 26-29.

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# DAWNING DOWN THE BARRIERS OF PREJUDICE

## Fighting for Labor During Depression

Stirring Chapters from the Twenty-five-Year History of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Negro workers, as usual, were hardest hit when nation-wide unemployment followed closely upon the bursting bubble of post-war "prosperity" in 1929. The proportion of colored people thrown out of work was not only greater than that of the whites, but the tremendous pressure of fobbing whites upon so-called Negro jobs rendered the economic status of the race more precarious.

The Association gave prompt attention to reported discrimination in the administration of relief. In New York, for example, it forced the closing of segregated relief registration offices for colored women workers in 1931, and was instrumental in forcing disintegration in Arkansas of the practice of forcing Negroes receiving Red Cross relief to work on streets and plantations.

**Mississippi River Slavery**—Repeated complaints in 1932 of mistreatment of Negro workers in work done under direction of the War Department to control the Mississippi River floods led the Boardman, white, to make an investigation.

Her elaborate and painstaking report disclosed that Negro workers on the project were averaging only ten cents per hour, twelve hours daily for seven days weekly without holidays or overtime pay; that the commissary system took from fifty to seventy-five per cent of the men's wages for food, water and shelter; that they were often brutally beaten and frequently discharged without pay on the slightest pretext, and were compelled to live and work under the most unsanitary conditions.

The report was sent to President Hoover, Secretary of War Hurley, Attorney General Mitchell and to 26 U. S. senators of liberal tendencies, and demands made that shameful conditions be corrected. The President then directed the matter to the War Department which corresponded with the Association for several weeks and sought to white wash the situation. Major General Lytle Brown, then chief of engineers, a native southerner, while not denying the conditions, excused them on the ground that they were those customary in the Mississippi valley; that long hours were necessary due to the fact that the character of the work was exaggerated by the charges of brutality were exaggerated. He referred the complaining workers to the Mississippi courts.

**Miss Boardman Testifies**—Following refusal of the Association to send Miss Boardman to testify at an inquiry at Vicksburg because of probable unfairness of any investigation in prejudiced Mississippi, a hearing was scheduled for September 22, 1932, in Washington, D. C. by General Phillips, then accompanied by Walter White, Miss Boardman attended the hearing, testifying in great detail, but the next day this official released a press statement declaring that she had offered no specific evidence of mistreatment of Negro workers. This statement the Association promptly contradicted through the press, charging an attempt by the War Department to whitewash the deplorable conditions.

The Assistant Secretary of War promised "to conduct a full, detailed and impartial investigation" through Major General Brown, following the Association's telegram to the President demanding a full and searching investigation and the issuance of an order requiring payment of wages specified in the eight hour law and the federal construction contracts. On October 23, 1932, the President appointed a commission to investigate the charges, consisting of Dr. Robert R. Moton, Judge James A. Cobb, Eugene K. Jones and Lt. Col. U. S. Grant, 3rd but the commission never functioned because no funds were allotted for its expenses.

**U. S. Senate Takes Action**—Upon request of the Association, Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York introduced on December 12, 1932, a resolution to investigate the appalling labor conditions revealed by the NAACP report. This was referred to the Committee on Commerce. The Association then requested each U. S. senator to support the resolution, and 39 Senators promised to vote for it. The mass meetings protesting against NAACP Branches held numerous penance conditions and the National Office widely distributed 10,000 copies of a leaflet, "Mississippi River Slavery 1932."

Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the Association, and George S. Schuyler, writer, investigated conditions in the contractors' camps, disguised as laborers. From December 15, 1932 to Jan. 9, 1933, and their report corroborated that of Miss Boardman. Both were warned out of Mississippi and Mr. Schuyler was jailed overnight in Vicksburg, Miss., on suspicion of being a high-sounding man.

**The Fruits of Victory**—In September, 1933, Secretary of War Dern announced a pay raise and shortened hours for the unskilled Mississippi levee camp workers under regulations of the Public Works Administration and the War Department. Negro workers under the contractors' code now get \$14.40

# DEMOS MAKE NO VOTE RULING

Election Judges to Pass at Polls on Negro Vote Issue in Ft. Worth

## QUESTION IS EVADED

By CLYDE W. ALCOORN FT. WORTH, Texas

The Democratic Executive Committee held its meeting on Monday, June 18, but declined to act on the question of permitting Negroes to vote in the July primaries.

Thus with an astute stroke of diplomacy, the committee masterfully evaded the issue of ruling on the Negro voting question, but left the final decision to be made at the polls by the individual election judges.

Mr. Hugh L. Small, the chairman of the committee, still contended that the Supreme Court's ruling gave the Negroes the right to vote, and that to deny Negroes the right to vote in the primaries would be a violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution.

A small group of our race was present and offered pleas in behalf of the Negro citizens of the County. The most striking one having been made by Mr. H. R. Johnson, when he said, "The Negroes only want the right to work in harmony with the Whites." "We have lived among white people all of our lives and don't want to live any where else except the south. We gave heavily for the Roosevelt ball; we support the party and only ask the right to vote; we are not coming with the law or legal aspect, but only a plea for the right to vote."

Mr. Phil R. Register also spoke briefly and pointedly. The committee did not say that the Negroes could or could not vote, but that they did not have the right to prohibit the voting due to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. Editors Note: Read Editorial on "Where We Stand on Voting" page six.

# Mt. Vernon Ave. School Hears Mrs. DePriest

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Mrs. Oskar DePriest, wife of Congressman Oscar DePriest was the guest speaker at Mt. Vernon Avenue elementary school last week when Superintendent of Schools J. G. Colicott, presented diplomas to the following 9A students:

George Boston, Clifford Brown, Virgil Burk, Sigel Clore, Paul Haynes, Howard Kendrick, Lon McDade, Elbert Mitchell, Robert Rucker, Leslie Shaw, Edward Snyder, James Taylor, William Thomson, Dorothy Barnett, Anna Boston, Irene Boyer, LaReene Carlton Maxine Crockett, Emma Lester, Virginia Lindsay, Juanita Madison, Bessie May, May McElroy, Essie McDowell, Ethel Matthews, Estelle Matthews, Mary Montgomery, Mary Sunderland, and Dorothy Winslow.

It has fought the opposition of Negro workers by whites under the codes. It led the fight against color discrimination on C. W. A. and P. W. A. work and succeeded in getting the Secretary of the Interior to issue a bulletin to state engineers warning against such discrimination. It has also waged a determined fight against Jim Crow sustenance homesteads, holding that Negro workers should be included in all such projects and not segregated.

Upon receiving complaints from many parts of the South that Negro workers were being refused enlistment in the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Association vigorously protested to the proper officials who promptly issued specific orders that the discriminatory policy must cease. Every subsequent complaint of discrimination or mistreatment has been investigated with favorable results.

At the suggestion and insistence of the Association, legislation aimed at discrimination against Negro workers on public works have been introduced in Congress by Rep. Joel Chalk of California; in the Indiana State legislature by Rep. Henry J. Richardson, Jr. (colored) and became a law; in the Illinois legislature by Wm. E. King (colored) and became a law; in the New Jersey legislature by Assemblyman J. Mercer Burrell (colored) and became a law; in the New York state legislature by Assemblyman James E. Stephens, and became a law. P. branches are everywhere engaged in pushing such anti-discriminatory legislation to protect Negro workers.

# City Police Sent to Highland Pool

Superintendent of Recreation, W. C. Batchelor, in commenting on the recent Highland park situation, that automatically arose with the rising temperature.

In spite of the stand taken by the Recreation department under the supervision of W. C. Batchelor, stating that "no orderly citizen can be barred", the issue, as is really is, reposes comfortably in the hands of the Safety department.

He has said that "protection will be given". Whether his unfamiliarity with the situation prompted him to make such a reply to Batchelor, or whether the reply was merely a matter of form, remains to be seen. It is generally known, however, that police department race bathers will be "bothered in their usage of the city's largest swimming pool, which their money has helped to build."

Even if Bell's reply was only a matter of form, it has gone a step farther than the stand taken by former Safety Director Clark. In a conference with former Safety Director Clark, former assistant City Solicitor Wm. M. Randolph, during the last administration, Batchelor stated that his department's policy of not barring citizens from public pools were frustrated by Clark who vigorously objected to the usage of the pool by colored bathers. The effort of Randolph to nip the surprise in its incipency was also futile when the safety head offered his two perfect alibis claiming that he could not neglect his duty of insuring order and protecting the citizens.

However, race enthusiasts challenged Clark by saying that the white hoodlums, many of them who were not residing in the county, really were responsible for the disorder and if anyone should be barred, it should be they.

Leaders in the movement have recommended that radical measures be employed to enter the pool be discarded, but they rather, favor applying pressure and forcing adequate and sufficient protection as a more probable solution.

Wisdomers have also voiced their disapproval of accepting separate hours for the use of the pools, declaring that such a solution would tend to retard race progress rather than remedy the condition.

The facts have been stated; a public pool is for public use, and any citizen desiring to bathe should be permitted to do so in safety. The Highland, Paulson, and Warrington pools are open Bell protection is not given until the presence of colored bathers becomes habitual, the issue will be forced to its limits.

# Wesley at Mine College

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Howard University, was the baccalaureate speaker at Minor Teachers college Sunday. Dr. Wesley discussed "New Frontiers of Life" and asked "Shall Industrialism crush our group?"

# Wales Is 40—No Bride Yet!

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Plans are Being Made for Huge 45th Annual Grand Lodge in City By Sea

ARRANGE MANY EVENTS

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Special

Plans are being pushed to completion for the holding of the 45th annual session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, Jurisdiction of Georgia, in this city early next month.

The public welcome exercises will be held at the St. Paul-C. M. E. church, West Broad and Main streets, Monday night, July fifth, with the grand lodge sessions opening Tuesday morning, July 10, at 10 o'clock at the Bolton Street Baptist church. The Grand Court of Galantia Sessions, of which Mrs. Georgia A. Washburn, Atlanta, is grand worthy counselor, will convene at the St. Paul C. M. E. church at the same time.

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A splendid entertainment at the city by the sea is being planned by the local lodges. Among the lodges of Savannah and Chatham county who will be hosts to this big meeting are Creston Lodge No. 2, Olympia No. 10; Forest City No. 140, Invinible No. 523, and others.

# CALIFORNIAN FILES FOR ASSEMBLY POST

LOS ANGELES (WR)—Dr. J. A. Somerville, prominent dentist and agent worker for the NAACP, has filed his candidacy for Assemblyman of the 62nd District in this state. Dr. Somerville is registered as a Democrat and will seek his party nomination for the office which has been held by Frederick M. Roberts for the last eight terms.

According to the filings to date, Dr. Somerville has a better chance to win the nomination than any other. Although he has been active in his profession and the work of the NAACP, he has been interested in civic affairs. Some of his best work was done in the celebrated California Swimming Club which grew out of attempted segregation at a municipal plunge.

**OPPOSES CHANGES IN GARMENT CODE AT D. C.**  
N. E. A. HEARING  
WASHINGTON (ANP)—Opposition to changes in the cotton garment code was offered by George A. Sloan, president of the Cotton Textile Institute and chairman of the cotton textile code authority. Last week at a N. A. A. C. P. hearing, Sloan opposed changes which would reduce working hours and increase compensation in hourly wages.

# Atlantans to be Active at NAACP Meet

Delegates from the Atlanta branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will play important roles at the 25th annual or Silver Jubilee national meeting of the organization at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this week, a perusal of the official program for the meeting reveals.

The local delegation will leave over the Southern railroad at 7:30 this morning. Included in the group will be Attorney A. T. Walden, who for a number of years has been president of the Atlanta branch; Mrs. Josephine Dibble Mupphs, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Atlanta branch; Rev. J. Raymond Henderson, militant pastor of the Greater-Wheat Street Baptist church, who is a member of the executive committee of the branch and who directed the 1934 membership campaign; and Miss Rosa M. Cosby, branch secretary.

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The elderly man, whose true life portrayal of the role of "St. Paul" in "Heaven Bound" had impressed thousands of persons of all races and colors as he admitted the trial beset pilgrims into heaven in this famous production, was taken to Grady hospital by Rufus McNamee of 379 Lyons avenue.

An examination at Grady hospital revealed that Mr. Matthews sustained a deep gash in the back of his head and slight injuries to his leg, with possibilities that a fracture may develop. Mr. Matthews was permitted to return to his "home" after receiving emergency treatment.

About the same time of the hit and run accident, Gilbert Truman on Simpson street, struck city car No. 84 which was going west on Mangum street. The city car was slightly damaged though the fender. Officers J. Bishop and J. H. Leathers made no case against the man when he agreed to have the auto repaired.

Police were looking for a colored man said to be the driver of a hit and run automobile which crashed into a car driven by Mrs. L. K. Kirklis, 5 Villa drive at 8:55 Sunday morning at the corner of Couland and Merritt avenues.

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# SLAYER GETS BREAK WHEN HE AIDS LAW

Names Accomplice In Crime And Wins Leniency In Penalty For Murder

DEATH CHAIR CHEATED

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 31—

Only a last-minute decision to turn State's evidence and divulge the identity of his accomplice in the crime kept Alvin Barnett, convicted slayer of a junk peddler, out of the electric chair at the conclusion of one of the most dramatic trials in local courts in recent months.

Barnett had come on trial last Friday for the murder of Harry Friedman. The battered body of Friedman had been found under a pile of rocks in E. 63rd street last August, supposedly at first having been placed there by some hit-skip motorist.

A series of peculiar circumstances, however, led to an intensive questioning through the neighborhood, with the result that the finger of suspicion finally had come to rest on Barnett and one other. Barnett, however, had beaten the police "to the draw" and it was not until last month that his whereabouts were known.

Barnett had chosen one of the most unique hiding-places for a guilty murderer. He devised, while most murderers go from the farms to the cities, to hide from the minions of the law, Barnett had taken his abode on a lonely plantation several miles from any large center of population in Athens, Ga., involving a man at the plantation at which Barnett was employed recognized his face from descriptions that had been broadcast last year, and jailed him, while they wired Cleveland authorities. His description fitted the man they sought, and Alvin Barnett came home to face trial before Judge McShon.

The guilt of Barnett had seemed evident from the minute of his return home, and the chair was placed in readiness for him. At the last minute, however, he divulged the name of his accomplice in the crime Lester Jones, and was given a life sentence instead of the capital penalty.

Jones, it is stated in a Michigan jail, will be extradited by local authorities within the next few days if arrangements can be effected with the authorities of the neighboring state.

# BOY SHOT BACK BY WHITES

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Because he refused to tell the whereabouts of a Negro killed by Otis Parham, 17 year old lad was fatally shot by a group of whites Monday in the vicinity of Parham Level, near here, and the boy's denial of the fact, one of the whites, who were seeking Sonny Street, who shot and killed Carl Johnson, white, escaped convict in that section Sunday.

Young Parham who was shot in the back was found lying in an outhouse in front of his home where the shooting occurred told those near by that he was approached by a group of men when the man hunt for Street was in full swing.

On admitting that he knew something of the whereabouts of the killer, he was cursed and kicked by the group, and when he attempted to run was shot in the back by one of the group.

Paroled Convict Killed—Trouble is supposed to have developed in the Johnson case when the latter is supposed to have exacted Street to pay for the use of an automobile which had been shot and was amounting to an attempt to get an out-gate to attempt to escape. This, Street fell into an argument with the whites, and hotter and hotter, Johnson exacted Street and the latter with a load of shot in his back.

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## FIFTH AGE PENSION

The last session of the Iowa legislature passed an old age pension law—one of the things they did for which its members are entitled to great praise.

Designed to make life easier for those who have attained the age of 65 and do not have incomes of more than one dollar per day, yet there are provisions with which prospective recipients must comply. Refusal or neglect will bar them at a time when it is too late to comply.

All citizens over 21 years of age and who are not inmates of county or state institutions, must pay one dollar in 1934 before July 1. Next year and each year thereafter \$2. The law provides that any person who becomes three years in arrears shall be ineligible for a pension.

In the best of times many people find themselves destitute at 65. In the next few years the situation will be more acute for besides the general unemployment situation facing us today, men nearing the age of 65 have found it difficult to find employment for several years.

To those whose unfortunate station in life has prevented them from accumulating an estate, it will be a comfort in old age; the annual fees act as a sort of insurance premium which makes one know that he himself has helped to accumulate the fund from which the pension is paid.

## THE SOUTH KNOWS

A lynching in Texas and in Tennessee during the past week re-emphasizes the necessity for federal legislation against lynching.

In each instance the "crimes" which the mob leaders use as excuses are so flimsy that even though guilty, in the respective state courts, they would not involve heavy penalties. The mob was mad about who committed the crime rather than what the crime actually was.

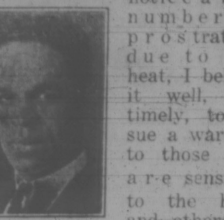
The Bystander is not one of those papers which blames the south for all the ill-treatment against Negroes. But it does know that most of the ill-treatment against Negroes occurs in the south; that the southern

## Health Talks

Dr. H. H. London

### HEAT EXHAUSTION

Due to the unusually hot weather that we have had and the



noticeable number of prostrations due to the heat, I believe it well, and timely, to issue a warning to those who are sensitive to the heat, and others as well. There are always the time-honored methods of cooling off such as swimming, riding, etc., but while one is giving thought to external conditions, thought should also be given to the proper care of the body in order that it might be able to withstand the extremely hot temperatures which we have during the summer months. Diet is perhaps the most important factor in building a heat resistance.

While most of us are inclined to shun heavy foods during hot weather, there are those who, either because of the nature of their work, or for some other personal reason, believe that it is necessary for them to continue a strong carbohydrate diet in order to maintain a normal amount of strength and energy. Careful study should be given to diet by the home maker, in order that she might give to her family those foods which will maintain strength in the body, without excessive heat. Heavy foods, should, for the most part, be avoided. While exercise is necessary for the body, the results of over-exercising in hot weather are many and far-reaching. Persons who have sustained an attack of Thermic Fever (heat exhaustion) should be examined by a reputable physician to waylay the possibility of the development of a heart disease.

Senators were directly responsible for blocking the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill; that most of the opposition to including the Negro in any benefits Congress attempts to give and which place the Negro on an equal basis with white people, comes from representatives from the south.

Yet, the southern white man claims that he knows best how to deal with the Negro; too often some of our weak-kneed white friends in the north believe it and whenever possible leave to the southerner who happens to be associated with them, the job of deciding the course to be pursued toward Negroes.

Lynchings have decreased with agitation for federal legislation against it. It can be stamped out if a Congress and a president can be elected who will act as well as endorse the important piece of legislation.

### LIQUOR CONTROL

The Iowa Liquor Control Commission might as well begin now to find some method of reducing the price of liquor if we are to make any headway against illicit traffic in liquor.

Most people prefer the best and will buy it if they have the

# Society and Clubs—Churches, News Features

### Brooks-Dudley Wedding

The wedding ceremony of Violet Brooks, daughter of Mrs. Lula Banton, 1400 Delaware, to Alfred Dudley, son of Mrs. A. Dudley, 1134 Fourteenth street, was performed Tuesday, June 11th, at the Berean Adventist church, with Rev. A. C. Chatman officiating.

A party was given after the ceremony in honor of the couple at the home of the bridegroom's parents, with a number of intimate friends and relatives present. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley are at home at 1134 Fourteenth street.

The Ambassadors club met Tuesday. Frank Smith was admitted as a member of the club. Plans were made for the 4th of July celebration.

The Community Social Service Club Elects Officers

The Community Social Service Club met Tuesday at the Community Center for their semi-annual election of officers, as follows: Glorine McClain, president; Myrtle Oscars, vice president; Pinkie Jones, secretary; and Maryetta Ambers, treasurer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16th, at the Community Center.

Arthur John Edmunds, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Edmunds, of 907 Fifteenth street will entertain a few of his boy friends July 3rd in honor of his 12th birthday, which will be July 4th.

Miss Donna Graham, who has been attending the regional Girl Reserves conference at Camp Brewster near Omaha, Nebraska, will return Saturday.

The Royal Dukes club met Tuesday night at the Community Center and completed their final plans for the annual summer formal party at Union park July 3rd. Several hundred invitations have been issued for this brilliant affair.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Butts and son, Robert, 622 S. E. Twentieth street, will spend the week of July 4th in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

The Ambassadors club is giving a lawn social at E. Sixteenth and University on Saturday, June 30th, at 8:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served. Margrant White, president; Mildred Preston, secretary.

The Union Neighborhood club entertained its members and friends at a picnic supper Monday evening at Union park. The club has closed its activities for the summer.

### Melvin Overton Goes To Denver

Melvin Overton will leave Saturday for an eight day vacation trip to Denver, Colorado, where he will visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Overton. Rev. Overton, formerly of Burns M. E. church here, is pastor of the Scott M. E. church in Denver. On his return, Mr. Overton will stop at the World's Fair in Chicago.

Mrs. C. C. Carnell of 937 Tenth street was visited last week by her mother, Mrs. McTheny, and sister, Miss Consuela Adkins, of Topeka, Kansas.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority entertained a few of their friends at a buffet dinner Friday at the Y. W. C. A.

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### City Federation Elects Officers

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### BURNS M. E. CHURCH

S. M. Riley, Jr., Minister

Pastor Riley will preach Sunday morning on "Victory of Friendship," John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Sunday night, the West Side union service will begin with Corinthian, St. Paul and Burns at St. Paul. Pastor Riley will preach and the Burns choir will sing. His subject will be "The Great Surprise." Matt. 21:10, "All the city was moved, saying, Who is this? Monday evening at 8 o'clock official board meeting. Heads of all clubs and organizations please be present. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Slogan, "Each one bring one." The class leaders meet Friday evening during choir practice at the church to report on district superintendent money. July 7th and 8th will be our first quarterly conference. Rev. Alexander Talbot, district superintendent, will be present and preach in the morning. Rev. J. A. Alexander, choir and congregation of St. Paul A. M. E. church will be with us at 3 p. m. July 8th.

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Sunday will mark the fifth anniversary of the pastor and all of the members and friends are invited to the services morning and evening. Wednesday evening at 8:00, prayer service.

### OBITUARY

Farris Harris was born in 1878 in Huntsville, Mo., and died at Broadlawn hospital, Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday, June 24, 1934. Mr. Harris has been a resident of Des Moines for eight years. He was married to Emma Jean Bagby in Oskaloosa, who died twenty-one years ago. Two children, May Francis Hamilton of Iowa City, Farris, Jr., of Des Moines, two sisters, Mrs. Maude Williams and Mrs. Hazel Williams, both of Des Moines; one brother, Richard Harris, Oskaloosa, and relatives survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, June 27th, at the Wilson Funeral Home, with Rev. Lee Garrett officiating. Interment at Glendale cemetery.

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