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ROBESON AMONG 27 WHO

File Two-Million Dollar Damage Suit

Charge Personal Injuries, Property Loss As Result Of Riots in Peekskill, N.Y.

New York (NNPA)—Paul Robeson and Howard Fast, the novelist, were among twenty-seven individuals who, with the Civil Rights Congress, filed a \$2,000,000 damage suit in the Federal District Court here last Thursday against two Westchester County veterans' organizations and fourteen state, county and Peekskill officials and veterans' leaders.

Clerk, and Herbert C. Gerlach, County Executive. Other defendants are John A. Gaffney, Superintendent of State Police; John W. Schneider, Mayor of Peekskill; Daniel F. Glasheen, captain of Troop K, State Police; Milton Flynt, commander of the American Legion, Peekskill Post 274; Cyril McDermott, commander of Guardian Post, Catholic War Veterans; John Zimmer, commander of Cortlandt Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Samuel Slutsky, commander of Peekskill Post, Jewish War Veterans, and Vincent Boyle, temporary chairman of the Veterans Junt Council and chairman of the Associated Veterans Council.

The plaintiffs charge personal injuries, property damage and deprivation of civil rights as a result of the rioting which took place incident to the Robeson concerts in the Peekskill area on August 27 and September 4.

Named among the defendants are the following Westchester officials: George M. Fanelli, District Attorney; Sheriff Fred W. Nusace; Leonard Rubenfeld, Assistant District Attorney; Robert J. Field, County

enjoyed "from a... of Crescent Beauty School... defendants in the suit. Under 14th Amendment O. John Rogge, former assistant United States Attorney General, who heads a battery of lawyers handling the suit, explained that the action was brought under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution and existing Federal civil rights statutes which provides that any person deprived of his (See Page FOUR)

Seventy Italians Reported Slain in Eritrea During Year

Rome, Italy (NNPA)—Count Carlo Sforza, Italian foreign minister, charged last Friday that more than seventy Italians had been killed in Eritrea during the past year while the colony has been under British military rule.

Eritrea, a former Italian colony in East Africa, was conquered by the Allies in 1941. Italy renounced her rights to the colony under her peace treaty. Britain is the occupying nation until final disposition of the colony is made by the commission representing the United States, Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia.

Count Sforza said the victims had been slain in attacks by the local population. He said he had appealed to Britain, France and the United States to take joint action against the "state of terrorism."

A dispatch from Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, said a dawn-to-dusk curfew was enforced by British authorities last Tuesday after a fresh outbreak of political violence. All Eritrean and Italian newspapers were suspended.

CLUB HAS PARTY

The Mary Church Terrell club No. 1 entertained at a Christmas party Dec. 18 at the home of Mrs. Nelle Esters. A dinner was served. Games were played.

DR. FEREBEE ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO EAT MORE APPLES



Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee, second from right, the acting director of Howard University Health Service, and newly elected president of the National Council of Negro Women,

encourages the students of the university to eat more apples for health's sake during this season when apples are in plentiful supply. She and three Howard students are

shown biting into delicious apples. Left to right are: Miss Telma Dorne, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Betty Holland, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Ferebee, and Miss Doris Early, Washington, D. C.—USDA Photo by Forsythe

News Briefs From Far and Near

OMEGA PSI PHI FRAT TO HOLD CONCLAVE IN CHICAGO, DEC. 28, 29, 30

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago is all ready to play host next week to what is expected to be the largest attended Greek-letter fraternity meeting in history when the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity holds its 36th grand convocation here December 28, 29 and 30.

\$100,000 ESTATE LEFT BY AGED NEGRO WOMAN IN FLORIDA

Miami, Fla. (Atlas)—Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, 92-year-old woman who died Sunday, left an estate valued at more than \$100,000, it was revealed with the filing of her will. The will, dated September 13, leaves the bulk of all her estate to a son, Arthur Clark. After his death, it goes to a grand son, Fred Allen.

Her personal property, including an automobile, furniture and many other valuable possessions were not included in the valuation of her estate, will go to her son, Arthur. A second son, Victor Clark, was not mentioned in the will.

Mrs. Thompson's friends and neighbors were remembered generously in specific bequests, to be paid at once. Three houses which she owned are to be given to the tenants after Arthur's death. The grocery store and barbecue stand will be turned over to a grand son and friends after his death.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA IN ATLANTA DEC. 28

Atlanta (NNPA)—Along with its heavy calendar of speakers and consideration of civil rights, the thirty-fifth general convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity here December 28 to 30 has a heavy social calendar.

On December 27, the Pan-Hellenic Council will give a reception at the Washington High Activities Building, which will be followed by a closed smoker for visiting Alpha men. A cabaret party, sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, will follow at the Royal Peacock club.

MASS MEETING JAN. 8 AT ST. PAUL CHURCH

The Iowa Emergency Civil Rights committee will hold a mass meeting Sunday, January 8, at 3 p.m., at St. Paul AME church. A. P. Trotter is chairman.

'NATIVITY' DEC. 24 AT KYLES CHURCH

The "Nativity" will be presented at Kyles AME Zion church Dec. 24, at 8 p.m., by the Young Women's Missionary Society. A short program will also be given by the Sunday School. The Christmas tree will be lighted and gifts will be exchanged.

GEORGE BOURNE HOLD RITES FOR

George Bourne, 13-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Bourne, 1047 Fifth avenue, died last Saturday at Broadlawn General hospital of a heart ailment.

Surviving besides his parents, is a brother, Michael. Services were held Tuesday at Estes Funeral home with burial in Glendale cemetery.

Scores of Other Violators Of Civil Rights Here Says Walker in Letter to Paper

Regarding handbills which were distributed recently in front of Katz Drug store, Kenneth Walker, 1418 Pleasant street, one of the plaintiffs who was refused service at the store's fountain because he was with some Negroes, has written a letter to the editor of the Bystander.

"It has recently come to my attention that two handbills were distributed on Sunday, December 9. One of these handbills was distributed in front of Katz drug store on Sunday, December 9, after, three days mind you, racial discrimination ended at Katz drug store. On this leaflet someone printed in glaring headlines 'Public Opinion Forced Katz to change his mind.' That is just about the greatest demonstration of tact and diplomacy that I could possibly imagine. It's one thing to finally win a victory and it's another thing to go provoking wrath and attracting attention.

Other Bill

"The other handbill put out on Center street called a 'Handkerchief head' and cast slurs inuendo's at the NAACP.

"It is rather obvious that the passer and concoctor of both these handbills had a personal malicious motive in striking back at someone they personally disliked. I think further, that the only reason these two leaflets were passed was solely to claim the entire victory in the name of two people.

"Everyone with two eyes and head knows that this victory at Katz was no single personal victory. Everyone from the NAACP to the lawyers and the sitters knows that in no single phase of this battle was

there just one person involved. "The thing that gets me about these latest handbills is that the authors and the distributors did not have the guts to print their actual names at the bottom of the tabloid. They signed the sheets by using the name 'The-Committee-to-End-Jim-Crow.' Actually, some issued this sheet with the idea that they were going to implicate everyone who had a part to end jim crow at Katz.

"This is not going to happen. Actually, as far as I know, there were only two of the eight plaintiffs, who filed suits against Katz, that had anything to do with this last affair of issuing two reprisal mimeograph sheets.

"We Who Are Sincere"

"We who are sincere in our campaign to make America free of racial persecution and jim crow are not going to waste our time and efforts in worrying about who's going to get the credit and taking spite out on everyone that we don't (See Page FOUR)

JACKIE ROBINSON GETS GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

New York (NNPA)—Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn Dodgers star second baseman, last Tuesday added another award to his fast growing collection.

Robinson received the Benny Leonard good sportsmanship trophy, awarded annually by the United States Maccabi Association and the Manishevitz Foundation to an outstanding sports figure "for courage, for fair play and for interest in humanity."

In accepting the gleaming gold trophy, Robinson said "the award should have been given to the fans of the National League who gave me the courage and backing to go on."

Robinson was chosen the National League's most valuable player this year and recently he was named the winner of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute's gold award for betterment of racial relations.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDDIES AT CROCKER Y FRIDAY

The Santa Claus will distribute gifts at the Crocker YMCA on Friday afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, at a kiddies party given by the Wilson Realty company, 901 12th street, and the Estes Funeral home. Christmas carols will be led by Mrs. Joburness Kelso. Mr. John Coleman will tell stories.

MRS. GEORGE MCKAY WINS REFRIGERATOR IN CROSBLEY CONTEST

Mrs. George McKay, 847 Fifteenth street, was awarded a 1950 Crosley Shelvador refrigerator in the recent Crosley's two million dollar contest. She entered the contest through Barnett's Furniture store here.

Her winning entry was judged by the Drake university class in retail merchandise, on points of neatness, originality and aptness of thought. Mrs. McKay, whose entry has been entered in the national Crosley contest, was interviewed on radio station KCBC and her winning statement read.

MRS. HEADSPETH TO CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Lilly Mae Headsbeth, daughter of Florence Campbell, left for Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.

To Represent Drake



MARGARET MCCRANEY

Miss Margaret McCraney, Drake university undergraduate, has been appointed to represent Drake on the Mademoiselle magazine College board. She is one of the 850 appointees from colleges all over the country. Miss McCraney will report campus news, fads and fashions in addition to completing three magazine assignments during the college year. She will also compete for one of the 20 guest editorships to be awarded by the magazine next June.

The guest editors will be brought to New York city for four weeks in June to help write and edit Mademoiselle's 1950 August college issue. The round trip transportation will be paid plus a regular salary for their work.

A 1947 graduate of Roosevelt High school, Miss McCraney is the daughter of Mrs. Alice McCraney, 1321 Ascension street.

DANIEL WEST STOPS HERE FOR VISIT

Daniel L. H. West, of Omaha, Neb., was in the city visiting Monday. He was enroute to Tennessee to spend the holidays with relatives.

Jurors Out 48 Hours in Klan Conspiracy Case Unable to Reach a Verdict

Rome, Ga. (NNPA)—A mistrial was declared last Saturday in the Ku Klux Klan flogging conspiracy charges against ten white men, when the all-male, all-white jury reported it had been unable to agree. The jury returned to the courtroom forty-eight hours after it received the case.

"A court never likes to have a mistrial, but it seems impossible to reach a verdict in this case," said Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper. The trial had occupied four weeks.

From H. B. Casey, the jury foreman, it was learned that the jurors stood 7 to 5 in favor of conviction of all ten defendants when they took their first ballot last Thursday. Not a single juror altered his vote in subsequent balloting.

Appear Relieved

The defendants, who had expected a quick acquittal, appeared relieved but not particularly elated by the outcome.

United States Attorney J. Ellis Mundy said the date of a new trial "hasn't even been discussed yet."

Unable to reach a verdict after deliberating more than twenty hours, the jury last Friday was sent to a hotel for the night.

Casey told Judge Hooper last Friday afternoon that "We have not made any progress since the first vote yesterday."

The jury also spent last Thursday night in the Greystone hotel after it was unable to reach a verdict in nearly seven hours of deliberation.

Before the jurors were given the case they were admonished by Judge

Hooper that "prejudice is dangerous and destructive" and "has no place in this trial."

Meanwhile, it was learned that the federal grand jury still investigating the flogging last April 7 of eight colored persons—the incident which resulted in this trial—had returned a contempt citation against an admitted Klansman.

It city Stanley D. White, who identified himself as "kligrath" of the Klan klavern at Rossville, Georgia, stating that he "positively refused and became completely evasive on all questions" concerning Klan membership and the flogging incident.

The grand jury asked Judge Hooper to take appropriate punitive action against White for his "misconduct." See EDITORIAL Page

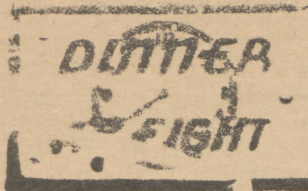
CANTATA AT BETHEL CHURCH SUNDAY AT 4:30

The Sunday School, junior and senior choirs of Bethel AME church are presenting a Christmas cantata, "Along the Christmas Way," Sunday, Dec. 25, at 4:30 p.m.

The pastor, Rev. John I. Thomas and choir will be on the Bethel Hour program Sunday evening, 8:30 o'clock, over radio station KWDM.

Revival Services By Three Churches Begin January 2

Union revival services will be held by Burns Methodist, Corinthian Baptist and St. Paul AME churches beginning January 2 for two weeks through Jan. 15, at the St. Paul church.



SOCIETY



MRS. LELA WARFIELD AND MR. RUFUS PARKER ARE WED IN HOME CEREMONY

Mrs. Lela Warfield, 127 Ridge, and Mr. Rufus Parker, 1470 E. 18th street, were married Sunday evening, December 18, at 5 o'clock at her home by the Rev. George A. Singleton.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of members of the family and a few friends. Mrs. Singleton attended the bride. Mr. Irwin White, son of Mrs. Parker, was best man.

Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Albert Rhodes played "The Rosary."

Mrs. Leo Jones was parlor hostess. Assisting her with the wedding dinner that followed were Mrs. Ruth White, and Misses Lela Bell, Annett and Jill White.

Other guests were: Messrs. Albert Rhodes, Jene Rhodes, Leo Jones.

Mrs. Parker, who has resided in Des Moines 28 years, is an active member of the St. Paul A.M.E. church, the Sewing Guild, and Oziel Chapter No. 9 of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mr. Parker, native of Selma, Ala., has lived here a number of years. A Mason and Odd Fellow, he is employed at the Savery hotel as house man. He is a member of the Union Baptist church.

The couple is at home at 127 Ridge street.

MRS. JESSIE DAVIS FOR LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Jessie Bell Davis left Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the holidays with her daughters, Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Josephine Alexander. She will be gone three weeks.

DAUGHTER BORN TO THE JAMES BOWMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bowman of 906 W. 16th street are the proud grandparents of a girl born Dec. 11 at Morgantown, West Va., to their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman of Marshall, Tex. The infant has been named Luida Susan.

The father has gone to Morgantown to spend the holidays with his new daughter and wife.

THE COPPERETTES HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Copperettes held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 16 at 1079 17th street. The members entertained their husbands and boy friends and exchanged gifts. The next business meeting will be with Mrs. Helen White, 913 Laurel on Dec. 30. Mrs. Mary Wells will be next hostess. Mrs. Mildred Johnson was appointed assistant treasurer at the last call meeting. Mrs. Erma Barber is reporter.

JOLLY S CLUB PLANS PARTY

The Jolly S club met December 16 at the home of Mrs. Murlan Taylor, 933 16th street. Plans were completed for an anniversary party to be held January 8. Games were played.

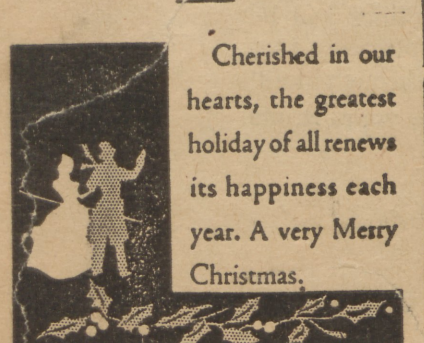
BOOK LOVERS HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Book Lovers club of the Y.W.C.A. held its annual Christmas dinner Dec. 16 at the home of Mrs. E. T. Scales. Visitors were Miss Dorothy Rutherford, Y.W.C.A. executive secretary; Mrs. Charles Henshaw, president of the Y.W.C.A. board and Miss Helen Boulware, assistant adult supervisor. Miss Rutherford told Christmas stories of other lands. Gifts were exchanged.

JOLLY 12 CLUB MEETS DEC. 23

The Jolly 12 club met December 15 at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas whose living room was decorated with three beautiful lamps, a birthday present from her husband. The club had many friends at the formal party, Saturday, December 17. An after party was at the home of Mrs. Juanita Barker.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clara Wade of 1036 17th street, Friday, December 23, at which time there will be an exchange of gifts. Mrs. Elvira Willis is reporter.



Cherished in our hearts, the greatest holiday of all renews its happiness each year. A very Merry Christmas.

The Bystander Staff

VOUGETTES HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

The annual Vougettes Christmas party for their children was held last Sunday afternoon at Central Y.W.C.A. Guests were: Carol Bettis, Lonnie Bibbins, Daryl Branhan, Ronnie Buckner, Frank Burks III, Larry and Janice Carter, Langston Hardaway, Jr., Frank Kaiser III, Leonard Madison, Jr., Marvin Moore, Mary Ette and Lowell Cooper, Vera, Billie and Norman Watkins, Belva Wright.

Mrs. Dorothy Bush Taylor is president of the club. Mrs. Ella Mae Burks is reporter.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ASKED TO BECOME NAACP V. P.

New York—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, a member of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1945, has been asked to become a vice-president of the organization in lieu of continuing her board membership.

Asserting that the pressure of her duties at the United Nations prevented regular attendance at board meetings, Mrs. Roosevelt, in a letter to Roy Wilkins, acting NAACP secretary, under date of November 18, repeated her suggestion, first made two years ago, that she should resign from the board.

OTTUMWA, IOWA

By MRS. B. M. HAYES
Ottumwa, Ia.—Last Friday Mrs. Ella Green died at her home, 449 S. Willard street. Born April 6, 1886 at Weston, Mo., Mrs. Greer was a member of Mt. Zion A.M.E. church and a resident of Ottumwa since 1895. Known by Ottumwans as "Mother" Greer, she had worked in some of the prominent places here, Hofman's and Liggett's drug stores, as a cook.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Edna Harding, Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Gene Bryson had a fall last Thursday but did not receive any fractures. She is confined to her home on Grove street. Mr. Harry Brown is much improved.

PERSONAL TOUCH



By Marie Ross

"Merry Christmas" greetings from Sunny Florida arrived this week from the Oval L. Carters, Des Moines residents who will spend the winter at Grand Island. About their recent motor trip they wrote:

"Our first day and a half of touring we spent through California, Hayti and Cuba—and still we were in Missouri. Just small towns by those names. Ha, Ha!

"Spent a night in Memphis, right on Third and Beale streets—and what a time the folk were having. Then a night in Montgomery, Ala. We went down on Monroe street where the Negro bright lights were. We stayed at a very nice tourist home on Jackson avenue. Alabama State College was right down a few blocks and quite a plant they have there—a nice walled in stadium and many fine buildings. Next day were in Florida and all was well."

One of the nicest Christmas cards in my mail this week bore this message: "May the true spirit of Christ be with you this Christmas day and throughout the New Year."

It was signed "Your Paper Boy." And, he is young William Shepard of 1025 Twelfth street, who is up before day these cold dark mornings and out through all kinds of weather, delivering the daily paper.

The George Clintons' new sun porch at 725 S. E. 26th street court is wearing quite an attractive holiday dress. At night when the Christmas lights go on the porch, Old Saint Nick, seated on the ledge of a picture window, can be seen for blocks away, pulling his four white reindeers. Lights from a Christmas tree in the background of the porch brighten the scene.

Since last June, the Clintons have been remodeling and redecorating their home which now has an added room for their 10-month-old son.

The kitchen of the home has new cupboards built around another picture window. The walls are finished in a delicate yellow; the floors in blue inlaid linoleum and blue drapes which Mrs. Clinton made, decorate

MISS HARRIS TO WED IN JANUARY



MISS SADYE ELLEN HARRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo E. Harris of 1516 Buchanan street announce the engagement of their daughter, Sadye Ellen, and Delbert Jones, son of Mrs. James D. Jones of 1421 East Eighteenth street. The couple will be married January 22.

Miss Harris, a graduate of East High school and Crescent School of Beauty Culture, is a junior student in the college of education at Drake university. She operates Sadye's Beauty Nook.

Mr. Jones, employed as a carpenter by the Kucharo Construction and Associates, is a member of the Masonic lodge, the junior branch of the NAACP, and a veteran of World War II.

The bathroom has been given the latest in fixtures and furnishings.

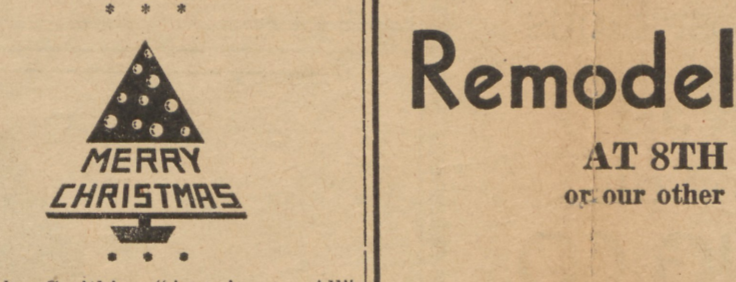
The Clintons, who have two daughters, 8, and 4 years old, are quite happy and though the parents are proud of their redecoration and remodeling program, the kiddies will be hanging up their stockings an expecting a visit from Santa Claus on Saturday night.

If you find a moment for reading this holiday week end, select Ebony magazine's January issue, and do a bit of browsing. Among the features is a picture story on "slim, suave and semi-bald Herman Chittison, probably America's most-listened-to jazz pianist. Each week some 14,000,000 Americans who form the audience of 'Crime Photographer,' one of radio's most successful detective dramas, are both excited and soothed by the beguiling pianist whose nostalgic melodies played with fine feeling and restraint provide the atmospheric charm for the 'Blue Note Cafe,' Ebony informs.

Another newsboy who is anxious for his patrons to be wished a "merry Christmas" is Frederick (Fritz) Jackson.

Chicago—Negro notables voting on "What Men Notice About Women" in January Ebony, indicate an overwhelming preference for eye-catching hips.

Among those voting in the Ebony SEASON'S GREETINGS If you want good Bar-B-Q Come to the End of the Road Bar-B-Q SANDWICHES DINNERS 1544 East University Avenue GEORGE WILLIAMS, Prop.



Jack Smith's "Americans All" broadcast over radio station KWDM has been receiving some nice comments from listeners, many of whom are too busy to drop the station a line.

Most appropriate was his December 12th broadcast when his script gave highlights of the old time minstrel days. From his script was a bit of minstrel show history.

"Plantation minstrels were probably seen for the first time by white performers who used to ply their show boats up and down the Mississippi river. Dan Emmett, the white minstrel who wrote 'Dixie' brought the first version of the Negro minstrel show to New York in 1843. It was headed by an all-white cast. Negroes, themselves, did not enter the area of minstrelsy until after Emancipation. They, too, adopted the use of burnt cork, thickened, highly painted lips, and gay costumes. Thus they became an imitation of the white minstrels, who, in turn, were an imitation of the Southern plantation Negro.

"Today, we no longer have the minstrels, as a theatre form, with us. They are gone—and forever. And that may be just as well. Nothing did more to fix and create a definite Negro stereotype in the mind of the American public. A

NAACP Appoints New Committees for 1950

The Des Moines branch of the NAACP, Atty. Luther T. Glanton, president, appointed the following committees for the new year: housing, Robert Crossley; community co-ordination, Rev. E. Lloyd Jemison; program, Mrs. Bernice Black Gaines; education, LaMar T. Ellis; press-publicity, Mrs. Guy E. Greene; labor and industry, John S. Coleman; legislation, James B. Morris, Sr.; finance, Goldie T. Fant, Rev. W. H. Wheeler; legal redress, Atty. H. T. McKnight; veterans, Atty William Parker; entertainment, Mrs. George C. Morris; hospital, Mrs. Samuel C. Miller, Mrs. Arnold Bannister; registration and voting, Mr. William Bell, Mrs. Helen D. Beshers; membership chairman and youth advisor will be announced.

Attorney Glanton was elected delegate to attend the Congress in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 15-17, when the civil rights bill is scheduled to come up.

poll and whose comments on what appeals most to them are:

Joe Louis, Billy Eckstine, Lester B. Granger, A. Clayton Powell, Jr., Duke Ellington, Ezzard Charles, Langston Hughes, Canada Lee, Louis Armstrong, E. Simms Campbell, Nat "King" Cole, James Edwards, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Bill Kenny, Phil Moore, and Earl "Fatha" Hines.

'FINIAN'S RAINBOW' TO BE FILMED

By DAVID BETHEA
New York (Atlas)—When the hit musical became the rave on Broadway in 1947, there was little film interest, largely because of a considerable portion of it hinged on the transformation of a hide-bound southern congressman into a Negro. This of course was considered taboo since this would eliminate any showing below the Mason & Dixon line.

With the advent of "Home of the Brave" and "Pinky," which are showing in the South, film compan-

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ies have hurriedly revived their interest in "Finian. When it is made into a film, it is believed that the aim of keeping the white-to-Negro transformation in the picture version, will be one of the reasons E. Y. Harburg, who wrote the lyrics and co-authored the book is insisting on a final approval of the scripting. This factor has interrupted momentarily, the negotiations of the screen rights.

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REPUBLICANS USE GOOD JUDGMENT HERE

Meeting in Des Moines this week, the Republican State Central Committee has reversed the action taken last summer when it passed a resolution asking National Chairman Harrison Spangler to resign.

The Bystander had not commented on the action heretofore because it concluded that the move was ill conceived, poor politics and could serve no useful purpose.

Then too, the Bystander knows that the Republican party is in no shape to engage in a knockdown and drag out internal scrap.

It is apparent that Chairman Gilliland thought so too for he was one of those who changed his position since the summer meeting.

Now that this apparent settlement of difficulties has been achieved, those in position to get both sides together should do so and achieve a real understanding between the two camps.

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season is here and judging from the crowds swarming the shops, most people are going to have a merry time.

The public in America has become fully conscious that each citizen owes it to himself to help in the task of making life more pleasant at holiday periods for everybody.

If peace on earth between nations and men were as secure as the chance of everyone in America enjoying a good Christmas, we could truly say "Peace on earth, good will toward men", but we can't in spite of the fact that the shooting war for us stopped more than four years ago.

It is pretty hard to say just where we are headed. Everybody seems in a dither, jittery and laboring under great pressure.

But one thing is sure and that is most intelligent people are seeking to do the best thing for the good of most people.

Certainly, the world has gone ahead in many respects during 1949, and for this reason there is joy, if not peace, in most lands.

The word goes out that Congress will not tackle President Truman's civil rights program until February. It looks as if the leaders are waiting to see just how much pressure the big gathering designed to put the heat on Congress will bring to Washington in January and which is being built up by state organizations of the NAACP and other groups today.

KENNETH WALKER WRITES

See FRONT Page. happen to like. That is just childishness, but it gets to the stage of malice when the instigator of this spitefulness tries, by thought association to attack every sympathetic person to the cause of Americanism for their own personal and petty differences.

"In short, I just want to say that I had nothing to do with the dispersion of the leaflet issued in front of Katz after jim crow ended or—the one put on Center street.

"Those of us vitally interested in the genuine cause, and not just what personal glory we can get out of it are determined to strive and let the quizzings fall along the wayside.

"I personally commend Attorneys C. P. Howard, Luther T. Glanton, and Henry T. McKnight for their unselfish and professional services rendered in this history at Katz. I feel that the ability of the lawyers played a tremendous part in the consummation of a prolonged battle at Katz drug store.

"The victory is won at Katz—but there are scores of other violators and this program of securing human

dignity is just beginning. The drive to obtain civil rights will be extended to hotels, bowling alleys and every alley of civil privation.

"Let no selfish interest or person deter us in our drive and enthusiasm to obtain American liberties. Truly the fight has just begun.—Sincerely Yours, Kenny Walker."

KU KLUX KLAN

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The grand jury also, in an unusual gesture, passed a series of resolutions commending the prosecutor, United States Attorney Mundy, his three assistants, and eight FBI agents headed by George Dillar, for their "splendid" work in investigating the flogging and their conduct in prosecuting the case.

Four hours of southern style oratory, replete with references to the Bible, the Constitution, Communism, and pure Anglo-Saxon blood, was unrolled upon the jury last Wednesday.

United States Attorney Mundy and his special assistant, Raymond Martin, called for convictions, arguing that overwhelming evidence had been produced to show that the defendants conspired with the Ku Klux mob.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES

St. Paul is in beautiful Christmas dress, the work of Trustee-Steward Lester Benning. Pastor George A. Singleton was back in the pulpit after an absence of two weeks.

Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Estes Sr. and John Estes, Jr. Jack Copeland, home from Iowa university; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson. Out-of-town visitors were Mrs. Tina Thompson of Ft. Worth, Texas and Mrs. Edith Thompson of Birmingham, Ala.

The "Singleton Singers" a chorus composed of juveniles from six to twelve years of age, under the direction of Mrs. Alberta Williams, sang Christmas carols, on this their public appearance.

At six o'clock Atty. S. Joe Brown, was guests speaker before the recently re-organized Allen Christian Endeavor League, giving the history of the beginning of the A.M.E. church.

A portrait drawn by the late Mrs. Cornelia Graves, the aunt of Donald Graves, the president of the league, adorns the front wall of the meeting room.

Christmas at St. Paul. The festivities of the holiday season at St. Paul, will begin Saturday night when the Sunday School will have its Christmas tree and program.

At three p.m., the Singleton Singers, under the direction of their supervisor, Mrs. Gertrude North, will present a Christmas pageant in three acts and at the 7 o'clock hour the Junior Choir will render a special Christmas program.

Grand Master Visits Des Moines Masons

Mr. L. J. Henry of Davenport, most worshipful grand master, made his official visit to North Star and Doric lodges of this city in joint session last Saturday evening.

In order to see the working of both lodges in the one session he had the lodge opened by Clyde Humbard, worshipful master of Doric, and closed by James Rhone of North Star.

In a lecture, Mr. Henry called the attention of the members who are parents "to the woeful neglect of moral teaching in the homes of today" and made special reference to the moral situation at Iowa university, where his daughter is a student.

Other Grand officers at this meeting were Past Grand Masters S. Joe Brown and Paul D. Goodloe and Deputy Grand Secretary, T. M. Kelley, Sr.

SISTER OF MR. CARSON DIES IN ST. LOUIS; BURIED IN SLATER. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Carson returned home Saturday from Slater, Mo., where they attended, Dec. 17, the funeral of Mr. Carson's sister, Mrs. Lucille Carson Brown of St. Louis, Mo. She died on Dec. 13. Accompanying the Carsons were Mrs. Maxine Watkins and son, Clifford, Jr., and Mr. B. N. Hyde. Mrs. Brown was Mr. Hyde's cousin.

HEALTH FOR ALL

GOOD HEALTH FOR CHRISTMAS

"When you're planning your Christmas gifts, may we recommend good health?" said the Iowa State Department of Health. "It's something you can't package, and it's something that can't be bought, but perhaps you are in a position where you can give it away.

Have you and the members of your family had a medical examination this year? Are you following doctor's orders if you did? Can you truthfully say that you're doing everything you can to keep your body in good condition? Good health can be the result of following health rules. It's good health which gives us the energy to do the extra things in life—to enjoy those extras which light up our daily existence.

Sometimes an extra hour of sleep each night makes the difference of whether you have good health. Sometimes a few more vegetables, an extra serving of fruit, or another glass of milk each day will make the difference.

If you have a family, give your children the gift of well-planned meals, day after day. Don't forget about giving them good breakfasts every day, too. Careful selection of foods provides for proper maintenance.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

With the year drawing to its finish, we can think back and recall a lot of thrills, chills and other sensations that went with it.

The thing that has always been a source of pride to us has been the way in which the Hilltop Tennis club handled the district meet, and the way in which the leading players in this section cooperated. There then was never any mention of race. Unless one knew the players, he would never be able to designate one race from another by their actions or by what was said. The only problem we have tried to solve is the one involving the best tennis player of the group.

The battles waged by the Olympian Club and this corner to get Negro officials in the Golden Gloves bouts and the Drake Relays, and the attending success were good stories. Walter Thompson and Frank Robinson became the first Negro officials in Relays history. It goes without saying that both men were a credit to the group in which they served.

Your illustrious scribbler was fortunate enough to get to serve as time-keeper at the Golden Gloves, thus breaking the ice for Negro officials in this meet also. We also had the

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YONDER SHINES THE STAR

Yonder shines the star, That shone in David's town; Sweetly sang the shepherds, When the joy came down. All the bells were ringing,— Christ is born today;

Holy little Jesus, In the manger lay. Tell again the story, Ring the bells today; A little child shall lead them,— Along the weary way. All the world grows weary,

Jesus lights the way; The manger lifts its echo,— 'Round the world today. Sweetly sang the shepherds, Peace be unto thee;— Yonder shines the star, Down on—even weary me. Manuel S. Pickett, Des Moines, Ia.

Cowles, Harlan Miller, Wakonda, and Waveland, and just any place else where there happened to be a weatherproof court, found tournament players on them. Then Negroes ran the show from start to finish without a hitch or any sign of discontentment.

The trip to Chicago for the Ezzard Charles-Joe Walcott championship fight ranked high on our list. We didn't know that the Chicago Stadium had so many offices and ways out of and into them before.

The test of our patience and perseverance before we finally were given our press ticket on which we had to pay a tax that was equal to ring-side seat prices at a lot of less important fights, but was cheap for this one. We were amazed at the color of Walcott. Just about every picture that we had ever seen of him pictured him as being a dark man.

Imagine our surprise when a rather reddish brown Negro climbed through the ropes that night. We saw six bouts that night and two fights out of the ring, and nobody got knocked down in any of the brawls in or out of the ring. So far as we know, nobody in Chicago got knocked down that night.

We recall our sly amusement at the way Buck Scott would reach up and pull his cap down over his eyes, look around as if to say, "Ready," and ease up the road when it came his turn to drive. No matter how soundly he appeared to be sleeping, he would let you know when the car was doing more than sixty five. How he could tell, we never did find out.

We got quite a bang out of the way the young kids played basketball in the Crocker Y leagues. They played so hard and were so busy trying to outscore their opponents that they didn't have very much time to squabble. The older fellows could have done well to have followed their example. But they didn't fuss much, at least not seriously. The Esquires vowed to make us eat our words when we predicted that the Little Renns would be league champs. They scrambled the Renns two out of three games and asked us how we liked it. This year we won't predict anything that might make them mad again. They might not take it out on their opponents.

Heading the list of newly formed clubs is the Keystone Club with Bill Parker as president. Herman Wadsworth, recording secretary; Jimmy Paine, corresponding secretary, and Irvin White, vice president. This club will be heard from before many months have rolled around. Their dinner for the East High football team rated special mention.

More of the year's happenings next week.

FILE SUITS

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civil rights or suffering personal or property damage as the result of a

conspiracy of state officers, individuals or organizations, may sue for damages for such injuries or deprivation of civil rights.

The complaint states that on August 27 at the Lakeland picnic ground near Cortlandt, in Westchester County, the plaintiffs and many other citizens assembled at a public meeting and concert under the sponsorship of the People's Artists, Inc., for the benefit of the Civil Rights Congress to hear a recital by Mr. Robeson.

Prior to the time of the meeting, the complaint adds, the defendants met and conspired to prevent the holding of such public assembly and meeting.

"They planned and conspired to organize a purported veterans' parade," the complaint alleges, "under the guise of which they planned to cause a mob to be gathered which would disrupt, disperse and prevent the assembly by any and all means within their power, including illegal force and violence."

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for their cards, flowers and other courtesies extended me during my hospitalization. I am convalescing at home.

—Mrs. Reba Dean, 5247 Prairie Ave., C/O Rush, Chicago, Ill.

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