Magistrate Was Surpised at the Name of Murphy

Sayler Puzzled at Appearance of Colored Man with Irish Name.

WILL START CIVIL ACTION IN CASE

AFRO Treasurer Not Satisfied with Verdict.

When the case of John Murphy, operation manager of the AFRO-AMERICAN, against Charles Schoomaker, white, of 1720 Thomas Avenue, was called in Part 3 of the traffic court yesterday, Judge Sayler expressed surprise that the former should be named Murphy and said that he would have been equally surprised had he been called Petrushansky or some other name characteristic of another race.

Testimony was offered by Mr. Murphy that he was going north on Madison Avenue on Friday, December 20, about 11 p.m. and was struck by the car of the Schoomaker woman, who approached Madison Avenue from McCulloh Street, and turned the Murphy car completely over. His testimony was corroborated by his brother, Attorney Arnett Murphy, who was sitting on the front seat, and also by Alvin Stanley, who witnessed the accident from the corner of Madison Avenue and Prestman Street.

$300 Damage

His car was damaged to the extent of nearly $300, while the Schoomaker car was barely scratched.

A white taxicab driver declared that he was bound south on Madison Avenue and stopped on the north side of Prestman Street to allow the Schoomaker woman's car to pass.

The Schoomaker woman testified that she saw the taxicab bearing down on her left and that she also stopped on the south side of Prestman Street.

Thurgood Marshall, attorney for Mr. Murphy, questioned her and asked if she saw the car to the left and stopped, when did she look to the right and when did she see the car owned by Mr. Murphy approaching. She replied that she did not see the car at all and did not know anything until she felt the a jolt, and that the Murphy car fenders hooked into her bumper and turned itself over.

Not Speeding

There was no testimony that the Murphy car was speeding. Mr. Murphy testified that his machine was smashed on the rear left side and it was testified that Mrs. Schoomaker failed to reduce her speed at the intersection, failed to give the rights of way, failed to show her driver's license or registration card when asked to do so, and failed to take Mr. Murphy to the hospital.

Judge Sayler, however, dismissed Mrs. Schoomaker, stating that he believed Mr. Murphy was speeding, on th eground that his car was overturned. The magistrate stated that the typewritten damage estimate presented from the Walter Scott Company for repairs, looked like a "dreamaker's bill."

The AFRO treasurer gave notice that he would file civil action in the case. He was confined to his bed for nearly two weeks following the accident. Two AFRO newsboys were riding in the back seat of his machine when the accident occurred.

Has Birthday

MILES W. CONNOR, who will celebrate his birthday Thursday, January 16. Mr. Connor is principal of Coppin Teachers' College here.

Ballo. Delegates to Cleveland to Push Work Here

Local Group Will Organize Fight on Discrimination.

PLAN TO CALL IN MANY OTHER GROUPS

To Also Organize Against War Threat.

Inspired by the success of the Third National Conference against War and Fascism which convened last week in Cleveland, the thirty-two Baltimore delegates met Thursday evening to lay plans for their future activities.

The delegation, which comprised every racial and national group here will enter its work on forming a united front movement to work towards wiping out segregation and all forms of racial discrimination in this community.

Against War

Another of its main objectives will be to join the world-wide fight to halt war, and especially to throw America on the side of world peace. It will also fight to prevent the rise of a ku klux or fascist rule in the United States.

Members of the Baltimore delegation recounted the close call they had when the bus in which they were riding all but crashed off a mountain highway near Cantner, Pa. The bus, failing to negotiate the sharp turn, tore through the road guard, tearing away two of the posts and coming to a stop with the front of the machine sticking over the edge of a sharp decline.

Had the bus gone over it would have probably turned over and over many times before smashing with its passengers in a small ravine at the bottom of the incline.

In the semi-darkness, however, the closeness of the call was not generally realized until the passengers were let out through the back of the car. Another bus was provided in which the delegates proceeded on to Pittsburgh and then to Cleveland.

Mrs. Lewis on Board

The Baltimore delegation also had two of their number elevated to the national executive board of the league. They were Mrs. Edward S. Lewis, who headed the women's commission at the conference, and William N. Jones, who represented the professional commission.

The twenty racial and national groups represented at the conference outlined a program in which they would unite in an effort to prevent racial discrimination in any form. In summarizing the work of the national minorities commission, Henry S. Wise, son of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, emphasized that each group must recognize that its own protection depends upon wiping out every racial and national discrimination.

While picketing a local theatre in protest against the production of "The Red Salute," a group of young delegates were rounded up by police, who just missed Elmer Henderson, Morgan College student of Baltimore. Several white delegates were not so fortunate and spent a short while at a police station, where they say they were served ice cream. All taken into custody were later released.

Wide Representation

Among members of the colored groups serving on the national minorities commission were Edward S. Lewis, Maude White, Manning Johnson, William N. Jones, James W. Ford, James T. Whitney, Richard B. Moore and others.

The racial and national groups represented by delegates on the commission included Jews, Italians, Germans, Indians, Chinese, Poles, Armenians, Scandinavians and others.

In summarizing the work of this commission, Chairman Wise emphasized that each group must recognize that its own protection depends upon wiping out every form of racial and national discrimination and that it must be done in a vigorous fight of all groups working together.

Leads Women

Mrs. Edward S. Lewis, of the Baltimore delegation, emerged as the leader of the women's commission at the conference. She was also named on the national executive board.

Elmer Henderson, another member of the Baltimore delegation who participated in the youth commission, was also named to the national board.

Among the colored delegates registered at the conference were the following:

The Rev. R. L. Loftin, of the M.E. Church, Rev. William Thomas Ingram, Rev. of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cleveland; James W. Ford, Central Committee, Communist party, New York; James A. Whitney, Cincinnati N.A.A.C.P.; Mrs. Sarah J. Greene, Newark, N.J.; M. H. Wickman, Philadelphia; Albert Crawford, Salem, N.J.; T. Bell, Toledo; Edward S. Lewis, Baltimore; William N. Jones, Baltimore; Elmer Henderson, Baltimore; Samuel Beagle, Pittsburgh; N. Bell, Crearbro, Pittsburgh; B. Herrin, Mrs. Fannie Herrin, Cleveland.

School Teachers Plan Varied Collection For New Library

A collection of books, art pieces, music and magazines by or about colored persons will be presented by Baltimore teachers to the Professional Library at the Administration Annex, Wednesday, as a feature of the National Negro History Week.

Composing the committee of teachers of the social studies who have been appointed by Francis M. Wood, director of schools, to assist in the solicitation of the material for the section are:

Ralph Beckling, Sr., chairman; Miss Mabel B. Locke, secretary; Luther C. Mitchell, Miss Grace H. Jacobs, Mrs. Odell W. Payne, Miss Edith D. Myers, and Miss Veronica Woodard.

Safety Council Makes Drive in School 125

A musical was held by the special classes of the Henry Winter Davis School 125, at the Wednesday assembly at 1:15 under the direction of James Gaskins, instructor.

A special drive is being made at the school by the Safety Council to cut down accidents. We do not run throughout the building, so and from classes, and in and out of the building.

Accidents due to haste have been cited as pointing a need toward the adoption of precautions in the everyday walking habits of the group. Crystal Brown is the president of the Council and Milton Q. Dorsey is teacher advisor. Mrs. Daisy Keets is assistant advisor.

Two instructors are temporarily absent from school, Mrs. Louise Sheppard and Mrs. Gladys Antoinin.

Four Arrested in $75 Clothes Theft

Clothing valued at $75 was stolen from Joseph Romis, white, of the 1100 block of Orleans Street, Wednesday, and police of the Northeastern district are holding four men in connection with the theft.

Those held will be given a hearing on January 17, and they are listed on dockets as:

James Ruff, 18, 1205 St. Matthew Street; Stuart Cooper, 22, 922 N. Bond Street; Vernon Powell, 16, 938 Wolfe Street, and Ernest Wright, 22, 1418 Ashland Avenue

It Happened This Way—

Two-Hour Term

An alleged request that he be arrested was granted Louis Chin, a 60-year-old Chinese cook, Tuesday, at the Northwestern police station by Magistrate Harry M. Fine, white.

According to police, Chin went into the office of the Baltimore Emergency Relief Commission and engaged in an argument about relief.

Meeting with a demand for quiet on the part of a policeman, Chin is alleged to have said, "Go ahead and lock me up."

The magistrate imposed a sentence of two hours in a cell at the Northwestern station house when Chin declared that he never had been arrested before and did not want to be jailed then.

On hearing his sentenfe he asked the magistrate what time it was.

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No Second Glance

Throughout his lifetime George Zelmer, 524 W. Saratoga Street, he had rarely given things a second glance.

Now, between the sheets at Franklin Square Hospital, he realizes that it is better to look twice before acting once.

Zelmer and James Gale, who lives at that Saratoga Street house also, were engaged in a fight when Gale appeared to be reaching for something in a back pocket.

Taking one glance only, Zelmer made a blind flight from the scene of action and ran into an automobile driven by R. Baumgardner, white, of the 3800 block of Granada Avenue.

No traffic violation was lodged against the driver but Zelmer was taken to the hospital for treatment of a spinal fracture and a sprain of the left elbow.

Gale was arrested and taken to the Western police station where he will be given a hearing on charges of assault and disorderly conduct on January 13.

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Bathtub Mystery

Cleanliness is next to Godliness, believes Lieut. Edward Hitzelberger, chief of the Northwestern police station, but when five bathtubs disappeared from vacant houses in the latter part of December he decided that there was some dirty work afoot.

Following an investigation, the lieutenant arrested four men who admitted taking the tubs and were held for the action of the grand jury when they also admitted that they did not necessarily need the bathtubs in the stolen property.

Two white junk dealers, who were charged with receiving the tubs, were dismissed. Fines of $1 and costs each were imposed, however, on charges of failing to keep a record of purchases made.

The men charged with taking the tubs gave their names as: James Williams, 23, 1229 N. Carey Street; Dubroy Hill, 28, 2121 Madison Avenue; Randolph Thomas, 26, 719 N. Carrollton Avenue; and Sunny Oliver, 32, 1118 Madison.

The white men identified themselves as Max Glidden, 32, 2518 Park Heights Avenue; and John Perry, 46.

Tzars, Not Reds, Drove Religion Out of Russia, Editor Tells Preachers

Answering the question, "What Happened to Religion in Russia?" William N. Jones, of the AFRO-AMERICAN staff, told the A.M.E. Preachers' Conference that the Tzarist regime drove the church out of the land of the people long before the Bolsheviists drove out the Tzars, in an address before that body, Monday.

"The old Russian rulers," said the speaker, "so prostituted the State controlled church by making it their tool to help oppress and exploit the people that it became as hated as the rulers themselves were, and when they booted out the rulers they also booted out the corrupt church leaders.

No Religion

"All of the real religion in the Orthodox Greek Church had been driven out and what the revolutionary leaders found was a religious organization supported by the blood money wrung from the sweat and toil of an ignorant peasantry."

"It would have been impossible," he said, "for any new order to have so easily uprooted a religion that had any hold on the hearts of Russia's 160,000,000 people."

Many of the great cathedrals in Russia today have been converted into anti-religious museums, while some of the fine old edifices are being used as warehouses.

Across some of them is the Lenin inscription, "Religion is the Opium of the People."

New Religion

Calling attention to the marked similarity between the developments directly following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ when His followers began to build around his teachings a new religion, and that of the new system of human relations being developed in Soviet Russia, Mr. Jones stated that it was not hard to discern a similar worship of Lenin.

No one could be in Russia a week without observing the growing spiritual reverence around and about the bier of the Communist leader in Red Square. Soviet Russia will never call its new system a religion, but all the elements of worship and reverence are there.

"It is a question in my mind," Jones stated, "whether or not that the real objective of Jesus Christ and His disciples who picketed the temple in Jerusalem and drove the money changers out, and who told the rich young men to go give his money back to those from whom he had taken it, did not really have in mind the setting up here on earth of a Communist form of government.

"At any rate, the reactionary rulers of his time and the corrupt church under the domination of Rome thought he meant to inspire a revolution, and they executed him on Calvary.

Next Generation

"With the next generation being so thoroughly moulded in the new Soviet mold, there is little chance for any of the modern forms of church organizations to ever get a foothold in Russia, despite the fact that there are many religious minded older people there."

Following Mr. Jones's talk, the Rev. H. I. Hertzfelt, who has been in Russia on several occasions, spoke on "Russia of Yesterday." The talks were followed by a lively discussion in which the Revs. Joseph Gwynn, C. C. Ferguson, W. A. Stewart and President B. G. Dawson took part.

On next Monday, the Rev. John Brown will speak on "The Attitude of the New Pastor."

$176.40 Reported in NAACP Sale of Yule Seals

A total of $176.40 was gained from the sale of N.A.A.C.P. Christmas seals for the Baltimore branch, it was learned this week at a meeting of the Baltimore branch of the association.

The sale was under the direction of Mrs. Josiah Diggs, one of the vice presidents of the branch.

At the meeting it was announced that on Tuesday of next week a general meeting of the association will be held at Enon Baptist Church, Park Avenue near Dolphin Street.

Recital Planned

On Tuesday, February 11, John Varney, radio announcer and his wife, Mrs. Mabel Varney, will be featured in a recital at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street. Mrs. Varney plays the musical saw.

The report on the sale of seals is: Mrs. Lillie Jackson, $2; Mrs. Mary Rodman, $1; Miles W. Connor, $1; Dr. D. M. Rhetta, $1; Miss Nina Roberts, $1; Miss Elizabeth Johnston, $2; Dr. J. A. White, $1; Dr. Edward Wheatley, $1; Dr. John Stanley, $1.

Dr. Charles Wesley, $1.30; Mrs. Augusta Dassett, $1.30; Dr. T. W. Kerr, $1; Mrs. S. P. Diggs, $2; Mrs. Bertha Proctor, $1.35; Dr. J. Thomas, $2; Dr. A. Smith, $1; Mrs. Fannie Johnson, 75 cents; the Rev. Ward D. Yerby, $1.

Miscellaneous, $1; the Rev. J. P. Colbert, $1; Mrs. Jeannette Boyer, $1; the Rev. Frederick Douglas, $2; Cato Angerson, $1; D. A. Murphy, $2; Miss Irma Smith, $6.

Mrs. Geraldine Tongue, $3.70; Miss Marion Jackson, $2; Miss Annabelle Vaney, $2.05; William Jackson, $2; Clifton Bryant, $2; J. Howard Cook, $2; Mrs. George Mitchell, $1.66.

John Haywood, Jr., $1.38; Miss Ray Carson, $1.32; Miss Bettie Shelia, $1.20; Mrs. Geneva Wood, $1; Dr. Louise Young, $1; Emory Cole, $1; Miss Birdie Diggs, $1; Calvin Parker, $1.

Maceo Howard, $1; Mrs. Florence Snowden, $3.10; Calvert County, $12; Miss Lillie M. Jackson, $10.81; George Mitchell, $2; Miss Ruth Jackson, $2; Mrs. Ethel Lotbery, $2.

Arthur Jones, $4; the Rev. R. P. Coates, $2; Howard Murphy, $2; Dr. George Allen, $3; Dr. Ralph Young, $3; George Murphy, Sr., $2; the Rev. C. C. Brown, $2; Miss Emelia Pettigen, $2; Harry T. Pratt, $2; Dr. Melville E. Stewart, Sr., $2; Archibald Gaddis, $2; Thurgood Marshall, $2; the Rev. R. L. White, $2; Dr. J. B. Weaver, $2.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Jr., $2, and Howard Cornish, $2.50.

Five Go from School 125 to Vocational

Five pupils of the Henry Winter Davis School 125, will matriculate at the Vocational School, Lafayette and Carrollton Avenues, when they graduate from the 6A class of Milton A. Dorsey, vice principal, in February.

These five are: Mary Williams, Catherine Merrick, Mamie Spencer, Regina Wilson and James Randall.

Urban League Secretary Finds Anti-War Meeting Significant

Edward S. Lewis Comments on Human Angles of Cleveland Conference Against War and Fascism.

By EDWARD S. LEWIS

Significant was the United States Congress Against War and Fascism which met in Cleveland last week. It represented the beginning of a fusion of determined minority groups in America in a united fight against war and the totalitarian state.

The American Legion brought all the pressure it could command on city officials to prevent Cleveland's entertaining the conference, but to no avail. Cleveland has a tradition of liberalism, however; which triumphed in the clash. The outing for the congress in the famous Cleveland auditorium, was ideal.

Unusual Features

There were several unusual features of the congress from our angle. When Langston Hughes arose to make his speech, he received a tremendous ovation and the whole audience of 12,000 people stood up. In one of the youth commission meetings the executive secretary was reading a report, when Angelo Herndon walked in. There was a spontaneous demonstration, the like of which have never seen before and, mind you, but for a dozen delegates, the audience was white.

Herndon has an extraordinary personality. He is a militant, courageous fighter for peace and his historical case has aroused public opinion everywhere his da ferme. I was mistaken for Mr. Herndon several times and a number of white persons asked me to point him out to them because they were interested in meeting him. One of them was the leader of the Vallonia Village Movement in Wisconsin.

Most Deep Interest

Again our delegates were brought into prominence when they were asked to come to the stage at the Sunday morning session and sing the spirituals, "Ain't Goin' to Study War No More." While the veterans of past wars stood on the opposite side of the platform. Certainly no opportunity was lost by this group to indicate its deep interest in the race problems, as well as those of all minority groups. If there is any one thing which characterized the whole conference, it was the earnestness of all of the delegates. Some of them could scarcely speak English, but they all seemed cognizant of the impending crisis, which may wreak the vengeance first on the under-privileged and minority groups.

Unfortunately, there were relatively few of our people present for such an important gathering. In Cleveland, where colored citizens boast about their city and the progress that they are making, less than half a dozen persons were present for the sectional meetings I attended. I talked to several white Clevelanders about this and that it was impossible to get colored school teachers, lawyers, doctors or social workers interested in this movement.

Not Against Jews

Our average citizen who has no concept of security regardless of the category, seems to be wrapped up entirely in his own salvation rather than in that of the masses of the people. Of course this is not purely a racial phenomenon. The most violent reaction of the conference was against Hearst, a non-Jewish journalist, who is undoubtedly one of the worst reactionaries in the country. He would appear ently be one of the first to support a regime which would persecute his own people. The Jewish people I talked to have no illusions about this menace and they are using all the resources at their command to fight his influence.

There was also present in the minorities group section a sizeable representation of Jewish boycotts. In fact, I was told that one of the women representatives who was asked to come to the platform, represented the richest organization of Jewish women in the country. At least we must give this group credit for trying to find out more about basic issues than our own group, who seem to be curiously apathetic.

Striking Address

One of the most striking addresses at the conference was delivered by the son of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who was chairman of the national minorities section. In a dramatic summary he said:

"We must realize that the persecution of Jewish people by the Nazis in Germany is not a Jewish problem, but a German problem, and by the same token, the persecution and exploitation of Negroes in America is not the Negro's problem but the problem of the white man."

Unfortunately, a large number of us are still under the illusion that our problems can be put in a separate category and must be worked out in some miraculous manner, in a vacuum. Conferences of this kind, however, cannot but have the utter futility of combating crucial, world wide problems like war and fascism with anything save a group of united people and, believe me, it is going to be no easy task to unite them. Such efforts will be marked by subterfuge of all descriptions."

One of the speakers aptly said: "After all, this issue is not the cry of the 'reds' but a cry for bread. Surely we should be in the vanguard of this movement.

Smith and His Buddies

HELLO, BUDDIES:—

Say, Buddies, what about the way Jack Smith is in? Did it come in like a blizzard or did it not? Today, Thursday, it is raining, sleeting and snowing and the dog days are over. The press is "all cleaned off. That is the Washington edition for those hustling Washington Buddies. In a few minutes our truck will be speeding away with 14,000 AFRO for those Washington newspaper boys. In spite of the rain, the Buddies in the good old AFRO spirit will be standing side and with boots and buttons, take to the streets and before 8 o'clock tonight, wind up the business of selling these papers and go home to mother. Therefore rain makes no never-mind.

THAT LAST SNOW

Only a few weeks past we had the heaviest snow in many a day. That snow fell on Thursday and lapsed off on Friday. Thus our Buddies were up against a big proposition. With snow everywhere and not a foot of it, with our 325 newspaper boys were right out into the streets with the same enthusiasm and warmth of spirit as of old and sold AFROS and plenty of 'em.

WELL DISCIPLINED GROUP

It has been my privilege to direct the boy activities of thousands of boys. At various times there have been under my personal direction than a thousand boys. This bit of experience should provide me with knowledge and understanding to know just what to expect from any group of boys.

On the night of December 20, I saw two hundred of you stand and wait eight hours or thereabouts without a single disturbance. This united spirit of co-operation and patience was the greatest I ever saw. I took off my hat to you then. Today I do it over again.

It is a fine thing to recognize authority, to go forward with the respect and admiration of those near you, and in the years to follow this present group of AFRO newspaper boys can look back upon the year of 1935 with treasured recollections.

Your friend and Buddy,

K. C. SMITH.

Records Stolen—Music Goes 'Round and 'Round

Somewhere in East Baltimore the music is going around and around, but police are unable to do anything about it, at least for yet.

The melody started to get about when Tobert Bray, of the 1600 block of E. Fayette Street, took thirty-five records from an automobile.

Bray is under arrest and police have recovered most of the records, but the disc that carries the tune "Music Goes Round and Round" cannot be located. Since Bray will not talk, police say, they will have to wait and see where the music comes out—as the words of the song say.

Man, 35, Held on Charge of Girl, 16

Arrested on the complaint of the child's mother, Charles Starkes, 35, of the 1200 block of Chatham Street was held for the action of the grand jury this week on a charge of attacking a 16-year-old girl.

The man was arrested on a warrant for the alleged offense, which is supposed to have occurred on January 6.

DR. HARLOWE AT HOWARD CHAPEL

WASHINGTON—Howard University church-goers will have as their speaker on Sunday morning, January 13, Dr. Ralph Harlowe, professor of history at Goucher College, Dr. E. P. Davis, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, will tell of his recent European tour at a meeting on February 1, which will be held with Mrs. Grace McCard.

During the morning following Dr. Brown's talk, Mrs. Adams, assisted by her mother, Mrs. William Wright and Mrs. Grace McCard, inaugurated a place service.

Guests at the session were Mrs. Bertha Pinderhughes, Mrs. Phillips of Philadelphia, who was house guest of her sister, Mrs. Rose Hampton, during the holidays, Mrs. Mollie Goodman and Mrs. Lula Jones Garrett.

Members attending the session included Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Olive Maxwell, Miss Vashti Maxwell, Mrs. McCard, Mrs Vashti Murphy, Miss Margaret Williams and Mrs. T. I. Brown. Dr. Brown was presented flowers at the close of his talk.

And, After Thinking, Act!

To the Editor of the AFRO:

After reading your editorial, "Let's Stop and Think," I wish to say that not only do we have to stop and think, but we must also act.

Not only do we spend $1,000,000 a week for groceries, but $2,000,000 a week for amusements in Baltimore and $100,000,000 in the United States annually. Of that amount, at most not more than $9,000,000.

Of the other $91,000,000, 25 per cent goes for salaries of white people.

To my regret I can say with authority that the thinking class of our race is not thinking, because during the last five years of existence in the insurance field, I find my greatest resistance comes from that class.

I would like to join you in your editorials, and try to wake up my people.

WILLIAM H. BROOKS

Baltimore.

INQUIRING REPORTER

EDITOR'S NOTE—All AFRO readers are invited to send in short opinions on Inquiring Reporter questions. Writers are also invited to suggest questions to be asked in this column. Answers should not have more than one hundred words.

Question This Week:

How is the New Deal relief and work program working out from your experience?

SAMUEL GILES, 808 N. Mount Street: "The New Deal is opening avenues of work that have never been open before to colored people.

"The defect has been in the hands of of those workers who have been given charge of the work, many of whom are very preju di c e d against colored people.

"Some officials are more prejudiced toward us than they are to whites who are of a lower class."

MRS. THELMA G U I O N TILGHMAN 1411 Eagle Avenue: "I cannot make a definite statement concerning the whole thing, but I will say this: that if the Reconstructional Department is carrying out its New D e a l project it will mean a monument to the Department of Recreation and will be much to the colored people of Baltimore City."

GEORGE HILL, Sidney Lanier School, 2520 Huron Street: "The New Deal and work-relief out as it has been planned, it would mean a much to us a race. But sometimes a second or third party steps in and changes what has been the original plan, thereby robbing the colored man of his rights.

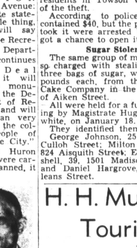
"I hope that all benefits under the New Deal will be withheld not according to color, but on a basis of merit."

MRS. MARY L. BRYANT, 1527 E. Madison Street: "This New Deal, work program, from *my experience*, it continued will give a few people, my race a chance to prove themselves worthy of jobs that have never heretofore been offered to colored people in the State of Maryland and especially in the line of work."

WILLIAM FORRESTER, 412 N. Bethel Street: "The New Deal, if it continues as it has, will be a great help to the colored race. It gives the colored man a chance to discover his merit.

"Let us look forward to a continuation of the New Deal during the next four years."

Mr. Giles



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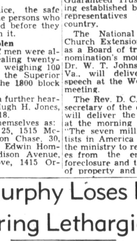


Mr. Forrester

Mrs. Tilghman

Thieves Get Safe but Fail to Get $40 Inside

While the town of Towson slept, Wednesday, a safe-bound safe was being removed from an American Store at 6801 York Road along with nearly and egg valued at $50.

Police of the Northeastern district are trying to find men who allegedly had the safe and the other articles in their possession before residents in Towson were aware of the theft.

According to police, the safe contained $40, but the persons who took it were arrested before they got a chance to open it.

Sugar Stolen

The same night, thieves were also charged with stealing twenty-three bags of sugar, weighing 100 pounds each, from the Superior Cake Company, in the 1800 block of Aiken Street.

All were held for a hearing in Magistrate Hugh H. Jones, white, on January 18.

They identified themselves as: George Johnson, 25, 1515 McCulloh Street; Milton Chase, 30, 824 Aisquith Street, Edwin Homshell, 39, 1411 Madison Avenue, and Daniel Hargrove, 25, 1 Orleans Street.

H. H. Murphy Loses Bag Touring Lethargic Dixie

Howard H. Murphy, AFRO office manager, found the South another land with lethargy, on his recent motor trip to Nashville and return, but at least he encountered one enterprising thief who relieved him of a well-packed traveling bag.

The misfortune occurred while Mr. Murphy, accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Thurgood Marshall, were touring dinner in a Walnut Street cafe in Louisville, Ky., about six o'clock in the evening, on New Year's Day.

The thief, who pried open a window on the Murphy car and took the first bag in sight containing principally clothing belonging to Mrs. Murphy—apparently intended to return for the remaining pieces of luggage, had the car remained ten minutes longer.

Tired of Fighting

On the whole, Mr. Murphy found few indications of militancy on the part of either the masses or the leaders in Dixie, where economic conditions impressed him as being none too rosy.

"Most of the people," he said, "seem to be tired of fighting for their rights and to have become satisfied to get what few dollars they can, personally, letting general conditions be what they will."

He saw one encouraging general reflection during the general convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which he went to Nashville to attend. That was the abundance of invitations for future conventions.

Five Cities Wanted Convention

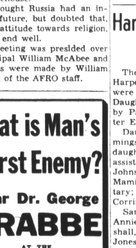
In addition to New Orleans, whose bid was accepted, Los Angeles, Calif., Dallas, Tex., Baltimore and Detroit put forth determined efforts for the privilege of entertaining the 1939 meeting, while New York City put in an early invitation for the 1939 session.

Ira T. Bryant, editor of the A.M.E. Sunday School Review, told Mr. Murphy that he had experienced a boom in his business during the past year, but attributed the loss to a lessening of religious interest, rather than to purely economical factors.

Lodge Printing Off

Likewise, he noted a decrease in the amount of printing done for fraternal organizations on relative inactivity among the lodges.

A PWA sewing project being conducted in one of the abandoned buildings on the campus of Tennessee A. and I. State College at Nashville, and a coke factory with colored ownership and personnel, which practically sustains a small comunity near Charleston, S.C., offered the most striking signs of commercial activity observed on the trip.



H. H. Murphy

Baptists Plan National Church Finance Company

Because the religious work among colored Baptists is being subordinated to the financial struggles of the local churches Baptist leaders from various sections of the country will meet in executive session at Shiloh Baptist Church, Wednesday at 11 a.m., to consider the problem.

Plans for perfecting the National Guaranteed Trust Fund for the financial support of the numerous colored Baptist Church indebtedness, an idea originated by the Rev. D. C. Rose of Los Angeles, will be discussed.

National Club System

The plan involves the formation of a National Baptist United Club System of America which will be composed of lodcl Church Extension Clubs which will contribute monthly per church into the Guaranteed Trust Fund now being established by leading Baptist representatives throughout the country.

The National Baptist United Club System of America will act as a Board of trustees in the denomination's money-lending plan. Dr. W. T. Johnson, Petersburg, Va., will deliver the principal address at the Wednesday morning meeting.

The Rev. D. C. Knox, executive secretary of the organization, who will deliver the opening address at the session Monday, said that "The seven million colored Baptists in America would be led by the ministry to relieve our churches from the embarrassment of financial distress, consequent loss of property and investments."

Mrs. King Serves at St. Matthew's

Mrs. G. R. King, evangelist of Philadelphia, is conducting the revival services at the St. Matthew M.E. Church, Twenty-third Street and Guilford Avenue, this and next week.

Jolly Twelve

The Jolly Twelve Club met at the home of Edward Banks, 2233 Madison Avenue, this week.

Edward Banks is the president of the club.

After the business session a repast was served and cards was played.

Miss Spencer Gives Colorful Picture of Soviet Union Visit

Engaged

Dressed in the colorful costume of a native Russian, Miss Josephine Gertrude Spencer gave an interesting picture of a visit to Leningrad in the Soviet Republic, at the Y.M.C.A., Tuesday evening.

The lecture, under auspices of the educational committee of the association, outlined not only several vivid events of Miss Spencer's impressions of the Soviet regime.

The Soviet citizens, she said are poorly clad, have unforgetable odors, and the expressions of very depressed people. She recounted seeing a child, whom she described as lacking the cheerfulness of normal children although some with their teachers seemed more cheerful.

Miss Spencer's most serious impression, she said, came when she saw the state into which the Greek Old Russian cathedrals had been reduced. One, she said, was used as a warehouse.

She thought Russia had an industrial future, but doubted that, with its attitude towards religion, it would end well.

The meeting was presided over by Principal William McAbee and comments were made by William N. Jones, of the AFRO staff.

MISS RUTH WHITE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William White, and teacher of English in Douglass High School, and Jesse Gregory of Washington, government employee, whose engagement was learned this week.

Harper Temple Installs Officers

The following officers of F.E.W. Harper Temple, I.B.P.O.E. of W. were installed by District Deputy Daughter Martha Pulley, assisted by Past Grand Esteemed Daughter Estelle Lowman:

Daughter Ivie Ida R. Cummings, Ernestine Williams, vice daughter ruler; Clara Foreman, assistant daughter ruler; Mary A. Johnson, chaplain; Edna Green, Mamie Williams, financial secretary; Laufa V. Garrett, treasurer; Corinne Roberts, door keeper;

Sarah Wharton, door keeper; Annie Craig, escort; Laura Marshall, organist, Daughter Izetta Jones and Daughter Georgiana Lewis were appointed assistant escorts, and Daughter Anna Douglas, trustee social session.

A collation was served.

Visiting guests were: Daughter Carrie Porter, treasurer of Naomi Temple, Youngstown, Ohio, and Lavinia Watkins, of Great Southern Temple.

The Child Welfare Unit entertained and treated over 200 children at the Pride of Baltimore home, Sunday, December 22, 1935. They were given filled stockings, candy, oranges, and apples.

The Christmas Unit gave out seventy-five baskets to needy families on December 24. Ten daughters donated cake to be given to the boys at Cheltenham.

Youth Cop Shot in Mouth Is Held for Grand Jury Action

Maurice Edwards, 19, of the 900 block of N. Carrollton Avenue, shot in the mouth on December 12 by Officer Charles Heim, of the Northwestern District, was held under $1000 bond for grand jury action with two other companions, on a charge of auto theft, Friday (today) in a hearing at the Northwestern station before Magistrate H. H. Fine.

The two others held are: Howard Scott, 17, of the 2100 block of McCulloh Street, and Douglass Henderson, 17, of the 2000 block of McCulloh Street. Russell Sorrell, was committed to the action of the juvenile court. All were released on bail.

Assault Charge Dropped

A charge of assault with intent to kill Officer Louis Mohr, filed against Edwards, was dropped by Magistrate Fine. He reasoned that the evidence tended to show that the officer was injured when he allegedly jumped upon the running board of an auto which the two reputedly stole. There was no evidence of homicidal intent, he decided.

F. L. Caplan, white attorney for Edwards, brought out at the hearing that an alleged confession by the youth to Sergeant Kane was obtained at the hospital on the same night the boy was shot in the mouth.

When questioned about the confession, Officer Heim stated that he thought the boy was in good condition when he was shot and capable of making a statement.

"Surprised" in Auto

Scott and Henderson were represented at the hearing by Roy S. Bond, attorney, Thurgood Marshall defended Sorrell.

The incident upon which the hearing was based occurred when the four youths were "surprised" in an automobile allegedly taken from a white man. Patrolmen Heim and Mohr attempted to recover the automobile, but during the attempt Mohr was knocked down by the machine.

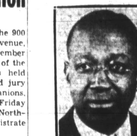
Trinity Baptist Has Woman Preacher

Trinity Baptist Church of which the Rev. V. V. Stokes is pastor, has as guest speaker at its two-week revival service, Mrs. R. M. J. Hunter, evangelist, of Kansas City.

Mrs. Hunter will hold a special service for men only, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 as one of the closing features of the meeting.

America May Become Fascist, but Not Con-Brown

Miner College Teacher Tells Philomathians that Ethiopia Will Win War.



DR. THOMAS I. BROWN

There is little danger of America becoming consummated, which trend is towards fascism, Dr. T. I. Brown, teacher of social sciences in the Miner Teachers College, Washington, declared in an informal talk to members of the Philomathian Club, Mrs. Saturday evening.

The slight trends away from republicanism had the earmarks of fascism, with many of the more or less approved socialistic principles, the speaker declared.

In discussing the Ethiopian situation, Dr. Brown expressed the opinion that the Italian dictator had, in his egotistic efforts to be a reincarnation of Julius Caesar and desire to imitate ancient Rome, "bitten off more than he could chew."

A resume of the political situation in Europe, showing the prospec a fascistic victory would be to the world, was given by Dr. Brown.

The club was guest of Mrs. Mae Wright Adams at her home, Carey Prestman Streets, and was the third of the group's seasons at this season. The first meeting in January was in the insurance field. Mrs. Wright was addressed by Dr. Bernice Brown Fagin who discussed "American Plays of Social Protest."

A second meeting with Mrs. Ralph Cook on December 7 had as speaker Dr. Ella Lonn, professor of history of Goucher College, Dr. E. P. Davis, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, will tell of his recent European tour at a meeting on February 1, which will be held with Mrs. Grace McCard.

During the morning following Dr. Brown's talk, Mrs. Adams, assisted by her mother, Mrs. William Wright and Mrs. Grace McCard, inaugurated a place service.

Guests at the session were Mrs. Bertha Pinderhughes, Mrs. Phillips of Philadelphia, who was house guest of her sister, Mrs. Rose Hampton, during the holidays, Mrs. Mollie Goodman and Mrs. Lula Jones Garrett.

Members attending the session included Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Olive Maxwell, Miss Vashti Maxwell, Mrs. McCard, Mrs Vashti Murphy, Miss Margaret Williams and Mrs. T. I Brown. Dr. Brown was presented flowers at the close of his talk.

What is Man's Worst Enemy?

Hear Dr. George CRABBE

AT THE

City-Wide Young People's FORUM

on Friday, January 17

IN

Fountain Bapt. Church

Monument St., Near Gay

AT 8 P. M.

ADMISSION FREE

Clubs

Martinez

The Martinez Bridge Club met with Miss Thomasina Jones, 637 Park Avenue, Tuesday. Bridge was played after the business session.

Prizes for high scores were won by Mrs. Glasco Fulton, first, Mrs. Lillian Brooks, second, and Miss Louise Grooms was consolation.

Mrs. Lillian Brooks became a member of the club.

Smiling Through

The Smiling Through Club held its first meeting of the new year with Mrs. Jone Eady, 322 N. Calhoun Street.

At cards, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson won the first prize, Mrs. Florence Tucker the second, and Mrs. Virginia Burton the booby.

A repast was served.

Mrs. Lucille Ward is president and Mrs. Virginia Burton, secretary.

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Alcazar

The Alcazar Pleasure and Social Club met at 813 Aisquith Street, Friday evening, at which time the new officers were inducted. They are:

William Reed, president; Mrs. Rosetta Carrington, vice president; Mrs. Florence Stanley, secretary; Howard Stanley, financial secretary; Charles Trader, treasurer; Junius Foster, business manager; David Bowler, reporter; Johnny Dunston, sergeant-at-arms, and Mrs. Bobbie Foster, ch