Midge Williams New Radio Find

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Robert, she formed an amateur quartet known as the Williams Midget Quartet, which appeared in schools, civic clubs, and church auditoriums. It was about this time that she met Roger Segure, her present manager.

Mr. Segure was pursuing a postgraduate course in a West Coast college when he first heard the quartet. He had never managed a theatrical troupe, but he was convinced that the Williamses possessed talent.

He was a pianist, composer, and arranger himself, so he began to train their voices and make their musical arrangements for them.

Travel to China

After singing regularly over Station KFRC in San Francisco, the quartet, chaperoned by their mother, Mrs. Virginia Williams, under Segure's management, went to Shanghai, China, for an engagement in the Canidrome ballroom.

After a short time, their mother became ill, and returned to the States. They never saw her again. She gave Mr. Segure a letter of guardianship before she died. On their return to the States, Station KFRC welcomed them back and assigned Midge several spots with the orchestras of Rube Wolfe, Al Lyons, and Walt Roemer.

Death Breaks Quartet

Several months later, Charley died, and that broke up the quartet. Midge then turned toards Los Angeles and found success with her "California Melodies" program over Station KHJ. The program's popularity won her guest appearances with Al Jolson, and she and her manager set out confidently for New York City.

Tours With Fats Waller

She arrived in March, 1936, and was presented at the Apollo Theatre on 125th Street. In April, a tour with Fats Waller and his band followed.

Then came an appearance with Rudy Vallee over a coast-to-coast NBC network, bringing with it so much acclaim that Vallee held her over for the second week's appearance.

The National Broadcasting Company then signed her for a series of sustaining broadcasts. She has made a number of recording, too, of popular songs.

Langston Hughes Wrote Song

The lyrics for her theme song, "Night Time," was written by Langston Hughes; Segure contributed the music.

Midge is the grand-daughter of the late Prof. and Mrs. Joshua Singleton of Winfield, Kansas, who were themselves musicians.

She is heard on NBC's red network Monday nights at 9:30 EST, and each Wednesday and Friday on the blue network at 6:15 p.m., EST.

Defunct N. B. L. Yet Under Receivers

Practically all of the assets of the defunct National Benefit Life Insurance Company have been liquidated, John E. Laskey, white, attorney for the receivers, asserted, Friday, after Congressman J. A. Gavagan (Dem., N.Y.) manifested an interest in the case.

It has been previously stated that the co-receivers of the company would complete liquidation by December 31, 1936. There were ancillary receiverships in eight States, said Mr. Laskey, and efforts to close them and have the assets, if any, transferred to the domiciliary receivers have so far been successful, though several are pending.

When these have been settled, the various classes of priorities claimed will be considered, the attorney declared. Mr. Gavagan's interest in the matter was obtained by Wallace S. Hayes and Nathaniel W. Payne of New York.

The company was adjudged insolvent on September 9, 1931, and Daniel C. Roper, present Secretary of Commerce in the Roosevelt Cabinet, was appointed the first receiver. Since that time, the company, through court order, has been under control of divers receivers.

It has been charged by policyholders that huge salaries to receivers and big fees to their attorneys have greatly dwindled the original assets of the company during the lengthy litigation.

NAMED CADET OFFICER

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Alabama, Lenwood T. Dorsey of Memphis and Fred Carter of Norfolk were named cadet first lieutenants in the cadet regiment here last week.

BOY, 15, BEATEN

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the punishment. "We have to punish them, though, and Willie Rodney, got he deserved. He was punished for something involving morals; you know what that means."

Relative to the "escape attempt," the superintendent said that Rodney was found "where he shouldn't have been." He also expressed surprise at the complaint, asserting that he had been at the institution "every day this week and his mother hasn't said anything to me about it."

Rodney was committed to Cheltenham in October, 1936, for eighteen months, on charges of truancy. It is reported that an examination by the department of education and by the juvenile court found him to be mentally deficient. He was a pupil at the School for Handicapped, Druid Hill Avenue near Orchard Street, of which Mrs. Martha Warnoma is principal.

Mr. Sutherland said that a card, which he apparently held at the time of the conversation, did not show that Rodney was feeble-minded. He added that they had feeble-minded boys at the institution, but some form of punishment was necessary for infraction of rules.

According to Mrs. Bell, the Abolish Cheltenham Committee's efforts will be extended to have Rodney removed to Crownsville or some other suitable institution where he can receive training commensurate with his low I.Q.

WANT RACE DESIGNATED

A recommendation was made to the NYA Conference by Dewey Jones, Interior Department adviser, that racial designation be dropped from the Government's recently issued social securities cards for employees.

Opposition to this was expressed by Joseph H. B. Evans, of the Resettlement Administration and James A. Atkins, FERA education specialist in the U.S. Office of Education, both of whom said that destroying racial designation would hinder their efforts in keeping tab on the percentage of colored persons being aided in the various government departments.

Cheltenham Bill Gains Support

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Amos Davis, William H. Gibbons and M. Hampton Magruder.

Following this arrangement the Governor of the State would appoint or reappoint board members for terms of three years.

While all of the colored members of the board are on the one-year term list it was pointed out that their terms would expire during the incumbency of Governor Harry W. Nice, and it was a practical certainty that they, or some colored members, would be appointed for the three-year terms.

Objectional Point

One of the objectionable provisions of the bill pointed out by the retiring grand jury was the provision for the re-employment of the present staff.

Under the bill it becomes mandatory for them to appoint the present staff.

It also sets forth that although new employees shall be required to register under the civil service provisions of the Commissioner of State Employment, the present employees shall continue their duties without examination and shall also be protected in their jobs "as classified service employees of the State of Maryland under Art.-A" of the Merit System.

This provision practically insures the present employees in their jobs as long as they meet the requirements of the Merit System.

Binding Out

Another provision upon which there has been debate is the one through which boys, with their own consent, may be bound out to work in homes, on farms or in shops. Boys may be bound out to people in or out of the State as apprentices.

While there has been no criticism, in principle, to the apprentice system, it is being pointed out that evils may easily grow out of this provision.

It is admitted that proper apprenticeships are far more conducive to normal boy life reformation and development than confined institutional care. But it is emphasized that this must be done under careful and sympathetic supervision.

In a recent interview with some of the colored members of the board, they expressed frank anxiety as to this provision, and stated that it would be upon them they would give vigilant watching.

Sees Solution

These members also are inclined to see a gradual solution of the Cheltenham problem. It is practically certain that most replacements on the board as well as personnel, will be appointed from colored men and women, they believe.

For this reason it is expected that there will be a solid front lineup in behalf of the measure.

Borrows Gun to Kill Self

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was believed that he had gone to the neighbor's farm.

Police plan to check the man's finger prints with those in the Bureau of Investigation to ascertain whether or not the man as wanted in any other city for a crime. Physicians at the Elliott City Hospital stated that he had been dead more than twelve hours.

Mr. Hall told the AFRO that all members of the household, including Brown, went to their rooms after discussing the Mattson case. Brown, who appeared ill at ease, must have returned to the first floor and obtained the gun, Mr. Hall said.

The marble-cutter said that the man was an unusually good worker, industrious, and was one of the best employees that he has ever had. Mr. Hall described the man as being 5 feet tall, a dark brown skin, with a dent in his right cheek.

Jury Recommends Death for Slayer

MEDIA, Pa.—A jury in county court Sunday night returned a guilty verdict and recommended the death penalty for Theodore Duminiak, 19, white, in connection with the fatal shooting of Floyd Tranon, 38, Chester, during a robbery on July 25.

Duminiak was the third of three youths involved in the case who was tried last week on first degree murder charges. Sentence was deferred by Judge McDade pending disposition of a new trial motion.

The other defendants, Edward Rose, 20, of Sixth Street near Highland Avenue and John Oveczak, 19, of W. Ninth Street, Chester, were convicted Saturday morning, after being brought from the Eastern Penitentiary, where they are already serving 10 to 20 years sentences for robbery.

Molon Quits N.Y.

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non-stop flight, although he and Col. Hubert Julian, who claims to be a French man, have definitely severed their partnership.

Leaves by Plane

Friends of Bayen believe that his sudden departure was instigated by his parents, who have been urging him for some time to quit the metropolis. Molon took a plane for Chicago after it will farewell party at the hotel.

Blush

Courtesy to Tenants Turns Tom Heflin Red

By Special Correspondent

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — J. Thomas (Tom-Tom) Heflin, white, who was defeated in his last race for the U.S. Senate, blushed in hesitant uneasiness when, on Wednesday of last week, he addressed as "ladies and gentlemen" a mixed group assembled at the Scottish Rite Temple to discuss the problems of farm tenancy.

The audience of several hundred officials, leaders, farmers and tenants expected a vitriolic reply to several of the preceding white speakers who advocated justice and the right to vote for the South's colored citizens, but Heflin confined his attack to "entrenched wealth in Wall Street."

Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, was among the first to be invited to sit at the presiding officer's table when Dr. L. C. Gray, secretary of the President's tenancy committee, of which Dr. Patterson is a member, took the gavel.

Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama made the welcome address, calling himself "Governor of all the people of my State—white and Black," and referring to the new spirit of the Federal Government as the "human-mindedness of our great President."

In spite of the unusual spirit of the conference, colored representatives were guests of President H. C. Trenholm of Alabama State College, during the luncheon recess, while whites dined at a hotel.

JULIAN THOT A Traitor BAYEN

NEW YORK — Breaking his silence for the first time since his return from Ethiopia Dr. Malaku E.

Julian Bayen

Bayen, wartime physician to Emperor Haile Selassie answered the criticism of Ethiopia by Colonel Hubert Julian by declaring that Julian not only was never made a colonel, but barely escaped being executed in Addis Ababa for what Ethiopians regarded as treason.

Julian's life was spared, Dr. Bayen told the AFRO Monday, only because the Ethiopian government did not wish to alienate the sympathy of their Western brothers by executing a British-American.

Julian was permitted to leave Ethiopia for this reason after he had allegedly told secrets of the Ethiopian air force, setting forth the condition of planes and the ability of each man, to a German newspaper correspondent, Bayen said.

While Julian did not sell this information direct to the Italians the fact that he disclosed these facts to a newspaper while the war was at its height was considered by the Ethiopian government to be high treason and as he was an Ethiopian — on its soil — and not an alien the crime was punishable only by death.

The journalist to whom Julian is alleged to have given the information turned the entire data over to the government. Disclosure of the source and Julian was given twenty-four hours to quit the country, Dr. Bayen declared.

If one word of the charges against Julian had leaked outbefore he reached the border he would have been slain by tribesmen. This, Dr. Bayen declares, accounts for the hostile attitude that Julian has displayed toward the country ever since his return.

No Colonel

Dr. Bayen also told the AFRO that at no time was the title of "colonel" ever conferred on Julian by Haile Selassie and he defies the author to produce any documentary evidence to substantiate his claim.

Tiny Ohio Miss Aids Attorney-General

CINCINNATI—Tiny Miss Elsie Austin, 26-pound local attorney, took office as assistant to Attorney-General H. S. Duffy, white, Monday, with the distinction of being the first woman ever to hold such a post in Ohio.

Miss Austin has engaged in the general practice of law here for the past four years. She received the greater part of her education in the Cincinnati public schools, being graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1924, and receiving her A.B. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1928.

The young woman took her first year of law at the Cincinnati school, studied for a year in the law school of the University of Colorado, and returned here to complete her legal education, receiving the LL.B. in 1930. She was one of the eight students appointed on the basis of scholarship and merit to the staff of the Cincinnati Law Review.

Born at Tuskegee

Mrs. Austin was born at Tuskegee Institute, where her mother, Mrs. Mary Louise Austin, now a teacher at the local Stowe School, was teaching in the department of household sciences, and her father, the late Major George J. Austin, was commandant in charge of the men students.

Major Austin later entered the U.S. Army. He remained in the reserves after he came here to engage in the insurance business and was commissioned a major shortly before his death in 1930.

Activities Varied

Membership of the young attorney include:

Wilberforce University board of trustees; Delta Sigma Theta sorority, secretary of the Cincinnati NAACP; chairman of the legal committee for the Southwest district, Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and F. H. Clark Democratic Club.

Miss Austin has not held office in any women's clubs, but has been active in the Ninth ward and expended much time in advancing the interests of the party. The appointment was on the recommendation of Dan Curran, white, Democratic chairman of the Ninth ward, it is said.

MISS ELSIE AUSTIN,

Lawnside Would Impeach Mayor

LAWNSIDE, N.J. — This silent borough's first Democratic mayor, J. Victor Adams, hasn't been quiet as a Democrat in his supporters had hoped, and now they won't impeach him.

Mayor Adams rode to victory on the crest of the New Deal wave, last November, marking the first Republican loss since Lawnside's incorporation in March, 1926, and was inaugurated on New Year's Day, with Democratic Vice-Mayor Adams

Democratic Committeeman Chas. Coleman, a former Lawnside, white, WPA project supervisor, requested me not to make any appointments that night. I agreed to defer my appointments for 30 days.

Changed Its Mind

"While in council I found it necessary, after consulting Solicitor Edward Reid, to make the appointments. Therefore, acting in the best interest of the taxpayers and the borough, I made the appointments."

Asked why he appointed a Republican clerk and not a Democratic club chairman, the mayor said, "At the time I made the appointments, I felt that Boyd was not really competent to fill the position. He may qualify sometime in the future.

The mayor further asserted that as late as Saturday, he learned that Boyd admitted to a member of the council that he was not qualified to fill the job.

"Bryant is capable and efficient and in appointing him, I acted in the best interest of Lawnside.

I do not care what his party principles are, we want efficiency and competency. Since election is now over, it is my duty to work for the benefit of the borough," he said.

Boyd Denies Statement

When interviewed and questioned as to the authenticity of the alleged statement regarding incompetency, Boyd said, "I have never made the remark to anyone.

The mayor also told the AFRO that he resented the fact that Stitts, a white man, was allowed to come to Lawnside from Delaware County and play such an active part in the borough's affairs.

Bryant, the reappointed borough clerk, is the son of J. Horace Bryant, Republican committeeman, who has held sway in Lawnside for many decades.

SHOOTS MAN FATALLY IN ROW OVER WIFE

LYNCHBURG, Va.—Oland Jackson fatally shot Thomas Horsley after a fight on Ninth Street, Saturday night, over Mrs. Jackson.

Congress Has 8 Anti-Lynch Bills

The number of anti-lynching bills introduced in the Seventy-fifth Congress reached eight, Friday, when Representative J. Burrwood Daly (Dem., Pa.) introduced a measure to curb mob violence.

Two others were offered in the House so far this week, one by Representative Louis Ludlow, (Dem., Ind.) and the other by Representative Arthur W. Mitchell (Dem., Ill.) Five were introduced on January 8, the opening day.

DRIVER FINED $100

Convicted in police court last week of driving on a suspended permit, Victor Holt was sentenced to pay a fine of $100.

Police Seek 2 Bad Bill Passers

Accused by secret service agents of passing ten counterfeit $5 notes in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue on Christmas Eve, Miss Lillian Goodman, alias Baltimore Lil, was indicted by the U.S. grand jury, Wednesday.

Two men who have allegedly passed twenty-seven counterfeit $5 notes in the city during the past two days, are sought by police and secret service agents following a general order by local officials, Thursday.

Police stated that the men passed the notes in stores, taverns after making purchases of liquor and cigarettes. They stopped on a boat and went back to Paris.

Apart at His Death

They were reported to be still very much apart at the time of his death. Hints are rife that she is none the better for her sudden ascension to known millionaire. Others think that Josephine will seek her husband immediately the confines of her own race when she embarks again on the sea of matrimony.

At present the countess is turning Paris upside down with her own night club, the Chez Josephine, which is said to be the most intimate club in Paris.

Josephine herself is the main attraction. She is always on hand to extend a hand of welcome to her visitors from all over the Continent. Kings and queens of royalty of varying ranks visit her place to be glad-handed in her inimitable manner. She visits the tables and makes everybody feel at home talking to them in their own language.

Mysterious Backer

Miss Baker started just such a club while in America, financed by her mysterious backer who seems to be behind her Parisian venture, but she did not receive the same enthusiastic reception she receives in Paris.

New Yorkers objected to her doing a dance with two blonde boys who kissed her arms, hands and feet. America would not stand for a colored dancer being treated in this manner, but Paris goes for it in a big way.

The theatrical world is watching for Countess Jo's next move. Which way will she go? Many famous women stars of the race have stuck to their own race and made the grade, they point out. Among these are Ethel Waters, Nina Mae McKenny, Etta Moten, and many others.

Will Countess Jo Wed Again?

Returning Tourists Call Josephine the Gayest Widow in Paris

HAS OWN EXCLUSIVE NITE CLUB

NINA MAE McKENNY
To be on the safe side, Nina Mae took her own Harlem hubby with her to Europe.

JOSEPHINE BAKER,
whose husband, Count Pepito Albatino, died recently in Paris, but Jo is still the toast of Paris night life.

ETTA MOTEN
Although she has traveled extensively in South America and foreign countries, she preferred Claude Barnett, prexy of the Associated Negro Press, to any romantic dons or dukes.

NEW YORK — Will Josephine Baker wed again?

That is the question being asked in theatrical circles here as reports of the dynamic star's rising popularity in Parisian night life circles drift across the Atlantic.

The sepia countess is described as the gayest widow in gay Paree. Although her husband, Count Pepito Albatino, Italian nobleman, died in November of a kidney ailment, the two were known to have been estranged prior to this time.

The estrangement, according to friends, came about when the vivacious beauty came to America to appear in the "Ziegfeld Follies." They appeared at several public affairs and then the couple dropped out of the world.

Now Jo is the talk of the town, being a dance with two blonde boys who kissed her arms, hands and feet. America would not stand for a colored dancer being treated in this manner, but Paris goes for it in a big way.

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Colleagues Organize for Local Betterment

A group of social workers and teachers, whose aim is to help unfortunate individuals and to lessen the evils of the community have formed a new organization known as the Junior Colleagues, Inc.

Officers are: Maude Williams, president; Elsie Bryans, vice-president; Emily Stewart, recording secretary; Geraldine Tongue, corresponding secretary; Elsie Brummell, treasurer and Edna Williams, assistant treasurer.

Meeting monthly meeting Sunday, Miss Bevans told the Colleagues about her work at the Katie Ferguson Home, a maternity home for unmarried mothers, in Harlem. The organization plans to establish a similar institution here.

More than three hundred books and magazines have been collected and will be given to the Provident Hospital. The Colleagues have contributed window bars to the Colored Nursery School and next month plan to contribute one hundred or more layettes to local hospitals.

PUPPETS SHOWN AT TAYLOR SCHOOL

A series of activities including the playing of bango, singing, a puppet show were presented by the officers of the Recreational Center at School 122, Taylor and Aveno streets and Preston Street, this week.

Mrs. Frances Mobly on Tuesday presented bango. Ten prizes were awarded. Mrs. Mildred Gaines, singer and the Arundel Singing Society composed of Mrs. Mabel Burly, Mrs. Mildred Queen, Miss Otelia Brooks, Miss Grace Nicholson, Willie Price and Leonard Burley sang.

On Monday, Lemuel King gave a varied program.

On Wednesday, Miss Consuella Holley gave a puppet show. Those who assisted were, Miss Luora Derricks, who gave a reading, "Trust in God, Providence," Miss Effie Lawson sang. Mrs. Della Williams gave a reading.

Health Exhibition

On Monday at 8 p.m. a health play will be given with pictures by Miss Agnes Pilgrim.

Dance Exhibition

On Tuesday at 8 p.m. a boxing exhibition will be given under the direction of Avon Carr.

HUSBAND CHARGED WITH NON-SUPPORT

Charged with failure to support his wife and three minor children Vernon Saunders, 1413 E. Preston Street, was summoned to the Northeastern police station this week.

The charge was made by Mrs. Ethel Saunders, who gave her address as 405 N. Dallas Street.

A warrant was also sworn out by Mrs. Dora Patterson of 1313 McElderry Street, who accused William Taylor, 9 Register Street of non-support.

FORUM

On AFRO Errors.

To the Editor of the AFRO:

The new year is a time for improvement, so check up on your typesetters, proofreaders, and editorial department. In the January 9 issue on page 4, the word "helped" should have been "helper," and "lives" should have been "live." On page 2, the same issue there was "presidential" for "presidential." I have read from your first copy until the present. May yours be a successful new year.

AMATEUR POET.
1042 Stockton Street
Baltimore, Md.

T.B. Beds Needed.

To the Editor of the AFRO:

One of the greatest needs in the State is more adequate facilities for the care of the colored tuberculous. Authorities say that there is not sufficient accommodations for the control of tuberculosis there should be at least one bed per annual death.

In annual beds were available in Maryland the death rate could be reduced drastically in the next few years.

This would also be beneficial in the control of tuberculosis among the white population as well, for many of the sources of infection would be removed from circulation until cured.

SAMUEL WOLMAN, M.D.
President Maryland Tuberculosis Association.
Baltimore, Md.

Last Rites Held for Mrs. Fletcher

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah B. Fletcher, widow of George W. Fletcher, and mother of Mrs. Inez M. Smith, were held at Sharp Street M.E. Church, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fletcher died at the home of her daughter, 531 Dolphin Street, Saturday.

CRASH HURTS PASSENGER

Walter Frazier of 225 N. Carey Street, received injuries of the body when the automobile in which he was riding collided, with another vehicle, Saturday, at Saratoga and Sticker Streets.

Measles Warning Stressed

Warnings against measles, which have been issued repeatedly since the beginning of the present epidemic several weeks ago, were emphasized again, Tuesday, by Adolph Weinzirl, director of the bureau of communicable diseases of the Baltimore Health Department.

Dr. Weinzirl stressed the fact that measles is most dangerous in cases of children three years old or younger. "About 200 cases are being reported each week and it is certain that this number will increase until March or April," he said.

Dr. Weinzirl said that at the present time there is no vaccine or inoculation that will protect against infection for longer than two or three weeks. "Measles outbreaks occur in Baltimore at very regular intervals of two or three years," he said, "and it is necessary for parents to realize that they must face these risks with courage and intelligence."

Martin's Sale Stops Steet Car Traffic

Well, it stopped the traffic.

Such was the crowd of shoppers who wanted to take advantage of the business retirement sale which began Saturday at Martin's Department Store, located at 23 W. Lexington Street, that for a while even street cars had to stop.

Not only the shoppers who knew of the quality and prices of the Martin establishment were among the surging crowd, but many new buyers who wanted to get in on the chance to stock up on stockings, hats, shoes, dresses, underwear and women's necessities.

Still a Chance

The big sale will continue until every article in the big store is handed across the counter to some lucky buyer. A group of extra salespeople have been employed to handle the rush.

With the sale of every article goes also the general guarantee of satisfaction which has characterized the Martin's Department Store business in the past.

Workers Meet to March on D.C.

WPA and unemployed workers from Western areas began pourring into Baltimore, Thursday, in preparation for their march on Washington, where they will make demands on the government for a 20 per cent pay increase and for a $1,250,000,000 deficiency appropriation.

First contingents to reach the city came from Kansas and Ohio. The mobilization, under direction of the Workers' Alliance of America, which is said to have the active support of both the American Federation of Labor and the Committee on Industrial Organization, is scheduled to take place today (Friday).

Meet in Baltimore

Contingents from all Western areas were planning to stop over in Baltimore until early Friday morning, when they will join groups from the East and proceed to Washington.

Leaders in Baltimore declared that the demonstration is designed to show workers on WPA projects and to insure government support of work for employed citizens until they are taken back into industry.

They declare that the $500,000,000 increase in appropriation proposed by the administration will mean a reduction of 40 per cent.

Will Ask Work

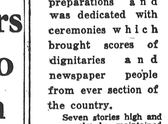
So that Congress can keep the two and one-half million WPA workers who were employed on July 15, and to give jobs to 300,000 now on relief.

Wrighting Realty to take care of the delegates who will pass through the city is the People's Unemployment League and other groups.

Among the Baltimore delegates will be Mrs. Martha Williams, who will represent the Workers' Council of Baltimore.

FORUM

On Regent Screen



BORIS KARLOFF,
who proves with his terrifying personality that he is a match for Warner Oland in "Charlie Chan at the Opera."

Mary Church Terrell to Discuss School Board

One of the outstanding City-Wide Young People's Forum presentations for this season will be the presentation here of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, internationally known woman leader, who will speak on Friday, February 1.

Special interest centers around Mrs. Terrell's appearance here in that she will speak on "Colored Members of the School Board."

Served on D.C. Body

Not only did Mrs. Terrell, who was the wife of the late Judge Robert H. Terrell, serve a number of years on the D.C. School Board, but she has been identified with many educational movements throughout the world.

Appointed on School Board in 1894 in the wake of a woman suffrage campaign, she held the post for eleven years.

She helped to organize the Association of Colored Women and was one of the charter members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mrs. Terrell's appearance here is not only expected to be a great forum event, but may herald the beginning of the city's biggest fight to get a member on the Baltimore body.

Little Theatre Group Meets

A demonstration of the silk screen process of poster making was the chief attraction of the regular meeting of the Little Theatre group.

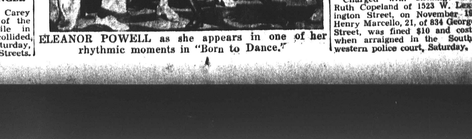
The demonstration was under the direction of Charles Carr, teacher of woodwork at Dunbar Junior High School.

The studio play for the month, "White Dresses," by Paul Green, was directed by Miss Helen Holt. The cast in this play was composed of all new members.

Harry Hunt, director, gave a report on the Christmas play, "Two Gifts," given by the girls at the Maryland Training School.

At the Harlem, Starting Friday

ELEANOR POWELL as she appears in one of her rhythmic moments in "Born to Dance."



DICK POWELL and LEE DIXON (right) join the Washroom Boys in putting over one of the song hits of "Gold Diggers of 1937."

Comes to Diane

DON AMACHEE,
who is co-starred with LORETTA YOUNG in "Ramona"

$20,000 Judgment Forces Act

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (ANP)—The Poro College building here, formerly headquarters for the famous cosmetic concern of that name, changed hands Friday when the Mississippi Valley Trust Company of this city foreclosed on a mortgage of $65,000 and took possession of the structure.

The foreclosure sale comes up on January 27. The structure was built by Mrs. Annie Malone in 1918 as she was approaching the zenith of her fabulous success as a pioneer manufacturer of hair and skin preparations and was dedicated with ceremonies which brought scores of dignitaries and newspaper people from ever section of the country.

Mrs. Annie Malone

Seven stories high and scrupulously maintained during the years, its original cost is reported to have been $500,000. It has a roof garden, spacious dining rooms and Mrs. Malone's own apartments.

Since 1930 when Poro's business was moved to Chicago where it occupies an entire block on swanky South Parkway, the factory has stood idle but the rest of the building has been operated as an apartment hotel and theatre.

The immediate cause of the foreclosure was the loss of a suit against Mrs. Malone which has been in the courts of Mississippi since 1912. A mandate from the Mississippi Supreme court entered a levy against Mrs. Malone for $20,000 in favor of Walter L. Majors, a former employee.

Majors's attorneys sought to seize her real estate in Mississippi to satisfy judgment and did succeed in taking possession of a row of small flats and stores across from the main Poro building. The flats adjoining the brewery and foreclosed on a bank mortgage amounting to $65,000 before Majors could get court permission to sell the lien.

Majors who had been an employe of Mrs. Malone's back in 1912 was given a contract as manager in 1912. Discharged after five weeks' work he brought a suit to recover on the year contract. The suit has passed along for years and has increased in amount from his original judgment of $6,000 to $20,000, as interest and court costs piled up.

Mrs. Malone is said to have contended that she would not settle the case because she thought it unjust and appealed each verdict in Majors's favor, the highest tribunal in the State decided against her.

"Majors's claim was merely a frameup between himself and those St. Louis lawyers," said Mrs. Malone to a reporter last Sunday.

Mrs. Malone returned to Chicago Sunday without indicating whether she had any plans for the future regarding her interests in St. Louis.

Says Jobless Treated Rudely

Reports that colored applicants sent by the United Colored Women were accorded discourteous treatment at the office of the State Unemployment Department, this week, were made by the organization through its secretary, Mrs. Maud P. Bell.

Mrs. Bell charged that blanks are issued promptly to white persons together with full instructions for filling them out, but, she says, they allege, great the colored applicants are left in doubt as to what information is for work in "this office."

Questioning the clerk in charge of the "this office," one applicant, the report alleges, was told that so many colored people had the applications and do not understand the nature of the work."

ATTENDANCE DRIVE ON AT SCHOOL 107

School 107 pupils having resumed their attendance campaign since the holidays, report percentages ranging from 85 to 95 of a majority of the classes, with the remaining not absent since September.

Booker Weaver, Wendell Johnson, Donald Harvey, Mabel Brown, Audrey Atkins, Bertina Jackson, Gloria Smith, Faith Yates, Dorothy Robbins, Margaret Lindsay and Catherine Mannion.

Principal Dorothy M. Mays gave a summary of physical education activities of the district at a assembly.

Rummage Sale Planned

The school is planning a rummage sale, under a committee including Mrs. Butler, chairman; Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Mitchell, Miss Groms and Miss A. Jones.

Mrs. Romaine Jones, principal, discussed types of clothes at the Parent-Teacher meeting.

Pupils contributed 130 cans of food, 3 pecks of potatoes, 12 cans of home-preserved foods and packages of rice, salt, flour and hominy to the Christmas baskets for unfortunate families.

Sharon's Girl Scouts Entertain Enonites

Girl Scout Troop 502 of Sharon Baptist Church entertained Troop 505 of Enon Baptist Church with a social, Tuesday, following the patrol corner meetings.

Troop 502 continues to accept membership of girls between the ages of ten and eighteen. Elizabeth Davidson is scout lieutenant.

Says Visitor Stole Radio

Herman McGhee, 28, of 710 Lamont Street, Washington, was held by the grand jury under $1,000, Friday, on charges of stealing a radio while visiting at the home of Miss Madeline Mackey of 1202 N. Lexington Street.

INJURED BY CAR

William McCear of 301 N. Gilmor Street, received injuries of the body and shock when struck by an auto at Light and Pratt Streets, Tuesday.

HIT WOMAN, FINED

Charged with striking Miss Ruth Copeland of 1523 W. Lexington Street, on November 19, Henry Marcello, 21, of 834 George Street, was fined $10 and costs when arraigned in the Southwestern police court, Saturday.

Blood Clot Causes Death

A verdict stating that she died as a result of a blood clot in the heart was given by Coroner P. C. Phillips of the Western district in the death of Mrs. Naomi Davis, 42, of 902 W. Mulberry Street.

Reports state that Mrs. Davis was stricken while visiting Mrs. Ella Tyson at 1602 Pennsylvania Avenue. She died shortly after being taken to the University Hospital.

Woman Gravely Hurt when Struck by Car

Mrs. Margaret B. Strayhorn, 18, of 1045 W. Lexington Street, was seriously injured when struck by an auto while crossing Fayette Street and Fremont Avenue, Saturday.

She was taken to the Franklin Square Hospital where physicians stated that she suffered internal injuries. Mrs. Strayhorn's infant daughter, Irene Day, who she was carrying, escaped with bruises of the body.

Skater's Leg Fractured

Struck by an automobile while skating in the 800 block of Gilmor Street, Tuesday, Lee Canady, 15, of 1618 W. Franklin Street, received a fractured leg.

Cries Murder; Fined $10

Pleading guilty to accusations of screaming murder at 3 A.M. without provocation, Miss Nancy Goings, 35, of 1040 W. Baltimore Street, was fined $10 and costs, Tuesday, in the Southwestern police court.

2 FINED FOR $1 BEATING

Charged with beating James Jackson of 731 Hanover Street, during a quarrel over $1, Charles Thomas, 17, of 320 Gilmor Street and Henry Fields, 25, of 113 Market Place, were fined $10 and costs each, Monday, in the Central police court.

Black-Draught

Postpone Trial of Harlem Principal

NEW YORK (ANP)—The trial of Gustavia Schoenchen, white, principal of Public School No. 5, Edgecombe Avenue and 140th Street, charged with beating a 14-year-old pupil from another school, was postponed until Wednesday due to illness of important witnesses.

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Conference Sidelights

Of the more than seventy delegates who attended the national conference called here by Mrs. Bethune, 35 had their expenses paid by the Government, a president rate of 48, also their fares, including Pullman service, the AFRO learned this week.

Conference officials said the rest of the delegates were allowed no expense accounts because all of them were from Washington. Only out-of-town delegates received funds. At the end of the Friday meeting, delegates filed into an ante room, to report their expense accounts.

Women ran the men a close second in numbers of delegates. Many of the delegates stayed at the homes of Washington friends. Some stayed at the Whitelaw Hotel.

None Refused

No delegate, as far as could be learned, refused the reimbursement. Texas delegates came the longest distance to the conference.

Neat mahogany colored "no smoking" signs, placed in the center of the council and press tables kept delegates holding their cigars and cigarette until luncheon, when they smoked freely in the Labor Department's cafeteria.

No discrimination was apparent in the Labor Department cafeteria. A special section of the cafeteria was reserved for conference delegates. This was cut off by a cord. Regular employees of the Labor Department, white and colored, were observed eating in the unencloses part of the cafeteria.

Chairman Bethune kept an ordinary alarm clock in front of her as a check of the council's time, and limited speakers to 3 minutes each.

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The Rev. G. Lake Imes offered a resolution urging that the authority of the Federal Government be employed to enforce capitalization of the word "Negro" in all government publications.

The delegates set though six hours of conference, Wednesday, and returned at eight o'clock to complete an eight-hour day without blinking an eye.

Whether the magnetism of the chairman, or some sixth sense that iron was there, hot, and waiting to be shaped, drew the delegates, the fact remains that practically all the seats filled at the morning session were occupied again at night.

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Garnet C. Wilkinson and Dr. Howard M. Long, superintendent and assistant superintendent, respectively, of Washington schools, cut Wednesday's school board meeting and stayed with the conference until the closing. Also did Howard officials—President Mordecai Johnson, Dr. Emmett J. Scott and Dean Dwight Holmes.

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Both Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, and Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins, sent letters of regret at being unable to attend the conference. The cabinet officials sent representatives of departments to attend the sessions.

Visitors at the conference included:

Miss Marie Wilson, Edward Strong, of the National Youth Congress, and Mrs. Benjamin Mayes, D.C. national youth director, Edor Solomon Lightfoot Michaux.

Lawnside Treasurer Is Sued

Suit for $1,000 has been filed against Mrs. Ella Mae Lewis, treasurer of the Lawnside Democratic Club, which supported him in his campaign.

He is said to have prefaced his appointment by saying, "I am here to make appointments and disappointments, and I am not here to please a certain group, but to do what I think best for the borough."

The following day, Mrs. Julia Wood, sponsor of the mayor's victory banquet, demanded return of the key to Lawnside, presented Adams at the banquet, with the assertion that he didn't know what to do with it.

Police Protection Needed

Incensed Democrats stormed the grounds of his residence in such a threatened air that police and State troopers were summoned to protect him.

Mayor Interviewed by AFRO-AMERICAN. Mayor Adams said, "I was just recently elected in office. It was necessary to make appointments and I had a meeting on