NEW YORK WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Mme. Stephie St. Clair waged war on directs theatre. Reds. — Miss Venmella Jones — Mande Russell walked on Broadway. — Inez Wilson, WPA co-ordinator. — Bobby Spencer came back from gas death. — Edna Harris, Harlem's movie star. — Sophronia Thomas had strangest wedding. — Vivian Harris completes two years at Apollo. — Elizabeth Kelly, top torso twister. — Ethel Waters Still on top. — Inge Hardison She created rabbi of Topay.

A Pensive Pose

Divine Broke, Angels Say

"The Lamb of God Has Nowhere to Lay His Head."

NEW YORK — "Father Divine is broke and like the Lamb of God has not a place to lay his head—but he owns all wealth and possesses all wisdom."

That is the paradox that will be explained to the court on January 28 and 29 according to dates set by Referee Joseph I. Green for angels of the Harlem cult to help clear up the source of Father Divine's wealth.

The faithful angels will refute the testimony of disgruntled angels who testified on behalf of Mrs. Nina Baylem, white, of Aberdeen, Md., who is suing the leader for $6,500 because of an accident in which she was injured by a bus load of Divine's followers.

Father Divine

These witnesses who have deserted the kingdom told how they gave Divine thousands of dollars.

Divine Broke

In a statement to the AFRO, Arthur Madison, attorney for Father Divine, declared that Father Divine has nothing. All the material things, including his Rolls Royce, belong to someone else.

Father Divine was no more responsible for the accident than any ordinary preacher would be if some members of his congregation became involved in an accident en route from a church outing.

The people involved in the accident were merely followers of Father Divine. The bus did not belong to him and he was nowhere near the scene of the accident.

I.L.D. Reports 20 Lynchings

NEW YORK — Twenty lynchings, three with white victims, were reported in the United States during 1936, according to statistics compiled by the International Labor Defense and released this week.

The NAACP has previously reported thirteen lynchings for the same period; Tuskegee Institute, nine.

The ILD listed two of the lynchings as "reported, but not confirmed." The number by States was given as: Georgia, 5; Arkansas, Virginia, and Michigan, 1 each; Illinois, Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, and North Carolina, 1 each.

In four instances police officers were officially reported to have participated in the mobbing. One minister, the Rev. Charles Evans of Fort Smith, Ark., was among the victims.

5 Thought Preying on Agents Face Trial

NEW YORK—Five men alleged to have committed approximately sixty-five insurance collector holdups during the last two months were held for felony court following their arrest, Monday.

They identified themselves as: Walter Brown, 22, 242 W. 143rd Street; Frank Robinson, 20, 213 W. 138th Street; Frank Hidley, 22, 2367 Seventh Avenue; Walter Davis, 20, 152 W. 130th Street, and John Brown, 20, 110 W. 139th Street.

John Brown and Robinson were identified by Frank Laffin, white, a collector, as the men who held him up on Saturday in the hallway of 227 W. 142nd Street and robbed him of $18 after forcing him to the roof and removing his shoes.

Picked up by police of the W. 135th Street station, Brown is said to have confessed and implicated the other men.

WILL SING GREEK SONGS AT N.Y. HALL

NEW YORK—Eddy Brown of New London, Conn., has been engaged as the feature artist of the Restaurateurs' Association Ball to be given at the Commodore Hotel here on January 18. He is twenty years old.

Eddy Brown

For this particular occasion he has been requested to sing a group of selections in Greek. He will be accompanied at the piano by Eddy Brown Peterson, his instructor and manager.

DENY JIM CROW ON WRITERS' PROJECT

NEW YORK—As a protest against the erroneous report of discrimination which is being circulated by allegedly designing individuals, the staff writers of the New York City Guide and Historical Records Survey, Federal Writers' Project, WPA, last week drew up a statement and it is Irvin Hoke, white, newly appointed New York State director, retuting the charges.

Signed by a majority of the colored writers, the petition represents the views of two supervisors, one master writer, four senior newspapermen and several juniors. Because of the quality of work turned out by the group high praise has been accorded them by National Director Henry G. Alsberg, National Editor Sterling Brown, WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins and Director Bretton R. Somervell and Managing Editor Oscar Coll.

$5 Cr. One-Eyed Driver, Prove Fatal

NEW YORK — When Joseph Hewett, 48, of 200 W. 102nd Street, was arranged in homicide court, Monday, in connection with the death of Hugh Weaver, white, 89, it was found that Hewett could see with only one eye, and that the car which he was driving when Hewett was struck, was one he had planned to buy for $5.

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From N.C. to Harlem

MISS IRENE ADAMS

NEW YORK—With the whole theatrical profession represented, funeral services for the late Duke Miller, famous dancer and member of the Broadway team of Pete, Peaches and Duke, who died at the Presbyterian Hospital, Friday, were held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 123rd Street and Lenox Avenue, Monday.

Duke Miller

The dancer who recently returned from Mexico and was appearing with his team at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, was a victim of pneumonia. Among the honorary pallbearers were Bill Robinson, Cab Calloway, the Four Mills Brothers, Willie Bryant, Don Redman, Honey Coles and Harold Carter.

Miller, in addition to being a famous dancer himself, was appearing in the equally famous dancing team known as the Three Miller Brothers. Among his survivors are George and Dante Miller of that team.

Has Two Others

He is also survived by two other brothers, Tausan and Lieber, and three sisters, Mrs. Caremia Travers of Welch, W.Va.; Mrs. Mitchell Lewis of New York and Mrs. Ouima Royal of Philadelphia.

High requiem mass was read by the Rev. Father Walcott. Although the services were held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the service were Episcopal because no church of the latter denomination was large enough to accommodate the crowds.

Was Sweet Kid

Among the speakers at the services were Bill Robinson who said he always looked upon Duke as a sweet kid. "When God took this boy, He took the cream of the dancing fraternity. I have no fear for his future because as good as he was on earth God will be good to him in heaven."

The Charioteers, radio quartet, sang "Steal Away to Jesus." Benny Payne, pianist of Cab Calloway's orchestra, sang, "Angels Get My Mansion Ready." The soloist of Harlem's Little Church Around the Corner, sang, "There Is No Death." Final rites of the Masonic Fraternity were administered.

About three thousand from the theatrical and night club profession viewed the remains.

Matthews at A. and T.

GREENSBORO N.C.—Edward Matthews, baritone, appeared in concert in the A. and T. College gymnasium January 7. Lawson, director of music at A. and T., was accompanist.

Split Looms in Costonie Temple Over Religion

Skipwith Walks Out Because Costonie Insists There Is No Hell; Others May Follow.

NEW YORK — A split looms in the Costonie Temple, according to rumors, growing out of the withdrawal of the Rev. William Skipwith, one of the most well known evangelist, who was the spiritual leader of the cult for the past two years.

PROPHET COSTONIE

THE REV. W. H. SKIPWITH

First Intimation of the The Rev. Mr. Skipwith, who is **trouble came when the Rev. Mr. Skipwith inserted an advertisement in a local newspaper announcing that he was no longer associated with the organization.**

The split is said to have grown out of differences over the religious policy of the institution. The Rev. Mr. Skipwith, who is a "fire-and-brimstone" evangelist of the old school, is reported to have withdrawn from the organization under protest against remarks made by Prophet Costonie, leader of the cult, who always followed him on the rostrum.

Many Conflicts

According to the Rev. Mr. Skipwith, after he had preached a rousing sermon and warmed the audience up with song, Costonie, upon taking the stand, would tell the people that religious fervor was all bunk, that there was no hell, and that they were wasting their time listening to a lot of nonsense about Paul Nicodemus and Jeremiah, and that they should think more about their economic condition.

On one occasion, after the Rev. Mr. Skipwith had delivered a stirring message, the prophet is reported to have said that religion was just the opium that white people used to lull colored people to sleep. The Rev. Mr. Skipwith then ran off with the good things of the world.

Friends of the Rev. Mr. Skipwith say he has told members that Costonie's teaching is "making a fool of him" and he was already being severely criticized by officials of the National Baptist Convention for being connected with such an organization. With the withdrawal of the Rev. Mr. Skipwith, the deeply religious element of the cult is reported to be ready to follow him.

NAB PURSE SNATCHERS

PHILADELPHIA — Police believe that with the arrest of three boys last week, they have put a stop to a series of purse-snatchings in the vicinity of Twenty-third, Thirty-ninth, Arch and Chestnut Streets.

Harlem Mourns Famous Dancer; Was Flu Victim

"Muggers" Trap Jails Robber

NEW YORK A trap set by police for "muggers" who attack and rob persons in the streets, netted Dennis Hume, 42, of 245 West 128th Street, last Tuesday night, as a result of which he is now facing trial on a charge of robbery.

Hume was arrested at 129th Street between Lenox and Seventh Avenues by Detectives Lewis and Petrizzo of the pickpocket squad after he is said to have stolen a fountain pen from the pocket of Lewis, who was posing as a drunk.

Arraigned before Magistrate Aurelio in Felony Court, Hume was held without bail.

FIGHT DISMISSALS BY NEW YORK WPA

NEW YORK — Dismissals of WPA workers from the Federal Theatre will be fought by the combined forces of the Negro Theatre Local, the WPA Teachers' Alliance, the City Projects Council and the Workers' Alliance.

The four organizations held an "emergency conclave" this week to devise ways and means of protecting jobs of theatrical workers in the WPA. The meeting, held at the Renaissance Casino, was addressed by the Rev. William Lloyd Imes, W. M. Cauldon, Charles Collins, the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., A. E. Storey and Merril C. Work.

ACCUSED OF COAT THEFT

PHILADELPHIA — A five-block chase during which several shots were fired ended at Twelfth and Berk Streets, Saturday, when police caught up with Samuel Williams, 25, of Master Street near Eighteenth, accused of attempting to pawn an overcoat allegedly stolen on Columbia Avenue near Thirteenth.

Bruce Denies Ouster Due to Tilt with John D., Jr.

Removal Merely Retrenchment Program, Former Manager of Dunbar Apartments Says in an Interview.

NEW YORK—"There is nothing wrong at the Dunbar Apartments and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is my best friend and one of the finest men I ever knew," was the answer Roscoe Conkling Bruce gave last week to the inquiry as to why he is no longer affiliated with the organization. Mr. Bruce and his wife were removed last week as managers of the Harlem institution and replaced by Roger Floyd and Wilbur Colemann, so the story went under Mr. Bruce as supervising engineer and cashier, respectively.

Mr. Bruce denied emphatically that he had had any controversy with the Rockefeller concern over their policy or finances. Due to the rise of the city government owned and operated low cost housing project which is under construction directly across from the Dunbar, retrenchment was absolutely necessary, he declared. He was appreciated of the contemplated change as far back as last April, Mr. Bruce declared.

Mr. Bruce, who will move from the Dunbar and live downtown in the 19th Assembly District, plans to become active politics. Messrs Flood and Colemann stated that they have not completed plans for the future and are not ready to say whether there will be any changes in the house policy.

Roscoe Bruce

LIKED FEMININE WEAR; MAN JAILED

NEW YORK—Described as an habitual female impersonator, five previous convictions for disorderly conduct in women's clothes, Harry Brown, 22, of 241 West 111th Street, was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the workhouse by Magistrate Marcus in Jefferson Court, Wednesday.

Brown was arrested by Detectives Gallagher and Ryan on 125th Street station in front of Johnson's home.

Divine's 'Angels' Will Take Stand

NEW YORK—Father Divine's "angels" will have two days, January 28 and 29, to testify for the Harlem cult leader at his contempt of court hearing, the dates for which were set by Referee J. I. Green, white, Saturday.

The action was brought by Mrs. Nina L. Bayless, white, of Aberdeen, Md., who obtained a $6,000 judgment against Father Divine as the result of injuries received when the auto in which she was riding collided with a bus load of his angels on a Maryland road.

She charged the cult leader with evading questions, under court order, on his ability to pay.

Almost Finds Lost Dad; Life Is Still Mystery

Weak-Hearted Man Dies from Push?

NEW YORK — A technical charge of homicide faces Paul Foy, white, orderly at Morningside Hospital, following the death of Moses Sinclair, 43, of 102 W. 135th Street, a patient at the institution, who died of a heart attack there, Wednesday.

Foy is said to have pushed the patient back to his bed from a sitting position while attending him. Physicians say that Sinclair had a weak heart and his death, different minutes after the alleged push, is believed to have resulted from the push.

According to Foy, he entered the ward in response to a nurse's summons and found Sinclair sitting on the edge of the bed, willing to get out.

As he approached, Foy insists, Sinclair grasped him around the neck and tried to choke him whereupon, he gave him a slight push, forcing him back on his pillow.

Sinclair was originally admitted to the hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Bequeathed $1000

TARRYTOWN N.Y. — Hayes Carter of Van Wart Avenue was named beneficiary of $1,000 from the estate of his brother, John Henry Carter of Washington, Va., who died on September 12, 1936.

Carter Scores in New WPA Drama

BY ST. CLAIR BOURNE

NEW YORK — Imperiously obedient, serving a liege lord over whom his own mastery is unquestioned, Jack Carter appears distinctly to advantage as Mephistophilis, in "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus," newest production of the WPA Federal Theatre, which opened at the Maxine Elliott Theatre in West 39th Street, last evening.

Carter, the only colored actor in the cast, offers a characterization which is also conspicuous to the superb portrayal of the medieval necromancer presented by Orson Welles, the two holding the backbone for a delightful evening.

Ruler of Nether World

In his part as Mephistophilis, chief lieutenant of Lucifer, ruler of the nether regions, Carter is assigned to serve Dr. Faustus, obeying his every command for 24 years.

In return, Faustus, in his blood, signs away his body and souls, after death to Lucifer, and disposition of his soul and prospects of salvation.

We Have Been Asleep, Mrs. Bethune Believes

WASHINGTON

"I feel that colored citizens who have been asleep during the last few years are awaking up and that the injustices which we have suffered and no longer be meted out to us so easily," declared Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, NYA administrator, as she closed her national youth conference here, Friday.

Her remarks followed disposal of four reports affecting colored citizens: protection under the law, health and hospitalization, recreation, economic security and employment.

"I have a feeling," she continued, "I don't know whether it is of an Esther or Deborah, that the time has come to march forward.

"I want you to feel that we are going to present your ideas unreservedly before the President, that we want your prayers, that we will not fail.

Prompt Action Required

The administrator announced that the next plan of action is to follow through as closely as possible the recommendations made at the conference. The recommendations, which will be recorded in a formal resolution, are having their first draft by a committee including:

Mrs. Bethune, Walter White, Dr. M. O. Bousfield, T. Arnold Hill, and Dwight O. Holmes.

After the President has studied the proposals, Mrs. Bethune stated, they will be sent to Cabinet members "They will they be referred to the press," it was said, "when they come out as the final and official document of the conference."

Mitchell's Assertion Ignored

Mrs. Bethune did not comment on a recent statement by Representative Arthur W. Mitchell that the conference was doing "in a limited way" what his bill, proposing an industrial commission, proposes to do.

However in comment on the absence of Mr. Mitchell from the conference, the administrator declared:

"We have extended to Representative Mitchell a cordial invitation to come to the conference and give us the benefit of his advice and co-operation. Mr. Mitchell has not had the time to attend the conference because of the pressure of Congressional business."

Mrs. Bethune read a note from Dr. William J. Thompkins, District recorder of deeds, regretting that illness prevented his being present at the conference. He asserted that he had been ordered to bed by his physician after leaving Kansas City in time to be present.

Encomiums Numerous

The recorder lauded Mrs. Bethune's leadership and advocated the principles as drawn at the conference.

Delegates also commended the NYA administrator as a forthright woman carrying a "heavy burden," with a vision to see what is needed and how to go about getting it done.

The conference was scheduled to close at 4.30 p.m., but lasted forty-five minutes longer as delegates continued their encomiums of Mrs. Bethune.

CCC BOYS TO MARCH IN INAUGURAL PARADE

WASHINGTON

Members of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp No. 1360 located in Northeast Washington, will march in the inaugural parade next Wednesday, it was announced last Monday.

Say Citizens Fail to Grasp Opportunities

WASHINGTON.

Criticism of citizens who fail to take advantage of opportunities offered after pressure had opened doors was expressed last week at the national conference on race affairs held at the Department of Labor.

Dr. Robert C. Weaver of the department of Interior said that two men were now in the field to make sure trained colored workers would be ready to take over facilities in government recreational areas as they were opened.

Secretary Ickes Approved

"This action is necessary," he said, "to avoid the embarrassment of having these positions open with no one to fill them."

Col. West A. Hamilton, World War veteran and commanding officer of the District National Guard unit said that when the citations were issued for medical posts in the National Guard no doors were closed to Negroes, he stated.

Discrimination in Government agencies was attacked citing the Greenbelt Resettlement project, outside of Washington, as an example. Miss Blair Shauger, president of Nurses' Association, complained that colored nurses were barred from the army and the navy. Jesse O. Thomas, Urban League official, said colored newspapers were barred many CCC Camp libraries.

6 TO GET POSTS IN U. S. DEPT.

WASHINGTON — Announcement of six or seven offices under the United States Office of Education, to be filled by colored citizens was made at last week's National Conference on Negro, by John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, speaking at Wednesday afternoon's NYA session in the Department of Labor.

The Problem of One Is Responsibility of All —Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune's introduction of Mrs. Roosevelt was as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I am very happy and honored in having the privilege of presenting to you our friend, the friend of all the peoples of America and the peoples of the world, an individual who is giving herself unreservedly for the building up of humanity everywhere and who is demonstrating to us a democracy in the light of womanhood that is a challenge to all women of today and the women who will come tomorrow.

"I am presenting to you Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the First Lady of the land."

WASHINGTON. "THE PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE LIVING, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL IS THE PROBLEM OF EVERYONE, ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FOR WE ARE ALL EQUAL CITIZENS AND EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF US," SAID MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT IN HER ADDRESS BEFORE THE NEGRO YOUTH CONFERENCE, WHICH MET HERE LAST WEEK. THE FULL TEXT OF MRS. ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS FOLLOWS:

"I feel that I am rather at a disadvantage in talking to you because I don't know what you have been talking about except from the fact that I have gone over your agenda and I know the general objectives of the conference.

"So I am going to talk to you for only a few minutes about some things that you may find totally irrelevant, but which happen to be things which I have an opportunity to say to some of the leaders of your race who are interested in the development of the young people.

"I have seen a great deal of the Youth Administration projects in different States during the past year because whenever I have an opportunity I try, wherever I am, to see them.

Seen Projects

"In many cases, I have seen projects where colored young people were working on different things that were being done and I have been very much impressed by the good work, which I think the Youth Administration is doing, and by the good work, which I think the people are doing.

"But I have a feeling that, if we are looking to the future for a long time program, we will have to consider the problems of these young people as they begin with their parents.

"We will have to try to devote ourselves to improving the housing for them, the recreational facilities that exist, as well as the educational facilities that exist, and I think it is true everywhere.

Improve Housing

"Fundamentally, I think housing is a most important thing, because with housing goes a certain standard of living, and I believe that we have to improve the standard of living of these children—not only your children but all the children of underprivileged people.

"But it happens, of course, that you must be as interested in this as I am because it is probable that many of your children do not receive the education, i.e. type of education, that would suit them best.

Study Aptitudes

"Now that is true of a great many children because our education as a whole fails, I think to study carefully enough the aptitudes of the children when they are small and try to develop the things that they are best fitted to do.

"Of course, all children must have certain fundamental things, but back of that lies the ability of any child to face life, to get to school, to profit by it when they get there, and that means proper surroundings at home, a mother who is capable of feeding her children properly, who is capable of taking care of them so they can be taken care of, and proper medical care.

"Now, there is a big question which all of us, not just you, but all of us have got to face and that is how we are to face that case for people in low income groups —adequate food, for instance.

"I don't think we have been facing it in the past but I think we are going to have to face it because our future citizens depend on the children they really get good advice and proper care for their children, and on the mothers and fathers of children who are going to be born into the world with a good chance of health and strength or be doomed beforehand never to be healthy children.

Not for Children

"Now all these questions are not questions just for children. They are questions which we, as a race together, but in many cases, there are groups of your people who, because they have not had much opportunity in the past, are in a similar underprivileged group.

"It is time children and their parents that I think the NYA and the rest of us are chiefly responsible for in the development of all the different agencies that are being put at the service of people today.

"And I hope very much that you will think of the problem of the children as a family problem and not think only of education, but think of the entire question of how children can be brought into the world so that they get a good start, of how they can be housed so that their standard of living will be a better standard of living than it has been in the past, of how their recreational facilities can be so increased that they will not have time in which they can learn bad habits.

Problem Children

"Many of the young people today that are problem young people are problems because their time has not been properly filled.

"I happen to know a youngster up in Dutchess County, whom I am very much interested in.

"He is one of the greatest problems in the village, not because he is unintelligent, but because he is so intelligent that they can't keep him interested, with the result that he was always getting into mischief.

"I can remember that when he was about five years old, he went into our garage one day and unscrewed every nut on the car. The whole reason was that nobody had given him anything to do and that was something that kept him interested some other way.

"I believe that a lot of our children are in that same category. Nobody gives them anything interesting to do in their leisure time, and because there are fewer facilities for colored children than for whites, there is more of a problem to be faced for them, particularly in the cities.

"I'd like to see us think of the life of the child as a whole and try to make the people in every community realize that wherever there is a group—and I don't care to what race it belongs—wherever there is a group which lives at the very low standard, it is a menace to the community as a whole because its members are going to pull down other people with them.

All Will Suffer

"They are not going to be affected themselves. Everybody in the community is going to be affected.

"If that group isn't healthy, and it won't be if it doesn't live in decent houses and doesn't have recreational and educational outlets, very well, they are not the only ones who are going to suffer. Everybody else in the community is going to suffer.

"And that is the thing I would like to see us start.

"This may be your problem as a race, but it isn't your problem alone. It is the problem of everyone all over the country. We are all equal citizens. We are all equally responsible for all of us, and for that reason, wherever our communities are, we have an equal responsibility for everyone in our community.

"I think if we can emphasize that and make it clear that this is no question of working just for one group or for another group, but that everybody who lives in a community affects the community as a whole and we have made a big stride toward doing the thing which I want to see done.

Think as Whole

"It is little enough of the lives of all our children as a whole and planning to give them a real chance to come into their citizenship with a sense that they have an equal cap.

"Too many of them today come into their citizenship with a sense of handicap, and that is something that none of us with a real interest in the future of the whole want to see continued.

"Thank you. I hope I have not been irrelevant and I hope I haven't taken too much time."

What They Said About Meeting

An optimistic note was sounded by most of the delegates who attended the national problems conference held in the U.S. Labor Department building here last week. Here's what some of them had to say about:

NANNIE BURROUGHS, National Training School: "Fifty years are but a day on a program as far-reaching and as difficult as this."

JANE HUNTER, Phyllis Wheatley Association, Cleveland, Ohio: "The conference to me in reality is an epoch-making occasion . . . I believe that unborn generations will arise and bless the personality and name of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as our national leader."

Mass Pressure Needed

JOHN P. DAVIS, National Negro Congress: "Only through the widest mass pressure in every community in the land, can we hope to realize the many splendid things suggested in the findings of this conference."

WILLA CARTER BURCH, National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools: "This conference has been a most progressive step forward in united effort to secure, for us, equal rights and opportunities as American citizens."

T. ARNOLD HILL, National Urban League: "It is my studied conviction that the results of this conference will find their way to influential persons in the Government, disposed to carry out the spirit of the recommendations proposed."

MRS. EDWARD P. COSTIGAN, white, wife of former Senator Costigan, co-author of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-lynching Bill: "The conference has been, without doubt, one of the most significant and important held in the nation's capital."

BISHOP W. J. WALLS, AMEZ Church: "The leaders showed thinking capacity and the ability for co-operation in their meeting."

AMBROSE CALIVER, U.S. Office of Education: "I think this was a grand conference and that it will result in much good for us."

Davis Sees Great Good

JOHN W. DAVIS, West Virginia State College: "It was excellently conducted and from it great good will come."

MORDECAI JOHNSON, Howard University: "Our people have been greatly served by the National Youth Administration and their thoughtful sponsoring and support of this conference."

CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Fisk University: "The meeting provided an opportunity for taking a new inventory of our status, in relation to American life generally, and to the modifying influences of the New Deal in particular."

G. A. GREGG, Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark.: "The conference marks a new day in human relations; a new mental emancipation."

J. FINLEY WILSON, Elk grand exalted ruler: "This national movement is the most definite stand made by any of our leaders since Frederick Douglass."

FORRESTER WASHINGTON, Atlanta School of Social Work: "I don't want to see Mr. Farley and other Departmental heads use this conference to pay off political debts."

DR. FELTON CLARK, dean of Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.: "We are walking on dangerous ground when we say that religion, education or politics will solve our problem . . . The social implications of all these things taken together will do a big job."

THE REV. ROBERT H. WILLIAMS, pastor of Washington's Asbury M.E. Church: "I am convinced that our church and our ministry hold the key to translating this conference down to the masses."

DR. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWNE, Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N.C.: "If we had gotten behind the N.A.A.C.P. ten or fifteen years ago we might not have had to hold this conference."

GEORGE B. MURPHY, Sr., Vice-president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Company: "We need to put these reports into the hands of the N.A.A.C.P., and learn more the vital need of supporting such institutions."

THE REV. W. J. JERNAGIN, president, National Baptist Sunday School Union and B.Y.P.U. Congress: "Putting your findings into the hand of organizations will get better results."

BISHOP ROBERT E. JONES: "Surely Harriet Tubman has come back (referring to Mrs. Bethune); Sojourner Truth has come to the mountain top; she is a Joan of Arc."

WILLIAM C. HUESTON, Elk commissioner of Education: "Some expressed hope that politics wouldn't enter into this conference . . . I believe that we can get better results."

BISHOP REVERDY RANSOM of the A.M.E. Church: "The conference has been free, untrammelled, democratic; all have had a chance."

THE REV. J. C. AUSTIN, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Chicago: "We are behind Mrs. Bethune."

C. C. SPAULDING, president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company: "My hope is that those attending the conference will go to their respective homes and begin to address themselves to the problems which exist."

MRS. MAXY CHURCH TERRELL, Washington: "I am sorry the delegates did not discuss thoroughly the recent Supreme Court decisions on the Texas primary."

JESSE O. THOMAS, National Urban League: "I regard the conference as perhaps the most significant coming together of our leadership in the past. I believe that the change in attitude of our leadership is a signal is our traditional attitude not to offer sustained action and constant follow-up wait."

HERMAN H. HORNE, Georgia educator: "We must give of our substance. Somebody must put in some time. . . . Somebody must put in some money."

WALTER WHITE, NAACP executive secretary: "There should be a standard clause in all welfare legislation requiring Federal departments to deal with the problem of lynching; it gets down to the States and counties and political subdivisions."

DR. EMMETT J. SCOTT, secretary of Howard: " We have every reason to be optimistic for the future."

DR. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN, Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N.C.: "The direct method of approach, the poise and perfect self-control of the chairman, and the high calibre of scholarship represented could be considered in a class by themselves."

ADDIE W. DICKERSON, Philadelphia: "The findings of the conference represent the unanimous opinion of the best minds of the Negro group."

Mitchell, Hueston Disagree on Commission Bill

WASHINGTON.

In a reply to Representative Mitchell's assertion that the National Conference called by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune here last week, was doing "in a very limited way," what he proposes to do in his Industrial Commission Bill, Charles H. Houston, special counsel for NAACP, said:

"The conference has met, deliberated and dissolved. It was of great service in clarifying and stating the position of many representative colored citizens on the problem which faill within the scope of Federal action.

"Such temporary conferences called from time to time, can be of much use. But we want no permanent commission setting itself up as a supreme court over all affairs of colored people.

Integration Wanted

"We do not want to be treated like wards of the nation, to be prescribed upon by any permanent commission. What we want is to be integrated as American citizens into the separate programs of each Government department, the same as all other citizens.

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Freedmen's-H.U. Tie-Up Debated

WASHINGTON

The fight to make Freedmen's Hospital, a part of Howard University came out into the open, all four speakers at a conference here by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, special assistant to the National Youth Administration.

Arguments pro and con followed the reading of a recommendation submitted by the committee on housing and health, of which Dr. M. O. Bousfield of Chicago was chairman. In the final form, the recommendation said:

"The Freedmen's Hospital is in the Department of Interior and should be the leading colored hospital in the country, which it is not.

"Because of its importance to Howard University Medical School as a major teaching hospital, which it is not, and affiliated with the medical school.

"Greater financial support should be given to the medical school and an affiliation with Freedmen's Hospital completed for teaching purposes and the care of the sick."

Leading the attack on the proposal was Col. West A. Hamilton, who objected to the committee's taking up what he termed a problem that belonged to Washington. Bishop Robert E. Jones, a member of the committee, agreed and gave his support from the report.

Miss Mabel Staufers of New York, a Freedmen's nursing graduate and also a member of the committee, supported the report with the statement that we have nurses from Freedmen's Hospital in practically all of the parks in the New York board since 1925."

Mrs. Bethune finally brought the discussion to a close and the report was adopted, in a form lacking harsh criticisms but retaining the proposal for a Howard University affiliation, was adopted.

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GEORGIA STILL IN THIRD GRADE

WASHINGTON

Ralph W. Bullock, assistant NYA director for the State of Georgia, told delegates to the NYA conference last week, that more than one-third of Georgia's colored pupils were in the first grade, less than one-twelfth in the fifth grade, and that only one in 600 completed high school. The average attainment, he said, was less than the third grade.

Farm laborers are getting 65 cents a day; common laborers one dollar; maids $4.75; general houseworkers $5.50 per week. The State average for female domestics is $2.50 a week, exclusive of meals.

"Federal FERA funds for education go 94.7 per cent to whites and quotes only 5.3 per cent to colored, he said.

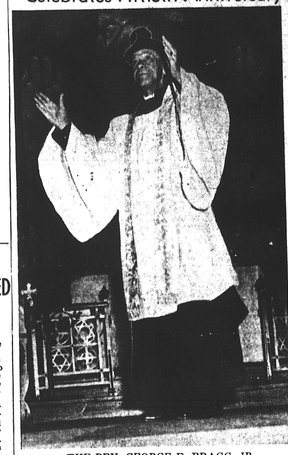
$1500 MINIMUM PAY IS ASKED

WASHINGTON

A $1500 minimum basic wage for all United States and District Government employees in Washington and the field service was incorporated last week in the findings and recommendations made to President Roosevelt by the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro Children and Negro Youth.

The resolution asked for automatic promotions under the classified and apportioned civil service and in temporary and emergency positions. Night differential benefits, a five-day, thirty-hour week, thirty-year optional retirement, and a board of appeals with at least one colored member of the board, were among the other conditions asked for.

Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary



THE REV. GEORGE F. BRAGG, JR., pastor of St. James PE Church, Baltimore, who rounded out a half century of service last Sunday. His present church is located at Arlington and Lafayette Avenues.

PROTESTS 75-CENT SERVANTS' WAGE

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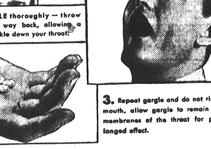

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