Orchard St. Church Hosts 12th Annual Conference

Bishop Denied Reinstatement

AME's Turn Down Ex-Prelate Matthews

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — In a heated session marked by sharp clashes between Bishop W. J. Walls and Bishop Cameron Alleyne, the AME Zion Church Tuesday voted down a petition calling for the reinstatement of former Bishop W. W. Matthews, of Washington.

The fight developed after the judiciary committee, headed by M. G. Sawyer of Greensboro, N.C., returned a unanimous opinion that the 34th Quadrennial Session has no power to take action on the retiring of Bishop Matthews which took place at the 33rd Quadrennial in Louisville, Ky., in 1948.

The committee based its findings on legal opinions submitted in the matter by E. Kwbanks Tucker and S. A. Burnley, both of Louisville; James A. Crumlin of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Ruth White Whaley of New York, all attorneys.

Bishop Walls To Rescue

Bishop Walls then took the floor and in a heated burst of oratory appealed to the conference to reconsider the case of Bishop Matthews. He declared it unfortunate that the church had to resort to legal opinions to settle a church matter.

He said at one time that Bishop Matthews was not asking for reinstatement but that he was seeking to clear his name.

Bishop Matthews had been accused of concealing his age to prevent his retirement.

At this point, Dr. Rufus Clement, president of Atlanta University, took the floor. He charged Bishop Walls with "misleading the conference on the issue."

Defies Presiding Officer

Bishop Walls denied the charge and called for a reading on the petition. When it was found that the petition did ask for reinstatement, Bishop Walls said that he had not read the petition.

Dr. Clement then asked the chair to proceed with the business at hand but Bishop Walls refused to give up the floor when Bishop Alleyne ruled him out of order.

Bishop Alleyne then became angered and turned down the chairman's chair on the platform to show that Bishop Walls was disregarding the chair.

With the conference in confusion, Bishop J. C. Taylor sat the chair upright again and the battle continued.

Bishop Walls held the floor and charged that "neither Bishop Alleyne nor any other bishop has the right to rule that the general conference could not reopen any matter."

However, Bishop Alleyne read the church law relating to charges brought against a bishop, and then called for a vote as to whether the report of the judiciary committee would be accepted.

Committee Report Wins

The vote was overwhelming for acceptance.

During the heat of the debate between Bishop Walls and Bishop Alleyne, they had been competing with each other for use of the microphone on the platform and the photographer snapped a picture of them in such action.

After quiet prevailed again, Bishop Walls arose and asked the photographer not to publish the picture in the newspaper.

He agreed.

In other action, the conference elected R. Barley Fisher of Washington general secretary on the first ballot; took two ballots to name Richard W. Sherrill of Salisbury, N.C., financial secretary, made J. W. Eichelberger of Chicago head of its Christian education program and elected J. W. Andrews of Winston-Salem church extension secretary.

At the conclusion of the session, former Bishop Matthews said "This is not the end of this."

Retiring Bishop Shaw Leads Methodists Annual Conference

The Methodist Church is holding its 12th session of the Washington Annual Conference this week at the Orchard Street Methodist Church. Bishop A. P. Shaw who is retiring, is presiding over the conference for his last time.

Attending the meet are over 600 delegates and their wives from Maryland, Virginia, Washington, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Other interested persons swell the daily church attendance to over one thousand persons.

Highlight of the conference was the reception honoring Bishop and Mrs. A. P. Shaw held Thursday night at 10 p.m.

44 Years Service

Bishop Shaw is retiring after serving 44 years in the conference. "Those past years were enjoyable ones," the tall well built minister stated.

"My greatest victory was paying off local church mortages totaling about one-hundred sixty-two dollars," he said. "And this was accomplished between 1940 and 1944."

"My greatest happiness," he continued, "is knowing that I have handled difficult appointments and other conference matters and in doing so have made a minimum amount of enemies."

Next Conference Richmond

At the Thursday session, delegates voted a commission to preposal to hold next year's conference in Baltimore. Lee's Street Methodist Church in Richmond Va. was voted as the site.

Conference sessions began officially Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Richard H. Johnson directing the Conference Board of Ministerical Trainning.

Revs. F. J. Frye and Rev. J. J. Barnes reported respectively on the Board of Stewards and Conference Hospitals and Homes.

The Commission on World Service and Finance, Rev. Joshua O. Williams, chairman held the floor next. Rev. V. T. Keys discussed evangelism.

Evangelistic Services were held that evening by Rev. Mrs. Estelle Brooks, assisted by Cecil McIntyre, Albert Holbrook, Leroy Harmon, Jessie M. Holliday, Willie Toison, Audray Owings, and John Lindsay.

Race Relations Commended

Bishop Shaw opened the second day's session, holding Communion service after devotionals were led by Rev. I. A. Moye. Later in the meeting he commended the Baltimore Conference for its cooperation with the Washington Conference in improving race relations.

At the election, the following officers were chosen: E. D. Hall, secretary, and I. R. Berry, treasurer.

Officers' Assistants

Rev. Mr. Carrington chose for his assistants, the Rev. J. H. McDonald, Frank L. Williams, I. A. Moye, V. T. Key, Clarence Davis, and William H. Richardson.

Assistants to the statistician are the Revs. R. L. Ball, William H. Polk, T. B. Travis, R. E. Brunett, H. A. Green, A. T. Middleton, Arthur Brown, Joseph W. Carroll, Lover Beason, Sumner V. Davis, R. W. Hall, and Mesdames Mary Pumphrey and Lassie Marshall.

The Rev. Mr. J. O. Williams names as his assistants, the Revs. H. A. Brooks, L. C. Chase, S. M. Carter, Henry Johnson, J. W. Winters, R. L. Clifford, Thomas Robinson, S. J. Mack, F. D. Bradford, E. S. Williams, and J. E. Carter.

Others Elected Officers

Frank Williams was elected reporter to the religious press, and W. L. Garrison, reporter to the daily press. L. A. Carter was chosen postmaster.

Bishop Shaw appointed the Revs. K. L. Jackson, E. A. Haynes, and J. H. McDonald as the committee on journal, Charles Coleman as usher chairman, G. T. C. Bell as song leader and J. S. Carroll as organist.

Rev. Frank Williams was elected chairman of the Courtesy Committee.

Late Members Honored

Deceased members honored at the afternoon Memorial Service held by Rev. Albert Hammond were: The Revs. W. C. Tongue, Harry Dixon, N. T. Minor, and James Whye.

Mesdames Marjorie D. Plummer, Laura Porter, Rachel Gardener, Mae Webster, Mary C. Stansbury, Florence Stansbury, Hannah B. Moore, Gussie Stanley, and Mildred Cornish.

Others included were Sgt. Raymond Simmons, Richard A. Contee, Raymond C. Giles, George Hollan, George Simms, Savilla Brugess, Quillie Anderson, Cora Simms, Annie P. Lyles, and Amanda King.

The Orchard Street Methodist Choirs sang after Rev. Frank Williams spoke on "Beyond the Sun Set."

District Reports

Reports from the district superintendents followed. Rev. J. H. Woods reported on the Charleston District, Rev. F. F. King on the North Baltimore District, and Rev. F. J. Frye on the South Baltimore District.

Rev. K. B. Barnes delivered the Missionary Sermon at the afternoon session. The Welcome Address at 7:30 was given by the Rev. K. L. Jackson.

Gov. McKeldin Greets Delegates

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin gave a welcome address on behalf of the State of Maryland.

Other prominent speakers at this meeting were Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Rev. Hiram Smith of the Interdenominational Alliance, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson of the NAACP, Robert L. Smith on behalf of the local church, Mae Eliza Jackson on Youth Fellowship, and Dr. W. W. Allen for Fraternal Organizations. The response was given by Rev. Silas J. Mack followed by musical selections by the St. John's Methodist Church choirs.

Thursday Morning Session

Bishop Shaw called the conference to order at 9 a.m. Thursday morning. The Program included, devotionals by Rev. George A. Tate, a conference business session, and an inspirational address delivered by Dr. Norman A. Trott.

After dinner, the outstanding feature was the Anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Gertrude Monroe presided. Mrs. Myrtle Wenn led devotionals followed by an address by Mrs. A. P. Shaw.

Delegates reconvened after attending a buffet supper at the New Methodist Carroll Home. Mr. William Fletcher, opened the anniversary program of the Laymen's Association.

Afternoon Session

John Wesley's Senior Choir sang, and Rev. J. H. Brooks led the devotionals. Prof. Douglas King, principal of Bates High School of Annapolis, addressed the audience.

At 10 p.m. the reception in honor of Bishop and Mrs. A. P. Shaw took place.

Bishop Shaw's Farewell

"Forty Years in the Ministry," Bishop A. P. Shaw's farewell speech is the feature of today's session. In this speech, the retiring Bishop will cover highlights of his life span with the Methodist conference. He joined the Conference in 1908 at the same Orchard Street Methodist Church, he is presenting his last address as Bishop.

Other events scheduled today are the Minister's Wives Report, an anniversary report on the New Methodist Carroll Home for the Aged by Mrs. Mattie Carter, and addresses by Mrs. Edna Rawlings, the Revs. C. S. Harper and J. J. Barnes, and Garrett D. Rawlings.

Dr. A. R. Howard conducts the afternoon's Board of Temperance sesssion.

The Evening Session

Rev. C. A. Scott, will preside over the evening meeting at 8 p.m. Devotionals will be led by the Rev. O. M. Beason, and music will be furnished by the Metropolitan Chorus Choir.

Dr. E. A. Love is one of the three speakers for the evening. Others are Rev. Howard Cornish and Rev. Levi Miller.

An offering will be taken by Roscoe Williams, W. J. Graham, V. Davis, J. H. Carter, E. Booth, J. B. Travis, P. Vauls, J. T. Tindale.

Youth Convocation, Tomorrow

A Youth Convocation at Metropolitan Methodist Church is the main event scheduled for tomorrow. A this gathering, music, exhibits, drama, fellowship studies, and worship services planned by the Washington Conference Youth Council.

Services held at the Orchard Street Methodist Church will be conducted by the Revs. J. O. Williams, L. A. Dyson, C. E. Johnson, and R. M. Williams.

Sunday Services at Coliseum

All religious services on Sunday will be held at the Coliseum in the 2200 block of Monroe Street.

The morning services starting at 9:30 is the "Love Feast" directed by the Revs. R. R. Robinson, C. C. Nelson, C. W. Burnett, James E. Carter, L. A. Carter, Levi Chase, V. N. S. Hughes.

At 10:45, Rev. F. F. King, district superintendent of the North Baltimore District, will begin the services. Massed Methodists Choirs will furnish the music. Bishop A. P. Shaw will deliver the sermon.

Ordination Service

After the dinner in the church, Rev. J. D. Foye will begin the Ordination Service. Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison assists in the devotionals, and the Wesleyan Choir of Asbury Methodist Church will sing.

The afternoon sermon will be delivered by Rev. Cecil B. La Grange.

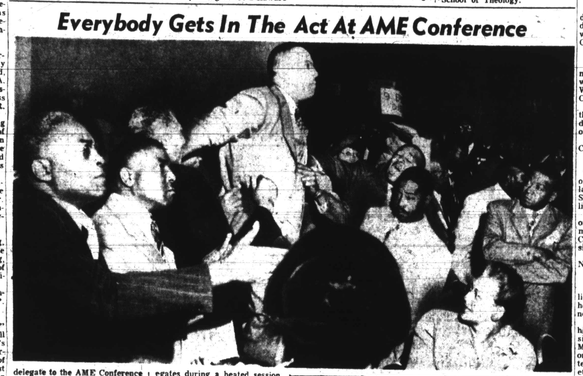
EDITOR VISITS

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — Geoffrey Lumsden and his sister, Miss Renee Lumsden, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, visited St. Louis last week to study the city's approach to its racial, educational and political problems.

Gentlemen Of The Cloth Clasp Hands

Dr. J. S. Ladd Thomas, right, received a welcome handclasp from Bishop A. P. Shaw just before speaking at the Delaware Conference of the Methodist Church in Tindley Temple last Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Noah W. Moore Jr., host pastor, is seen at the rear. Thomas is dean of Temple University's School of Theology.

Everybody Gets In The Act At AME Conference



delegate to the AME Conference Richard Stokes, Philadelphia in Chicago, is restrained by delegates during a heated session. Note varied expressions on delegates' faces.

Lott Carey Pilgrims Fete C. L. Simpson

WASHINGTON

District members of the recent Lott Carey African Pilgrimage and local members of the executive committee of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention gave a formal reception at the Cimmarron Club, Monday, in honor of Clarence L. Simpson, Liberian Ambassador to the U.S.

In November, 1951, the 22 members of the Lott Carey Baptist Pilgrimage were the guests of William V. S. Tubman, president of Liberia, and his cabinet. At that time, Ambassador Simpson was vice-president of Liberia, and played an active role in providing memorable festivities for this American group.

Ambassador Simpson was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. S. Bright, Mrs. Sarah King Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Kedrick Brown, Miss Myrtle Reeves, Miss Estler Steward and Miss Rosemary Newsome of the Liberian Embassy.

Guests

Out-of-town guests were: Dr. and Mrs. U. G. Wilson, Portsmouth, Va.; Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Ransome, Richmond; Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown, Richmond; and Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne of Baltimore.

Local sponsors and guests were: Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Somerville, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Washington, Dr. and Mrs. Earl L. Harrison, Dr. and Mrs. George Longoria, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. S. Holloman, Miss Portia Bullock; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Randolph, Mr. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. A. Joseph Edwards; Miss Myrtle Jones, Lewis Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Elphonzo Freeman, Miss Anna Whitson and Miss Roberta Long.

Dr. Somerville served as toastmaster.

A Birthday Party For Pattie

Pattie Ann Johnson, great-niece of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hayne, celebrated her second birthday May 16. Guests above include Sharon Harding, Paula Chambers, Ira Vincent, Pattie Farrell, Shirley Murry, Elinor Nickens, Ernestine Hendricks, Delores Bertha, Barbara Bertha, Warren Harding, Darrel Green, Philip Harding, Bernie Briscoe and John Bertha. (Photo by B. Claiborne)

D.C. Clerics Hailed As New AME Zion Bishops

Happy friends joyously congratulate newly-elected bishops of the AME Zion Church at its 34th Quadrennial Conference in Brooklyn's First AME Zion Church. Bishop D. C. Pope, Washington, left, is congratulated by friends. Right, Bishop Gill Spottswood, also of Washington, gets embrace from his wife.

—'Birth Of Nation'

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the legally required seal and perforation of this Board. As constituted at that time, the Board felt that the film would incite to crime through the agitation of race prejudice.

9 Years Passed

"After the lapse of nine years, the same owner or lessee, on May 20, 1952, renewed his application for the licensing of the film and the affixing of the Board's seal and perforation on the print submitted therewith.

"After the Board had examined the picture, it was screened for Col. Emer F. Munshower, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, Col. Beverly Oney, Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, and members of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, including its chairman, Mr. William C. Rogers. All of these parties were definitely of the opinion that the film was morally bad and crime-inciting.

Licenses Rejected

"The Board has given the picture its utmost consideration and, after hearing all parties concerned, has concluded that because of the inflammatory nature of many of its scenes and subtitles, "Birth of a Nation" could easily induce to riots and other crimes in this city and state. Accordingly, the license applied for has been rejected under Section 6 of the Maryland Motion Picture Statute.

"Incidentally, the picture has been banned in a number of communities. Only a month ago, the City of Boston banned its exhibition. The State of Ohio, including its Supreme Court, has also rejected the film. Prior to its rejection in Ohio, a number of racial disturbances took place there and elsewhere."

In addition to persons mentioned in the board's statement as viewing the picture, others present included Loyal Kansdale, prominent leader; Furman Templeton of the Urban League, Dr. Carl Murphy, publisher, and E. B. Rea, AFRO Theatrical Editor.

Revives Civil War

The film, which according to its South's side of the Civil War, opened originally in New York in 1915.

In Baltimore in 1916, it was reviewed by one critic who praised action showing what he called "the family affections and joys of home life."

It has been banned in most American cities and is banned under law in France.

Based on a novel, "The Clansman," the film depicts Ku Klux Klan activities during Reconstruction days.

—Posse Hunts

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ordered into the area to pick up suspects.

State Police In Search

State police have also been directed to the scene to help track down the suspected assailant and volunteer firemen of the Pikesville Fire Department have been ordered out.

The victim of the attack, Mrs. Daisy Hemling, is in Memorial Hospital in a serious condition from a fractured skull and broken nose.

According to Mrs. Hemling she was beaten around 10 a.m. by a man dressed in "ordinary clothes." The posse is seeking a 6-foot colored man who the woman said attacked her with a hammer as she gave him a drink of water.

CHARLES FRANKBL, Monmouth (N.J.) prosecutor, declared prior to conviction of Allen Roberts, 22, on charges of murdering Alice May Campbell, 22, that "nobody has a right to kill a bum, a tramp or a prostitute."

DEATHS

MRS. MILDRED JOHNSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred Johnson of Pumphrey, Md., were held Wednesday at the John Wesley Methodist Church.

Wife of Francis Johnson of 210 Miland St., in Pumphrey, she died at her home on May 16. Mrs. Johnson is survived by her father, and one brother.

Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

WILSON K. SMITH

Services for Wilson K. Smith of 1047 Argyle St., who died on May 14 in Camden, N.J., were held Tuesday at the Williams Funeral Home.

He was the brother of Herbert H. Smith, Levi G. Smith and Mrs. Rosetta Hill, all of Baltimore. Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

AARION G. ARTIS

Rites for Aarion Gorham Artis, of 886 Fairmount Ave., were held Tuesday from the Williams Funeral Home.

Son of Mrs. Minnie Artis, the deceased is also survived by five sisters and two brothers. Interment was in Baltimore National Cemetery.

MRS. LORETTA H. MOORE

Funeral services for Mrs. Loretta H. Moore of 2439 Guilford Ave., were held Tuesday at Central Baptist Church with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Mrs. Moore is survived by one daughter, father, mother, two sisters, and four brothers.

CHARLES FREEMAN

Rites for Charles Freeman who died on May 13, were held Monday at the Sullivan Funeral Home with interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

MRS. EDNA FLEET

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Fleet of 115 N. Schroder St., who died on May 17, were held Wednesday at the St. Paul M.E. Church.

Wife of the late William Fleet, the deceased is survived by one daughter, Leonia; one son, John, one brother, and a stepmother.

Interment was in dt. Auburn Cemetery.

LARRY E. CHESLEY

Rites for Larry E. Chesley, son of Mrs. Mary Chesley and the late Larry Chesley, of 25 Brune St., were held Monday at the Williams Funeral Home.

Mr. Chesley died at his home on May 15. He is survived by his mother; four brothers, Alfred, Carl, Melvin and Larry; and one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Graham.

Interment was in the Baltimore National Cemetery.

ALONZO ELLIPTT

Funeral services for Alonzo Elliott of 614 Sarah Ann St., were held Monday at the Wilson Funeral Home.

Mr. Elliott died on May 15 at his home. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Maude N. Elliott, and Mrs. Geneva E. Johnson; and one brother, Everett Elliott. Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Lifer Among 10 Granted Paroles

A man convicted of murder and who has been jailed for 32 years was one of 10 persons granted paroles this month by Governor Theodore R. McKeldin.

Charles Jackson, who was sentenced to life in December of 1921 on a first-degree murder charge in Washington County Circuit Court goes free after three decades behind bars.

Two Women Freed

Also among the paroles are two women, whose terms would have totaled 10 years.

The complete list follows:

Ethel Mae Blackwell, sentenced Jan. 27, 1951 Criminal Court, Baltimore city, not more than five years, Reformatory for Women on charges of man slaughter a not deadly weapon possession. Willie Brown, sentenced Oct. 4, 1951, Circuit Court, Baltimore county, 18 months for housebreaking.

Hilda Green, sentenced an 5, 1951, Criminal Court, Baltimore city, not more than five years, Reformatory for Women, manslaughter.

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Willie Hoskin, sentenced Nov. 13, 1945, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, ten years Maryland Penitentiary for murder, second degree. Libton ackson, sentenced July 13, 1951 Magistrate's Court, Baltimore County, 18 months, House of Correction, driving on a revoked license and driving while drunk.

Charles ackson, sentenced Dec. 2, 1921, Circuit Court, Washington County to life for first-degree murder. Parole granted under date of an. 10, 1930, under supervision of the division of parole and propation, sentence now being committed to relieve further supervision.

Allen ones, sentenced April 18, 1951, Criminal Court, Baltimore city, for not more than two years for burglary. Calvin Prentice, sentenced March 4, 1951, Criminal Court, Baltimore, two years, Larceny. Thomas Wagstaff, sentenced Aug. 24, 1948, Criminal Court, Baltimore, not more than four years, robbery.

Sailor Face Brig After Dispute

A 19-year-old sailor faces either punishment by the Navy or by the State for causing a mild riot on May 3 and threatening an elderly printer to "give you a lesson you'll long remember."

Bobbie Smith, of the 200 block of Baylor Court was found not guilty Tuesday of assault in Judge John A. Tucker's Court but he had already pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.

The court ordered military police who were present in the serve the outcome of the case to notify the Navy.

The youth, only in the Navy seven months, started his rumpus outside the Knight of Pythias Hall in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Ave. when he was here on a 3-day pass from Annapolis.

Marion Watkins, the printer, of the 800 block of North Kingland, testified that Smith kept him waive when he refused to let him enter the hall.

"He said, 'I want something to eat'," Watkins quoted the sailor. "I told him we don't have any more and then he said, 'Old timer, I'm going to give you a lesson you'll long remember.'"

Watkins said when he left the place he saw Smith waiting and cursing. He also saw Sgt. George E. Andrews of the Northwest police station and went to his help.

Sgt. Andrews stated that he placed the youth under arrest and when he was searched at the station found an open switchblade knife in his right pocket.

Young Smith, a gunnard in the Navy, was dressed in civilian clothes at the time as he was when he appeared before the court.

His defense was that he was drunk "and I didn't know what I was doing." When asked how much he had had to drink, Smith said "about half of pint."

60-Day Jail Term Given Man For Hitting Woman

A 60-day jail sentence was handed Jorden Jacobs, 50, 1100 Robert Madison Ave., in Northwestern Police Court Thursday after he was found guilty of striking Mrs. Ethel Brawner, a tenant, on May 20 and again on May 21.

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Tan Moms Barred From Texas Meeting

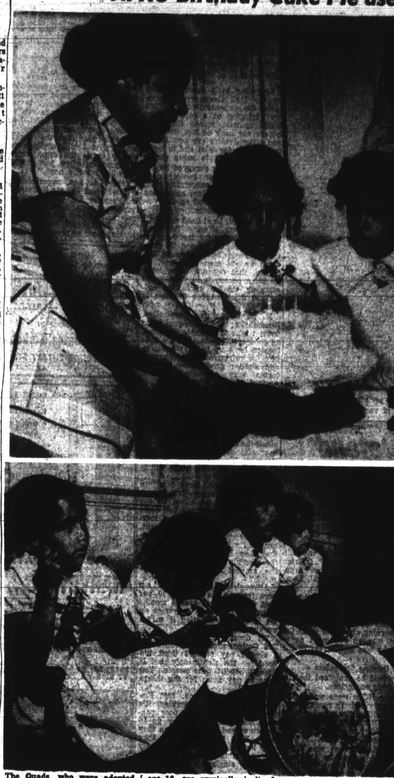
DETROIT (ANP) — Michigan's three colored delegates to the national convention of Moms of America, May 6 to 9 in Texarkana, Texas were forced to revise their plans to attend the meeting after being informed they could not register at Hotel Cotton, convention headquarters.

They are Mrs. Martha Gardner, Mrs. Willie M. McClure of Detroit, and Mrs. Jessie Pope of River Rouge, Mich.

OHIOAN ENDS VA. VISIT

MILLERS TAVERN, Va.—Mrs. Leila Lewis of Dayton, Ohio, returned there last week after having spent several weeks here

AFRO Birthday Cake Pleases Fultz Quads, Now Six



Nurse E. P. Saylor presents to the Fultz Quads of Madison, N.C., their sixth year birthday cake given to them by the AFRO-AMERICAN. Born May 23, 1946 the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Fultz caused a sensation because they became the nation's only living identical quadruplets. They weighed three pounds at birth and now weigh 48 pounds. Left to right: Mary Ann, Mary Louise, Mary Alice and Mary Catherine. Each bears the Mary Christian name because it's their mother's favorite. (AFRO Photo by Stanback)

The Quads, who were adopted by the Pet Milk Co., and will remain under its care until they are 10, are musically inclined. Here they are shown playing their newest craze, the rhythm band.

Principal John Dillard of the Charles Drew High School shows N.C.'s most famous children parts of the world on hand map. Mary Louise said, "It's pink, just like a bubble gum."

One of the quads' favorite pastimes is watching television. Last winter they appeared on the North Carolina's governor. (All AFRO Photos by Stanback)

Patrolman Dismissed For Letting Prisoner Escape

A patrolman assigned to the Northeastern District was stripped of his uniform by authorities last week after being charged with neglecting his duties.

The former officer, Jerome Harrison, a resident of the Hillview Rd., area in Cherry Hill was dismissed following a trial by superiors at Central headquarters.

According to Capt. Julian Forrest, chief of the N. E. station, Harrison was dismissed after allowing a prisoner to escape from Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Assaulted Cabbie

Witnesses stated that the prisoner was apprehended after assaulting a cab driver. The driver later pointed out his attacker to Harrison and another officer who attempted to place him under arrest.

In the attempt the officers had no use force to subdue their prisoner. He was then taken to Hopkins for treatment.

Harrison was left alone in a room with the prisoner for only a few minutes according to one officer, when the escape occurred.

Hint Other Charges

Persons closely connected with the case failed to reveal details of the officers dismissal but hinted that the dismissal within itself was the culmination of a series of charges against the officer over a period of months.

A native of the E. Baltimore area, Harrison is a former student of Morgan State. In 1947 he served as veterans counselor at the school.

Local Blighted Area To Get Face Lifted

The back yards of a block of houses in E. Baltimore, will be target for an all-out blitz paint job on May 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The block, which stretches from 1801 to 1841 E. Biddle St., is part of the 27 block "Pilot Area" currently being rehabilitated under the direction of the Baltimore City Health Department's Housing Bureau.

Residents of the block will be joined on Saturday by volunteers from Dunbar High School, the Baltimore Week-End Work Camp, and the Brethren Volunteer Service Unit. The paint brush attack is designed to brighten fences, porches, steps, and window boxes throughout the block.

Chosen Year Ago

"Pilot Area," was chosen over a year ago for rehabilitation by a "Pilot Program" which would direct into a single blighted neighborhood, the combined resources of inter-departmental law, public education, social services, and neighborhood organizations.

The residences in the area have undergone intensive rehabilition through enforcement of housing, building, fire prevention, and sanitation codes.

The Week-End Work Camp is an interdenominational, inter-racial group of young people from church organizations. Saturday's project will be a part of their second week-end of assistance to "Pilot Area" residents.

Rat Riddance Campaign On In Lexington St. Area

The rat—Baltimore's public enemy number one—will be the target of residents in the Lexington St. area next week when school children, parents and Health Department officers join forces to intensify a rodent control campaign in the community.

The first phase of the drive against rats begins May 26 (Monday) when pupils at the Twelfth St. elementary school will watch a demonstration of the gassing of rat burrows by members of the rodent control division. The demonstration will take place in the rear of the 600 block of Sarah Ann St. The public is invited.

Sanitarians In Charge

On Tuesday, at School No. 110-110-A, Reginald C. Young and John Long, sanitarians with the division of rodent control, will meet with pupils and faculty to explain the rodent control check list.

This questionnaire is being given each pupil to take home for parents to fill in.

It is part of the Health Department's effort to determine how successful the area is preventing rodent invasions.

The questions include:

1 Do you have a proper garbage can?

2. Does it have a tight metal lid?

3. Is there any paper, trash or debris in the cellar or yard?

4. Is the woodpile and other stored material raised 2 feet off the ground?

5. If you have a pet, is the animal food removed immediately after feeding?

Sort Of Mastery Plan

Results of this survey will be studied by the Health Department and a master plan for continued removal of rat nests and harboring places in the Lexington St. area will resume.

Rodent control crews have been working in this area for two years. officials state that the cleanup, by removing decaying wood fences, dump piles and paving and plastering sidewalks and walls, had resulted in a 100 per cent improvement.

Rodent hunters will move into several new areas around Lexington St. in the near future and the school and community campaign to make citizens rodent control conscious, is part of this new attack on the rat.

Lexington St. is just part of a continuing city-wide rodent control operation directed by William Sallow, chief of the division of rodent control

Samuel Owings, is principal of the Waesche St. school, which is serving as nerve-center for the campaign.

Former Vet Teacher Loses Ala. Divorce

Charles G. Stokes, formerly of this city but now residing in Montgomery, Ala., lost his suit for divorce from Mrs. Robbie H. Stokes of 1403 W. Saratoga St., and a divorce on grounds of desertion was granted her in the Alabama courts, recently.

The action ended a long and rocky matrimonial career of the Baltimore matron and the former veterans vocational teacher, who prior to leaving this city in 1950 was on the faculty of School No. 45.

Mr. Stokes left Baltimore in 1950, while under probation of the Circuit Court to pay his wife $70 per month alimony. He said at the time that he planned to enter Tuskegee for study to further his teaching profession.

Wife Charges Dodge

In her testimony Mrs. Stokes charged that he registered at Tuskegee Institute on May 3, 1950 and left the institution on May 20, 1950. His only purpose, she said, was to establish residency in Alabama in the hope of getting a divorce in that state. She charged that her husband is employed as a porter at the Idzolin Theatre in Montgomery.

With the divorce, Mrs. Stokes was granted permanent alimony.

Forced Support

Granted a divorce in this city, this week, was Mrs. Helen Austin of 638 W. Mulberry St., who not only charged John W. Austin with non-support but told the court that she was forced to support herself and his two children.

Adding insult to injury, she said, he locked her out of the home while she visited her mother in Petersburg, Va. Her maiden name, Taylor, was restored.

Mrs. Moody Freed

The former Mrs. Mary E. Moody of 1425 Binder Court, who divorced William Moody on grounds of cruelty also had her maiden name, Lovelace, restored. She charged that while Mr. Moody beat her with a table leg, she had 8 stitches to be taken in her head.

Voluntarily Apart

A divorce went to Mrs. Dowayne Addison of 1728 E. Bond St. after she testified that she and Leonard Addison just couldn't live together peacefully, so voluntarily separated in 1951.

She was represented by Thomas Knox, attorney.

Seven File Petitions

Suits for divorces were filed by the following seven complainants:

Mrs. Ada Cook vs. Joseph E.; Mrs. Ruth Washington vs. Benjamin Ernest L. Perkins, attorney; Mrs. Helen Code vs. Lloyd Code, Roy S. Bond, attorney; Mrs. Elma L. Bishop vs. Clarence P. Bishop, Donald H. Prye, attorney; Mrs. Emily Brkley vs. Robert Barkley, Calvin A. Douglass, attorney; Mrs. Clara F. Holland vs. Carroll E. Holland, Calvin A. Douglass, attorney.

Mrs. Ethel M. Mrs. Berdell Maid; Samuel R. Fowler, Jr. vs. Mrs. Aline B. Fowler, Brown, Allen and Watts, attorneys.

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