

Marathon Of Prayer, Bedlam Of Gospel Shouting Marks Annual Meet Of Negro Sect

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—An around-the-clock roar of hymns shook Mason temple as some 7,000 delegates kept prayers and services going for the 11th straight day.

The religious marathon opened Nov. 25. Delegates from 40 states, Africa, and islands in the Caribbean will work in relays to continue services until it ends Dec. 15.

It's the 42nd annual holy convocation of the Church of God in Christ, Negro.

The sect was founded 43 years ago by 84-year-old Bishop Charles H. Mason. It was baptized with a blast of rifle fire when he opened his first church in an abandoned ginmill near Lexington, Miss., against popular opinion.

Today the sect reports 3,000 churches and missions and 1,500,000 members. Million-dollar Mason temple is headquarters.

The temple seats 7,500 in its auditorium, but often that's far too small to handle the convention crowd. The overflow covers the grounds, where ministers thundering against sin and hell-fire compete with peanut vendors and photographic booths.

Bishop Mason, a small, griz-

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Nationalists Of China About Done

By The Associated Press
Political chaos appeared to be enveloping what was left of Nationalist China today as Communist armies neared Chengtu, the religious capital.

In the jittery city, there was a noisy clamor for Chiang Kai-shek to resume the presidency. In Hong Kong, president Li Teng-jen ordered Nationalist officials at Chengtu to carry on under his orders. Li is flying to the United States for a month and said he would telegraph his instructions.

Non-Communist nations, despite their sympathies, have made it clear they believe Nationalist China is on the ropes. Several nations including the British commonwealth group are expected to extend a form of recognition to the Communists soon.

The U.S. State department's chief trouble-shooter, Dr. Phillip K. Jessup is leaving for China this month to make a last-minute survey of America's Far East diplomatic problems in view of the military victories of the Chinese Communists who are now reported within 90 miles of the Indo-China border.

zled man, is still a driving force in the church. He thinks the hostility his sect met during its early days gave him a big boost along the road of success.

Bullets From Dissidents
It happened the first night his small congregation gathered in the ginmill to shout their new-found faith, "baptism of the Holy Ghost." Disapproving Negroes, he said, fired a hail of bullets through the building.

No one was killed, although several were slightly wounded. Bishop Mason said publicity from the shooting brought new members from miles around. "I preached the word of the Lord and converted them as fast as I could."

The church leaders set a strict code. Members are forbidden to smoke or drink alcoholic beverages, dance, gamble, attend movies and professional sports events, or obtain divorces.

Baptism comes when the convert "speaks in tongues"—an unintelligible babble of religious fervor. Elder Richard Page of Oakland, Cal., outlined it like this:

"You don't have to speak in tongues all the time. But you have to speak in tongues at least once. You have to be baptized by the Holy Ghost. You can't love your enemies unless you have the spirit of the Holy Ghost. It isn't natural."

Atwater Kent Estate Valued At \$9 Million

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—A. Atwater Kent, philanthropist and radio manufacturer, left an estate valued at \$9,130,971.11, the executors say in their first accounting submitted to Superior court.

Kent, who died last March 4, gave away in his will almost \$5,000,000 to friends, employees, Charitable and Educational Institutions. To his widow, Mable Lucas Kent, from whom he was separated, he left \$2,000,000 in cash and the income from 20 percent of the stock of the Atwater Kent Manufacturing Co.

Sees Son After 19 Years As He Faces Murder Count

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The last time Marian Pool, 37, had seen her son he was six months old. When she saw him again, he was 19 and on trial charged with murdering his foster-mother.

But, after she came all the way from her home in Safety Harbor, Fla., to see young James Nairy in court yesterday, the real mother embraced Nairy and said: "He is a good boy. I can tell that just by looking at him. I am proud of him. I think when all the facts are known, he will be treated kindly."

Nairy is charged with first degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. Iva M. Nairy, 56, outside their suburban Fairview park home last October. Court records show he was illegitimate. The Nairys adopted him.

It is estimated there are 300,000 Hemispheres.

Employment In November Rises

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The number of Americans regularly employed rose 517,000 in November.

Reporting this, the Census bureau said unemployment declined 187,000.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer commented: "The job picture in November was perhaps more favorable than at any previous time this year."

The Census bureau explained that the top in unemployment was smaller than the rise in employment because of "an increase in the number of seasonal workers looking for jobs."

The bureau's report showed employment totaled 59,518,000 in November compared with 59,001,000 in October and 58,893,000 for November, 1948.

The number of jobs was listed as 3,409,000 in November compared with 3,576,000 in October and 1,831,000 in November, 1948.

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TOLEDO, O., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Harry Marinski awaited sentence today on a common pleas court conviction that he knocked his mother-in-law unconscious during a family argument.

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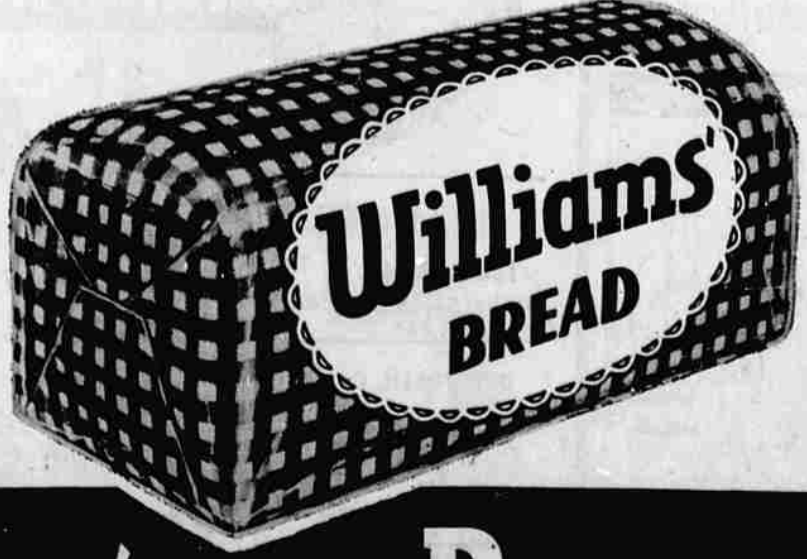
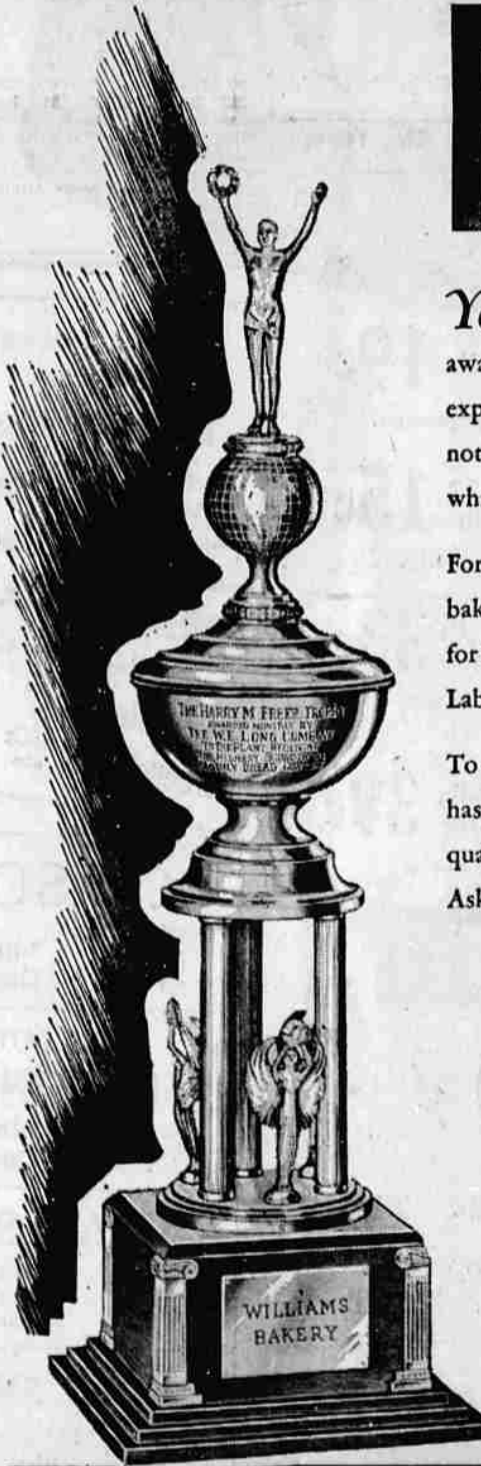
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