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MISSING BOY, 9, FOUND DROWNED

Truman's Home Town Boasts "No Negroes"

COLORED NOT ALLOWED TO EAT IN RESTAURANTS OR VISIT MOVIES WHERE TRUMAN NOW LIVES.



Senator Harry S. Truman is shown being greeted by Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, in Lamar, Mo.

LAMAR, Mo. (RNP), Sept. 12—Lamar, Mo., which boasts not a single Negro family, and renowned as the territory of the Jesse James and the Younger bandit gangs, welcomed home a native son, Senator Harry S. Truman, Thursday night, August 31, to receive the official notification and to accept the nomination as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate.

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, greeted by citizens as "the old rebel," made the notification speech.

Citizens of this southern Missouri town looked with awe upon five Negroes who came to Lamar for the notification ceremonies. Included among them were J. E. Mitchell, editor of the St. Louis Argus, St. Louis, Atty. Robert E. Cobb of Jefferson City; Atty. R. L. Vaughn of St. Louis, assistant in the state attorney general's office; and R. E. Wood, chauffeur for Attorney General Roy McKittick.

Senator Truman's nine-page acceptance speech was a plea for the re-election of President Roosevelt on the basis of his experience. "There is no substitute for experience," said the Senator.

Commenting on his speech, the Kansas City Star Friday said . . . "It might be observed at the outset that Senator Truman himself is the beneficiary of a change in leadership and of a decision to replace a man experienced in the office of vice-president of the United States

with a man without such experience. The discarding of Vice-President Wallace at Chicago, in favor of Truman, is proof that the Democratic National Convention believed that other considerations might outweigh experience in the selection of public officials. The argument for experience cannot, therefore, be given the overriding place attributed to it by Senator Truman."

In his speech, Senator Truman made no reference to the Negro.

Women of the Methodist church who had prepared meals for the press were befuddled when Negro reporters sat down to be served. The Negroes were served when the pastor ruled that "We Methodists make no dividing line between races."

Senator Truman was born at Lamar, but his parents moved away when he was 4. In Independence, Mo., where the Senator has lived for many years, the streets on which live the majority of the 800 Negro citizens are unpaved and the street lighting is poor. Negroes are not permitted to any theatre in the city, but must travel to Kansas City to see a movie. There is no public restaurant where they may eat.

Son of Vanport Resident Lost Since Sept. 7th

CAPT. TILLMAN OF VANPORT POLICE DIRECTED HUNT

The body of 9-year old Bobby Earl Williams was found Wednesday afternoon floating in the Ore-



Bobby E. Williams

gon Slough. It was discovered accidentally by 2 fishermen, M. B. Barlar, of 3815 Broadacres, Vanport and J. D. Hayward, 248 D Ft. George Street, Burton Homes, Vancouver, Wash. about 1:30 in the afternoon near the Sawdust dock of the Swift Packing company.

Little Bobbie Williams, 9 years old son of Cpl. and Mrs. Julius Williams of Vanport, had been missing from his home since Thursday, September 7th. Bobbie was a newsboy for some of the weekly Negro papers and made frequent trips to Portland alone; thereby giving the authorities the inclination to believe that he was possibly stranded in some unknown part of the city.

He was about three feet tall; has a dark copper-colored complexion, keen features and curly black hair. When last seen he was wearing a yellow and brown striped polo shirt and overalls. He wore neither hat nor shoes.

Captain Tillman of the Vanport Sheriff's office had talked with the parents of the missing boy as late as Tuesday evening nearly midnight in an effort to locate the missing youngster. The disappearance of Bobby seems not to have been so widely known until it was brought to the attention of Capt. Tillman. He found out that although the boy had been missing since September 7, it was not reported to his office until Sunday, the 10th. There had been a Broadcast of the description of Bobby and the matter was dropped as no one bothered to let the Sheriff's office know

Los Angeles Trolleys Now Use Negroes

The Los Angeles Railway Corporation has complied with the directive of August 9, which sought to end discrimination in the employment of Negroes, Malcolm Ross, Chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, announced today.

On September 1, three weeks after the corporation agreed to comply "within a reasonable time," P. B. Harris, President of the railway corporation, wrote to Harry L. Kingman, FEPC regional director, as follows:

"This letter is in compliance with directive issued by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices Case No. 66, Paragraph 4, which states, 'the committee further directs that the Los Angeles Railway Corporation notify in writing the committee's director for Region XII when it has affected compliance with this order, and such notice shall be given within

a period to be fixed by the said regional director.' This is to state that the Los Angeles Railway Corporation has complied with the directive and that it has employed Negroes for car and bus operators and has also upgraded Negroes in the shops and garages. Directive has been complied with both on the Los Angeles Railway Corporation and Los Angeles Coach Lines."

Mr. Kingman reported that fifteen Negro men and women are already serving as conductors and motormen in training and that six other Negro workers have been upgraded in the shops and garages. The project has been carried thru smoothly.

Chairman Ross has written a letter of commendation to the corporation for the prompt action taken. He also commended the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, Division 1,277 (AFL), for its cooperation.

COUNCIL HOLDS FORUM

Vanport Inter-Racial Council sponsored a forum at Community Center No. 2 on Tuesday evening. The principal speakers were Dr. D. N. Unthank, Negro physician, and Mr. McNaughton, president of the First National Bank.

After the speeches there was general discussion and a question and answer period.

An audience of about a 100 attended.

The subject discussed was "Race Relationships and their Implication To Our American Way of Life."

This is supposed to institute a series of public forums and discussion of interest to the residents of Oregon, especially Multnomah county.

TO THE NEGROES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

PORTLAND, GUILDS LAKE, AND VANPORT CITY

Registration Is Now Open at the County Court House, Fifth Ave. and Salmon Street, Room 141

In order to VOTE in the November Elections you first MUST register. In order to register you will have to go to the County Court House.

To reach the County Court House take the Williams Ave. bus or the Alberta trolley car or the Sellwood bus. Get off at Salmon Street (1000 S. W.) and walk two blocks west.

From St. Johns or Interstate bus transfer at Oak Street to the Mississippi bus or Broadway trolley. Get off at Salmon Street and walk two blocks east.

From Vanport ride bus to end of line (9th and Oak), walk east on Oak to Broadway and take the Broadway trolley or Mississippi bus. Get off at Salmon St., Walk two blocks east.

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