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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE APPEALS TO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF NATION TO ASSIST IN FREEDING MEMBERS OF 24TH INFANTRY

Petition to the President of the United States Drafted and Asked to Be Signed by Both Races Everywhere.—James Weldon Johnson Secretary of Organization

(Special to The Advocate.)

New York, N. Y., October 3.

Six years ago, in August, 1917, a terrible outbreak of rioting occurred in Houston, Texas. This riot occurred when the 24th United States Infantry, one of the four colored regiments, with a splendid record, was sent to Houston prior to being sent to France to fight. These men, wearing the uniform of the United States government, were subjected to every possible insult because they were colored. Following a long series of insults, threats and acts of violence, a clash occurred when one of the men protested against the brutal handling of a colored woman by a local white policeman. A number of people were killed before the outbreak was ended.

Following the riot a large number of the colored soldiers were arrested and tried while feeling against them yet ran high. Nineteen of them were sentenced to death and later executed, thirteen of them without right of appeal to the War Department or to the President of the United States, their commander-in-chief. Sixty-one others were sentenced to life imprisonment. For more than six years these men who are guilty of no crime except that they dared defend their lives against the attacks of a Southern white mob have been imprisoned in Leavenworth prison.

In 1921, the N. A. A. C. P. gathered and presented to the late President Harding a petition signed by 50,000 citizens requesting that he pardon these men. As a result a number were released on parole after receiving reductions of sentences.

On September 1, 1923, during the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the N. A. A. C. P. which was being held at Kansas City, 558 delegates and members made a pilgrimage to the Leavenworth Prison where they met with the fifty-four martyrs, giving them words of cheer and encouragement. The warden of the prison, Wm. I. Biddle, in an extraordinary frank statement, declared publicly on

that occasion that the men "are neither criminals nor murderers" and deserve every effort we may put forth to secure their release.

The plan is as follows: First, we are asking that you and your church set aside Sunday, November 11, as Houston Martyr's Day. On that Sunday we are asking every Christian minister in the United States to preach a sermon on this great cause and make it a day of prayer for their freedom.

Second, we want to show to the President of the United States and to others in authority that the demand for the release of the men is a nation-wide one. For that purpose we have drafted a petition to the President, copy of which is published herewith. We are asking your church to follow this model and have printed according to the instructions as many of these petitions as you will need, have every member of your church sign the petition, and then mail at once the signed petitions to the N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City. We will do at this office all the necessary clerical work, arranging the petitions in uniform lots, and by states as well, doing all the things which will make them most impressive when presented in person to President Coolidge.

We have reason for believing that if we act untidily and promptly we can effect the release of all the fifty-four men from prison. We ought to have a million signatures—we must have at the very least One Hundred Thousand. We feel confident that we can rely on your full co-operation, for this is a cause in which every man and woman, of every race and creed, can work with a will. The colored newspapers, lodges and fraternal organizations, women's clubs, civic bodies, and the 450 branches of the N. A. A. C. P. are joining with the churches in this great effort. Will your church do its part? We know it will.

Will you write us a word signifying your willingness to join in this great crusade for freedom?

Yours for freedom,
JAS. WELDON JOHNSON,
Secretary The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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BREAKS ARM
Mrs. Sykes, who recently sustained an injury to her arm, is rapidly convalescing.

NOTICE TO COLORED RAILROAD WAITERS
Would like to locate Mr. Robert Keys, in three weeks or later. Answer in The Advocate.

MRS. SMITH RETURNS
Mrs. Chris. Smith, 534 Columbia St., has returned from Seaside, where she was associated in business with her husband.

ELKS BUY NATIONAL HOME
A resolution passed at the recent Elks' convention at Chicago appropriated \$20,000 for the first installment upon the purchase of the Elks' National Home, to be located at Westchester, Pa., 24 miles from Philadelphia. The site covers 104 acres on the historic Brandywine and will be a home for aged Elks and their wives.

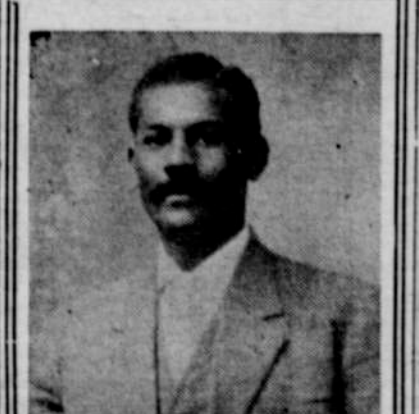
A CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank friends and acquaintances for their kindness to me during the illness and death of my beloved son, also the pastor of Zion Church, Rev. Magruder, and the assisting ministers, and special thanks to Rev. E. C. Dyer, for their services. May God bless you, one and all.
MRS. JENNIE BUTTLER.

Don't forget the place and time to hear Marcus Garvey, the great race leader. Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Wednesday night, October 10th.—adv.

ELKS' AUTO CONTEST
Rose City Lodge of Elks, Ford automobile contest will end on Thanksgiving day. Buy your tickets early and win the car. See it on display in the Golden West Hotel window.—adv.

Hear Marcus Garvey at Mount Olivet Baptist church Wednesday night, October 10th.—adv.

LOCAL MAN PASSES
Chris Buttler passed from this to the Great Beyond September 23rd, at the home of his mother, 169 N. 12th street. Funeral services were held from Holman Parlors under the direction of Revs. E. J. Magruder, E. C. Dyer and W. W. Howard. Interment in Lone Fir Cemetery.
Stay off date October 31st.—Adv.



Rev. E. C. Dyer, Pastor
Independent Baptist Church
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SUNDAY
10 A. M.—Sunday School

A. M.—Sermon, "Do Your Best," Mark 14:8.

P. M.—Sermon, "Are You Sleeping on the Job?" Mark 14:37.

Wednesday, 8 P. M., Prayer Meeting

Friday, 7 P. M., Missionary Society

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RACE DECLARED IMPUDENT, ORDERED TO TAKE BACK SEAT

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 26.—The supremacy of the white race must be respected" in Judge Walden's court. Such became evident Wednesday afternoon when the proceedings in the Van Noy trial were halted for a few minutes and the bailiff was instructed to remove several Negroes who were occupying seats with whites in the rear of the room.

"You Negroes are too impudent in this part of the country," the judge admonished. "You're not allowed to sit with white folks anywhere in this state, and you know it. Sit on the back seats where you belong."

The women clapped frantically, and the court proceeded. Such is the spirit in the State of Oklahoma as the K. K. K. war looms.

WEALTHY N. C. CITIZEN DEFIES KU KLUX KLAN

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 30.—Defying the Ku Klux Klan, Charles M. Kooten, one of the wealthiest colored men of the state, literally took the bit in his mouth here last week when he ordered building continued on his new home.

Wooten was warned by the Klan against building his home on property purchased from a white man; threatening him with a note and a truck check. (The truck check was intended to indicate that it was time to move.) The note read: "Take warning; I stitch in time saves nine."

EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE MAN DEAD

Boston, Mass., Sept. 30.—With the large Twelfth Baptist church which he had just made clear of debt and had pastored for 24 years filled to capacity limit and thousands standing in the rain outside, held back by police reserves, sad and sincere honor was given the memory of Rev. M. A. N. Shaw, M.D., today by the people of Eastern Massachusetts at a funeral service as large and notable as Boston has known for a citizen of color. Never was sorrow and the sense of personal loss and of race loss deeper, never more willing testimony to kindness, nobility of soul, readiness to use great medical, intellectual and oratorical ability for individuals and for his people collectively. William Monroe Trotter mourned with the family.

COUSINS MEET FIRST TIME IN FORTY YEARS

Although J. W. Houser of this city and his cousin, W. L. Houser, of Charlotte, N. C., have been within a radius of a few hundred miles of each other, and although they have been here in the city at the same time, they met for the first time in forty years last Saturday morning when W. L. Houser ran in here on a train. The Housers' fathers were brothers.

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OREGON FOR BETTER HOMES

Every merchant in Portland and

throughout the United States, who caters to home needs, will observe this week. The press, pulpit schools, women's societies, welfare organizations, etc., will participate in its observance.

SEES ROUND-UP

Mrs. Ada McGill, 491 Union Ave., spent Round-up week in Pendleton, Oregon.

NOTED PREACHER TO WED

Invitations have been received in Portland to the wedding of Reverend Dr. J. Gordon McPherson (Black Billy Sunday) and Miss Dolly T. Taylor, Wednesday evening, the 10th, at First Baptist church, New Orleans, La. This makes the parson's third marriage.

FALLS; SUSTAINS INJURY

Mrs. Essie O. Brandon sustained painful injuries to her back when her foot slipped and she fell down the stairway at her residence, 290 Larabee street, Sunday. She is convalescing nicely.

GOES FISHING

Mrs. W. H. Myles, 290 Larrabee street, is the proud fisher woman who reports a catch of thirty good looking fish, Tuesday. Mrs. Myles likes the sport and goes frequently to handle the lines that attract the finny tribe.

DR. BUNDY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Dr. LeRoy Bundy of East St. Louis riot fame attempted to commit suicide last week at his home in Cleveland, O., by slashing his throat with a razor. It is reported from the hospital where he is confined that Mr. Bundy will recover.

LABOR ROASTS KU KLUX KLAN

"No workman can conscientiously be a member of the American Federation of Labor and also a member of the Ku Klux Klan, is the summary of an opinion of the executive council's report read at the first day's session of the A. F. of L. convention here.

The council took a firm stand against the klansmen when it charged them with efforts to promote religious intolerance, to supplant same administration with "mob government," and spreading a campaign of terrorism through the country. In part the report read: "The Ku Klux Klan is destructive of that freedom and devotion to the principles of liberty which we regard as first essential in democratic civilization."

BREAKS INTO HOUSE

Farley Hunt, who has done time in the Oregon penitentiary, was arrested Friday evening, charged with larceny from a dwelling house. At his trial Monday he was given 60 days.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

C. E. Ivey, 946 Tibbet street, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils Monday, the 24th, at the Portland Ear, Eye and Throat Hospital. He is doing nicely at this writing.

Stay off Halloween night.—adv.

WHITE STREET CAR CONDUCTOR LEAVES CAR TO CHASE AND BEAT COLORED WOMAN IN SHREVEPORT, LA.—WHITE AND COLORED MEN FAIL TO HELP WOMAN

Man Struck in Face While Attempting to Rescue Colored Girl From White Brute Who Beat Her in Shadow of Federal Building. No Arrests Have Been Made

(Special to The Advocate.)

New York City, October 3. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, today made public extracts from an open letter published September 22 by the Shreveport Sun, a colored Louisiana newspaper, citing the beating of colored women by white men as a cause of the Negro exodus from that section. The Shreveport Sun gives the following eye witness' stories:

"On Friday morning, September 7, between 7 and 8 o'clock, I was coming to town on the Highland car. At one of the stops in King's Highway, I heard the conductor ask, 'What did you say?' On looking around I found that he was talking to a young colored woman, the only one on the car. He opened the door of the car, left his car and chased her nearly a block. When he overtook her, he struck her several times with his fist, holding his car key in the other hand. The woman showed no fight at all, her only defense being an attempt to escape; but this proved insufficient and the brave, heroic conductor gave the defenseless, helpless colored woman a sound beating on the public highway.

"Several white men and a few colored men were on the car. Not one word was said in the defense of this unprotected, helpless colored woman. The white men said nothing because, possibly they did not care to be mixed up with the affair, and the colored men said nothing because they knew that it would mean additional trouble in which they would get the worst of the deal regardless of the rightness of their stand."

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