

THE ADVOCATE

An Independent Paper Devoted to the Interests of the People

VOL. XXI NO 39

PORTLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1924

PRICE 5 CENTS

WAR DEPT. SAYS ALL HOUSTON MARTYRS GET REDUCED SENTENCES CONFERENCE BANS BOBBED HAIR STYLE

SENSATION CAUSED WHEN GRE AT CHURCH GOES ON RECORD
AS REFUSING OFFICES IN CHURCH TO WOMEN WHO
WEAR BOBBED HAIR AND SLEEVELESS GOWNS

Bishop Flipper Says Race Must Stop Complaining and Grumbling and Do
Something for Itself—More Than Score of Nominees
For the Bishopry

(Special to The Advocate)
Louisville, Ky., May 13.—The elec-
tion of Bishops to the bench of the
African Methodist Episcopal Church,
in general conference here, resulted
as follows:

Rev. A. R. Gaines, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Everdy B. Ransom, New York
City.
Rev. John A. Gregg, Wilberforce,
Ohio.

There were over a score of nomi-
nees.

A real sensation was sprung Mon-
day when, with more than 500 wives
and daughters of delegates in the
gallery, a resolution was passed to
bar women with sleeveless dresses
and bobbed hair from holding office
in the church.

The passing of the resolution effec-
tually determined the stand taken by
the A. M. E. Church in connection
with the so-called "modern girl," who,
dispensing with the ideas and meth-
ods of their mothers, are establishing
a new plane of independence. The
passing of the resolution is supposed
to mark the first step in a vigorous
war against girls who "roll their
stockings, bob their hair and believe
in making a show of their physical
charms."

Flipper Addresses Conference

"The Negro must stop so much
complaining and grumbling and do
something for himself." These were
the words of Bishop Flipper of Geor-
gia, in a ringing address to the con-
ference on the fourth day of the ses-
sion. Bishop Flipper also read
the episcopal address which stressed
necessity for progressive Christian
organization, high standards for the
pulpit, prohibition, political indepen-
dence and a greater program of so-
cial service.

HOTEL NOTES

Henry Gibson, pioneer
waiter, will hit the trail
June 1, for Hayden Lake,
Idaho, to boss things
around the Bonanza Tav-
ern, for the summer,
where Mrs. Dan Moore is the ruling
power.

H. Johnson, who was operated on
last week, is on the job once more
at The Portland.

Head Bellman Wyatt Williams of
The Portland and a number of friends
took in the polo game Sunday at Van-
couver, Wash.

Homer Rhodes, bell-hop at The
Cornelius, is one of the star ball
players on the colored ball team.

* Patronize our advertisers.

WILLIAMS AVE. Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Amid gaily swinging lanterns, the
High School Reserves, clad in Chi-
nese costumes, conducted a Chinese
cave on Thursday, May 15th.

Crystal Club will have its initia-
tion service on Thursday, May 2nd,
at 7 p. m. Miss Mildred Fox, High
School Reserve Secretary, will be
present.

Rev. J. Hadley will be the speaker
at the Vesper service May 25th, at
4 p. m.

The second annual membership
banquet will be held at Mt. Olivet
Baptist Church, May 26th, at 7 p. m.
Everyone is invited to attend and
hear the report of the work for the
past year.

Mrs. Alta Lewis Stevens, Oregon
State Hygiene Society, will address
the Mother's Club on Wednesday,
May 21st, at 3 p. m.

Two more swimming classes be-
fore the close of the season—May 28
and June 4.

The Bible Class will close on Fri-
day night.

The Blue Triangle Club was ad-
dressed on Friday night by Miss Lee
Hatfield, Industrial Girls' Secretary.

June 1st is the last social hour for
the High School group until Septem-
ber. Miss Eleanor Spall, secretary,
Confidential Exchange, who was for-
merly engaged in Y. W. C. A. work
in France, is to be the speaker at
that time.

ARIZONA ASSURES N. A. A. C. P. WHITE FATHER WILL NOT SPRING TRAP EX- CUTING NEGRO

New York, May 16.—The National
Association for the Advancement of
Colored People has received assur-
ance from the Governor of Arizona
that no white private citizen will be
allowed to spring the trap at the
execution of the convicted Negro
murderer of his son.

When it was reported that H.
Grosh, a white man, whose son had
been murdered by a Negro, was to
be allowed to spring the trap at the
Negro's execution, the N. A. A. C. P.
telegraphed to Governor G. W. P.
Hunt protesting at such an "atrocity
on American soil," substituting pri-
vate vengeance for execution by the
state.

The N. A. A. C. P. in reply re-
ceived the following telegram from
Governor Hunt's secretary:

"Report that Grosh, father of mur-
dered boy is to spring trap at ex-
ecution of Negro convicted of his son's
murder is untrue. Story was sent out
as sensational newspaper story. War-
den of state prison gave out story
contradicting newspaper report."

POSITIVELY THE GREAT- EST OPPORTUNITY OF YOUR LIFETIME—THE MARTHON FOLD

I AM NOW OFFERING YOU A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY WHICH I GAVE MY
FRIENDS A FEW MONTHS AGO. MANY OF THESE FRIENDS WERE HAVING DIFFI-
CULTIES IN MAKING ENDS MEET. THEY ARE NOW ON EASY STREET. THEY
ARE COUNTING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN PROFITS. THE ORIGINAL INVEST-
MENTS WERE SMALL BUT THE RETURNS HAVE BUILT APARTMENT HOUSES,
BOUGHT AUTOMOBILES, PAID DOCTOR'S, BUTCHER'S AND GROCER'S BILLS. THEY
HAVE BOUGHT COMFORTS AND LUXURIES, FREEDOM FROM PETTY FINANCIAL
WORRIES AND THE LUXURIOUS EASE OF THE "WELL-TO-DO." THEY HAVE
MEANT HEALTH AND EDUCATION FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN. THEY HAVE
BROUGHT RESPECT FOR THE SOUND JUDGMENT WHICH STAMPED MY FRIENDS
AS BEING THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD INVESTMENTS INSTEAD OF
BAD ONES.

I am now offering a section, 640 acres, right in the heart of what is proving every day to be the
biggest oil zone in the great southern fields.

POSITIVELY THE MOST FASCINATING AND SPECTACULAR OPPORTUNITY EVER OFFERED FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Listen! This section of ground is located in a field where drilling is proceeding on every side.
The oil fraternity is most enthusiastic. They admit the location of this section is second to none
in the great Texas oil fields. They say it is a sure shot. They are betting on it as I am now asking
you to do. They say it is like giving away money to sell this land at the price I am asking.

If it is written in the book that you shall accumulate wealth, it will not be realized until you
have shown merit and good judgment. You must buy leases ahead of a drill in an oil field to
realize big returns quickly from a small investment. If you have not yet learned this fact, you are
self-convicted of negligence in a matter of vital importance to yourself.

HERE IS A FRIENDLY BUSINESS TIP

The important message I wish to deliver to you is this: I know positively what the oil situa-
tion is in Crockett County, Texas. Upon this knowledge I am urging you to buy leases now.
Crockett county will furnish the next big sensational oil discovery of Texas. There is a sub-
stantial base for this tip.

Others will come to you. They will find you, if you control the things they must have.

Would-be oil operators on Wall Street will almost will their souls for a tip as to what big oil
operators are doing and are going to do. Here in Crockett county you have the tip handed to you
unasked. The big boys are now pouring millions of dollars of their money into development of
Crockett county, which is said by the best petroleum geologists to be located on what are proving
every day to be the richest oil pools on earth.

When these pioneers make the big strike near this section, others will come to you by scores
and hundreds, crazy to drill wells, but before they can drill, they must have a lease. Why not you
be a lease owner? Oil operators coming into the field will approach you with their hats in their
hands, asking you to name your price.

Wouldn't you be interested in a field where you have eighty-five chances out of a hundred to
realize anywhere from \$1000 to \$20,000 an acre or more in the next few months for land you can
now buy at \$10 per acre? The best evidence of proof is that the Big Lake Oil Company, operating in
Crockett county, recently completed a 2400 barrel well which blew in with a roar that could be
heard for miles, carrying mud, gas and oil way beyond the top of an 86-foot derrick.

This giant gusher is located in the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of section 13, Uni-
versity of Texas school land survey, right in Crockett County.

Keep your eyes on Crockett County and see how true is this slogan: As the drill goes down, the
price of acreage goes up. Lands which are favorably located in an oil district like the section to
which I refer, the maturity of same does not mean a return of four or eight per cent, not even a hun-
dred per cent annually, but it means a quick turnover of anywhere from five hundred per cent up-
wards. Are you going to take advantage of this offer or will you wait until too late? I believe your
action depends upon your getting possession of the facts, get in touch with me and learn that there
is a greater certainty of this land taking a decided advance in the near future than the possibilities of
you seeing seventy-five days of sunshine out of the remaining two hundred twenty days of this year.
If there ever was a time for quick action and decision, now is the time.

You don't have to live in Texas to make money out of Texas oil leases. No matter where you
live, oil operators will find you when excitement breaks. If you are not the judge of oil lands or
have no experience in oil operation, would you be guided by the judgment and experience of others
who are spending their own millions in the development of Crockett County field and incidentally
to add thousands and tens of thousands to the value of every lease in the field; to the value of your
lease if you act quick and secure one while the price is low. Now is the time to buy, not after the
field is proven.

How often have you said, "If I had a chance," or "If opportunity ever came my way, I'd show
them I could do as well as others have done?" Now here are 350 drills, drilling night and day in
Crockett County and in the immediate vicinity and you at this late hour can yet buy leases in this
territory for the small sum of \$10 per acre. It is your good fortune, but a master business stroke on
my part in securing this opportunity which makes it possible. What are you going to do?

The leases I offer for sale are located on the Marthon Fold, which is said to be the longest and
widest and most productive anticline fold on earth. Here are a few of the companies who are oper-
ating in Sheffield Terrace leases on the Marthon Fold: Transcontinental Oil Co., The Texas Co.,
Humble Oil and Ref. Co., Sinclair Cons. Oil Co., Gulf Prod. Co., Carteret Oil Co., Magnolia Pet. Co.,
Pure Oil Co., Sun Oil Co., Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co., Arkansas Fuel Oil Co., which recently pur-
chased 110,000 acres, Panhandle O. E. E. Co., Mid-Kansas Oil and Gas Co., J. D. Young, Pittsburgh
Opr., Standard Oil Co. of California, Skelly Oil Co., Riley and Denison, States Oil Corp., Tidal
Oil Co., Oil & Financial Reporter, Arkansas Natural Gas Co., Atlantic Oil Prod. Co., Fensland Oil
Co., Benedum-Trees, Texas Oil and Land Co., Crockett Drilling Syndicate, Marthon Fold Lease
Club, Marthon Fold Drilling Club, M. A. McDonald, Anheuser Busch (St. Louis interests), As-
sociated Oil Co., Oklahoma Oil and Gas and Big Lake Oil Co.

Now, what do you think of my proposition? What does all this development mean to you? If
you are timid, backward, hesitant, suspicious, it may mean nothing; if you are shrewd, wide-awake,
alive to the possibilities of profit, listening for the rap, rap of opportunity at your door, and like to
see the beckoning finger of prosperity, then it means that your chance has come to make a small
investment in a big league way and with more than an even chance of a real winning.

If you have the final qualifications of a real investor or just horse sense, the judgment and de-
cision to act now, it means anything from comfortable competence to ample affluence. It means
that you will have the choice of a life of ease from here on in, and the time, opportunity and
necessary money to devote yourself to broader and bigger things than the daily struggle for daily
wage and the mere living that a daily wage brings.

Everything that I could do to convince you of the sincerity and dependability of my state-
ments has already been done and further efforts will be made upon request.

IT TAKES ONLY 32 PEOPLE TO HANDLE THIS SECTION. TWENTY ACRES
FOR \$200. I HAVE 23 20-ACRE TRACTS LEFT. THE LEASE TRANSACTION IS BE-
ING HANDLED THROUGH THE TITLE & TRUST CO. OF PORTLAND, OREGON. THE
BANK WILL HOLD YOUR MONEY UNTIL THE LEASE IS SIGNED AND DELIVERED
TO YOU, TOGETHER WITH THE COPY OF AN ATTORNEY'S OPINION AS TO ITS
VALIDITY. REMEMBER, THERE ARE ONLY 23 TRACTS LEFT AND WHEN THAT IS
GONE THAT IS ALL. IF YOU WANT TO GET INTO THE BIGGEST BUSINESS THE
WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN, COME INTO THIS OFFICE, 419-421 ABINGTON BLDG.,
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY E. J. MINOR, AND ASK FOR J. A. MERCER. PHONE BROAD-
WAY 6213.

EIGHTEEN LONG TERM MEN TO BE RELEASED AT ONCE—TEN OF
LIFE-TERMS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE IN ONE YEAR—
SPLENDID CONDUCT FIGURED GREATLY IN RESULT

Every Year, Case of Each Prisoner Will Come Up for Review and Those
Eligible Will Be Paroled.—N. A. A. C. P. Not Satisfied With
Results, and Will Work for Pardons

(Special to The Advocate)

New York, May 16.—The National
Association for the Advancement of
Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, to-
day made public a letter from Joan
W. Weeks, U. S. Secretary of War,
reporting that the prison sentences
of every former member of the 24th
Infantry still imprisoned for alleged
participation in the Houston riot of
1917, had been reduced, and that,
according to the present revisions of
sentence, every one of the men will
have been eligible for release over a
period from now until three years
and seven months from now. The
letter from the Secretary of War to
the N. A. A. C. P. is as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington

May 13, 1924.
Mr. Walter White, National Associa-
tion for the Advancement of Col-
ored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New
York, N. Y.

Dear Sir: In harmony with the
understanding with you, I am furnish-
ing you the following information re-
lative to the so-called Houston rioters:

Of the fifty-four of these men who
were in confinement in the peniten-
tiary, thirty were serving life sen-
tences. As the result of the recom-
mendations of the board of officers,
made after a most careful and ex-
haustive investigation and considera-
tion of each case on its individual
merits, ten of the thirty men under
life sentences have received reduc-
tions in their sentences that will
make them eligible for release on
home parole during the calendar year
1925; and the remaining twenty have
received reductions from life to thirty
years, which will make sixteen
of them eligible for home parole in
1927, and four of them eligible for
home parole in 1928.

In passing upon these cases great
weight was laid upon the evidence
presented at the trial and the con-
duct in confinement of the prisoners
concerned; and the investigation
showed that the men whose sen-
tences were reduced to thirty years
were the more deeply involved in the
affair, and had the poorer records of
conduct in confinement. Of the other
twenty-four prisoners involved in the
Houston riot, serving sentences of
less than life at the time of the in-
vestigation of the board, eighteen are
eligible for parole during the calendar
year 1924, and six will be eligible for
home parole in 1925.

As this recent investigation has re-
sulted in reductions in sentences in
every case of the so-called Houston
rioters, with the exception of six who
are eligible for parole not later than
August, 1924, and as the latest date
(under the modified sentences) on
which any prisoner will become eli-
gible for home parole is August, 1925,
it is considered that the War Depart-
ment has been most liberal in its
treatment of the prisoners.

Under a rule of the War Depart-
ment governing the subject, the case
of every military prisoner is consid-
ered for clemency at least once each
year; and neither the recent inves-
tigation by the board of officers, nor
any action taken upon its recom-
mendation, will preclude the considera-
tion annually of the case of each
one of the prisoners involved.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) JOHN W. WEEKS,
Secretary of War.

In making public this report, the
N. A. A. C. P. made the following
statement:

"To summarize the above letter,
the facts in brief are: 18 of the Hou-
ston martyrs are eligible for im-
mediate release; 16 of them, 10 serving
life sentences and six long terms—
will be eligible for release within a
year; 16 will be eligible for release
early in 1927; and the remaining four
early in 1928, or three years and sev-
en months from now. The men were
committed to Leavenworth prison in
December, 1917, and have thus served
six years and five months.

"While the results obtained thus
far are not all for which the N. A.
A. C. P. and co-operating agencies
hoped and worked for, nevertheless
there is cause for rejoicing in that
those who have the longest sen-
tences yet to serve have only three
years and seven months.

"The N. A. A. C. P. and those agen-
cies which worked so faithfully in
this effort yet feel that full pardon
which was asked for should have

been granted these men. It will be
noted from Secretary Weeks' letter
that these cases are to be reviewed
annually. The N. A. A. C. P. is grati-
fied at the results secured. At the
same time it will continue its efforts
for further reductions of sentence."

SHERIFF HURLBURT EXPRESSES
APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK
OF THE ADVOCATE AND THE
COLORED PEOPLE IN GEN-
ERAL IN THE ELECTION

Portland, Oregon, May 19, 1924.
The Advocate,
Suite 311 Macleay Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Editor:

At the recent primary election, the
voters again signally honored me
with the nomination to the office of
sheriff of Multnomah County. I ap-
preciate this the more because it
comes after nine years of service in
this office.

Insert CUT here ————— yeh!
Your fine paper was a great factor



In this victory, and I hereby express
my deep appreciation for your per-
sonal support and that of your paper
together with the support of your
people at the polls. Please assure
your readers that as I consider a pub-
lic office to be a position of trust, I
shall endeavor, in the future as in
the past, to serve the best interests
of all the people, whatever their po-
litical or religious faith or lodge affil-
iations. So far as I am concerned
the sheriff's office shall be maintain-
ed as efficiently as possible, consist-
ent with the highest and best ser-
vice.

Again thanking you and trusting to
merit your continued support, I am
Faithfully yours,
(Signed) T. M. HURLBURT.

MINNESOTAN WRITES

A letter to The Advocate this week
from Mrs. Lillian Lewis of St. Paul,
Minn., who visited Portland a few
months ago, announces that she has
arrived home after a most pleasant
and beneficial tour of the Northwest.
Mrs. Lewis is a practicing chiropodist
of that city.

COMPLETE DENTAL COURSE

E. V. Neal has issued invitations
to the graduating exercises of Me-
Harry Medical College, Nashville,
Tenn., May 22, at which time Mr.
Neal will complete the course in
dentistry.

For

Reliable

Goods

Meier & Frank Co.

THE QUALITY STORE

360 1/2 WILLIAMS AVENUE—UPSTAIRS

Phone East 6889

Tom's Dixie Tavern Syncopated Dance Orchestra

Open for Engagements

Phones: Sunset 2734, Tabor 0841

A. Thompson, Piano D'Oracé Olliver, Saxophone
Evan Porter, Violinist Willie Battle, Cornet
C. J. Williams, Drums

ATTENTION!

ELKS' SECOND GALA DAY—JULY 4, 1924

Get Your Tickets at Headquarters

STAG CLUB, 381 1/2 EAST MORRISON STREET

Watch This Space

MME. M. ROBINSON BEAUTY CULTURIST

Massage, Manicuring, Shampooing, Hair Dressing, Dyeing,
Bleaching

Manufactured Hair Goods for Sale
SCALP TREATMENT A SPECIALTY

My West Indian Hair Grower is Guaranteed to stop the itchy
scalp and falling hair, when used with Mme. Robinson's Tar Tonic.
I specialize in growing your hair. Your patronage solicited.

360 1/2 Williams Avenue—Upstairs
Phone East 6889