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WHITE BOY KILLS AUNT; COLORED MAN HELD N. A. A. C. P. PLEADS FOR LOUISE THOMAS' LIFE

GOVERNOR PINCHOT ASKED TO COMMUTE DEATH SENTENCE TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT RACE OF WOMAN PLAYED PART IN SIGNING OF HER DEATH WARRANT; PROMINENT PEOPLE URGE CLEMENCY.

Mrs. Thomas Sentenced for Killing Her Husband; If Electrocuted Will Be First Woman in Pennsylvania for 35 Years to Pay Death Penalty; New York Daily Says "It Is An Outrage to Kill This Woman."

Death warrant for execution in the electric chair of Louise Thomas, the first woman to be executed in Pennsylvania in 35 years, has elicited strong protest to Governor Pinchot from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, and from Pennsylvania branches of the Association, on the ground that the woman is colored and would not be permitted to go to the death chair if she were white.

The N. A. A. C. P. sent the following telegram to Governor Gifford Pinchot:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with a membership of 100,000, composed of white and colored people, respectfully urges you to recall the warrant for execution on October 20th of Mrs. Louise Thomas, a colored woman of Philadelphia which you signed on September 15th. As has been pointed out editorially by several newspapers, there is reason for feeling that Mrs. Thomas would not have been sentenced to death had she not been a colored woman. We urge you to recall your decision and at least commute the sentence of Mrs. Thomas to life imprisonment both because of the feeling that her race plays a part in the signing of her death warrant, and because of the growing humanitarian feeling against the putting to death of a woman."

Clemency was also urged upon Governor Pinchot by Emanuel Celler, Representative in Congress from the 10th District of Brooklyn, N. Y., who urged commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Editorial charges that the woman was being sent to her death because of her color were made in the New York Evening Bulletin of September 19, which said:

"The truth is that Louise Thomas is a Negress. That is why she is the first woman to be executed in 50 years. If she were white she would not be in danger of electrocution."

"When was the last white woman electrocuted?"

"How many white women have been convicted of murder since?"

"It is an outrage against justice to kill this woman, because it is the color of her skin that is sending her to the chair."

P. M. Tuesday. Interment will be held in Oakland, California.

LOCAL and FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. J. D. Duback

Dr. J. D. Duback, who has announced himself as a candidate for the office of city commissioner, subject to the action of the voters on November 4, is a business man of proven ability and has taken the lead in a number of



important movements in the interest of the people. He is well versed in the conduct of city government, having made a deep study of its affairs. He is a successful Optician of many years' standing and his character and reputation are beyond question.

St. Phillips Mission Buys Property

The officers of the St. Phillips Mission, closed a deal Monday for a church edifice on Knott and Rodney streets for a cash consideration of about \$5,000. The church is modern in every respect, however, it will be remodeled to conform to the Episcopal services. The mission now holds services at Twenty-fifth and Savier streets, but will move to their new church just as soon as alterations are finished.

The cottage known as "The Hollywood" at Seaside will be open all winter. Phone J. W. Curry, Broadway 1541.—Adv.

Drug Dealers Arrested

Tuesday the police arrested Mrs. Bessie Kelly, 146 North Fourteenth street and three of her guests on charges of violating the Harrison Act. Mrs. Kelly's bond was fixed at \$5,000, while that of her guests were \$250. They will be held for action by the Federal grand jury.

St. Phillips—Portland, Sunday, October 26, 11 a. m. Holy Communion with sermon. Rev. John G. Hatton. Lay services all other Sunday. Lay Reader, Mr. Blain B. Coles. Church School every Sunday after morning service.

Will Bury Body in California

Mrs. Coral Green of Oakland, California, and Minnie Usher of Sacramento, sisters, left Wednesday with the body of their deceased brother, William Johnson who died in this city on the 24th at 206 Sheridan St., of Bright's disease. Funeral services were held from the Finley Mortuary at 4

Mario Chamlee and Ruth Miller Charm Large Audience In Opening Elwyn Artists Series At Municipal Auditorium Monday Night

Mario Chamlee, tenor, assisted by Ruth Miller, soprano, "fired the opening guns" in the Elwyn Artist Series, Monday evening, September 29th, at the Municipal Auditorium.

The program was just right—versatile, well balanced and above all—new. New in that the program of songs had not been "sung to death" by previous artists; and, of course, this alone was refreshing to the audience, to say nothing of the wonderful voices of the artists.

Chamlee, who is a leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, is a native son of California. He possesses a firm, robust voice, with warmth and feeling, capable of moving one to tears or laughter at the will of its owner. Chamlee handles his voice like the artist he is. He sang his program wonderfully and with loving care modeled each detail. It is difficult to say which number above another was better.

Chamlee appeared as fresh in his closing as he did in his opening numbers and rendered additional pleasure to his large audience when he responded so generously with extras, including: "Matinatta" (Leoncavallo), "parted" (Tosti), "E lucevan le stelle" (Puccini), "Bouquet" (Curci), "Wing Song" (Rogers), "A Memory" (Ganz), "Dawn" (Curran), "On Sunday" (Waller), and in duet the "Venti, venti!" and in duo the "Venti, venti!" from act 1 of "Butterfly."

Ruth Miller, assisting artist, lent color to the occasion, and was charming indeed in her several songs.

At the close of her first group she was showered with bouquets of gorgeous flowers. Miss Miller has a very sweet voice that is "different" and refreshing and which she handles fondly and with understanding. "Hymn to the Sun" from Le Coq d'Or, aria, was beautifully rendered and the youthful singer was compelled to respond with an extra, the "Waltz Song" (Gounod). William Tyroller accompanied both singers.

The audience was a large one, sprinkled here and there with colored music lovers.

Restored to National Committee

Robert R. Church, Jr., colored millionaire of Memphis Tenn., who was recently dropped from the Tennessee State Republican Committee, was restored to the committee through the suggestion of Wm. M. Butler, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

WHITE AND COLORED PEOPLE AND THREE GREAT RELIGIONS HONOR THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Emancipation Day, September 22, was notably celebrated in Chicago and many other cities. At the statue of Lincoln by Augustus Saint-Gaudens in Chicago's Lincoln Park non-partisan tribute was paid to "The Great Emancipator." Progress of the colored race in three score years was brought out in tableaux. Absence of racial and sectarian prejudices was emphasized by the program. G. A. R., Loyal Legion and American Legion officially participated. The "broken chains" wreath was emblematic of Freedom.

Above, left to right: Morris Lewis, executive secretary, Chicago Branch, National Association for Advancement of Colored People; Sgt. James Dawson, World War hero with valor decorations, representing 8th Regiment; Miss Hallie Q. Brown, honorary president of the National Association of Colored Women, which sponsors the annual celebration of September 22 as a Lincoln Day; Rev. Hugh J. O'Connor, C. M., of De Paul University, representing Cardinal Mundelein; Rev. William D. Cook, D. D., a Protestant minister who is pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church; Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber of the Synagogue Kehilath Anshe Maariv; and Col. Willis Hickman, Commander of John Brown Post, G. A. R.

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Mrs. S. Golden, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Whitner, returned from Los Angeles last week where Mrs. Golden was called to the funeral of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Bell.

Re-modeling and improving home. Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Thomas are enlarging and improving their home at 366 Shaver Street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Payne have purchased a chicken ranch, with a four-room house at 200 E. 88th Street, and have moved into their new place.

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NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held every second Monday evening at Bethel A. M. E. church, Larrabee and McMillan streets.

J. A. EWING, Pres.
LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y.

YOUTH TELLS VIVID STORY OF "TALL, SLIM NEGRO" ATTACKING WHITE WOMAN IN HOUSE AND ASSAULTING CHILDREN; MOBS SEARCH WOODS ALL NIGHT FOR MAN; SEVERAL SUSPECTS ARRESTED AND LATER RELEASED.

Young Wessinger Confesses Guilt to Questioning Police; Admits He Slew His Aunt In Fit of Anger; Mobs Anxious to Connect Up Colored Men With Crime.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 25.—Asbury Wessinger, 14-year-old white boy, confessed today to the brutal murder of his aunt, Mrs. Lina Wessinger and the wounding of his three young cousins, after raging mobs had searched all night for a "tall, slim Negro" who the boy had first described as the perpetrator of the crime.

Mrs. Wessinger's death had stirred the entire community, and when the fourteen-year-old nephew came forward with a vivid story of how a colored man in blue shirt and overalls had chased him away from his aunt's house and then attacked the woman and the children the usual Negro baiting famous sport of the South, began.

Even going so far as to give the name of the colored criminal as Frank Walker, the boy declared that he would know the man and he accompanied the mob in the search for awhile.

A colored man named Frank Walker, on learning that police were seeking a man answering to his name,

quickly gave himself up to the officers but denied any knowledge of the crime. Two other suspects were arrested and state constable T. A. Berley brought the Wessinger boy to the jail to identify the men, but the boy said that the murderer was not among them.

The officers growing suspicious, began to question the boy and soon he broke down and confessed that he had killed his aunt in a fit of anger because of the loss of a pocket knife that he prized. He told the officers how he crept up behind the woman and struck her with an axe just as she turned towards him. The children, one four years old, another two and the third a one-year-old baby, were knocked down with the handle of the axe.

Even after the boy had confessed, however, mobs still scoured the district looking for some colored man on whom the crime might be fastened.

In explanation of his act the boy merely says that he lost his temper.

Rev. Magruder Closes Year's Work

With Sunday's activities, Rev. E. J. Magruder will close the second conference year as pastor of Zion Church. Splendid services will be held all day, and at night the Zion male quartette and augmented choir and other musicians will give a special musical program. The public is asked to come out and help wind up the year's



work successfully. Rev. Magruder has prepared a most excellent sermon which he refuses to call his farewell sermon. Come out and hear this wonderful gospel speaker.

Rev. Magruder and family will leave Wednesday, October 8th, for Oakland, California, to attend the conference. They will motor down in their Chevrolet sedan.

Colored Man Saves Town From Possible Ruin

G. O. Jackson for many years a resident of Seaside, Oregon, and who conducts a shoe shining parlor, on last Friday morning, the 26th, found himself a hero, on whom a Carnegie Medal might well be pinned, when his timely fire alarm possibly saved the little town of Seaside from being destroyed by fire of an undetermined origin. While the loss, estimated at \$20,000, was a tragedy, it was not without its humorous side. It is said that every time Mr. Jackson yelled "fire," as he ran through the streets, his dog which was right at his heels, would bark loudly as if in emphasis of Jackson's alarm.

A call for help was sent to Warren, but before it arrived the local fire fighters had the blaze well under control. Buildings completely destroyed were: J. W. Bartlett's Variety Store and contents; E. W. Leppa's Plumbing Shop and contents; the boathouse in the Necanicum River, owned by I. N. Tate, and the Chowder Bowl Restaurant.

A Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. Blanche Ross for the beautiful flowers; Mrs. S. E. Stanfield for the large basket of candy and nuts presented to the company; Mrs. Fred Mitchell, the ladies of the company, Miss Freita Shaw, the Misses Doris and Dorothy Vinsg; Attorney E. I. Minor; Messrs. J. N. Manley, Clarence Ramsey and Stanton Duke for their kind assistance in making the Society Minstrels a success.

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