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FOUR MORE HOUSTON MARTYRS LIBERATED VIRGINIA'S "RACE PURITY" LAW HITS SNAG

VIRGINIA'S "RACE PURITY" LAW HITS SNAG; WHITE MAN MAY WED COLORED GIRL; CLERK MUST ISSUE LICENSE.

Judge Declares That Impossible to Say Who Is and Who Is Not Pure White; Few Pass the Test.

(By N. A. C. P. Press Service)
New York, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Despite a law of the state of Virginia, forbidding marriage of whites with people of negro ancestry, Robert Painter, white, and Miss Atha Sorrell, whose grandmother was registered as "free colored," have by court action compelled the local court clerk to issue them a marriage license.

In his decision, Judge Henry S. Holt of the Rockbridge Circuit Court, while upholding the general purpose of the Virginia law, asserted that it went beyond the bounds of reason, since it empowered clerks to withhold marriage licenses if they had reasons to believe one of the applicants to be "not of pure white race."

Judge Holt pointed out that in 25 generations every person had 32 millions of grandfathers, not to speak of grandmothers, and that in his own case he could not prove the absence of other than Caucasian blood in his ancestry. "Again," says Judge Holt, "the statute undertakes to define with accuracy who are white, and says that they only are white who are of pure Caucasian blood. That is a definition which in the present state of ethnology has no certain meaning and no meaning upon which two authorities agree."

Rev. Anderson Active

Sunday, November 30th, Rev. J. W. Anderson, representative of the Home Publishing Boards of the National Baptist Convention, preached at 11 o'clock at the M. E. church (white) at Salmon Creek, Wash., and at 8 p. m. he preached at Felida, Wash. On Wednesday night he preached in Seattle.

Strollers Play In Tillamook

The Dixie Strollers journeyed to Tillamook on Thanksgiving Day and played to a full house, the occasion being the Elks' Grand Ball given in Tillamook's new \$55,000 new armory. The orchestra met with success and have a number of coming engagements booked for Tillamook.

Lodge Elects

Enterprise Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M. held its regular meeting Monday evening, Dec. 1, at 4th and Madison streets, at which time the following officers were elected: A. A. Jones, W. M. (re-elected); J. W. Ingersoll, Sr. Warden; M. C. Oliver, Jr. Warden; A. J. Franklin, treasurer (re-elected for eighth term); Robert Bird, (re-elected) secretary; Ed Freeman, Tyler, (re-elected), and T. H. Williams, trustee. On the 15th of the month the officers will be installed and all brothers in good standing are invited to be present.

To Visit In South

Mrs. E. Varner who resides at 510 N. E. 59th St., will leave on the 11th of the month for a two or three months' visit in Houston, Texas. En route Mrs. Varner will visit friends in Los Angeles, California.

Fire Threatens Home

The home of Mrs. M. Worthen, 6045 72nd St., was damaged by fire last Monday night to the extent of several hundred dollars.

HOTEL NOTES

Joe Crane, private waiter and soft drink dispenser at The Portland, a year or so, resigned last Saturday. J. Bragg has been named as a private waiter at The Portland. Bragg seems to know his stuff. Assistant Manager Thomas Finnigan met with a sad disappointment this week when he failed in his trip to Los Angeles, where he was to have served as a witness for Uncle Sam. The trial was called off. Frank Waldon, Ed Taylor, and a number of other old-timers, assisted in serving three hundred Catholic ladies for luncheon at The Portland Tuesday.

Furniture, new and used, latest styles. Your own terms. Beacon 5546.

MINISTERS COMPARE Y.W.C.A. WITH KLAN IN FIGHT ON Y. W. C. A. COLOR BAR

(Preston News Service)
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, which has been fighting the case of Miss Lydia Gardine, barred because of her color from the Y. W. C. A. School of Hygiene in New York, has received a letter from the N. A. A. C. P. stand against color discrimination and offering their loyal support. The letter, in full, with its signers, is as follows:

"Our attention is called to the un-Christian action of the Y. W. C. A. school of this city, as reported in the 'World' on the 17th inst., in its discrimination of an applicant, a negro girl, Miss Lydia Gardine, because of her race and color.

"These are some of the persecutions that are constantly asserting themselves against the race in this country, a 'Ku Klux' spirit and program without the 'hoods', yet no less dangerous and outrageous.

"Any institution bearing the name of Christ, calling itself Christian, should be above such hypocrisy and when revealed, no terms are too strong for their denunciation.

"We are gratified to note, your organization has already taken interest in this case, are making an investigation of facts and we feel sure, no pains will be spared on your part, to expose this un-Christian act and institute that justice which the civilization of which we are a part demands.

"The A. M. E. Preachers Association of Greater New York, express their faith in your endeavor, your faithfulness to the cause of righteousness and do hereby assure you our loyal support in whatever is necessary to right this wrong and protect the rights of an oppressed people.

"Respectfully,
"A. M. E. Preachers Association,
"Rev. A. L. Wilson, President,
"Rev. A. L. Hughes, Secretary.
"Committee:
Rev. Montrose W. Thornton,
Rev. E. E. Tyler."

Youthful Missionaries Assist Church

The Junior Missionary Society of Mt. Olivet Baptist church of which Miss Dorthula Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Williams, is the president, presented the church with \$50 of the proceeds from a recent bazaar held at the church.

Spends Day With Friend

Mrs. Waldo Bogle spent a very pleasant day with her friend, Mrs. J. W. Payne at her suburban home.

Mrs. Icie Moffitt is ill at her home, 417 Willis Blvd.

All kinds of plumbing work and trouble shooting. Call SEllwood 1021. —Adv.

For Rent—6 room house. Call J. C. Logan, East 3623.—Adv.

Colored Women in Electronic Field

No doubt the first women of the Race to enter the Electronic field of treatment of disease are Mesdames Dora Gulliford and Ella Holly of this city. They hold forth at 1228 E. 10th St. North where Doctors Chester and Mable Easter have equipped a branch of their clinic. Mrs. Gulliford, who has been under the tutelage of Drs. Easter for nearly a year, and who, it is said, was miraculously cured by the Electronic method of treatment, is making a specialty of dietetics. This branch has been splendidly equipped and ready for treatment of patients who desire to come in.

For couples employed, large neatly furnished rooms one block from car line; use of kitchen. 474 Vancouver Ave. Call before 11 a. m. East 3561. —Adv.

Stay off January 19th. Dahlia Temple will have a Hard Time Ball. —Adv.

For Rent—Down town, one furnished room. Brdy. 1687.—Adv.

For rent, neatly furnished five-room bungalow, 1/2 block from school. Call Broadway 5807.

Stay off New Year's night. Particulars later.—Adv.

Preaches to Colored People; White Minister Is Flogged

(Preston News Service)
Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 14.—The Rev. R. A. McKay, Point Place, itinerant Methodist preacher, was taken by a band of men to the outskirts of the city last Wednesday night, tied to a tree and horsewhipped, the police said today. According to the police, Mr. McKay, who had been holding services in several colored churches here, was summoned to the Third Baptist church Wednesday night, blindfolded and taken away in an automobile.

McKay, who told the police that he had been threatened with death if he reported the affair, is believed to have left the city.

Rev. Johnston Goes to Meet Bishop Martin

Rev. H. Leo Johnston, pastor of First A. M. E. Zion church left Thursday morning for Sisson, Calif., where he will meet Bishop John W. Martin and from there the two will journey on to McCloud, Calif., to look after business in connection with the local church. Saturday morning both divines will come to Portland where Bishop Martin who is rated as a very fine speaker will preach all day next Sunday (tomorrow).

N. A. A. C. P. Carries Luther Collins Case to Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

New York, N. Y., Nov. 28.—In the attempt to save Luther Collins, a colored man, from 99 years in jail, after getting his death sentence commuted, the Houston Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is carrying his case on appeal to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the highest court of jurisdiction in the state.

E. O. Smith, who has been leading the fight for Luther Collins writes: "We have been overruled in the lower court and it will perhaps be February before we can have this new hearing. We mean to fight for Luther Collins as long as there is an iota of evidence in his favor. Attendants at the last trial expected an acquittal."

Family Meets Around the Thanksgiving Table

At the home of Mrs. Katherine Gray on 33rd Ave., the entire family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Mother West and Mrs. Gray assembled around the family table to partake of a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, consisting of turkey and all the trimmings. This family reunion is looked forward to with pleasure each year by Mrs. Gray's family.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

A. A. Jones, popular Bill, was re-elected Worshipful Master of Enterprise Lodge of Masons, December 1, defeating his two opponents, two to one. The result is proof of Jones' popularity with the craft.

Bill Roy Downing has sold his shining stand located in the entrance of the Porter building.

The election of officers of Elks which takes place Wednesday, December 10th, is a mighty important event, and all the Bills who are interested in the continued prosperity and prestige of the lodge, will surely be there. A program of importance and largeness is mapped out by the lodge for 1925, and the service of every member is needed to help put it over.

D'Oracy Oliver remains on the sick list.

Esquire Brandon, a member of Rose City lodge is up and about after a week or two of illness. Brandon, however, is yet unable to work.

Rose City Lodge of Elks paid Mrs. Robert Lawrence \$150 immediately after the death of her husband. Brother Lawrence was a member in good standing of Rose City.

Dt. Elks will hold their election of officers Tuesday night, December 16. The entertainment committee of Dahlia Temple made a splendid report of the card party which was given recently at the Stag Club.

FOR RENT

Three-room apartments, furnished, 143 East 18th St.; unfurnished house with gas furnace, wood furnace, electric lights, stationary tubs, all nicely tinted all over, garage, all for rent. Garfield 7080.—Adv.

Please pay your subscription to The Advocate and avoid missing an issue of the paper.

COLOR LINE IS ELIMINATED IN TREASURY MEMORIAL

SCROLL WITH NAMES OF WHITE AND COLORED DEAD DISPLACES SEPARATE TABLES

MELLON WRITES VET

(Preston News Service)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Separate tablets erected in commemoration of deceased white and colored employees of the office of the register of the Treasury were removed from the lobby of the building at 119 D street northeast Saturday after office hours, as the employees found Monday when they arrived for work. They saw only blank places, newly finished with plaster and paint, where the tablets had been.

In the afternoon a scroll containing the names of white and colored veterans, arranged in alphabetical order, was placed in the lobby as a substitute for the tablets which had proved offensive to the colored employees and to posts of the American Legion. The name of Uzziah Miner, a colored veteran, appears second on the list.

Secretary Mellon, through desire that "no further uncertainty of the impartiality of the Treasury should continue," addressed a letter to Commander West A. Hamilton, of the James E. Walker post, of the American Legion, which was received Tuesday. It said:

"I have received, by reference from the President, the letter addressed to him by a committee representing James E. Walker Post, No. 26, of the American Legion, with reference to two tablets recently erected in the office of the register of the Treasury. The tablets in question were erected in commemoration of deceased employees of the register's office who served in the world war.

"I feel sure that there was no intended partiality or discrimination in either the minds or action of those who planned this commemoration, but in order that no further uncertainty of the impartiality of the Treasury should continue, and that the colored people generally may have complete assurance of the desire of the register's employees to accord the services of both white and colored soldiers like recognition, the employees have arranged for the substitution of a framed scroll upon which will be inscribed in alphabetical arrangement the names of the five deceased employees, both white and colored, who served in the world war."

Entertain for Co-Eds

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Payne were hosts at a radio party Friday night of last week at their suburban home, 84th street and 27th avenue. Co-eds from Oregon Agricultural College were the inspiration for the party. Music and dancing were added diversions.

Our Christmas cards are going fast; better come in and make your selection.

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.

To those who have ordered printing, let us say it is ready. Call for it at The Advocate office as early as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Doctor C. F. and Mable Easter announce the opening of a branch office in Woodlawn, specializing in Electronic and Radiation methods of diagnosis and treatment of disease. Medications and Massage. Mrs. Dora Gulliford and Mrs. Ella M. Kelly in charge. Phone Walnut 6187
1228 E. 10th Street North.

Consultation free of charge by appointment.

Admitted to Practice Dentistry Here

Dr. Hugh A. Bell, 462 Williams Ave., who graduated last June from the dental department of the University of Southern California and shortly afterward took the California board of dental examination and passed, went to Salem on the 19th of last month and took a three-days' examination with the board of dental examiners of Oregon. On Thursday of this week, Dr. Bell was advised by the secretary of the board that he was among the few who passed the examination, thus entitling him to practice his profession in this state. Dr. Bell has opened temporary quarters at 462 Williams Ave.



He has the latest equipment installed and has already begun his work. Several of his patients speak in glowing terms of the character of his work, and predict he will have wonderful success here. Dr. Bell is the eldest of the two sons of Mrs. Clara Anderson.

Jack Johnson Hurt

In an auto accident in Chicago a week ago, Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, was severely injured. His big car in which the former champ was riding, skidded, causing the accident. Johnson is now confined in a hospital.

Music Association Is Progressing

The Music and Allied Arts Association met last Monday night at the home of Mrs. Waldo Bogle, 567 E. 35th St., South. The most important business transacted during the session was the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization. Owing to the lack of time, a program was not rendered but at the next meeting, Tuesday, December 16th, a delightful program will be presented. This meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bogle promptly at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Esther Akins, President.
Mrs. Waldo Bogle, Sec.-Treas.

East 3948 Hours: 9 to 12 a. m.
1 to 5; 7 to 9 p. m.
DR. HUGH A. BELL
DENTIST
462 Williams Ave. Portland, Ore.

Remember the Grand Annual Frolic given by Syracuse Club No. 1, Monday, December 8th, Stag Auditorium, 381 1/2 E. Morrison Street. Music by the Dixie Strollers Orchestra. Refreshments served by the Excelsior Court of Calanthe. Admission 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Goodwin are the recipients of a very attractive silver bread tray, honoring their 25th wedding anniversary, from Mr. and Mrs. Hoodly Jennings of Augusta, Ga.

Would Remove Breach Between Protestants and Jews.

Dr. Speer Outlines Program

(Special)
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 3.—Protestant churchmen are uniting behind a movement to heal the age-old breach between Christians and Jews, according to Dr. Robert E. Speer, retiring president of the Federal Council of Churches, which convened here today in quadrennial session.

"A committee of the federal council already has been organized to combat the rising tide of anti-Semitism in the United States by promoting in concrete ways better understanding and appreciation between Christians and Jews," Dr. Speer declared.

Dr. Speer's statements were made on the eve of an international gathering of distinguished Protestants, representing 26 different faiths and more than 45,000,000 adherents.

First Statement

It was the first public statement of the work of the federal council in dealing with the racial question, which will be a leading topic of discussion at the open sessions starting tomorrow.

"Perhaps no page of history, called Christian, bears more blots and stains on it than the relations of Christians and Jews during almost 2000 years," Dr. Speer said.

"It is appropriate that the interdenominational organizations of our country should be in position to understand the causes of racial and religious bitterness here at home, and to oppose the waves of passion which, stirred by various unsocial agencies, threaten the peace and security of our people and national institutions."

Objectives Set Out

In seeking to rid Christianity of its anti-Jewish prejudice, Dr. Speer said the committees would work toward the following objectives:

1—Ascertain the causes of racial ill-will and discover how these causes may be removed or modified.

2—Establish contacts between Jews and Christians in cities where conditions make it advisable, so as to have several centers through the country seeking to promote understanding and co-operation.

3—Discover things within a community, social and political, which both Jews and Christians may do in co-operation and so aid each other in human welfare and community benefit.

4—Create a literature that will help shape a better public opinion.

Watch the Press

5—Watch the press and other public utterances and endeavor to correct false and irritating statements and promote spread of sound and proper information.

The committee's plans and recommendations will be presented to the quadrennial convocation by Dr. Speer, probably Friday.

William Pickens Publishes New Edition of His Story "Bursting Bonds"

William Pickens' story, "Bursting Bonds" which is an enlargement of "The Heir of Slaves," is being published in a new edition, it was announced today. The first edition was so favorably received that Mr. Pickens was moved to issue another. Among those who have warmly praised the book are Mrs. Florence Kelley, Moorfield Storey and Rev. John Haynes Holmes.

The N. A. A. C. P. Drive

Much interest is being manifested in the membership drive of the N. A. A. C. P., as several of the captains have reported securing a number of new members, while others are re-newing their membership. The Association will hold its monthly meeting Monday evening, December 8th, at Bethel A. M. E. church, at which time it is urgently requested that all members and friends of the Association be present, as business of great importance will come up for hearing.

Prominent Citizen of Spokane Visits Here

Colonel Sandy Montgomery of Spokane, Washington, spent several days in the city this week en route to Olympia, Washington, where he will attend the state legislature. Mr. Montgomery is a personal friend of long standing of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Bogle, and on Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bogle entertained the Colonel at dinner. Upon his return, Mr. Montgomery plans to spend a longer time visiting in Portland.

FOUR MORE HOUSTON MARTYRS PAROLED FROM LEAVENWORTH—HELD FOR PARTICIPATION IN RACE RIOT OF 1917.

Sentences Had Been Commuted From Life to Twenty Years; All Will Be Employed.

(Preston News Service)
Leavenworth, Kans., Dec. 4.—Four former soldiers, convicted for participation in the Houston, (Tex.) riot of 1917, were released from the federal prison Wednesday night on parole. Their names were among nine for whom certificates of parole were received by Warden Biddle on the eve of Thanksgiving Day.

Those freed were: John Geter, John H. Gould, Edward Porter and James Mitchell. Their life sentences had been commuted to 20 years by a special war department board which held hearings at the prison last spring.

It is said Mitchell, especially, had reasons to be thankful, he told Warden Biddle, when notified of the parole. Once he heard carpenters erecting the scaffold at Fort Sam, Houston from which he was to be hanged. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by President Wilson. Mitchell has been leader of the prison orchestra.

The destinations of the men were kept secret when they left the prison. All have been provided with employment. It was stated by Warden Biddle. Only 31 of the 67 Houston rioters brought here remain in prison.

Carnival of Nations Brilliant Success

Nothing but praise is being heard on all sides concerning the brilliant success of the Carnival of Nations given recently at the Portland Woman's Club, under the auspices of the Old Rose Club and directed by Mrs. Warren Reichard Peek. The fact that Mrs. Peek put her O. K. on the entertainment and held reins throughout, is sufficient evidence that the affair was a success from the beginning.

Associate Editor Addresses Mother and Son Banquet

Friday night at the annual Mother and Son banquet held in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A., Sixth and Taylor streets, Mrs. E. D. Cannady, associate editor of The Advocate was a speaker for the mothers. She talked from the subject which had been assigned her: "The Y. M. C. A. from a Mother's Viewpoint." The banquet which was preceded by many stunts, began at 6:20 and ended at 8:25.

A Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to my friends, and especially to the Masonic and Elks lodges, for their many loving kindnesses and floral pieces, during the illness and death of my beloved husband, Robert Lawrence. —Mrs. Robert Lawrence.

Miss Ross Dinner Hostess

Miss Blanche Ross was hostess at dinner Sunday at the residence of Mrs. K. Gray on 33rd Ave., at which time covers were laid for twelve.

Freita Shaw Captivates Audience

Singing before a large audience at the Men's Resort, 4th and Burnside Sts., last Saturday evening, Freita Shaw completely captivated the audience with her usual splendid rendition of several vocal numbers.

The Editor is in receipt of a birthday card from Rev. W. W. Howard, formerly of this city but who is now pastoring in Salisbury, Md. Rev. Howard says they have moved into their newly purchased two-story parsonage with garage at 505 Poplar Hill Ave.

I CAN FURNISH BEST CANDIES
FOR YOUR XMAS TREE
RICHARDSON'S CAFE
IN THE GOLDEN WEST HOTEL
E. Richardson, Prop.