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## DECREASE IN LYNCHINGS SHOWN IN REPORT N. A. A. C. P. SECRETARY MAKES INVESTIGATION

### N. A. A. C. P. Investigates Nashville Lynching

N. Y. World Publishes Walter White's Report.

New York, Dec. 26, 1924.—Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has returned from Nashville, Tennessee, bringing with him a full report of the lynching of a fifteen-year-old boy lying wounded at the point of death in a local hospital. Mr. White's report on the lynching, which he investigated for the N. A. A. C. P., is being published in the New York World of Sunday, December 28th.

Mr. White tells of a visit to the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church of Nashville, where the boy Sammie Smith was lying in his coffin. The story, as it was told Mr. White, by local colored people, was as follows:

"Until last May Sammie worked for a white man named Preston Lee, at Smyrna, Tenn., 8 or 10 miles from Nashville. One day in that month Lee beat Sammie Smith. Sammie quit and went to Nashville where he got a job with the Atlantic Ice Company. All summer he worked there turning over his wages to his mother to help provide for the mother and nine children. Cold weather came and the need of ice dropped off so Sammie was discharged. He then went to live alternately with his uncle, Eugene Smith, and grandmother at Arrington.

"On Friday, December 12, Sammie and his uncle went to Nashville in the latter's Ford. Late that night they started back to Arrington. As they hurried along near Nolansville about one o'clock in the morning the car went into a ditch, turning over. The man and boy righted it but found one of the parts broken. Leaving Sammie in the car, Eugene went to a garage nearby to get a new part for his car. When Eugene did not return Sammie went in search of him. He met Eugene coming towards the car and behind him walked a white man holding a gun on Eugene. The garage belonged to the owner of the gun and he had caught Eugene in the act of stealing what he needed.

"This boy with you?" the white man asked Eugene.

"Yes sir," was the answer.

"Then come along with me—I'm going to put you in jail too," the white man declared, according to Sammie.

"Sammie whipped out a gun and fired. The white man returned the fire, shooting Sammie through the stomach."

Sammie spent the night in an open field, being found unconscious the next morning, when he was carried first to jail and then to the Nashville General Hospital. Though his wound was fatal, he was chained to the iron bed.

Just after midnight of Monday, a group of masked men entered the hospital, covered the hospital custodian with shotguns, searched the hospital ward to find the dying boy. Commanded to get up, the boy could not. The mob sawed through the chain which held him to the bed, took him out to the country, hanged him to an oak tree and fired forty or fifty rounds of buckshot through his abdomen.

Mr. White declared the lynching came after innumerable insults and cruelties against the colored people of Nashville, including striking of colored women on street cars, murder of a colored man by a local white dive-keeper who has gone unpunished, and the shooting of a Pullman porter by Lem Motlow, owner of a Kentucky distillery, who was acquitted of the charge of murder.

Mr. White further reports that the Ku Klux Klan is strong near Nolansville, scene of the lynching. Asked why the fifteen-year-old victim of the mob had been carrying a revolver, people in every instance used the same words to Mr. White: "The Klan."

Mr. White before leaving Nashville, obtained the names of four white men who called on Sammie Smith in the hospital and told him he would never live, even if he did not die of his wound. These names Mr. White gave, together with the men's addresses, to Governor Peay, Mayor Howe, Sheriff Briley, Chief of Police Smith and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. "No clues" have as yet been found by the authorities, despite large rewards offered.

"I talked with one of the most prominent colored men of Nashville," says Mr. White. "It's mighty fine for them to offer a reward, don't you think? I asked him, 'They might as easily have offered a million,' he returned cynically. 'They know they'll

### HEIFITZ, NOTED VIOLINIST, TO PLAY HERE AGAIN

Presented by the Elwyn Concert Bureau

Jascha Heifetz, the great violinist who will play here Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Auditorium, under Elwyn auspices, is no longer the boy wonder in velvet jacket and long curls. He is now a man of the world, a student of affairs, and a connoisseur of art and literature. In his New York studio apartment, surrounded by rare books purchased in London, Berlin, Paris, Tokio, Pekin, Sydney and his collection of Oriental curios, rugs, carvings and strange decorations, the distinguished violinist tells the story of his short but wonderful life.

Mr. Heifetz was born in Vilna, Russia, February 2, 1901. He began



to play the violin at the age of three, and his father, a teacher of the violin in the city, spent his days teaching his remarkable son. At the age of five Jascha entered the Royal School of Music at Vilna, graduated, having learned all they could teach him before he was eight.

The boy was then taken by his family to Petrograd to enter the Conservatoire. He played the Mendelssohn Concerto for the violin at the age of six and gave his first public recital at nine in Petrograd. Soon after, he was soloist with the orchestra at Pavlovsk before an audience of 5000.

Jascha Heifetz made his American debut October 27th, 1917, at Carnegie Hall, New York, with sensational success. His second recital was sold out weeks in advance and he gave six recitals in New York that winter without once repeating his program.

### A Court Order Restrains House Sale to Colored Person

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—In keeping with the growing manifestation of prejudice in Washington Justice Hoehling, of the District Supreme Court, has signed a temporary restraining order preventing Minnie E. Torrey from selling her home at 40 Randolph place, N. W., to a colored person.

It was rumored that Mrs. Torrey had indicated her desire to leave the neighborhood and in that connection a story originated that she contemplated selling her property to a negro which started no end of excitement among other white residents in the block.

The order of the court is based on a complaint of the owners of five houses in the same block, who point out that the deed by which the title to the property was acquired by the defendant contained a covenant "not to sell to a person of negro blood under penalty of \$2000 to be in on the property."

The petitioners claim that the sale of the said property to a negro will cause adjacent properties to depreciate in value. In fact it would affect the value of all property owned by whites in the Bloomingdale section.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all who sent us Christmas and New Year greetings and presents which brought us so much cheer. We did not know we had so many friends.

—The Advocate.

Mrs. Booker Writes. From Atlantic City, N. J., Mrs. Wm. Edw. Booker writes that she and her husband are doing nicely and that although Mr. Booker has been ill, he is up and back on the job. The Bookers formerly resided in Portland.

### Georgia Governor Calls Law Enforcement Conference

Authorized Reward for Apprehension of Guilty Parties in Acts of Violence "By Any Number of Men, Masked or Unmasked."

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—Governor Clifford Walker issued last night a call for a conference on law enforcement, to meet at the state capital January 15, to discuss ways and means of stopping mob violence in the state. He also authorized the executive secretary to offer rewards for the apprehension of guilty parties involved in acts of violence in Georgia.

A reward of \$500 was offered for the apprehension of the leader of a band of masked men that recently flogged E. J. Shelverton, Jr., in Cobb county and a reward of \$100 was offered for each member of the party.

### A New Bank

The Brotherhood Co-operative National Bank of Portland opened auspiciously, Saturday, January 3rd, on the ground floor of the Henry building, 4th and Oak streets. "With the opening of this bank the chain of Brotherhood banks now extends from coast to coast. The Portland bank is a separate and distinct organization, operating under its own national charter and governed by its own board of directors, yet it adheres to the policies proved sound and practical by the B. L. E. Co-operative National Bank of Cleveland." The authorized capital of the bank is \$200,000.00 and surplus of \$50,000.00. The officers are: Geo. O. Barnhart, president; Henry E. Cass, executive vice-president; Jacob N. Smith, vice-president; Frank N. Wells, vice-president, and Bert V. Chappel, cashier. The board of directors are: Edward M. Saunders, Charles B. Johnson, Geo. O. Barnhart, Joseph B. Rhodes, Asson E. Curtis, James P. Kirby, Frank N. Wells, Jacob N. Smith and Gust Edlund.

The spirit of the bank is service and proper direction in thrift "without continuing to hand out copy book advice about saving."

### The Episcopal Guild Has Christmas Tree

The ladies of St. Philips Guild of the Episcopal Mission, sponsored a beautiful Christmas tree at the Mission, Rodney and Knott Sts., last Monday night where presents were dispensed to those who attended. Notable among them was a handsome gold fountain pen and pencil presented by the Guild to Dr. C. M. Howe, a man who has rendered valiant service and helped to make the Mission what it is—the equal, if not the best of its kind, in the Pacific Northwest.

### Legislative Body for Colored Women

(Preston News Service)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—To protect the political interests of Colored women, a legislative committee of the national Republican organization was formed last night at a meeting in the parlors of the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Mary L. Low, of Cambridge, Mass., was placed in charge of this work.

Monroe Mason, of Boston, executive secretary in charge of political organization of colored voters during the recent campaign, addressed the women.

A weekly release of events of interest in congressional and administrative circles, as related to colored women, was authorized. Miss Jeannet Carter, director of publicity in that field, at Eastern headquarters of the campaign, will direct the work.

Plans for entertainment of representatives of colored Republican women's clubs at the inauguration were outlined at the meeting. Miss Carter presided.

K. of P. Lodge Elects. Syracuse Lodge, K. of P., held its annual and semi-annual election of officers Friday evening, December 26th, resulting as follows: W. C. Holliday, C. C.; W. C. Cochran, V. C.; G. N. White, Pre-late; Boyce Strain, K. of R. & S.; Lonny Ashford, M. F.; Nimrod Jackson, M. E.; Tom Brown, M. A.; E. D. Cannady, M. W.; Jerome Harris, Trustee; J. F. Goode, O. G., and W. H. Wood, I. G. The appointive officers will be named when the new officers are installed at the first meeting in January.

The Ladies of Zion Church held a very successful watch night turkey dinner at the church Wednesday night.

### DEATH REMOVES BELOVED CITIZEN



(Cut courtesy Journal)  
Charles Samuel Jackson Who died at his home 610 Salmon St., Saturday, December 27th. Mr. Jackson had been in declining health since 1919.

### Carnegie Medal Is Sought for Colored Hero

A tale of heroism, with Sam Curtiss, the principal actor in the drama, was the outstanding feature of the Soo wreck at Chippewa Falls, Iowa, Dec. 21, when one of this company's crack trains left the rails and plunged over a bridge into the chilly waters beneath it.

When the crack train left Chippewa Falls, in charge of the cafe car was Sam Curtiss, fourteen years in the service. A few minutes later as the train plunged ahead into the miles before it, the rear coach left the tracks as the train crossed a sixty foot bridge.

Rescues Passengers  
The coach plunged head foremost down into the chilly waters below and buried itself in the mud at the river's bottom. A bare six feet of the coach remained above the water's surface. In the fall Curtiss had two ribs broken. Unmindful of his own pain, he clambered to the top of the car, and there drenched and freezing, he helped one passenger after another to safety. Entreaties to him to leave and go seek medical attention went unheeded. At last, when the indomitable spirit of Curtiss could no longer stand the excruciating pain he collapsed.

### Carnegie Medal Sought

Officials of the road and friends of the injured man are seeking to have suitable recognition given his unprecedented bravery. A movement has been started to ask that the Carnegie medal for bravery be awarded him for his heroic efforts. Curtiss is well known in Chicago and St. Paul.

### "White Man Don't Let the Sun Set on You"

Henrietta, Okla., Dec. 27.—Across the main street of Boley, an exclusively colored settlement in this state, appeared the warning: "White man, don't let the sun set on you." The sign was ordered removed by federal authorities who threatened to discontinue the postoffice of Boley unless the order was obeyed.

In ordering the offensive sign removed from the street, the federal officers pointed out that it might be necessary for white officials in the postal service to visit Boley, and it might also be necessary for them to remain over night in the line of duty. It was also explained to the citizens that such signs were unwarranted and a menace that could tend only to keep alive the racial antagonism and would but result in injury to their community.

It is said that the sign was the result of high feeling among members of the community over the attempted arrest of John Owen, City Marshal of Boley by Sheriff R. H. McKinnon (white) who charged Owen with election irregularities. This incident was followed by a rupture between the races resulting in the arrest of five colored men who appeared in court charged with inciting colored against the whites and held in \$1000 bail each. Bail was furnished and the men are at liberty until the trial.

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### RADIO FANS, TUNE IN

N.A.A.C.P. Secretary to Radio Speech on 'American Negro Poets and Their Poetry.'

New York, Jan. 1, 1925.—A radio address on "American Negro Poets and Their Poetry," illustrated by readings from the work of himself and other poets, will be delivered by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced today.

The address has been arranged for by the Radio Corporation of America, and will be broadcast on Station WJY, at 10 P. M. on Thursday, January 8, 1925.

### National Association to Entertain

The Portland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is sponsoring a special program Monday evening, January 12th, at First A. M. E. Zion church, at which time the noted Persian philosopher and teacher, Jinab-I-Fadil, will deliver an address from the subject, "The Conquest of Prejudice." A fine program has been prepared for the occasion and it is free to the public. It is hoped the auditorium of the church will be filled to its capacity. The program is as follows:

Invocation, Rev. H. Leo Johnson; piano pieces, (a) Bamboula, S. Cole-ridge Taylor; (b) Kashamira, C. C. White, by Jesse Ewing-Edwards; What the N. A. A. C. P. Stands For, President J. A. Ewing of the local branch; vocal selections, (a) A Fool's Soliloquy, Tipton-Campbell; (b) I Am So Glad Trouble Don't Last Always, Shaw Arrangement, Freita Shaw. Introducing the speaker of the evening, Jinab-I-Fadil by George Orr Latimer. An informal reception will be held in the parlors of the church down stairs and refreshments will be dispensed free. This bids fair to be the biggest entertainment of its kind for the year by the local branch and everyone who misses it will miss the treat of their life.

Rev. J. W. Anderson on December 18th received a Special Commission from the National Baptist Convention authorizing him to represent the educational work of that great body for the state of Oregon and to solicit funds for the Publishing Board. The Commission bore the official seal of the convention and the signatures of Dr. L. K. Williams, president; R. B. Hudson, secretary; A. M. Townsend, secretary, and E. M. Lawrence, chairman. Rev. Anderson is also in receipt of a letter from his highness, the governor of Oregon, indorsing his work.

Mrs. W. A. Neely was in the city during the holidays and stopped at the home of Mrs. Etta Tibbs-Sims, 824 E. Pine St. Mrs. Neely looks fine and says she had a pleasant Christmas.

Die—Mrs. Odessa Gatewood, Saturday, December 27th, at the Samaritan hospital. Mrs. Gatewood underwent an operation in September and never completely recovered. Funeral was held Tuesday, conducted by Rev. E. C. Dyer from Finley's Mortuary.

### Newport News Club Gives \$100 to N.A.A.C.P. Work

City Organizes Baby Contest  
New York, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1924.—The Metropolitan Club of Newport News, Va., a club composed of business and professional people of the city, has subscribed \$100 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for 1925, it was announced today. The city has also begun a baby contest for the benefit of the N. A. A. C. P., the officers being: Mrs. C. A. Eaton, chairman of committee; Mrs. A. V. Clark, secretary; Mrs. Carrie J. Bolden, treasurer and Miss B. M. White and Mrs. Ruth Garmes, managers.

The contest will be run from Lincoln's birthday, February 12, to March 20, 1925.

### NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held every second Monday evening at Zion A. M. E. church, 417 Williams Ave.  
J. A. EWING, Pres.  
LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y.

### Bishop J. M. Martin, D. D.

His Territory Embraces California, Washington, Oregon, the Southwest Rocky Mountain, and Demerara, British Guiana Conferences.

Bishop J. W. Martin who succeeded the Rev. Bishop L. W. Kyles in the Eleventh Episcopal District, paid his first official visit to Portland a few weeks ago and greatly impressed the citizens of the city as well as the church officials and laymen, during his brief sojourn here.

Bishop Martin is a native Virginian but spent his early boyhood in Johnson City, Tenn. From Johnson City he went to Philadelphia at the age of 16 years to live with his sister, his mother and father both having died. He received his education in Lincoln University, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Later he held the secretaryship of the Board of Education of his church for eight years, and for ten years he was president of one of the church colleges, Atkinson College, Madisonville, Ky. At the General Con-



ference held in Indianapolis, Ind., last May, he was elevated to the Bishopry. Bishop Martin is 45 years old, is married and has one child, a daughter 18 years old. He with his interesting family, are making their home in Los Angeles, Calif. Their daughter is attending the University of Southern California, pursuing a course in Liberal Arts.

Most everyone has a hobby and the Bishop is no exception. His hobby is motoring. In fact he is called by some of his friends a "Buick demonstrator." The Bishop drives a Buick sedan.

### The First to Pay His Subscription in the New Year

George L. Davidson who resides at 175 E. 3rd St., North, was the first person to renew his subscription to The Advocate for the year 1925. Mr. Davidson called at the office New Year's Day.

### Bahais Get Together

For the pleasure of meeting Jinab-I-Fadil and his interesting wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer entertained a few friends at their home in Rose City Park on the evening of January 1st.

### Club Women Entertain Mates

Members of the Rosebud Study Club entertained for their husbands and beaux Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Blackburn on Stanton street. Dancing and cards were the diversions and all present had a most excellent time.

The Missionary Society of Mt. Olivet Baptist church will give a chicken and chattering dinner at the church Friday, January 10th, from noon on.

Mrs. J. D. Patton, 165 N. 12th St., who recently visited her relatives in Austin, Tex., is looking fine after such a long trip. Accompanying her on her return was a sister who will remain with Mrs. Patton indefinitely. Mrs. Evans, a niece of Mrs. Patton, left last week for Austin to visit her people.

Arrested in Los Angeles. Cuba Davis who fled from Portland several months ago, to avoid testifying in a narcotic case, was brought back to Portland this week, by the authorities, charged with contempt of a Federal court summons.

### LYNCHINGS SHOW A DECREASE

Officers of Law Prevent 45 Lynchings

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 31, 1924. To the Editor:

I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research. I find there were 16 persons lynched in 1924. This is the smallest number lynched in any year since records of lynchings have been kept, and is 17 less than the number 33 for the year 1923 and 41 less than the number 57 for the year 1922. Nine of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, six from jails and three from officers of the law outside of jails.

There were 45 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Two women, one white and one colored, were among those thus saved. Eight of these preventions of lynchings were in Northern states and 37 in Southern states. In 36 of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In 9 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would-be lynchers. In four instances during the year persons charged with being connected with lynching mobs were indicted. Of the 19 persons thus before the courts only five were convicted. These were given jail sentences.

Of the 16 persons lynched all were negroes. Seven or less than one-half of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape.

The offenses charged were: Murder, 1; rape, 5; attempted rape, 2; killing officer of the law, 2; insulting woman, 3; attacking woman, 1; killing man in altercation, 1; wounding man, 1.

The states in which lynchings occurred, and the number in each state are as follows: Florida, 5; Georgia, 2; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 2; Missouri, 1; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 1.

Yours very truly,  
R. R. Moton, Principal.

### Praises the Advocate

Rev. Joseph W. Miller of Saginaw, Mich., formerly in charge of a church at St. Georges, Bermuda, writes The Advocate: "Your paper is just as interesting as ever and very much improved—still standing firm for the highest principles. And the best thinking, self respecting, intelligent negro must respect and recognize your efforts, if he starts anywhere at all. 'Stand fast, in the faith, quit yourselves like men, be strong.'"

"We are doing nicely, and the weather is fine here.

"The Lord has blessed us again since coming to Saginaw. On Nov. 11th a son was born to us. Ten pounds is his weight, and his name is Joseph Glenn Vernon. Mrs. Miller being a Bermudian, stands the cold well."

R. H. Newby was here from Redmond, Oregon, and spent Christmas week. While The Advocate staff did not have the pleasure of shaking his hands, we were nevertheless pleased to know that he was in town.

### Colored Student Wins High Honors at Amherst

Charles Drew Wins Memorial Trophy for Being Greatest Value to Football Team.

Amherst, Mass., Dec. 31.—(A. P.)—The Ashley Memorial Trophy, given annually to the member of the Amherst football squad whose services are considered of greatest value to the team, has been awarded this year to Charles Drew, 26, of Arlington, Va. He played halfback during the season recently completed.

K. of P.'s Win Suit. J. H. Miller, a member of the Knights of Pythias of Columbia, S. C., died several months ago, holding a policy with the K. of P.'s in the sum of \$300. His wife was the beneficiary. The Order refused to pay the policy on the ground that Miller lived a dual life, claiming two women as his wife. N. J. Frederick, a colored lawyer, represented the Order, while a white attorney represented the widow. A verdict was returned in favor of the Order. This is the first case of its kind that was ever brought up in the Order and it is expected to have a strong bearing on the future payment of policies.

Stay off date, January 26th. A four-act drama, "Al Azar Temple"—Adv.