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## LEADING COLORED WOMEN RESENT COLOR-LINE LOCAL ORGANIZATION HEARS NOTED SPEAKER

### N. A. A. C. P. Hears Ben F. Wilson—Elects Delegate

Portland branch of the N. A. A. C. P. at its regular monthly meeting last Monday night at First A. M. E. Zion church heard one of the best, one of the most practical and sensible lectures it has ever heard when Ben F. Wilson of Berkeley, California, recently returned from Great Britain, spoke.

#### A FEW HIGH POINTS IN SPEECH

"When Jesus came into the world and spoke to the people, there were one hundred million slaves. No man has any appreciation for your talk of liberating the soul unless it includes the liberation of the body."

"The Bible was used as a defense of slavery for 1860 years after Christ."

"Individual goodness is no good apart from the right social relationship."

"If Jesus had proclaimed a Billy Sunday message, he would have lived until today."

"My father and your fathers were taught that kings ruled by Divine right." He attributed dark days of slavery to the exclusion of woman from all activities and the force of peace to her exclusion from the peace table.

"If you haven't changed your mind in 10 years, you are dead only you haven't reported to the undertaker."

"Jesus was actually murdered by the property interests of his day."

"For fifteen hundred years after Christ no man was safe if he spoke a conviction different from the systematized order of Christianity."

"The great Methodist church split on the slave question and they haven't kissed and made up yet."

He took a fling at the United States representatives and Senators in Congress and he urged the careful selection of men who stand for the principles of right to all men and who stand squarely for justice, for positions of responsibility as the heads of governments.

"No man can be religiously right and politically wrong." He deplored the system that starves the producer and pauperizes the consumer while the big interests revel in wealth. Wheat grown in America, shipped to England, baked there in the co-operative bakeries can be purchased for half the Portland housewife pays for it here, he stated.

"Christianity stands as a protest to any system which prevents the free, full expression of Christ through any of his children."

Mr. Wilson is in the Northwest representing the Brotherhood Co-operative Banks. He left for his home Wednesday to get ready for a trip East where he is booked for one hundred lectures. He has a splendid personality and impresses one immediately of his seriousness of purpose and the necessity of a spiritual revolution among the nations of the world.

Miss Margie Danley, executive secretary of Williams Ave. Branch Y. W. C. A., was chosen as the Association's delegate for the 16th annual conference to be held in Denver June the 24th.

Furnished rooms for rent. East 3948—Adv.

#### FOR YOUR LIBRARY

Scott's Official History of The American Negro in the World War, by Emmett J. Scott, A. M., LL. D., special assistant to the secretary of war, can be purchased at The Advocate office, 312-313 Macleay Building, Broadway 5807.—adv.

### Get Acquainted Club Notes

(By Genevieve Mullen)

The Get Acquainted Club did itself proud Tuesday evening at the Mt. Olivet Baptist church when it sponsored a Mother Day banquet. The basement of the church was prettily decorated in blue and white crepe paper streamers and light shades of the same colors. The long tables were spotted with white cloths decorated through the center with green foliage and red, purple and yellow flowers artistically arranged. The delicious repast was served by pretty young maids and matrons. Clarence E. Ivey, president of the club, presided. A very excellent program was rendered by the following persons: Piano duo, Misses Barbara Hubbard and Nellie Franklin; brief talk by Mrs. Dora Gulliford; reading, Miss Ernestine Anderson; reading, Miss Bobbie Ellis; "A Tribute to Mothers" by Miss Margie Danley; piano solo, Miss Dorthulu Williams; reading, Mrs. Genevieve Mullen; by request, reading, Julia Mae Blanchard; reading, Miss Beatrice Tucker; vocal solo, Miss Barbara Hubbard; brief address, "Are You Playing the Game With Mother on the Square," Mrs. E. D. Cannady; by request, vocal solo, "Mother O'Mine," Mrs. Mabel Cooper, club oration, composed and read by Mrs. C. J. A. Hillsman. Extra remarks were made by Mesdames Ollie Henderson and C. White and E. D. Cannady. The affair was well attended and the club and its officers were the recipients of extra words of praise for the noble mark they are setting.

### ROBERT BAGNALL TO VISIT

Robert W. Bagnall, Branch Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York, will be in Portland early in June for several days in the interest of the Association. A big mass meeting will be a feature of his visit here and several engagements have been made for his appearance before civic organizations and colleges. He will be the guest of the local branch of the Association of which J. A. Ewing is president. Mr. Bagnall is a noted speaker and pulpiteer and wherever he has appeared large crowds have greeted him. Portland feels honored to have him come here. A complete program of his visit will appear from time to time in these columns.

### 1,200 Students Strike; Protest Military Work

Washington, May 7.—Twelve hundred students at Howard University went on strike this afternoon protesting against compulsory military training. Howard is one of America's leading institutions for colored students.

Behind the college band, the students paraded around the campus shouting "we won't drill."

### CHICKEN DINNER

Brown Strollers Band will give a chicken dinner Thursday, May 21st, at Zion M. E. church, for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the above band. All musicians desirous of becoming members of the Brown Strollers Band call Bert Turner, Main 2054, or Wyatt Williams, Walnut 3920, or E. D. Cannady, Garfield 7523 or Broadway 5807.

American Legion Post will have a gumbo supper May 16th at their hall, 284 1/2 N. 17th street.

The Beavers in the South—The Portland Pacific Coast baseball team is playing in Oakland this week. Leaving there, they will tackle Sacramento at Sacramento, and then return home for a two weeks' stay.

Ninety days in jail—E. H. Hatcher, proprietor of the Pioneer Billiard hall on North Sixth street, pleaded guilty in federal court Friday of last week to the charge of having liquor in his possession and was sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail.

Eat dinner with the Brown Strollers Band Thursday, May 21st, at Zion A. M. E. church.

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### Daily Vacation Bible School Explained

Although the Daily Vacation Bible School movement is more than twenty years old many people still have a very vague idea of what such a school really is. To use the words of Dr. Boville, one of the founders of the movement, it is an attempt to bring idle children, idle teachers (often college students home for vacation), and idle churches together in a helpful way during the summer vacation.

The schools are usually held for three hours a day during the forenoon for a term of from three to six weeks. While many schools provide classes for children of kindergarten and high school age the great majority of pupils attending are always of grammar school age and some schools receive only pupils between six and fourteen years old.

The pupils are classified in the same way as in the public schools, a teacher being provided for each grade and carefully graded Bible material adapted to the pupils age is provided to reach grade; for example the hero worshiping age, are given the stories of Daniel, Stephen, Paul and other Bible heroes, while the Eight Grade, which is able to follow a consecutive line of thought makes an orderly study of the life of Christ.

Much attention is given to memorizing scripture. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee," said the Psalmist. This is a good old fashioned custom that is falling into disuse in our Sunday schools, because of lack of time for drill but the daily sessions of the Vacation Bible School offer opportunity for doing this work.

Music, Missionary instruction and inspirational character building talks are also given a place in the daily program. A teacher training class for adults is also a feature of many schools.

Craft work, including sewing, basket weaving and hammock making is also offered in some schools chiefly as an incentive to attendance. This, however, is not being stressed as much as formerly for experience has shown that the children will gladly come for the other phases of the work and many of the largest and most successful schools are not offering craft work. Since the Manual Training departments of our public schools provide such work it is no novelty to the children and they prefer to use character building talks.

### ALL RACE PROGRAM

The Portland Women's Mutual Benefit Club invites the public to witness its Rose program Monday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock, room "F," third floor Public Library, 10th and Yamhill Streets.

Miss Gwendolen Hooker, Secretary.  
Mrs. Ada Brown, President.

For Sale—6-room house, 761 Albina Ave.—Adv.

George T. Starks, one of the proprietors of the Pioneer Billiard Parlors, 108 N. 6th St., is ill in Emanuel hospital and is not expected to live.

Mrs. William Glass, 473 Sumner St., had the misfortune to have her car badly injured in an accident last Sunday when her sedan collided with a milk wagon. Several ladies riding with Mrs. Glass were not injured although badly frightened.

### OAKLAND NEWS

(By Arthur D. LeBon)

Mrs. Annie Thomas Holman, wife of M. Ernest Holman, died Sunday afternoon, May 10, at her home, 960 35th street. Mrs. Holman was a bride of one year, and had just returned from a visit to her people in Texas two weeks before her death. Mrs. Holman was a graduate of Tilliton College, Austin, Texas, 1920. She is a sister of Mrs. C. C. Winn of Oakland.

Skeezey Brock is in love again! The diamond brokers will get their alimony soon.

Brother (Hen.) is sporting a Rolls Royce and dressed for the occasion.

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### LOCAL and FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

#### Hayes Sings at Royal Palace—Presented Diamond Pin

A letter from Roland Hayes received here Thursday, conveys the news of his musical triumph in Madrid.

By command of the Queen, mother of Spain, he sang at the Royal Palace, at which time the Queen presented him with a diamond pin bearing the Royal initial.

He also tells of witnessing a bull fight before leaving Madrid, which he described as "bloody and terrible."

From Madrid he went to Barcelona for a week's visit, then to Seville and other Spanish cities.

Mrs. J. H. Thomas says she is quite in love with her present location in Woodlawn, which gives more freedom, fresher air and better satisfaction all around for her lovely children.

#### Benefit Ball Big Success

The benefit ball given at the Stag Club Monday night for Billy Webb, one of the "Bills," is said to have been a wonderful financial success. It was largely attended, music was good and every one had a fine time.

Dr. Hugh A. Bell, popular young dentist, left Friday for Los Angeles, where he will wed on the 17th of next month a prominent young California beauty.

Misses Rutherford win prizes—According to a report in the Daily News of a few days ago, Miss Octavia Rutherford and her sister won prizes in the Rivoli in the theatre essay contest: "If you had a year to live how would you spend it?"

Judge Rand a subscriber—Judge John Rand of the State Supreme Court, who was in the city with Mrs. Rand, last week, from their home in Salem, while here honored The Advocate by taking out a year's subscription to the same.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ewing were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jamison, 1190 Holgate St., Sunday, May 10, the date being the latter's wedding anniversary.

Mrs. E. H. Thomas, mother of O. S. Thomas, sustained a sprained wrist when she accidentally fell at the Tavern Wednesday, May 6. She has been confined to their home in the city, 329 San Rafael street, but returned to their residence in the country Wednesday the 13th.

If you own your lot, we will finance the building of a 4 or 5 room bungalow on small monthly payments. Beacon 5546.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Young will be hosts at dinner Sunday for the pleasure of Attorney E. J. Minor and bride, Mr. and Mrs. Young reside at 749 Harold Ave.

Mrs. Zepha Baker is not only a beauty culturist, a singer and a reader, but a visit to her home in Woodlawn revealed her ability as a poultry raiser.

Mrs. Naomi Starkey is here from Skamokawa, Wash., visiting her daughter, Miss Grace Starkey, who is indisposed at the residence of Mrs. C. B. Alexander, 364 E. 10th St.

Agents Wanted—To sell New Automat Gas Savers. Big money by agents. Write S. E. Herrick, 383 Pittock Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

For sale—Several pieces of wearing apparel in good condition; several pairs of shoes and several hats. Broadway 5807.—Adv.

For rent, two 2-room apartments. Main 6322.—Adv.

### Prosecute Colored People Who Rode in Pullman in Florida

Philadelphia, Pa., May 8.—Word has just reached here of the case of three women and a man, all colored, being dragged from a Pullman car and lodged in jail for twenty-nine hours, after which they were released when a fine of \$1,100 was paid by their employer, Samuel Dit, for a charge of violating the Jim-Crow coach laws of the South, while riding through Florida. The millionaire business man secured the Pullman car accommodation for his servants from Palm Beach to Philadelphia. The conductor of the train is said to have wired ahead to Fort Pierce warning the sheriff that Negro passengers were on the Pullman, resulting in their arrest and fines.

### Young Student Chosen to Debate England's Best

John P. Davis, of Washington, D. C., student at Bates College, has been chosen to represent Bates College on the International Debating tour. He is one of four men and is the first colored student to be so honored. This group also represents the American University Union, Bates College being chosen as the institution to represent the United States this year.

Among the institutions to be debated on this tour are Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Edinburgh, St. Andrews, which is the oldest Scottish University, and others, probably including Dublin, Aberdeen and London University. The party sailed on the Samaria from Boston May 11th.

As an all around college student, Davis is affiliated with the Press Club, English Players, Spofford Literary Club, Der Deutscher Verein (German Club), Phil-Hellen (Greek Club) Debating Council Outing and Politics Clubs.

Added to this he ranks among the first eight in his class in scholarship, and is a member of the Alpha Psi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

After completing the debating tour in England and Scotland, Mr. Davis plans to travel on the continent, visiting France and Germany.

John Jamison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jamison, who is attending Howard Law School, will be home about the 10th of next month.

Mr. Moore, of Chicago, Ill., was a pleasant visitor at the N. A. A. C. P. meeting Monday night.

### Williams Ave. Y. W. C. A.

The Mother's Club entertained a group of mothers at luncheon Tuesday afternoon. Election of officers resulted in Mrs. M. Griffith, president, Mrs. M. Flowers, vice-president, Mrs. M. Bartholomew, secretary, Mrs. E. Conway, treasurer, Mrs. J. Henderson, Chr. of Membership, Mrs. E. Reynolds, Chr. of program and Mrs. M. Flowers, Chr. of Social.

The High School Reserve attended the Portland Federation Banquet on Saturday evening at the main Y. Eleven girls were present, the largest group present from the branch we have ever had. The girls presented a very clever stand. Social Hour Sunday, 4 P. M. The grade school reserves will leave at 1 P. M. for an afternoon in one of the City Parks.

The Membership Banquet will be held at Stag Club on the 29th. Reservations must be in by the 27th. There will be no service after 7 P. M. Please be prompt.

The secretary spoke before Miss Hartley's class in Public Health Nursing on last Friday afternoon.

Thirty days in jail—Percy Knowles must serve thirty days in the county jail for an attempt to slash E. L. Oker with a razor, following a fist fight the other day.

### DOINGS OF THE ELKS

James Richardson of Salt Lake, a member of the Bee Hive lodge of Elks and special D. D. of Idaho and Montana, is in the city and is working at The Portland.

J. Finley Wilson, G. E. R. of the Order of Elks, will visit the Elks and Daughter Elks of Portland early in July.

The most popular candidate for the office of E. R., to judge by the expressions from many of the brother Elks, is O. S. Thomas.

### "Arrow Tips" (By Kits Reid)

Here is a story I heard over the radio the other evening as told by Chauncey Dewey at his birthday dinner in Brooklyn and had it not been told by the soon-to-be immortal Chauncey I would not have the nerve to repeat it. This is the story:

A nice old New England lady was visiting her niece in a town where daylight saving was the order of the day. It fussed up the old lady considerably keeping track of the hours and it finally got on her nerves to such an extent that she could stand it no longer. So she announced to her niece that she was going home.

"Why, aren't you having a nice time?"

"Oh yes," snapped the old lady, "I am having a nice visit but it's this daylight saving."

"Daylight saving!" exclaimed the niece. "What's the matter with it?"

"Well, I cannot keep track of it. Back where I live, we live under God's time and here it's the devil's time, and between the two I'm having a hella-time. I'm going home."

I've been thinking about heaven a good deal lately. I suppose when one's health is below par, it is the proper thing to think of heaven and to wonder if the last journey will land one within its pearly gates. And then I began to think of the company I might find there and of some I would like to find there. And then I began to wonder—Would I find Mrs. Cannady? She will go to either the Baptist or Methodist heaven (I don't know which church she belongs to). I cannot go to her heaven. There's Amedee Smith—he will go to the Methodist heaven. I am quite sure he will although when he has a spell with his liver, I'm just as sure no heaven would let him get inside.

There's Bishop Sumner—he will go to the Episcopal heaven; that is, I think he may. And Father O'Hara—St. Peter will send him to a reserved seat in the Catholic heaven, and I'll never see him again. And Mrs. Elliott Corbett—well, any place would be heaven where she goes although her particular section would be Unitarian.

And his Royal Nibs, Mayor Baker, if he gets past St. Peter at all, he will be assigned to the Christian Science section. And my best friend says there is no after life—that when we die, we're dead, that heaven is a state of mind. Curious, isn't it, what creeds will do? Are they sensible things, after all?

An item in the Survey of April 15th will bring joy to the hearts of those who believe that our nation must find a way to repay the American Indian for all the misery and injustice our governmental policies have inflicted upon him.

A fellowship has been established at the Robert Brookings graduate school of economics and government, Washington, D. C., for the "study of the American Indian problem, the successive policies of the government and the contemporary administration of Indian affairs, by the National League of Women Voters."

Isn't it about time that the women of this country awakened to the awful crime of robbery, starvation and casualty of every description that has been carried on against the Indians ever since we had any government at all? Here's hoping that a new day is dawning for the few real Americans that are still living.

And this brings me to a paragraph on a similar condition that is with us—change the name "Indian" in the latter part of the above paragraph and substitute "Negro" and it will save my repeating it in this paragraph. Please, some big, powerful organization, foundation or something else, establish a fund to investigate US—your colored brothers and sisters—as to how we have been exploited, discriminated against and all the other things that mean injustice. Do for us what is being done by the "Survey of Race Relations" now being made of the Orientals on the Pacific Coast. You will find, just as the tentative findings of that survey, after two years' work, reports that prejudice, not justice, lies at the bottom of race troubles. To go back to my heaven soliloquy again—I wonder if there will be a color line in heaven?

A cutting scrape—Micco Harjo, in a mixup Monday night with John Odham at the Stag Club, received a dirty knife stab in the jaw. Odham was not arrested. Harjo is laying off from his job at the comfort station as a result of the wound, it is said.

### Singers Leave Hall Where Segregation Insults Race

Howard and Hampton Students Refuse to Sing When "All-American" Music Festival Assumes Klan Attitude; Had Promise of Fair Play. (P. N. S.)

Washington, D. C., May 19.—In spite of the fact that assurances had been given that there would be no segregation in connection with the International Council of Women in session here colored persons attending the All American music festival at the new auditorium were relegated to one side of the balcony and as a result two hundred colored singers scheduled to take part in the program refused to sing and indignantly left the building.

The singers, a body composed of members of the Richmond Treble Clef, the Howard University Glee Club and Choral Society and the Hampton Institute choir had been brought together by Miss Hallie Q. Brown of Wilberforce on the invitation of Mrs. David Allen Campbell, chairman of the evening.

### Negroes on Left

Colored persons attending the affair were sold seats on the left side of the hall only and when the time came for the colored singers to appear Miss Hallie Q. Brown stepped out in front of the curtain and announced that the singers had left the building because of the segregation of colored persons in the audience.

Miss Brown later declared that written assurance had been given by Mrs. Philip North Moore, president of the United States Council that there would be no segregation in the council sessions.

### Mrs. Moore "Regrets"

After Mrs. Brown's speech the colored people in the balcony arose and left the hall, while foreign delegates somewhat untutored in prejudice of the American variety, came out into the lobby to find out the cause of the trouble.

Mrs. Moore expressed great regret that the incident had occurred, and said council officials had nothing whatever to do with the seating arrangements as the business side of the festival had been handled by a local firm. She admitted that she had given written assurance that there would be no segregation at the council to Mrs. Mary Bethune, of Daytona, Fla., president of the National Association of Colored Women, of which she is a life member and patron.

"I certainly intended that this agreement should hold," Mrs. Moore said, "and it should have held for this entertainment, which is as much a part of the council program as the business meetings. No instructions were given to the council officials and we never anticipated any such difficulty as has arisen, nor did we have anything to do with the arrangement of the seating for tonight's performance."

### Ticket Seller Prejudiced

But one Edward D. Talbert, ticket seller, admits that he segregated the negroes. "Following the training of 16 years' experience in selling tickets for all kinds of affairs," said Talbert, "I sold tickets on the right to white persons and on the left to colored persons. I received no orders concerning the arrangement."

### Dett Calls Taft

Professor Nathaniel Dett of the Hampton Institute choir did quite a bit of telephoning before he finally joined the other singers in the just show of resentment against insult. He got in touch with Chief Justice Taft, chairman of the Hampton trustee board and even attempted to get Hampton on the phone, but the Hampton students walked out with the rest.

### Furnished rooms for rent. Sunset 2325—Adv.

### FOR SALE

House and lot at 52nd St. and Mason St., lot being 71x142; light, telephone and water; gravel streets. The number of the house is 1432, and there is a fir grove in front. There is a house, garage, and a good woodshed on the place. The price is \$850.00 with but \$300.00 cash.

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