

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Geraldine Turner played a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by her sister, Miss Geneva Ovington at the home of Mrs. J. H. Handsaker, Friday afternoon, July 13th.

Miss Chrystalee Maxwell who had just returned from Geneva Glen, Colo., where she went as a delegate from the Older Girls Conference, gave a brief explanation of the work.

Among out of town guests present were Prof. I. M. Terrell of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Louis L. Byrd, of Seattle, Washington.

Yellow and white daisies were used decoratively about the rooms. A number of white and colored guests called during the appointed hours.

Mrs. Louis L. Byrd (Nora Brown) of Seattle, Washington and her two beautiful daughters are visiting Mrs. Richard Warren Peck, 419 N. 21st Street for two weeks.

Miss Mary White Ovington visited the pretty suburban home of Mr. Mrs. W. F. Smith on 39th Avenue, S. E. and 82nd Street on Saturday, July 14th.

Miss LaVada Maxwell, of Salem, Oregon, spent the week in the city visiting her sisters, Misses Myrtle and Maxine Maxwell.

The Missionary Society of Bethel A. M. E. Church sponsored a very successful chicken dinner at the church Thursday afternoon.

Business men in Hollywood, Salem are holding "Open House" on the 25th. Mr. Maxwell has accepted an invitation to join with them.

Among visitors in the city Sunday were Mrs. J. R. Chase, Mrs. Carrie Black, Mrs. Margaret Molone, Mr. Melvin Williams, Mr. A. W. Robinson, and Mr. Hugh Saunders.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Booker and Misses Myrtle and Maxine Maxwell motored to Salem Sunday and spent the day with the Maxwell family.

The Old Rose Club has sent as its delegate to the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs in Washington, D. C., to represent them, Mrs. Cora Coffee, its efficient president.

Mrs. E. D. Cannady took Miss Mary White Ovington for an automobile sightseeing trip Saturday, July 14th.

MORE ABOUT N. A. A. C. P. CONFERENCE

(Continued from page one) Commerce toward the entertainment of the Convention.

From the point of attendance at the business session during the day, it is said it was larger than at any previous conference. This was due largely to the fact that the Conference had been well advertised, not only by the National but by the Los Angeles N. A. A. C. P., of which Dr. H. Claude Hudson, is president.

The reports from Branches all over the country, followed by the general discussion, were highly illuminating and beneficial. Among the Branches that had an official representative was the Portland Branch. Dr. Caston, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist church, Portland's delegate, gave a brief report at the closing session, on Tuesday afternoon, July 3rd.

He told how the branch had exercised itself in 1924 at Grants Pass, Oregon in re case of several colored people who had gone into that city and whose presence was objected to by the whites there. His experience there en route to the Conference, led him to believe that the kindly treatment he and his party received at the hands of the white people was a result of the Branch's activity; how a committee from the local branch in aiding Mr. Charles H. Maxwell in opening up his business after it had been long closed on account of prejudiced whites; how the Branch had participated in and materially influenced the recent political election.

A choir of 500 trained voices furnished the music for the mass meetings. The young people's department as well as the Picken's Baby Fraternity was ably represented.

Cooperation was the keynote of the Conference. There was no wrangling over offices for there were none to run for. About a young man by the name of H. C. Hudson everything seemed to focus. He is the President of the Los Angeles Branch that put it over. And about him we shall write in next week's issue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Phillips of Los Angeles, are the house guests of Mrs. Stella Harris, scalp specialist, at her home 285 Larrabee St., for a few days. Mr. Phillips is here in the interest of the Star Cleaning product which he manufactures.

They motored here and to Vancouver, B. C. in their beautiful Reo 8.

Mrs. H. D. Fuller is receiving at afternoon tea Tuesday at her home on 749 Michigan Avenue, honoring Mrs. Louis L. Byrd of Seattle.

Mr. Edgar Williams spent a day or two at Rhododendron this week. Mr. Williams who is connected with the police department of the city reports a thrilling trip.

Dorothy Harris, 12, is spending her summer vacation with her aunt, Mrs. George Clay, in Spokane. She will remain until school opens.

The Society Revue held Monday night at Hibernia Hall under the auspices of the Oregon Federation of Colored Women's Clubs is reported to have been a great success. Severe acts and stunts were worthy of the professional stage. Mrs. Anthony, and her daughter impersonated Topsy and Little Eva of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame; Two professional dancers from the Portland theatre were very good; Mr. Ed Collins received great applause for his vaudeville stunt. He was ably supported on the piano by Miss Keren Mills; Mrs. Katie Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Lena Green staged a fine cake-walk. The affair was to benefit the expense fund of the delegates to the National Federation meeting held in Washington, D. C. July 27 - Aug. 3rd. The Revue was a success. Another method to raise funds which was also successful was selling tags by permission of city authorities.

The delegates are Mrs. Bonnie Bogle and Mrs. G. V. Grayson, both prominent in local club and Y. W. C. A. work. Mrs. Bogle will leave Sunday for Washington. Mrs. Grayson is a candidate for the office of National Second Recording Secretary and she goes with the endorsement of the N. W. Federation and the Oregon State Federation of Colored Women.

Chestnut Writes New Novel

Cleveland, Ohio, July 11—Recently awarded the Spingarn Medal for his "pioneer work as a literary artist depicting the life and struggle of Afro-Americans, and for his long and useful career as scholar, worker and freeman of one of America's greatest cities," Mr. Charles W. Chesnut announces that he has just completed what will be his first novel in twenty years. "The book," he states, "is a novel dealing with Negro life of the present day, just as my former novels dealt with same subject twenty-five years ago."

This book, the name of which Mr. Chesnut is not ready to divulge, and which will be off the press during the winter, will be his seventh. He began writing short stories in 1887 for the Atlantic Monthly. These he later collected in a book and called "The Conjure Woman." This was followed by "The Wife of His Youth" and "The Life of Frederick Douglass." In 1900, he wrote his most famous book, "The House Behind the Cedars," to be followed by "The Marrow of Tradition," and in 1905 "The Colonel's Dream."

Mrs. B. J. Fuller writes The Advocate from Kalamazoo, Mich., that she is still enjoying her trip. Her friends, the Gibsons, drove over to Chicago from their home in Kalamazoo and took her back with them. Mrs. Fuller says: "I am having such a swell time. I don't know when I shall return." She will motor thru a great part of Michigan before going on to Kentucky.

MORE ABOUT MISS OVINGTON

(Continued from page one) ti-lynching legislation, the speaker said she did not believe such legislation would pass soon, nor did she regard it important, but that through the Association had brought to the attention of the American People for the first time the real truth about lynching. She urged the people here to work for the passage of a Civil Rights law referring to the benefits derived from such a law by the colored people of the State of New York et al.

She said that the Association was 90 per cent colored and 10 per cent white and she favored the organization of white groups in each locality who would assist the branches in time of crisis.

Miss Ovington traced the course of literature about the Negro from the popular "Leopard Spot" by Dixon 24 years ago which disparaged the race to the books of today such as DuBois' Souls of Black Folk; Cullen's poems Johnson's et al for the Bahai Assembly Friday the 13.

Address To American People

New York, July 13—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, today made public the full text of the Address to the American People adopted at its 19th Annual Conference in Los Angeles. The Address drawn up by a Committee of which Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is Chairman, is as follows:

The year of the Presidential Election brings forcibly to the mind of every American, white or black, the insistent problem of Democratic Government in the U. S. [The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its 19th Annual Conference reiterates its charge that the disfranchisement of the majority of intelligent adult Negroes in the United States is not simply a race problem, it is a problem of Democracy and it affects the entire nation and the whole world.

If Democracy is discredited and steered at today, it is very largely because of its partial failure in the United States. We are today dominated openly by selfish private interests, rather than by free and intelligent public opinion; and this is no small measure because the disfranchisement of 3,750,000 black voters in the South has involved the disfranchisement of more than 5 million Southern white voters. Despite an increase of 100 per cent in the voting population of 11 Southern states, and despite the 19th Amendment, we face the astonishing fact that in the last four years the voting population there has increased only 50 per cent and in the Southern South, there has been practically no increase in the number of voters in a generation.

These facts, together with the disfranchisement of the foreign-born in England, and the gerrymandering of congressional districts elsewhere, give the astonishing result that a million voters can elect 45 Congressmen in the South and 16 in New England, but only 13 in the Middle West and 12 on the Pacific Coast.

Facts such as these are ruining the interest of Americans in elections all over the United States. Ordinarily, scarcely one eligible American voter out of three goes to the polls, and the number of citizens 21 years of age and over who did not vote in the last election, reached 90 per cent in two states; 70-90 per cent in 7 states; from 50 to 70 per cent in 9 states; and from 40-50 per cent in 16 states.

Thus, Democratic Government in the United States has become a farce, primarily because for the sake of disfranchising black men, white America has been willing to disfranchise itself.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in this year of the Presidential Election calls on the nation for a new faith in Democracy without regard to race or color. The American ballot must be re-established on a real basis of intelligence and character. Only in such way can this nation face the tremendous problems before it; the problem of free speech and an unsubsidized press and civil liberty for all people; the problem of imperialism and the emancipation of Haiti, Nicaragua, Cuba, the Philippines and Hawaii from the Government of American banks; the overshadowing problem of peace among the nations and of decent and intelligent co-operation in the real advancement of the natives of Africa and Asia, together with freedom for China, India and Egypt.

If we need the power of intelligent democracy for these broader matters, we need it all the more here in our own land and for the specific hurts of the population that this Association especially represents.

For the first time in a generation there has passed in the United States one period of one hundred and twenty days when a human being has not been lynched by a mob. The gratification of recording such a fact only increases the sense of utter shame that a great modern nation must needs rejoice at so elementary an exhibition of decency. If lynching can be stopped for four months it can be stopped for four years. If

it can be lessened by local initiative, it can and should be wiped out by national enactment. It is clear from two recent murders that lynching still needs to be stopped. A Federal Anti-Lynching Law should write into the statutes of the nation the determination of America to put down mob rule.

Disfranchisement and segregation, race hatred and war, all are steps toward the same degeneracy. We have driven official residential segregation out from the protection of the law; but it continues to be common in real estate manipulation and by voluntary agreement. Some segregation by race of American citizen is still practised and persisted in the departments of the Federal Government at Washington. It is due to our unremitting effort that this open defiance of the constitution is no longer general. Whatever political power we have, should be used to continue the fight.

In the past, racial discrimination in the United States has been repeatedly excused on account of the ignorance of the descendants of the slaves, despite the fact that this ignorance was once notoriously made compulsory by law. Even today with the tremendous advance which black Americans have made in intelligence, their means of education are deplorably limited. In the chief centers of Negro population there is open discrimination in the salaries of teachers, length of school terms, provision of housing and equipment, and amount of money spent on white and Negro public schools.

A recent document published in the Congressional Record shows that the states which have separate schools for Negroes have only 3,000 college students, where they ought to have 27,000, and receive only \$2,300,000 a year from State and National funds, when they ought to receive twelve millions. This is illegal and unconstitutional and socially suicidal. It must be remedied and we must remedy it by ballots and by court action.

Our economic situation is still precarious and deplorable. We have more difficulty than white folk in securing decent work and we are paid less for the same jobs. We denounce the secret emigration toward black workers which is still manifested by those American trade unions which acquiesce in discrimination toward them and in opposition to their membership and employment. We should refuse to use our political power to advance the cause of white unionism when it stands for color discrimination. We rejoice at the continued growth and development of economic Negro culture, art and literature. Despite efforts within and without the race to prostitute beauty to filth and defeatism. We are still objects of petty public insult, coupled with economic theft. In time of public calamity, like the Mississippi flood, we are treated in many instances like slaves and criminals. We still lack the right to enter many places of public accommodation, and especially we continue to pay railroads in the South for accommodations which we do not receive. These public carriers, even in interstate traffic, enforce a species of discrimination so outrageous and so obviously illegal as to call for immediate redress before the courts. Our great weapon of offense against all this is the ballot. We must not give it up. We must register and vote whenever and wherever we can. We must not mortgage our vote to faithless and corrupt political organizations. We must demand in return for our political allegiance, education, decent home surroundings, public protection and national respect. Behind that ballot and fighting for it stands the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. No American, black or white, does his full duty who does not support its policies and its work.

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