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WHICH SHALL IT BE?

Numerous press releases have been received at our office regarding the cases of nine colored boys sentenced to die for the alleged raping of two "notorious white prostitutes", down in Alabama. Some of the releases are from the headquarters of the International Labor Defense of N.Y.C. and some from the N.A.A.C.P., also of N.Y.C.

It appears that the I.L.D. was the first of the two organizations to come to the defense of the unfortunate lads, sending attorneys from N. Y. C. to Scottsboro, Ala., to represent them. Later, William Pickens, field secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., wrote a letter to the I.L.D. praising their efforts in the cases, pledging his support and urging every Negro in the United States to do likewise. Later the N.A.A.C.P. officially announced its entrance into the case, stating that the association had retained four lawyers for the defense. Both organizations then proceeded to vilify each other while the nine convicted boys facing the electric chair try hard to understand why these organization are fussing and squabbling over who is to lead and who is to follow. Being of the underprivileged and exploited class, they hardly know what its all about and in the confusion it appears they hardly know which way to turn or just who to look to for help.

Among other things the I.L.D. charges the N.A.A.C.P. with negligence and also that some of the organization's heads have little sympathy with the Negro race, and workers in general and that they are "tools of the boss imperialists". The N.A.A.C.P., among other things, charges the I.L.D. with

being too radical in its procedure and public utterances; that it made enemies instead of friends for the unfortunate lads and that the I.L.D. was against any end everybody who failed to agree with its communistic views.

The I.L.D. points out that the N.A.A.C.P. certainly could not hold radicalism against it on the ground that the N.A.A.C.P. hired Clarence Darrow to represent the association in the famous Sweet case and that the N.A.A.C.P. and everybody else knew Darrow to be a pronounced atheist and a radical.

The latest reports from both organizations are somewhat further confusing. The N.A.A.C.P. charges that practically all of the defendants have signed their desire that the N.A.A.C.P. represent them while an I.L.D. release arriving in the same mail states that the I.L.D.'s attorneys had just succeeded in getting a change of venue—which had been denied before its entrance into the case. And so on...

Now the question is not whether these counter charges are true or false but whether these organizations in their zeal for publicity and in their selfishness, are going to quibble over who shall or shall not lead while nine innocent Negro youths face the electric chair.

It appears to us that the ethical thing for N.A.A.C.P. to do is to submit in this case to the priority of the I.L.D.'s attorneys and bring the full support of that great organization to bear upon it and lay aside the desire for leadership in the matter. In doing so the N.A.A.C.P. does not necessarily have to become communistic in its views. If it does not do so, as it has already announced it would not work with the I.L.D., and these boys go to the electric chair for want of support, it will have a lot of explain-

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ing to its members and well-wishers throughout the world. We hope that this controversy between these organizations will not deter in the least—those who are giving or planning to give aid to this needy cause.

EAGLE PENCIL CO.

"Factories in Long Range Success" by Merrylye Stanley Ruker is a booklet of twenty-four pages recently received at our desk from the Eagle Pencil Co., of New York City. It tells of the growth and development of the company.

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N.A.A.C.P. DRIVE

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is conducting its annual Spring Drive for new members and a renewal of the old ones. Three pretty and popular high school misses have been chosen as candidates for "Miss Portland" and a silver cup. The drive is as worthy as it is necessary and we hope every colored man, woman and child will give their fullest support to the worthy effort. The contest is in keeping with a nation-wide effort of the manner for raising funds for the work of the organization.

Churches

BAPTISTS

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Shiloh Baptist Church; East 7th and Everett Sts.

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House of Prayer; East 10th and Grant Sts.; Robert Searce, Pastor

METHODIST

Bethel A. M. E. Church; Larrabee and McMillen Sts.; Rev. Daniel G. Hill Jr., Minister; First A. M. E. Zion Church; 417 Williams Ave.; Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister

Bethel Church News

Bethel By The Bridge; On Larrabee and McMillen Sts.; Rev. D. G. Hill, Pastor; Marguerite Griffith—Reporter

The Reverend Daniel G. Hill, Jr. will preach at 11 a.m. on "The Great Adventure". The public is invited to attend. The "Adventurers' Club" of High School School Girls and Boys will have charge of the Sunday Night service from 8 to 9 P.M. This program will be an observance of the annual "Go to High School—Go to College" campaign conducted by Negro Fraternities and Sororities throughout the country. Mr. Betts, a former student at the University of California and at present a dental student at Pacific Dental College, will be the principal speaker. Donald Rutherford, president, will preside and Thelma and Isadore Morton will conduct devotional. Musical and Literary numbers will be rendered by the members. An interesting and inspiring program is promised. Rev. Hill will deliver the Mens Day address at the First A. M. E. Church, Seattle, at 8 P.P.M.

MT. OLIVET CHURCH NOTES

The Junior department of the Sunday School certainly did its duty honoring mother. At 7 P.M. the youngsters presented a play, "The Home Maker and Her Aids". Another interesting feature of the evening last Sunday was a talk given by Mrs. Norton. The Mt. Climbers will meet at 3:30 P.M. Sunday. Sunday evening the public forum subject: "Lessons Negroes should Learn From the Dismissal of Waiters at the Portland Hotel". Last Tuesday night at her home Mrs. G. G. Gardner was hostess of the Searchlight Club on Thursday. The Sunday School teachers and officers met Friday evening to talk about the Sunday School picnic. We all hope for a Union picnic. Don't you? Some of the Young people attended

IN THE REALM of Society

By Rosalie Bird



Miss Rosalie Bird, 681 Gautein Avenue, Phone MU 1686

Mrs. Keren Collins is back home after a brief trip to Seattle.

Mrs. Ada McGill who has been ill is greatly improved; also Mrs. Pauline Young is up again.

Mrs. W. G. Bird presented her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter with a gorgeous davenport lamp, a bouquet of flowers and a delicious home made cake in honor of the latter's birthday.

The Esperanto Breakfast Club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Cora L. Jamison, hostess, at her home on Garfield Avenue. At the close of the business and study hours, the hostess served a delicious hot "brunch".

The Vaughn Boys of Seattle gave a dance at the Elks Temple last Saturday. It was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

A very brilliant social event of the season was the wedding reception honoring the marriage of Miss Rozella Hortense Phelps of Seattle to Mr. Stanton Duke of Portland, last Wednesday night at the Williams Avenue Branch Y. The reception room was adorned with beautiful cut flowers which were used in a profusion. A gorgeous centre piece of mixed roses adorned the table from which the refreshments were served. Those assisting Mrs. Josephine Duke, mother of the groom were Mrs. C. M. Phelps and Mrs. Garner, mother and grandmother respectively of the bride. Others were Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. H. Duke and Mrs. C. F. Cantrell. Receiving at the door was Mrs. W. B. Brown. Miss Anna Morrison introduced the guests. The bride who received many beautiful and serviceable gifts was charming in a gown of chantly lace. After the reception the newlyweds left for Vancouver and other points in Canada on their honeymoon. They will be at home after June 1 at 827 East 9th Street N.

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Constable Who Repaired Broken Telephone Line Gets Alarm and Makes Arrest

Two Wyoming highwaymen, who had robbed a store and were about to make good their escape, were trapped and brought to justice recently through the alertness of one plain man of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, the resourcefulness of another, and the loyalty of a former telephone employee.

Allen Dryer, at work on the test-board at Rawlins, Wyo., found that there was a break on the line about two miles south of Saratoga. To drive out from Rawlins to make the necessary repairs, owing to the great distance, meant that it would be late in the evening before service could be restored. Accordingly, the telephone officials got in touch with L. L. St. John, the constable at Saratoga, who happens to be a former member of one of the Wyoming telephone construction crews. As he was only two miles away from the break, he readily agreed to make temporary repairs at once, and proceeded to do so.

This action on his part turned out to be more in the line of duty than he realized, for ten minutes after his return to his office he received a call from Encampment, over the newly repaired line, to the effect that two robbers had entered a store at that place, bound the proprietor and his clerk, and escaped with a sum of money from the safe. They were headed north towards Saratoga in a small coupe.

Accordingly, the constable, who had just repaired the telephone line, and the deputy sheriff blocked the Saratoga bridge across the Platte river, and within thirty minutes caught the robbers, who had the money with them. When arraigned in court, they pleaded guilty and were sentenced to serve from four to nine years in the penitentiary. When captured, one of the men had in his possession a pair of cutting pliers bearing the dark stain incurred in severing the copper wire.



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The YOUNGER SET

(By GENEVA IVEY)



SPRING CARNIVAL IN SPOTLIGHT

(By N. A. A. C. P. Press Com.)

Ingersoll, chairman of the membership committee that with the above standings, either of the contestants may come out victorious. Only 30 annual memberships separate the first and third place contestants and there are hundreds who have not joined. The committee mailed letters this week to many prospective members and expects the report on next Monday night to show a large increase.

While the candidates are waging this hectic struggle for votes, the Women's Auxiliary at its regular meeting Monday night, under the leadership of Mrs. Jessie Coles-Grayson completely outlined its plan for the Spring Carnival, with which the drive will close. Mrs. Pearl Stewart and Mrs. Edward Rutherford are the special committee in charge. The plan is to have an evening of fun and features. There will be no admission fee and the entire floor space of the "Y" will be utilized for booths and novel entertainment features.

There will be a "Mystery House" and a "mysterious person" will enliven the occasion as people search for him or her. Booths will include: fortune telling by mesdamesHobnot; delicatessen, mesdames Higby, Kemp, Caston and Ingersoll; Grab-bags, mesdames Martin and Lewis; Aprons, Mesdames Bowers and Nichols; Serpentine, peanuts, confetti, red lemonade, balloons and etc., mesdames Grayson, Keene, and Brags. This will be the Auxiliary's first public affair and the interest manifested has put it in the spotlight of Portland's social features.

The main feature of the evening, of course, will be the final reports of contestants and the announcing of the winners, altho it is understood that "Miss Portland" will not be formally presented until the regular meeting of the Association, which, according to President Ivey has been postponed from the third Sunday to the fourth Sunday at 4:00 P.M. at the "Y".

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