

92nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF B.M.E. CHURCH HELD IN OWEN SOUND.

On Tuesday, June 29th in the City of Owen Sound, the 92nd Annual Conference of the B.M.E. Church took place under the leadership of the General Superintendent, Rev. J. T. Dawson. There were 40 ministers in attendance and 70 delegates. The Conference will carry on until July 6th.

Rev. Williams, representative of Montreal Church gave an inspiring opening address on "Going Forward" to a large audience. Following the service Communion was observed. The choir of the Church rendered two spirituals, "Farther Along" and "Where Could I Go but to the Lord."

On Tuesday evening an evangelistic message was delivered by Rev. G. Thomas Dougherty of Fort Erie, on the subject: "Let us Return Unto the Lord." At the close of this meeting 3 new members were received into the church.

On Thursday, the Ministers' Wives' League met in the 20th annual session. Their topic: "How can we increase Church Attendance" which provoked much thought and helpful discussion. Officers elected for the year: Mrs. L. B. Jackson, of Toronto, President; Vice President, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, of London; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Geard, of N. Buxton; Treasurer, Mrs. Dougherty, of Fort Erie. These officers were installed during the evening service, which was addressed by Rev. B. A. Geard. Topic: "As the Palm Tree Flourishes." During the evening a message in song was given by Mrs. Marion C. Newby, of Toronto: "Into the Heart of Jesus" and "Something Within".

During the day a memorial service was held for the deceased ministers' wives and members. During the afternoon session Rev. T. Jackson, of Toronto spoke on the "State of the Church."

On Friday the 38th Annual Session of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society.

On Friday an enthusiastic audience was present as the Missionary Society carried on their session. Mrs. Cora B. Ladd, of Montreal, was re-elected president for the coming year. Other officers who were returned were: Mrs. Flossie Stewart, of Windsor, recording secretary; Mrs. Ona Richardson, of Windsor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marva Richardson, of Toronto and Mrs. Mary Howard of Toronto, treasurer. At the conclusion of the business sessions Mayor E. C. Sargent, on behalf of the city officials, welcomed the ministers, delegates and friends to Owen Sound and informed them provisions had been made to have cars to take them sight seeing through the city. The mayor's welcome was responded to by Rev. I. H. Edwards, of Windsor.

Miss Primmer, local Alliance Tabernacle deaconess brought greetings from her church to the conference which was replied to by Miss Addie Aylestock, B.M.E. deaconess, of Toronto.

Mrs. Maude Harrison, on behalf of the Owen Sound B.M.E. Church extended a welcome to the visitors and Mrs. Edna Parker of Toronto responded for the Conference.

Throughout Saturday the 50th Annual session of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was in progress. Miss Agnes W. A. Clinton, of Toronto, presided when the delegates presented reports from various Sunday Schools and Societies. After the evening session Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Jr. entertained the delegates at their home.

Much praise must be given Mrs. Newby for her contributions to the conference in song which inspired all who heard her.

On Monday evening the ministers

were given their various appointments. Rev. Edwats, London; Rev. Richardson, Windsor; Rev. Stewart, St. Catharines; Rev. C. Johnson, Woodstock and Stratford, also financial agent; Rev. T. Jackson, Toronto; Rev. Geard, N. Buxton; Rev. Crawford, Brantford; Rev. Walter Johnson, Nova Scotia; Rev. Williams, Montreal; Rev. Wright, Fort Erie; Rev. Cornish, Owen Sound; Rev. Plumber, Financial Agent; Mrs. Carl Woodbeck, Financial Agent; Mrs. Maude Harrison, Financial Agent. Deaconesses: Mrs. S. Johnson, Mrs. A. Aylstock.

Ordained Elders: Mr. Cornish, Mr. Crawford, Toronto.

Rev. Williams, who is an ordained minister of Jamaica, was received

MYRDAL SEES GAINS IN NEGRO STRUGGLE

New York — The Negro's struggle for equality is facilitated not only by the Constitution and the laws of the land, but also by "the glorious American ideals of democracy, liberty and equality," Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, author of "An American Dilemma," told a distinguished dinner gathering at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel recently.

The famous Swedish statesman and social scientist spoke under the auspices of the Committee of 100, the fund raising organization for the Legal Defense and Educational Fund of the NAACP. Sharing the program with Dr. Myrdal were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bartley Crum, publisher of the newspaper PM, Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, Walter White and Roy Wilkins. Musical numbers were rendered by the baritone, Joseph James.

"Negroes are constantly gaining in their pursuit of liberty," Dr. Myrdal asserted. "They have always many of the best whites fighting with them. They can fight wholeheartedly while their adversaries have a split personality. They have not only the law, but the national creed on their side." Gains are being made, Dr. Myrdal continued, in spite of the fact that "the treatment of the Negro people is America's greatest and most conspicuous scandal. . . . For the colored peoples all over the world whose rising influence is axiomatic this scandal is salt in their wounds."

Continuing discrimination against Negroes "hurts our leadership in world affairs more than any other aspect of American life," Mrs. Roosevelt said. "It is our most vulnerable spot and practically every day we are attacked in international conferences because of it. While we now give world leadership in the economic field and potentially in the military, we will not achieve our destiny until we are able to give leadership in the moral and spiritual fields."

Mrs. Roosevelt, an American delegate to the United Nations, said that the American cause and prestige among foreign delegations were greatly enhanced by the recent Supreme Court decision which banned enforcement of restrictive real estate covenants by state or federal courts.

Mr. White asserted that in the four short years since publication of "An American Dilemma," much of its accurate information has been outmoded by the swiftly changing opinion on the race question, both as a national and as a world problem. "The uncompromising struggle led by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People highlighted by the United States Supreme Court decisions outlawing the white primary, restrictive covenants and educational inequalities, have caused to grow and to become increasingly articulate decent public opinion both white and Negro, in the South and throughout the country."

While great changes are shaping up the NAACP secretary said, the irony and tragedy of race relations in America are revealed by our activities at home and abroad. Today we executed seven Nazis in Landsberg, Germany for killing and maiming fellow Germans in compliance with racist theories, he pointed out. "But the chief of police who blinded Isaac Woodard walks the bloody soil of South Carolina a free man while his Senator, Burnet Baybank, demands that racial inequality be written into the selective service act."

In response to an appeal by Mr. Wilkins, a total of \$6,657.50 was contributed to the Legal Defense and Educational Fund by organizations and persons attending the dinner. The largest contribution, \$2,000 came from the ALF International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, contributed 1,000. Other large contributions included \$500 from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and \$250 from the Jewish Labor Committee. Contributions previously raised and announced at the dinner were \$7,500 from the Rosenwald Fund and \$1,000 from the CME Church.

NAACP OFFERS AID TO SENATOR TAYLOR

New York — Support of Senator Glen Taylor and others arrested in Birmingham for refusal to abide by Jim Crow regulations on entering a Negro church was today announced by Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a wire to the Senator who was fined \$50.00 and given a suspended sentence of 180 days, Mr. Marshall offered the "resources and services of our legal department in your fight against Alabama's archaic segregation laws." The Association, Mr. Marshall said, has been engaged in "a war against Jim Crow for nearly forty years and is ready to assist in your case in any way possible. Do not hesitate to call upon us in carrying your case to higher courts."

At the same time Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary, wired Eugene Connor, Birmingham police commissioner, protesting "the arrest of Senator Taylor and others who were scheduled to address a meeting of the Southern Negro Youth Conference in your city. We protest not only the treatment of Senator Taylor but the maintenance of segregation as a means of denying free assembly and free speech."

The conclusion is inescapable, Mr. Wilkins said, "that these arrests were political in nature designed to aid anti-civil rights candidates in the Alabama primary."

"HOME AGAIN"

"Home Again" is the name of a series of public service broadcasts which will be carried by the CBC over the Trans-Canada network starting Sunday, August 1st, 1948. It will be heard from 5:33 to 5:45 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on the stations of this network for five consecutive Sundays continuing up to Sunday, August 29th.

The series will be the story of Charles Grant, a Canadian businessman who spent the past 25 years in Europe and who because of his assistance to the victims of the Nazis was entangled in the web of Hitlerite intrigue and chicanery which eventually landed him in various German prisons and concentration camps throughout Europe from 1939 to 1945.

The broadcasts will deal with the personal reactions of a man returning from Nazi Germany to the Canadian scene and the implications of his experiences for Canadian society.



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New York — Charging that a Negro veteran had been given the run-around when he sought a commission in the New York State National Guard, Franklin H. Williams, assistant special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has written the Adjutant General of New York asking "What action, if any, your office contemplates to correct this undemocratic and wasteful practice of the New York National Guard in refusing to commission qualified Negroes solely because of their race."

The veteran, Frank R. Lawton of Brooklyn, served as a lieutenant in quartermaster and transportation units during World War II. A graduate of the Officer Candidate School quartermaster corps, Mr. Lawton served overseas from May, 1943 until November, 1945. He was shunted from one unit to another and was finally informed that Army regulations prevented acceptance of his application for a commission.

ILLINOIS NAACP BRANCHES TO PUSH REGISTRATION

Decatur, Ill. — Registration of all potential voters and a drive for the total elimination of segregation and discrimination in Illinois were the principal objectives of a two-day conference held here for the purpose of federating the 27 Illinois branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People into a state-wide organization.

The conference which closed with a mass meeting at the Trinity CME Church recently was attended by delegates representing a total membership of 25,000. Addressing the closing meeting were Franklin H. Williams, NAACP assistant special counsel, and Gloster B. Current, the Association's director of branches.

Herbert L. Wright, Maywood, was elected state president. Other officers were first vice-president, Levi Morris, Chicago; second vice-president, Fred L. Harris, Decatur; secretary, Mrs. R. Peannette Ivy, of Springfield; and treasurer, N. J. Hen-

derson, Bloomington.

The next conference will be held October 2 and 3rd at Springfield, Illinois.

ADA FISHER INVITED TO STUDY IN NORWAY

Chickasaw, Okla. — Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, unable as yet to enter the law school of the University of Oklahoma, has received an invitation from the National Union of Norwegian students to come to their country to study law at the University of Oslo.

"We are quite aware of the difficulties which are connected with such a proposition," wrote Sigmund Stromme in behalf of his fellow students, "but we only want to show that we are against any discrimination and that we want to help any student in the world who is persecuted because of racial discrimination."

MARION ANDERSON HAS OPERATION

Brooklyn (NNPA)—Marian Anderson, noted American contralto, is recovering from a major operation at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, it was learned Tuesday, July 6. She was reported to be "doing fine." The operation was performed two weeks ago.

Although the nature of the operation could not be learned her physician, Dr. Rudolf Nissen said "it has nothing to do with her throat."

S. Hurok, Miss Anderson's manager, said the singer has no concerts booked until September.

TO ASSIST UN SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, youth secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been appointed a member of the consultative sub-committee of the Division of Social Activities of the United Nations. This committee advises the division on matters relating to juvenile delinquency in connection with its report on prevention of crime and treatment offenders. The report is being prepared for the Economic and Social Council of UN.