

President Asked To Proclaim Negro History Week

Move Would Be A "First;" Week Is Set For Feb. 8-14

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Eisenhower has been asked to proclaim Negro History Week, Feb. 8-14, 1959.

The request was made at the request of the membership of the Afro-American Heritage Association through its president, Miss L. F. Sparks.

Negro History Week has been observed for thirty-two years, having been started by the late Carter G. Woodson in 1926.

Never has the week been proclaimed by a President of the United States, although many governors and city mayors have proclaimed Negro History Week for states or for cities.



MORTGAGE BURNING — Persons shown above are writing the last chapter of an act that makes the members of the AME Zion Church very proud. This is the scene of the burning of a mortgage at Cornish AME Zion Church, Key West, Fla. The mortgage was not due and payable until 1960, but the pastor and members decided to buy it in 1958. L.—R. Augustus Moran, Mrs. Lucille Pope, Mrs. Hilda McGee, George Sands, Rev. A. Franklin Hooper, Pastor, George Dean, Gilbert Albany, Samuel Lauree, Leon Sumner and Edwin Lampkins.

Cite Gains Made In Civil Rights, Job Opportunities In "Dee Cee"

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the most progressive steps made toward civil and human rights in the District of Columbia during 1958 was the creation of a Human Relations Council, declared Eugene Davidson, president, local NAACP branch.

In his annual report, presented to a membership meeting last week, Davidson referred to this council as "the greatest hope and greatest threat to democratic progress." It is a hope, he said, "if properly administered and if it chooses to tackle and solve, with deliberate speed, the difficult problems arising in the field of human relations. And it will be a threat to democratic advancement if it becomes a study group or a buffer to protect the Commissioners, or an agency of delay."

Davidson recalled that five years ago the District Commissioners issued an order declaring that the policy of the district government was against discrimination in employment.

But it was not until this year that the commissioners, upon recommendation of several organizations, including the Urban League and NAACP, created a human relations council to implement this policy.

Another progressive step in Washington was the decision made by the American Bar Association to change its constitution to permit Negro membership.

The police department, since the dramatic expose staged in 1957 by the D. C. NAACP branch, has made long strides in its attitude toward Negro personnel. In spite of the still-existing unfair system of rating for promotion, the department has for the first time in history promoted a Negro to sergeant. The department today has the largest percentage of Negro corporals in history.

Since the NAACP hearings, the department has promoted its largest percentage of Negro plain clothes detectives. Six out of 20 have been promoted to detective sergeants, precinct detectives and probationary detectives.

Active in the Osceola Street center for girls and the W. T. Edwards hospital, Mrs. Brooks has served as superintendent of the church's Sunday School and is now president of the church's women's auxiliary.

Two deaths were reported at the conference. They were Mrs. Susie Alston, who was a member of the senior choir, and Mrs. Martha Harris, who was a member of Stewardess Board No. 2.

First Quarterly Conference Of St Paul AME Church Is Held; Presiding Elder, Dr. G. S. Gant Is Present

MRS. LILLIE M. HODGE, Reporter

The first quarterly conference of St. Paul AME Church began Sunday at 11 a. m. with the worship service being conducted by the pastor, Dr. L. S. Penn, Music

was furnished by the senior choir. Welcome was extended by Mrs. Addie G. Logan, after which the presiding elder, Dr. G. S. Gant, was presented by the pastor.

The evening service was featured with reports from the various departments. Total amount raised for the quarter was \$8,287.91. The presiding elder praised the pastor and congregation for their good work.

What a wonderful world this would be, if we would love and care for each other, regardless of race, color, or creed. Then peace would come out of confusion.

Fla. Matron Is Named The Woman Of Yr.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Mrs. Vivian S. Brooks was selected the "Outstanding Woman of the Year" by the Tallahassee National Association of College women's branch.

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Dakota Staton Wows 'Em At Popular "Chi" Club

BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON

CHICAGO (AP) — Dakota Staton, the jazz song stylist who rocketed to fame with her album "The Late Late Show" was a howling success at Robert's Show Lounge where she drew large crowds during a one-week stand which closed Sunday (Dec. 21).

Miss Staton sang many of her hit numbers to the capacity crowds. She is no stranger at the fashionable Chicago night club, having performed there before. There is

talk of an early return engagement for her.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., 27 years ago, Miss Staton began her career at seven, singing with her two sisters. When her sisters married and the group disbanded, Dakota continued along, attending high school by day and performing in a Pittsburgh night club at night.

Since then she has scored repeated successes and signed contracts with Capitol Records.

Yes, We All Talk

By Marcus H. Boulware

JESUS, THE SPEAKER

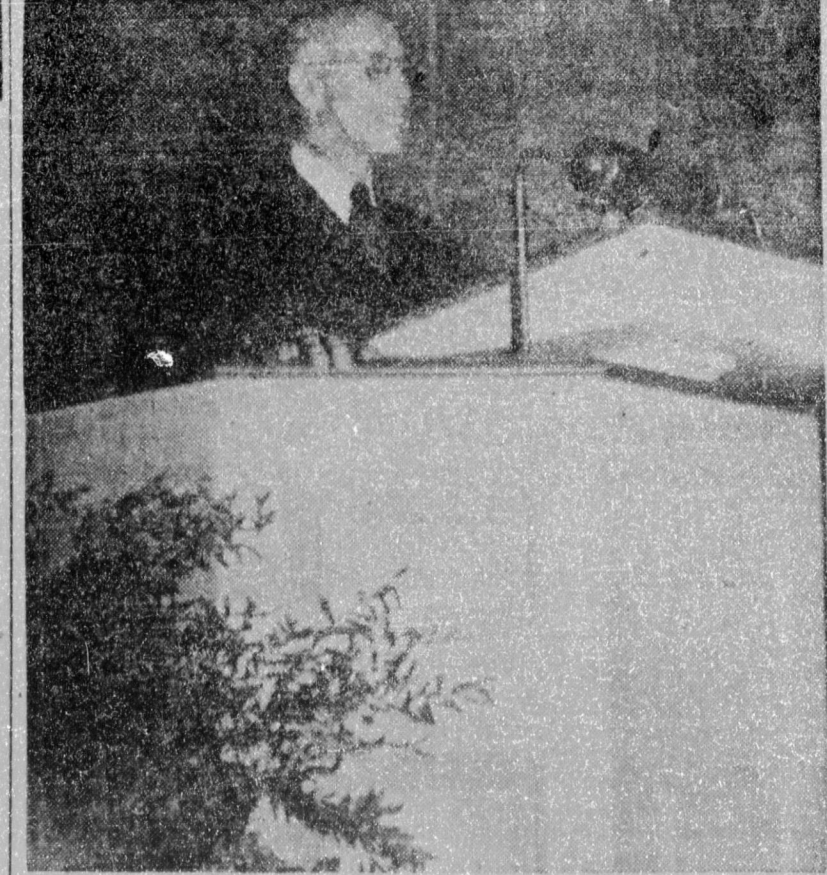
Do not think for a moment that the great influence of the Men from Galilee was due to people's belief that He was the Son of God. His own disciples were not exactly sure on this point; for if they had been, they would not have deserted Him at the cross.

Jesus attracted crowds because He was good at applied psychology and knew how to control an audience with perfect assurance. And what is more, He did not address the listeners in a weak, timid voice! How do we know? Because He spoke to outdoor audiences that numbered 5,000 individuals. Remember, too, He had no modern loud-speaker system for amplifying His voice. His powerful voice must have been far superior to that of the great William Jennings Bryan.

Jesus preached a positive gospel. He was not an enthusiastic "do-teachers" seeking to catch people in sins (as ministers do now), whether big or little. Instead He stressed eternal projects like brotherhood and the Golden Rule. To demonstrate such He used a Samaritan (the most despised of all races in the eyes of the Hebrews) as the hero of His Good Samaritan Story. And then to prove that He was not simply theorizing, He fraternized with the Samaritan woman at the well, and even asked her for a drink of water.

Jesus employed this episodic formula by which He strung together a series of parables or relevant stories to make clear His ethical principles. This always made interesting speech, for we never lose our delight in actual cases and narratives. It is too bad that many devout clergymen haven't yet profited from this forensic example and formula.

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BISHOP AT BENNETT — Bishop Edgar A. Love, head of the Baltimore Area of the Methodist Church, shown delivering principal address at the convention on Christian Higher Education held at Bennett College last week. The Bishop and his wife had just returned from a three-month tour of Europe and Africa.

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