

C. J. Walker Co. Manager Denies Fraud Charges

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ANP). — Robert Lee Brokenburr, general manager of the Madama C. J. Walker company, denied all charges made against him recently in a suit by Marion R. Perry and Sue Knox, co-administrators of the estate of Mae Walker Perry.

Brokenburr is executor of the A'Leila Walker Kennedy estate and also trustee of the Sarah Walker estate.

Perry's suit charges that in listing the estate of A'Leila Walker Kennedy, Brokenburr failed to list \$58,000 in assets that he knew existed. He also charged that his three positions with the various companies and the Walker company were not disclosed.

The names of Brokenburr and the late F. B. Ransom have been connected with the Mme. C. J. Walker company for 35 years. Ransom has been attorney and general manager, and Brokenburr assistant attorney and assistant manager. He became general manager when Ransom died last year. He was recently re-elected manager by the board of directors.

Perry is a trustee, a director and treasurer of the company. He became connected with the firm in 1945 after the death of his wife, Mae Walker Perry. His daughter, Miss A'Leila Mae Perry, is president of the company and owns one sixth of the stock.

"It should be noted," Brokenburr said, "that Mr. Perry had no official connection with the company during all the years prior to his wife's death in 1945, that Mme. C. J. Walker died in 1919, A'Leila Walker Kennedy died in 1931, that Mae Walker Perry died in 1945—and that during these years none of these

people questioned the manner of the handling of the various estates.

"No suits were filed. They all not only worked harmoniously and effectively with Mr. Ransom and myself to build a strong, stable business, but they also frequently paid tribute to our leadership and integrity."

Expressing surprise at Perry's attitude, he said, "It is very difficult to understand why Mr. Perry now seeks to assert claims which his wife never asserted for approximately 14 years after the death of A'Leila Walker Kennedy, relative to the conduct of the executors of the estate, who were the same men working daily with his wife for this period."

Denying the charges of not listing all the assets of the A'Leila Walker Kennedy estate, Brokenburr said, "If the assets were not listed, they did not exist or the executors did not know of their existence. We deny such and every allegation of the complaint."

He added that the case will not affect the company and "will not be permitted to interfere in the slightest with the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the Mme. C. J. Walker Manufacturing company."

According to the general manager, the outcome of this suit will not affect his position with the company at all. He revealed that two thirds of the firm's stock belonged to five trustees, including Perry. One sixth belongs to Miss A'Leila Ransom, vice president of the company, and the other sixth to Miss A'Leila Mae Perry.

He added that Perry got his positions upon the insistence of Ransom and him.



HOSTESS TO NACW MEETING — As president of the Washington State branch of the NACW, Mrs. Elize McCabe will be the chief hostess of the 1948 convention of the National Association of Colored women to be held in Seattle July 31-Aug. 7. Her organization has made all arrangements for the national gathering.

Political Forum Will Mark NACW Seattle Confab

WASHINGTON (ANP). — A non-partisan political forum featuring a speaker from each of the three major political parties will be the highlight of the 24th biennial session of the National Association of Colored women to be held at Seattle July 31-Aug. 7.

Mrs. Thomasina Johnson, director, minorities division, Federal Security Administration, will act as coordinator for the political discussion. Mrs. Mildred Younger, chairman of the California Speakers Bureau, will represent the Republican party, and Mrs. Estelle Riddle Osborne will speak for the new Progressive party. The speaker for the Democrats is to be announced.

Convention headquarters will be held at Garfield high school, People's church and the Plymouth Congregational church.

The subject of the non-partisan political forum, to be held Aug. 4 at 1:30 p.m., will be "Civil Rights and Party Action." Mrs. Jane Spaulding of West Virginia and Mrs. Lora Liana Smith of Kentucky will preside. The Rev. Irving K. Merchant will introduce the guest speakers.

The coordinator, Mrs. Thomasina Johnson, is well known for her political activities throughout the country. So is Mrs. Estelle Riddle Osborne of the Progressives.

Mrs. Mildred Eberhard Younger, of the Republicans, is recognized on the west coast for her scholastic achievements as well as her activities as the chairman of the California Republican State Central Committee's Southern Division Speakers Bureau.

She is the mother of one child, and the wife of Evell J. Younger, who became a major in the OSS. She is a professional ceramist, oil painter and decorator.

She was the first girl to become president of her junior high school student body in Los Angeles.



MADAMES OLIVIA CLARK AND ROSE MORGAN, well known Beauty specialists and heads of the ROSE META HOUSE OF BEAUTY, and THE ROSE META COSMETICS styling places. They departed on a Coast-to-Coast tour of the W. T. Grant Stores, where their products became the first line of Cosmetics manufactured by Negroes to be accepted by a National Chain.

Madam Clark, accompanied by Bill Chase, famous Society Columnist and artist of the New York Amsterdam News, will spend several months, giving demonstrations in the 400 Grant Stores from the West Coast to East.

action to be held at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 3. Mrs. Officer, who is president of the Baptist General Women's convention of Illinois, was a delegate to the World's Baptist alliance in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1947.

Mrs. Irene McCoy Games, second recording secretary, will brief the school which will be divided into six groups. Group leaders will be Mrs. I. W. Rowan of Texas, "Mother, Home Child," Mrs. Russell Gaulton, New Jersey, "Legislation," Mrs. Hanna Corrine Lowry, Colorado, "Women in Industry," Mrs. Rosa M. Gregg, Michigan, "Public Relations," Mrs. Mabel L. Neely, Alabama, "Press and Publicity," and Mrs. Vivian Osborn Marsh, California, "National Association of Colored Girls."

Pool Ordered Opened For Use By Both Races

WARREN, Ohio (ANP). — The city of Warren was ordered to allow Negroes the right to use the city's swimming pool in a court decision last week by Appellate Judge Jay Seth Hurd of Cleveland on assignment with the Cuyahoga County Appellate court of Trumbull county.

The case originally arose in 1946 when, after some white citizens complained of swimming with Negroes, the city asked Negroes through the NAACP and the Urban League to accept segregated use of the pool one day a week. The Negroes refused, and in 1947 the city rented the pool to a private group.

The group, Veterans Swim Club, allowed members only to use the pool. Although many Negroes applied for membership, none was admitted. James Culver and a group of Negroes filed suit against the city for use of the pool in July, 1947.

The Trumbull County Common Pleas Court ruled against the colored plaintiffs, who claimed that the lease to the Veterans club was a ruse to keep Negroes out.

In his ruling Judge Hurd said, "We wish to emphasize that we are not here dealing with social questions involving race relationships, nor with the question of whether or not the city might suffer a loss because of the use of this pool by persons of the Negro race."

"If this is the price that must be paid for constitutional guarantees, the price is indeed small enough. It is one thing to pay lip service to the constitution, and another to abide by its specific provisions."

He ruled that the city cannot deny the plaintiffs the rights of the pool at any time it is open to the public as long as it is the property of the city.

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