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LIBERIA'S TUBMAN WEDS RELATIVE OF TWO EX-PRESIDENTS

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MONROVIA, Liberia (ANP) — Liberia's chief executive, William V. S. Tubman, was joined in matrimonial wedlock with Miss Antoinette Padmore, grand-daughter of the late President Arthur Barclay and niece of former President Edwin Barclay, in wedding ceremonies held in the executive mansion here September 17. The ceremony, marking the first time in the country's history that a ruling president married while in office, was attended by many notables from various nations.

Harry S. Truman of the United States, Pope Pius XII, and from all parts of the world, as well as from Liberians who were unable to attend.

FORCED DOWN

The French commissioner and his party ran into a little difficulty in getting to the wedding ceremony. The party was aboard a plane en route to Monrovia, which had to make a forced landing in the vicinity of Little Bassa, approximately 10 miles down the coast from Marshall and two miles inland. A rescue party, led by Liberia police, left Roberts field by plane, established contact with the stranded and found that no one had been injured in the mishap.

The French officials were then brought overland by foot and boat to Roberts field, and thence to Monrovia, in time for the wedding. The President and Mrs. Tubman were given a dinner by the cabinet members Tuesday, September 21, and a ball on Thursday, September 23. Secretary Dukuly had cocktails for the special representatives on Thursday, September 16, and Wednesday, September 22.

An array of wedding gifts was on display in the cabinet room where thousands passed to view them. The president of France sent a large French vase. The diplomatic corps in Liberia, gave a complete crystal punch bowl and set; while Liberia's minister to the U. S., C. D. B. King, presented a bridal memory book and a guest book.

Among the other presents were a large radio and pickup from Ministers Henry Cooper, a large hand-painted portrait of President Tubman and a silver punch bowl. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., chairman of the Liberia company, New York, a crystal fruit dish, the Liberia foundation; a silver pitcher, Bishop and Mrs. King.

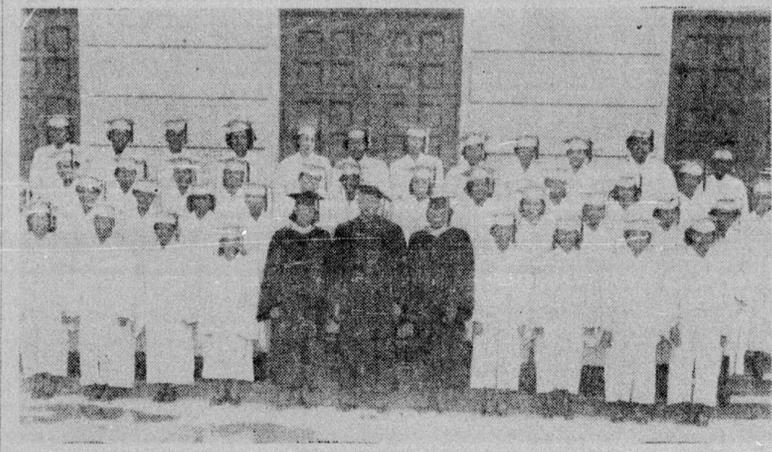
A crystal wine glass set, Commander and Mrs. Trimble, one brazen cocktail set, Secretary of State and Mrs. William E. Dennis, 10 bags of rice, a large sheep and a leopard skin, paramount chief of Jorquellie; two carved ivory tusks, Judge and Mrs. C. T. King, two leopard skins and two rams, chiefs of Kakata district; and a large cow from the young men of Bassa.

N. J. ELIMINATING RACIAL BIAS IN STATE SCHOOLS

NEWARK, N. J. (ANP) — The state program to eliminate discrimination in education in accordance with the new constitution is achieving a high degree of success, Harold A. Lett, chief assistant of the New Jersey Division Against Discrimination in the Department of Education, revealed in an interview last week.

Of the state's 53 school districts, 30 have adopted plans of integration and are putting them into action, and the others are facing various problems blocking integration at the moment, he said.

On the other side, however, according to Lett, at least three boards are challenging the efforts of Commissioner Bustard to eliminate bias in education. Formal action has been taken in these instances, he said.



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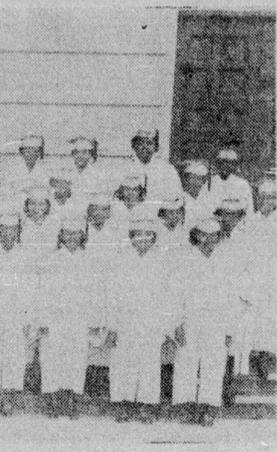
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PA WOMAN CITED AS 1ST ELECTOR

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Miss Alyce Anderson, sister of Marian Anderson, the famed contralto singer, was really the first woman presidential elector named by the Democrats, instead of Mrs. Edith M. Alexander, of New York, who was hailed as the first in an announcement made last week. Miss Anderson was named an elector by the local party soon after the national convention in July, more than two months ago.

Mrs. Alexander, associate director of the Mayor's Committee on unity, was designated elector from the 23rd congressional district, New York, by J. Raymond Jones, deputy commissioner of housing. Her husband, Clifford Alexander, is manager of Riverton houses.

INDIANAPOLIS MIXED SCHOOLS URGED BY NAACP

INDIANAPOLIS (ANP) — The state and local NAACP groups issued an appeal here last week to the Indianapolis school board asking that it "accept the challenge and completely integrate the entire school system without regard to race, let all children attend the school in the district in which they reside."

The "challenge" referred to was the recent action of some white parents of keeping their children from attending School 32 in protest against the integration of white and Negro pupils. The parents made this move because they felt that School 32 should not be made the "guinea pig" or experimental station for the integration, but rather that all schools in the city be opened to children of every and any race residing in the district covered by each school.

The statement, issued by Willard B. Ransom, state president, W. T. Ray, local NAACP head and Mrs. Jessie Jacobs, executive secretary, declared, "The NAACP feels that the Indianapolis School board, by its failure to integrate the school system of Indianapolis as a whole, is directly responsible for this situation."

It is high time that the people of Indianapolis, who have time and time again expressed their indignation at this wasteful, undemocratic and unconstitutional system, be given the type of schools they deserve, free from un-American prejudice and bias because of race, creed or color."

The statement pointed out that the NAACP did not "condone" the action of the parents in withholding their children from School 32. It regarded the move as being made "perhaps in ignorance or without understanding of all the implications of the segregation issue."

"On the contrary, the organization feels that such action is not only unwise, but dangerous, and that the leaders — as distinguished from the followers — are truly subversive and un-American individuals. It would be far more understandable if the colored citizens of Indianapolis, having suffered insult after insult at the hands of the school board, should strike against this costly system of separating young children because of race," the statement continued.

"We call upon the Indianapolis school board, like the school boards of Gary, Elkhart and many other Indiana cities and towns, to accept the challenge. This is the only American solution to the problem and is incidentally the only solution that will work."

The NAACP officials made this statement before the school board meeting on September 28.

OMEGAS PLANNING ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Significant advancements made by colored people in the world-wide struggle for equality of opportunity will be dramatically presented by more than 200 chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in varied programs and projects featured during the observance of National Negro Achievement Week, November 7-13th, 1948.

Each chapter will observe the week with special activities in their respective areas, according to information released by Dr. A. C. Meecklin, Chairman of the National Committee, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

FEAR OF REDS SEEN BARRING RETURN OF ITALIAN COLONIES

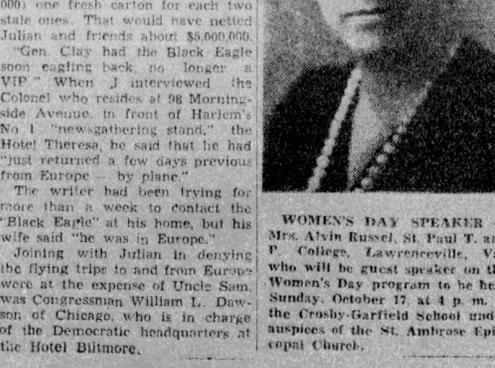
WASHINGTON (ANP) — It is not Ethiopian protests but an almost pathological fear of communism by the western powers that may keep her former Italian colonies from being returned to Italy.

Italian elections of last April provide a clue to this thinking. In Italy the Communist party has 2,250,000 members thus making it second largest in the world. The Communists and other leftists pooled 8,000,000 votes or 28 per cent of the 24,000,000 cast.

As the western diplomats figure it, turning Libya, Eritrea and Somalia over to Italy would pave the way for migration which would undoubtedly include a proportionate share of Italian Communists. In these areas it would then be a comparatively easy matter to capitalize upon native unrest against their colonial status and eventually throw off the control of the western powers, which the liberated lands turning to Russia as their champion.

But what complicates the matter is the belief in official circles that these African colonies are needed to relieve the over population problem of Italy. James D. Zellerbach, U. S. economic cooperation boss in Italy, says that nation must find an outlet for 2,000,000 jobless and African is the logical solution.

Gov. Dewey has come out in favor of returning her from colonies to Italy but President Truman is no more than lukewarm on the idea. Whether the western powers will risk the possible infiltration of Communists and the resultant danger of independence for these areas remains to be seen.



WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER — Mrs. Alvin Russel, St. Paul T. and P. College, Lawrenceville, Va., who will be guest speaker on the Women's Day program to be held Sunday, October 17 at 4 p. m. at the Crosby-Garfield School under auspices of the St. Ambrose Episcopal Church.

AS TIME MARCHES ON
By W.W. STRUDWICK

THESE, THY PEOPLE
... THERE was the DOOR to which I found no Key:
There was the veil through which I might not see;
Some little talk awhile of Me and Thee
There was the veil through which I might not see;

ALUMNUS:
A distinguished friend and colleague of my late Dad graced the rostrum of Shaw University last week. TO HIM AND those of my dear friends in Monroe who remember, I send ORCHIDS: Dr. HUBERT H. CREFT. If there were no other examples for one to use, in the area of Monroe, North Carolina and vicinity, the mere mention of Doctor Creft would suffice. . . . FOR REASON THAT THE DOOR SHOULD BE OPENED. . . . Here, dear friend, is one who courageously ventured into the hinterland where no was needed to ply his hard-won profession. Today, there are very few children there of either race who does not proudly say he was with them when they came into this world; and nurtured them through most of their early existence. . . . Our orchid this week to: DR. HUBERT CREFT — ILLUSTRIOUS COUNTRY DOCTOR. . . . AND GENTLEMAN. . . . His words to the student body, "Go where the need is great. . . . Go to the dark areas wherever they may be and redeem human resources, not exploit them." Yes, these are the areas that will be filled when THE DOOR IS OPENED!!!

Most of the old Med grads have heard the final taps sounded: These places must be filled. . . . WRITE RIGHT. . . . VOTE RIGHT. . . . NOW.

DO YOU LIKE COLD FACTS? NORTH CAROLINA RANKS FORTY-FIFTH IN THE NATION IN MEDICO RATIO PER 100,000 POPULATION

The only states who have fewer doctors are Alabama, South Carolina, and Mississippi. . . . Only 31 per cent of North Carolina doctors live in rural areas and 73 per cent of the State's population is rural. There are only 144 Negro doctors in North Carolina to serve a million people. The number of rural people per physician was 3,613 in 1940. What is it today with the added number now back home? N. C. ranks 42nd in hospital beds per 1,000 population. Thirty-four counties in N. C. have no hospital beds. A recent survey reveals that Negro hospital facilities are seriously inadequate. There are now 1,655 hospital beds for Negroes and at least 2,400 more are needed to supply the recommended minimum of 4 beds per 1,000. The maternal mortality rate for rural mothers was 4.9 for white 7.6 for Negroes. . . . Five out of every 1,000 mothers die at childbirth ranking the State at 41st on this score. In 1943 the state led the nation in percentage of registrants rejected for military service. Statistics show that 7,404 infant deaths and still births occurred in 1940. Health experts believe that good medical care could have prevented a large number of these. . . . CAN YOU STAND COLD FACTS?

NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH NEWS REPORTS:

One of every two Southern youth — in the prime of life — is unable to meet the minimum physical and mental requirements for military service. While the rest of the nation furnished 65 eligible soldiers for every man examined, the Southern States averaged only 49.6, a 40 percent increase of 4-Fers in the South!!!

In 15 counties in the South — counties with a population of 3,000 or over — there were in 1944 no active physicians whatever. In 15 more Southern counties the same year, there were over 10,000 people per active physician. In 78 counties, there were 5,000 to 10,000 people per doctor.

FROM THE SANCTUM

DELUSION: After the snows and the chill winds had gone — the heavens bathed the earth with its tears and dried it with its golden rays. . . . With your smile and your carefree gone from me I felt the sands of my restless youth trickle out — and, I suddenly emerged a man. . . . Then I saw you as you really are: like the glistering sun bursting down on an island of moonmen who know their limitations, and like its golden rays as they roll back the carpets of snow and show the scars its fleecy blanket hide — vivid, naked and hideous.

YOUR RIGHT TO OPEN THAT DOOR: REVOLUTIONARY HEROES

In devotion to the flag the American Negro has never been found wanting. CRISPUS ATTUCKS, a Negro, was the first American to fall in the Boston Massacre of March 5, 1770. With the other victims of the Massacre, he was buried from Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty", and commemorated by a statue on Boston Common. Peter Salem won distinction at the Battle of Bunker Hill and is credited with the death of Major PITCAIRN, the British commander. Writing the battle of MONMOUTH Bancroft says, "Of the Revolutionary patriots who on that day periled life for their country, more than 700 black Americans fought side by side with the white." LECKY says, "The Negroes proved excellent soldiers in a hard-fought battle that secured the defeat of Sullivan, when they three times drove back a large body of Hessians."

General Lafayette praised the Negro troops who served under General Green. In the war of 1812 Negroes fought gallantly under Commodore PERRY in the BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE and with GENERAL STONEWALL JACKSON at New Orleans. And Commander Chauncey wrote in 1913, "I have nearly 50, blacks aboard this ship and many are among my best men. . . . MORE FACTS NEXT WEEK.

AND TELL OF TIME—

There are many old-timers who can tell of time when the leading grocer had a beautiful brace of brown dray horses. . . . (If she'd admit it) And when it rained our street (across the tracks) was a slough of mud; and to cross the street after a storm was an adventure; boots, rubbers, shoes and all were often lost in the journey. . . . I remember. . . . Do you? When a child who misbehaved in another neighbor's yard was soundly licked THERE!!! And when he arrived home and the report reached home, he was soundly trounced AGAIN!!! Those were some days. . . . Time when a high school Gym etc. was a dream and we went to school in churches, over office buildings etc. And PEPSI COLA was in a little bottle like Tru-ade is today. . . . When all the HOME-FOLKS had their pigs right down the street and there was a chicken in every pot on Sunday sometimes Monday too. . . . THE SHIMMY was the dance and THIS YOUNGER GENERATION, which is the OLDER now, was going definitely to the dogs!!! (Ain't like "repetitious"?). AS TIME BREATHLESSLY WAITS FOR THE FOOTBALL RESULTS OF OCTOBER 9. . . . SEND YOUR NEWS AND YOUR VIEWS TO W. W. STRUDWICK, 802 Glenn St. Durham, North Carolina for Caswell County Training School, Yanceyville, N. C.

AFRICANS ASK UN FOR WIDESPREAD SCHOOL SYSTEM

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (ANP) — A simple worded appeal to the United Nations for mass-education of the native peoples of Tanganyika was made public here last week. The petition, authored by 22 Africans living near one of the world's richest diamond fields, asked for the establishment of more schools and particularly for instruction in scientific and technical studies.

Also included in the note, which was handed to an on-the-spot commission sent to the territory for a routine inspection and transmitted by it to the trusteeship council, were requested that the United Nations give assistance to natives in local government.