

OMEGA MEET WILL CHART NEW GOALS FOR 1949

Columbus, Ohio — The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity 35th Annual Grand Conclave, meeting here beginning December 27, will plot new goals for its 1949 National Social Action Program and is expected to take a strong stand on the issues of Civil Rights, and Federal housing for low income families.

During the past year 195 active chapters of the fraternity, located in 38 states and Canada, have worked on the Nat'l Social Action program in its several spheres, including: Health and Housing; Employment and Social Security; Education and Cultural Relations; Law and Legislation; and the fraternity's annual Achievement Week Celebration.

Approximately six hundred delegates and visitors from these chapters will bring reports on progress made during 1948 and plan an even more extensive program.

Dr. Harry T. Penn, the Grand Basileus in a pre-conclave statement said, "We expect this to be one of the most important meetings ever held in the history of the fraternity. The year 1948 has proved that fraternities must take a new role in facing the challenging of a new day."

The conclave for the first day will feature meetings of the Supreme Council, important policy making committees and a special round-table discussion of undergraduate members of the fraternity. Later that afternoon the national officers will present their annual reports. The initial meeting is scheduled for the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts.

The conclave is being entertained by the Iota Psi and Mu Iota chapters located in Columbus, Leonard L. Holland is the Grand Marshall.

Two of our ladies who have proved to be the last word in big-time promotion; Ann Hodgeman and Venice Soraggs (here is the orchid counter, ladies, help yourself!)

THIS WEEK'S ORCHID

The Reverend J. A. Valentine, Pastor

Last week marked the end of an epoch in the history of St. Joseph's AME Church, Durham, N. C. The Rev. J. A. Valentine, who has graced the pulpit there for 13 years, the longest period any minister has remained in a Methodist charge in this district has gone to Asheville, N. C.

Dr. Valentine was born in Hampton, Va., educated at Miller college and Lincoln University and holds A.B., S.T.B. and D.D. degrees. During his 13-year pastorate of St. Joseph's the Diamond Jubilee was celebrated and all the nationally known clergymen and prelates of note were present.

During his pastorate he built the dining hall in the basement and laid the foundation for the Annex, and left approximately \$18,000 in the treasury aside from a weekly balance of \$800.00 and all of the debts of the church are paid.

Dr. Valentine is a student of homiletics or sermon building, and his Sunday morning sermons drew crowds from all walks of life. Many students from all denominations came to listen to the inspired messages of Dr. Valentine.

The Sunday School Convention will miss the illuminating, illustrative and interesting lectures delivered by Dr. Valentine. Durham's loss is Asheville's gain.

—By W. W. Stradwick

One of the most pleased persons in Washington about the hue-and-cry to make Col. Ben Benjamin Davis Jr., a general, is Joe Albright, VA aide. As long as a year, the big fellow told the chief-of-staff of the air force that Negroes would demand this (past) watch the air force; they are really going to town on this integration order.

So the Omegas honored Bill Nunn as an outstanding newsman. Couldn't have happened to a nicer guy!

Total number of farm workers in Britain has increased by 12,000 in the past 12 months.

DIXIE'S NEGROES SEEN SWINGING VOTES TO DEMOS BUSINESSMEN DENY SUCCESS OF NY FEPC LAW

By CARTER JEWELL

Atlanta (ANP) — While white Democrats in the south are turning Republican under the fumes of President Truman's civil rights program for Negroes, another development is being accelerated in the opposite direction. It is the shift of Negro voters toward the Democratic party.

Southern Negroes have for some time been turning Democrats. The average Negro voter below the Mason and Dixon line no longer feels obligated to support the party of Abraham Lincoln despite the party's historical role in the emancipation movement. Conditions have changed and parties have greatly changed.

Two forces have brought about the change in allegiance of southern Negroes to the GOP. One was the victories of the NAACP in fighting against lily-white Democratic primaries in the south and the other was the liberal development in the Democratic party. The greatest progress in the liberal development in the Democratic party was during the administration of President Roosevelt. Importance Seen

But Negro voters had begun to sense the importance of voting the Democratic ticket some years before Mr. Roosevelt became President. Negro voters in Dixie over two decades ago began to realize the importance of local and state elections and began to vote in the Democratic party. The greatest progress in the liberal development in the Democratic party was during the administration of President Roosevelt.

Negro voters in South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina and a few other southern states are currently as devoted to support of the Democratic party as their forefathers were to the Republican party for expediency. Roosevelt and Truman have greatly accelerated the trend toward solid Democratic voting of southern Negro voters.

In Virginia Negro Democrats are busily organizing to consolidate their gains and to win others next year and especially when important local, state and national elections are held. A similar program is developing in Georgia and South Carolina. Leaders are expecting the movement for greater Negro participation in politics and civic affairs in the south to spread to all the southern states before the next presidential election.

Conservatives Bitter

Meanwhile, conservative elements among the southern white Democrats are so disappointed over the election of President Truman and so bitter on the civil rights program that they may increase the ranks of the Republicans in the southern states with the hope of fixing the rest of the Democrats to fall in line with southern traditions on the race issue and help, thus, to defeat civil rights for Negroes.

Most of the white dailies favor a two-party system in the south, but it took the New Deal and the civil rights program to sound the death knell of the one-party rule in Dixie. But the south is facing a dilemma on the race question politically and otherwise. Since the GOP is anxious for Negro support it will hardly follow a course acceptable to the south.

Liberalism in the south is developing not according to party lines. The people are changing and the people make up the voters. Negroes are joining the ranks of voters and they will oppose candidates not favorable to their interests. Their fight, however, is not a lone race fight. They will have the support of some white voters.

An average yield of 13 bushels per acre is forecast for the soybean crop.

World cotton production will exceed consumption this year for the first time since the end of World War II.

NEGRO BEATEN, FOUR FLA. COPS ARE INDICTED

West Palm Beach, Fla. (ANP) — The federal authorities have indicted four white police officials here, on a charge of alleged mistreatment of Alton Fowler, a Negro, held in jail for breaking and entering a Florida east coast bus car. The local criminal court judge will entertain a hearing on a motion filed by Fowler's attorney, asking that the defendant be dismissed.

Fowler's attorney also protested against the continued delay in bringing the case to trial. The state had accused Fowler of attempting to bring a state witness outside Florida to prevent his testifying.

The judge who will listen to arguments in the case this week, has promised to free the accused if it can be shown that he did not procure absence of the witness. It was disclosed.

A seasonal downward trend in milk production was noted in North Carolina farms in October.

North Carolina's hybrid seed corn crop this year is 38 times as large as it was five years ago.

The consensus of opinion among the Manhattan executive is that enforcement of the FEPC law is impossible. The chief objection is that the state commission tends to investigate reports of violations, but these agents find it hard to prove such violations and the only harm done is that some of our authorities are required to spend a lot of time with these bureaucrats that they could devote to their regular duties, thus contributing to more efficiency in the office.

The President's proposals for civil rights were viewed as being "successful vote bait" in taking the bulk of the minority group vote from Henry A. Wallace. The FEPC is believed to be like prohibition, another experiment that has failed, according to the executive.

MARTIN ST. IS SCENE OF FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. PETTIFORD

Funeral rites were conducted for Mrs. Mary Faucette Pettiford, 62, 426 South Swan Street, Monday afternoon at the Martin Street Baptist Church. The Rev. P. H. Johnson, pastor, was in charge of service.

Mrs. Pettiford died last Friday at midnight following a lingering illness.

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SEN. CAPPER GIVEN TOLERANCE AWARD

Washington (ANP) — Just before Sen. Arthur Capper closes his office here after 29 years as senator from Kansas, the Council Against Intolerance presented him with the original painting of its 1948 Seal of Tolerance. The presentation took place at his office on Friday afternoon, Dec. 3.

Senator Capper, who has been co-chairman of the council since 1949, is being honored in recognition of his long service to the cause of democratic rights in America.

Among the members of the council present at the ceremony were Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, John Brophy, director of Industrial Union Councils of the CIO; Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas of California; Sen. Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island; William Green, president of the AFL; Congressman George E. Outland of California; Sen. Everett Salmonstall of Massachusetts; Father Maurice St. Simony of the Catholic University of America; and Sen. Robert F. Wagner of New York.

Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, chairman of the Council Against Intolerance, made the presentation.

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81st Congress Will Debate On Asiatic Citizenship Bill

Washington (ANP) — Congress will consider one of the latest publicized issues in President Truman's civil rights program at its next session.

This proposal to be presented by Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.) will call for the naturalization of all persons in the United States regardless of race. Under the bill, 90,000 Orientals, mostly Japanese, legally admitted to the U. S. will have a chance to become American citizens.

These immigrants will be able to apply just as others do for citizenship and be naturalized after they pass the usual tests. The proposal will call for the admission of 100 persons a year from recognized independent countries in Asiatic Pacific area. Another 100 of mixed racial origin will also be allowed to emigrate to the U. S.

The passage of the proposal will remove the last barrier of racial exclusion acts which kept new Asiatics out of America. Chinese exclusion was repealed in 1943 and Filipino exclusion was repealed in 1946.

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