

1939 Saw The Widest Support For Lynch Bill

NEW YORK — What NAACP officials regarded as the most important development in the fight to pass a federal anti-lynching bill, took place in 1939 when representation from every liberty movement in the country, including both the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. sections of organized labor, and hundreds of civic, social, religious, political, fraternal, and religious groups, backed the bill, according to the Association's 20th annual report for 1939, published here last week.

With 1,200,000 signatures secured by the Association to Anti-lynching petitions and some 50,000 signatures secured by the Association to Anti-lynching petitions, plus resolutions favoring passage of the bill by hundreds of organizations all over the country, the ground was laid for perhaps the most concerted drive behind a federal anti-lynching legislation that the country has seen in many years, the report said.

The Association lists four lynchings for 1939, all men, including one white person. Florida was the scene of two of these lynchings, Arkansas and Mississippi are credited with one each. These figures represent one less than the number announced at the end of 1938. Because no definite clue as to the identity of the man in which he came to his death was found following an investigation, the name of Robert Eggleston was dropped from the list of 1939 lynchings, the report said. Eggleston was a white southern C. I. O. organizer who disappeared.

According to the report the NAACP changed its legal procedure in education "case involving equalization of teachers' salaries and opening up southern and border state universities to Negroes" from the bringing of mandamus cases in state courts to instituting proceedings and actions for damages in the federal courts. This change did much to hasten the progress of decisions in these cases to the United States Supreme Court.

In the state of Maryland, Ne-

Chi Church Holds Ninetieth Anniversary

By Roosevelt L. Robertson
CHICAGO, (ANP) — The Olivet Baptist Church of Chicago whose membership has increased from three to nearly 15,000 in 90 years, began the celebration of its 90th anniversary Sunday morning when Dean Charles W. Gilkey of the University of Chicago spoke to more than 3,000 worshippers in the auditorium of the great gray stone edifice that adorns the corner of 31st street and South Parkway.

After paying tribute to the pastor, Dr. L. K. Williams, and his congregation for the mighty contribution that has been made to the community, state and nation, Dr. Gilkey reminded them that "These are dark days and dark nights, not only in Europe and Asia but here in America, with all the neon lights and all the glare of the bright ways. The entire world seems to be facing a spiritual black out and the onward black out certainly should make us feel more keenly the inward black out."

Olivet is known as the largest protestant church in the world, was organized April 8, 1860, with three members, Mrs. Sallie Jackson, John Larmon, and Samuel McCoy, under the name of Xenos Baptist church. On April 6, 1853, with the assistance of the late Mrs. Annie Simpson the church (Mt. Zion) was organized as the Year Baptist church. It was not until August 10, 1856, that the now great church called their first pastor, Rev. H. H. Hawkins, who resigned in the fall of 1857. He was shortly succeeded by Rev. B. B. Tansbury. In 1860, another Baptist church (Mt. Zion) was organized with Rev. J. E. Boulden as pastor and on December 22, 1861, a union of the two churches was perfected and the people mutually agreed to call themselves the Olivet Baptist church.

Olivet is not only a church in every name of the word, but it contends that uplifting and serving the community is the essential, reasonable counterpart of divine service. It maintains a free employment bureau, a health clinic, a welfare department, a branch of the Chicago Public Library, an industrial center and a day nursery for the benefit of working mothers.

Dr. J. H. Brakham, the assistant pastor, is head of the Transportation commission of the national Baptist convention.

DARK HUMOR

BY RAY WILLIS



He's a houn' dog, awright, butah just' tried out mah new 'lectric razor on him.

Republicans Adopt Strong Negro Plank

BY A. E. WHITE
PHILADELPHIA, (ANP) — The Republican party spoke out determinedly Wednesday and without biting its tongue, said of the Negro question and problem in this country:

"We pledge that our American citizens of Negro descent shall be given a square deal in the economic and political life of this nation. Discrimination in the civil service, the army, navy and all other branches of the government must cease. To enjoy the full benefits of LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness universal suffrage must be made effective for the Negro citizen. Mob violence shocks the conscience of the nation and legislation to curb this evil should be enacted."

Credit is due to the courageous and persistent group of members who were on the program committee of the Republican party forming group who insisted that the platform committee adopted some outspoken plan in the platform which would guarantee the Negro the consideration due him.

Under this program, the evils of the photograph in civil service and the evasive manner in which Negroes are treated once they are sent out on civil service jobs will be eliminated; the failure of the war department to observe the mandates of congress (such as has been done in

the aviation bills passed in congress and ignored by the brass hats of the war department) will cease; the navy department will have on its hands the task of enlisting Negroes in all branches of that service and the marine corps will be forced to break down its long standing bar to Negroes. Lily-white southern Republicans will have to accept Negroes in the party and the much debated and kicked around anti lynch bill will receive the consideration which is due.

Already the plank has received the commendation and approval of the majority of the Negro delegates who see in it a pledge which the party will keep.

Other salient points in the plan had to do with the relief administration, which has done so much discrimination against Negroes and has kept them in a

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ATA Invites Delegations

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Invitations have been extended this week by the officers of the American Teachers Association to presidents and summer school directors of 51 institutions to send summer school delegates to the meeting of the American Teachers Association to be held at Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Hot Springs during the week of July 22-26.

Recounting the experience of the Alabama State Teachers College which has sent from 25 to 40 delegates to the meetings of the American Teachers Association held in such distant places as Washington, Louisville, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Atlantic City since 1931, the editor of THE

PULLETIN, official organ of the association in the recently distributed June issue suggests a program of approach which will enable summer schools to send some of their respective students personnel to the meeting and which will also make possible the achievement of a five percent membership response from the 20,000 summer school teachers who are to be expected in these schools this summer.

Extensive preparations are being made by the school authorities in the state of Arkansas to entertain the delegates who will come from the eighteen states to share the discussions of the convention theme, "Improving The Education of Negro Through

WISE SAYINGS
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The Coordinated Utilization of All Our Resources." The sessions of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers on July 22-24 and the first three day of the American Teachers Association on July 23-25 will be held at the Arkansas A and M College at Pine Bluff while the final sessions on July 26 will be held at Little Rock and Hot Springs.

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Durham Public Service

Elected Medics' Force to Get Air School

NASHVILLE, (ANP) — At the annual meeting recently held in Nashville, the members of the Volunteer State Medical society elected Dr. J. W. Jones as president. Dr. Jones is a graduate of Meharry Medical college, class of 1927. He interned at George W. Hubbard hospital and during the next two years studied pediatrics at Harvard Medical school on a fellowship granted by the General Education Board. Returning to Meharry he is now head of the department of pediatrics since 1921.

Dr. Jones is president of the R. F. Boyd Medical society, a member of the John A. Andrew Medical association, the National Medical association, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

He is also the treasurer of the Meharry Alumni association, a post which he has held for several years. His social clubs are the Apollo club and the Men's League.

Previous to his election as president of the medical society, Dr. Jones was chairman of the program committee.

TUSKUMBE, (A N P) — In order to encourage those communities which endeavor each year to bring large delegations to conventions of the National Negro Business league the Robert R. Moton Memorial cup will be awarded.

This cup, which is gift of Dr. F. D. Patterson, will be first awarded this year during the annual convention which meets in Detroit, August 28-30.

Full consideration will be given for delegations which travel long distances and any city which wins the cup for three consecutive years may retain it.

Already many citizens are conducting intensive local campaigns to insure large attendance and interest is lively in competition for the trophy.

SOMETIMES IT IS BETTER to forget the past for the sake of the future.

Answers to "IT'S TIME YOU KNEW" by Lawrence

Franchot Tone left Hollywood and went to New York, where he was an outstanding success on the stage. He was then offered a movie contract without having to make a test.

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