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For a large part of the world's population each September ushers in a host of problems concerned with that nebulous area labeled "education."

What is it? Where to get it? And how? Small fry invariably add "Why?" to the list. No, they are not impertinent. Maybe we would be better off if we sometimes gave thought to their question instead of our usual impatient, curt dismissal.

I'm certain that an objective appraisal of what passes for "education" in many places must produce psychotic episodes in the world of Socrates, Dante and Mark Hopkins. To say nothing of the world of Dead End kids and frustrated Ph.Ds. We give youngsters—and adults!—a set of books or notes, compel them to turn to page 1 and naively expect mysterious transfigurations to occur by the time the last page is reached. Assimilation? Digestion? Reflection? Never heard of them! No time for them anyhow.

"Johnny is seven—he should be studying second-grade material."

"Susie is thirteen and in the ninth grade—she should be studying first-year algebra."

"Yes, you'll get that A.M., provided you pass these ten courses — 15 hours a week, 32 weeks."

The fact that Johnny should not be in school at all is of no moment. No one seems to know or care that one solid year of just plain playing in sand piles in the sun and the air would give his frail body the only "education" it needs at the moment.

Nor does the fact that Susie failed to learn arithmetic essentials interest the neurotic parents who want their little darling to overcrowd her schedule and graduate at fifteen because the daughter of a bridge partner did so last year. The program planners add to Susie's anxiety by compelling her to complete  $1\frac{1}{2}$  units of this, 2.75 units of that and 3.875 units of something else.

And the very literate A.M. candidate can spout Shakespearean verse by the hour. Knows all the obscure, classical references in the Brownings' poems. But he can't spell! Nor can he give a coherent answer to the question of the relative merits of the three presidential candidates.

Obviously something is wrong with this picture. And we can, with profit, return to the small fry's "Why?"

In saner moments authorities agree that education is "preparation for life." That those who have been exposed to more and more of the stuff should be able to order their lives more intelligently than their less "favored" contemporaries. And given premises and supporting evidence are able to reach logical conclusions.

Well — you count 'em!

It may be that we have reduced education to meaningless statistical and chronological units. So many "plus" marks plus so many birthdays equals so much and so much education. How often do students worry about cramming to pass a test to pass a course to get official recognition as an "educated" person? And

how often do they gripe about collateral reading in a subject — added bits of knowledge which enable them to think within rather than about the subject? And I'll wager you can't recall the times you've heard such remarks as "Don't bother studying too much — just give him back what he read in the lecture!"

"Yes, Jimmy is a smart boy — he got 90 in a test on ancient Greek architecture!"

I do not wish to imply that academic schedules are overlaid with arsenic and old lace straight out of worm-eaten, but ivy-covered ivory towers. Nor do I wish to give anyone the idea that all Ph.Ds. must know how to boil eggs, build bridges or understand why grass seed won't grow in sandstone.

It seems to me there are reasonable goals in this educational scheme of things. And some very obvious facts about people in particular and the world in general which would enable us to attain the goals. For reasons of time and space attention will be confined to the latter.

For the life of me I can't figure the magic in the chronological age of six. Why must "formal schooling" begin then — plus or minus a few months? Why not four — or seven or eight? I could accept the dictum if I knew it to be the end product of a great many exhaustive tests, including x-rays, electroencephalograms — the neurological-psychological works.

But it isn't! It formed part of the compulsive neuroses of school administrators and parents long before Becquerel, Freud, Binet, Buhler, Charles Russell Bardeen and T. Wingate Todd taught us enough to know better. Evidence from anatomy, physiology, pathology, anthropology and psychology reveal that children are not "equal" at the age of six — some were ready for the classroom 2-3 years ago; others may not be ready to profit from the exposure for another 2-3 years.

It would serve no useful purpose to quote endless tables, charts and graphs to prove the point. Everyone knows it anyway! The trouble is no one does anything about it. But if you are concerned about the kinds of men and women your youngsters may become, you should give more thought to individual differences — capacities and needs from birth on. What they may or may not do years hence is determined in large measure by what you may or may not have done in those first few years.

Another thing I can't understand is curriculum planning. Who did the original planning? And why? Did the accumulated wisdom of the ages' sages dictate the value of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  units of this as opposed to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  units of that? Or did the curricula just grow like Topsy?

Curriculum planning in these United States is, I assume, part of the "democratic" tradition. If we are born equal then we must be exposed to the same things at the same time in the same place and manner. None of this aristocratic preferential business!

The accusation sometimes seems valid because many private schools, more alert than their proletarian counterparts, take individual differences and needs into ac-



count. We, however, in all our proletarian wisdom, label them "snobs"—and ascribe the ills of the world and the delinquency of minors to progressive education. Perhaps it's an accumulation of guilt and inferiority that makes us hostile, aggressive—stubborn and resistant to change. It's high time we dragged our educational scheme into the psychiatric clinic!

Rigid adherence to a hoary tradition in curricula—with tacit agreement that they are no good but that the "system" is too old, too big to change encourages disrespect for authority at an age when reasonable authority figures are in great demand. We impart to the youngsters the idea that although we must be guided by the "rules of the game," we don't believe all of them to be desirable or essential. (The same applies to adults! Witness the near-universal scorn for the language requirements for the Ph.D.—but the unwillingness of authorities to face reality and abolish the silly business.) This apparently harmless slipshod practice and lip service may be the forerunner of similar ideals that plague adults in the market place. Witness: the countless repetitions of the "Golden Rule"—and wars, lynchings, restrictive covenants, gentlemen's agreements; 4th of July oratory — and the obscene, prehistoric spectacle of "Democrats" protesting principles of decency and fairness in relations among men.

When the world was young, perhaps the curricula were sufficient. The average student could adjust to his simple, relatively stable world if he could but write his name, feared God and had a strong right arm. It did not matter much at which level he withdrew from school.

Not so today! Those who withdraw at various levels, as well as those who complete the system, are required at times to express opinions about and cast votes (issues or candidates) on atomic energy, aid to Greece and Turkey, recognition of Israel, public vs. private ownership of utilities, tax levels, etc. Is it any wonder there is apathy at the polls — and chicanery, fraud, insecurity, confusion?

A factor of equal gravity is that for the grand total of \$2.00 and a blood test, illiterates are officially sanctioned as capable overseers of the young they spawn! The tremendous problems of personality development and education receive absolutely no attention.

It should be apparent then that this factor of terminal educational year is of utmost importance NOW! We need to revamp the curricula drastically in order that those who withdraw from school at the end of the elementary term or in the high school years will have acquired some of the guides needed for threading their way through this confusing market place, today.

The foregoing general comments have particular significance for the educators of Negro children. Ghetto living often forces children of widely divergent capacities and needs into the same classroom — and too often into the "care" of a frustrated incompetent. A large percentage of Negro children terminate their formal education at levels far below those we stupidly adhere to as terminal levels.

Discussions of Negro education at the other end of the scale are even more unrealistic! How in heaven's name could graduate or professional training be equalized, in areas of segregated systems, when the disparity

in elementary and high school training is so great? Building a pretentious attic on a ramshackle hut is another way of expressing the absurdity.

In 1945, in the 17 States and the District of Columbia which operate segregated schools, the value of school property per white pupil enrolled was \$224.00; for Negro pupils enrolled it was \$52.00. The amount spent per white pupil enrolled was \$73.67; the comparable figure for each Negro pupil was \$32.46. In every conceivable statistic the difference holds.

Equalization of training on the upper level, in the light of these facts, becomes a cruel jest. Adherence to any such scheme brands the adherents then as fools or traitors — or both. How does one equalize inequity?

And while we are on the subject of higher education, I wish to enter my unequivocal objection to the United Negro College Fund!

The time has come to call a halt to expediency—"expediency" being but a euphemism for abject surrender of principle. And we should halt the compounding of felonies that results from our proclaiming as "accredited college and universities" schools which are not even "accredited" by the Southern Association as junior colleges!

Who gains in all this business? Surely not the students who, armed with non-negotiable degrees and inadequate preparation, go forth to compete with the best the world has to offer. We but add to their already intolerable load of insecurity, frustration and anxiety. Let's give them a break for a change.

I anticipate the question: Well, if these schools close their doors, where will many Negro students obtain "higher learning"?

What higher learning? The vague assortment of notes and marks many end up with doesn't add up to "higher learning" anyway. Moreover, a year or so of rest would do them a great deal of good. It has long been known that an absence of a year or two from the formal classroom at the upper levels often enables students to reorient themselves and return with more receptive attitudes.

But even more important: the period of enforced absence could be used for dramatic effect. Dramatize their plight for all the world to see — and condemn! During this period what would there be to prevent the filing of applications *wholesale* for admission to the white colleges? Not one case in Missouri and one in Oklahoma, but thousands of them throughout the South.

The time seems ripe to break ALL the shackles that bind our educational system.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT

To eliminate the effect of cosmic radiation in your carcinoma experiments you must build a laboratory either 700 feet underground or with a lead roof 49 feet thick? One other factor confusing the picture is the possible additive affect of the radiation over a period of several generations. Protoplasm is passed on from generation to generation, you know.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT

Thousands of sheep died each year before chemists discovered that, other things being equal, they required 0.1 mg. of cobalt daily? So—when you have to count the things to fall asleep, keep a vial of the stuff by the bed and as each one baas by give him (her or it) a pinch of the stuff. This procedure will insure an adequate number for tomorrow's insomnia.



## SIXTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



**H. CARL MOULTRIE, I**

Frank Wade, Regional Director of the Boys' Clubs of America presented to H. Carl Moultrie The Boys' Club Silver Keystone and Citation from the Committee on Awards, headed by Herbert Hoover, for outstanding services to boys. Mr. E. L. White, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, was on hand to extend congratulations to Moultrie for being the recipient of such an award. Mayor White said that the award was an honor to the citizens of Wilmington.

The occasion was the dedication exercises of the John H. Shaw Boys' Club. Among the speakers were Dr. L. W. Upperman, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the John H. Shaw Boys' Club; H. Carl Moultrie, former President of the Board of Directors of the Boys' Club; L. D. Latta, President of the Community Chest; Mayor E. L. White and Franklin Wade, Regional Director of the Boys' Clubs of America delivered the dedicational address.

The Citation from the Boys' Clubs of America read thus: "He first became interested in the field of Boys' Club work in 1928, when he served as physical director of the Charleston Boys' Club. Later, he became its executive director. Within two years, the Club

had established such an excellent record, it was admitted into the Community Chest. In 1937, he built and managed the Boys' Club in Wilmington, North Carolina. He initiated its reorganization in 1943 at which time the name was changed to the John H. Shaw Boys' Club. He was elected president of the board of directors in 1944, serving until 1947. He served as Chairman of the Committee to secure the \$80,000 U.S.O. building for the Boys' Club headquarters in 1947 and also served as chairman of the Committee which secured \$8,000 for the purpose of renovating the building. He was Housing Manager of Hillcrest War Housing Project in 1941. He is the District Representative of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Chairman of Legal Redress Committee, National Association of the Advancement of Colored People; member of the Board of Directors of the Community Council; Vice President of the Negro Citizens Council, and Special Representative of Elks' Educational Conference. In recognition of his outstanding service to boys, Boys' Clubs of America awards him the Boys' Club Silver Keystone."

And from Omega men everywhere: Hats Off!

### OFFICE OF DIRECTOR NATIONAL NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT WEEK VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

To: The Grand Officers, Council and Local Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

From: The National Negro Achievement Week Committee, A. G. Macklin, Director.

Re: Preliminary Announcement of the 1948 National Achievement Week Observance—November 7-13, 1948.

#### *Introductory Statement*

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has launched a 1948 Social Action Program which provides opportunities for the forces of Omega to attack many of the most significant problems affecting our race, nation and world.

We realize that more than ever before this is a time when intelligent individuals must assign themselves the task of analyzing present situations affecting the social structure and organize to attack wisely and persistently the ills which beset our people and the democracy which can not evolve unless individual liberties are assured. We know that America stands at the bar of world opinion and all too often the forces of bigotry within our borders blot her opportunities to stand firm against prejudice and injustice in the councils of the nations.

Democracy cannot exist amid ignorance, disease, prejudice (whether personal, racial, sectional, religious or national), unemployment, civic illiteracy or lethargy, the lack of cooperative and well understood means of removing barriers to individual and group rights, lack of social vision, uncertainty and lack of faith in those who have been entrusted with the direction of our destinies. These represent the termites in the foundations of democracy and intelligent social action must result in their detection and elimination.

This is our challenge. We must be eternally vigilant and eternally unified and dynamic in strengthening America by insuring democracy for all.



The National Achievement Week Observance for 1948 should be organized as an evaluation week to provide for each chapter in Omega Psi Phi an opportunity to account to its community and to the National Fraternity its contributions to democracy during the year 1948. The theme for the observance will be **MAKE AMERICA SAFE BY INSURING JUSTICE FOR ALL.**

The subject of the National Essay Contest for high school students will be "The Individual: Key to True Democracy".

**NOTE:** Contestants should present their essays not later than November 1, 1948. Essays should be no longer than 750 words and should be typed and double spaced. First prize will be \$125.00; second prize, \$75.00; and third prize, \$50.00. Essays should be submitted to the Director of the Achievement Observance.

Essays will be judged by a national committee. Factual information, logic, composition and simplicity of style will be among the factors considered.

#### Special Suggestions for Chapter Activities

In an effort to insure for chapter committees sufficient time for planning their programs and for contestants time for effective work on their essays, it is suggested that the local chapters carry out the following activities:

1. Select Achievement Week committees and notify your District Representative of the personnel of the committee. **NOTE:** Joint committees where two chapters are in the same community should result in a higher type of program for the area. (Should have been done long ago!)

2. Announce the essay contest and poster contest through letters and through the press and encourage teachers to start students on their projects. (Should have been done in May!)

3. Plan with local civic organizations for a Citizenship Day program during which new voters will be recognized and others eligible for voting will be contacted.

4. Notify communities of your plan to select the most outstanding citizen of the year and indicate the actual contributions toward successfully removing barriers to individual and group rights.

#### General Suggestions for National Negro Achievement Week Observance.

These activities are suggestive. Chapters are invited to make use of any which may be carried out successfully in their communities and to use other activities not mentioned here. *The goal is a dynamic and successful observance.* Chapters may find it helpful to:

1. Plan a series of panel, forum or round table discussions to which the public is invited. Use of interracial and Pan-Hellenic panels should be encouraged.

2. Present public programs in schools, colleges, churches, etc.

3. Present radio programs.

4. Sponsor films such as "The House I Live In", "The Roosevelt Story" and other such films which foster intercultural harmony. **NOTE:** Well-prepared discussion periods should follow the film showing.

5. Sponsor poster or scrap book contests and give prizes for the poster or scrap book which best present to the public such facts as "How Justice or Fairness Are Encouraged Through The Press", "Signs of Prog-

## THE QUEEN OF THE BALL



*Brother Patrick Walker, Lynchburg, Va., and Basileus of Pi Chapter, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., looks very dignified and serious as he places the crown on the lovely head of Miss Helen Smith, but I'll wager his heart was flip-flopping all over the place.*

*Miss Smith calls Norfolk, Va. home and is a member of the Pyramid Club. She was attended by Miss Jeanne Stevens, Philadelphia, Pa., member of Delta Sigma Theta (left) and Miss Clara Wilkes, Annapolis, Md., member of the Pyramid Club (right).*

ress Toward Democracy in My Community", "Falling Barriers to Democracy", etc. **NOTE:** Such contests may do much to raise the tone of some publications and encourage the fairer papers to keep up their fights.

6. Sponsor library exhibits which include court decrees, important achievements, political tests, editorials and the like which indicate progress in our fight for democracy. Titles mentioned above may apply for these exhibits.

7. Summarize outstanding achievements of the chapter during the year and present the summary to the public on the program or on placards.

8. Organize special chapter plans for keeping every member eligible and active in voting and try to have 100 per cent voters to announce to the public during Achievement Week.

9. Cooperate during the year with every group legally trying to promote improvements in human relationships and report contributions to those efforts during Achievement Week.

10. Work with churches, if necessary, to make their program more dynamic means of actively and courageously putting the Golden Rule and the rule of hard work for social improvement into operation throughout the week.

11. List on the prepared program suggestions for



next steps in the work for more democracy here at home.

Local and district organizations should start at once to secure the cooperation of city, county (or parish) state and regional educational groups in making the national contest truly nation-wide, even while the N. E. A. is being approached on the matter.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** A nation-wide radio program is now being considered. The Achievement Week Committee includes:

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Dr. William H. Boyd  
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Robert S. Murray  
Prentice Boyd  
Earl P. Jones  
A. G. Macklin, Director.



#### WELCOME!

One of the newest Chapters organized and set up by our sixth district representative, Bro. H. Carl Moultrie, is Rho Omicron, Georgetown, S. C. The brothers in the picture are Charter Members. Reading from left to right they are:

J. Lloyd Smith, Dr. C. J. Beck, E. E. Holliday (KRS), Thadeus Thompson, H. Carl Moultrie, 6th Dist. Rep., Walter S. Fraser (Basileus), Rev. Chappelle Davis, W. J. Wilds, Jr., Rev. H. B. Butler, Jr., James W. Dunmore. Dr. Wm. S. Thompson and Joseph Thompson were not available when the picture was taken.

#### SELAH!

by Langston Hughes

It's funny how you read a book—  
But pay that book no mind.  
The Bible's in most every home—  
Yet you'd think that folks were blind.

The way they read the Golden Rule  
And pay it no attention  
Has been going on so many years  
Tain't worthy of a mention.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT

Corn contains an antivitamin which competes with niacinic acid and promotes the occurrence of pellagra? Now, in the South, corn is a big dietary factor. And foods high in niacinic acid — lean meat, leafy green vegetables, milk and eggs — are not too plentiful. Some of the symptoms of pellagra are melancholia, weakness and idiosyncrasy. How much better off the South—and the world!—would be if Rankin, Eastland, Byrd, George, et al would eat (and drink) less corn, eat more egg salad.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT

The human body at rest uses approximately the same quantity of energy as a 100-watt light bulb over identical periods? The only difference, it seems to me, is that human beings produce more heat than light.



## THE "FIRST" IN LAMBDA OMEGA'S HISTORY

By E. F. CORBETT

When a staff writer and a staff photographer from *Life Magazine* came to Norfolk in June 1947 to "cover" its annual spring dance, Lambda Omega Chapter had registered another "first" in its long and interesting history. Leonard Macombe, an ace photographer and Earl Brown, a reporter, both staff members of the magazine, "shot" and described Norfolk's outstanding social triumph, and placed national approval on this one phase of Lambda Omega's many and varied activities.

The spring dance, by any standard, is a "top" social attraction, but, to the chapter membership it is considered an unimportant "first" among the long list of them. Sure, the brothers place a lot of interest and planning in this event just like the other projects that they have. They just believe, that if it's worth having, it's worth giving it the "works".

To them, the most important "first" is that their chapter is the first graduate chapter ever organized by

(deceased), Dr. F. A. Bradley, Frank Russell, Sr., S. O. Fields, Dr. Frank Harris and Dr. E. D. Burke. (Howell, Francis and Burke are still active with the chapter.)

A few years ago the Grand Conclave adopted as a part of its national program the plan of selecting the Negro citizen who had made the outstanding achievement during the year to receive the Annual Omega Award. Few Omega men know that the idea originated with Lambda Omega. To encourage achievement in the local community, this chapter selected its first of winners in 1933, Dr. G. Hamilton Francis, and presented him with the first of record, an Omega Scroll of Honor, and has followed the practice for fourteen years.

As a result of this "first", many chapters throughout the states have followed the practice, which has not only enlivened an otherwise dead and uninteresting program, but has done much to encourage Negroes to go "above and beyond" in service to their fellowman, and their communities.



Here are twenty-nine of the sixty-six members of Lambda Omega Chapter. This chapter, the first graduate chapter ever organized in the fraternity, has many other "firsts" in its twenty-eight years of progress. This group is host to the Third District Conference.

They are, from left to right: (seated) Attorney L. A. Howell (charter member), E. F. Corbett, National Director of Public Relations; Walter H. Riddick, District Marshall; L. V. Moore, Keeper of Finance; Dr.

E. D. Burke, Basileus and charter member; Thomas H. Shields, District Representative and Chapter Keeper of Records and Seal; W. A. Johnson and W. T. Lee.

Back row: James H. Johnson, George P. Chatman, J. P. Archer, H. H. Harrison, W. T. Brown, Dr. D. J. Cornick, J. A. Bowser, Sherman Williams, Dr. J. E. Washington, Dr. A. B. Green, Jr., P. J. Chesson, Joseph Rose, H. A. Clay, Jr., William L. Jones, T. J. King, J. H. Ward, J. H. Williams, Joseph Brooks, Jr., Oliver Jones, Ernest Williams, and Edgar Watson.

the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. They pride the heritage in that their's is the very beginning of the extension of the fraternity's influence to those members and prospective members detached from the college campus.

H. C. Young, Atty. Euric Peters and Walter C. Fulford, a school teacher, then recent graduates of Howard University and members of the fraternity, conceived the idea of organizing a graduate chapter in Norfolk. They contacted likeable "timber" in the city, nearby Newport News and Hampton, and finally received approval from the Supreme Council to set up this chapter. With the assistance of Attorney Richard E. Carey, the present Grand Counsellor of New York City, the men were initiated into the fraternity on the night of June 20, 1920 and made history for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Those initiated are as follows: Attorney L. A. Howell, Dr. G. Hamilton Francis, H. C. Young, Dr. A. B. Green, Sr. (deceased), Dr. Burl Bassette, Dr. John Robinson

Down Norfolk way Achievement Week Programs are almost always favored with capacity audiences and they have become institutions to which the public looks with keen excitement.

The prized "first" of this energetic group of Omegas is the knowledge that they founded the first successful State or district conference. It all started out of a great disappointment. Dr. E. D. Burke, the present Basileus of the chapter, Dr. G. Hamilton Francis and Ellis F. Corbett delegates for the chapter to the Durham Conclave in 1933 extended an invitation to the Grand Conclave to meet next in Norfolk. The offer was not accepted. The delegation returned to Norfolk and proposed to the chapter the plan of inviting of the Virginia chapters to attend a, sort of substitute Conclave, state meeting. The plan was promptly adopted and received official approval from the then Grand Basileus, Lawrence A. Oxley. The first meeting of the Omega State



Conference of Virginia was held in Norfolk, Virginia in May, 1934.

As a result of the conference more and more unfinancial Omega men in the state reinstated and became financial. Inactive chapters were revived. For the first three years of its operation the Virginia State Conference caused a definite upturn in the collection of dues which proved the efficacy of the plan. The idea drew the attention of the Supreme Council and of the Grand Conclave and was adopted a few years later as a part of the national program. To this progressive chapter goes another "first" in having formed the District Conference which revolutionized the fraternity's approach to the extension of the organization.

Men of Lambda Omega take their District Conference seriously. Last year they chartered a special car on the crack "Powhatan Arrow", a deluxe Norfolk-Western streamliner, to attend the 3rd District meeting in Roanoke, Virginia.

Lambda Omega doesn't have a galaxy of national celebrities. Just like any other chapter most of the fellows are of the "We the People" variety. Outside of Winston Douglas, principal of the local Booker T. Washington High School, past president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and

Dr. G. Hamilton Francis, past president of the National Medical Association and speaker, a charter member of the chapter, the others, on the average, are well known in the community and are doing good jobs in their city. To a man, they all go the limit for Omega. They pay their dues, represented by a reasonable budget which "hurts" none of them, attend regularly meetings of the chapter and have a "darn" good time.

Over the years the sons of Lambda Omega have served in important positions within the fraternity. Drs. Edward R. Archer and A. B. Green, Jr., respectively served as the first and second presidents of the old Omega State Conference of Virginia. Thomas H. Shields, served three terms as secretary of the organization. Dr. G. Hamilton Francis, E. F. Corbett and now Thomas H. Shields have served as District Representatives. E. F. Corbett is the newly appointed National Director of Public Relations.

A large number of the members of Lambda Omega take active leadership in the community's civic program. The chapter, as a unit, hasn't perfected a socioeconomic revolution in Norfolk, neither has it tried. These Omega men have and are making an honest effort to strengthen the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Their record proves it.

#### FOURTH DISTRICT MEETS IN WEST VIRGINIA

The Brothers of the Chi Alpha and Zeta Sigma Chapters played host to the Fourth District Conference at Bluefield State College, May 6-7-8. Chapters represented were Beta Iota, Mu Iota, Zeta Omega, Phi Sigma, Xi Alpha, Theta Psi, Upsilon, and Iota Psi.

The first business session was held Friday afternoon, with District Representative, Bro. E. A. Bolling in charge. Greetings came from Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Iota Phi Lambda, and Zeta Phi Beta. President Dickerson spoke briefly on behalf of the Administration and College.

The sessions on Saturday were enlivened by discussions of the social action program. The Brothers as a body pledged to send telegrams to their respective Senators and various Representatives urging passage of specified legislation. The Social Action Committee includes:

Bro. Jones	Theta Psi
Bro. Rowland	Chi Alpha
Bro. Moore	Beta Iota
Bro. Leftwich	Zeta Sigma
Bro. Goldston	Xi Alpha
Bro. Cottrell	Upsilon

After the final business session, a model initiation was held and fifteen neophytes crossed the sands into the fold. On hand for the ceremony was Grand Basileus Harry T. Penn, who welcomed each brother personally into Omega.

The Omega formal was held Saturday night at the local U. F. W. Club; music was furnished by the West Virginia State Collegians. Friday night, the Inter-Sorority Council held a formal at Arter Hall in honor of the visiting delegates of the Fourth District.

Sunday morning at Scott Street Baptist Church,

the Omegas held Mother's Day Services. Grand Basileus, Dr. Harry T. Penn gave an inspiring address: "Civil Rights: A Background to the Wisdom of the Power of Non-Violence."

#### NOTES AND QUOTES FROM INDIANAPOLIS

On May 28, 1948, 16 delegates representing 8 chapters of the 10th District and 13 visiting brothers from Chicago, Minneapolis and Terre Haute converged upon Indianapolis for the Annual District Conference. It was a lively, colorful, entertaining, instructive affair, ably arranged by Brother Cary D. Jacobs, District Marshal.

The program included the usual items: 1) pre-Conference Smoker at the Chapter House, 2044 N. Capitol St., Friday evening, May 28th, 2) business session there the next morning, 3) luncheon at the Ferguson Hotel, 4) business session at the Senate Avenue YMCA in the p.m., 5) formal dance at the Walker Casino, and 6) the Sunday a.m. breakfast by the Q-ettes at the frat house.

Unusual items on the agenda included All-American newsreel pictures of the delegates leaving the frat house following the Saturday a.m. business session and some recommendations meriting serious consideration by all Chapters. These recommendations were:

1. Chapters be authorized to retain one-half of the initiation fee.
2. The Housing Authority members be elected by the Conclave.
3. The annual surplus (?) of the General Fund be diverted to the Housing Authority.
4. Districts be permitted to levy per capita taxes to build, buy, rent or lease chapter houses.
5. The decision of the Housing Authority with re-



spect to buying, building, renting or leasing chapter houses be final.

The popular, suave Milo C. Murray, Gary, Indiana, was elected District Representative.

Significant too was the report of the Social Action Committee of Sigma Omega Chapter, Chicago, Illinois. It was forcefully and well presented by William H. Robinson, and is here printed with minor changes:

Sigma Omega seeks to help the members of the chapter to become aware of the social problems which plague our way of life. At each meeting, a significant period is devoted to a discussion of social issues and means of implementing social action programs.

Social action has moved forward in the following areas:

- a. Community Organization
- b. Public Health
- c. Schools
- d. F. E. P. C.
- e. Housing and City Planning
- f. Race Relations
- g. Political Action

#### **Community Organization**

Sigma Omega participates in community organization as a method of implementing its social action program and joins with all organizations at the level of the community in attacking the social ills which constitute the mocking paradoxes in our American way of life.

In Chicago, the Chicago Council of Negro Organizations is the vehicle which carries forward social action; Sigma Omega is a participating member. However, we do not stop with merely cooperating with the Chicago Council of Negro Organizations, we aggressively prosecute our own program as set out by the National Officers.

Sigma Omega has cooperated with the following organizations and their projects:

1. N. A. A. C. P. and its program against restrictive covenants.
2. Chicago Urban League's program for community betterment.
3. Council against Race and Religious Discrimination.
4. Membership in Council for an F. E. P. C.
5. City-wide Housing Committee.
6. City-wide Health Program for National Negro Health Week.
7. Citizen's Panel for Improving Services in the Boy's Court.
8. Membership on Citizen's School Committee.

As Sigma Omega has stimulated its members to activity and social action through cooperation, the various movements have been impressed with the philosophy of manhood, perseverance and scholarship.

#### **Public Health**

We served on the committee which sponsored the Health Week Mass Meeting at which the distinguished Dr. Lucy Oxley of Cincinnati was speaker.

#### **Schools**

Chicago schools have been shot through with politics. The citizens through various organizations protested and agitated for improvement.

In communities where school population is pre-

dominately colored double-shift schools were the pattern. This has now been corrected. The law has been changed and a new superintendent appointed.

For the first time in 25 years, a merit principal's examination was given and four Negroes have been appointed principals in Chicago schools.

Sigma Omega was active in the protests, sending of letters, telegrams and in the planning of meetings.

#### **F. E. P. C.**

Sigma Omega has contributed \$50.00 to the local council of the F. E. P. C. and helped in planning district and city-wide meetings. Recent mass meeting presented A. Phillip Randolph at Corpus Christi Auditorium.

#### **Race Relations**

Sigma Omega sent a letter to Mayor Kennelly thanking him for his courageous stand on integration of all peoples in Housing Projects. He was also com-



**FRANCES PORTER**

*Vivacious daughter of the owner of the favorite eating spot for delegates to the 10th District meeting in Indianapolis.*

mended for his support of the Committee on Human Relations which has been made a City Department.

#### **Housing and City Planning**

One of the most acute problems in Chicago is housing. Sigma Omega has been in the thick of the fight to secure better housing. By legislation, slum clearance has become an accomplished fact, but slum clearance is both a threat and a promise. It is a promise of new buildings and rehabilitation of the blighted areas; it is a threat because it raises a spectre of displacing the Negro population from a most desirable section. Housing action has proceeded with this awareness. Through protest, discussion, personal contacts, meetings, lobbying, Sigma Omega has participated in the bringing to pass of the slum clearance bill that outlaws restrictive covenants and provides for settling displaced persons in the area adjacent to that from which they moved.



Slum clearance has moved forward with city planning. Housing has been part of a master plan. Sigma Omega rejoices that it has participated in the planning of a decade that will help to build a city beautiful from the wreckage and deterioration of the blighted area.

#### Political Action

Sigma Omega has very frankly engaged in political action. Omega men hold outstanding places in the political life of the city.

Brothers Corneal Davis, Charles J. Jenkins and Charles Skyles are members of the Legislature. Brother William E. King is candidate for Congressman from the First District of Illinois on the Republican ticket. Brother Graham T. Perry is a candidate for Municipal Court Judge and a member of the staff of the Attorney-General of Illinois.

William H. Robinson is the only Negro member of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party and Sergeant-at-Arms of that Committee.

Sigma Omega believes that social action and political action go hand in hand. The power and influence of these men have been tapped as resources to implement our social action program.

#### A LIVELY CONFERENCE

The Third District conference meeting at the Eureka Lodge Home on Church Street April 30 - May 2, Norfolk, Va., went on record as opposing the regional school plan for Negroes in the South and took a decided stand against segregation and discrimination in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The conference's views on these two current controversial subjects were expressed in resolutions which were unanimously approved by the conference members during their regular business session. The group, however, went on record as supporting Dr. H. T. Penn of Roanoke, Grand Basileus, in disavowing the civil disobedience program.

The conference also adopted an annual project to be known as a Talent Hunt with a view to discovering promising young people who can in the future compete for the fraternity's award to deserving students. Complete plans for this project will be worked out in the near future so that an award or awards can be made at the next district conference.

Dr. Stephen J. Wright, dean of the Hampton Institute faculty, addressing the conference public meeting, spoke on the subject "The Civic Duty of Educated Negro Men". He stated that there are two basic points from which inter-racial activity is viewed: the "status quo" and full equality. From the "status quo" viewpoint the struggle of the whites is to keep things as they are and that of Negroes is to stay out of trouble. "Forget that you ever heard of this approach", warned the speaker.

The group was welcomed to the city by Mayor Richard D. Cooke.

The following district officers were elected: T. H. Shields, Norfolk, District Representative; Charles Fletcher, Baltimore, First Assistant District Representative; Richard M. Fitzgerald, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Second Assistant District Representative; C.

#### Other Significant Facts

We have 55 financial members, 25 were reinstated during the year. Sigma Omega cooperated with other chapters in setting up Sigma Epsilon Chapter at Roosevelt College; entertained the District Representative; contributed to Chicago Defender Charities and Roosevelt College; held annual dance in April; gave a smoker honoring Grand Basileus Harry T. Penn; and is adding to its funds for securing a Frat House.

#### Officers of Sigma Omega

Percy H. Ash	Basileus
Everette White	Vice Basileus
A. H. Stith	K. R. S.
T. F. Harmon	Keeper of Finance
Charles Sexton	Chaplain
Leo Zin	Keeper of Peace

Personnel of Social Action Committee include:

Bro. A. H. Stith	Bro. L. E. Redmond
Bro. Charles Sexton	Bro. Graham T. Perry
Bro. Corneal Davis	Bro. N. A. Diggs
Bro. W. P. Morrow	Bro. Wm. H. Robinson

The committee is composed of a dentist, a minister, a state representative, a school teacher, a lawyer, a social worker, and a physician.

M. Brown, Newport News, Keeper of Records and Seal; J. R. Thomas, Va. State College, Petersburg, Keeper of Finance; W. A. Johnson, Norfolk, Co-ordinator of Veterans Affairs.

#### THE TWELFTH DISTRICT

Omega men from chapters in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona attended the three-day conference in Phoenix, Arizona, April 23-25, 1948. Dr. Lowell Wormly represented the host chapters as district marshal.

Immediately after the call to order was given the social action program began. The program—a highlight of the conference—consisted of a panel discussion on "Minority Patterns in Cities of the United States". The discussants, in the order of their appearance were:

Dr. Walter I. Murray	Gary, Indiana
Aubrey Aldridge	Los Angeles, California
J. Westbrook McPherson	Omaha, Nebraska
Audrey Aldridge	Los Angeles, Calif.
Brice Taylor	Los Angeles, California

**J. WESTBROOK MCPHERSON:** The city of Omaha reflects the general tone of the state in its current as well as its historical aspect. It is true, however, that through the years a "race problem" has tended to develop as it has in other mid-western and northern cities with the coming of a large number of Negroes from the South. The basic industries in Omaha are the railroad and packing industries. Negroes are well-integrated into both of these industries as workers, except that in the railroad industries Negroes are found in the customary levels of employment due to restrictive hiring practices. Omaha falls within the first four as both a railroad center and packing center among cities of the entire country. In politics, Negroes are advanced. They hold positions throughout the city, state, and county government. Many office jobs are responsible positions; for example, the city inspector of



weights and measures is a Negro; the state oil inspector is or has been a Negro. All county offices, except the office of the County Attorney, have Negroes in responsible positions. Many offices have Negro clerical workers. There is no question of discrimination with respect to public facilities such as parks, swimming areas, hospitals, etc.; however, in hospitals Negro physicians are not permitted to practice, and Negro nurses are not employed. With respect to business and employment, Negroes of Omaha get a fair break, although much is left to be desired. The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, for example, was among the first to break down and employ Negro girls as elevator operators. The same company, however, has lagged behind in integrating Negroes into other levels of employment. With respect to commercial facilities such as theatres, hotels, and places of public amusement, the picture is spotted. There is no segregation in the theatres. Only one hotel has an open policy on the acceptance of Negroes. With the rest, the general policy is one of exclusion, except that notables passing through can get accommodations. The general attitude of the local newspaper is good; there are two Negro newspapers. Leadership in Omaha is fairly well-united and is largely in the hands of young businessmen and young professionals who are alert, generally cohesive, and quite effective. In general, Omaha is generally regarded as a "good town" for Negroes. There appear to be many possibilities that are yet unexplored, and racial prejudice is not a thing which is particularly in evidence.

**JOHN C. HENDERSON:** There are general patterns of segregation and discrimination against minority groups noted by the previous speakers existing in other cities which are also applicable to San Francisco, yet there are certain unique and peculiar features of San Francisco and of California generally which may warrant some discussion here. I will confine my talk to the following three phases of discrimination and segregation to minority groups, particularly as it affects the Negro: (1) Housing (2) Employment and (3) Social concourse. Negroes are usually affected by restrictive covenants which doom them to ghettos, which, in turn increase the incidence of poor health, crime and juvenile delinquency. Efforts to remove them are gaining momentum as evidenced by the number of test cases now before the State Supreme Court. San Francisco is strictly a union town, and an employment hardship is the breaking of the union barriers. Some progress has been made in that direction of late. The social picture is becoming even brighter as evidenced by the number of interracial groups, the appointment of a Negro principal in a predominately white school, the increase in the number of Negro teachers, the refraining of two of San Francisco's leading daily papers from designating the nationality of a criminal and many other progressive movements which time does not permit me to mention here.

**WALTER I. MURRAY:** Gary is an industrial center in Indiana, with a population of 130,000. Although its 52 ethnic and racial groups are predominantly employed in the steel mills there a number of "new" industries budding. One finds paradoxical patterns of discrimination among a cosmopolitan populace. The Board of Education attracted national attention when it

eliminated segregation in the schools last year. There are "Negro Parks", "White Parks", but there are no spots provided for differences due to race in the theaters. There are restrictive covenants in full force. In transportation facilities there is no segregation. Negroes have not been integrated in the personnel of the transportation companies except for common labor. The downtown hotels are closed to Negroes. In the steel mills one finds that upgrading of Negroes is a rare thing. Negroes are integrated in the C. I. O. and in some locals of the A. F. of L.

**A. C. ALDRIDGE:** The relative youthfulness of the state manifests itself in customs and practices common to the frontier. Since the patterns are not fixed by traditions, the economic aspects of Negro life hold the greatest promise in Phoenix, Arizona.

**BRICE TAYLOR:** Progress in Los Angeles has reached an all-time tempo. Negroes are doing thriving business — some in unusual areas, such as the loan company. Integration is materializing in public and quasi-public areas.

### THE ELEVENTH FOR THE NINTH

On March 26, 1948 the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Ninth District got under way in historic New Orleans. And it seemed an appropriate Mardi Gras gesture for the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority to interrupt the proceedings for 30 minutes in order that the brothers might enjoy a "Coke and Smoke".

Committee assignments and reports occupied much of the 2-day business session, with the Talent Hunt Committee heading the list. Added attractions during the March 27th session included talks by Grand Basileus Penn, ex-Grand Basileus Dent and Brother A. T. Hall.

During his brief talk, the Grand Basileus stated a few objectives of this year's administration. These objectives, designed to revitalize Omega, include: 1) reclaiming delinquent, unfinancial brothers, 2) better coordination of Achievement Week programs, 3) organization of committees for social action in each Chapter and the coordination of their activities with the National Committee, 4) elimination of over-lapping duties of Supreme Council members, 5) crystallization of plans for a National Shrine in Washington, D. C. Brother Dent complimented the capabilities of the Grand Basileus and stressed the need of additional money to promote the Fraternity's program.

Brother A. T. Hall, Xi Omega, Tulsa, Oklahoma, spoke briefly on the question of Regional Schools and outlined his experiences as an attorney in the Ada Sipuel case.

Epsilon Iota Chapter, Austin, Texas, reported that it had thrilled a large audience of Austin patrons with the presentation of its annual Musicales. The program, designed to discover outstanding talent, included participants from all the Austin public schools, Texas State D. B. and O. Institute, Samuel Houston and Tillotson Colleges. The proceeds were turned over to the Chapter's Scholarship Fund Committee which gives an award to some deserving boy or girl each year.

One feature of the Conference, worthy of copy, was the Talent Hunt Program. Participants included

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## DON EDWARDS' BILL OF RIGHTS—A Fifteen-Minute Radio Script by Gretta Baker

(This script is unusually timely because of the recurrent assaults on the Bill of Rights, civil rights—fundamental "rights" in every decent person's code of conduct. And it is timely too because recent dispatches from Germany disclose increasing GI resentment and confusion as a result of our pandering to the unregenerated Herrenvolk. We use them as parables in the mad East-West scramble and keep their victims in DP camps. We mouth hypocrisies about democracy, the self determination of

peoples, aggressive warfare, etc., and show unparalleled callousness with respect to Israel and its struggle against the Arabian puppets of Bevin and Standard Oil. Let's remember the stench of Dachau and Belsen for a long, long time. And why not stand up and be counted, as Don did, on this issue, any issue—all issues! whenever a mayor, a presidential candidate, congressman—anyone!—speaks out of turn or out of tune?—the editor).

DON: You hear a lot of talk about freedom of speech and the Bill of Rights. But it doesn't mean much until you find yourself in a jam because you've tried to tell the truth. That's what happened to me. And if it hadn't been for Miss Johnson, my old high school teacher, I might not be telling this story today. Miss Johnson believed in me and helped me to prove that I was right.

ANNOUNCER: Ladies and gentlemen, this is the story of Don Edwards, hero of World War II and reporter for a small town newspaper. Five years ago Don was a senior at Central High School. After graduation, like thousands of other young Americans, he enlisted in the army. He was among the first to enter Germany, and after being wounded in a brilliant attack on the enemy, was hospitalized for six months. When he recovered, the war was over. But Don was not content to come home. He joined the Army of Occupation in Germany. It was there Don learned about the real danger of a Third World War. Then a few months ago Don returned home. He found that most people didn't know what was happening in Germany. When he tried to tell them, well, he found the going pretty rough. But that is the story of "Don Edwards' Bill of Rights." It all started at the high school commencement. Don, as a former student and a hero of the war, was invited to speak at commencement exercises. The mayor of the town was there, too, and of course he was scheduled for a brief talk. The high school principal introduced the mayor with impressive formality.

PRINCIPAL: Ladies and gentlemen and members of the graduating class . . . every year it is our privilege to introduce a distinguished alumnus of this high school. He is a man who not only has achieved the highest political office our town has to offer but he is a man who has also won the admiration of his fellow-citizens. I understand he is up for re-election as mayor of this town and I have no doubt will once more be returned to office. It is a pleasure to present to this audience Mayor Sewell Jones!

MAYOR: (with some formality) Ladies and gentlemen and my young friends of the graduating class . . . this commencement scene always brings back memories of my own graduation from this high school. This year I am especially reminded of that day. I remember it was just a few years after the end of the First World War. There was still suspicion in the world and the countries of Europe were having a hard time getting back on their feet. Today things are very much the same way. There is suspicion and even outright disagreement among the Allies. The United Nations is having a hard time getting anywhere. Meanwhile, we have voted to spend billions of dollars on the Marshall Plan. Now I'm not saying the Marshall Plan isn't

necessary. I think it is. But it looks to me as if the United States is being asked to foot the bill for World War II! It looks to me as if the nation that did so much to win the victory is getting the worst of the bargain while the defeated nations sit back and do nothing. Take Germany, for example. For years Germany was the industrial center of Europe. She had the coal and steel and machinery to keep the factories of Europe going full blast. But what's happening today? Why, instead of building up the industry of Germany so the people can help themselves, we're knocking down many of the factories and shipping the installations to other countries! Imagine it! No wonder we need a Marshall Plan for Europe! Why, if Germany were allowed to keep all those factories and build up her industry the way it was before the war, she could help to get all of Europe back on its feet. Then the American taxpayer would not have to spend billions of dollars on a job the Europeans could handle by themselves. Ladies and gentlemen, if I am re-elected to the office of mayor, I assure you that I shall do everything in my power to influence the Congressmen from this state to demand a change of policy in Washington! It's about time the United States stopped playing Santa Claus to the world and started building up its own strength at home. It's about time we stopped coddling the Germans and made them go to work helping Europe!

PRINCIPAL: We are deeply indebted to the mayor for a stirring message. In a world made small by the airplane and the radio, what happens across the ocean is of vital concern to the United States. We cannot escape the consequences of trouble in Europe or China or Palestine. Nobody realizes that fact more clearly than the men and women who served our nation during the recent war. We have one of those young men with us today. Five years ago I handed him his diploma on this same platform and shortly after that he enlisted in the army. After the war he went back to the scene of his victories as a member of the Army of occupation in Germany. Now he is once more a member of this community. As a reporter on the local paper he hopes to make a contribution to clear thinking and right action by means of the printed word. Certainly, he knows the facts about what is happening in Europe and especially in Germany today. Ladies and gentlemen, it is a pleasure to welcome back Don Edwards!

DON: I appreciate that introduction because it sums up what I hope to accomplish as a newspaper man. Here in this country we have freedom of speech and freedom of the press. I expect to use both to state the truth as I see it. The trouble is, so many editors and reporters don't seem to know the whole truth . . . or else they don't take the trouble to investigate. The result is, the people who read their papers don't get





*Charming and talented Miss Ruthie McWilliams of Richmond, Virginia, reigns supreme as "Queen Of The Lamps" of Zeta Chapter for 1947-1948. Miss McWilliams was crowned at a gala coronation ball.*

*Miss Ann Edwards was maid of honor and Misses Bertha Britton, Nina Kinney, Edith Daniels and Gladys Ragland were beautiful attendants.*

all the facts. Now I don't know what papers the mayor reads . . . besides our own local newspaper! But I do know that he doesn't have all the facts. I do know that he is sadly misinformed about the state of affairs in Germany!

DON: If this statement surprises you, Mr. Mayor, let me remind you that I have just recently returned from Germany. I know what I'm talking about and I intend to tell what I know. It is true that before the war, Germany was the industrial center of Europe. Through cartel arrangements Germany had a monopoly on many of the products needed by the other nations of Europe. Their industrial plants could not operate without her iron and steel and chemicals. And what was the result of this German domination of industry? You and I who fought in the recent war know the answer. Our fathers who slugged it out back in 1918

know the answer, too. Because Germany had control of the heavy industry needed to make war, Europe and the rest of the world were plunged into two world wars! The mayor talks about building up German industry so that Germany can help the other nations. What makes you think she will help the other nations once our back is turned? Even now with an army of occupation in every town, the Germans have succeeded in sabotaging the recovery program and making away with millions of dollars worth of badly needed supplies. Perhaps the most shocking revelation concerns scrap metal. You and I know that scrap iron and steel are desperately needed in this country and all over Europe to get factories running again. It is estimated that American steel mills don't have more than a few weeks' supply. Yet an eight-man commission appointed by the Secretary of Commerce found that German indus-



trial leaders were hoarding ten million tons of scrap metal, approximately a six months' supply, and they refuse to sell it to us! Meanwhile, we were sending every day millions of dollars worth of food and raw materials to aid German recovery!

DON: No, Mr. Mayor, the way to help Western Europe is not to build up Germany first. The way to help Europe is to follow the terms of the Potsdam Agreement and give the smaller nations the reparations that are due them. You say we're knocking down German factories and shipping them to other nations. That's exactly what we agreed to do after the war ended. We agreed that Germany should be made to pay for some of the damage that she had caused in other nations. Germany had no money or goods, so it was decided to take some of the industrial plants and equipment. Now remember that Germany had a surplus of such plants and equipment and very few were damaged in the war. Thus, when 682 factories were earmarked as reparations, this number was only a drop in the bucket. To quote Sir Brian Robertson, British Deputy Governor: "The number of plants in the British Zone is of the order of 50,000 and we are taking 496 of them." That is just the British Zone, mind you, with 50,000 plants, so you can see that Germany is well able to spare reparations. Then why are we allowing Germany to keep this huge industrial surplus? No wonder we have to spend billions of dollars on the Marshall Plan! If the other nations of Europe had what was coming to them, they could do a lot to help themselves!

DON: The question is, are you willing to trust Germany with this vast war potential? You may be, Mr. Mayor, but I'm not! I know the Germans. I know they're not sorry they started the war. They're only sorry they didn't win it! And they're willing to try again if we're foolish enough to give them the chance! Well, that's the situation today. If you mothers and fathers want to send these kids graduating today to fight another war, then go ahead and build up Germany. Make her the industrial center of Europe and see what happens. As for me, I'm tired of war. I want to devote my life to working for peace. As a newspaper man, I may have to expose ugly facts to get what I'm after. I may have to make enemies. But I'm willing to take the consequences. I only hope and pray that you are with me in this crusade to prevent a Third World War!

ANNOUNCER: Well, that speech of Don Edwards really started something! What he had said was surprising enough. But his public contradiction of the Mayor was even more startling. Everybody in town was talking about it. A few days later Don was called into the Publisher's office.

PUBLISHER: Sit down, Don. What I have to say won't take long, but we might as well be friendly about it. How long have you been a reporter on this paper, Don?

DON: About three months, Mr. Thompson.

PUBLISHER: Three months. Well, I've known the Mayor for over twenty years, and I've always known him to be an honest man.

DON: Nobody said he wasn't! I merely said he didn't know the facts about the German situation.

PUBLISHER: I know. But you didn't help his

cause with the voters. You made him look as if he didn't know what he was talking about, Don. That's bad when a man is running for re-election.

DON: I can't help that. I couldn't swallow the kind of stuff he was handing out.

PUBLISHER: But in a small town like this you've got to be more tactful. You can't always say what you think. After all, the Mayor has a good many friends among the stockholders of this newspaper.

DON: Let's come to the point, Mr. Thompson.

PUBLISHER: O.K. I was wondering how you'd like to work for a friend of mine. He runs a newspaper about fifty miles from here.

DON: (Suddenly Angry). No thanks, Mr. Thompson! I'll not be run out of town by anybody just because I told the truth! I'll stick by what I said, Mayor or no Mayor! And what's more, I'll prove that I'm right!

ANNOUNCER: That was how things stood when Miss Johnson entered the picture. Miss Johnson had been Don's history teacher in high school. That evening she telephoned Don and asked him to call at her apartment.

MISS J: (Calling) I'll be right there!

MISS J: Hello, Don! Come right in!

MISS J: Here, let me take your hat and coat. Sit down in this big chair. Well, Don, you certainly stirred up a lot of discussion with that speech of yours!

DON: So I understand. But I was only reporting the facts Miss Johnson.

MISS J: I know you were, Don! That's why I want to talk with you. You see, I happen to know that what you said is true.

DON: But people don't want to face unpleasant facts, Miss Johnson. We're so concerned with Russia right now that we close our eyes to what's going on in Germany. Meanwhile, the Germans are taking advantage of the tension between Russia and the United States. They're making us think that we need German industry to build up western Europe against Communism. But suppose after we pour millions of dollars into Germany, the Germans turn around and join the Russians! After all, the Germans have wanted to conquer the world for a good many years, and if they thought they could do it with Russian aid, they wouldn't hesitate a minute to swing over to the Communist side!

MISS J: The same thought has occurred to me, Don. I know German history pretty well. For generations the Germans have been dominated by the military class. They have been taught that war is glorious and that Germany is destined to rule the world. No wonder they've been responsible for two world wars!

DON: Exactly! And believe me, there are still plenty of Nazis running around loose in Germany. Some of them hold important jobs in German industry. They'd like nothing better than to build up German industrial power for another war.

MISS J: Yes, and the other nations of western Europe seem to realize this more than we Americans do. They have been the victims of German aggression in two world wars, and they distrust any move to return power to Germany. I was impressed with something Mr. Joseph C. Harsch wrote in an article published in "Harper's." By building up Germany, he thought we





**LAMPADOS CLUB, MU PSI CHAPTER**  
A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

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Bullock, Thomas L. Richardson, Milas Kelly, Floyd Allen.

3rd row, left to right: George Knox, Willard Johnson, James H. Worrell, Roscoe J. Betsill, K. S. S. B.; Harry Gane, Daniel McLaurin, Alexander Hasting, Joseph Morris, Frank Kimbar, John Miller.

Members not shown are Roosevelt Davis, Ezell Gaffney and Thomas Bryant.

might be pushing little nations into the arms of Russia instead of creating a barrier against Communism. Here, let me read you a few sentences: "I am convinced that a pro-German orientation of American policy would be the one sure device for making Communism palatable in all the countries surrounding Germany or in any country which felt the German occupation. . . . I am convinced that to favor the Germans is to alienate all those peoples who have felt the German heel."

DON: I agree with him, and that's what I tried to point out at the high school commencement. But it seems that a few people don't want to listen, especially when a politician like the Mayor tells them something else!

MISS J: Well, you're going to have another chance to explain the facts, Don. As you know, I am president of the Community Council, and I have called a meeting for next Monday night. After all, Don, freedom of speech and the Bill of Rights are more than words in a textbook, and I intend that you shall prove it at the meeting!

ANNOUNCER: Well, there isn't much more to the story. Thanks to a high school teacher who believed in him, Don Edwards had the chance to prove he was right. As a result, he not only kept his job with the paper, but he kept the faith and respect of his fel-

low citizens. More important, he proved to himself that freedom of speech is a right worth fighting for, in peace or in war. This radio play entitled, "Don Edwards' Bill of Rights" was written by Gretta Baker. If you would like free material about the German problem, write to the Society for the Prevention of World War III, 515 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.

## THE ELEVENTH FOR THE NINTH

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Brothers Therman Monroe (saxophonist), Rho Omega; Roy Petty (baritone), Epsilon Alpha; Percy Robinson (baritone), Rho Phi; and Herbert Wyatt (pianist), Xi Sigma. Brother Wyatt came out on top.

Nu Iota and Theta Chapters, Marshall, Texas, were successful in their bid for the 12th Annual Meeting.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

Probably the most useful radioactive isotope is C-14? It is a dream substance for organic chemists in their examination of organic molecules and the mechanisms of isomerizations. Biochemists will be able to study the catalytic action of vitamins, hormones and enzymes and the intermediary metabolism of proteins, fats and carbohydrates. An important feature of C-14 is its half-life of thousands of years.



## WHOSE BACKYARD?

By Romel Makepeace Sanford



ROMEL MAKEPEACE SANFORD

Recently the Northwestern end of Manhattan underwent a thorough going-over by press, radio and pulpit. Moral violence and crime had lifted their kinky heads again.

Were the people genuinely concerned? Was it 'crying wolf,' in fear of us or of certain investigations? Perhaps both backyards needed cleaning.

Now over nine hundred thousand Negroes, predominately from the deep South, have crammed into New York's Harlem, seeking the proverbial gold of freedom. Freedom from having to take the back seats in trains, streetcars and busses. The right to attend theaters without climbing to the farthest rows of galleries. The equal opportunity to earn for their children the fellowship which they themselves had never known.

They have found the "So-Called Freedom." Their children are rubbing elbows with those of all races in schools and public streets, gaining friendships and social ease. Here and there some have even dared to dream college, night school, careers.

But even free people have to live. Even now, with jobs in almost abundance, employment for those of colored origin is limited, ill paid. They do not question the right. Simply accept the condition as existing, and strive in their humble stoicism to keep from growing too desperate. Families starve, shiver, crave. The survival instinct finally has its way.

A stunted wizened Negro, filthy and hungry, loiters in the men's room of a lower Harlem bar and grill; long skinny fingers nervously prolonging a cigaret stub. He waits patiently. Soon two white men reel open the door. Instantly he slinks up to the nearer, half whispers: "Boss, gimme a cigaret? Please, sir?" Both men turn to see who is addressing them. With a smile the younger tosses the shrivelled gnome a flattened pack. "Okay, Mac, keep those." The profuse thanks are waved aside, the more immediate attention assuaged.

Scrawny black fingers tug at the pack, then touch the wrist of the nearer man. "Say, boss, don't y'all want some nice girls? I've got two of the nicest, you've est y'all ever seen."

"Listen, bud," the older towers. "I don't know your game, and I don't care. But I can get more of your women than you can." The little Negro, chagrined, slinks into a corner. The men are gone.

A Negro youth is picketing a grocery store, a sign on his back. An elderly Negro woman stops, reads the sign on the youth's back, jeers loudly, and defiantly enters the store. "Go ahead! Buy in there! It's all right with me!" shouts the youth, "because tomorrow you'll go up in the Bronx and work for 25 cents an hour, moving pianos and washing paint and windows!"

The crowd laughs. The show is over.

Up on 125th Street, in a close dingy theater, potential crimewavers snicker and scrape. Some have been there all day. No one is home. Mother is at work. The show distracts their gnawing and hungry stomachs; the smelly warmth dopes their ragged forms.

A blackface comic is mouthing a skit with a Negro girl. "Bea, dey tell me you're not so well. What seem to be de matta?" "Well, Rastus, it's my legs. First it's my right, den it's my left." "My, my, ain't dat too bad," sympathizes Rastus. "Yassuh, sho' is," agrees Bea with a shrug. "But *between* the two I make a living!"

Five o'clock in the morning, in an all-night cafe, two 'ladies of the evening' are discussing the night's business. "I made only four dollars all night," sighs the kinky-haired heavy-eyed girl. "I know Pittsburgh (her pimp) is gonna kill me."

"Well, honey," comforts the fat redhead, "I didn't make much either. But child, last one I had looked just like Robert Taylor. And you know what? I sho' took my time with him!" Each the mother of two children. Each adding her bit to the sub-marginal income of the relationship called home.

On a busy corner stand two colored boy 'hustlers' selling ten-dollar bills. Obviously phony, three for a dime. Some purchased as playthings for their children.



Others to have some fun. Now and then a confidence man in hopes of finding a sucker farther on. And impressed by the spiel of the boys, a grizzled-haired old Negro buys three. Soon she is back, protesting, threatening to call the police. She had believed the ten dollar bills good at three for a dime — the needy gullibility of colored folk, the grandmother mentality of many of Harlem's own!

The Rooseveltian administrations did a splendid job toward reforms and recovery. Before the war, relief and WPA relieved much of the whole nation's poverty. Then defense production and the war brought privation anew through taxes and prices. And war hysteria bred hatred at both ends of the street.

The first lynching in 1944. A race riot in Detroit. A looting riot in Harlem. Walkouts in war plants because Negroes were hired. Yet in Philadelphia, to the opposite extreme, that proud Pennsylvania city had taken to its aristocratic bosom, felt a deep affection for, a Negro named Joe Louis, a Negro named George Washington Carver, a Negro named Paul Robeson. Negroes all, one to sports and good-will, one to science and humanity, another with a magnificent voice to be sure, but all striving generously of their stirring talent, all understanding that the white masses are no more to be envied or hated than his own, that without education and opportunity, they too face the same struggle for pride.

The Negro battalion of every war distinguishes itself not just in patriotic courage but in the hearts and memories of its country's people. America is always proud of its Black Battalion!

Eager sincerity in a black commands as much friendly respect as eager sincerity in a white. Blame must therefore rest upon the Negro himself as well as upon those whom he feels and resents feeling subservient to in his daily life. Democracy's freedom comes from the innate spirit, not from social status. From personal values, not from personal possessions alone. If raising his economic standards would raise his perspective, then reciprocally, heightened ideals of his own would elevate his economic level.

He must cease fawning. Instead of humility he should set the respect which he demands of himself as that which he expects from others, no matter their race or creed. Snarling and violence will gain nothing lasting in betterment of his living conditions. So he should simply scorn with quiet dignity the white who lacks equivalent true refinement to accord him fair wages and fair treatment. Let it be their shame, not his. Nor is it an easy challenge to meet, to accept nothing less than economic decency. It takes the admirable fortitude of a Black Battalion! But the American Negro has it.

The Truman administration has caused a breach with the Southern Democrats over the Negro vote. The spirit of Lincoln's government is still pervasive! Northern and Southern Negro alike must merit that championship of Democracy, prove to the whole nation that he intends to win his own inner conflict along with his outside struggle with racial prejudice.

Crime waves, true, are the contagion of low standards. That the moralist has been contaminated is the product of his own. The Negro and the Whites, there-

fore, must each set his own example. Both backyards would receive the civic rewards — and not just during National Clean-Up Week!

It should at least shock the civic pride of the moralist as we think of Cain in our Bibles, standing with one foot on the carcass of his brother Abel. And crying out, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

We are caretakers of our own backyard — or should be. Whose backyard will meet inspection first as clean beyond reproach?

**DONALD D. ADAMS**



**UPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER OF ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, HOST TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SECOND DISTRICT**

**By DONALD D. ADAMS, Epsilon Chapter**  
Director of Public Relations for the Second District.

Small in numbers, but mighty in purpose and foresight, Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Atlantic City, New Jersey, plays host to the Second District Meeting, October 15, 16, and 17.

Under the capable leadership of District Marshall H. Albion Ferrell, this chapter in South Jersey has taken "Civil Rights" as the theme for the District Meeting.

The officers of Upsilon Alpha Chapter are: Basileus, J. Russell Lampkin; Vice-Basileus, James E. King;



K. R. S., William Burleigh; K. of F., Lewis P. Moore; Keeper of Peace, James Urry; Chaplain, The Reverend Wyatt B. Johnson.

Several committees have been appointed to handle the business and social activities of the District Meeting. Registration, Morton Brooks; Housing, The Reverend Wyatt B. Johnson; Finance, Lewis P. Moore; Public Meeting, James E. King; Omega Wives and Hostesses, Lloyd Wright; Formal Dance, Capt. George Bethel Jr.; Cabaret Party, William Burleigh, and Public Relations, Horace J. Bryant, Jr.

The contemplated program is as follows:

**Friday, October 15**

5 P.M. - 10 P.M.—Registration at Headquarters, Y. M. C. A., 1711 Arctic Avenue.

10 P.M. - 2 A.M.—Closed Cabaret Party at Club Harlem.

**Saturday, October 16**

All day—Registration at Headquarters.

Morning and Afternoon—Sessions at Y. M. C. A., 1711 Arctic Avenue.

3 P.M.—Party for Omega wives and sweethearts at Weekes' Cafe, Illinois and Baltic Avenues. Local Omega wives will be the hostesses.

10 P.M. - 2 A.M.—Formal Dance at the All-Wars Memorial Building, New York and Adriatic Avenues.

**Sunday, October 17**

11 A.M.—Church services for delegates and visiting Brothers, Jethro Presbyterian Church, The Rev. Wyatt B. Johnson, Pastor.

Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, Pleasantville, New Jersey, Father H. Albion Ferrell, Vicar.

3 P.M.—Public Meeting, Auditorium, Jr. High School, The Honorable Alfred E. Driscoll, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Principal Speaker. (A Scroll will be presented to Governor Driscoll because of his championship of Civil Rights within the State of New Jersey.)

Brothers Miffin T. Gibbs, Second District Representative, and Nathaniel A. Burrell, of Xi Phi Chapter will preside.

Delegates are expected from each of the Second District's 17 chapters:

Mu and Mu Omega of Philadelphia, Pa.; Kappa Omega of Harrisburg, Pa.; Omicron Psi and Iota Phi of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Phi Epsilon and Phi Omega of Buffalo, N. Y.; Xi Iota of Rochester, N. Y.; Kappa of Cornell and Syracuse Universities; Omicron Iota of New Rochelle, N. Y., and Westchester County; Xi Phi and Epsilon of New York City; Zeta Psi of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nu Omicron of Jamaica, Long Island; Nu of Penn State College, Pa.; and Upsilon Phi of Newark and North Jersey.

Upsilon Alpha chapter has a membership of sixteen Brothers, and although they are but few in numbers compared to some of our chapters, what they lack in numerical strength they more than make up in excellent cohesive undertakings.

The entire Second District extends to them congratulations for their desire to make the Meeting of the Second District, second to none.

**JOSEPH TATE BROOKS, DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, SEVENTH DISTRICT**



A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Brother Brooks was educated in the public schools of the Gate City and at Morehouse College. His graduate training was at the University of Iowa and at Atlanta University, obtaining the M.A. degree in Latin in 1934 at the latter institution while chairman of the Foreign Language Department of Atlanta's Booker T. Washington High School.

He was initiated at Morehouse College in 1922, later transferring to what is now ETA OMEGA Chapter. In 1934 he joined the faculty of the Alabama State Teachers College where he serves at present as Registrar and Director of the Summer School. He is active in the program of his local Chapter, SIGMA PHI, having served both as Keeper of Records and Seal and Basileus. He is regional vice-president of the AMERICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION and first vice-president of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Colleges. He serves as a trustee and as director of music for the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and is affiliated with ALPHA KAPPA MU National Honor Society.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT**

There are about 4 billion acres of immediately arable soil in the world on which to grow food for the world's 2 billion or more people? The latter figure is increasing; the former, decreasing because of insane farm practices. Agriculture schools must give more attention to strip cropping, rotation, contouring, selective planning.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT**

Robert L. Lund, president of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co., is one of the most outspoken NAM opponents of FEPC? His company makes the mouthwash "Listerine". Remember the name!

**COVER PAGE**

WIVES AND SWEETHEARTS OF SIGMA PHI (MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA) ON THE OCCASION OF THE TENTH ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT AT THE PALATIAL RESIDENCE OF BRO. DR. AND MRS. W. D. PETTUS.



## JOSEPH LUTHER JONES

By Granville L. Smith



It is with much sorrow and regret that we chronicle the passing of Brother Joseph Luther Jones of the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Minden, La. Brother Jones was one of the charter members of Gamma Omicron Chapter and served as its first Basileus.

Brother Jones was born in Leesville, Louisiana about 52 years ago. He attended Leland College and Southern University, obtaining an A.B. from the latter. Graduate work at Atlanta University followed. He served in the United States Army during the first World War with distinction, and in September, 1922, became Principal of the Webster Parish Training School at Minden, Louisiana. Under his progressive leadership this School grew from a five-room building with five teachers to a modern plant of 10 buildings, and a faculty of 36 teachers.

Ten years ago the name of the school was changed to Webster High School and was one of the highest rated high schools in the State. Brother Jones was very active in church, and civic affairs and in the economic development of his community and the State. He was a member and Deacon of the St. Rest Baptist Church, and one of the organizers and co-founders of the Benevolent Service Insurance Company, Inc., and Benevolent Funeral Home, Inc. At the time of his death he was First Vice-President and Treasurer. He was a co-founder and Past-President of the Louisiana Colored Teachers Association; Secretary-Treasurer of the Louisiana Inter-Scholastic, Literary and Athletic Association; co-founder of the High School Principal's Association. For several Summer sessions he taught at Southern University.

Brother Jones died April 11, 1948, at 3 a.m. The Funeral Services were held in the high school auditorium on April 15, 1948, at 1 p.m. at which time more than 5,000 people of all races and creeds came from all parts of the State to pay their last respects to one of Louisiana's great sons. Legions of friends join his wife, daughter, brother and two sisters in mourning their loss.

### RESOLUTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR ACTION ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHWIDE CONFERENCE ON THE PROPOSED REGIONAL EDUCATION PLAN, CLARK COLLEGE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MAY 8, 1948

As a result of discussions and proposals considered in today's sessions, the conference hereby resolves as follows:

#### I ON PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

1. We believe that the only way a Negro can approach equity in the whole matter of professional education in the South and throughout the United States, is for all professional schools to open their doors to students, without regard to race, creed, or sex. To this end, we feel that every effort should be made to abolish all barriers in the form of tradition and laws, which tend to continue the segregated professional schools.
2. As to Negro institutions which now have professional schools, it is our opinion that they should put forth every effort to strengthen their facilities in the form of equipment and faculty as the opportunities permit. We also feel that our Negro graduate and professional schools should attempt to admit to their student bodies such white students as are willing to come. Another venture in this same direction is in the area of exchange students among white and Negro institutions, as has long been the practice in regard to teaching personnel.
3. As regards the compact seeking authority to establish regional schools in the South by the southern governors, we are opposed to the setting up of such regional schools. Any provisions for professional training not now available to white and Negro students of the South, should be opened up to all groups, without regard to race, creed, or sex. We also oppose the establishment of professional colleges as separate units scattered throughout the southern area, as that would defeat the primary aims of the university, which is composed of a collection of colleges, and through the exchange of ideas and research, strengthen one another.
4. We stand for and urge private, church, and public colleges and universities to open their doors to all citizens without regard to race, creed, or sex, and that the necessary action, legal and otherwise, be initiated to achieve this end.
5. We wish to state clearly that we stand opposed to the taking over of Meharry Medical College.



Nashville, Tenn., or any other such institution by the proposed Regional Education Interstate Compact Board of Control, and we deplore the fact that any educational leader would offer to co-operate with the proposed plan in any way.

## II ON PUBLIC AND LAND GRANT COLLEGES AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

1. There is a great amount of distrust of the sincerity of the people who proposed this plan, due to the past records of performance in the area of Negro education in these particular states.
2. The proposal is a plan to perpetuate segregation. Moreover, the duplication of education is more costly.
3. Regardless of the soundness of the principles of the proposal for regional schools, we are opposed to it because it is a set-up to be maintained for educating special groups.
4. We feel that it is undemocratic for a state to provide and maintain within its borders, institutions for one certain group and require the other group to go outside the borders of the state to secure the same training. We feel firmly that it is the duty of each state to take care of all of its people regarding their education within the State.
5. If the segregated regional schools are set up while we try to democratize the countries of the world, we will hold up America for criticism.
6. The Southern Regional Education Plan is an effort to get around U. S. Supreme Court decisions.

## III ACTION PROPOSED

In order to effect the spirit of these resolutions, we request the national office, state and local branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to institute the following proceedings:

1. To attack the legality of the Southern Regional Education Interstate Compact, if the joint resolution should be passed by the Congress of the United States, as to the ownership of property and administration of funds, and as to the

decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court, which provide for equal education for all citizens within the borders of each state.

2. To institute tax-payers' suits within the several states subscribing to the compact, against the payment of state funds for the purchase and operation of regional institutions for education.
3. To initiate the making of applications and, if necessary, the filing of suits within the borders of the several states by Negro students to enter white colleges and by white students to enter Negro colleges.

We further resolve that these resolutions be presented to the Press, members of Congress, and to all organizations interested in the subject of equal education with a view toward influencing public opinion and securing support for the ideas adopted, through resolutions and active programs.

C. L. HARPER, *Chairman*,  
R. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

## 136 Representatives from the following organizations registered for the conference

Kappa Omega Chapter—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, American Teachers' Assn., Atlanta NAACP Youth Council, Young Women's Christian Association, Albany State College, National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars of Negro Schools, Atlanta Urban League, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Barber Scotia College, Rome, Ga., Civic and Political League, Shaw University, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta University Alumni Association, Ga., Teachers and Education Association, Atlanta Branch, NAACP, Atlanta Business and Trade Assn., Atlanta Daily World, Atlanta Housing Authority, National Negro Business League, Dade County, Florida Medical Academy, Hampton Institute, Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, National Medical Association, Georgia Workers' Education Service, Paine College, Florida State Teachers' Assn., Meharry Alumni Association, Ga., Negro Chamber of Commerce, National Dental Assn., Florida A. and M. College, Inter-denominational Ministers Alliance, Atlanta, Ga., Gammon Theological Seminary, B. T. Washington Night School, Arkansas State Teachers' Assn., Virginia State Teachers Assn.

# CHAPTER CARAVAN

## PSI CHAPTER IN RETROSPECT C. GROVER LITTLEJON

"The role of the Fraternity or Greek-Letter Organization in the Community" was the theme for the eleventh annual 7th District Meet on April 23, 24, 25, with Psi Chapter of Morehouse College as host. Emerging from busy sessions of the various committees in historic Sale Hall were news lines such as "7th District Omegas Hit Regional Plan" and "Omegas Score Civil Injustices." Delegates came from most of the chapters of Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama.

But all was not business, for Psi took time out to

present to the visiting brothers and guests its "Sweetheart", charming Mrs. Frederick Jackson, graduate of Spelman College, and wife of Bro. Jackson. Other social events were furnished by the Pan-Hellenic Council and the many other frats and sororities of the city.

Re-elected District Representative was Bro. J. T. Brooks, Registrar of Alabama State Teachers College of Montgomery, Ala., and District KRS, Bro. W. R. Maynard of Birmingham. Also elected were J. E. Carter District KF; O. R. Jackson, 1st Vice-District Representative; Malcolm Corrin of Morehouse, 2nd District Representative, and Emory O. Jackson, Editor of the Birmingham World, the Chairman of Publicity. The next meet-



ing was voted to take place in Birmingham.

Immediately after the meet, Psi began concentrating on the "Psi Chapter Man-of-the-Year" award which was initiated this year to stimulate activity among the brothers, and which would be awarded annually. Bro. Samuel H. Ross, K. R. S. for the past term and graduating in June, was almost unanimously voted the award based on diligence, spirit, and worth to the chapter. The award was presented by Bro. C. Miles Smith, Basileus of Psi.

Psi also made a scholarship award to Mr. Duke Foster of Morehouse. This is also an annual award.

Then Psi was honored by having one of its members honored nationally over Mutual Broadcasting System on Ted Malone's "Your Story Teller" program. Bro. Robert B. James of Birmingham, Ala., and senior of Morehouse was awarded a \$100 bond by Westinghouse for having been chosen the most "outstanding collegian" of the 32 colleges of the United Negro College Fund and his story was told over the Mutual System. Brother James won for his Alma Mater one of the latest-model console radio-phonographs by Westinghouse. Brother James plans to study law at Michigan Law School next session.

Starting with a bumper crop of members at the first of the year, Psi increased its number by 14 the first semester and by 7 the second semester. This made the total of 89 members. Then ten of the brothers received the Bachelor of Science degree and nine, the Bachelor of Arts degree, which diminished the number to original membership. However, many of the brothers will have completed their requirements by August and will not be active in the chapter.

Like many other chapters, Psi has had a busy year, yet Psi regrets that more could not be done. But viewing Psi in retrospect, one does not have to disfigure his imagination to see Psi in prospect.

#### **ETA IOTA CHAPTER, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**

**By Thomas H. Bridges, Chapter Editor**

In order to meet the challenge of the times, the brothers of Eta Iota Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity have set out to make their achievement of 1948 worthy of emulation.

In February the chapter launched a financial drive to carry out the contemplated program. The mission was accomplished by a successful presentation of the famous Sooner Symphonettes. Contesting in the Delta's Annual Jabberwock Program, Omegas won the first prize for the second consecutive year.

Col. Charles Young Memorial Service was observed at the Quayle M. E. Church. Our speaker was the Rev. Brother J. H. Taggard, pastor.

Brother Thomas H. Bridges, Chapter Editor, was a delegate to the Regional Conference held in New Orleans, La., March 26 and 27. His report of an all-time successful meeting seemed to have added a greater enthusiasm among the brothers.

During the international dedication of the \$450,000 Edwards Memorial Hospital, Eta Iota Chapter made a cash donation.

In April, two distinguished new brothers were

initiated into the chapter: Dr. J. W. Sanford, a prominent businessman, educator, civic and political figure, and formerly high school principal, President of Langston University, and State Supervisor of Negro Schools (High); Haywood C. Jackson, Employee Counselor at Tinker Field, Army Air Base, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The National Social Action Committee is much alive, and is taking advantage of Brother Sanford's educational, civic, and political experience by having him head the committee. The committee has written the Congressional leaders urging passage of the Public School Legislation HR 2953. June 20, 1948, was observed as mass meeting day. The chapter also sponsored a mass meeting of State teachers for the purpose of discussing and planning the passage of a one (1) mill levy which would raise and equalize Negro teachers' salaries in the State of Oklahoma.

#### **ZETA - OMEGA'S SIXTH OLDEST CHAPTER MOVES FORWARD**

**By Raymond L. Chapman  
Editor, Zeta Chapter**

In these times the one thought foremost in the minds of all Zeta men, as should be in the minds of all Omega brothers, is the success of our people in this struggle to gain and maintain a free and democratic way of life.

In the racial conflicts and in personal sacrifices all evidence argues for faith in the endurance of America, —a different and changing America, of course—but we look to a constantly improving America.

The rich heritage that is Omega's points the way for its brothers to make a life in this changing America. In making preparations for confronting community problems, Zeta men are getting a lot of practice by assuming the leadership of the University's student offices.

At the recent third district meeting Brother Richard Fitzgerald was elected Director of Undergraduate Activities and he also holds the position of treasurer of Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society at Va. Union. The D. Webster Davis prize for excellence in scholarship in Biology was awarded Brother Fitzgerald at Union's Commencement exercises June 8, 1948. Brother Joseph Harris is the newly elected Vice-President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society. The Lampados Club received the scholarship cup awarded by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which is given to the pledge club with the highest scholastic average.

For student offices the student body has rallied to Omega men, with their heartiest support. David Whitlock has been elected treasurer of the Student Government Association and the various classes have sent Ques or Lamps to represent them in the Student Council. The student body voted all Omegas to the cabinet of the YMCA this year. They are Brothers William Cooper, President; Edward Hailes, Vice-President; Raymond L. Chatman, Secretary; James Newkirk, Treasurer; Fred Cooper, Program Co-ordinator. Brother Hailes is Editor of the "Y" Echo, a monthly publication of "Y" news and Brother Chatman is his assistant.

The Senior class has elected Brother William Cooper President and the Junior class looks forward



to a successful year with Brother Fred Cooper as one of its leaders, the Vice-President.

Other key student positions held by Omega men are as follows: President of Choir, Gilbert Gladden; President, Pan-Hellenic Council, George Purefoy; Treasurer of Pan-Hellenic Council, Walter Roseboro; Director of School Band, David Whitlock.

As has always been, Omega men still hold their own in athletics. James Shelton was Co-Captain of the basketball team and new lettermen of Zeta Chapter are Brothers William Holloman, Leonidas Curtis and Willie Martin. Brother Charles Sargeant has been commended by the Director of Athletics for his efficient service as Student Director of Intramural Sports, and Zeta Chapter by points became the all intramural champions for the year.

In striving to make ourselves good citizens who can function well in society we feel that it is urgent that we men of Omega take advantage of all of the opportunities invested in our brothers as student leaders. These positions help them to develop their individual potentialities and will help them to be able to meet the challenges of a struggling world.

In making ourselves the kind of individuals that we need be in order to have the student body delegate positions of leadership to us we have met some obstacles, but with work and determination we have been successful.

The newly elected officers of Zeta Chapter are: David Whitlock, Basileus; Joseph Harris, Vice-Basileus; James Crawley, Keeper of Records and Seal; Fred Cooper, Keeper of Finance; Wiley Hall, Parliamentarian; Edward Hailes, Chaplain; Willie Martin, Keeper of Peace; Raymond L. Chatman, Editor to Oracle, and John Trotman, Dean of Pledges.

Already this new administration has mapped out a continuous achievement program for Omega. It has broadened its program to meet many situations which have heretofore caused problems. For Achievement Week, Program Co-Ordinator Reginald Gibson is making plans for a very noteworthy occasion. To help some deserving youth attend college, plans are in store for scholarship funds. Committees have been set up to bring about a closer participation in local political affairs.

Zeta, the sixth oldest chapter of Omega, rejoices in that Omega light which flames now and illumines many of its sons. In the future we know that this light of friendship and brotherhood will shine over land and sea and dispel gloom, insecurity and doubt in many hitherto dark corners.

### PSI OMEGA

By J. W. BROWN, KRS

On May 30, 1948, the members of the Psi Omega Chapter held a memorial service honoring the memory of Colonel Young and other departed brothers of Psi Omega. The service was held at historic Trinity Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. The highlight of the program was an address by Brother T. Vincent Harris, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Two of our members were uncommonly active during the month of June. Rev. H. F. Anderson attended

the National Convention of the Presbyterian Church in California; W. C. Ervin, whom we elected Mr. "Q" for the month of June, attended the National Republican Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. Brother Ervin is Business Manager of Paine College, and has been active in politics for twenty years. He is now serving as Chairman of the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia.

### NEWS AND VIEWS FROM ETA OMEGA

The breeziest, newsiest sheet in the land is The "Q" View, edited by Andrew Jackson. The paragraphs to follow are excerpts from a few of his recent publications.

A royal welcome awaited Benjamin Daly following his recent trip across Omega's Sahara. Brother Daly, a graduate of Morris Brown College and a champion hurdler, is the first brother to be made into Eta Omega in 3 years.

Hats off to Brother Warren and his associate, Dr. Brady Cooper. They really have an up-to-date drug-store at the corner of Hunter and Chestnut Street.

I understand that Brother George H. Andrews has an electrical appliance business out on McDaniel Street.

Brother Dosh Jackson's radio business is making rapid progress.

The Bronner Brothers have moved their cosmetic business to their new location in the Walden Building next door to the Butler Street, Y. M. C. A.

Brother H. C. Lyons' service as a photographer is greatly in demand. He seems to be the official photographer for the Negro public schools as well as for many other organizations and private individuals.

Brother S. S. Abrams, local manager of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., has a swell suite of offices on the ground floor of the Masonic Building.

Brother J. de Koven Killingsworth deserves much credit and several hundred points for the "Festival of Music and Arts" which he put over at Clark College, April 22-25.

At the 27th Annual Meeting of the Atlanta Urban League, Dr. F. Earl McLendon was presented a Community Service Award for his efforts in making hospital facilities available to Negroes in the City of Atlanta.

Brother J. W. Dobbs had the distinction of announcing Georgia's sixteen votes on the third ballot for the nomination of Thomas E. Dewey at the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia. . . . Brother "Bill" Shaw was an official delegate to the convention along with Brother Dobbs. . . . Brother L. R. Bywaters of Fort Valley, Georgia was an alternate delegate.

Brother Everett Mapp, a former member of Eta Omega, is now an instructor at Roosevelt College, Chicago.

Brother Forest Kelley and his wife both earned Social Work degrees from A. U. at the June Commencement.

Brother J. L. Holloway, our Vice Basileus and owner of the jewelry firm on Auburn Avenue which bears his name, has made quite a favorable impression upon the citizens of Atlanta as a result of the great interest he has shown in civic and educational activities.

Within the last several months, he has given generously and has donated several trophies and plaques to many worthy causes.



His most recent contribution was a large and beautiful engraved plaque which was awarded to Mr. E. D. Rivers, owner of Radio Station WEAS, for "outstanding public service" in fostering racial goodwill in its programs.

The award was sponsored by Teenagers, members of the Magnolia Matinee Club of the Air, here in Atlanta.

Brother M. R. Austrell, Mr. "Q" for April, was recently appointed a member of the Atlanta Scout School Committee. This committee is made up of outstanding Boy Scout leaders in Region Six, Boy Scouts of America (Ga., Fla., N. C., and S. C.). The function of this committee is to work out plans for the Regional Scout

School which will be held here in Atlanta at M. B. U., August 16-20. The school will be for adult Scout leaders from the four states of the Region.

At the annual business meeting of the Atlanta University Alumni Association held June 5th, Brother Austrell was reelected to the office of National Vice-President of the Atlanta University Alumni Association.

Brother Austrell was the speaker, representing the class of '28 at the Atlanta University Annual Banquet which was given June 7th at the University Dormitory.

Other "Q" members of the class of '28 include Brothers P. E. Johnson, C. M. Gibson, H. C. Lyons, Hamilton Brown (brother of our Assistant Keeper of Records, Brother F. D. Brown).

## PHI EPSILON SCORES

by **GEORGE E. RILEY,**  
*Public Relations Officer*

Phi Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi was again acclaimed tops in Buffalo and Western New York when the chapter's Choral Ensemble appeared on a guest broadcast over Radio Station WEBR on March 20th. The Ensemble was under the efficient and capable direction of Brother Jesse Nash. The broadcast was sponsored by the Urban League of Buffalo which is an annual affair dedicated to the inspiration and uplift of the community.

The choral renditions were as follows: "Were You There", "Nobody Knows The Trouble I See", "Now On Land and Sea Descending", "Blue Skies", "Finlandia", "Song of Friendship", and an unique arrangement of "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Now the Day Is Over". Many of the special arrangements featured on the broadcast were the results of the combined talents of Brothers Nash, Givens, and George and Edward Riley.

The Ensemble, composed of eighteen Omega men, has had numerous requests for performances recently. They have already copped the University of Buffalo's Interfraternity Sing trophy in competition with all of the fraternities and sororities on the campus.

Brother E. Vincent Suitt, Industrial Relations Secretary of the Buffalo Urban League, prepared the entire program for broadcasting. It was the 16th annual Vocational Opportunity Program sponsored by the Urban League. He also made arrangements for a performance of the Choral Ensemble at the Annual Urban League Dinner on April 21st.

Brother Archie Hunter, past Keeper of Records and Seal of Phi Epsilon Chapter was elected Vice-President of the Interfraternity Council of the University of Buffalo on April 1st. Since Phi Epsilon was the first Negro fraternity chapter on the campus, we feel that we have again added a significant "first" in having an Omega hold such an office as does Brother Hunter.

## FERMENT IN DIXIE

(Social historians will some day record 1948 as the year in which the South — some of it! — discovered civilization. It's a little rough on some of the boys. They have learned that their hides are not nearly so thick as their speech or their skulls. And all this talk about "rights" creates uncomfortable, uncommon thought processes in smooth cerebral hemispheres accustomed to a jungle code of violence and "wrongs." Straight from the Neanderthal past comes John U. Barr with his plea "For White Men and Women Everywhere." He mailed his

sheet throughout the South early this year; he would be charged to learn how this office received its copy.

For the decent side of the story, the editor acknowledges a debt to the *New South*, formerly the *Southern Frontier*, March 1948, Vol. 3, No. 3. Its recording of Southern press comments reveals the tremendous psychological distances in the South. These voices in the wilderness deserve support and encouragement—the editor.)

## FOR WHITE MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE

For the sake of our country and the South I plead that you read the following:

In 1944 genuine Democrats made the first serious move to eliminate from the real Democratic Party the alleged Negro-Loving, pink and red mongrels who falsely called themselves Democrats—True, we were whipped and humiliated and on election day 1944 real Democrats found themselves with no place to go. But the seed of our strength had been planted!

Since then the scalawag, carpet-bagger Northern bosses of the New Deal Party kept adding shame and degradation to our lot—smugly sure there was no end

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## THE SOUTHERN PRESS COMMENTS ON THE 'SOUTHERN REVOLT'

When the President gave his civil rights message to Congress on February 2nd, the Southern white press reacted immediately with indignant protest. Such legislation as anti-lynching, anti-poll tax, and FEPC statutes are not only unnecessary, argued Southern editors, but are downright dangerous. They maintained that valuable progress is being made in race relations and that federal laws would only serve to set back this progress, reviving old hatreds and prejudices. One large daily referred to the President's proposals as "a Moscow-like plan to enforce civil rights." Practically all of them agreed that the time-honored prerogatives of "states-rights" should be respected.

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## MU CHAPTER

On the left is the fast-stepping basketball team of Mu Chapter and its guiding lights. Kneeling, left to right: Orten, Brock, Uersery, Hall and Delgado. Standing, left to right: Francis Beckett, manager; Allen W. Powell, representative to the IAC; Hutchison, Holland, Dabney, Fisher, Jefferson, William "Sonny" Hill, representative to the IAC, and Frank "Pick" Coleman, coach.



### EDWARD M. SEWELL, B.A., M.D.

Brother Sewell is now serving his internship at the Harlem Hospital in New York City. Upon the completion of this phase of his work he will return to his home in Philadelphia, where he will take up his residency in the Children's Hospital. Brother Sewell is the first Negro to be so honored by this institution.

Dr. Sewell is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. degree there in 1944. As a winner of the German Prize for Proficiency in German, Dr. Sewell was elected to the German Honor Society. And later, in 1947 he was graduated from the U. of P. Medical School as the winner of the Pediatric Prize.



### LINWOOD G. ROBINSON

Brother Robinson has had art exhibitions at Cheyney State Teachers College, Morgan College, Gimbel Brothers, The University of Pennsylvania, and the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is the recipient of a four year art scholarship from the Benjamin Franklin High School. After leaving high school Brother Robinson spent several years at the School of Industrial Arts and later went to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts where he is at present studying.

Brother Robinson is now affiliated with the Reliance Art Service at 721 Walnut Street, and later in 1948 he expects to give another exhibit of his painting in New York City.

### BROTHER WILLIAM C. JASON, JR.

Brother Jason, National Welfare Director of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, former Chairman of the Executive Board of the local NAACP and a columnist of the *Philadelphia Tribune* is one of the organizers of the present Mu Chapter of our Fraternity. Brother Jason organized this chapter in the year 1922 at the University of Pennsylvania in company with brothers, Bill Jackson, John Lee, Hasley Waller, "Cat" Archer, the Cooper brothers, "Bob" Nix, and Julius S. McClain.

Brother Jason, with 23 years as a U.S. Postal Clerk, a degree in Law and 17 years work in Mass and Labor Organization is kept very busy. He, however, does not fail to answer the call of Omega, any place, any time and anywhere Omega hails her gallant son.





# PHILADELPHIA

On the right are members and officers of the Lampados Club, Mu Chapter. Seated, left to right: Walter R. Williams, treasurer; Dennis M. McNeil, corresponding secretary; Walter H. Lively, president; Linwood Robinson, Dean of Pledges; Midlin T. Gibbs, Second District Representative; Victor C. Dunston, vice president, and Robert N. C. Nix, Jr., recording secretary. The roster includes Daniel S. Dow, Jesse E. Brown, Enoch U. Brown, James R. Cook, Robert H. Webb, Warren A. Henniger, Jr., William C. Jason, III, and Jay Hardaman Johnson, Jr.



**BRO. HUMBERT L. HOWARD, Artist**

Studied at Howard University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Fine Arts.

His work is beyond the usual and is now being collected by leading Art collectors. His paintings have been exhibited at the Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia Public Schools, Temple University, New York World's Fair, the Carlen Galleries, McClees Gallery, Philadelphia Suburban Station, Howard University, Sketch Club, Da-Vinci Exhibition, Congressional Library, University of California, at private showings and at the Pyramid Club in Philadelphia, where he is now Art Director.

**MELVIN J. CHISUM, B.S.**

Brother Chisum is now a freshman in the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He was also an undergraduate at that same institution where he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and the Phi Gamma Mu Honorary Social Science Fraternity.

Brother Chisum returned to the states in April 1946 after extensive overseas service in the Armed Forces. He held the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and served as Battalion Personnel Officer of the 492nd QM Bn.

He served as Vice Basileus of Mu Chapter throughout the year 1941.



**JOSEPH H. RAINEY, Magistrate**

Brother Rainey, a Philadelphia Magistrate since 1938 is one of Omega's ranking sons. He is a product of Central High School and the University of Pennsylvania. He was State Athletic Commissioner from 1935 to 1938.

Brother Rainey is a 33rd Degree Mason, an Elk, a member of the Frontiers Civic Club, North Philadelphia Civic League, Hotel Brotherhood, Board of Directors of Downingtown Industrial School; a commissioner of Fellowships Commission, and a member of Board of Directors of State Conference NAACP. In the last named organization, Brother Rainey now serves as President.

He is the grandson of the first Negro Congressman in the United States, Joseph H. Rainey, of South Carolina. And following in the footsteps of his grandfather, brother Rainey is a candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Philadelphia.





## SOUTHERN PRESS COMMENTS

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But even in this first torrent of violent protest, a few more moderate voices were heard. An editorial in the *Birmingham News* declared: "The gathering rebellion is putting too much energy into obstructive action and not enough on honest self-criticism and constructive self-improvement. . . . There is a call for positive action on the state and regional levels."

The *Little Rock Gazette* sounded a similar note. It urged that we "consider the proposals of the President as a bill of indictment and measure our performance against it." An affirmative answer, continued the *Gazette*, would be to substitute "intelligent, concerted action for the lip-service we have all too frequently given our own ideals of fair treatment for the Negro race."

The *Raleigh News and Observer* commented in a thoughtful, temperate editorial that "this is a time not for our angers but for our prayers — and prayerful work for the advance of all at home."

The *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* deplored the fact that the controversy tended to obscure the genuine value of the Report of the President's Committee as "a searching and useful contribution to progress on the civil rights front."

As the political phase of the controversy rose to fever pitch, more and more Southern editors began to see the danger in a purely negative protest that seemed all too often to be based as much on opposition to civil rights themselves as on opposition to federal legislation. The editor of the *Atlanta Journal*, Wright Bryan, observed: "The best answer, the only effective answer the South can make to what is being said elsewhere, is to set our own house in order."

The *Columbia Record* agreed with the *Atlanta Constitution* that "most Southerners would feel a little more comfortable about it all if the Southern politicians leading the present revolt against the Democratic party had had sense enough and the good taste to make their issue something else than civil rights. . . . No decent person can defend any proposal to deny anybody by law any of the civil rights."

Douglas S. Freeman, the biographer of Robert E. Lee and editor of the *Richmond News-Leader*, denounced the program of the Southern Governors in an editorial that was widely reprinted and commented upon by other Southern papers. Wrote Dr. Freeman:

"The program of the Southern Governors is wholly unrealistic. That ought to be said in plainest terms and ought to be realized by every Southerner, even by the victims of Negrophobia. . . . We must remember that the Negro has come a long way in 80 years, that he has encouragement in the North, that he possesses a new sense of political power. In addition, he knows that his status as a veteran cannot be challenged or his advantageous position destroyed. The South will do well to understand this, too, and to decide how far it will go, by compromise and conciliation in the way of equal justice, jury service, economic opportunity, and public employment. This is the minimum that will be demanded and, in time, will be won, whether we of the South like it or not."

The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* cut to the heart of

the matter in an editorial entitled "State's Duties as Well as State's Rights": "The important thing is for Virginia and the other Southern States to remember that there are State's duties, as well as State's rights, and that mere protestations against interference with State's rights are not enough. We in the South must demonstrate convincingly that we deserve to have our rights as citizens of States and localities respected."

These positive attitudes must not be interpreted as indicating a weakening in the opposition of the Southern press to the President's civil rights proposals. Although serving as the voice of Southern conscience, few editors have allowed themselves to entertain the notion that the South cannot or will not fulfill her own responsibilities. They admit that the international situation makes it necessary that swift advances be made in the region's protection of civil rights. But they seem also to agree that there is sufficient time for the South to do her own yielding.

Whether or not the South will adopt such a policy of constructive state action remains to be seen. So far, no Southern governor or other responsible spokesman has announced any intention of doing so.

## FOR WHITE MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE

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to what loyal Democrats would endure for party harmony—Late in 1947—after Chairman McGrath of the Democratic National Committee showed ridicule and scorn for our Constitutional State Rights—Governor Beauford Jester of Texas sounded the first warning that the South and good Democrats everywhere would not forever give blind obedience to renegade, false and Negro Democrats.

The warning of Governor Jester gained wide public approval in the genuine Democratic newspapers and meeting places of the South and the entire nation—But New Deal spokesmen scoffed and pooh-poohed the warning of Governor Jester—They laughed at the Texas spark as something they could stomp out with the greatest of ease—they had the usual contempt for "in the bag" Southern Democrats.

But the Texas spark did not die and since then fires have broken out in Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana — sparks are flying all over the South—Now, Governor Fielding Wright, backed almost by the unanimous support of the entire Democracy of Mississippi, has challenged the Democrats of the South and Nation to work with his State to put an end to the delivery of the Democratic Party to the Negroes, the C. I. O., the Pinks and Reds who control and ride herd over these minority groups.

On Thursday, January 29, 1948, senior U. S. Senator James Eastland of Mississippi told a joint session of both houses of the Mississippi legislature that "the South had its back to the wall," and that unless we defended the real Democratic Party we would soon be completely governed by a collection of "mongrels."

Senator Eastland said that, "In good times or in bad, the bone, sinew, flesh and the constancy of the Democratic Party was found below the Mason & Dixon Line."

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Instantly! Democrats asked "Then why not a Democratic Convention below the Mason - Dixon Line???"

Congressional delegations from several Southern states are talking the situation over—at last! Political leadership have ears to the ground, waiting for "We the People" to stomp and speak.

If you are tired of the threat of FEPC—sick of the Wallaces, Hannegans, McGraths and Peppers—wary of C. I. O. and the Reds who want to marry us into the willing arms of the Negro! You can now do something about it before it is too late! We must have

a Democratic Convention below the Mason - Dixon Line.

Five million white men and women of the South must get a message of approval to the thirteen governors of the Southern States—five million people must sign their name and address to one of these circulars and mail or carry it to their governor, asking for a Democratic Convention below the Mason - Dixon Line.

Your political leaders are waiting to hear from you — if you fail it will not be their fault. "The hope of the nation rests way down South in Dixie!"

Cordially, John U. Barr,  
P. O. Box 86—New Orleans 6, La.

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