

NATIONAL NEGRO PRESS CONVENTION

REALITY OF JIM CROW SYSTEM EXPOSED

HORROR OF JIM CROW TOLD IN LETTER TO N. A. A. C. P.

Railroad Employee Sights Personal Observations As Examples

In a letter sent to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a Negro railway employee who requests that his name be withheld describes a number of the more glaring abuses practiced on the Jim Crow railway cars in the South of which he knows through personal experience. The informant of the N. A. A. C. P. writes:

"The coaches which are furnished in most cases to the older in service, badly ventilated and filthy. These cars are known as combination cars, half given to baggage the other half divided for the purpose of smoking and day coaches for women. These smoking compartments are more or less filled with the baggage men and train conductor, which forces the passengers to stand and smoke while train employees who are supposed to be on duty occupy these seats."

"It is also a common occurrence to find that on account of the cramped condition of the day coach, women are compelled to find seats in the smoker facing the food reserved for men. There are no provisions made for feeding these passengers who are in many instances denied the use of the dining car even after the last call and all the white passengers have left the car."

"Recently, a lady enroute from New York to Tampa informed the train porter that she would like to have something to eat. This porter spoke to the train conductor who advised him to take her to the 'Niggers' table. She was not allowed to eat in dining cars in the State of Florida. This lady was forced to purchase sandwiches and such coffee as is served by runners meeting trains at the stations in the South."

"Another evil practiced by both train and sleeping car conductors in the South, mostly in the State of Florida, is when Colored passengers are occupying space in the sleeper and in many cases, the sleeping car here for your information a recent case in Palatka, a Colored woman who refused to leave her space in a Pullman car was thrown in jail, forced to remain there overnight and the next morning was fined \$518, the judge remarking 'Sorry I can't fine you more.'"

NEGRO BARRED FROM PRIMARY POLLS BY DEMOCRATS

New York, August 16—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today announced that Negroes were excluded from voting in the Democratic state primary election in Alabama on August 10. The rule sent out by the state executive committee provided that only "Qualified white electors" of the State could vote in that election.

The person transmitting the report to the N. A. A. C. P. comments that he hopes "the law will be brought to us to the necessity of contributing to the fund to fight the case in the United States Supreme Court to decide on the constitutionality of such rules and laws."

The case carried by the N. A. A. C. P. before the Supreme Court involves a similar law in Texas.

J. Weldon Johnson Elected Pres. of Garland Fund

New York, August 16—At the regular meeting a few days ago, of the American Fund for Public Service, known as the Garland Fund after the name of the donor, James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was elected president, it was announced today.

The Garland Fund made an initial gift of \$5,000 to the Legal Defense Fund raised by the N. A. A. C. P. and further gifts of upwards of \$21,000 as the N. A. A. C. P. met its efforts.

Mr. Johnson has for several years been one of the Board administering the Garland Fund, other officers being: Clinton Golden, Vice President; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Secretary; Morris Ernst, Treasurer; Lewis Gannett, Assistant Treasurer; Robert W. Dunn, Ben Gitlow, Roger Baldwin, Norman Thomas, H. H. Foster, Frieda Kirchwey, William Z. Foster and Professor Scott Nearing.

Colored Guard Prevents Jail-break

With small headlines and on the back page of one of the daily papers appeared the following news item:

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 16.—Courage of Hook Brown, a negro guard at the Cook county jail, who pretended he had a pistol in his pocket, prevented the possible escape of three prisoners Monday.

The trio, one of whom is awaiting execution had sawed their way out of their cells and overpowered one guard before the negro forced them back into their cells.

Daniel McGehegan, awaiting execution along with "Midget," Farnes and his cell partner, Matthew Stewart, awaiting trial on three charges of robbery, were the first to saw out.

Later Angelo Caggiano managed to crawl out of his cell. Caggiano is awaiting trial for robbery.

WHITE SYMPATHIZER MAKES GUN PLAY

Segregation Movement Hit Dramatic Climax

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 16.—The relentless fight being waged by the neighborhood group known as the Southwest Chamber of Commerce backed by its publicity sheet "South-Park Bulletin" in their futile effort to stay the Negro really invasion from their district was brought to dramatic climax last week when a white champion of a Colored property owner within the district made a play for public sympathy in behalf of his Colored friend.

This self-styled restrictive organization headed by F. C. Finckle, Z. Fitzgerald and Jerry Kern have endeavored thru various methods of intimidation, threats and promises to induce "White" Carrere, a Colored shipping clerk who recently bought a home at 721 W. 85th St. to move or sell out. Carrere flatly refuses to do either.

Larry E. Grand a young white man, foreman in the same place where Carrere is employed, heroically took upon himself the job of battering down the opposition to Carrere. He became almost a body guard for Carrere and his family.

Learning of the threatening attitude of the white agitators who it is said were planning to attack Carrere's home, and fearing for his friend's safety, Grand to win sympathy for Carrere, got a revolver and fired several shots in front of Carrere's home; one of which went thru a mail carrier's window across the street.

Grand was arrested and confined in jail. Judge, but undaunted, Grand declares he is ready to champion the Negro's cause in his fight against segregation.

The free publicity journal, "South-Park Bulletin" of the district is the chief agitator against the so called Negro invasion of their district, a section that lies directly in the path of the only logical expansion territory for the rapid increase of Colored population. A vital series of weekly articles an attempt is being made to stop the Negro invasion at all costs. So far their efforts have been fruitless and the Negro is closing in on the district. We are more than pleased that these men have awakened to a civic duty for South Park—this is one of the things that has impelled the Home Protective League members to work so hard and sacrifice so much to make this district white and keep it white, that we do not build a prosperous commonwealth only to be usurped by Negroes and other races. Business men as well as property owners are vitally interested because white people will draw the color line on trade, especially refreshment parlors, amusement places restaurants and all will lose heavily if catering to Negro trade in our district.

KLAN WOULD SCARE COLORED POSTMAN FROM HOME

A letter signed by the initials of the Ku Klux Klan ordering him to remove from his home in Hallis, Long Island, because of his race, has been received by Thomas B. Harper, Negro postman who purchased a home in this community on May 1st. Mr. Harper and his wife are fair Colored people, but when darker friends came to visit them, the agent who sold the home, together with the wife, were ordered to leave the property sought to have them accept back their equity and move.

When Mr. Harper refused to be run out of the community because of prejudice, he received a letter ordering him to move within a month and to sell to the agent.

A few nights thereafter a fiery cross was burned opposite his house. Mr. Harper appealed to the Lieutenant in charge of the precinct for protection and sought a permit to be armed in his house. This last request was denied.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has written to George McLaughlin, New York Commissioner of Police, urging that instructions be given the Lieutenant of the precinct to see that ample protection is granted Mr. Harper, in case needed.

GODFREY HERE FOR HERMON BOUT

George Godfrey, giant heavyweight, who is to meet "Fitz" Herman at the armory next Tuesday night, arrived in Portland Wednesday night accompanied by his manager, Jim Dougherty, famous "Baron of Leipsville," who acts as referee in the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby.

Godfrey reports himself in the best of condition for a hard fight. The long trip from Liverpool, Pa., was broken by a stopover of two days at Chicago, where Godfrey put in some hard training work in Jim Mullen's gymnasium.

Godfrey and Dougherty will return to the east immediately after the Herman fight, as Godfrey has been signed to box the semi-final in the Dempsey-Tunney championship fight, if a suitable opponent can be found for him.

SEASIDE NOTES

(By Lillian Morrow)

The three fishermen redeemed themselves before leaving for Portland. They went out on Thursday morning and returned with forty-four fish. You know the three fishermen are Bert Turner, Bill Bowers and John Moreland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turner, Mrs. K. Gray, Rev. and Mrs. Moreland motored to Cannon Beach last Thursday.

Mr. Lee C. Anderson motored to Seaside Thursday for Mrs. Anderson and son Donald, who have been here for the past three weeks.

Mr. Tolbert Allen spent the weekend with his family at Gearhart.

Mrs. K. Gray left Sunflower camp Friday for Portland.

Mr. Jerry Turner arrived at the Sunflower Friday noon to visit with his family who returned to Portland with him Saturday.

Mrs. L. A. Ashford who has been in Seaside for the past ten days returned to Portland Saturday morning.

Mr. A. H. Morrow spent the weekend at the Sunflower with his family.

Friday the 13th was red letter day at the Sunflower. Rev. and Mrs. Moreland celebrated their second anniversary. In the evening the members of the choir sang. All extended hearty congratulations. An anniversary card was presented bearing the signature of all members of the camp. The happy couple were delighted.

Mr. W. G. Bird spent Sunday at Seaside.

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Mrs. George Mullen and Mrs. H. C. Baker and little daughter, Bertha, spent Sunday in Seaside.

Mrs. Lena Welsh and Mrs. Luella Johnson were hostesses at a very delightful flower party at Gearhart, Thursday evening. Mrs. Bowers, Jerry Turner, Mr. Melvin Dawson, Theodore Allen and Wert Morton.

Mrs. Wm. Abernathy and granddaughter, Bonita Delacy, returned to Portland last night. The bedside of her brother whom she recently buried. She has been appointed administratrix of his estate and will be returning to look after his affairs in about thirty days.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson and Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes of Richmond, Va., who are touring the Pacific Coast, visited in Portland for several days last week. They had a very pleasant stay at the Sunflower this week.

Mrs. Worthen and Family, and Mrs. S. Smith and family of Portland arrived in Seaside Sunday. They are domiciled at Word's Cottages.

Thursday was such a beautiful day that the entire camp decided to take a dip. There was quite a lot of fun when it was learned that the "timid lady" escorted by Bert Turner was J. W. Curry. The youngsters really believed she was afraid of the water.

We forgot to plant the Sunflowers but we will have them on hand next season.

Who's Who In N. A. C. P. Rev. H. C. Bishop

Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop is pastor of St. Phillips Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City, which is reputed to be the richest Negro church in the world, owning much of Harlem real estate, including apartment houses. Rev. Bishop has been pastor of this church for more than 30 years, the tremendous growth in membership to upwards of 3,000 and in wealth to upwards of \$1,000,000, having occurred during his pastorate. Rev. Bishop is a faithful advisor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, having been a member of the Board of Directors for some years, and regularly attending their meetings.

Too Much Religion

An old farmer had a pasture, thro which ran a fine brook. It was used occasionally by the Baptists of his vicinity. The last time they resorted to it, what was their surprise and chagrin to find posted at the gateway this notice: "Positively no more baptizing in my pasture. Twice in the last two months my gate has been left open by Christian people, and I can't afford to chase cattle all over the country just to save a few sinners."

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LOCAL AND FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. Belle Gallager, sister of Mrs. William Cain, is suffering with eye trouble. She is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cain on East 20th Street.

Edward C. Morgan has resigned from the Orchestra on the S. S. H. F. Alexander and is playing in a Los Angeles Orchestra.

Rev. and Mrs. John F. Moreland are back from Seaside after a pleasant two weeks vacation. Mrs. Moreland is very enthusiastic over her trip, saying that it was her first time to bathe in the Ocean.

Mrs. Mary Turner and her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Baker, returned home on Sunday, August 16th, from six weeks trip which took them to Topeka, Wichita, and Kansas City; Denver, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento. In Topeka they visited Mrs. Turner's uncle and cousin; and in Kansas City they visited her mother-in-law and sister-in-law, and friends.

In every place they were royally entertained and met many of their old school friends.

Dr. and Mrs. John McPherson Thomas of Charleston, S. C. have issued announcement of the marriage of their niece, Lillian Carolyn Thomas, to Mr. William Lawrence.

The ceremony took place on the fourth of August, 1926. They are at 225 West 139th St., New York City.

Landscape is Mr. Hayes' piano accompanist and was with him here last season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stewart of La Grande, Ore., are visiting Mr. Stewart's sister, Mrs. W. T. Johnson of Richmond, Va. They report a very fine time.

Johnny (feeling the furniture): "Huh! This isn't even warm!" Neighbors (just moved in): "What do you mean?" Johnny: "Why, ma told ya you had a hot looking bunch of furniture."

"Most any woman will brag about her husband when they are out in company," comments Hugh Green, but, oh boy, when she gets him home!"

After morning services Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Dyer entertained at luncheon Mrs. W. T. Johnson, wife of Rev. W. T. Johnson of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, Grand Presiding Shepherd I. O. S. & D. of B., Vice President State Federation of the Richmond Neighborhood Association, and wife of Rev. Wm. M. Stokes, Editor Lott Carey Herald, and wife of Richmond, Va. and Mrs. Fay Wright of California.

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Eddie Binford, the local tenor singer, and Mrs. L. M. Bird bearing date August 14th and posted at St. Louis, bringing greetings to her Portland friends.

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While in Portland they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Dyer and Mrs. R. H. Young. They were entertained at an elaborate luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Scott, on Tibbetts Street.

Webster Strawder, who is popular in church and fraternal circles, was married last night at the home of East 24th Street North to Mr. Florence Bell of Hannibal, Mo. Rev. E. C. Dyer, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist church, officiated.

ODDFELLOWS SHIRT WAIST BALL AT HIBERNIA HALL ON MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 23rd.

Philadelphians Want Judge Henry Fof Grand Exalted Ruler

Philadelphia, Pa., August 16.—The candidacy of Judge Edward W. Henry of Magistrate Court No. 2, for Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World was given added impetus here when it became known that the former is personal service of the Stanley Company of America, Albert Greenfield, millionaire realtor, and Samuel O. Lit of the firm of Lit Brothers, are supporting him.

In an interview, one of them said: "All of the outstanding members of my race are pulling strong for Judge Henry to run. We admire his courage, his extreme sense of fairness, his manly attitude on all issues."

I might say that should Judge Henry gain the office that it will bring to Philadelphia the honor of having two of its citizens as Grand Exalted Rulers of the Elks—Mr. Grakelov of the department of welfare, head of the white branch of the big fraternal family, and Judge Henry, leading the Colored branch.

"It is the intention of Mr. Grakelov and other municipal celebrities to greet Judge Henry at the station upon his return from the Elks convention at Cleveland. Of course, we feel that he cannot lose."

Mr. Mastbaum, Mr. Greenfield and Mr. Lit are Jews.

BOOKER WASHINGTON LIFE STORL TOLD TO INDIANS

Educator uses Negroes Life To inspire Red Men

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 16.—Speaking before a large gathering of whites and Indians including delegates from 29 Indian Tribes at the second National Indian Congress recently held in Spokane, Paul Wapato, noted Indian athlete, university graduate, lecturer and journalist held his audience spellbound as he spoke on "Going Back To The Blanket." In part Mr. Wapato said:

"I am going to tell you the sweetest story I ever heard, a story that can be found in counterpoint only in the book of books, forever filled with that great hope that leads us in our lives, to overcome the circumstances and untoward events that come into our lives." He then related the life and work of Booker T. Washington, using it as an inspirational illustration of his message that wherever a human life is dominated by a high ideal, progress is possible.

"When I read the story of that Colored boy who came from such low environment to become president of the greatest Colored school in America, I ask myself if a Negro boy can make that progress, why can't you and I, with all the advantages provided by the Government, why can't we make the same progress? I tell you it is just a case of the heart. As you Americans, this is in your heart, that you will be."

"I want all of you Indians to be proud of your nationality. I want you to live in such fashion that the rest of the world will be proud that you are an Indian. I want you to live in keeping with the principles and teachings of our civilization. This is our only hope. If we expect to achieve these things that have been mentioned we have got to be wide awake. We have to keep abreast of the times."

Mr. Wapato who is often mentioned as the Booker T. of the Indians, said he would like to see the flag of the program representing the Blackfeet, Flathead, Keetane, Calispell, Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Umatilla, Spokane, Yakima, Klamath, Okanogan, Snohomish and Shoshone tribes.

Wapato, who is a member of the Washington, spoke briefly on the desire of Congress to assist the Indian. Chas. A. Fleming, Mayor of Spokane, gave a short address of welcome.

PULLMAN PORTERS SEEK REDRESS

The Pullman car porters' want a decent wage, better hours, some provision made for at least part of a night's sleep when their work is over, and abolition of tipping. Moreover, they are at last organizing to get these things.

No fair-minded person can possibly wish the porters anything but the best of luck. No class of workmen give more service to the public, more cheerfully, for less money. The porters' union is what the company gives him, and often are outrageously long. What sleep he gets he has to snatch in the men's washroom between calls. And his present wage makes tips absolutely necessary to his existence.

What the porters want is to have their job put on the same self-respecting basis as any other man's job.

They can not see why the service they give the traveling public, simply because it is personal service of a semi-domestic sort, should put them in a class by themselves, depriving them of the consideration which other workers receive.

In all of this they are logical and right.—Sacramento Bee.

Des Moines' Elks Split

The Des Moines, Iowa order of Elks have been granted a dispensation by J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, for the purpose of holding another election. The District Deputy ruled that the previous election was illegal, on the grounds that the Exalted Ruler was unfinancial at the time of his election. This the E. R. elct denied, and as a result an election was held outside of the regular meeting place. Now there is a split in the order. It is personal service of a semi-domestic sort, should put them in a class by themselves, depriving them of the consideration which other workers receive.

PROMINENT WOMEN VISITORS

Noted among prominent visitors to Portland this week were the following: Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the National Association of Colored Women Clubs and President of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida; Mrs. Mary E. Mason (widow of Dr. M. C. B. Mason) of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the National Association of Colored Women Clubs and Secretary to the president of the N.A.C.W. and Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida; Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, Chairman of the Executive Board of the N.A.C.W. and Superintendent of the Virginia Industrial School for Girls, Peaks Turnout, Virginia; Miss Jose Roberts, Director of Music, Bethune-Cookman College, and Miss Alice M. Paxton, Secretary of the Bethune-Cookman College.

The ladies arrived at 7:45 A. M. Thursday from Oakland and other California cities where they visited at the close of the Biennial Convention of Colored Women's Clubs held in Oakland, California.

The trip here marked Mrs. Bethune's first official visit to Oregon. Club women who assembled during the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Bogle, 357 36th Street where Mrs. Bethune addressed them.

"BARNEY" GETS LIVE PERSONALS

Has Campaign Stunt For Friend Cal

(By Barney)

To be a star reporter on this paper isn't so easy as many think for the boss wants good, live news and lots of it. He told me to go out and pick up some local items. He didn't want me to do any shuffling, but a star reporter must have a peculiar eye for news. That's why a cross-eyed reporter often writes the best stuff. He can see it when others think he is looking the other way.

I took a stroll to the Stadium and watched the building operations. Something struck me funny. I don't mean that I got soaked on the bean. I noticed that they had a good bit of ground on hand and didn't know where to haul it. I suggested that they should do as they do in Seattle. "How's that?" asked Timothy Tillman. "Why, they dig a hole and throw it in." Boss, if my legs hadn't got too tired, I'd be running yet. I guess, if Tillman could haul a gotten hold of me, my head would be a beany.

By the way, over in New York the bulls run wild on the stock market, according to the papers. This is not a local item exactly, but perhaps I ask myself if a Negro boy can make that progress, why can't you and I, with all the advantages provided by the Government, why can't we make the same progress? I tell you it is just a case of the heart. As you Americans, this is in your heart, that you will be."

I won. Then we kept on matching and I kept on winning. Finally he said he would match me for a quarter, and he lost. He came back and asked me to be a game sport and match him for a dollar. Again, I won. Then we kept on matching and I kept on winning. Finally he said he would match me for all the money I had against all he had. Well, there's when I got it in my necks and laid \$29 on the table, and he dug up 14 cents. Never again. Wall Street may have wild bulls; I don't want any. I'm going to stick on the job as the star reporter on the Advocate.

Portland is good enough for me, and I hope to bring my girl, Debbie, here from Kleinfelersville, unless the boss fires me. If I can't make the boss money on the Advocate, Debbie can help me a little by getting a job at Richardsons.

A scoop news item can't be picked up so easily as the boss thinks. I was in Salem the other day, and a little fellow came across the street and asked: "Mister, where is the other side of the street?" I answered: "Why, over there where you came from, of course." He replied: "I was over here, and a man told me it was over here."

Now, if A. A. Jones could be a better one, let him come across. I'll take one, more chance on matching.

If the newspaper gets too dull and the boss can't afford to pay the high salary I deserve but don't get, I may go with Patterson as his confidential manager.

I managed a campaign for a judge and he won. I kissed all the babies—clean and dirty and gave the boys and girls what they wanted. We had opposition to a frazzle, and they don't to this day know how we did it. My services as campaign manager are as good as they are at star reporting. That means, too, a salary accordingly.

If I had my own way I would have a beauty contest in this town every month, and I'd be the judge, with E. Williams as my assistant, in case I couldn't agree. That would mean lots of publicity for "The Advocate." The people would ask: "Who's our judge?" Back would come the reply: "Barney, the greatest star reporter on the Advocate." Gee, the subscriptions would come rolling in the money that the boss could spend.

Sagin, my friend, Cal Coolidge, wrote me confidentially and asked whether we could find a window to display one of his fish. He said it would give him cheap publicity in case he wanted to run for another term. I thought perhaps Meier & Frank would give us some window space. I guess the fish is dead by the time it arrives. That, of course, would mean a dead campaign stunt. I'd better tell Cal to get another one at a deal. I'll tell him the folks in this town are live-wires and wide-awake, especially since I'm here.

Thanks for the buggy ride, boss.

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The party left at 11:15 P. M. for Seattle. The women of the party expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended them here by all who had the pleasure of contacting them and they were also charmed with Portland's marvellous natural beauty.

Mrs. M. C. B. Mason of Chicago spent the entire day with Mrs. L. H. Preston and Mrs. E. D. Canady at the former's home. All are friends of long standing. An automobile drive was enjoyed during the afternoon, including stops at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gregory, 937 Rodney Avenue where Mrs. Mason spent a very pleasant time with Mrs. Gregory who appeared much improved. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Charleston, and other homes of colored people were pointed out to the distinguished visitor. Returning to Mrs. Canady's home, the party enjoyed an exquisite lamp shade in the evening. Mesdames Preston, Mason, Kenny and Canady drove to the home of Mrs. L. K. Weeks, 444 Benton Street where they viewed some of her handicraft, including art needle work and exquisite lamp shades. Mrs. Weeks and her guest joined the party and together they escorted Mrs. Mason to her train. Mrs. Mason was presented a basket of Oregon grown fruit and flowers.

Mrs. Ella Day for six years House Secretary of the Indiana Avenue Branch Y.W.C.A., Chicago, Illinois is spending two weeks as the guest of Mrs. L. K. Weeks, 444 Benton Street. Mrs. Day and her hostess are friends of many years standing and Mrs. Weeks is making her guest's visit very pleasant. Previous to accepting her present position succeeding Mrs. H. H. Preston, Mrs. Day taught school in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Handsaker and family will soon be domiciled in their newly built home.

Mrs. Ida M. Finch of Seattle, Wn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lattimer, at their residence in Rose City Park. She spoke at the Bahai Center Friday evening.

The Roland Hayes Quartet will be heard in a program of Negro music over radio station CKW Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Mrs. L. A. Melker and her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Brown, pretty University of Minnesota student are expected in the city one day next week to visit Mrs. Melker, Mrs. George W. Kenny, 294 Fairview Street, Mrs. Melker who lives in St. Paul, Minn., visited here some years ago and is known to many Portlanders who met her at that time.