Civic Drive Ends Tonight With Fete; 13,000 on Roll

Then NAACP membership campaign closes officially tonight (Friday) with a "feast night" observance at Sharp St. Methodist Church.

Already some 13,000 members have been enrolled this year and it is expected that the number will near the 14,000 mark with returns to be made at tonight's meeting.

Prizes and awards will be given to outstanding workers in the drive, according to Miss Marion O. Bond, campaign director from the national office.

Dr. Charles Watts, local dentist and a member of the NAACP executive board, was lauded at the last meeting for outstanding work with the special gifts committee, which, under his leadership, reported $300.

The standings of the divisions are: Northwest, 6,000 members; West, 3,000; South, 971; and East 1,772.

Miss Bond urges all workers to be present at tonight's meeting with complete reports on members solicited to date and all unused materials.

CHARLES WATTS

JC in Education Condemned by Texas University Student

NEW YORK — (ANP)—Educational segregation was condemned by a young Southerner at the second session of the Herald-Tribune forum at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel last week when Jack Summerfield, white graduate student at the University of Texas, declared that "educational segregation can be eliminated in Texas without serious consequencies."

He said the segregated system "is degrading and obstructs the progress of civil rights." He cited the successful experience at State Universities in Maryland and West Virginia in refuting opinions that "disaster" would result if educational segregation was lifted.

Mr. Summerfield said that, "on the whole, students at Texas University are ready for admission of colored people." Mrs. Ada Sipuel Fisher preceded Mr. Summerfield and told of her unsuccessful efforts to enter Oklahoma University's Law School.

Jamaicans Ask Probe of Airbase

KINGSTON, Jamaica (ANP) — Officials at Vernam Field, United States airbase in Jamaica, last week, were charged with practicing "an alarming color discrimination" in the House of Representatives.

The government was requested to investigate reports of the color bar at the airbase, and also reports that civilian employees have been subjected to far-reaching indignities. Reports indicate that workers are searched each evening in a "rough and crude" manner.

Hugh Olive Cork, Argricultural Party MHR for southern Clarendon, shot questions at the Jamaica minister for the social welfare and the government concerning the operations at the base.

Provisional minister, Linden Gladstone Newland, is scheduled to give the government's reply at the next House meeting in November.

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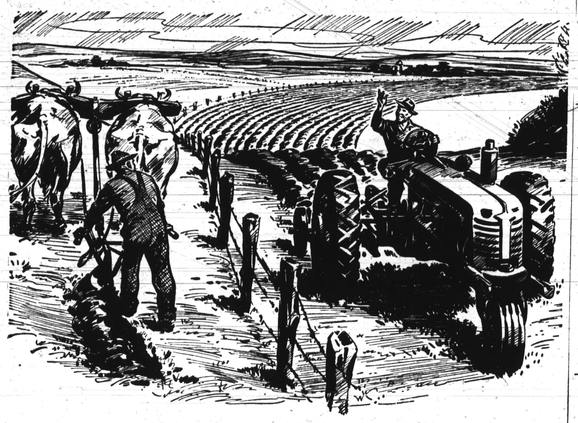

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Two Held for Grand Jury on Fatal Stabbing Counts

A man and a woman were held without bail for grand jury action, Tuesday, at Western Police Court in two fatal stabbings, both occurring during drinking parties.

The man, Andrew Perkins, 55, of 604 Sarah Ann St., was charged with stabbing his brother-in-law, Thomas Powell, on Sept. 19. The woman, Miss Eligear Bell, 34, of 532 S. Burgundy St., was charged with stabbing Roland Dorsey on Oct. 11.

Sister Only Witness

The only witness at the hearing in the Perkins case was Mrs. Eleanor Powell of 632 Sarah Ann St., the victim's wife and the defendant's sister.

She testified that during a drinking party, her husband and Miss Minnie Smith, her brother's friend, had an argument over his hat which was followed by a tussle.

Mrs. Powell said that she went to get her mother and turned at the door in time to see her husband fall to the floor bleeding. She said that she had not seen the actual stabbing and didn't know who had done it.

Identifies Knife

Mrs. Powell also identified a knife as belonging to her husband and claimed that she had seen a brown-handled knife in Miss Smith's handbag when the latter came to the house.

Perkins's lawyer requested a dismissal of the case upon this testimony but Magistrate Pairo held Perkins since a knife had been found which he admitted using to stab Powell.

According to the testimony of Officers who were called to the scene of the crime, Powell was found slumped on the floor. He was taken to University Hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Two Knives in Room

Officers also said that one knife was found beside the body and another on the sofa on the other side of the room where Powell was said to have been before the crime.

Perkins was arrested on Oct. 21 when he came to the station to give himself up.

The other witness, Miss Smith, has not been seen since the stabbing, according to Mrs. Powell.

Nobody Saw Stabbing

There were three witnesses against Miss Bell in the other case, but none saw the actual stabbing.

The most damaging evidence was given by Mrs. Alverta Douglass of 617 Warner St., who said that when visiting Miss Bell, the day before the incident, the latter said she would "either kill Roland or leave him."

Dorsey and Miss Bell supposedly had been living together for several years.

Mrs. Douglass testified that she had come to the party with money for her "treat" which consisted of a fifth of wine, and left when Miss Bell and Dorsey started an argument. She added that she did not know what the dispute was about.

All Had Been Drinking

William Dorsey, of 614 Eisler St., said that he brought his bottle of wine with him and they all had been drinking.

He heard Miss Bell and Dorsey in an argument he continued, and tried to get Dorsey to leave, but was unsuccessful.

He said further that he saw Miss Bell with an open knife and as he rushed out the door he turned in time to see Dorsey fall to his knees. Mr. Barnes added that he had seen Dorsey strike Miss Bell twice before the stabbing.

Miss Beatrice (Snooks) Grall, of 507 S. Burgundy St., testified that everyone had been drinking and she had been sent out three times for fifths of wine.

Saw Dorsey Smack Her

She said further that she saw Dorsey smack Miss Bell, after which the latter went upstairs and returned with a switchblade knife which she opened with her teeth.

Miss Grall said that she did not see the actual stabbing because she started for the door directly behind Mr. Barnes.

Officer Frank Melzen, who was called to the house of the crime, testified that in a statement given by Miss Bell after her arrest, she said that Dorsey had called her no good and had hit her.

She is also said to have stated that she got the knife from upstairs, opened it with her teeth, and cut Dorsey.

Texas School Case Rehearing Refused

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas State Supreme Court, Wednesday, denied Herman M. Sweatt's motion for a rehearing in the case in which it had denied Sweatt's plea for a writ of mandamus compelling the University of Texas to admit him as a student.

The action was the final legal move within the State to force the University of Texas to admit colored students—but attorneys for Sweatt indicated that they would appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Attorneys for the State argued that its segregated law school facilities at Austin are equivalent to those offered in the University of Texas for whites.

Mrs. Wilson Sues Male for Divorce

Mrs. Pearl Cole Wilson, city school supervisor filed a suit for divorce against Earl Wilson, this week, charging that he has deserted her without reason.

Mrs. Pearl Cole Wilson

They were married in 1941 and lived together until March 17 of this year.

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Seek Solution at Wilberforce

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The governor told the assembly that he and Bishop A. J. Allen had agreed on the commission, adding that "there must not be any segregation in our public schools and State-supported universities.

He expressed belief that the problem can be solved. Much could be done, he said, by himself and the church, but the final solution must come through the State legislature, he warned.

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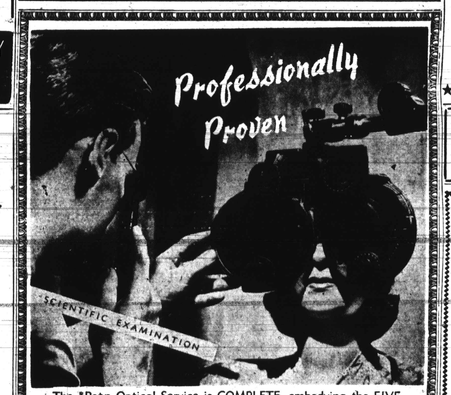

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