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S. C. Klan Attack Negroes Off Sea Coast

CONWAY, S. C. (ANP) The recent attack by the Ku Klux Klan against Negroes in Myrtle Beach which resulted in the death of a police officer wearing a white robe was judged by many persons as part of a drive to get Negroes off the beautiful sea coast here.

Myrtle Beach proper is a resort for white people along the Atlantic ocean. Next to it is Atlantic Beach, a luxurious vacation spot run by Negroes. It is owned by a George Tyson.

Both spots feature such items as night clubs, dancing spots, and swank eating places as well as bathing and beach facilities.

It is believed by many that certain white elements would like to get the Negroes off the seashore spot.

This raid was just one of several recent Klan attacks against Negroes in this area. Earlier about 20 cars suffocating with hooded whites invaded Anderson and surrounded a Negro cafe and pool room.

About 25 Negroes fled when they saw the white robed men, but one Negro had the nerve to ask them what they wanted. His answer was a lash with a belt. When he drew his knife to defend himself, Policeman Roy Wilson, who witnessed the event, pulled out his gun and disarmed him.

The KKK told the cafe owners, Gordon Williams, that it wanted him to stop all "unnecessary" noises while a revival meeting (of Negroes) was being held.

In the Myrtle Beach attack the white supremacy order used a similar dodge in attacking Charlie Fitzgerald, owner of a Negro dance hall and night club.

Fitzgerald called the Myrtle Beach police, telling them there would be trouble if the Klan rumbled through the Negro community again. The police told the Klan, and the KKK moved back in.

Klansmen, inspired by the threat of trouble, reorganized their forces and moved into the Negro

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From Police Blotter

By Jimmie N. Jones

Over in Municipal Court Judge Paul Sherer handed down the following penalties: For improper operation, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, 603 S. Euclid ave., found herself being fined \$100 and cost and sentenced to 30 days in the W. H. after pleading guilty to charges of hitting a 1949 Buick, property of Lawerance Robinson, of 24 Yale avenue at the corner of Edgewood and Salem on May 30. The fine and sentence was suspended on condition that she pay the damages amounting to \$33.

For driving while drunk. Friday the following were fined: Floyd Bandall, 48, Galloway st., \$100 and cost and his right to drive for three years "on the ground". William P. Davis, 32, Leroy st., \$50 and cost, with a 90 days W. H. sentence suspended; Another charge of improper operation got William F. James, 319 S. Wood-

word ave., Springfield, Ohio \$50 and cost, suspended, on condition that he pay the damages to Virginia Simms, of 848 Connors st, whom he injured at the intersection of Germantown st. on June 13, 1949.

Charged with petit larceny, and fined \$50 and cost sentenced to 30 days, suspended, for the theft of Miami Valley hospital laundry, was Trebor R. Offord.

Charged with petit larceny, and fined \$50 and cost was Issac Stanley 621 Tyrone st., with 30 days in the W. H., suspended. While two were fined for loitering. \$100 and cost and 30 days. They were: Walter Hunter, of 40 Joe st., and DeSalle Irons, 921 Germantown st., Charged with vagrancy and fined \$50 and cost with 30 days attached were: James Stevens, home at large, and William Allen, 64 Jones st.

Refuses To Drop Ban On Negroes, Jews

PORTLAND, Ore. (ANP)—Pi Kappa Phi last week voted to retain its ban on Negroes and Jews at its biennial meeting here.

Explaining its stand, the fraternity said it decided to continue its restrictions on the two minority groups because nearly half its chapters are in the south. Pi Kappa Phi has 72 chapters and 15,000 members.

This session marked the first time Pi Kappa Phi ever considered the question of Negroes and Jews at its national meeting. The fraternity has failed to grow much in recent years because of its discriminatory practices.

Several colleges such as the University of New Mexico and the University of Michigan have refused to allow the fraternity to establish chapters on their campuses because of the discriminatory clauses in the fraternity's constitution.

National President Howard Leake had recommended a "practical" solution to the problem - have the fraternity repeal its discriminatory constitutional clauses, then continue the practice of not admitting Negroes or Jews.

By dropping the constitutional ban, the fraternity would live up to the demands of schools which now refuse recognition on their campuses.

To Launch Speaking Tour

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (ANP)—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president-emerita of Bethune-Cookman college and past president of the National Association of Colored women, will begin a series of speaking engagements in the north and east around the middle of September, it was announced here last week.

Mrs. Bethune recently returned to her home here to take part in the summer session commencement at Bethune-Cookman, the institution she founded 46 years ago. She is currently president of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and history.

Lift "No Way Out" Ban After NAACP Protest

CHICAGO, August 31.—Nelson M. Willis, president of the Chicago branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today wired NAACP Executive Secretary Walter White that the police censor ban on the film "No Way Out" that city has been lifted after protest by the NAACP.

Mr. White sent a telegram last week to Mayor Martin D. Kennelly, urging him to reconsider and rescind the ban. The local branch of the Association led the fight for reversal of the ban, with the support of other interested groups and individuals.

Mr. Willis informed Mr. White that the branch had about 150 persons attend two private showings of the film, holding a meeting afterward to plan action. Marshall Field, publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times, was in the audience. After the meeting the Sun-Times carried an editorial backing the NAACP in its fight to have the picture shown.

Sports Review

By Jimmie N. Jones

The Wilberforce State college football team will play the Tennessee State team at Comiskey park Friday night October 20, according to the schedule released to the Associated Press. Both schools are members of the Midwest Conference in which Tennessee was the 1949 champion and will replace the perennial Tuskegee game usually playing the "Force" team annually.

If Joe Louis, "unretired" champion of the boxing world may remain active on the boxing horizon, if he gets by Ezzard Charles on September 27 according to those close to him. Of course the big "If" remains the answer. According to the "Brain Trust" in the Champs boxing camp at Pompton Lakes, say Joe has his weight down to 218 now and intends to enter the ring at either 214 or 218 in his comeback wehttih vad 218 in his comeback with the N.

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Asked For Night Off To Attack Negroes

If a certain race-hating policeman here in Myrtle Beach had worked as he was supposed to, he probably would have been alive today.

James Daniel Johnston, killed last week in a Ku Klux Klan attack on Negroes here, asked for the fatal night off, according to Mayor A. C. Thompson. He did not tell the mayor why he did not want to work. The mayor said:

"If he was a Klansman, I did not know it . . . I don't think there are any other officers in the Klan . . . I am not and never have been a member of the Klan"

Johnston's death also saved the state of South Carolina from another racehating magistrate. He had won the Democratic nomination for the post of magistrate in District 1 of Horry county. He had planned to stay on the police force until March, 1951, when he was to take office.

On that fatal night, he did not even take time to remove his uniform. He merely put on a white KKK robe over it and went out to do another job with his fellow terrorists.

Today, he is buried at a Conway cemetery. Although he is gone, many other whites apparently sympathize with him. More than 1,500 of them attended his funeral with only about 500 able to get seats inside or out at the Cedar Grove Baptist church.

Mourners provided him with six truckloads of flowers for the affairs. A loudspeaker was set up outside the church to carry the curious and the sympathetic the messages from four white ministers:

The Rev. R. L. Deneen, pastor, First Baptist church of Conway, who officiated; the Rev. A. F. Ragan, minister, Conway Methodist church; the Rev. Eugene Jones, minister, Conway circuit of

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