

# Beach Scandal Aired In Court

## NEGRO BATHERS OUTRAGED AT MANHATTAN BEACH

Negro citizens of Manhattan Beach and Los Angeles City and County who dare to bathe in the ocean are meeting with about as much consideration from the authorities of that municipality as the Christians met with in Rome when Saint Paul was preaching Christianity to the heathen.

Tuesday morning, August 2nd, the fat-top, white bidding that stands about in the center of the town of Manhattan and serves as City Hall, Fire Department, Police Department and jail was the scene of a mock trial in which four Negro citizens were tried and found guilty of the offense of bathing in the Pacific Ocean.

For more than a year, a seething war has been waged against Negroes at Manhattan Beach. In spite of the fact that some of our best Negro citizens own summer homes there. But it seems that a climax in the determination to drive them out came when, some months ago Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter erected a modern, up-to-date, 10-room house, much better than the homes owned by the lazy, poor white, race haters, whose only claim to wealth is invested in race hate.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

And this is the way it came about. The poor-white race haters lined up with the Police Department and these pig, purty (supposedly law enforcers) gathered in from the peeples' money, started in from the peeples' money, started in on a reign of terror. Their first move, it seemed, was to have up the Trustees of Manhattan, which, seemingly, was an easy task, and this honorable bunch of red-necks were in a haste which they gave to Mr. Basanotte, which it seemed gave him sole possession of block 9 in tract No. 3867 and he in turn instructed the hounds of war to rack vengeance on all Negroes. Hence the court scene.

For the past few months Negroes have been invited off the beach; for the past few weeks they have been thrown off. But on July 17th, four members of the race were arrested and thrown in jail. Two of whom were in their bathing suits and were refused an opportunity to change. They gave bond of \$100 each and were cited to appear in court Tuesday, August 1, 1927.

On Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock the case was called. Mr. Basanotte was represented by the City Attorney and the four defendants by Attorney Hugh E. Macbeth.

After C. Basanotte testified under oath and cross examination that he had a lease on block 9 of tract No. 3867 at the foot of 26th St., but would not state whether or not he had ever actually paid a dime for the same when they were very shortly attempted to draw him out on this point the City Attorney very quickly objected on the ground that the question was immaterial, irrelevant and without foundation; the judge sustained the objection.

City Macbeth then proceeded to cross examine Basanotte.

Q. Did you have a sign posted?  
A. Yes, No trespassing.  
Q. Did this sign mean no trespassing by colored people?  
A. It meant no trespassing by white people.  
Q. On July 17, when these four defendants seated here were arrested and lodged in jail were there any white people on the same spot?  
A. Yes.  
Q. Were they arrested?  
A. Yes.  
Q. Then your sign was posted for colored people only.  
A. Yes.  
Q. You consider colored people unclean?  
A. Yes.

Linford C. Hall, city engineer, was next called. He produced the lease and verified Mr. Basanotte's testimony.

Officers Alex Macbeth, J. Thompson and Jack Gordon then testified. They answered questions to the effect that they were on duty July 17th and arrested the four defendants because they refused to leave the beach.

The three officers swore that they took the four defendants by the arm and threw them off the beach.

Dale, city engineer, was next called. He testified that he had been in Manhattan Beach and that he saw the sign posted when the four defendants were arrested. He testified that the sign said "No colored people allowed."

## OUT OF THE PAST—MIGHTY PAGEANT THRILLS LARGE AUDIENCE

Mrs. Lillian J. Crow, author, and director of the Pageant "Out of the Past," scored a signal triumph Tuesday evening when she demonstrated her super genius as an impresario. Then, under her personal direction, this production was staged to the edification and enthusiastic applause of a monster audience at the big Phipps-Armour Auditorium.

Never in the history of the past has such a super production been staged in these parts. Promptly on time, the music, did the unfolding of things, Mr. Floyd Covington, came forward and announced the first episode of "Out of the Past."

Marvelous indeed was the scene unfolded of the setting in Egypt with old Pharaoh and the scene in Africa, Episode No. 2 depicting the Colonists Days, Geo. Washington, enacted by O. E. McKinley and Crispus Attucks by Roy C. Shealy. Episode No. 3, "Slavery Days," featuring the spirituals led by Mrs. Florence White, Mr. Chas. Boston, Pearl Rose, Lillian Moore and W. L. Holland, accompanied by the big choruses. Scene 2, home life and the old time Quadrille were features.

Episode No. 4, "Freedom," scenes of worship, featuring Emanuel Hall, the famous baritone singing "Old Black Joe" and Mrs. Charlotte Green and chorus, "Steal Away," G. H. Daniels, Nat Smith, Mrs. E. L. Jones and Mrs. Florence White, accompanied by chorus.

Scene 2 was the Emancipation, with Mr. W. H. Smith, in the role of Abraham Lincoln, featuring the grand choruses in the song, "Free at Last."

Episode No. 5 was "Democracy," the role of Uncle Sam was enacted by M. H. Broyles. The Rose of No Man's Land was sung by Mrs. Irene Forsythe and chorus.

Episode 6, Progress, H. W. Strain, enacted the role of W. E. B. DuBois, M. C. Hall, Booker T. Washington and A. Hicks, Frederick Douglas. Quite 20 representations were made and represented of fields of endeavor.

## Woman Becomes Banker, Editor, Executive Head of Oldest Negro Bank

(By: A. N. P.)

Richmond, Va., Aug. 1.—Negro women of today are doing things. The approaching 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Independent Order of St. Luke, which is to be held here August 15-18, aside from being an appreciation of that famous organization's accomplishments, is equally a tribute to the remarkable career of its head and guiding genius, a woman, Missie T. Walker.

Mrs. Walker is executive secretary of the Independent Order of St. Luke, a member of the Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P., Vice-President of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, a trustee of the Frederick Douglass Home at Anacostia, D. C., founder and president of the Council of Colored Women of Richmond, owning its own \$20,000 home. She is the founder and has been managing editor of the St. Luke Herald since 1902. She founded what is the oldest Negro Bank in the country, the Saint Luke Bank and Trust Co., and has been its president since its birth in 1864. For a long time she was the only woman Bank president in the country. Surely that is a record for usefulness and service that any American, black or white, man or woman, might aspire to.

The Order of St. Luke was founded in Baltimore in 1827, in the thirty-seven years which Mrs. Walker has been at the helm of this great lodge, she has seen it grow from 2403 members to more than 100,000, scattered over a number of States; to the ownership of a building valued at \$100,000; to the development of a surplus fund of \$75,000; to the establishment of 15,000 children in child and health clubs; to the use of 55 clerks who operate the home office and 105 field workers.

Not only colored people but whites as well express their appreciation of Missie T. Walker's contribution to the life of her people, her city and her country. Governor Lee Frizkin, speaking at a recent meeting at the city of Richmond, Va., said, "The life of Virginia has been no more than a blank page until she was written by her women."

## Report of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs

(By: ADA IRBY)

Twenty-one years ago, Los Angeles witnessed the birth of the California State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. On the same spot of ground at Pico and Paloma, where this organization has recently closed its annual convention with great achievement.

Because the city of Los Angeles was chosen to hold this convention, Los Angeles went flag and to herald the welcoming of this great body, which met at A. M. E. Zion Church, July 25 to 29 inclusive. The delegation was given a cordial welcome by the pastor, Rev. I. A. Moore and his faithful and beloved wife, who are cited our most excellent journal. Both worked hard that this convention should go down on history's pages of Los Angeles as a gigantic success.

At 10:00 Tuesday morning when the gavel was sounded by Mrs. Esther Jones Lee, the state president, all seats of the auditorium were filled with eager delegates and visitors from all parts of the state, when the strains of music were sent forth from the great pipe organ, every voice was heard to sing loudly "America," then came the salute of the flag. Devotional was led by Mrs. C. D. Robinson. Order of business was begun with report of credential committee. Roll call of officers and appointment of various committees. Welcome address was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, 3rd Vice-President.

## Negro and White Woman Charged with "Misconduct"

(By: A. N. P.)

Dunn, N. C., Aug. 2.—Ira Cox, a colored man and a well-known white woman, whose name has been kept secret, were arrested Sunday night and charged with engaging in prostitution and misconduct. The woman was placed in the local jail and Cox was removed to another town to await a hearing.

Suspecting the couple of intimacy, which is not intolented in this section between a white woman and a Negro man, Sunday night the officers raided the home of the white woman and found her and Cox together in a room under "incriminating" circumstances. So surprised were the couple the woman did not have the presence of mind to cry "Rape," as is usually the custom under similar circumstances.

The husband of the white woman has been an invalid for some time and was asleep in another room at the time the raid was effected and his wife arrested. According to reports Cox and the woman have been lovers for some time. In spite of the fact if there is no ground for a rape charge, it is feared that unless closely protected Cox will be a victim of mob violence when called for trial.

## Coming!

A. C. Harris Entwistle presents a striking play entitled "MRS. WALKER'S CHAIR" which will be presented by a chorus of 50 voices, Tuesday evening, August 8 at Phillips Temple, C. M. E. Church, 12nd and Washington streets. Something new, something different. Keep the date it is good.

Education of Negroes that society Mrs. Walker, the state would have been applied to.

## HOOPER AVENUE CELEBRATION

The completion of the Hooper Avenue paving project will be fully celebrated and Eastside business greatly boosted on Wednesday, August 10th, when Erwing's Kansas City Radio Orchestra and other musical aggregations strike up lively tunes to out the occasion.

Mr. Erwing, promoter of the Spanish Kitcher at 20th and Hooper, is an energetic, keen-sighted business man and under his supervision large sheets have been published and distributed containing a directory of local business enterprises and greetings from the same.

Boy Killed Stealing Ride On Truck

Emmet Hawkins, a colored boy, was run over by a truck from which he had fallen at 24th and Alameda, Monday morning, July 31st. The 10-year-old truck owned by the Associated Fruit and Produce Company, and driven by Chas. Kettle, well passed over the boy, crushing his left leg, making a compound fracture of his ankle and otherwise cutting and bruising him badly. According to Joe Bostler, colored, 247 W. E. 17th, who witnessed the accident the boy was stealing a ride. He died in the General Hospital.

MAN IMPRISONED IN GASOLINE TANK OVERCOME BY GAS

Charles Carter crawled into an empty gasoline tank at the Home Service Garage, 1160 Crockett Street to do a job of welding. Not hearing him at work, W. C. Lilly, the foreman investigated and found Carter lying unconscious on the bottom of the tank. Calling an ambulance from the Newton Station he used first aid methods of him in an endeavor to resuscitate the helpless man. He was removed to the General Hospital where he is recovering.

## DRUNK ON SUNDAY

If James Hurst had not picked Sunday to get well "pickled" he would not have fallen into the Hawk's hands in the shape of Garrett and Conway. He resided at 537 Central, but had strayed away to 1414 E. 12nd St.

MAN FALLS IN TRAFFIC IN A FIT

S. Lawson was crossing the street near 809 Central Avenue when he suddenly fell out in an epileptic fit. Prompt rescue work on the part of passers by saved him from serious injury in the traffic and he was taken to the Receiving Hospital by Officers from the Newton Street Station.

## Returns From Vacation

Mr. J. G. Mulhardt, popular Manager of the 5th and Central Avenue Branch of the California Bank has returned from his annual vacation.

## ON THE SIDEWALK

Why Not?

Every man is entitled to his opinion in matters affecting church or state, and it does seem strange to us that beings so limited in their reasoning power that they cannot understand this.

So many of us, especially those of us who label ourselves Christians, grow angry with our neighbor when he does not agree with us in our convictions in religious or political matters.

DO WE GET REWARD ON EARTH?

We look for some reward of our endeavors, and are disappointed; not success, not happiness, not even peace of conscience crosses our ineffectual efforts to deal justly with the public. If we publish facts without any embellishment on our part they complain; if we put news on the front page they say it should be on the back and if we send this complaining element a bill for work done they logically reason their way out of payment of the same.

But our saddest experience in dealing with the public is to find that, in matters pertaining to crime, many high up in church and state are woe to use discrimination with regards to punishment.

For example, if a minister or preacher disturbs the peace and is duly handled by the Courts, and gets publicity on the front page of the daily papers, this is no excuse for Negro journals to say a word. And if they should venture to publish a court record, some canting bigot tells you that the editor should be burned at the stake.

DID DAVID SIN?

Bible history tells us that King David committed a most terrific crime when he had Uriah assassinated in order that he might have his wife. If Bible history writers in that ancient period, had felt as some of our critics feel today the "pastor" would have good down on the pages of history with a black record.

David was punished for this crime, and was repentant; and served God with greater zeal afterwards than he had before.

You can't clean a house by sweeping with the windows and doors closed. Open 'em up and let the air and sunshine in.

Leon Whitaker of Independent Church, August Fourteenth

As a fitting tribute to a worthy student, a "Vacation Program" will be held at Independent Church, Monday night, August 14th, at 8:00 P. M. Leon Whitaker, a student of the School of the California State University of California, has been unusually successful in his studies. His obvious reason for this success is that he has been in the habit of reading the address of the student, "The Student's Guide."

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