

# St. Louis Edition

## ARKANSAS GIRL MARRIES ST. LOUISAN



In a pretty home ceremony, the former Miss Easter Mae Hopes of Dumas, Ark., became the bride last week of Milton Holmes of this city. The service was read by the Rev. E. F. Williams in the home of the uncle and aunt of the Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Crittenden, 1641 Carr dr. A reception followed the ceremony. From left are Mr. Crittenden, Daisy Lee

Williams, cousin of bride; the groom and bride, Jewel Holmes, best man and brother of the groom, and Mrs. Crittenden. Front row are: Bobbie Jean Cole, flower girl; Shirley Cole, train bearer, and Gwendolyn Harris, flower girl. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Hopes of Dumas and a graduate of Morris Booker High School in Arkansas.

## FBI To Investigate William Howard Case

ST. LOUIS — Atty. Gen. Tom Clark in Washington has directed the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate the death of William Howard by Patrolman William J. Niggeman in an alley last Aug. 28, it has been learned by the Defender.

Clark acted after members of his staff had reviewed transcripts of the evidence presented in the coroner's hearing and other information made available to the Department of Justice by the St. Louis Civil Liberties Committee.

The investigation is to determine whether or not there has been a violation of the Civil Rights Act of Howard who was shot by Niggeman because he failed to move out of his way in time when the off-duty officer drove his private automobile into the alley.

The case has been spearheaded by the local branch of the NAACP starting with a mass meeting at the Kiel Auditorium preceded by a parade down Market street here.

Consistent work by officials of the NAACP, headed by President David M. Grant, recently reelected to that office.

Since the case opened many irregularities have been revealed.

After a grand jury refused to return a no-trial bill one of its members, Mrs. Henry F. Chadeayne, resigned charging a "miscarriage of justice." Afterwards, four members of the six-man coroner's jury told newspapers the original justifiable homicide verdict was not their verdict, but rather that of Coroner Thomas Callahan.

Circuit Atty. James Griffen has also rebuked his assistant Thomas E. Dowling for his irregular conduct toward Negro witnesses at the inquest.

Howard, who died in the alley where he fell, kept repeating to Niggeman, "You shot me for nothing."

## Teachers Meet In Kansas City

ST. LOUIS — The Missouri State Association of Negro Teachers held its sixty-first annual convention in Kansas City, Mo., from Nov. 8 to Nov. 9, inclusive. The theme of this year's convention was "Beginning the Next Forty Years" at the expiration of which period the Association will have reached its one hundredth anniversary.

Throughout the various general and sectional sessions of the convention the material and spiritual growth of the Association was appraised and needs which must be achieved within the remaining 40 years emphasized. Outstanding accomplishments of the Association within the past two years were the equalization of teachers' salaries, a step indicating the removal of discriminatory practices against Negro teachers; participation in the movement for state-wide retirement for teachers; influence resulting in the appointment of greater number of Jeanes supervisors in the State; influence upon the shaping of the new State constitution, particularly with reference to provisions for education. Specific provisions affecting education in the State are (1) legislation permitting mixed schools, (2) a bipartisan state board of education, on which a Negro serves as one of eight members and because of which politics can exert a minimum influence on the State's educational program. The Association also influenced legislation directed toward the increasing of revenue for public education, the lifting of the ceiling for transportation for Negro elementary school pupils and the establishing of a state need-based vocational school for Negroes in the Southeastern part of the State. Other accomplishments of the Association include studies and recommendations relative to teacher recruitment, the reorganization of the Association's Executive Board so as to effect a more democratic and effective body, the reorganization of the Association's House of Delegates, and the revitalizing of the Association's districts throughout the State.

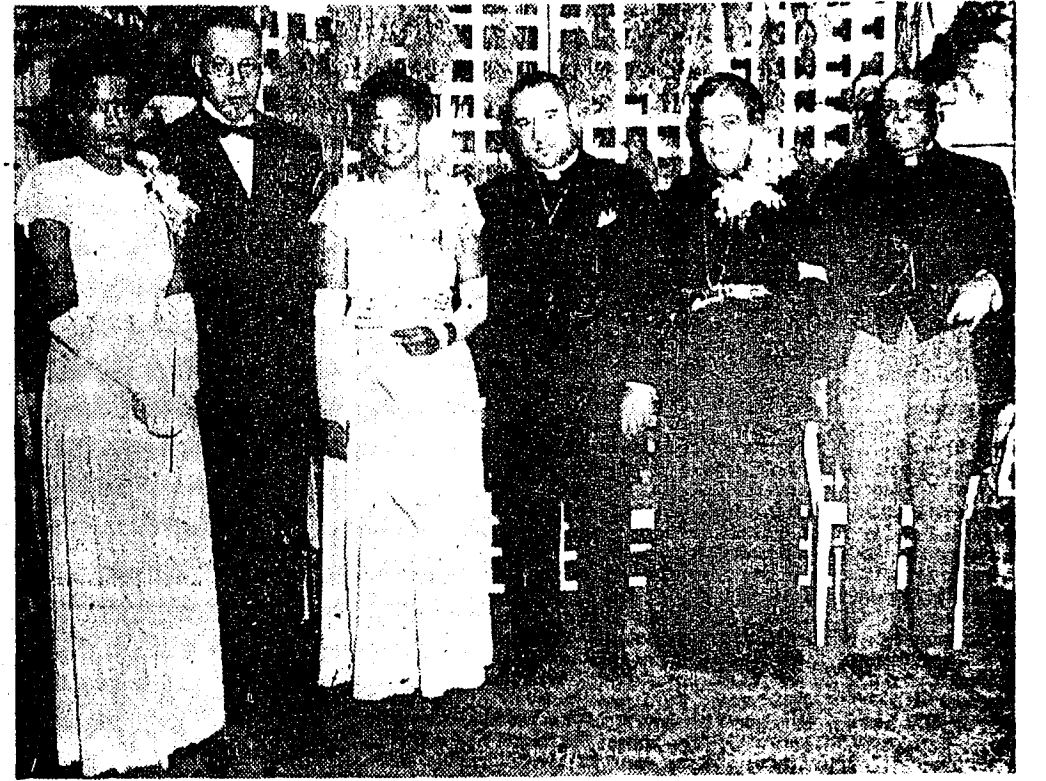
Some specific needs revealed by addresses and discussion presented throughout the session include (1) the removal of deficiencies in educational programs attributable to the relative inability of states to adequately finance programs of education. Deficiencies of this kind are illustrated by the absence in educational programs throughout the country and particularly in those states maintaining dual systems of education, of classes sufficiently small to insure effective instruction, of visual aids, of sufficiently long school terms, of adequate salaries, of specialized types of education and of special programs of teacher education for rural school situations.

(2) The removal of deficiencies inherent in existing state programs of education. The most important needs indicated for this classification were the redistricting of states in such a way as to strengthen the financial and cultural basis of school administration, the initiation and development of vocational education, with particular reference to trades and industries; the increased establishment of regional and sectional schools for Negroes directed especially toward the improvement of opportunities for children in areas in which there are scattered Negro populations and the reorganization of programs of teacher education and teacher certification directed toward both the functionalizing of school programs and the evaluation of standards of the teaching profession.

The more material needs that have been enumerated above were supplemented by certain spiritual needs by which programs of education must be improved. Significant among these spiritual needs were (1) the reestablishing of a sense of direction in education in this age of science by returning to the spiritual values; (2) greater use of desirable pressure groups in the effort to make desirable gains; (3) greater understanding of the principles that control the life of each individual and group predicated upon the understanding of the essentially moral nature of national rights; (4) a new philosophy of school support growing out of (a) the awakening of public demands for school support and (b) recognition by the public of the character of the teaching profession. Essential points in such a philosophy were indicated as being greater respect of teachers for themselves, more scientific knowledge of society, greater understanding of the meaning and purposes of "general education"; a code of ethics in the teaching profession; improved relations between members of instructional and administrative groups, and improved standards of efficiency.

Another basic need indicated was an enlarged and better reasoned meaning of society and of the social purposes which influence education as a special social process. This meaning was shown to be predicated upon the redefinition and reinterpretation of certain concepts which, by alienating social groups, have prevented the most effective functioning of the educative process. Reinterpretations offered as desirable and essential guiding principles were as follows: (1) Social progress must be based upon respect for individual rights as well as insistence upon prerogatives of the state; (2) social planning must provide for unpredictable changes in the direction of both small-group and composite needs; (3) war must be considered as necessary only when real, vital and basic values of civilization are violated. Symbols of civilization such as narrow nationalism and the profane reverence made of the romance of the teaching profession. In this reference teachers and other educators were exhorted to consider the great heritage which their profession has. The ideas of Plato, Socrates, Aristotle, Rousseau, Voltaire, Dewey and others were shown to be the guiding lights of the experimentation and the adjustment to social needs which have characterized the obligation and the

## BISHOP ENTERTAINS GUESTS AT HOME



Bishop Noah Williams entertained in his Enright avenue home last week for Bishop and Mrs. J. Ward Nichols of New York City.

Shown here in the receiving line are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Scott, Bishop and Mrs. Nichols and the hosts.—Robinson Photo.

## Episcopal Church Conference Closes At Wayman Temple

ST. LOUIS — The ninety-second session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church closed at Wayman Temple Sunday afternoon. It was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Noah W. Williams, resident Bishop, assisted by Bishop D. Ward Nichols of New York.

There were no changes in the major churches of St. Louis, Dr. Russell S. Brown was re-assigned as pastor of St. Paul; Dr. C. Wayne Love of St. James; Dr. D. W. Wilkins to Wayman Temple. There were no changes in Greater St. Louis except the Rev. E. W. Smith of Webster Groves exchanged with the Rev. W. E. Gilliam of Farmington, Mo. The Rev. H. Francis McCreary is again the presiding elder of the Cape Girardeau District and the Rev. L. P. Bryant is again the Presiding Elder of the St. Louis-Bonneville District. A new church is to be built in the Cass avenue District by St. Matthew A.M.E. congregation, the Rev. H. E. McCoy, pastor.

Mrs. Floy S. Brown was elected president of the Woman's Missionary society with Mrs. Nellie Wilkins, vice president. Mrs. Willena Whitley was chosen president of the young people's division with Mrs. Benj. Moore as assistant. The delegates to the Quadrennium meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1947 are: Mrs. Russell Brown, Mrs. C. Wayne Love, Mrs. W. D. Wilkins, Mrs. Valde Barber, Mrs. F. T. Whittlock and Mrs. Willena Whitley.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Mrs. L. Matthews** — Mrs. Willie Mae Edwards, beautician and founder of Muriel Davis school of beauty culture is ill at her home 3840 Evans ave. Bishop and Mrs. Noah W. Williams were in charge of a colorful Monday evening dinner held Armistice Day. The affair was held at the Bishop's home, 4423 Enright ave. Among the guests were delegates here for the annual Episcopal conference held at the Wayman Temple church. Some of the hostesses were: Mrs. Sarah Arthur, Mrs. Hazel Nesbit, Mrs. V. Nedley, Mrs. Alice Loveless, and Mrs. Jennie Green. On the serving committee were: Mrs. Pearl White, Mrs. Bertha McDowell, Mrs. Berrie Taylor, Mrs. N. Renfro.

The Rev. J. H. Smith, 3962 Fairfax, pastor of the Sunny Mt. Baptist church, has returned from a two weeks' rest in Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Cora Gison of Chicago, visited with her aunt, Mrs. C. M. McAllister at 1323 N. 24th st. The membership of St. John's A.M.E. church, 4128 Fairfax, held a two weeks' celebration for their pastor, the Rev. Earl Basby in commemoration of his first anniversary. The programs continued through with mass singing groups including the Rev. Pharessee, group pastor.

Tribute to Mrs. Helen Armstrong Williams was paid last week by the general session of the Episcopal conference which staged a celebration on her birthday. Bishop Nichols was in charge of the offering which was presented to her by the church.

**Moves To Philly** — ST. LOUIS — Mrs. Jennie Cheney, 4210 W. Cote Brillante, left the city Saturday for Philadelphia, Pa., where she will make her home with niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jordan. Mrs. Cheney, a life-long resident of St. Louis, will be greatly missed by her many friends and associates. She was a member of the Berea Presbyterian church, and was affiliated with many civic clubs and organizations of the city and community.

## 'HONOR GIRL' ON BROADCAST



As a feature of the regular broadcast from the floor of Club Riviera here in St. Louis, a girl is selected each week to be "Personality Girl of the Week." Last week's choice, Miss Louise Canty, 3718 Cook, is shown with the announcers and directors of the show, Howard Woods and Wiley Price and Band Leader Buddy Johnson, who closes at the club this week. The broadcast is one hour (11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.) long and is aired over station WTMV.—Franklin Photo.

## Bigger Negro Business Month Climaxed November 27

ST. LOUIS — The crowning of "Miss Business of 1946" will climax the full month of activity of the "Bigger and Better Business Month" (Oct. 27 through Nov. 27) and bring to a close the project that has spotlighted Negro business in the city.

A grand award of an electric refrigerator will be given away on Wednesday night, Nov. 27 at the Club Riviera at which time "Miss Business" will be crowned. Scores of persons are expected to attend the free lecture and clinic series to be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, when some of the leading authorities on business will lecture.

**Free Gifts At Exhibit** — Aside from the lecture series, the grand exhibit to be established by the sponsors will feature a giving away of 20 or 30 free gifts to the public each night. All of the 200 businessmen, comprising the organization, are co-operating in supplying enough merchandise to make the free gift offer an overwhelming success. Special emphasis is placed upon the development of closer relations with every community group and organization to enhance a better working relationship.

Among the contestants now entered in the race for "Miss Business" are: June Smith, Josie's Dress Shop; Katherine Montgomery, C. Shaw Beauty Products; Elaine Blane, Ross Furniture and Appliance; Rosalie Graham, Blue Notes Agency; Dorothy Jacobs, Koonce Mortuary; Rosa Boykins, Scott's House of Beauty; Daisy Mae Mabins, Ruth Flowers School of Beauty Culture; Rominita Thrower, Paragon Enterprises; Mary Long, Casablanca Bar; Mary Davis, 20th Century Lounge; Inez Wiggins, Cannon Barbecue; Allean Banks, Ambrose Beauty Shop; Lyna Taylor, Comet Grill; Constance Brown, Ford Enterprises; Doris Smith, Lee's Home Appliance; Geneva R. Wilburn, Cecil

## Bishop Noah Williams, Wife Hosts To Friends

ST. LOUIS — Bishop and Mrs. Noah Williams, 4423 Enright ave., were hosts to a number of friends on the evening of Nov. 11, complimentary to Bishop and Mrs. J. Ward Nichols of New York. The affair was given in the beautifully decorated lounge and library of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Receiving the guests with the host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Scott. The receiving line stood before a background of lattice, ferns and tulle. Others who assisted were Misses Annabelle Scott, Emily and Arminia Parker and Mesdames Helen S. Jackson and Anne C. Simms. Bishop and Mrs. Nichols left for Little Rock Tuesday.

## Alma Williams Sails For Europe With Red Cross

ST. LOUIS — Miss Alma Aletha Williams, 4115 Enright ave., St. Louis, Mo., was among 125 American Red Cross workers who sailed from New York recently for assignment in U. S. occupied zones in Europe.

The contingent, bound for Bremerhaven, Germany, was the largest sent abroad by the Red Cross since the end of the war. Its members will join 3,500 workers already conducting programs wherever American troops are stationed throughout the world. Miss Williams will serve as a staff assistant. She is a graduate of Sumner High School in St. Louis and Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo. She also attended Atlanta University school for social work. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

At the request of the Army and under terms of a recent agreement, the Red Cross is continuing in peacetime the recreational program it conducted during the war, and has allocated \$25,900,000 for the service this year.

## SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS



Miss Cleota Spotts' name has become synonymous with grace, charm and rhythm in speaking of youthful dancing. Here the members of the Sumner High School Rhythmic Club line up for the photographer with Miss Spotts, director, at extreme right.—Robinson Photo.

## Nolle Prose Pullman Company Theft Charge

ST. LOUIS — Through the efforts of the former Assistant City Attorney Clarence S. Frazier, the case of petty larceny against Luther Wilson, 3855 Easton ave., was nolle prossed in the Court of Criminal Correction last week after Frazier filed a motion to suppress evidence in the case.

Wilson was charged on two counts growing out of complaints of the Pullman Company and the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio R. R. Company. He was arrested after three officers acting on an anonymous telephone message, entered his residence without a search warrant and against the wishes of his wife and together with a representative of the Terminal R. R. company searched the premises, forcing his mother-in-law from her bed. The wife was charged with the Pullman company and Gulf-Mobile labels.

Frazier filed his motion on the grounds that the search in Wilson's absence and without a search warrant violated his constitutional rights guaranteed under the Fourth and Fifth Amendments of the U. S. Constitution and Article 11, Sec. XI of the Constitution of the State of Missouri.

Judge Louis Comerford sustained the motion and the state admitting it was unable to make a case nolle prose.

## Protest Purchase Of Old Stadium At Lincoln U.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(Special) — The General Alumni Association of Lincoln University (Mo.) in its annual homecoming meeting, voted to protest to the administration of the university the allegedly proposed purchase of the athletic stadium now owned by the white public school system of Jefferson City. The association's action resulted from a report that the development plan of the Jefferson City Planning Committee provided for the erection of a new white public school stadium and for the sale of the old stadium to Lincoln University.

## CONTEST WINNER



Little Eddie R. Pittman, son of Mrs. E. Pittman of Walton avenue, surveys the possibilities of entering another baby contest after winning the top honors in the Eastern Star Church Federation.—Robinson Photo.

## GIRLS SAIL WITH THE RED CROSS



In Camp Kilmer, N. J., three Red Cross workers enjoy a last chat on the steps of their barracks, all packed and ready to sail from New York for Bremerhaven, Germany, with the largest contingent sent abroad by the Red Cross since V-J Day. The group of 125 men and women will report for assignment in U.S. occupied zones in Europe, thus augmenting the 3,500 workers already conducting recreational programs, at the request of the Army, wherever American troops are stationed. Left to right: Ania Young, Farrow, Louisville, Ky.; Claudine Leigh, Atlanta, Ga., and Alma Williams, St. Louis, who will serve as staff assistants.—American Red Cross Photo.

achievements of teachers of all ages. The thrill and satisfaction which come from the ability and the challenge to serve boys and girls were offered as the most effective outcomes of the romantic experience of teaching. For the past two years the Association has been led by its President, Miss Pearl Schwartz of St. Louis. Newly elected officers are Earl Thomas, president; Leland Smith, first vice president; Miss Kitty Townsend, second vice president; Miss Pearl Schwartz, executive secretary; Mmes. R. A. Crawford and Mary Woods and B. Alfred Cox, assistants to the executive secretary; Miss Dayse F. Baker, treasurer; C. B. Broussard, auditor; John A. Clair, statistician; U. S. Donaldson, historian; Harold Gray, Editor of the Journal, and G. D. Brantley, parliamentarian.

L. S. Curtis, Stowe Teachers college, St. Louis, former statistician of the Association was awarded the 1946 Distinguished Service Award because of his outstanding and distinguished contributions. Prominent speakers who appeared on general session programs were C. S. Robinson, assistant superintendent in charge of Personnel, Kansas City School System; Dr. Maycie K. Southall, Georgia Peabody College for Teachers; Hon. J. E. Mitchell, Missouri State Board of Education; D. F. Martinez, State supervisor of Negro Schools, Missouri; Hon. Roy Scantlin, State Commissioner of Education, Missouri; Mr. Philip Hickey, Superintendent of Instruction, St. Louis; Dr. Felton Clark, president of Southern University, Louisiana; Dr. Herald Hunt, superintendent of schools, Kansas City; Clement Richardson, president of Western Seminary, Kansas City; Irving Levitas, Youth Director, Jewish Community Center, Kansas City; Miss Lucille Bluford, Managing Editor of Kansas City Call; President Sherman D. Scruggs, Lincoln University; Mrs. Louise Thompson, Industrial Secretary, Paseo YWCA, Kansas City; Miss Man Murlin, Supervisor of Music, Kansas City, and the Revs. S. S. Myers, L. Charles Gray, L. R. Hayes, D. A. Holmes, and Bernard G. Whitlock.

## Medics Schedule Meet For Nov. 24

ST. LOUIS — Board of Trustees of National Medical Association will open a med-interim meeting in St. Louis Nov. 24 at the Y.M.C.A. The purpose of the meeting is to: 1st—Discuss some of the problems which have arisen since its meeting in August in Louisville, Ky. 2nd—Select a place for our next annual meeting.

## Hold Rites For Noted Teacher At St. Ann's Church

ST. LOUIS — Funeral services were held for Miss Marguerite Wilkerson, Wednesday, at St. Ann's Catholic church. Hundreds of persons paid last homage to the well-known teacher and many passed her bier as the remains lay in state at the Gate's funeral home. Interment was in Calvary cemetery. The deceased succumbed Sunday, Nov. 10.

Miss Wilkerson was a graduate of Sumner high school and Sumner Normal school, and held a Master's Degree from Columbia U. At the time of her death, she was on the faculty of Vashon high school.

As a civic-minded community worker, Miss Wilkerson served with many organizations, including the YWCA, NAACP, Interracial Committee of St. Malachy's Catholic church and Educational Association. She was an ardent supporter of her parish church.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Joseph Wilkerson; three brothers, Joseph E. Jr., Albert T., and Robert B. Wilkerson; sister, Mrs. Biga Wyatt, niece, Mrs. Rowena Charlton and two grand nieces, Kathy and Angella Charlton.

## ACROSS TOWN

With HOWARD B. WOODS — The DELTA SORORITY take over the Palace Gardens this Friday night for their annual formal dance. Before you have time to get your dress shirt laundered in case you only have one (like us), the Kappa fraternity swings right back their blouses (Thanksgiving eve) with their fair. Speaking of these groups reminds us that the newly made Deltas should enjoy this dance after all the "hendezes" they went through last Thursday night being "made." The girls under the Palace Gardens and down several streets ending up in front of the Riviera (gosh! I'm of all places). It was all in fun, however, and it'll be their turn next year.

L. Verne Hutcherson is in the "Carmen Jones" cast despite previous reports to the contrary. The Fellowship banquet sponsored by the St. Louis Planning Council will take place next Monday night at Pleasant Green Baptist church. Council members are upset because All-American News which filmed the street parade at the beginning of the program, gave the "National Negro Business League" credit for the national photo rather than the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

NICK AND VERGIE, the brother-sister rolling skating act, current at the Riviera has been held over for the Earl Hines show. One of the most breath-taking acts in show business, Nick told this corner he planned to give greater thrills on the next show.

Announcements for the new Mayor of Brownville contest will be under way within days now. Chalk your date calendar for next year's Y Circus and although Y officials aren't talking efforts are being made to make this year's show an interracial one which will be one of the biggest niches yet achieved by the Y Committee. We have it on good authority that a "small" combination will be one of the stellar acts.

William J. Neal, Neighborhood House secretary has added another crumb crusher to his fold. The little squealer was born last Monday night at St. Mary's Infirmary.

Although the Satchel Paige-Bob Feller game was called off because of the World Series the promoters cleared all of their advertising bills through their local representatives last week.

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