

# St. Louis Edition

## Proclaim Negro Business Month

ST. LOUIS — Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann has proclaimed Oct. 27 through Nov. 27, "Support Bigger and Better Negro Business Month" as another feature in the tremendous program being launched by the St. Louis Planning Council and the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, it was disclosed this week.

In connection with that proclamation, Negro ministers, voting at their alliance meeting last week decided to establish Sunday, Nov. 17 as "Business Emphasis Sunday" with the nod toward spotlighting Negro businesses throughout every church in the city.

Also in connection with the project, essays are being written by high school students on business, lectures and speeches are being made city-wide. The program will end Nov. 27 with the crowning of "Miss Business of 1946" at Club Riviera.

## Washington Tech Adds New Teachers

ST. LOUIS — Among the new teachers now at Washington Technical high school are: Miss Daisy Lallande, who studied Clothing Design at Xavier university, New Orleans. Aside from being an expert in her field, Miss Lallande has more than ten years of practical shop experience in the clothing industry.

W. H. Bankhead, formerly of the Shoe Repair department, Bankhead received his training at Alcorn A. and M. college and has since spent some fourteen years as shop manager of the M. Zeller shoe shops of this city aside from operating his own private business.

Robert Rice, B.S., Southern university, with post-graduate study at Ohio university, is now teaching training in the Printing department. Mr. Rice, whose home is in Birmingham, Ala., comes from a long line of printers, having received much apprenticeship training in a shop owned and operated by his family. His teaching experience includes work at Southern University at Baton Rouge, La. We feel that Mr. Rice's practical experience will mean much to the training of his students from a vocational angle.

Miss E. Jackson, teaching at Tech. last Monday after having been hospitalized for the past month at St. Mary's infirmary.

Rehearsals for the annual Amateur Show are now under way. This attraction will be presented on Friday night, Nov. 15, in Tech. Auditorium. Every effort is being made to spot talent within the school who may have potentialities for music, art, or dramatic careers.

## H. Von Avery Now With Urban League

ST. LOUIS—Henry Von Avery, formerly with the information division of the St. Louis Office of Price Administration, is now affiliated with the Community Organization Department of the St. Louis Urban League, it was revealed to the Chicago Defender this week.

Von Avery moves into this position marking another step in the community work of better service to the community.

## Juanita Martin Heads Association

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis branch of the National Association of Negro Women elected the following officers at a meeting last week: Mrs. Juanita Slaughter Martin, president; Mrs. Bernice Black Rhoda, first vice president; Atty. Lula Howard, second vice president; Mrs. Helen Scott Jackson, recording secretary; Miss Katie Northross, assistant secretary; Miss E. Alaine Hargrave, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. J. Thomas, treasurer; Miss Bennie Parks Easter, historian; Mrs. Edwina Wright Mitchell, parliamentarian and Mrs. Freda Witherington, chairman of executive committee.

## Club Women Honor Jane Hunter

Miss Jane Hunter, executive secretary of the Wheatley YWCA in Cleveland, Ohio, was guest speaker here last week when the St. Louis Association of Colored Women's Clubs



entertained more than 300 guests at their annual Fellowship Breakfast. Miss Hunter, third from right, spoke on "Overcoming Obstacles."—Karl Photo.

## ENTERS SCHOOL OF DESIGNING



MISS ELVERIA WHITTAKER  
Graduate of Vashon High School who has decided to put aside her ardent love for sports to enter a school of designing in the near future. The charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Whittaker spends some of her leisure time dancing.—Young Photo.

## Quincy Troupe, Jim Dorsey Mark Center Celebration

ST. LOUIS—Approximately 50 youngsters here Friday evening at Neighborhood House (Cole Street branch) enjoyed speeches by Quincy Troupe, Cleveland Buckeye and Jimmy Dorsey, orchestra leader upon the awarding of the community center's softball championship for the five teams in this league.

Suffering a disappointment because Joseph Garagiola, Cardinal Chestnut in his current membership drive, Neighborhood House is a member of that agency. At the speakers' table were Cecil Scott, Berger, Herb Branable, Weisman, Dorsey, Edward Boyd, Herbert Polanski, Lee Williams, J. A. Wolfe, executive director of the association, Al Romano and Neal.

A beautiful cake was presented to the gathering by Al Weisman.

## Business Project Opened With Meet

ST. LOUIS—A sizeable crowd heard Editor Roscoe Dunjee, president of the National Negro Business League, in an address here Sunday as an opening to the month of spotlighting Negro businesses here from Oct. 27 to Nov. 27.

Dunjee, publisher of the Black Dispatch newspaper, delivered his stirring message at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church climaxing a mammoth parade of over 100 cars that represented businessmen from all over the city.

The project is a part of a national one under the supervision of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the local program has formed the St. Louis Planning Council for the progress of Negro business.

A series of seminars, clinics, lectures and public speeches will mark the month's activities climaxing with the crowning of "Miss Business of 1946" at Club Riviera.

An essay contest is being conducted throughout the public schools here in an effort to stimulate the young men's mind in connection with this program.

Shows were made of Sunday's parade by representatives of All-American News, the newsreel company.

The program is being chaired by Dr. S. Edward Gilbert of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Harold W. Ross, local businessman.

## WILLS YMCA \$4,000

ST. LOUIS—In her will, Miss Avis Blewett left \$4,000 to the Pine Street YMCA. She was a sister of Ben Blewett, former superintendent of the St. Louis public schools, and made many bequests to religious and charitable institutions, some of which were in honor of her brother.

## Seek Federal Probe In Slaying Of Negro Vet

By HOWARD B. WOODS  
(Defender Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS—Charging the case "couched in prejudice," John R. Stockham, executive committee member of the St. Louis Civil Liberties Committee forwarded to the United States Attorney General a transcript of the testimony in the slaying of a Negro veteran by a white off-duty patrolman here on Aug. 28.

Stockham made his charges in a letter accompanying the transcript, which said in part that

## Business Program Gets Underway With Contest

ST. LOUIS—The exciting contest for "Miss Business of 1946" will get under way officially this week as a score of girls will enter the race to vie for the coveted honor.

Given under the sponsorship of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the St. Louis Planning Council for the Progress of Negro Business, as another project of the "Bigger and Better Negro Business Month," (Oct. 27 to Nov. 27), the affair will be climaxed Wednesday night, Nov. 27 at Club Riviera when "Miss Business" will be crowned.

Already the city's leading businesses are listing their various enterprises to be represented. The entire affair is under the direction of Mrs. Amanda Ambrose Hamilton.

Among those spots listed are: the Ruth Flowers' School of Beauty Culture, the Ambrose Enterprises, the Paragon Enterprises; Ream Prescription Laboratories; St. Louis Shoppers Guide; Casa Blanca Bar; Cannon's Bar-be-cue; Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Ford Brothers Enterprises; Comet Grill; Scotch House of Beauty; Cecil Scott Enterprises; Ross Furniture and Appliance Co.

Edelbert Rodgers, director, Interacial Section, Treasury Department.

Dec. 15—Peroy Green, editor, Jackson (Miss.) Advocate.

Jan. 12—Ferdinand M. Isserman, Rabbi Temple Israel.

Jan. 26—Dr. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, president, Howard University.

Feb. 9—Atty. Earl S. Dickerson, president, National Negro Bar Association.

Feb. 23—Max Yergan, executive director, Council on African Affairs.

March 9—Hodding Carter, editor, Delta Democrat Times, Greenville, Miss.

March 20—Dr. Channing H. Tobias, member of Phelps Stone Fund.

## Young Lawyer In Legislative Race

ST. LOUIS—I believe that the interest of the people comes first. I pledge to support and fight for all legislation that will benefit the people and uphold the dignity of the state. That substantially is the platform of John W. Harvey, youthful lawyer and candidate for representative in the state legislature.

Harvey, a graduate of the Lincoln University School of Law, is conducting a silent, but thorough campaign in the tenth district where he grew up during the past 25 years.

Harvey is a graduate of Vashon High School, later attending Lincoln University. A member of the American Legion, the young lawyer is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Harvey's platform is simple. Set forth in five major points, he advocates higher old age pensions, increased allowances for dependent children, a fair practice employment practice law, a minimum wage law and better housing for poorer people.

the Civil Liberties Committee it appeared that because of the presence of prejudice in the case, it was necessary to "demand a federal investigation."

Records in the case, which involved the shooting of William Howard by Patrolman William J. Niggeman in an alley while Howard held a piece of watermelon and a small penknife with which he was eating it, had previously been requested by Assistant United States Attorney General Theron Caudle after it was revealed that four of the members of the coroner's jury who returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide" stated that was not their verdict. The jurymen said Coroner Thomas Callanan came into the jury room and suggested the verdict.

In his letter, Stockham pointed out that the dying words of Howard as he lay in the alley, "You shot me for nothing," had a "tone of truth."

The investigation into the killing came after the case was pushed by the St. Louis branch of the NAACP who requested and received a grand jury investigation and a reprimand from the Circuit Attorney James W. Griffen for the irregular conduct of his assistant Thomas Dowling.

After the grand jury "deliberated," 25 minutes after listening to 20 witnesses, it refused to vote a true bill. Immediately afterward, Mrs. Henry F. Chace, a local civic leader and wife of the former candidate for mayor, resigned from the grand jury declaring that there had been a "miscarriage of justice."

## NEWS BRIEFS

By MRS. L. MATTHEWS  
The sixty-first anniversary of the M. Olive Baptist church started last Monday and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 17 when a big program will be presented by various church groups. L. Davis is general chairman and the Rev. E. L. Langford is pastor. . . . Houston is celebrating the birthday of the late Rev. R. C. Houston Jr. who was the winner in one of the most interesting contests ever held at the St. Paul church. The Rev. Russell Brown, pastor, gave the names and amount of money each baby raised.

The ninth anniversary celebration of the R. D. C. Delta, parlor of Pleasant Grove Baptist church ended Monday night at a colorful banquet, attended by nearly 200 guests. During the course of the banquet served on beautifully decorated tables, church members cited the names of the deceased, accomplished by the Rev. Davis since his pastorate there. The Rev. C. B. Moore delivered the anniversary sermon Monday morning. Mrs. Lula Fisher was general chairman and pianist.

Mrs. Mary Pruitt, 2902a Delmar, has returned home from three months' stay in Chicago where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. H. Williams. Mrs. Pruitt is well known in YMCA work. . . . The Rev. and Mrs. James R. Roach are the parents of a baby girl who has been named Charles Mylius. . . . Mrs. Jerris Robinson of Los Angeles, Calif., flew here last week to be at the bedside of her father, Lewis Foote who died. She remained in St. Louis for a short time before returning. . . . The Rev. William A. Feenstra, pastor and his wife, returned to the city after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Bell.

The holding of the ninety-second annual session of the Missouri Conference of Episcopalians at the Wayside Hotel here was a marked and significant event. The Rev. Bishop Noah Williams presided with the Rev. W. D. Wilkins as host pastor. A beautiful reception was held for all the visiting pastors and their wives including all presidents of clubs.

Among the out of town relatives who attended the funeral of Mrs. Alberta Burnham were her sister and cousin. Last rites were held at the Sunny Mt. Baptist church. Miss Ethel Foster sang a solo and the Rev. William Livingston, assistant pastor, gave remarks. On Sunday, Oct. 27, the Mt. Olive Baptist church, with Mrs. Leslie Davis as president, held its annual Ushers' Day. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Rosetta Thomas a full day of program was presented in the church with songs, addresses and other selections.

## HURT IN ACCIDENT

ST. LOUIS—Jesse Clay of Ferguson, Mo., while driving his automobile east on National Bridge last Saturday, struck Marion Ezell, 21, 5451 Wabada ave. Ezell suffering from compound fractures of the left leg, died at City Hospital No. 1. Clay was arrested and held for the coroner. Clay was released after a coroner's jury brought back a verdict of accidental death.

## YOUTH CONFAB

Registrations are being received at the general program department office of the Pine Street YMCA and are \$2 per person for the complete three-day session.

Organizations and persons desiring to send delegates or register for the conference are requested to write or call Raoul Howard, general program secretary, Pine Street YMCA, 2846 Pine st., Je. 0702-03.

## SERVICEMAN'S BRIDE



MRS. SADIE CHOATS MURPHY  
Wife of Pfc. Burrell Murphy who is one of the many GI brides yet left at home. Mrs. Murphy does not let her husband's absence disturb her as she regularly indulges in sports. Pfc. Murphy is stationed at Aberdeen, Md.—Young Photo.

## African Dancer Here In Concert Nov. 17 At Kiel

ST. LOUIS — Asadata Dofora, foremost exponent and choreographer of African dances and music, will make his initial appearance in St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 17, at Kiel Opera House, 8:15 p.m. for the benefit of the People's Art Center.

Dofora has been acclaimed throughout Europe and America for his authentic interpretations of African cultures. He has been presented at Carnegie Hall, the New School for Social Research, the American Museum of Natural History, the Brooklyn Museum, at Fisk University and many other places. In his performances he is assisted by a young African prince and an expert drummer.

Dofora is a native of Sierra Leone on Africa's West Coast. He studied in Europe, and became famous as a dancer in France and Germany. His performances in the United States have evoked high praise from such outstanding artists as Lawrence Tibbett, Leopold Stokowski and the late George Gershwin.

Dofora is on the board of directors of the African Academy of Arts and Research. He has worked actively to promote better understanding between the peoples of the United States and Africa.

## Improvement Ass'n To Hold Meetings

ST. LOUIS—E. S. Robinson Sr., assistant secretary general of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, will conduct a series of meetings here first at Liberty Hall, 2732 Delmar, Division 125, Nov. 3, 3 p.m.; South Kinlock Park Division 198, Nov. 4, 5 p.m.; West St. Louis Division 254, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.; East St. Louis Division 228, Nov. 10, and at 1715 Bidite St., St. Louis, Mo. from Cleveland, Ohio, where he was recently appointed minister of labor and industry of UNIA.

The meetings are under the auspices of the executive council of the association.

## Mound City Bar Endorses Russell

ST. LOUIS — At a recent meeting of the Mound City Bar Association the following judges of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis were indorsed: Circuit Judge Harry F. Russell, William S. Conner, William K. Koerner, Edward M. Ruddy, Eugene Sartorius and James A. McLaughlin (these judges were unanimously indorsed).

The following judges were indorsed but not unanimously: Louis J. Comford, judge of the Court of Criminal Correction, Circuit Judge James F. Nangle and Circuit Judge W. L. Mason.

The following were not indorsed: Probate Judge Glen B. Arnold, Circuit Judges Robert J. Kirkwood and Waldo C. Mayfield.

An executive session of about 35 members met at offices in the Jefferson Bank building to ballot on the judges.

## Delay Building Of L'Ouverture

ST. LOUIS — Members of the Tenants League of the block of Cardinal and Montrose aves. at a recent meeting adopted a resolution asking delay of proposed plans for erection of the L'Ouverture elementary school on a site which would include these blocks due to the extreme housing shortage.

The resolution was addressed to the Board of Education and the "City Administration."

The Rev. Wm. D. Edwards of Unity Baptist church, Kirkwood, also addressed a letter to Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of Third Baptist church asking intervention of the city's pastors to halt "kicking out these people, including 80 children with no place to go."

The Tenants Leaguers ask that adequate housing be provided before the eviction deadline, March, 1947.

Temporary use of the Chouteau school to relieve scattering and crowding of children by the fire which destroyed the third floor of the L'Ouverture school was requested.

## Board Member To Address Evening School

ST. LOUIS — Mrs. Irma Friedl, member of Board of Education, will be the speaker at the annual celebration of American Education Week, sponsored by the Summer Evening School. The program will be open to the public, and will be held in the Sumner High auditorium, 4248 W. Cottage st., Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, starting promptly at 8 p.m.

The theme of American Education Week this year is "Education For the Atomic Age."

Mrs. Friedl is past President of the Board of Education, the first and only woman Board member, and an outstanding figure in community affairs.

Following the program, interested persons will have an opportunity to observe the Summer Evening School in session.

## ACROSS TOWN

With Howard M. Woods OLVIE OWAN, the rookie cop from Washington, D. C. who set up the juvenile program that has attracted the attention of leading publications throughout the country was in St. Louis last week for one day.

Woods, unassuming and quiet despite his news spread of Life, Ebony, Saturday Evening Post, and other similar publication was "profoundly astonished" at the magnitude of St. Louis.

"The people out East should wake up and know what you people are doing out here," Woods said after getting a quick look at the old burg during his brief stop-over. Details of his highly effective program to curb juvenile delinquency were given to proper agencies here.

FLOCK OF St. Louisians were in Jefferson City the past weekend to witness another Homecoming celebration at Lincoln. . . . Buddy Johnson's reappearance here at Club Riviera brings a band filled with variety of music back to the club.

ASADATA DOFORA, the authentic African dancer, will appear in concert at Kiel auditorium Sunday, Nov. 17 to give St. Louisians a real cultural and educational treat. According to advance reports, the celebrated troupe has one of the most unusual repertoires ever seen on the concert dancing stage.

St. Louis will bid Ollie and Meddie Thornton "goodbye" between now and the 15th of the month as they tie off to Washington. . . . Sanford Robinson is planning another exciting business venture come a few more weeks. . . . The Personality Girl of the Week was given a host of useful gifts when she was presented over the air this week direct from the floor of Club Riviera. This week it was Mary Lee Howard.

Check with G.H.B. about that persistent rumor that is growing stronger and stronger by the minute. . . Arrangements for the running of the Mayor of Brownville race will start in a matter of days. Watch for details.

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the "Bigger and Better Negro Business Month" that ends officially Nov. 27. The program is a part of the national project of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, in connection with businessmen throughout the country.—Blakeley Photo.