

## HOUSTON PHYSICIAN VICTIM OF AN OUTRAGE

### WOODMEN RE-ELECT DR. ABNER SUPREME COMMANDER, AT DENVER

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Texas, and Mrs. LaBlonde Johnson, Trenton, N. J., Director of singing, William Blue, Kansas City, Mo., Prelate, Rev. William Fowler, Columbus, Ohio. The



PROF. W. H. HILLYARD

Principal of Brewer Normal School, Greenwood, S. C., State Accredited High School of High Grade. Only one of its kind in upper South Carolina. For the first time since its organization in 1869 has this Institution had a Negro Principal and an all Negro Faculty. The outlook for Brewer is bright.

Session of the Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen. The opening and welcome program was staged Monday night after the special trains from Texas, Alabama, Illinois, Ohio, and twenty-six other states in which the American Woodmen operates, had arrived. Mayor B. F. Stapleton delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city.

Sessions Open. Zion Baptist Church was filled to overflowing Tuesday morning when the gavel was sounded by the Supreme Commander, E. W. D. Abner; J. T. Bush of St. Louis, was named as chairman of the credential committee. Newspaper reporters, Rev. W. D. Cerrahi, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Mattie E. Stanley, Louisville, Ky.; Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City, Okla. Other conventional officers appointed were assistant clerk W. C. Smith, Houston, Tex.; Organist, Mrs. L. V. Dixon, Lott,

### MISSOURI GOVERNOR SAYS LYNCHING IS INVESTIGATED

New York, Aug.—(N. A. A. C. P.) In response to a letter from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, protesting against utterances attributed by the newspapers to local law enforcement officers, Governor Sam A. Baker of Missouri has written a letter giving assurance that the lynching at Excelsior Springs is being investigated. Governor Baker disclaims knowledge of the remark attributed to Ray Cummins, prosecuting attorney, that substantial justice had been done the lynched man. Governor Baker's letter to the N. A. A. C. P. follows: "Replying to your communication of August 11th will say that of course I am familiar with

### FAVROT SAYS WHITE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE SHOULD MEET WITH NEGRO CITIZENS

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, Aug.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received the American City Magazine for August, in which Leo Favrot, of Louisiana, field agent of the General Education Board, asserts there is hardly any contact between white and colored citizens in southern cities and urges that white chambers of commerce arrange to meet and discuss community problems with colored citizens.

"The South has only recently begun to realize," writes Mr. Favrot, "that it can never attain its highest development while the interests and welfare of 40 per cent of its population are neglected. We southern members of the white race too frequently think of our community life in terms of the white population alone. It is strange that we should forget the old adage that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and that link in the average southern community is likely to be the Negro population or the community influences derived from it.

"There is little opportunity in the South for the leaders of the colored race to come in contact with the leaders of the white race. Southern white people do not come in frequent contact with Negro physicians, dentists, merchants, bankers, educators or ministers, although the number of trained and educated Negroes in southern communities is increasing every day. We come to think of the Negro then entirely in terms of the great masses on the lowest rung of the ladder and seldom of that intelligent and capable minority which furnishes the guidance and leadership of the masses.

"In my experience of thirteen years as a worker among Negroes, I find a distinct desire on the part of many of their leaders to discuss with white men plans for racial betterment. They feel that their sphere of opportunity as leaders is limited by the fact that they do not have ample opportunity to get before the proper authorities many of the problems that beset the Negroes who live in cities and towns."

Mr. Favrot reports that he questioned 167 secretaries of chambers of commerce and that 78 per cent of them had no provision for consulting or meeting with colored citizens. Such contact is the more necessary, says Mr. Favrot, as Negroes are not admitted to membership in southern chambers of commerce.

### CHRISTIANS IN AFRICAN JUNGLE

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Lytham, Eng., Aug.—Hidden in the African jungle, Rev. W. Pratt has found a native community of Christians, the chief evangelist of which is known as "The Black Eligah," a Kruman who came under the influence of Christian teaching, and has succeeded in putting it over with his own people.

### STATEN ISLAND GRAND JURY INDICTS ASSAILANT OF NEGRO POSTMAN

#### N. A. A. C. P. Offers Aid In Bringing Suit For Damages

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, Aug. 21—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today learned that the Staten Island Grand Jury has brought an indictment against Museo M. Robinson and others not named, for conspiracy in attacking and stoning the house of Samuel A. Browne, a colored postman, who was threatened with death to himself and his wife if he failed to move from the neighborhood. The indictment was returned today. Representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, including Charles Studin, member of the legal committee, and Herbert J. Seligmann, the Association's Director of Publicity, were in conference with Mr. Browne last night and with Mr. Browne called upon Judge J. B. Handy who will probably act as counsel for Mr. Browne in bringing a suit for damages against Robinson, against whom the indictment is returned, is a next door neighbor of Mr. Browne and has led in the movement to force the Browne family out of their home. Robinson hails from the South, and was active in real estate operations in that section of Staten Island.

The indictment was brought as a result of repeated mob attacks on Mr. Browne's residence in the course of which the lawn was ruined, plants destroyed, windows and doors smashed. In the course of the campaign to terrorize Mr. Browne and his family, telegrams signed by fictitious names were sent to fire insurance companies, warning them that they had better cancel the insurance they were carrying. For a time Mr. Browne found it almost impossible to obtain any insurance as a consequence of this conspiracy.

At the present time a police guard is constantly maintained at Mr. Browne's residence, a patrolman being stationed there from four o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock in the morning, as all the attacks here-night or very early in the morning.

A meeting is to be held by colored citizens of Staten Island to raise funds in order to conduct the civil suit for damages which Mr. Browne plans to bring against Robinson, and the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City has offered the use of his church building for a similar meeting.

Mr. Browne has been bravely standing his ground despite all the efforts of his enemies and despite the danger to which his wife and three small children have been subjected. Mr. Browne declined to sell his house although offered \$1500 more than he paid for it, saying his stand was a matter of principle involving the status of colored citizens.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Houston, Texas, Aug.—Dr. R. H. Ward, local colored dentist, was lured from his home last Monday night by a fake call, and brutally assaulted by a mob of white men.

Dr. Ward responded to the call but found no one at the given address who wanted his services. Noticing a car parked near the house, he thought to get information from the occupants. He was seized at the point of a revolver and forced into the car, driven to the western part of the city, and tared and feathered. Car-bolic acid was poured on his back, after which he was robbed of all his belongings. Ward finally succeeded in reaching a telephone, and was brought back to the city by friends. Although Dr. Ward reported the affair to the district attorney, nothing has been done about the affair. The daily newspapers have made no report of the affair.



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Doctor S. J. Elliott, National Grand Master, and A. E. Bush, National Grand Scribe, recently elected officers of The Mosaic Templars of America, one of the largest fraternal orders in the country, with a view of The Temple Home Office Building in which the Quadrennial Convocation was recently held.

### SAY MEXICO REFUSES TO ADMIT NEGROES

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, Aug.—According to dispatches in white newspapers the Mexican government will prohibit the entrance of colored workers into the country. Permission is said to have been denied sugar planters in lower California to import colored labor, due, so the report runs, to the difficulties the Mexican government is already having with Chinese and Japanese immigrants.

by the Carnegie Foundation and State Associations have been added to the faculty of the college and High School. The College and High School suffer independent organization being separate units in order to secure recognition and Class "A" curricula in both.

### FLORIDA A. & M. COLLEGE IMPROVES FACULTY

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Tallahassee, Fla., Aug.—In order that the Florida A. & M. College might do better work, a larger and better qualified faculty has been selected for the year 1925-26; only graduates from a point involving the recognition of the sovereignty of Liberia.

### LIBERIA ACCEPTS ARMS CONVENTION

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, Aug.—After much wrangling and hesitancy, the Liberian minister in Paris has notified the League of Nations that his government adheres to the Arms Control Convention under the special provisions proposed by the American delegation. Her acceptance had been withheld on a point involving the recognition of the sovereignty of Liberia.

### QUOTE "ABE" LINCOLN TO FOOL A FARMER

Paulsboro, N. J., Aug.—"Don't clean up. do anything until you hear from us." That is what two men told Louis Gross, a farmer, of this little town, when they left him standing on the corner of Fifth and Cherry Streets, Philadelphia, Wednesday night. Gross a few minutes before had handed the two strangers \$1,000 with which to purchase \$10,000 worth of smuggled silk. This was a new game that was sprung on the farmer. Gross had met them for the first time in a cafe a few hours before. For five hours he awaited their return and then told the police. "I met those two gentlemen in a cafe," Gross told the desk sergeant at the police station. "and gracious how they could talk. They told me they knew a man who had smuggled silk worth \$10,000 and we would put in \$1,000 a piece, buy it, and me."