

SPRINGFIELD NEWS

By Oliver M. Buggs

The Local Chapter, NAACP., Officially opened its drive for members on April 13 at the Olivet Community House, after a three week preparation. The goal set is for 1500 members and the outstanding feature is the interracial co-operation already manifested, setting this city out front in this particular manner. Reginald Funn, president of the branch designated George C. Gordon, New England Regional Officer and a past president of the branch to the task of general chairman of the Drive, assisted by Principal Parker of the Buckingham Junior High School, Charles Butterworth and Preston Gilmore of the Third National Bank are Treasurers in the drive. Walter White appeared here recently spearheading the drive and was followed by Walter P. Offutt Jr., as guest speaker at the Olivet Community House meeting. Messrs Frank Dowse, Winston Jackson and George Laws tabulated new members reported by the city wide committee previous to the meeting and reported a total of near four hundred dollars as a starter. The meeting was sponsored by combined churches with the Rev. H. A. Rogers of the Thru Baptist Church presiding. Ministers present from local churches pledged their support in making the twenty day drive a success.

Clarence E. Williams from visit his uncle, Robert Will-Bridgeport, Conn. was here to iams of Richieleu Street. Mr. Williams is recently from Batesburg and Columbia, S. C., where he assisted in NAA CP work.

A pleasing Easter program was rendered at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church by the Sunday School. Soloists were: Mrs. Lucille Thornton, Mrs. Fair-iabelle Drummond, Mrs. Ruth Jessup, Mr. Thomas Jessup, Mr. Elton Williams, Mr. Walter Matthew and Mrs. Pearl Burke. Miss Adele rendered a selection dedicated to the Lord's Supper. The program was irected by Mrs. Herbert. The theme was "The Dawn of Easter" by Ira Wilson.

BY CO-REPORTER.

Lillian Franklin Jones

THE SQUIRES — Those gentlemen about town really did it up brown the other evening when they entertained their wives at the Hotel Kimball. Dinner was served at 7 and dancing followed. Invited guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Otis Byrd, Mrs. Bertha Wright, Mrs. Lillian Parks, of Chicago, the mother of Mrs. McGoodwin. Everyone agreed that more occasions like this adds extra sparkle to everyday life. Dr. O. L. K. Fraser had charge of dinner arrangements

The Squies are; Roscoe Franklin, Dr. Howard P. Kennedy, Dr. Maceo McGoodwin, Ashley Boone, Reginald Funn, Dr. O. L. K. Fraser, Russell Harrison, J. Clifford Clarkson, James H. Jones, Jr., Joshua Green, Jack Taylor, H. Delworth and Robert Wright. (Cont. on Page 14, Col. 2)

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temerity to direct the work of drafting the bills," Mr. Linsley stated.

"If Congress continues to do the work for Big Business, which wants unions destroyed in order to gain bigger profits the inevitable result will be a drastic cut in the purchasing power of the people," he added. "Such a cut will lead to a terrible depression with its attendant misery and suffering for the American people. The UE, together with all organized labor and its allies, must and will take decisive action to defeat these enemies of the people," he said.

SENATORS WARNED

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United States Employment Service, the only Federal agency making a large scale effort to utilize the services of minorities in industry, was practically wiped out. The Bureau of Labor Statistics which furnishes information, vitally necessary to workers and industry alike, employment, an wages and hours has been seriously crippled. We urge you to restore the funds necessary to enable these agencies to render important services to the American people."

STATE LEADERS

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guson of Nashville, for Tennessee.

Other state and regional chairmen include Miss Mary H. Thornton, Bridgeport Conn., for New England; T. V. Mangum, Statesville, for North Carolina; Mrs. Lulu B. White, Houston, for Texas, Harry T. Moore, Brevard County, for Florida, and John H. Klugh, Jamaica, for New York.

Regional coordinators, with headquarters at San Francisco, Calif.; New York, N. Y.; Columbus, O.; Kansas City, Mo., and New Orleans, La., report that regional speakers bureaus have been set up to service branch mass meetings.

Daniel E. Byrd, executive secretary of the New Orleans branch who heads Region 5, LeRoy Carter, Region 4 coordinator with offices in Kansas City, and Noah Griffin, Region 1 head in San Francisco, who have been in close touch with branches through letters and personal visits, declare that spirit is high and competition keen between branches and between states.

Lucille Black, coordinator of Region 2 which comprises Northeast Atlantic seaboard states, held a conference of branch membership chairmen in the national NAACP office on March 22nd. Six similar conferences were held in five Region 3 cities.

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