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NEGRO MASONIC ENTANGLEMENT

Gulfport Lodge Loses First Tilt With Negro Organizer from Jackson but Refuses To Acknowledge Defeat.

Members of Bestitude Lodge No. 823, of the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, a Gulfport negro organization, were quoted today as unwilling to acknowledge defeat in their legal campaign against T. J. Cuney, Jackson negro who has said he bore the unassuming title of Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Grand Orient of Washington, D. C., and Grand Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Eastern Star.

Cuney and his compatriot, Robert Jones, Picayune negro, were released from custody at Gulfport yesterday after Justice Clarence D. Cox, holding a hearing in the county courthouse, had dismissed charges sworn against the two negroes by a member of the Gulfport lodge who claimed the organizers had cheated and defrauded Ernest Garner, negro of $7 in money by representing that Garner was made a member of the Cuney lodge, the "only recognized and existing Masonic lodge in Mississippi."

The case was dismissed after Eudora Palmer of Jackson and Robert W. Thompson, Jr., of Gulfport, counsel for the defendants had pointed out a supreme court ruling that the courts of the state were not interested in differences between rival fraternal organizations.

The state was represented by County Attorney Desmond M. Graham, Jr., and Special Prosecutor R. Clifton Cox.

The Gulfport negro lodge members will adopt a new line of attack as their next legal move, it was said today.

Cuney, who was said to have been organizing negro lodges in Mississippi for several years, until the number of local organizations scattered through the state has exceeded fifty, was described as head of the Most Worshipful Cuney Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Queen Esther Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Phinion, chartered under the laws of Mississippi.

Earlier efforts to remove Cuney from the field as lodge organizer came to a focus in Hattiesburg about two years ago when a quo warranto suit and an application for an injunction were filed and heard in Forrest county. The supreme court dismissed the quo warranto suit, it was said, and the injunction suit died after the granting of a temporary restraining order which was not made permanent. Dismissal of the suit by the supreme court was on the ground that Forrest county was not the proper jurisdiction for the action, as Hinds county was the domicile of the Cuney lodge.

The declaration in the injunction suit against Cuney described the man as operating in Mississippi under authority of a commission bearing the name of John G. Jones. It was said in the declaration to have disappeared before the date of the document.

Ability to confer all the York and Scottish Rite degrees, including the 32nd, in half an hour, was credited to Cuney, whose fixed fee for the service was $6.50 it was recited. The $6.50 was not always required, however, and $1750 would be sufficient if the candidate had no more money. Mass initiations of a whole lodge at a time were Cuney's specialty, it was declared.

The Gulfport negro lodge is accredited in its literature to the Stringer Grand lodge, one of three lodges established in Mississippi in 1908 under the jurisdiction of an Ohio "orient." The Stringer lodge was formed at Vicksburg; the Lynch lodge at Jackson; and the Reeds lodge, at Natchez.

Counsel in yesterday's hearing said that eight distinct and separate negro grand lodges were operating in Mississippi at the present time.

The arrest of Cuney and Jones took place in a negro hall at Lyman early in April, when deputy sheriffs said they found the organizers busily organizing.

AMOUNT OF RUN-OFF WATER VARIES WITH LAND TYPES

Columbia, Mo., —(AP)—Experiments by the Missouri state experiment station over a period of six years show that the run-off water from land varies greatly with different types of land.

In seven plots—one sod, one not cultivated, two spaded and three planted to crops—the amount of water varied from 194 cubic feet per year on the non-cultivated or barren land to 117 on the sod land. The sod land probably absorbs the most rainfall for three reasons, it was concluded: the sod prevents the loss of moisture by water from the soil and subsoil; the roots make passages which allow downward passage of the water into the soil; and the organic material on the surface lessens the flow off the land.

These experiments throw light on the problem of land destruction by erosion, it being much less from the sod land than from the plowed or barren land.

Gulfport Items

THEFTS REPORTED

In the past few days doors have been removed from a house on the corner of Pass Road and Jim Money avenue which is being repaired by Judge A. McC Kimbrough, the doors being stolen from the openings and taken away by an unknown thief or thieves. The pump in the yard has been pulled up and stolen and several of the windows have been broken. The house has been vacant about two weeks since the removal of a tenant. Several other houses in that section have had windows broken and a variety of articles taken away from unoccupied houses recently, it was said.

NEGRO MEET HEARS REPORTS

The first day's session of the Biloxi Baptist Sunday school convention which opened here yesterday was devoted mostly to hearing reports from all officers. The introductory address was made by Rev. J. O. Dixon of Pascagoula. C. H. Thornton is leading a chorus of 100 voices. The main feature of the night session was the address of President R. T. Thomas of Hattiesburg in which he urged negro ministers to cooperate with the whites in helping to solve racial problems. Rev. J. H. Ratliff of Hattiesburg delivered the doctrinal sermon. G. L. Lindsley, vice-president, is presiding at the night sessions. The B. Y. P. U. is also in session.

COUNTY COURT CASES

Judge Murphy heard and disposed of several civil and equity cases in county court yesterday as follows:

Frank P. Corso versus V. H. Anzile and Howell Jones, trading as Palace Billiard Hall, nonsuited as to Anzile and a consent judgment in the sum of $261.32 against Jones with a 30 day stay of execution.

B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., versus F. E. Ledner, judgment by default $149.54.

Mutual Auto Sales Co., versus T. W. Wallace, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Southern Tire Co., versus General Motors Acceptance Corporation dismissed at plaintiff's cost and writ of sequestration quashed.

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