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Elks Club

907 Cleveland Ave.

Montgomery, Ala.

Aug 10, 1955

The meeting of the Montgomery Branch NAACP Executive Committee was opened at 8:00 P.M. with prayer led by Mr. E. D. Nixon, Chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Rosa L. Parks. Mr. Matthews moved the minutes be recessed and adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Matthews listed the following itemized statement:

1. Mrs. Georgia Brown, pres. of the Women's Auxiliary, set the 3rd Sunday in August at the Holt Street Baptist Church. They have mailed more than 200 letters to ~~the people~~ people in Mont'y. Mrs. Polly Myers Hudson ^{Elkins} will be the speaker. She will be introduced by Miss Autherine Lucy.

2. A Chairman of the Men's Day Program is needed as Mr. A. B. Moore is not acting toward the program as Chairman.

3. He is trying to finish petitions to the school board. A communication read by the secretary was accepted by common consent.

Mr. Matthews acknowledged his error in his first choice of the Men's Day Chairman.

Atty Gray suggested Rev. M. L. King and Rev. R. D. Chernoth, he requested to serve as Co-Chairman of the Men's

Day program. He then moved that the be contacted by the president. Mr. Upshaw seconded the motion and was carried. Rev. Parker was also mentioned by Atty. Gray.

Atty Gray also said putting out placards for the young ladies appearance on the Women's Day program will boost the publicity.

The State Conference will receive a percentage of the proceeds of the Men and Women Day program. The amount has not been decided.

Atty Gray asked about the recreation. Some young men are asked ^{by Mr. Pierce} to go to Oak Park the day after the meeting. Mr. Nixon said none should go who can have economic pressure put on them.

Mr. Pryor moved that the branch take the recreation case if the plan goes through and the boys are denied the use of Oak Park recreational facilities. Mr. Matthews seconded the motion. It was carried.

Atty Gray said the Claudette Colvin case is ready for the appeal. Two signers are needed for appeal bond in the case she loses and have to pay the Court Cost. Mr. Matthews said the branch will pay the Court Cost if any is charged against her.

Mr. Pryor and Mr. Nixon consented to sign the appeal bond. Mr. Matthews said he will represent the NAACP at the Tuesday meeting with the Park and Recreation Board at Oak Park.

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Pavilion.

At this point, the Chairman brought up Mr. Matthews' error in appointing the Men's Day Program. Atty Gray moved Mr. Matthews' apology be accepted by the Ex. Committee. Mr. Uphaw seconded the motion. It was carried.

The treasurer of the branch has not been active in the meetings this year. Atty Gray moved that the branch authorize the secretary to write Mr. Bell of his negligence and if he can not perform his duties, his resignation would be appreciated. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Matthews explained how the branch money is deposited either by him or the secretary.

Atty Gray said the membership drive should be a concentrated campaign. In the last meeting, several persons said they have not been asked to work in the membership campaign. Atty Gray said we should use plenty publicity.

Mr. Nixon said the ministers should be called together for a dinner. The Ex. Board could pay for the lunch. Mr. Matthews will see the ministers.

Mrs. Parks gave a report of her stay at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn. attending a Workshop on Desegregation July 24 Aug 6.

Mr. Nixon expressed appreciation for the report.

The meeting adjourned. Those present:
Mr. E. D. Nixon, Mr. M. Harris, W. Uphaw, Atty F. D. Gray,
Mr. Pryor, Mrs. R. L. Parks, R. L. Barnes

Mr. E. D. Nixon, Chairman Rose L. Parks, Secretary