

California BERKELEY

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Miss Elsie Austin of Washington, D. C., the first Negro woman to finish law school at the University of Cincinnati, and who has bar privileges in Ohio and Indiana, visited the West Coast while on a speaking tour here recently. Miss Austin, a member of the National Assembly of the Bahai Movement, was royally entertained while here. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of which she is a member, entertained her with an elaborate reception at the Berkeley YM-YW center in Russell street when members of the past state presidents' council were hostesses, Thursday afternoon, March 27. Mrs. Esther Jones Lee was the mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, senior past president, poured tea. The affair was interracial. Mrs. Chlora Hayes Sledge presented the honoree with a corsage. Mrs. Vivian Osborne Marsh was chairman of the reception committee . . . Miss Austin, who is past national president of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, was further honored at a breakfast when members of a local chapter hosted the lovely affair.

John Lovell Jr., who received his doctor's degree in American Literature at the University of California in 1938, and who is now director of student affairs and associate professor of English at Howard University in Washington, D. C., is in the bay area where he is inspecting the student personnel system at the University of California. He is especially interested in the services provided for the college student and in the organization of the associated student of the University of California, admittedly the outstanding self governing body of college students in the United States. The University is one of several systems he has visited on his present tour which included similar systems at New York, Minnesota and Chicago. The purpose of the tour is to use the information gained from these inspections to assist in preparing a permanent and appropriate student personnel system for Howard University, which is one of the few American educational institutions to grow steadily through the war, and where the student enrollment is now about 7,000 alumni.

Among the coming events on the calendar of the Faith Presbyterian Church and Center include a Sacred Concert by the A Capella Choir of McClymonds High School on Sunday, April 20 and on April 27, an anniversary sermon by Roy Nichols, formerly co-pastor of the South Berkeley Community Church. Also an oratorical contest sponsored by the Athens Lodge No. 70, IBPOEW . . . Other interesting anniversary events are the anniversary dinner during which L. M. Hatch will be toastmaster and Miss Clotild Ferguson, secretary of Committee on Race Relations, American Friends Service Committee will be the speaker. Miss Ferguson was formerly a social worker at the Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind. On Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m., the Keeton Memorial Chorus will give a sacred concert.

Mrs. Alpha Henry hosted a lovely bridge luncheon in her home, 1521 Woolsey st., recently. Prize winners were Mesdames Lucille Allen, Pearl Holman and Beatrice Sledge. Others sharing in the festive occasion were Mesdames Babsie Jones, Fannie Ridley, Edna Ellis, Velma Anderson, Marguerite Clay. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Lillian Williams and Mrs. Willie Connor . . . The Missionary Women of the McGee Avenue Baptist Church presented their regular fifth Sunday missionary program, Sunday, March 30 at which time a large audience assembled. "Wealth of Spirit, A World Missionary Crusade" was the theme of the day's discussion. Mrs. Anna Mayfield, president, during the course of the program, presided. Mrs. Jackson was mistress of ceremonies. Following a long period of failing health Deacon Daniel Wilson Jones, charter member of McGee Avenue Baptist Church, affectionately known far and wide as "Dad Jones," passed on, March 27, at his home in Oregon street. Last rites were held Tuesday, April 1, in the church edifice. Long before the rites began the church was filled to capacity. The large number of florals spoke eloquently of the esteem of the community at large for the beloved Dad Jones. Attending ministers who paid tribute to the deceased included Rev. J. T. Muse of Sacramento, former pastor of the church; Rev. G. T. Wildy, moderator of Northern Baptist Association; Rev. Sirerit and Rev. Henry Holmes. Cards, telegrams and resolutions were offered in large numbers from the church as a unit and various auxiliaries. Club No. 1, which Dad Jones organized and was president for its whole 16 years of existence, has changed its name to D. W. Jones Memorial Club. Solos, his favorites, were rendered by Miss Annabelle Jones and Mrs. Jackson. Rev. J. W. Wilson delivered the eulogy.

Mrs. Grace Payne entertained the Nifty Eight Bridge Club. Prize winners were Mrs. Dorcas Overton, Mrs. Lucille Towns and Mrs. Marjorie Ledford . . . Mrs. Catherine Chapman, Oaklander, entertained the Avondale Bridge Club recently. Mesdames M. B. Witton and J. T. Allen won club prizes and Mrs. Martha Ritchie won the guest prize . . . Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones, manufacturers of Los Angeles, owners of the Cuban Laboratories, were visiting in the bay area last week. They were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Talbot of Oakland. While here Mr. and Mrs. Jones were extensively feted. Mr. Jones is also the distributor of the Pittsburgh Courier in his home city . . . Keynoting the social activities of the bay area, the beautiful home of Mrs. Marie Washington in Park street, was the lovely setting for a gala party when she hosted the Kil Kare Bridge Club . . . Assembled for the occasion was a large group of fashionably attired ladies. Mrs. Phil Jones of Los Angeles was the honoree. Prize winners at bridge were Mrs. Ellen Barrios, Mrs. Edith Talbot, Mrs. Deva Taylor, club prizes. Mrs. Ida Terry and Mrs. Phil Jones won guest prizes. Mrs. Maggie Taylor, who is planning a trip to the East Coast, was given a bon voyage token.