

CROSSES BURN IN NORTH

FAYETTE, Miss. - (NPI)--Cross-burning in the North and racial accord in the South--that was the upside down picture offered last week by four developments north and south of the Mason-Dixon line.

In two North Shore suburbs of Chicago, crosses were burnt on the lawns of Negro residents--one such on the lawn of Mrs. Frances Woods, defeated school board candidate, in Evanston.

In Kenilworth, a cross was burnt on the lawn of Atty. and Mrs. Harry Calhoun, the exclusive suburb's only Negro residents after a local newspaper printed a story disclosing their integration of the community.

In Passaic, N.J., a cross was burnt on the lawn of a synagogue for the second time in three weeks.

Mayor Paul De-Muro blamed it on a "bunch of vandals who have nothing else to do but make trouble," but David B. Kaplan, Passaic director of public safety, said police considered the cross-burning no boyish prank.

Dr. Leon Katz, rabbi of Congregation Adas Israel, where the crosses were burnt, said he believed the acts were committed by "an organized group in the community, perhaps an element impressed with the Ku Klux Klan, which is active in nearby Paterson."

Headstones were overturned at the Menorah cemetery in adjacent Clifton in the interval between the two burnings. The cemetery vandalism is "more serious, because it was a more mature type of work," said the Rev. George H. Talbott, pastor, First Presbyterian church.

An opposite picture was painted in Fayette, Miss., where white and Negro leaders settled racial differences.

Stores were fully desegregated after being boycotted by Negroes. City parks and playgrounds were desegregated, along with all public buildings. The police force was integrated, and city and store employees were instructed to use courtesy titles in referring to Negroes.

"I would like to see Jefferson county as a place where the white and colored work together. Let's go forward as friends," said Mayor R. J. Allen, who called for forgiveness on each side.

Charles Evers, Mississippi NAACP chief, agreed: "No longer will there be talk of what's best for the Negro or what's best for the white. We'll now discuss what's best for Fayette and Jefferson county. We're going to start working for what's right."

Training For Future



HOLMES & NARVOR, Inc., is again participating in the Youth Opportunity Program designed to provide summer jobs for needy young people. H & N's program is aimed at providing work experiences this summer for seven students.

Shown here are students participating in the program--(from left) Sarah Elmer, George Wara, Terrance Flood, John Malony, Robert Wagner, Melvin Rosemond, and Deborah Roberts.

This summer employment may mean the difference between them continuing their education or having to drop out of school. These young people in H & N's summer program are assigned to work in the following departments: Engineering Services, Central Control, Facility Engineering, Communications, Project Services, Estimating, and Signal & Cable.

First Negro Coast Guard Graduate

NEW LONDON, Conn. - (NPI)--The first Negro was among 113 cadets graduated from the Coast Guard academy last week. And within a year or so, he will be joined by two other Negro graduates.

Merle J. Smith, Jr., of Baltimore, received his degree and rank of ensign at the academy's 80th commencement ceremonies.

Two other Negroes are enrolled at the Academy. Both are third classmen.

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AND ANOTHER FIRST!

ATLANTA - (NPI)--During the monthly meeting of the American Women In Radio and Television, Mrs. Cella ReFour, traffic supervisor, radio station WIGO, was introduced to members of the national organization as the first Negro woman to qualify for membership with the Georgia chapter.

Mrs. ReFour began her career in radio in Columbus (Ga.) on station WOKS. She joined WIGO, Atlanta last March. In addition to her duties as traffic supervisor, she conducts special interview features of community interest.

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PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY

Sponsored by the Las Vegas Recreation Department, 15 playgrounds in the Las Vegas area are now in full swing with various activities being conducted, including children's theatre, and arts and crafts.

According to Recreation Supervisor, Nick Sylvester, Monday, June 27, is the kick-off date of the 1966 summer boys and girls softball leagues for all playgrounds. A girls 5th and 6th grade league will be attempted for the first time, and all girls interested should contact the Recreation Leader on the listed areas. The boys league will consist of a 3rd and 4th grade league, plus a 5th and 6th grade league at all the elementary schools open for summer recreational use.

Schools and Recreation Leaders to contact are: Crestwood, Bob Cummins; J. S. Park, Monte Piccinni; J. F. Miller, Bill Ronhko; Bonanza, Ed Poulson; Halle Hewetson, Mike Leavitt; J. T. McWilliams, Jerry Holloway; Walter Bracken, Ted DeeWees; Red Rock, Lou Pisani; Rex Bell, Ray Nielson; Rose Warren, LaVerne Nielson; Twin Lakes, Darrel Bellamy; Garside and Hyde Park, Wayne Stewart; JC Fremont and Roy Martin, Paul Plowden.

ANOTHER WEEKLY feature of the summer program are movies shown on the playgrounds. All movies are 25¢ for the youngsters and the movie-playing schedule is posted at each playground.

Later in the summer, during the month of July, a Junior Olympic track and field sports program is set for all playgrounds with the top five participants of each area vying in a city-wide Junior Olympic Meet. Ribbons and certificates will be awarded to the top participants.

The city-wide boys and girls softball city championship games will be held during the week of August 8.

The summer program will also feature such activities as various games, story times and, as one of the special events, a talent show with final contestants performing for the public.

ACCORDING to Sylvester, who is in charge of the program, the new events along with the caliber of leadership at the playgrounds from 9-5, will provide the community of Las Vegas with the best summer program offered to date.

For additional information regarding the summer playground activities, call Nick Sylvester, Recreation Dept.,--385-1221, ext. 374.

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