

NAACP BRANCH FILES

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.
1915-16

Am enclosing list of members of
Branch organized in Champaign &
Urbana. There are 27 of them, and
a much different type from the
Danville people. The University has
created a healthy intellectual atmos-
phere among them. Mr. Wheeler & Mr.
Lee are employed as clerks at the school
the former in the Dept of Agriculture &
the latter in the President's office. This
is something unusual for colored men.

They need the work there badly also.
One of the teachers there told me that
that it looked as if the color line were
going to be drawn there. I hope not so.
I didn't know how to divide the money
paid by Dean Clarke & Dean Davenport.
I took out one dollar for the Crisis and
then divided the remainder equally was
that right? The constitution says 50 cts.
of each fee should be retained by the
Branch. Does that refer to a fee larger
than 1.00?

Continue to send 10 copies of Constitution
they can at least get instructions as to
do from them.

Leave here Friday for Pezater Ill. where
I can be reached at Genl. Delivery,
My truly, B. Johnson.

APPLICATION

MAY 3 - 19

To the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,
70 Fifth Avenue, New York City

We, the undersigned, hereby apply for admission, as a Branch of the

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

The name of our Organization is

Twin City Branch

It will be the endeavor of this organization to cooperate, to the best of its ability, with the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE in furtherance of the object of the Association, namely: "To uplift the colored men and women of this country by securing to them the full enjoyment of their rights as citizens, justice in all courts, and equality of opportunity everywhere".

Name	Address	Occupation
Albert R. Lee	605 N. Walnut St. <i>Champaign</i>	Clack in office
Mr. Herman B. Wheeler	812 St. Clark St. <i>Champaign</i>	President of Champaign College
Mrs. L. E. Jumean	106 N. 4th St. <i>Champaign</i>	Clack in office
is Mathil Dixon	410 St. Maple St. <i>Champaign</i>	Full University of Ill.
Ms. L. Edwards	1204 St. Basile St. <i>Urbana</i>	Housewife
is Nathan Dyer	122 N. Oak St. <i>Champaign</i>	Restaurant Business
Rev. H. A. Jumean	106 N. 4th St. <i>Champaign</i>	Pastor of M. E. Church
is Lillian G. Perry	612 Poplar St. <i>Champaign</i>	Housewife
Mr. L. L. Bredtore	908 N. Champaign <i>Champaign</i>	High School Student
is St. N. Brown	406 East Clark <i>Champaign</i>	Catress
Miss Emma Pulliam	1406 West Hill St. <i>Urbana</i>	Domestic
Mr. C. H. Taylor	211 N. Poplar St. <i>Champaign</i>	Laborer
Ms. H. J. Hella	1410 St. Church St. <i>Urbana</i>	Housewife
Mr. H. J. Bruiere	1410 St. Church St. <i>Urbana</i>	Student of University of Illinois
Ms. L. E. Patton	516 S. Maltheu <i>Champaign</i>	Catress

Date

Chairman

Secretary

Main City Branch.

Mrs L. A. Riley, 106 Springfield St.
Champaign - Housekeeper.

Mr. H. E. Stephens - 811 N. Neil St.
Champaign - Janitor

Mr. E. A. Hille, 1410 Church St, Urbana,
Engineer MAY 3 - 1915

Mr. Frank Skilton ⁶⁴ E. Vine St.
Champaign - Mailman

Mrs. Fred Lewis, 408 E. Stoughton
Champaign - Plasterer.

Mrs. Emma M. Hunt, 602 E. White St.
Champaign.

Mrs. Margaret L. Nicken, 911 S. 4th St.
Champaign.

Mrs. J. B. Thompson, 406 E. Park
Champaign Caterer

Dr. H. E. Rowan - 22 - N. Walnut.
Champaign - Physician

Officers Miss City Branch.
Pres. Mr. H. E. Rowen

V. P. Mrs. H. J. Wells,

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Secy Mrs J. B. Thompson

Treas. Mr. Albert R. Lee.

Executive Com.

Mr. Hiram Wheeler

Mrs L. A. Riley,

Mrs Daise D. Patton

Rev. H. H. Jamison

Mrs H. H. Jamison

Mr. H. J. Prince

W. L. H. B.

White members.
Miss Martha J. Kyle - 1101
St. California Ave. Urbana Ill,
Dean of Women, University of
Illinois.

Mr. E. Darupont, 507 S. Wright St,
Champaign Ill, Dean of
Agricultural Science

Mr. Thos Arkle Clark
Dean of Men, University
of Ill. Urbana.

MAY 3 - 1915

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

Twin City (Champaign + Urbana, Illinois)

Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

NAME.

1. This organization shall be known as the

Twin City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

OBJECT.

2. Its object shall be to carry out in *Champaign + Urbana* and vicinity the purposes of the Association in conformity with its Articles of Incorporation, its By-Laws, and as prescribed by its Board of Directors. The Branch shall be subject to the general authority and supervision of the Board of Directors of the National Association.

ACTIVITIES.

3. The activities of the *Twin City* Branch may consist of the following and such other local activities as it may wish to carry on subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the National Association:

(a) To lessen race discrimination and to secure civil, political and legal rights to colored citizens and others.

(b) To thoroughly organize the people of the community in the interest of the National Association and to increase the membership of the Branch and the circulation of the Crisis.

(c) To make the Branch a center of popular education through lectures and courses of study, reading on the race question, the work of the National Association, and allied questions.

(d) To hold mass meetings, parlor meetings, and memorial exercises.

(e) To create a bureau of information on local conditions.

(f) To interest the local press.

(g) To provide amusement by entertainments, dramatics, moving pictures, etc.

4. The Charter of authority received by this Branch upon its admission to the National Association may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Directors of the Association whenever the Board shall deem it for the best interest of the Association. Such revocation shall not invalidate the membership of any member of the Branch in the National Association.

OFFICERS.

5. The officers of the Branch shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. Such officers shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Branch and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected.

The duties of the President shall be:

(a) To preside at meetings of the Branch, at public meetings, to represent the Branch on official occasions, and to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

(b) To appoint committees except as otherwise herein provided.

(c) To sign official documents.

(d) Between meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and subject to the approval thereof, to exercise general executive authority on behalf of the Branch. The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

(a) To perform the duties of the President whenever he shall be absent or unable to act.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

(a) To act as the chief financial officer of the Branch.

(b) To act as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

All moneys of the Association shall be transferred to the Treasurer and shall be deposited by him in the name of the Branch in some responsible bank or trust company. Such moneys may be withdrawn upon check of the Treasurer countersigned by the President.

The Treasurer shall promptly remit to the National Association the proportion of the

(h) To keep the Secretary of the National Association informed of all events affecting colored people in the vicinity of the Branch.

ORGANIZATION.

6. The executive power of the Branch shall be vested in an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Branch, and in addition not less than three nor more than nine members elected by ballot, of whom one-third shall be chosen for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years, at the first meeting of the permanent organization, and at each annual meeting thereafter one-third for three years.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month at such times and places as it may determine. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Branch or by two members of the Committee on two days' written notice.

The Executive Committee shall appoint Standing Committees on *Membership, Finance, Meetings, Press, Legal Redress and Legislation, Grievance and Education and Amusement*, at its first meeting and thereafter at each annual meeting. These Committees shall consist of not more than three members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Vacancies occurring during the year in any Branch office or in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of the Branch.

The Executive Committee shall report to the Branch at the latter's regular meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

7. Standing Committees shall meet regularly at least once a month at such times and places as they may determine. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by two members on three days' written notice. All standing committees shall report each month to the Executive Committee at its regular meeting.

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(b) The *Finance Committee*, which shall consist of the President, the Treasurer and one other member, shall have charge of all property and funds of the Branch and of ~~the Branch and of the Association~~ local and other purposes within the scope of the organization. It shall audit the books of the Treasurer.

(c) The *Meetings Committee* shall arrange mass meetings, parlor meetings and memorial exercises, and shall endeavor, through a series of meetings, to spread the propaganda of the Association in churches, schools, religious associations, secret societies, clubs, and similar organizations.

(d) The *Press Committee* shall endeavor to secure publicity in the local press, white and colored, for the work of the Branch, the Association and the race question in general, by publishing data on lynching, industrial conditions affecting colored people, discrimination in parks, restaurants, playgrounds, theatres, libraries, and other public places, and discrimination in educational opportunities, etc.

By personal visits and correspondence it shall attempt to interest editors in local conditions affecting colored people and in the race question in general.

(e) The *Legal Redress and Legislative Committee* shall be comprised largely of lawyers. It shall make a study of local ordinances and laws with the purpose of testing them and working for the repeal of such as discriminate against colored people and of enforcing all that can be used to protect their civil and political rights, and of

(g) The *Committee on Education and Amusement* shall study local conditions affecting colored people.

It shall conduct a bureau of information on these conditions and on the race question in general.

It shall arrange lectures and study courses, moving pictures and dramatics on the race question and the work of the N. A. A. C. P.; arrange entertainments for the benefit of the Branch and the work of the National Association; and aim to be a center of popular education on the race question and the work of the National Association.

MEMBERSHIP.

8. Membership in the Branch shall include membership in the National Association. Any person wishing to become a member of the Branch shall submit his application in writing to the Branch Secretary for the approval of the Branch Executive Committee.

DUES.

9. Each member shall pay the fees fixed by the Board of Directors of the National Association. Of the total amount paid in as membership fees fifty cents from each fee shall be retained by the Branch for its local expenses and the balance shall be paid from time to time to the Treasurer of the National Association.

Nothing in this section shall, however, preclude the raising of funds by the Branch for special, local or other purposes within the scope of the organization.

No indebtedness or obligation shall be incurred by the Branch or any of its officers or agents in the name or behalf of the National Association, and the National Association shall not be responsible for any indebtedness or obligation incurred by the Branch or by any of its officers or agents.

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REPORTS.

12. The Branch shall send if possible at least one delegate to the annual meeting of the National Association in January who shall report on the activities of the Branch. The Branch shall send a written report to the Secretary of the National Association one month prior to the annual meeting.

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AMENDMENTS.

13. With the written approval of the Board

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The Treasurer shall promptly remit to the National Association the proportion of the membership fees to which it is entitled as provided by Article 9.

All bills shall be approved before payment by the Finance Committee.

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- (a) To act as Secretary of the Branch.
- (b) To act as a member of the Executive Committee and Secretary thereof.
- (c) To give receipts for all membership fees received and to turn same over to the Treasurer.
- (d) To send lists of all membership fees received to the National Office.
- (e) To send out notices of all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee.
- (f) To forward reports of the activities of the Branch each month to the Secretary of the National Association.
- (g) To forward an annual report of the work of the Branch one month prior to the annual meeting to the Secretary of the National Association.

Adopted by the Tyler City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this day of April 27, 1911

Approved by the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this 10th day of May, 1915

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It shall watch proposed legislation, and through its Chairman keep the Executive Committee of the Branch and the National Association promptly informed of all measures affecting colored people.

It shall investigate all cases reported to it for legal redress, consulting when necessary with the attorneys of the National Association. It shall undertake, however, only such cases as seem clearly cases of color discrimination.

It shall not give general legal advice.

(f) The Grievance Committee shall have charge of all matters of color discrimination not clearly within the province of the Legal Redress and Legislative Committee; e. g., refusal of employment, discrimination in salaries, refusal of admission to educational and religious institutions, to labor unions, etc.

This Committee shall work to improve neighborhoods where colored people live.

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AMENDMENTS.

13. With the written approval of the Board of Directors of the National Association previously obtained, this Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Branch, provided that notice in writing of the proposed amendment shall be given to all members at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the same is to be acted upon.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Unless altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present, the following shall be the order of business at meetings of the Branch:

- Ascertainment of members present.
- Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- Reports of officers.
- Reports of committees.
- Elections.
- Unfinished business.
- New business.

Rules of procedure as laid down in Cushing's Manual shall govern the Branch except as otherwise provided.

H. E. R. Turner President.
J. B. Thompson Secretary.
R. S. Spingarn Chairman
Mary Boulos Hensley Secretary

Catherine! Thank you so much for
sharing. I had Dean make a copy of
the picture & copies of the Newspaper
items. These are yours.

Thank you for your trust &
confidence.

God bless

Dean's Superior
Blueprint @ 4th & Univ.

Mr. Dan Hocking

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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Champaign, Illinois

June 22, 1915

Miss Mary Childs Nerney, Secretary
Natl. Assoc., Advancement, Colored People
70 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Nerney:

Mrs. Infallice Thompson, Secretary of Twin City Branch, Champaign, Illinois, N. A. C. P., advises me that this Branch is slightly indebted to the National Association on account of a slight error made by Miss Johnson. The amount of this claim is \$2.00.

I am enclosing with this a money order for \$2.00 in payment of this bill, which I believe, will clear up our accounts with your office to date.

You may be interested in knowing that Twin City Branch has completed its organization, and entered upon a permanent, and we anticipate, a most happy career.

With best wishes for the success of the great movement with which you are connected, I am

Very truly yours

Albert R. Lee

Treasurer, Twin City Branch

(Clerk in President's Office)

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June 24, 1915.

Mr. Albert R. Lee,
University of Illinois,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Lee:

In the absence of Miss Nerney from her desk, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 22 inclosing Money Order for Two Dollars balance due on memberships sent in by Miss Johnson for the Twin City Branch. Thank you very much. These memberships have already been entered on our records and receipts and literature sent.

We are indeed glad to hear of the successful beginning made by your Branch and have great hopes for its future.

Thanking you for your good wishes and interest,

Sincerely yours,

Bookkeeper.

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Receipt Enclosed

May 19, 1915.

Mrs. I. B. Thompson,
406 East Park Avenue,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Thompson:

We are sending you under separate cover in a carton the constitution of the Twin City Branch, Champaign and Urbana, Ill., which was approved by our Board of Directors at its last meeting, May 10. The charter will follow. This constitution will enable you to get to work at once, and we should suggest your immediately electing permanent officers and appointing the committees mentioned in Sections 6 and 7.

Each month in the Crisis you will read under N.A.A.C.P. ~~Notes reports of branches, and we shall expect a report from you~~ on your activities every month. This should reach us by the first of the month in order to get in the Crisis for the next month. We do not publish plans for branch work but only results. We are very glad to welcome you as a branch of the Association and shall be happy to cooperate with you in every possible way. Do not hesitate to call upon us.

Miss Johnson, our field agent, in estimating the proportion of money due the branch made a slight mistake. I believe she has written you about this. The proportion of the branch is fifty cents of each member's fee - not fifty per cent. In other words, if a member contributes one dollar the branch's proportion is fifty cents; if he contributes five dollars its proportion is fifty cents, and the balance goes to the Association. Anyone contributing two dollars or more gets the Crisis on that membership. This does not mean, however, that if the branch wishes to raise money for any special purpose it may not do so.

Will you be kind enough to send me a list of the white members in the branch with their addresses and also the name of their office if they happen to hold office. As you probably know, the Association has literature for distribution. Some of this is free, though we always charge for transportation.

MCH/RR

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

August 17, 1916.

Mrs. I. B. Thompson,
Secretary, Twin City Branch,
406 East Park Avenue,
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

Miss Elizabeth Freeman, who made the Waco investigation for us, is speaking this week before the Negro Business League and the Convention of the National Medical Association in Kansas City, and we want her to visit some of the branches she was unable to reach on her first trip. Would it be possible for the Twin City Branch to arrange a meeting for Wednesday, August 30 in the interest of our \$10,000 anti-lynching fund? We suggest that date because it fits in best with her whole tour.

Miss Freeman is a suffrage speaker of many years experience in England and America. She is sent out by the Board of Directors with the understanding that all funds taken in at your meeting beyond actual expenses shall be turned in toward our anti-lynching fund. There is no reason, however, why you should not enter as members any who contribute one dollar or more if you so desire, with the definite understanding that the proportion usually returned to the Branch will not be in this case. All funds received should be sent to the Trea-

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surer at National Headquarters immediately after the meeting. Of course you realize that this \$10,000 campaign launches the most important piece of work the Association ever attempted, and how important it is for all of us to cooperate in raising the fund.

Please advise us as soon as it is decided the hour and place of meeting with directions for getting there, so that Miss Freeman can make her dates.

Cordially yours,

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF
COLORED PEOPLE

May 3, 1915

70 FIFTH AVE. - NEW YORK

Champaign & Urbana, Ill.

Kathryn Johnson gave the branch
more than their proportion -

27 members @ 50¢ - 13.50
instead of 15.50.

Balance due Association 2.00

*2.50
Paid June 24, '15
P.R.*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mr Nathan Dyer
Street and Number 122 N Oak St
City Champaign
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins Apr. 26 1915
Agent R H Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mr Fred Lewis
Street and Number 408 E. Troughton
City Champaign
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins Apr. 26 1915
Agent R H Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs L. E. Edwards
Street and Number 1204 W. Baslin
City Urbana
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins Apr. 26 1915
Agent R H Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs Mattie Dyer
Street and Number 410 W. Maple
City Champaign
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
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Agent R H Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 1915

Name Mrs. D. B. Long
Street and Number 443 E. Olive
City Decatur Ill -
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 1915

Name Mrs. Louis Jackson
Street and Number 448 N. Franklin
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 1915

Name Mrs. M. C. Cliphart
Street and Number 827 W. Main
City Decatur Ill
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
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National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 1915

Name Rev. H. Simmons
Street and Number 540 Greenwood
City Decatur Ill
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Miss E. J. Davis
Street and Number 5-40 Greenwood Ave
City Decatur Ill
County and State
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mrs. Mary Clay
Street and Number 173 W. Decatur St
City Decatur Ill
County and State
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

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Street and Number 447 N. Union
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County and State
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mrs. Cornelia Ward
Street and Number 145 S. Church
City Decatur Ill
County and State
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Miss Marie E. Gray
Street and Number 1405 N Monroe
City Decatur Ill
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. Wm. H. H. H. H.
Street and Number 924 N Monroe
City Decatur
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Miss Willie B. Mosley
Street and Number 600 Green St
City Decatur Ill
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. W. C. King
Street and Number 570 S. Church St
City Decatur Ill
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

white
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mrs. Eugenie M. Bucan
Street and Number 130 West Eldorado
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid One dollar
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs. L. H. Simmons
Street and Number 540 Greenwood
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

white
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People Autumn

Name Rev. Eugene M. Autumn
Street and Number 701 N. Main
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid One
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name D. M. McHenry
Street and Number 1204 N. Decatur
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

Druggist
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. H. R. Roebuck
 Street and Number 915 East Empress
 City Bloomington
 County and State Ill.
 Amount Paid \$1.00
 Membership begins May 12 1915
 Agent R. M. Johnson

Druggist
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mrs. Myrtle Downey
 Street and Number 1342 North Wood
 City Decatur
 County and State Ill.
 Amount Paid One dollar
 Membership begins May 11 1915
 Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. Jacob Dean
 Street and Number 1212 N. DuPont
 City Bloomington
 County and State Ill.
 Amount Paid \$1.00
 Membership begins May 12 1915
 Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. George C. Dyer
 Street and Number 1013 E. Court Street
 City Decatur
 County and State Ill.
 Amount Paid \$1.00
 Membership begins May 11 1915
 Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. N. B. Gayles

Street and Number 1207 West Clay St

City Bloomington

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins 1915

Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name E. Gray Corrington M.D.

Street and Number 313 N. Main St.

City Bloomington

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 12, 1915

Agent H. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Rev. J. H. Giam

Street and Number 1203 West Milton

City Bloomington

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11, 1915

Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. Boone V. Meadows

Street and Number 1412 N. Oak St.

City Bloomington

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 12, 1915

Agent H. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. Robt Oliphant

Street and Number 827 N. Main St

City Decatur Ill

County and State Ill

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11 1915

Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. Robert F. Earnest

Street and Number 448 N. Franklin

City Decatur

County and State Ill

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11 1915

Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. Edward Jacobs

Street and Number 201 N. Decatur

City Decatur Ill

County and State Ill

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11 1915

Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. H. O. Harris

Street and Number 447 N. Union

City Decatur Ill

County and State Ill

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11 1915

Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Mr. Louis Stewart*
Street and Number *447 N. Union St.*
City *Decatur Ill*
County and State *one dollar*
Amount Paid *\$1.00*
Membership begins *May 11* 19*15*
Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Mr. A. H. Mills*
Street and Number *356 N. Decatur*
City *Decatur Ill*
County and State
Amount Paid *\$1.00*
Membership begins *May 11* 19*15*
Agent *R. M. Johnson*

MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Dr. H. C. Butler*
Street and Number *1035 N. Cedar St.*
City *Decatur Ill*
County and State
Amount Paid *one dollar*
Membership begins *May 11* 19*15*
Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Mrs. Lillian Butler*
Street and Number *1035 N. Cedar St.*
City *Decatur Ill*
County and State
Amount Paid *\$1.00*
Membership begins *May 11* 19*15*
Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr Joel Motley
Street and Number 924 S. Franklin St
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Miss Mary Sumner
Street and Number 322 S. Railroad
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mrs Robert D. Earnest
Street and Number 448 N. Franklin St
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mrs Julia Cherry
Street and Number 853 West Sawyer
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

MAX 17 1915
Name Florence E. McConnell ^{white}
Street and Number 1311 H. Malcom St.
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid One dollar
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

Lawyer MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs. G. H. Mills ^{white}
Street and Number 356 N. Decatur St.
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid One dollar
Membership begins Apr 11 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

MAX 17 1915
Name Mr. S. E. Walker ^{Banker}
Street and Number Milliken Bank
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11 1915
Agent K. M. Johnson

Dentist MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs. J. D. Moore ^{white}
Street and Number 1366 West Branch
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid One dollar
Membership begins 19
Agent K. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs Queen D. Penny 3-1915
Street and Number 612 Poplar St.
City Champaign
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins Apr 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs L. A. Riley MAY 3-1915
Street and Number 106 E. Springfield
City Champaign
County and State Champaign Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins April 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Albert R. Lee 3-1915
Street and Number 605 N. Walnut St.
City Champaign
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid One dollar
Membership begins Apr 21 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Rev. H. W. Jameson 3-1915
Street and Number 106 N. 4th St.
City Champaign
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid Apr 26 \$1.00
Membership begins Apr 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs. Louis Steward

Street and Number 447 N. Union

City Decatur

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11. 19 15

Agent R. M. Johnson

MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mr. Louis Steward Sr.

Street and Number 447 N. Union

City Decatur

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11. 19 15

Agent R. M. Johnson

MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mr. Guy Washington

Street and Number 618 Greenwood Ave

City Decatur

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid May 11. \$1.00

Membership begins May 11. 19 15

Agent R. M. Johnson

MAY 17 1915
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mr. Carl S. Watkins

Street and Number 603 S. Jackson

City Decatur

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins May 11. 19 15

Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. H. Singleton
Street and Number 111 Union
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Mr. Samuel Cherry
Street and Number 553 N. Sawyer
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name J. H. Woodford
Street and Number 309 E. Wagner
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 17 1915

Name Samuel E. Moore
Street and Number 1837 N. Church St.
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R M Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 7 1915

Name Marcellus J. J. Bell
Street and Number 624 S. Franklin
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid May 11, \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Rev. Curtis Moore
Street and Number 116 N. Water St.
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 7 1915

Name Mrs. Margaret Turner
Street and Number 645 Greenwood Ave
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 7 1915

Name Mrs. Mary Rogers
Street and Number 761 1/2 Oak
City Decatur
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid Mo \$1.00
Membership begins May 11, 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Dr. H. E. Rowan 1915
Street and Number 22 N. Walnut
City Champaign
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins Apr 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Mrs. J. R. Brown 1915
Street and Number 406 East Clark
City Champaign
County and State Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins Apr. 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name C. H. Taylor 1915
Street and Number 510 N. Poplar St
City Champaign
County and State Champaign Ill
Amount Paid 1.00
Membership begins April 26th 1914
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name Miss Emma Patterson 1915
Street and Number 1406 West Hill St.
City Urbana
County and State Ill
Amount Paid one dollar
Membership begins Apr. 28 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 1915

Name *M. H. Estephen*

Street and Number *811 N. Mill St*

City *Champaign*

County and State *Champaign Ill*

Amount Paid *One Dollar*

Membership begins *April 26* 19 *15*

Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 3 1915

Name *Mrs. Rosora M. Hunt*

Street and Number *602 E. White St.*

City *Champaign*

County and State *Champaign Ill*

Amount Paid *1.00*

Membership begins *April 26* 19 *15*

Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 3 1915

Name *Mr. J. L. Bredlove*

Street and Number *908 N. Champaign*

City *Champaign*

County and State *Ill*

Amount Paid *1.00*

Membership begins *Apr 26* 19 *15*

Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

MAX 1915

Name Mr. Hiram A. Wheeler

Street and Number 812 N. Clark St.

City Urbana

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins Apr. 26 1915

Agent R. A. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

MAX 1915

Name Mr. E. A. Wheeler

Street and Number 1410 N. Clark St.

City Urbana

County and State Champaign

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins Apr. 26 1915

Agent R. A. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

MAX 1915

Name Mrs. L. E. Jameson

Street and Number 106 N. 4th

City Champaign

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid \$1.00

Membership begins Apr. 26 1915

Agent R. A. Johnson

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National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

MAX 1915

Name Mrs. J. B. Thompson

Street and Number 406 E. Park Ave

City Champaign

County and State Ill.

Amount Paid One dollar

Membership begins Apr. 26 1915

Agent R. A. Johnson

Dean of Women Minority Dept,
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 - 1915

Name Martha J. Kyle
Street and Number 1801 N. California
City Urbana
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid One dollar
Membership begins Apr 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 - 1915

Name Mr. Thos. Arkle Clarke
Street and Number Dean of men
City Urbana
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid Five dollars 400
Membership begins Apr 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 - 1915

Name Mr. Frank Chelton
Street and Number 604 E. Vine St.
City Champaign
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins Apr 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

Dean of Agricultural
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 - 1915

Name E. Wareport
Street and Number 807 S. Wright
City Champaign
County and State Ill.
Amount Paid Three dollars 200
Membership begins Apr 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 - 1915

Name Mrs W. E. Patton
Street and Number 516 S. Matthews
City Urbana
County and State Champaign Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins April 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 - 1915

Name Mrs M. E. L. Fickens
Street and Number 911 S. 4th St.
City Champaign
County and State Champaign Ill
Amount Paid One Dollar
Membership begins April 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People MAY 3 - 1915

Name Mrs H. C. Wells
Street and Number 1410 N. Church St.
City Urbana
County and State Champaign Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins April 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 1915

Name M. J. Prince
Street and Number 1410 N. Church St.
City Urbana
County and State Champaign Ill
Amount Paid \$1.00
Membership begins April 26 1915
Agent R. M. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People 1915

Name Mrs. Bessie Johnson

Street and Number 5-36 Olive St

City Decatur Ill.

County and State

Amount Paid

Membership begins May 11 1915

Agent R. A. Johnson

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Elder J. A. Henderson*
Street and Number *325-3 E. Macon St*
City *Decatur Ill*
County and State *Ill*
Amount Paid *\$1.00*
Membership begins *May 11* 19 *16*
Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Mr. J. M. Harmon*
Street and Number *724 N. Monroe*
City *Decatur*
County and State *Ill*
Amount Paid *\$1.00*
Membership begins *May 11* 19 *15*
Agent *R. M. Johnson*

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Miss Mary Ellen Lusk*
Street and Number *969 N. Wood St.*
City *Decatur*
County and State *Ill*
Amount Paid *\$1.00*
Membership begins *May 11* 19 *15*
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National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

Name *Mr. W. H. Price*
Street and Number *964 N. Monroe St*
City *Decatur Ill*
County and State *Ill*
Amount Paid *\$1.00*
Membership begins *May 11* 19 *15*

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MAY 10 1915

406 E. Park Ave.,

Champaign, Ill.,

May 6, 1915.

Miss Mary Childs Nerney,
New York.

Dear Madam:-

On May 5th I mailed to you,
the Constitution of the Twin City
Branch of the National Association
for the Advancement of Colored
People.

The secretary's address
was omitted, hence I am sending
it in this letter.

For the growth and success
of this grand movement, I am

Very sincerely yours,
J. B. Thompson.

DUPLICATE (To be filled in by Branch Secretary)

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

OF

~~Champaign, Ill.~~ Branch

OF THE

National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People

(Not to be filled out by branch)

Date of Organization Meeting..... September 30, 1923.
Received at National Offices..... ~~October 3, 1923.~~
Approved by Committee on Branches..... October 12, 1923.
Executive Authorization Granted..... October 16, 1923.
Application for Charter Approved..... October 8, 1923.
Charter Forwarded..... December 3, 1923.

Application for Charter

Date of Organization Meeting September 30, 1923.

To the Board of Directors,
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,
70 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

WE, the undersigned, having fully and freely discussed the aims and accomplishments of the National Association, and believing that our interests coincide with its efforts for the advancement of colored people, do hereby apply for a charter as the

Champaign, Ill. Branch,

with the object of carrying out in Champaign, Ill. and vicinity, the purposes of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws for Branches approved by the Board of Directors, January 8, 1917.

No.	Name	Address	Occupation	Membership Fee Paid
1	Mrs. Jennie King,	106 N. Fourth St.,		1
	President			
2				
3	Mrs. Belle Woodruff,	601 East Vine St.,		1
	Vice-President			
4	Mr. Allen Green,	518 N. Hickory St.,		1
	Secretary			
5	Mrs. L. B. Nesbitt,	506 E. Tremont St.,		1
	Treasurer			
6	Mrs. John Johnson,	707 N. Prairie St.,		1
7	Mrs. Joe Nelson,	607 N. Hickory St.,		1
8	Mr. Joe Nelson,	607 N. Hickory St.,		1
9	Mrs. Cosey McNeil,	512 N. Walnut St.,		1
10	Mrs. Carrie Boes,	401 E. Tremont St.,		1
11	Miss Callie Marshall,	412 E. Church St.,		1
12	Mr. Charley Martin,	703 N. Market St.,		1
13	Mrs. Louella Riley,	106 E. Springfield Ave.,		1
14	Mrs. John Bigelow,	401 E. Tremont St.,		1
15	Mr. John Bigelow,	401 E. Tremont St.,		1
16	Mrs. P. J. Carey,	707 N. 4th St.,		1
17	Mrs. Hannah Hurt,	509 N. Market St.,		1
18	Mrs. Florence Milean,	712 W. Park St., Urbana, Ill.		1
19	Mr. Robert Taylor,	601 E. Clark St.,		1
20	Mr. William Merrill,	603 N. Walnut St.,		1
21	Mr. George Merrill,	601 N. Oak St.,		1

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No.	Name	Address	Occupation	Me. F.
22	Mrs. Hattie Lewis,	1205 N. Nevada St., Urbana, Ill.		
23	Mr. Ben. Woodruff,	408 E. Park St.,		
24	Mrs. Frank Gray,	803 N. Fourth St.,		
25	Mr. Harold Gray,	603 N. Poplar St.,		
26	Mrs. Harold Gray,	603 N. Poplar St.,		
27	Mrs. Elisabeth Johnson,	511 E. Vine St.,		
28	Mrs. Martha Jackson,	507 E. Vine St.,		
29	Mr. Raymond Scott,	109 E. 11th Ave.,		
30	Mrs. M. E. Springfield,	404 N. Maple St.,		
31	Mrs. Cordelia Walls,	405 E. Vine St.,		
32	Mrs. Jeannette Mitchell,	56 E. Erie St., Tuscola, Ill.		
33	Mr. Wm. Mitchell,	56 E. Erie St., Tuscola, Ill.		
34	Miss Elizabeth Lewis,	512 N. Market St.,		
35	Mrs. Lulu Tate,	407 N. Maple St.,		
36	Mrs. Eva Green,	512 N. Hickory St.,		
37	Mrs. Myrtle Merrill,	601 N. Oak St.,		
38	Mrs. Scott Harper,	602 E. Clark St.,		
39	Mr. Joe Garland,	49 Columbia Ave.,		
40	Mr. H. J. Richardson,	602 E. Clark St.,		
41	Mr. Addison C. Moseley,	602 E. Clark St.,		
42	Mr. Harvey Everhart,	603 N. Hickory St.,		
43	Mr. E. W. Wood,	602 E. Clark St.,		
44	Mr. J. A. Dorey,	34 Main St.,		
45	Mr. A. R. Lee,	605 N. Walnut St.,		
46	Mr. Charley Lane,	602 E. Clark St.,		
47	Mrs. Lila Benton,	903 Hickory St.,		
48	Mr. Edward King,	106 N. Fourth St.,		
49	Mrs. Sadie Scott,	109 E. 11th Ave.,		
50	Mr. Fred Lewis,	703 N. Fifth St.,		

10/8/23

Total membership fees transmitted herewith \$

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Total Membership fees transmitted herewith
\$58

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NAACP BRANCH FILES

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.
1923-1924

First Indorsement

Date October 12, 1925.

This is to certify that this application for charter has been duly considered by the COMMITTEE ON BRANCHES, and that the granting of an Executive Authorization is hereby approved.

ARCHIBALD H GRIMES

Chairman, Committee on Branches

Executive Authorization

Authority is hereby conferred upon the members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People whose names are subscribed herein, to undertake all activities which are proper to a Branch of this Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

As soon as the Branch shall have become fully organized and actively engaged in the work of the Association, its application for charter will be presented for the consideration of the Board of Directors, and upon their approval a Permanent Charter will be granted.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

By MARY WHITE OVINGTON

By JAMES WELTON JOHNSON

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Secretary

Dated October 16, 1925

70 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Recd. 25720 Champaign Ill.

Rfd. to 1714-24 Jan. 11, 1924.

Ack.

D. O. 1 JAN 14 1924

Mr. James Meldon Johnson
Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P.

Dear Sir. I am writing to you for information
as to what steps we can take in the case which
is now before us.

Mrs. Milam, who is a member of our branch has
brought this case before us. She states that her
daughter who is about twenty one years old, has
been annoyed by some unknown person with
telephone calls. After he had called her several
times and tried to make dates, which she
refused. She consulted the officers, through
the ex. deputy sheriff, who was colored. They
told her to make the date so they might be
able to catch the man. So she did. He was
to meet her on one of the corners in Champaign.
He was so bold in his telephone calls as to
tell her in the most vulgar way what he
wanted, and offered her any amount of money.

she wanted.

The girl then notified the officers & ex Deputy Sheriff and relatives, who all hid on various places on this corner, where the girl was to wait for the man. Soon a big car driven by a white man came around this corner & made his circles around this corner, eight or ten times before the girl got off from the street car. To wait on this corner, then he stopped watching the St. car and tried to attract her attention.

He was a man from Danville Ill. and said over the telephone that a barber in Champaign had tipped him off, as to where he could get a colored girl for his purpose.

When the Champaign officer saw that this man was white, he did not want to make the arrest. He wanted to go back to the police station and get some body else.

But the Ex-deputy Sheriff, who was colored told him if he didn't make the arrest, that he would and there would be one awful hot time on that corner. JAN 4 1924

Finally two men passed the girl standing on the corner, and one was a colored barber of Champaign. He took particular pains to look the girl well over. Then he passed on a few paces, threw up ^{his} hand gave a sort of a sign and a little yell. Then this same car came up and stopped for the girl to get into it.

When the girl stepped into the car as she was told by the officer to do, if the driver beckoned for her to get in. After the girl was in the car, the officer stepped up rapped on the car window and asked him where he was going and he said to Danville. The officer then showed who he was and they all went

to the police station.

Then they found the Champaign officers did not want to do any thing with him and it was plain to be seen, on the account of it being a colored girl and a white man. At first they told the mother she could ~~not~~ get a warrant out on Sunday, But she knew better than that and told them to just hold the man she would get the warrant. After she had started after the warrant - they wanted to turn the man loose. But an ex-sheriff who was acquainted with the Muliam family, told them not to turn him loose as they were fooling with a different class of people than what they had been dealing with. The man told them that it was a put up deal on him, But you can see he fulfilled the date that was made over the telephone

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He said he saw the girl on the corner and she looked cold is the reason he asked her to get into ~~the~~ the car. He said he didn't know she was colored.

Final Mr. McLean got the warrant and they told her that they would have a hearing the next morning, which would be Jan. 7. When she went the next morning, they told her the man had pleaded guilty after they had gone home and they fined him (\$25) twenty five dollars and turned him loose. The Champaign officer had called the man's folks for money, and they told ~~them~~ his father that it was the sheriff in Urbana who was holding their son, when it was the Champaign officers who had him.

We have the No of the car and they have sent us the owner's name, which is a different

name from the one he gave the police here
The Sheriff in Urbana tells the mother that
in a case like this, debauchery of morals
a state charge like this, should be a \$200
fine and a jail sentence.

Now if there is any way at all that you
can go to this man's father in Danville
- the owner of the car and find out who
it was that gave him this girl's name

Hazel Muleam, We wish you would
This is a respectable family and the man
who gave the girl's name is the one
causing the trouble. These things have
been going on before but there was no
way of getting proof of it. Here is the
owner's name of the car and auto license

No 13-313 for the 1924 yr. was assigned
to . Thos. Moses, 123 Franklin St. ³⁷⁰ JAN 14 1924
Danville Ill.

covering a Cadillac Sedan factory no - Engine
no. 614793

Now do you think it is advisable for you
to write to the Sheriff of Urbana. (Sheriff Gray)
and have him to go to this man's father
the owner of the car in Danville and see
if he can't get it out of his son who it was
that told him of this girl. (This man looked
to be past thirty) the mother said.

Isn't there a penalty against vulgar talk over
the telephones? The Campaign officers tell this
mother there is not, and also find out write
to the Campaign officers and ask them, what
was the charge they had against this man
who called himself. Joe Moore on (Jan. 6, 1924)

I am sending the paper clippings and
the date of the incident was Sunday evening
Jan. 6, 1924.

The Champaign police are doing crooked
work and we want to straighten it out.
Please let us know at once just what
steps you are taking and what steps
we should take. For we are waiting
to hear from you before we take any
steps.

Yours truly
Bill Woodruff

Branch Lee

501-E - Vine St.

Champaign

Champaign Ill.
Rcd. 75720 Jan 12, 1924

Rfd. to 1-14-24

Ack. _____

D. O. _____ JAN 14 1924

Mr. James Weldon Johnson
Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.

Dear Sir: I am writing to you for information as to what steps we can take in the case which we now have before us.

Mrs. Muleam, who is a member of this branch has brought this case before us. She states that her daughter, who is about twenty one years old has been annoyed with telephone calls from some unknown person.

After he had called her several times and had tried to make dates which she refused. She consulted the officers through the ex-deputy sheriff, who was colored. They told her to make the date so they might be able to catch the man. So she did. He was to meet her on one of the corners in Champaign. He was so bold in his telephone calls as to tell her in the most vulgar way he wanted

and offered her any amount of money she wanted.

She then notified the officers & ex deputy Sheriff and relatives, who all hid on various places on this corner, where the girl was to wait for the man.

Soon a big was drove around this corner by a white man. He made his circles around this corner eight or ten times before the girl got off the street car to wait on this corner. Then he stopped watching the street car and tried to attract her attention.

He was a man from Danville Ill. and said over the telephone that a barber in Champaign had tipped him off as to where he could get a colored girl for his purposes. At that time I was in the room.

When the Champaign officer saw this was a white man he did not want to make the arrest. He wanted to go back

JAN 14 1924

to the police station and get some body else. but the ex-deputy sheriff who was colored, told him that if he did not make the arrest, that he would, and that there would be an awful hot time right on that corner.

Finally two men came down the street they passed the girl standing on the corner, and one was a colored barber of Champaign. He took particular pains to look the girl well over, then he passed on a few paces, threw up his hand and gave a sort of a sign and a little yell. Then this same car came up and stopped for the girl to get into it. When the girl stepped into the car as she was told by the officer to do, if he beckoned for her to get in, after the girl was in the car the officer rapped on the car window and asked him where he was going and he said to Danville. The officer then showed who he was and they all went to the police station. There they found the Champaign officers did-

not want to do any thing with him and it was plain to be seen, on the account of it being a Coloured girl and a white man.

At first they told the mother that she could not get ~~out~~ a warrant on Sunday. But she knew better than that, and told them to hold the man, she would get the warrant. After she had started after the warrant, they wanted to turn the man loose, but an ex-Sheriff was there who was well acquainted with William family, and he told them not to turn him loose, as they were fooling with a different class of people than what they had been dealing with.

The man told them it was a put up deal on him. But you can see he fulfilled the date was made over the telephone. He said that he saw the girl on the corner and she looked cold is the reason he asked her to get into the car. He said he didn't know she was Coloured.

Finally Mrs. Mileam got the warrant and they told her that they would have a hearing the next morning. (Jan. 7, 1924) When she went down the next morning, they told her the man pleaded guilty after they had gone home and they had fined him \$25 and had turned him loose.

The Champaign officer had called the man's father for money, and told his father that the sheriff in Urbana ~~was~~ was holding his son, when it was the Champaign officer. We have the number of the car and they have sent us the owners name, who is different from the name he gave the police here.

The sheriff tells the mother that in a case like this, "debauchery of morals" a state charge like this, should be a \$200 fine and a jail sentence. Now if there is any way at all that you can go to this man's father, in Danville, the owner of this car and find out if he can get it out of his son who gave him this girls name Hazel Mileam.

We wish you would. This is a respectable family and the man who gave the girl's name is the one causing the trouble. These things have been going on before but there was no ~~proof~~ way of getting proof of it. Here is the owners name of the car and auto license. He gave his name here as (Joe. Moore.)

No. 13- 313 for the year. 1924 was assigned to. Thos. Moses, 123 Franklin St.
Danville.
Ill.

covering a Cadillac Sedan factory no.-
engine no. 614793.

Do you think it advisable for you to write to the sheriff. (Sheriff Gray) in Urbana and have him to go ~~to~~ to the man's father in Danville and find out who gave his son this girls name. The man looks to be over thirty yrs old the mother says.
Isn't there a penalty against vulgar talk

over the telephone. ⁷ The Champaign officers ³⁷⁶
tells the mother there is not ^{JAN 14 1924}

And write to the Champaign officers and
ask them, what was the charge they had
against this man who called himself
Joe Moore. Arrested Jan. 6, 1924.

We feel the Champaign police are doing
crooked work and we want to straighten
it out. please let us know at once for we
are waiting to hear from you before we
take any steps.

yours truly.

Bill Woodruff

Branch Sec.

501-E - Vine St.

Recd.

WFW. 1-14-24

Fid. to

Ack.

Champaign Ill
JAN 14 1924
Jan. 12, 1924Mr. James Hildon Johnson
Sec. of the N. A. A. C. P.

Dear Sir: The reason we thought a letter from the National office would have more effect on the Sheriff, is that when the mother of Miss Milam, told him that if he didn't go into this case and do something about it. That we would take it up with the N. A. A. C. P. ^{and} When he found out this was a national association. and that there was a branch here. He promised to go right into it and get things straightened out. He seemed to set up and take notice when he was told we would take it up with the N. A. A. C. P. So we think a letter from the National office

would do some good to both the sheriff
and to the officers of Champaign.

Let us know as soon as possible
as the committee will be ready to go to
them as soon as we hear from you

Yours truly.

Belle Woodruff

Branch Sec.

P.S. I find that I didn't put the sheet
on the letter I mailed to you this
morning so I am sending you another
copy of the same letter with this one.

But the News paper Clippings is in the
other letter which I address to the

Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. (Mr. James H. Hildow)
New York. Johnson

MM 4/14/24
MAN

Champaign Ill

April 12, 1924

Mr. James Weldon Johnson

Secretary. N.A.A.C.P.

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APR 16 1924

Dear Sir: I am writing
to you for any information
we can get concerning the
schools.

We are having lots of trouble
concerning the cruel treatment
of the Colored children at the
Law Head School of this City.
Some of the teachers have
gone so far as to call the
children names and strike
them over the heads with
books, and have raised ridges
on their faces where they have
struck them with rulers
and some have even had blood
drawn on them, they say.

We have met the Principle
of the school and teachers
and Superintendent and
now we are to meet the

School board the first Thursday
of May. Please give us any
information you can on
just how much we can
demand from the school
board.

Yours truly

Belle Woodruff

Sec. of Branch

501 E Vine St.

Lit. Order Made
3/3/23
MCH

March 3, 1923.

Miss Belle Woodruff,
501 E. Vine St.,
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Miss Woodruff:

I have your request for information as to how you may organize a branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at Champaign, Illinois.

We are pleased to know that you desire to organize a branch of the Association and trust that you will be successful.

I am sending literature which will give you information concerning the aims and some of the work of the Association, which you may distribute to prospective members. I am also sending you our organization hand-book - "How to Form a Branch".

~~You will note that a new branch must have at least fifty~~
charter members who may pay One Dollar a year or above.

Members may be male or female, white or colored. The only requirement is that they believe in the principles of the Association.

There should be fifty people in your community who are active and interested in securing the full citizenship and manhood rights of colored people.

If you will send me a list of persons whom you think would be interested, together with their occupations, I shall be pleased to send you full organization information and material.

If you cannot secure fifty persons, it is possible for any individual or group of lesser number to become members of the National Body.

May I hear from you at as early a date as possible?

Sincerely yours,

H

Director of Branches.

Champaign Ill
Feb. 24, 1923

Mr. Maldon Johnson
To Fifth Ave. New York
Ack. O. O. AMM on 1-2/3
AMM 1/2/5

FFR 28 1923

Dear Sir: We received your letter and pamphlet a short time ago in regards to becoming members of the N.A.A.C.P. We want to go into this organization as a club to protect the race of the Twin Cities. We would like to become a branch of the N.A.A.C.P. instead of each person joining separately. Kindly give us information as to becoming a branch of the N.A.A.C.P. We are a club of women known as the Civic League Club and would like to join this organization so we could have some protection in the Twin Cities

Yours truly
Belle Woodruff (Sec)
501 E. Vine St.
Champaign Ill

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

69 Fifth Avenue - - - New York, N. Y.

Copy to Miss Woodruff.

August 23, 1923.

Mr. William Merrill.
603 North Walnut St.,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Merrill:

Some time ago you and Miss Belle Woodruff, 501 East Vine Street, wrote to the office asking that we organize a branch in Champaign, Ill. With your cooperation we now should be able to establish a unit in your city.

Mr. William Pickens, our field secretary, can come to Champaign on Sunday, September 30th. If you and Miss Woodruff will secure fifty persons who will promise to join the association and if a mass meeting to be addressed by Mr. Pickens on the date mentioned can be arranged, we feel certain a fully organized branch will result.

The only expense your group will have to bear is the entertainment of Mr. Pickens while he is with you.

Kindly let us hear from you at once if you will take these preliminary steps towards the organization of a branch in your community.

Yours very sincerely,

Director of Branches.

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Sept. 4, 1923

✓ Mr. William Merrill
603 N. Walnut St.
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Merrill:

We have offered you the date of Sept. 30 for
my appearance in your city in public meeting.

So far I have not heard from you. Will you kindly
let me hear from you by Sept. 10th in Salina, Kan.,
care Prof. P. G. Porter, Dunbar School?

Very truly yours,

WP/JS

Field Sec.

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September 13, 1923.

Mr. William Merrill,
603 North Walnut Street,
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Merrill:

Enclosed you will find some suggestions
which may be of some help to you in arranging the
mass meeting to be addressed by Mr. Pickens on the
30th of September. Under separate cover I am

~~sending a photo print of him from which a cut may~~
be made. This is especially valuable for adver-
tising and publicity purposes.

Yours very sincerely,

Director of Branches.

ODW.

I trust the for chartered Alfred Branch Box 603, N. Walnut St.,
Champaign, Ill.,
October 9th, 1923.
Mr. Wm. Jenkins,
Marion, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you with great inspiration that has been
bestowed upon Champaign since
your have made appearance here.

Hoping this will find you
getting along very nicely and will
succeed in your undertaking at
Marion and also other places
that will cover.

Having called any meetings
yet but probably this week hope

At any way. All sends regards to you
also wife and sister.

Yours very respectfully,

Wm. Merrill.

P.S. let me hear how you are
getting along occasionally.

B

April 22, 1924.

Miss Belle Woodruff,
Secretary, N.A.A.C.P., (501 E. Vine St.)
Champaign, Illinois.

My dear Miss Woodruff:

Your letter of April 12 to Mr. Johnson has been referred to me for attention. I have read carefully your statement relative to the alleged cruel treatment of colored children in the Champaign schools. I suggest that as strong a committee of local citizens (and if you can get some fair minded upstanding white people to serve on the committee, it will strengthen your case, I am sure) as it is possible to get, meet with the School Board on May first. It seems to me that it would be wisest for you to draft carefully a statement to the Board which can be presented in writing at this meeting. In that statement, I would suggest that you itemize the cases which can be definitely proved.

~~Request the Board to take such steps as to prevent recurrences of such incidents.~~

Ask for disciplining of the offending teachers.

State respectfully, but strongly, that unless the Board takes such steps as would end such practices, the colored people of Champaign will be forced to take criminal or civil action, or both, for the protection of colored children.

May I, however, utter one word of caution. In framing the message and in your presentation of the demands upon the School Board, do not permit any intimation to creep in that the colored people of Champaign want or will tolerate segregated schools. I am sure you will appreciate this fact and I also am certain that it is not necessary for me to emphasize it. I mention it because we have had numerous experiences where such practices in abusing colored children were used as a preliminary towards creating ill feeling that would lead to a demand for segregated schools.

All of the above points have no doubt occurred to you but I hope you will keep after this practice until it is eliminated. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

WFW: O

Assistant Secretary.

October 30, 1924.

Miss Belle Woodruff,
Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.,
Champaign, Illinois.

My dear Miss Woodruff:

Doubtless you will remember writing me last April concerning the cruel treatment being given colored children in the Champaign schools. The National Office advised that a committee of local citizens meet with the School Board presenting cases which could be definitely proved and requesting the Board to take such steps as to prevent recurrences of such incidents.

Will you be good enough to advise me the outcome of this case, giving the attitude of the School Board and the results obtained.

Sincerely yours,

WFW:O

Assistant Secretary.


October 9, 1923.--

Mrs. Belle Woodruff,
501 East Vine Street,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

The application for charter of the Champaign group, containing fifty-eight names together with a remittance of \$58.00 has been received. As soon as the necessary signatures of national executives are secured, it will be sent to you with the authorization of the National Office affixed thereto. This authorization will empower you to exercise all of the offices of a branch of this Association until your permanent charter is forwarded, which will be shortly afterward.

It is very important that you take prompt steps to increase the membership strength of the branch and to aid you in this there is being sent to you a quantity of literature for distribution. There are also being sent some copies of our membership receipt books, which you will find very useful and convenient in soliciting memberships.

We are very much gratified at the splendid beginning made by the Champaign group and we confidently expect that it will grow into one of the active and influential units of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Yours very sincerely,

Director of Branches.

P.S. The division of fees is explained on the back of the membership report blank.

RWB/w

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

69 Fifth Avenue - New York City.

Copy to the President.

October 17, 1923.

Mrs. Belle Woodruff, Sec'y.
501 East Vine Street
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

We are sending you herewith Executive Authorization of your branch which has been approved by the Committee on Branches.

We are pleased to welcome you into the work of the Association and trust that our confidence in the new branch and its officers may be maintained by your record of energy and persistence in carrying out the purpose of the Association, both locally and through co-operation with the National Office.

~~The enclosed Executive Authorization serves as a~~
temporary charter under which may be carried on the full activities of a branch until the permanent charter is granted by the Board of Directors.

I would suggest that you at once plan for a well advertised mass meeting for the purpose of putting the work of the branch before the public in order to secure as comprehensive an understanding of the Association's purposes and as large a membership as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Branches.

ODW

B

October 19, 1923.

Mrs. Belle Woodruff,
Secretary, Champaign Branch,
501 East Vine Street,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

Every year we assign to our several branches their apportionments and membership quotas. As the Champaign Branch, being newly organized may not know what we mean when we speak of a branch's apportionment and quota, we are sending this word of explanation.

The apportionment of a branch is the amount of money it is asked to send during the year for the purpose of supporting the work of the National Office. This year the money is being used chiefly to continue our fight against lynching and to carry on our fight against segregation, Jim Crowism, disfranchisement and peonage.

We are asking you to accept only \$50.00, the minimum apportionment for a branch, because of the fact that only a little over two months remains in the year. Your quota likewise has been put at the low figure of 75 members.

Towards its apportionment your branch already has to its credit the sum of \$29.00 which the National Office has retained in payment of the membership dues of your charter members. And of course you have your fifty-eight charter members credited to your quota of seventy-five.

Memberships, entertainments, donations, are the usual means of raising funds to meet apportionments. Call a meeting of the Executive Committee and have the matter considered. Then notify us of your acceptance, or of whatever action is taken.

Yours very sincerely,

Director of Branches.

ODW.

B

October 26, 1923.

Miss Belle Woodruff,
secretary, Champaign Branch,
501 E. Vine St.,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Miss Woodruff:

I am glad that you are starting forward with your work. We have ordered sent to you two hundred copies of the "N.A.A.C.P. - Its History, Achievements, Purposes".

We are pleased to know that you are making an active canvass for memberships, and hope to receive enough to send in a remainder of your apportionment of \$50.00. This apportionment, you will understand, is for 1923, and so made low because your branch organized so late in the year. We are returning to you today your portion of the membership fees sent us.

Students received into the Association at fifty cents must be organized into a student chapter of the Association. Student chapters have their own officers, and are intended to develop leadership in the Association of the type of young people who come out from our schools, and who give promise of being our future leaders.

I have authorized that duplicate receipts be sent to Mrs. Luella Riley, and Mr. J. A. Doxey, who state that they have not received their membership certificates.

Yours very sincerely,

RWB:H

Director of Branches.


November 14, 1923__

Miss Belle Woodruff,
Secretary, Champaign Branch,
501 E. Vine St.,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Miss Woodruff:

I wish to congratulate the Champaign Branch
on the splendid way which it is beginning its work.

We thank you for your remittance of \$24.00
to be applied to your apportionment. We are sure
that Champaign will develop into a strong and efficient
unit of the Association.

Yours very sincerely,

RWB:H

Director of Branches.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

69 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Copy to the President.



December 4, 1923.

Mrs. Belle Woodruff,
Secretary, Champaign Branch,
501 East Vine Street,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

The charter of the Champaign Branch has been sent to you by registered mail. This completes the organization of your branch as a full member of the Association. The Nation Office is gratified to welcome you into the ranks of full-fledged branches.

We trust that you will make the presentation of this charter the occasion for an enthusiastic meeting, and that the charter will be appropriately ~~framed and preserved so it can be handed down to future~~ members of the local branch.

Yours very truly,

Director of Branches.

RWB/w


December 19, 1923

Mrs. Belle Woodruff,
Secretary, Champaign Branch,
501 E. Vine St.,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

In order to help perpetuate interest on the part of the members of our branches in the work of the Association and to keep them informed of the work that is being done by the National Office, we offer to send our weekly news releases FREE to every branch that will pledge itself to meet at

~~least once a month and to read the releases at its meetings.~~

~~This is done at considerable expense and we can send our releases only when we are sure they will be used.~~

Enclosed is a sample set of stories which you will receive weekly, if you accept this offer.

If you wish the news releases of the Association under the above conditions, write and tell us. We shall be glad to add your name to our "Branch News Release" mailing list.

Yours very sincerely,

H

Director of Branches.

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January 16, 1924.

✓ Mrs. Belle Woodruff,
501 East Vine Street,
Champaign, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

May I on behalf of the National Office commend the Champaign Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. for its activity in the case concerning which you wrote us on January 11th and 12th. The steps you took not only served to protect the young woman involved but should have a effect in protecting all colored girls from insult.

As the case now stands, I suggest that you take it up with the Attorney-General of the State, placing the facts before him and asking that whatever action is possible be taken by the State to bring pressure to bear on the local authorities. If no definite action comes from the first step, consult a competent and honest lawyer as to the proper steps under the laws of the State of Illinois towards the meting out of more adequate punishment to the man directly guilty and also to whatever accomplices he had in the attempt to seduce the young woman.

Sincerely yours,

WFW:O

Assistant Secretary.

We hope to make this branch one of the
active ones. You may look for our report
by the 1st of the month.

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OCT 26 1923

Yours truly
Belle Woodruff
Sec. pro-tem.
501-E. Pine St

N.A.A.C.P.
70 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Champaign Ill
Oct. 23. 1923

Recd. from 10/23
Rfd. to _____
Ack. _____
D.O. _____

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OCT 26 1923

Dear Sirs: We received the Executive

Authorization and also the receipt for the fifty eight dollars that was sent in with the names. We also received the Constitution and By-Laws. but we are in need of more literature to be distributed at mass meetings.

We are to hold another meeting the 28th of this month and then I will notify you in regards to the apportionment. We are in hopes of having enough new members by that time, so that by sending in the full amount paid in here, that the balance of the fifty dollars will be paid.

In regards to students are they requested to join in a body in order to get in for \$50? Please let me know at once as there are a number scattered about the town that will probably join us soon.

Mrs Louella Riley 106 E. Springfield Ave and Mr J. A. Doney 36 Main St. have reported that they have not received their membership certificates from the Headquarters.

N. A. A. C. P.

69 Fifth Ave.

New York.

Mr. J. L. Champaign Ill
Oct 29, 1923.
Ack. 10/31/23
D. 11/13/23
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NOV 1 1923

Dear Sir :- The Champaign & Urbana branch of the N. A. A. C. P. held a meeting Oct 28, 1923 at the Christian Church. But we were not able to do all of the business, we hoped to finish as our time was limited. We did not get the Executive Committee appointed, so will have to send you these names shortly after our next meeting, which will take place the 10th of November.

The following officers were elected at our last meeting Oct. 28th

President. Mr. Harold Gray. 603 1/2 N. Popular St
Vice President Mrs Lila Benton 908 N. Hickory St
Secretary Belle Woodruff 501 E. Vine St
Treasurer Mr. L. B. Nesbitt 506 E. Tremont St.

In regards to the name of this branch. Champaign & Urbana are build right together there is just one street that divides the two towns, so they are called the Twin cities; and since there is a number of the Urbana people joining

this branch would. It be well to name
it the Champaign-Urbana Branch? 7579

NOV 1 1923

Inclosed you will find the list of fifty
new members ~~and~~ with the sum of fifty dollars
\$50. We hope this will cover the balance
of our apportionment.

Yours truly.

Harold Gray. President

Belle Woodruff Sec.

501 E. Vanie St.

Recd. June 9 "11
Ref. to _____
Ack. _____
D. G. _____

Champaign Ill
Nov. 5th 1923.

N. A. A. C. P.
10 Fifth Ave.
New York.

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NOV 7 1923

Mr. J. E. Spingarn

Enc. \$24.00

Dear Sir: I have just received

your check of twenty-four dollars which
I am returning to you. We want this
twenty-four dollars to be put on our
apportionment. I have just sent in
fifty new names and the ~~same~~ of \$50.
We want to get the apportionment paid
as soon as possible.

Yours truly

Belle Woodruff Sec.

501-E. Vine St

Champaign

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100m 11/15

DATE Oct. 26, 1923

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mr. Bagnall

TO: Mr. Turner,

SUBJECT: Please send duplicate
certificates to Mrs. Louella
Riley, 106 E. Springfield Av
Mr. J. A. Doxey, 36 Main St
✓ Champaign, Ill.

Sent 10/27/23

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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ADDIE W. HUNTON,
FIELD SECRETARIES

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10/8/00

P.S. - When you send back Branch's share of money, explain what is taken out for Currier B. Buelchlin, charter, etc. - They will need these monies promptly to pay expenses of meeting.

2-- List, check and Application for Charter, from Champaign, Ill.

Sept. 1, 1923

(Concluded)

Mr. J.A. Doxey, 36 Main St.
Mr. A.R. Lee, 605 N. Walnut St.
Mr. Charley Lane, 602 E. Clark St.
Lila Benton, 908 Hickory St. --- MRS. Lila Benton.
Mr. Edward King, 106 N. 4th St.
Mrs. Sadie Scott, 109 Ellis Ave.
Mr. Fred. Lewis 703-1/2 N. 5th St.
Mr. Allen Green, 518 N. Hickory St. *Tree*
Mr. C.L. Hogue, 601-1/2 N. Walnut St.
Miss Alice McGee, 609 E. Healey St.
Miss Mary Scott, 904 ~~St.~~ Stoughton St., Urbana.
Miss ~~Sarah~~ Sarah Moore, 105 E. ~~St.~~ Church St.
Mr. Postelle Vaughn, 501 E. Clark St.
Mrs. Mattie Dixon, 410 W. Maple St.
Rev. J.E. Anderson, 312 E. William St., Danville, Ill
Mr. Geo. Persons, 808 N. 5th St.
Mrs. Geo. ~~Persons~~ *Persons* 808 N. 5th St.

COMMUNICATE with Following Temporary Officers-- Send Charter as soon as possible, as this is the MOMENT to build a branch here--

Secretary-- Mrs. Belle Woodruff, 501 East Vine St. ✓

President, Mrs. Jennie King, 106 N. Fourth St. ✓

Treas. Mr. Allen Green, 518 N. Hickory St. ✓

They have appointed a Nominating Comm., and only await charter to go into permanent organization.

The above are officers pro-tempore.

Field Sec.

Get Directors to act on this Charter, Oct. 8th, & send at once.

10/9/23
P.S. - Please send Mrs. Wood-
Constitution, rules for division
of money (certif. money), & other
let you had sent her none
of these things. Mary!

PAXTON KIWANIS INSTALL OFFICERS

Paxton, Jan. 7.—The Kiwanis club of Paxton has started its program for 1924 following a meeting held at the Middlecott hotel Friday night when the newly elected officers were installed and reports of officials and committee chairmen were heard.

Ernest Swanson is the newly elected president. Ray Davis was named secretary and Edwin Johnson was chosen district trustee.

FILE SUIT FOR \$10,000 DAMAGE

Richard N. Niswonger, 1104 North Prospect avenue, Champlain, through his next friend, W. L. Niswonger, has filed a trespass suit in the circuit court against F. E. Burr, of near Philo, claiming \$10,000 damages. Only the process for summons has been filed but it is understood that the case arises from an automobile accident.

CRIMINAL CASE DOCKET MADE INCLUDE GAMING

State's Attorney Roy Cline at his office on Monday morning after an absence of several days due to illness. He has made following allotment of criminal cases for Thursday and Friday this week:

Thursday

Boll Starks, gaming house; Starks, sale; William Vener, gaming; Alexander Miller, game; John Stokes, gaming; John Smith, gaming; Harry Price, gaming; Charles Carter, gaming; S. Charles Smith, gaming; R. Haddock, gaming; George B. O'Connell, gaming; Henry Bruggeman, gaming; Henry Gross, gaming.

Friday

William Shepard and Earl E. Taylor, unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor; Elmer Tener, gaming.

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DANVILLE MAN IS FINED ON MORAL CHARGE

Charged with attempting to de-
bauch the public morals by annoy-
ing a Champaign young woman a
Danville man giving the name of
John Doe was fined \$50 by Magis-
trate George M. James Sunday at
a hearing held at the magistrate's
residence. At first the young man
refused to disclose his identity, but
finally gave the name of Joe
Moore, which police think is as-
sumed. Parents of the young wo-
man, whose name was withheld,
stated that Moore had persisted in
annoying their daughter by tele-
phone calls from Danville. In a

recent call he had asked for a date,
according to the girl's statement.
She informed the police, who ad-
vised her to keep the date. Moore
was arrested in her company and
was compelled to provide a bond
of \$200.

Efforts were made by friends of
Moore to call Magistrate James to
his office Sunday for a hearing, but
the magistrate refused. Later ar-
rangements were made to hold the
trial at his residence. Twenty-five
dollars of the fine was paid, and
the remainder remitted on the
man's promise to cease annoying
the girl.

Plan Meeting.

Members of the board of direc-
tors and executive committee of
the Farm Bureau will meet at the
bureau office Saturday.

Washington.—A Democratic sub-
stitute for the Mellon tax revision
program as made public presents
a sharp departure from the Mellon
plan in favor of the small taxpayer
and to the disadvantage of the
large taxpayers.

NAACP BRANCH FILES

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.
1925-1938

Mr. Bogroll
Mr. Dickerson

JP
The Associated Negro Press Inc.
National News Service
3423 INDIANA AVENUE
CHICAGO

Champaign
(Theatre Discrimination - case)

March 22, 1929.

Dear Dean:

Following are some folk in Champaign whom you might contact.

Lucian Green, 904 W. Clark St. lives at the fraternity house, the members of which engaged Atty. Earl B. Dickerson of this city to handle some phase of the case. Mr. Dickerson's address is 117 N. Dearborn St. By the way Green's address is Urbana, Ill.

Others are Albert Lee, University of Illinois. He is head of the Scottish Rite Masons I believe.

The father of the boy who was hurt is Erward Milean 607 W. Park Ave., Urbana. Another contact is Raymond Scott 109 Ells Ave. Urbana. Dickerson's office gave me the latter.

Hastily,

C. H. B.

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March 8, 1931

Mr. Andrews and Rest of Office:-

Just as soon as students and townspeople get through organizing branch in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., I suggest that we help them to fight a case against discriminations they suffer from there---proper expenditure for American Fund for Social Service (Garland Fund).

Get in touch with temporary officers there. Miss Massie has addresses.

Hurriedly,

WP.

602 East Clark Street
Champaign, Illinois
February 16, 1931

Mr. Robert W. Bagnall
N. A. A. C. P.
69 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bagnall,

As you see, I am now back
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You know, of course, of the
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We are ready to fight for
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May I receive a very early
reply from you?

Sincerely yours,
Reginald P. Fisher

Copy to Mr. Pickens
Copy to Champaign Branch

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Champaign, Ill.
Feb. 16, 1931

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May I receive a very early reply from you?

Sincerely yours,

REGINALD F. FISHER

602 East Clark St.
Champaign, Illinois,
May 12, 1932.

Robert H. Bagnall,
Director of Branches,
N. A. A. C. P.

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Dear Mr. Bagnall,

The N. A. A. C. P. here in
Champaign - Urbana, Illinois
is in a process of re-orga-
nization. We are badly and
in immediate need of a
Branch constitution, official
receipts, informative literature
et cetera. Please rush this
material and we shall be
able to, in return, rush you
some funds.

Very sincerely yours
Geo. B. Nesbitt

BH

October 19, 1927

Mr. Reginald F. Fisher
Alpha Phi Alpha
602 East Clark St.
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I am exceedingly glad to hear that you are starting work to revive the Champaign branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Champaign, and in fact all communities in which we have any appreciable number of Negroes need an active unit of the Association.

Mr. Pickens has explained to you that fifty members are required for a chartered branch and I am sure that he has suggested that the best possible way to secure these would be to call your friends and acquaintances together and to organize them into two competing teams to canvass for members over a given period of time. As explained in the N.A.A.C.P. literature, memberships run from \$1.00 upward. I am sure that under your leadership it will not be long before the Champaign group shall become an active unit of the Association.

I am sending you under separate cover membership campaign and organization material.

Very sincerely yours,

RFB*VWM

Director of Branches

National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City

COPY TO MR. PICKENS
COPY TO BRANCH SECRETARY

February 20, 1931

Mr. Reginald F. Fisher
602 East Clark Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Mr. Bagnall is now in the South and I am therefore replying to your letter of February 16th. Fortunately, Mr. Pickens who is now in Indiana is to be in Champaign on March 7th. I suggest that you get together a group of interested persons to meet with Mr. Pickens on that date with a view towards forming a College Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. I suggest that you get in touch also with the local Branch, of which Mr. M. B. Walker, 518 North Hickory Street, is the Secretary, to arrange the hour for the meeting which will not conflict with plans which the Branch has already made. I am sending copies of this correspondence to Mr. Pickens and to the Secretary of the Champaign Branch.

Now as to the discrimination in restaurants in the college district and the refusal of the Illinois Union to ~~give a room to a Negro student who had previously made negotiations for the room.~~ I enclose copy of a letter dated January 26th from President Harry W. Chase, written in response to a protest from our Mr. Seligmann to the editorial, "On the Mob Instinct" which appeared in the Daily Illini, following the recent Maryville lynching. This letter impressed us as being unequivocal. I believe that President Chase would lend a receptive ear to protest on the matter of discrimination since the lynching.

I suggest that a delegation of Negro students which, if there are any fair-minded ones you know, could profitably include white students, should call upon the President and present frankly to him the facts in this matter of discrimination and ask the University to take steps to correct it.

Sincerely yours,

Walter White

Acting Secretary

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October 7,--1933

Mr. Reginald F. Fisher
508 East Green Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

We are pleased to learn of your interest in organizing a branch of the Association at the University of Illinois and trust that your efforts may meet with success.

Literature and organization material is being sent you under separate cover. You will note that fifty members are required as a minimum for chartered branches and that the annual membership fee is from \$1.00 a year upward. Persons who pay \$2.50 or more receive The Crisis.

We would suggest that you get as large a committee as possible to take up the work of organization, ~~having the committee select temporary officers who will~~ serve until the permanent branch is organized. The committee should arrange and advertise weekly meetings at which memberships will be solicited and new workers ~~enlisted~~ in the canvass for members. If you can get ten or fifteen workers who will pledge to bring in at least five members each within a certain period of time, you will be able to apply for a charter very soon.

College chapters follow the regular Branch Constitution, except where it differs in the sections and articles listed in the enclosed pamphlet. The principal difference between the college units and regular branches is that the latter are held responsible for a certain definite amount to be contributed annually to the work of the National Office. This is not required of branches in educational institutions.

Please keep us informed regarding the progress you are able to make and let us know anything we can do to help get a good unit of the N.A.A.C.P. under way in the University of Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

The Department of Branches

LB

Per:

Br.

October 10, 1933

Mr. Reginald F. Fisher
508 East Green Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

We have your request for the names of the last officers of the Champaign Branch.

In March, 1931, an attempt was made to reorganize the Champaign Branch and the following persons were elected as temporary officers:

President: Mr. George Nesbitt, 602 East Clark Street
Vice President: Mr. Ralph Maybre, 1305 W. Stroughton
Street, Urbana

Secretary: Mr. Douglas Turner, 904 West Clark Street

Assistant Secretary: Miss Jamma Brown, 511 E. Church
Street

Treasurer: Rev. C. Brooks, 106 North Fourth Street

At that time it was pointed out that the group would have to send in a minimum of fifty members in order to regain its status as a chartered branch of the Association. This the group failed to do and it has been dormant since that time, no reports having been received at the National Office.

Sincerely yours,

The Department of Branches

LB

Per:

BB
(Theater Discrimination - case)

March 21, 1929

Mr. Harold D. Gray
201 E. Washington St.
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mr. Gray:

Your letter of March 16th to Mr. James Weldon Johnson has been referred to me for attention. The case which you have reported is one of the most outrageous and brutal cases which has come to our attention with regard to discriminations by theatres, or subsequent actions growing out of such.

I want to commend the branch in Champaign for the stand which it has taken and urge that the branch ~~together with the citizens of Champaign, who may not be~~ connected with the Association, pool all of their efforts both financial and moral, to the end that every person guilty of the assault upon this boy will be duly punished and every person or agent who may be responsible, suffer the consequences of the assault.

Now with regard to the white lawyer's remark, I am unable to give an opinion, but I feel that if Attorney Dickerson thoroughly investigates and properly conducts the matter, as I feel that he will, the boy and his family will not be forced to suffer this indignity without some sort of recompense. Here at the National Office, I shall give you every assistance which I possibly can. Considering the office's distance from Champaign, I shall be glad to advise with you and to be kept in touch with every development of the matter. This case ought to be one which will make the citizens of Champaign realize the necessity of having an active branch of the Association there.

You asked about the costs in the case. It would be unfair for me to set a fee which I think Mr. Dickerson, or any other attorney whom you employ, ought

charge you for his services. There are occasions, however, when attorneys demand exorbitant fees and if you feel that the fee in this case is high, I would be glad if you would let me know what it is in order for me to give you my reaction. Wishing every success, I am

Very truly yours

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William T. Andrews
Special Legal Assistant

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March 27, 1929

Mr. Harold D. Gray,
President, Champaign Branch,
201 East Washington Street,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Gray:

Your letter to Mr. Johnson which was answered by our Legal Assistant, makes it evident that this is the best time to revive the Branch in Champaign that it may take up this case and show its full worth to the community.

If you have not done so, I would suggest that you call together a conference of the Association and there plan active work, forming committees to cover churches, lodges, and other organizations in soliciting funds to handle this case. I would suggest that you arrange to have regular meetings of the Branch and mass meetings in the various churches, at which offerings might be taken toward the case.

I want to say that we at the National Office shall be glad to do anything we can in the way of advice and counsel and I would advise that you have your lawyers keep in touch with the National Office as to their proceedings.

This is, perhaps, the best opportunity Champaign will have for many years to revive fully the work of the Association and I hope that it will be taken advantage of.

Very sincerely yours,

RWB:LB

Director of Branches.

BH
May 29, 1925.

Mr. H. D. Gray, President,
✓ Champaign-Urbana Branch,
603 1/2 N. Poplar Street,
Champaign, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Gray:

Your letter of May 25th has just come, and we feel that you are quite right in your attitude towards the way in which the courts have treated the indictment of the white man who killed a colored man in Champaign last December. If there was sufficient evidence for the coroner's jury to recommend that the white man be held for murder, and if, in addition, the grand jury indicted that man for murder and refused him bond, certainly there seems to be sufficient reason for seeing that he goes to trial.

Our suggestion is that the branch appoint a committee to call upon the state's attorney for a specific statement as to the reasons for dismissing the case. We would suggest that you recite specifically, as you did in your letter to us, the presence of the three witnesses who saw the shooting, and who testified before the coroner's and the grand juries, and ask him point blank how he can give the excuse that in his opinion there will be little chance of a conviction, since the man is going to plead self-defense. Upon receiving a statement from the state's attorney, or in the event that after a reasonable time he does not give a satisfactory excuse, we recommend that you take the matter up with the attorney-general of the state and the governor. It will be well, of course, to have at least for consultation the services of a reputable and honest lawyer.

Please keep us advised as to developments and let us know if we can help.

Sincerely yours,

WFW/WLW

Assistant Secretary.

Bv.

20 February 1931

Mr. James T. E. Henry
512 East Park Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mr. Henry:

In the absence of Mr. Pickens,
who is at present in Indiana on a speaking tour
for this Association, I wish to acknowledge your
letter of February 18th. I am forwarding same
to him for his information and attention.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Pickens

201 E. Washington Street
Champaign, Illinois.

March 16, 1929

Rfd. to

Ack.

D. O.

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Mr. James Weldon Johnson, Secretary
National Association for Advancement of Colored People
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The Branch here has been very inactive, but there is always something that has to happen, either for the best or worst to wake them up. And the thing has happened, and of course now the folks here are all up in arms about it.

It is a long story, but I will try to tell it as short as possible. Last Saturday night, two weeks ago, eight boys, ranging in ages from 19 to 22, all respectable boys of high families, went to a local theater here. This theater is not particular about Colored people attending. One boy bought all of the tickets, and when the boys took their seats, their seats were down towards the front. The head usher came up with a policeman and told them they would have to move. So the boys told them before they would move they would have their money refunded. So they went to the box office to get their money. In the meantime, the usher was saying mean things trying to create a disturbance. When they were given their money, the manager told the policeman to get those black "s.b." out of there. The policeman (who was a city policeman) ducked under the chain in the lobby, and pulled out his gun and struck one of the boys on the head. When the boy turned and asked him what he had done, the policeman told him he was going to make an example of him for the rest of the smart niggers in this town. And told him he was going to take him "down". The policeman took him down to the station, which was only three blocks, the rest of the boys going along. The desk sargent asked him what he was booked for; the policeman said, disorderly conduct. One of the boys with the bunch offered to put up a cash bond for the boy. But the policeman told him if he didn't shut up he would throw him in jail., and would not let him go the bond. They threw the boy under arrest, in a cell. And when one of the other policeman came in off of beat, the policeman that had made the arrest told the policeman that they had a spunky nigger in the cell and they were going to take the spunk out of him just as soon as they got rid of the rest of the niggers. This policeman went to the cell door and looked in and called the boy a half-breed------. The boy in the cell resented this and told him if he did not have a star and gun on him he would make him take that back. At this remark, the policeman got the cell keyes, unlocked the cell, and went in the cell to beat the boy up. But the boy was too much for him, so three other policeman went to his rescue. And they beat the boy unmercifully, pulling his collarbone out of place. In the meantime, one of the boys on the outside of the cell asked the night captain, who was present, if he could not make the policeman stop beating the boy. He stated he couldn't do nothing about it. In the meantime one of the boys had gone after the boy's mother. When she came, she offered to give bond, as the boy was screaming and crying, but they told her she could not give bond. So she asked permission to get a doctor for the boy. They told her that no

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doctor could go in the cell that night. So the boy's mother started out to the police magistrate's house at one oclock in the morning to see if she could not give bond. The police magistrate immediately called the police sargent and told them to accept her bond and that they would have to get a doctor for the boy. When the mother got back to the city building the police had called the city health officer and they were putting the boy in an ambulance to take him to the hospital. When they got to the hospital the mother called in another doctor, who was Colored. And they had an X-ray taken, and it showed his collarbone had been pulled out of place. After a consultation with two other highly respected white doctors, they claimed the boy may have a crippled hand for life.

Later the next day, the police captain called on the mother and told her if she did not say anything about the affair, the city would pay the doctor and hospital bill, and it would be all over with. As it would only make trouble for her if she tried to start anything. The same policeman who beat up the boy and arrested him, had just been on trial the week before for beating up a white man. There were three white witnesses in the jail who saw the policeman go in the cell and beat the boy and are more than willing to testify, and they tell the same story that the boy tells.

One white lawyer here told a committee that you could not beat the city. That the police were going to tell that the boy was unruly, and his collarbone was pulled out of place when they were trying to put him in the cell.

What I am writing to you about, is this: Of course when anything like this happens, indignation meetings are held and everything else is done. Now the Branch wants to know, that is they have asked me and I told them I would have yo write to you. How much it would cost if the N. A. A. C. P. would help to fight the case. The folks got busy here and had a Colored attorney down from Chicago, Earl B. Dickerson, and he said he would carry the case through, as there was no way to lose, but suggested, that since there was an N. A. A. C. P. here that we see what they would do as it would give more prestige to the case. Hence I an writing to you, to see what help you would give, and how much it would cost.

Of course, we are not doing it just for this boy, but this same set of policemen, have killed a Colored man, and beat up two others, and nothing was ever done about it. Also this theater have had Colored people thrown out without cause. And if we never do anything about it, worst than this will happen.

So I would be glad if you would give me information at once, with reference to the matter.

Very truly yours,
James D. Gray
President;
Champaign-Urbana Branch
N. A. A. C. P.

March
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*Dr.
Champaign County*

Mr. George Nesbitt
602 E. Clark Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mr. Nesbitt:

I am very glad indeed to know that you are interested in the possibility of a Contest campaign as a means of raising funds for the N.A.A.C.P. It is the easiest way in the world, perhaps, besides being the quickest and cheapest way to raise a large amount of money in an exceedingly short period of time.

A committee of four or five interested workers can put the contest over. The committee should consist entirely of women, but the men should do whatever the ladies want them to do toward achieving success. Of course, the larger the committee the better, but the thing can be done by three or four active and interested workers. Kindly send us the names and addresses of your committee when organized so that we may write them. Also, ~~kindly send us the names and addresses of the contestants as~~ fast as they are enrolled, so that we may write them.

In addition to canvassing for memberships and Crisis subscriptions the contestants may also go after the nickels and dimes, if you will have some coupon booklets made for your contest, like those we have always used in our famous Baby contests. Sometimes more money is collected on the 5¢ coupons than by memberships. Many people can spare a nickel or a quarter who cannot spare a dollar; and many others who have already paid for a membership, will still buy some of the 5¢ coupons.

If you wish to use coupon booklets also in your contest, and if you need a sample booklet, to see how they are made, write us at once.

I am enclosing a copy of our outline for membership contests on the competitive basis.

If there is any further information which you may need, do not fail to write and let me know. I will, of course, be glad to hear from time to time of the progress of your plans.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM PICKENS
Field Secretary

Dr.
Discrimination - case

March 19, 1931

Mr. George B. Nesbitt
602 East Clark St.
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Nesbitt:

Mr. William Pickens, our Field Secretary, has stated that there is a condition in your community with regard to discriminations against Negroes, and that you have the facts.

Will you kindly send me a detailed statement of the situation at your earliest opportunity?

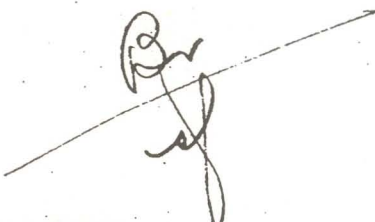
I trust that the Branch is growing and that it will be strong and effective.

Very sincerely yours,

WTA:ED

Special Legal Assistant

Copy sent to Secretary of the Branch.


May 19, 1932

Mr. George B. Nesbitt
602 East Clark Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Nesbitt:

I am glad to have your letter stating that the Champaign Branch is being reorganized. I trust that this effort will be most successful and that the Branch will now remain an active body.

~~We have sent you the literature and Branch~~
Constitutions which you requested and trust that they will reach you promptly.

Please keep me informed as to your progress in reviving the work of the Branch and let me know anything we can do to assist you.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Branches

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May 28, 1932

Mr. George B. Nesbitt
President, Champaign Branch
602 East Clark Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Nesbitt:

I have the following telegram from V. L. Nichols,
Superintendent of Schools in Champaign:

"Is there an affiliated chapter of your organi-
zation in Champaign-Urbana?"

~~I replied yesterday that our Branch there was~~
being reorganized under your leadership. I would suggest
that you get in touch with Mr. Nichols and inquire as to
his interests in the Association.

Sincerely yours,

RWB:LB

Director of Branches

Bw.

April 25, 1934

Mr. George B. Nesbitt
615 South Wright Street
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Nesbitt:

I am replying to your letter of April 19, in which you sent two dollars for four memberships which our Treasurer has acknowledged by official receipt and membership certificates.

I remember when we had branches both in Champaign and Urbana. In some cases, cities located close together and which form practically one community like Champaign and Urbana, Illinois, find it most profitable to have one branch and hold meetings first in one town and then in the other. However, the citizens of either town have the right to organize a branch of their own any time they wish to do so, and when they can get fifty or more members, to apply for a charter.

I notice you spoke about the Fred Douglass Civic League. It is doubtless a very good organization. I am sure, however, that the League would find that it could do just as useful and perhaps more effective work if it became a branch of the Association. If the League does not wish to become a branch, they could still be one of our affiliated member organizations by paying an annual membership of five dollars or more and persuading their individual members to join the Association.

One thing in particular I wish to invite the League to do: to take part at once in our 25th Anniversary Campaign to raise a 25th Anniversary Fund. The Campaign goes through this whole year. Enclosed is some literature explaining the Campaign and also a blank on which you can send us the names and addresses of any committee which the League might choose to see the Campaign through in Champaign.

Since there is no branch organization of the Association in Champaign, we would suggest that you send

Mr. Nesbitt:- 2.

in the total of any memberships which you collect. This procedure is required of all groups which are not full-fledged branches, as in such cases no local treasury is established, and the full membership is therefore due the treasury of the National Office.

Sincerely yours,

WP:LB

William Pickens
Field Secretary

8/13/25
317 S. Lott Blvd
Gibson City, Ill.
Aug. 10th. 25.

AUG 13 1925

Dear Sir.

Mr. Wm. Pickens.

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I hope by this time
you have recieved my
report concerning the
Baby contest which ended
at Champaign June the
12 th. I left immediately

money for some other pur-³pose. But I have informed the secretary to send the money + report to you. I am going to ask you to write to the branch at Champaign + explain to them again the purpose of raising the money by means of a baby contest. We did not do as well as I would liked to but owing to conditions + the

after the con²test ended + turned my report over to the secretary supposing that you would receive it soon after that date. And was very much surprised when I received your letter asking for a report. There seems to have been some dissatisfaction concerning the affair + the executive committee wanted to hold the

number of babies in the
contest I suppose I should
be glad for that much.

Hoping that ^{you} will soon re-
ceive the report. I remain
as ever.

Mrs. Lena Lewis

February 20, 1931

Mr. William Pickens
c/o Mrs. W. T. Bailey
1907 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana

My dear Dean:

The enclosed correspondence with Mr. Reginald
F. Fisher, a student at the University of Illinois, is
self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

WWPLB

The Young Men's Christian Association
of the University of Illinois

Correspondence Paper

December 28, 1938

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Mr. William Pickens,
Director of N.A.A.C.P. Branches
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City

[Handwritten signature] 10712

Myddear Mr. Pickens:

I am writing you for an organization on our campus concerning the N.A.A.C.P. We are desirous of organizing a branch, but have some difficulties. We want to have a branch composed of students and town people. We can't have a youth organization, because there is no senior branch here; and there is no desire to organize such among seniors. And we can't have one because most of us are too young. We don't want a college chapter, because it would exclude the town people. And, then too, most of the town people who desire to have a branch are youth.

Such is our case. Now, Mr. Pickens, is there anyway we can organize the type of branch we desire. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible as we are anxiously waiting your reply.

Very truly yours

Matheus L. Porter Jr.
Matheus L. Porter Jr.

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December 31, 1938.

Mr. Matheus L. Porter, Jr.
Y. M. C. A.
University of Illinois
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Porter:

I am replying to your letter of December 28. Of course you can organize a branch to include both college students and town people, a regular branch where the minimum membership is one dollar a year. The students could take the lead in organizing the branch and invite the cooperation of the townspeople and try to get as many of them into the Branch as possible.

I can understand your reasons for not wanting simply a college chapter or a youth council. ~~Grown-up young people can do very effective work~~ with a regular branch. I suggest that you send an invitation to all the ministers, doctors, and other leaders among the colored people and any white people whom you can approach, inviting them to come together with you for an organization meeting. The first thing is to get a half dozen or more people to cooperate with you on a committee for organizing. Twenty-five members can organize a branch, but it will take fifty members to get a permanent charter.

Anticipating that you will want to get busy at once in organizing this branch, I am sending you, under separate cover, fifty membership envelopes and some other literature of the Association. I would distribute these membership envelopes about five each to ten persons, responsible people, in the University and in the town, and ask them to try to get four other memberships besides their own. In that way we might immediately get fifty members and apply for a regular charter from the national Board of Directors. Be sure to write me immediately for any further help you may wish. Best wishes for the New Year.

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB

Urbana, Illinois
January 26, 1931

Mr. Herbert J. Seligmann
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
69 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Sir:

Your letter of January 22, addressed to Doctor David Kinley and received today, concerning the editorial entitled "On the Mob Instinct" which appeared in THE DAILY ILLINI of January 18 has come to me for reply. Doctor Kinley retired from the Presidency of the University last summer.

First of all, in order that there may be no misunderstanding between us concerning my views, let me say that I have no sympathy with that editorial, although I cannot believe that the writer really intended to condone or justify the incident to which his editorial referred. If he was attempting to be partly humorous he displayed extremely poor taste to say the least; if his intention was to discuss or analyze the mob instinct, he showed poor judgment in his treatment of the discussion. Perhaps I can explain his motive best by sending you the enclosed clipping of a second editorial which appeared in the January 25th issue of THE DAILY ILLINI, in which the editorial writer gives his explanation of the purpose of the first editorial.

In reply to your question whether this editorial represents the attitude of the University, I can assure you that it does not. I cannot believe that it would represent the attitude of any institution of higher education in this country. Certainly it is not representative of this institution.

In reply to your question whether the University tolerates such expressions in its publications, I must say that THE DAILY ILLINI is not a publication of the University but a publication of its student body. The editor and his staff are students; they are responsible for the news and editorials which appear in the paper. In fact I took occasion shortly after the opening of the University year last fall to call the attention of the student body to the fact that it was not the policy of the University to interfere with students in the management of their publications. At the same time I pointed out that such freedom on their part carried with it the full responsibility for the way in which the publications are conducted. I am, therefore, calling the attention of the Editor of the DAILY ILLINI to your protest which I think is entirely justified.

Very truly yours,

H. W. CHASE

President

Enclosure
HWC JAG

March
10th
1931

Br.
Champaign County

Mr. Douglass Turner
904 W. Clark Street
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Turner:

I am very glad indeed to know that you are interested in the possibility of a Contest campaign as a means of raising funds for the N.A.A.C.P. It is the easiest way in the world, perhaps, besides being the quickest and cheapest way to raise a large amount of money in an exceedingly short period of time.

A committee of four or five interested workers can put the contest over. The committee should consist entirely of women, but the men should do whatever the ladies want them to do toward achieving success. Of course, the larger the committee the better, but the thing can be done by three or four active and interested workers. Kindly send us the names and addresses of your committee when organized so that we may write them. Also, ~~kindly send us the names and addresses of the contestants as~~ fast as they are enrolled, so that we may write them.

In addition to canvassing for memberships and Crisis subscriptions the contestants may also go after the nickels and dimes, if you will have some coupon booklets made for your contest, like those we have always used in our famous Baby contests. Sometimes more money is collected on the 5¢ coupons than by memberships. Many people can spare a nickel or a quarter who cannot spare a dollar; and many others who have already paid for membership, will still buy some of the 5¢ coupons.

If you wish to use coupon booklets also in your contest, and if you need a sample booklet, to see how they are made, write us at once.

I am enclosing a copy of our outline for membership contests on the competitive basis.

If there is any further information which you may need, do not fail to write and let me know. I will, of course, be glad to hear from time to time of the progress of your plans.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM PICKENS
Field Secretary

March 11, 1931

Mr. Douglass R. Turner
904 West Clark Street
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Turner:

Mr. Pickens has informed me of the organization of a temporary group at Champaign and Urbana, looking forward to the formation of a permanent Branch of the Association. I am indeed glad to know that there is going to be a Branch in your community.

We are sending you membership canvassing envelopes and organization material, under separate cover. You will note that fifty members are required for a chartered Branch. Membership is from one dollar a year upward; those paying \$2.50 or more receive the Crisis Magazine.

I would suggest that your group apply for a Charter as the Champaign County Branch. This would mean that members from Champaign, Urbana and other points in the County could be included in the one unit.

I trust that we shall soon receive your application for Charter as a permanent organization. Please write me freely for any information or advice you may need.

Sincerely yours,

RWB:LB

Director of Branches

Br.
March 19, 1931

Mr. Douglass R. Turner
904 W. Clark St.
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Turner:

We are sending you a copy of a letter
which we have this day written to the Presi-
dent of the Champaign-County Branch.

Very truly yours,

WTA:ED

Special Legal Assistant

BW

January 8, 1931

Mr. W. B. Walker
518 N. Hickory St.
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Walker:

In our spring work we have set down the dates of March 6th and 7th when I can be with your branch. Perhaps you may wish to have a mass meeting, but I advise that we have by all means a conference of the Executive Committee and other officers and members of the Association where we can more intimately consider the interests of the Branch and the work of the year.

Enclosed is a suggestion for a contest-campaign. If you use this suggestion or any modified form of it, you should organize the campaign at once and plan to conclude it on one of the days when I am with you. If the campaign is to conclude on the occasion of our visit the workers may be more interested and the ~~community may be more interested, inasmuch as they will be looking forward to this event.~~

The thing we need immediately is to hear whether you accept this date. Then we can make further suggestion. I would also be glad to have any suggestions from the branch officers as to how we can best succeed on this occasion. I advise that you organize an intensive drive with regular enrolled workers, offering prizes and honors, if you think well of the plan. You might inform the workers that if we have this contest plan those who win the first three prizes will be mentioned in the Crisis and their pictures published among our prize winners as in the case of all of our contests heretofore.

If you have any other suggestions or any better plan, kindly let me have them at once. But by all means let us have your agreement to these dates, so that we can fix our program. Each Branch is asked to make as liberal a contribution as possible toward traveling expenses. As to that we will send another letter when we have a better idea of how many branches we will meet on this tour. We always try to apportion expense among them. The National Office always pays part of the expense also.

Very truly yours,

WP:VM
Enc.

WILLIAM PICKENS
Field Secretary

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May 9, 1929

Mr. W.B. Walker
Secretary, Champaign Branch,
518 North Hickory Street,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Walker:

We have your telegram and are happy to hear of the steps being taken to revive the Branch in Champaign. We are sending you under separate cover literature and membership material. If you find that the amount sent you is not sufficient, kindly let us know and we shall be send a further supply.

I would suggest that those who have joined the Branch or expressed their willingness to join, be organized into teams to canvass the community for new members. In this way the financial and membership strength of the Branch should be markedly increased by the time of your next meeting.

I am enclosing a copy of our plan for the conduct of the 20th Anniversary Campaign, which your group may be able to adapt to its needs.

The Association discontinued the use of buttons several years ago and we do not have any in stock. Please keep us informed of your progress and let us know if there is any assistance we can give you.

Very sincerely yours,

RWB:LB

Director of Branches.


May 16, 1929

Mr. W. B. Walker,
Secretary, Champaign Branch,
518 North Hickory Street,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Walker:

Will you kindly send us at once the addresses of the officers of the Champaign Branch. We must have these on record at the National Office.

I trust that you have received the literature which we sent you and that progress is being made in the work of reorganizing the branch and having it take its proper place among the strong and active units of the Association.

Very sincerely yours,

RWB:LB

Director of Branches.

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December 22, 1930

Mr. N. B. Walker
518 N. Hickory St.
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Walker:

In the middle of the spring, perhaps beginning in early April, it will be possible for me to do intensive work among the Illinois Branches, if we can get a sufficient number of them to accept the opportunity at once. Our procedure would be somewhat like this: I would go to a place and meet the Executive Committee and interested workers of the branch and organize the campaign. Perhaps a week or ten days later I would return and hold another meeting to stimulate the campaign. Then perhaps at the close of the campaign I would meet with the branch to help at the closing. If we should have a contest, I should take part in closing out this contest and determining the winners of the honors and prizes. In between ~~my visits to one branch I would be organizing and stimulating~~ branches in other places. In three or four weeks of such work we might put through campaigns in a great many places in Illinois.

Another aim would be to organize branches in places where we can secure addresses or contacts with persons who would be willing to help us organize. Every branch should immediately send us the name of any place where they think a branch can be organized and the addresses of any leaders with whom we can negotiate for organization. We could write such leaders and get them to arrange a meeting or a conference while I am in their neighborhood and start a branch organization.

We are writing now to find a list of the branches and places that are interested in such a campaign. It will greatly help our work if you will let us hear from you definitely as soon as possible but by all means before the 1st of January. But be sure to let us hear from you as soon as possible, even if it must be a day or two later than that.

Very truly yours,

WP:VM

WILLIAM PICKENS
Field Secretary

R.

February 20, 1931

Mr. M. B. Walker
Secretary, Champaign Branch
518 North Hickory Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Walker:

The enclosed correspondence with Mr. Reginald
F. Fisher, a student at the University of Illinois, is
~~self-explanatory.~~

Sincerely yours,

WW:LB

Acting Secretary

Br.

January 24, 1931

Mr. W. B. Walker
518 N. Hickory St.
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Walker:

We wrote you offering the dates of March 6th and 7th. It is very necessary that we get our itinerary settled for the whole trip. Will you not therefore let us know at once whether you accept these dates? We wish to get the details of our work in that section settled.

I trust that you will accept the dates and let us do the best we can do with it. We understand that these are unusually difficult times in which to conduct campaigns or to get members. But the very fact that times are difficult makes it more necessary for us to do our best and do what we can. We certainly cannot stop in the great cause which we have to support. Let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

WP:VM

WILLIAM PICKENS
Field Secretary

Bv -

2nd March 1931

✓ Mr. W. B. Walker
518 N. Hickory St.
Cahmpaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Walker:

At a number of our annual conferences, the feeling has been expressed that it would be well for the Association to have state organizations acting as mediums between the branches and the National Office. The National Office has decided to try this experiment by organizing state conferences in a number of strategic states and observing the work of such conferences over a period of a year.

Illinois has a special need of a state organization and if it meets with the approval of the branches, we plan to call a State Conference to be held in Chicago, March 30th and 31st, at which time I shall be present to organize the Conference and direct its activities.

I am writing to ask that you send us the reaction of your Branch as to the organization of a State Conference of Branches in Illinois to:

- (a) Secure united action in state-wide cases of discrimination;
- (b) Stimulate and increase the efficiency of existing branches;
- (c) Help to organize new branches in the State;
- (d) Serve as a medium which will act at the request of the National Office in handling certain problems which may arise.

If your Branch favors the organization of such a State Conference, we wish to know whether it will send delegates to the meeting in Chicago on March 30th and 31st. Please call a meeting of the Executive Committee at once to consider this matter and let us hear from you on the enclosed blanks at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

WP:VM
End.

WILLIAM PICKENS
Field Secretary

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To Mr. White and the Legal Committee:-

If a good case can be made in Champaign-Urbana, it should be prosecuted under the leadership of the National office.

The restaurants and show places in the town, and those in the neighborhood of the University which cater especially to University people, discriminate brutally against Negro students. There is a civil rights law in Illinois, and Representative King tells me in Springfield that they are aiming at a law now with real "teeth" in it.

We should include this situation in our general legal attack on "Discrimination", with the aid of the Fund from The American Fund for Social Service, or whatever the Garland Fund is now called.

ALL ILLINOIS HAS ITS EYES ON THIS SITUATION IN THE UNIVERSITY TOWN. It will greatly redound to the benefit of the Association and its branches in Illinois if something effective is done, or attempted.

The Office can get into touch with the temporary officers in Champaign, Urbana. I have sent their names and addresses to the Office.

A good case ought to be taken up there.

Very truly yours

William Pickens----

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August 14, 1925.

Mrs. Lena Lewis, Chairman,
Baby Contest Committee,
317 South Lott Blvd.,
Gibson City, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Lewis:

We received your Baby Contest Report as sent in by Mrs. Woodruff, and we wish to take this opportunity of expressing to you and the others of your committee the appreciation of our National Office for the very fine work which you all did in making such a decided success of the contest in Champaign.

Mr. Pickens is at present out of the office, enjoying a brief vacation. Therefore I am referring your letter to Mr. Bagnall with the request that he write the Branch, as you request. I am perfectly sure that the matter will be attended to and straightened out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Again let me thank you in behalf of Mr. Pickens, and the others of the National Office for your very effective work in conducting the Champaign Baby Contest.

Very truly yours,

Winifred L. Webb,
Sec. to Mr. Pickens.

WLW/wlw

August 18, 1925.

Mrs. Lena Lewis,
317 S. Lott Blvd.,
Gibson City, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Lewis:

Mr. Pickens has been in the office for a couple of days, although he is supposed to be on his vacation.

I showed him your letter of the 10th, and he has written to the branch officers, as you suggested. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter which he is today sending them.

Because of Mr. Pickens' temporary return, it was not, therefore, necessary for Mr. Bagnall to attend to the matter.

Very truly yours,

WLW

Winifred L. Webb
Sec. to Mr. Pickens

B

August 18, 1925.

✓ Mrs. Belle Woodruff, Sec.,
Champaign Branch N.A.A.C.P.,
501 East Vine Street,
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Lena Lewis of 317 South Lott Boulevard, Gibson City, Illinois, calling our attention to the fine success which you had in our recent Baby Contest there. You have sent to this office the sum of \$89.19, which applies on the apportionment of the Branch for the year 1925. This is a splendid contribution from your Branch.

The rules of our Baby Contest make it necessary of course for the contest committee to first pay all expenses and then divide the money between the local branch and the National Office. The share sent to the National Office must be 75% or more. Some of the branches send more because they realize the importance of the National Work and they know that whatever is sent is put down to the credit of the branch and pays the branch's apportionment in the National Office. This was such a fine achievement on your part that I trust it leaves general satisfaction among the members there. However, if the Executive Committee or the branch has any suggestions to make about the matter, we should be glad to hear from them at once.

Very truly yours,

William Pickens,
Field Secretary.

WP/WLW

Copies to:

Branch Secretary &
Mrs. Lena Lewis.

Bv

August 17, 1927

Mrs. Belle Woodruff
501 E. Vine St.
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Woodruff:

I have promised to speak in Champaign for the Inter-Racial Club of the University on October the 15th. They will have a dinner; I do not recall the hour. But for that information you can apply to Mr. M. T. Kennedy, University of Illinois, Y. M. C. A.

I am writing to suggest that at some hour not conflicting with the meeting at the University we might have a meeting with the branch of the N. A. A. C. P. For example, if the dinner at the University is from six to eight P.M., we might have an N. A. A. C. P. meeting somewhere ~~from eight thirty. If the University dinner is in~~ the afternoon, of course we could have the evening for a meeting with the branch.

Meetings can be had on Saturday night. I have had them many times. Of course we have a superstitious feeling that a meeting can not be had on a Saturday night simply because we are getting ready for a Sunday meeting. At this writing I am afraid I could not be there for Sunday because I have already allotted Sunday to another place. Of course I have not yet heard from that other place. I am also writing Bloomington about Friday the 14th. I cannot tell whether they would accept that date. The only time I am certain of for Champaign will be on Saturday on account of the meeting with the University Inter-Racial group.

Very truly yours,

WP:VM

WILLIAM PICKENS

Field Secretary

615 So. Wright Street
Champaign, Illinois
April 19 1934

Director of Branches
N.A.A.C.P.
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your correspondent was named President of a local branch some few years ago. That "branch" has never functioned. And I wish to apologize for continuing to allow you to expend your none too many funds sending letters etc. My own efforts in the direction of a local N.A.A.C.P. were abandoned upon my learning of the already successful organization of a similar agency in Champaign-Urbana/ Though I realized ~~thead~~ the advantages of the former over the latter, I felt that the necessary material was already in the ranks of this latter group --- Fred Douglas Civic League. That feeling coupled with a fear of causing overlapping and community disharmony left me inactive. I simply joined the ~~latter~~ Douglas League, serving on the executive board.

Recently, ^however, the Illinois State Conference has been quite pressingly urging revival. I am doing what I can. Since I am maintaining connection with the League progress will be slow.

Enclosed find a check for two dollars for which please establish memberships for the following:

George B. Nesbitt	615 So. Wright
Eugene Turner	" " "
Pres., Alpha Phi Alpha	615 So. Wright
Beverly Greene	1305 W. Stoughton Urbana, Ill.

Very truly yours,

George B. Nesbitt

Bert
sent
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603 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Poplar St.,
Champaign, Ill.
May 25, 1925.

National Headquarters
N. A. A. C. P.
Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

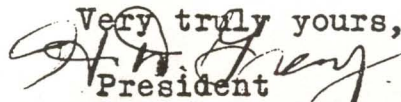
Gentlemen:

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In December of 1924, or about seven months ago, a white man killed a Colored man here, seemingly for nothing. There were three colored witnesses who saw the shooting. A coroner jury recommended that the white man be held for murder. At the setting of the grand jury, he was also indicted for murder. He was not allowed bond at first, but just after the election of the States Attorney, who was re-elected, he was immediately let out on bond.

Last week, his trial was to come up, to be exact it was to come up in the criminal court, Tuesday May 19. But the States Attorney who should have fought the case for the state, when before the Judge and nollified the case, had it dropped after the grand jury had indicted this man for murder. The States attorney's excuse for having the case dropped from the docket was, that it would cost the county a lot of expense to have the trial, and it seemed like the case would be lost, on account of the white man was going to plead self-defense, and the states attorney didn't think there could be enough witnesses found to dispute the fact that it was self defense; (even though three witnesses had seen the shooting, and had been questioned by the coroner's jury and the grand jury, and these witnesses' testimony had satisfied both these juries enough to hold the man for murder, and yet the States attorney didn't think there would be sufficient evidence to warrant having a trial before a jury). There seems like something could be done about this, and I am writing you to find out what steps to take.

Very truly yours,



President

Champaign-Urbana Branch, N.A.A.C.P.

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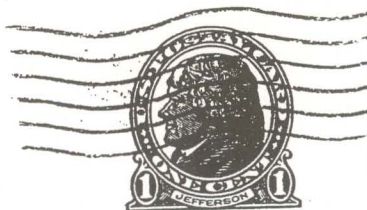
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To: Mr. Andrews

From: Mr. White

Please note the attached letter from Mr. Pickens regarding discrimination in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. Will you let me have your opinion as to how best action may be started under the present Civil Rights law of Illinois?

WW:CTF



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OUR CHAMPAIGN URBANA BRANCH NOW BEING REORGANIZED STOP MISTER GEORGE B
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AT OUR NEXT MEETING AS SOON AS WE GET A HEARING FROM YOU
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IMMEDIATE REPLY=

W B WALKER 518 NORTH HICKORY ST.

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

N. A. A. C. P. ~~New York~~ ^{Champaign}
April 13, 1939. ^{Urbana}

Miss Mary White Arington;
901 W. Church St.

My dear Secretary,

We the Champaign-Urbana branch, are thrilled to become acquainted with the National Organization. We, are at loss what to do because we need our chart, to create more interest, literature to read and instruct.

Every aid possible, we will gladly accept. Miss Arington would you be so kind to have our chart in hand by Thurs. April 20th ^{in time} for our board meeting and also our business meeting on Friday. So kind of you.

In God we trust, we will become better acquainted also our Organization will grow to 500. So kind of you to reply inmediately. Find enclosed \$30.00

Yours in his name
Mr. Grady Jordan, Pres.
Blanche Jamerson, Secy.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

Date of Organization Meeting April 13

to the Board of Directors,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

WE, the undersigned, having fully and freely discussed the aims and accomplishments of the National Association, and believing that our interests coincide with its efforts for the advancement of colored people, do hereby apply for a charter as the

Champaign-Libiana Branch

with the object of carrying out in our community, friends and vicinity, the purposes of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws for branches approved by the Board of Directors.

Name	Address	Occupation	Membership Fee Paid
Grady Jordan	1104 N. 5th St	Housekeeper	1 00
Lauch Jameson	901 W. Church	Housekeeper	1 00
H. J. Prince Jr.	1203 W. Stoughton	Student	1 00
Alvin Johnson	502 E. Yine	Houseman	1 00
Emma Johnson	311 E. Park	Housekeeper	1 00
James G. Anderson	605 N. Walnut	Student	1 00
Rev. C. W. Saunders	803 Chambers	Minister	1 00
Ira Saunders	303 Chambers	Book	1 00
William Spawt	405 E. Hill	Laborer	1 00
Rev. J. H. Stone	106 N. 4th	Minister	1 00
Richard Edwards	1017 N. 5th	Mail Carrier	1 00
Rev. M. S. Porter	502 E. Clark	Minister	1 00
Charlotte Lewis	510 E. Yine	Seamstress	1 00
Dr. H. H. Ellis	112 N. Walnut	Physician	1 00
James Henderson	405 E. Hill	Laborer	1 00
Kenneth Clark	707 So. 3rd	Student	1 00
Rev. C. W. Hobbs	807 N. 5th	Minister	1 00
M. S. Porter Jr.	502 E. Clark	Minister	1 00
Clifford Jones	403 E. Hill	Laborer	1 00
Eden Williams	707 N. Poplar	Housewife	1 00
Marie Pickle	305 E. Tremont	Housekeeper	1 00

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22	Mae R. Hawkins	502 E. Yine	Teacher	1 00
23	Georgia Harris	410 E. Tremont	Housekeeper	1 00
24	Armanda Willie	412 E. Tremont	Housekeeper	1 00
25	Eloise Yarnado	509 E. Washington	Housekeeper	1 00
26	Elizabeth J. Powell	502 E. Yine	Housekeeper	1 00
27	Verda Stone	106 N. 4th	Housewife	1 00
28	Home C. Harris	509 E. Green	Cleaner	1 00
29	Albert Spaulock	707 So. 3rd	Student	1 00
30	Bessie Berry	913 N. 4th	Housekeeper	1 00
31	Harold Wells	711 N. Poplar	Machinist	1 00
32	Emma Wells	711 N. Poplar	Housekeeper	1 00
33	Mattie Wilson	410 W. Maple	Housekeeper	1 00
34	John Yeatsman	707 So. 3rd	Student	1 00
35	M. C. Wright	403 E. Church	Student	1 00
36	Russell Holbit	506 E. Tremont	Teacher	1 00
37	Mrs M. D. Porter	502 E. Clark	Housewife	1 00
38	Mary Woods	704 N. Wright	Housekeeper	1 00
39	William Williams	518 E. Grove	Laborer	1 00
40	Eddie Milam	712 W. Park St	Houseman	1 00
41	Bessie Barringer	409 E. Washington	Student	1 00
42	Claisy J. Parker	412 E. Church	Housekeeper	1 00
43	Hannie Jameson	410 E. Church	Housekeeper	1 00
44	Gertrude George	1201 W. Stoughton	Student	1 00
45	Forequeline White	1201 W. Stoughton	Student	1 00
46	J. C. Norwood	202 So. 3rd	Houseman	1 00
47	H. E. Goodell	802 W. Spring	Engineer	1 00
48	Mrs H. E. Goodell	802 W. Spring	Housewife	1 00
49	John Woods	404 N. Wright	Waiter	1 00
50	Harold Pelmore	802 N. 5th	Laborer	1 00
51	Laura Pelmore	802 N. 5th	Housewife	1 00
52	Russell McHoney	1305 W. Franklin	Laborer	1 00
53	Mrs. Edie Miles	712 W. Park	Housewife	1 00
54	Chas. Phillips	704 N. Market	Minister	1 00

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55	Rev. Crouten	5112 E. Europa	Editor	1.00
56	Helen Vito	701 N. Oak	housewife	1.00
57	Bess F. Beyer	309 Leighton	salesman	1.00
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2	Georgia Harris	410 E. Diamond	housewife	1.00
3	Annanda Willie	412 E. Diamond	housewife	1.00
4	Elvira Tarnada	509 E. Washington	housewife	1.00
5	Elizabeth Forwell	502 E. Vine	housewife	1.00
6	Yelda Storer	106 N. 4th	housewife	1.00
7	Homer Chavis	508 E. Green	cleaner	1.00
8	Oliver Spulock	707 S. 3rd	student	1.00
9	Bessie Berry	913 N. 4th	housewife	1.00
10	Harold Wells	711 N. Parker	machinist	1.00
11	Emma Wells	711 N. Parker	housewife	1.00
12	Matthew Wilson	410 W. 4th	housewife	1.00
13	John Yeatsman	707 S. 3rd	student	1.00
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15	Russell Phillips	506 E. Diamond	teacher	1.00
16	Mrs. M. P. Porter	502 E. Clark	housewife	1.00
17	Mary Woods	704 N. 4th	housewife	1.00
18	William Williams	308 E. 3rd	laborer	1.00
19	Edna Williams	715 W. Park	housewife	1.00
20	Benise Bowers	409 E. Washington	bookkeeper	1.00
21	Leahy Paul	412 E. Church	housewife	1.00
22	Mamie Tarnada	412 E. Church	housewife	1.00
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DUPLICATE — To be filled in by Branch Secretary

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

of

Champaign-Urbana Branch
ILLINOIS
of the

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

(Not to be filled out by branch)

Date of Organization Meeting April 13

Received at National Offices APR 25 1939

Approved by Committee on Branches April 28, 1939

Executive Authorization Granted May 4, 1939

Application for Charter Approved May 8, 1939

Charter Forwarded May 17, 1939

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Date _____

This is to certify that this application for charter has been duly considered by the COMMITTEE ON BRANCHES, and that the granting of an Executive Authorization is hereby approved.

Chairman, Committee on Branches

EXECUTIVE AUTHORIZATION

Authority is hereby conferred upon the members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People whose names are subscribed herein, to undertake all activities which are proper to a Branch of this Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

As soon as the Branch shall have become fully organized and actively engaged in the work of the Association, its application for charter will be presented for the consideration of the Board of Directors, and upon their approval a Permanent Charter will be granted.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

By _____
Chairman of the Board of Directors

By _____
Secretary

Dated _____

69 Fifth Avenue
New York City

(FILL OUT AND MAIL TO N.A.A.C.P., 69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK,

Before January 15th

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939.

OF THE Champaign Ill. 12/26/39 BRANCH
(City and State)

#1-Balance in Branch Treasury, December 31, 1938..... \$ 102.

RECEIPTS:

Memberships \$ 102.
Contributions
Entertainments.....
All other sources.....
Total Receipts..... \$

#2-Total Receipts for 1939 plus
balance in treasury on December 31, 1938 \$

DISBURSEMENTS:

Amount sent to National Office

For Memberships and Apportionment..... \$ 102.
For Special Funds 5.00 Seals.
For All Other Purposes
Total Sent to National Office..... \$ 107.00

Amount spent for local activities

Meetings \$ 4.50
Entertainments.....
Legal Cases
Rent (Not included in above items).....
For All Other Purposes..... 30.63
Total Amount spent for Local activities..... \$

#3-Total Disbursements for the year, Local and National..... \$ 98.13

#4-Balance in Branch Treasury, December 31, 1939..... \$ 18.09

(Signed Alvin Foxwell

Treasurer

Blanche Jamerson
Secretary

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This account been audited
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WILLIAM PICKENS, CARE OF A. C. P.

55 FIFTH AVE. NYC-

RE YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 21ST WE HAVE APPLIED FOR

CHARTER TO DATE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED May 12, 1939.

NOTING THAT WE HAVE CHARTERED AN EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

MAY 12 1939

EQUALLY

GRADY JORDAN.

Mr. Grady Jordan
President, Champaign-Urbana Branch
1110 North 5th Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Jordan:

The Charter of the Champaign-Urbana Branch is now being prepared by the engraver. It will not be ready for several days.

However, on May 11, we sent Executive Authorization (temporary charter) to Miss Jamerson, the Secretary. Doubtless, she has called it to your attention by this time.

The Charter will be forwarded just as soon as it is prepared and signed by the proper officials.

With best wishes for the success of your membership campaign and other Branch work, I am

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB

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May 17, 1939.

Mr. Grady Jordan
President, Champaign-Urbana Branch
✓ 1110 North 5th Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mr. Jordan:

The Charter of the Champaign-Urbana Branch is being mailed to you. This completes the organization of your Branch as a full member of the Association and we are happy to welcome you into the ranks of full-fledged branches.

We trust that the presentation of the ~~Charter will be made the occasion for an enthusiastic~~ meeting of the Branch. Please see that the Charter is appropriately framed and preserved for the future membership of the Branch.

Have you contacted the Illinois State Conference? If not, please get in touch with the President, Mr. Irvin C. Mollison, 180 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

We trust that the Champaign-Urbana Branch will be able to join other Illinois Branches and send a delegate to our Annual Conference which opens in Richmond, Va. on June 27.

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB



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126 ELEVENTH AVENUE
New York, N. Y.

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544 CAMP STREET
New Orleans, La.

Please return

June 10, 1939

Mr. Grady Jordan
N. A. A. C. P.
1110 No. 5th Street
Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am writing to inform you about the Tanker Strike. The National Maritime Union of America is on strike against four of the most powerful anti-union oil companies - Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Standard Oil Company of New York, Tidewater Associated Oil Company and the C. D. Mallory Shipping Company.

These companies have resorted to every unlawful means to break the strike, having slugged and gassed our pickets to having tried to employ paroled convicts and uncertificated finks as strike breakers. As you read the names of the oil companies, you will agree with me that this is no ordinary strike. There is only one way to win our demands for a preferential hiring hall - and that is BOYCOTT THE COMPANIES' GOODS. I am enclosing a list of their articles and ask you to publicize the boycott. If you have contracts with these companies, we urge you to revoke them.

Some of the articles to boycott are:- Daggett & Ramsdell's cosmetics, Nujol and Mistol drugs, Flit and animal sprays, as well as gasoline and oil sold at gas stations - Mobil oil, Esso etc.

It would be very encouraging to 7,300 striking seamen if you would send us by mail your assurance that you will support the boycott. With many thanks for your cooperation, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bernard C. Soothoage
Bernard C. Soothoage, Chairman
Speakers Bureau

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*ask office what best to do?
matters of this nature.*

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August 31, 1939

Mr. Grady Jordan, President
Champaign-Urbana Branch, N.A.A.C.P.
1110 North Fifth Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jordan:

The national office has decided that the Coordinator of Branches will spend the months of October, November and part of December working with the branches in the Middle West.

We are desirous of giving at least one day and an evening to your branch. Undoubtedly it will be a suitable occasion to have a mass meeting in the evening, at which time the national program should be outlined. The day might be spent conferring with officers and members of the branch, helping to formulate a branch program, and considering local problems.

According to the schedule already worked out, we are able to give your branch the date of November 26th. You will be asked to make a contribution of \$10.00 toward the Coordinator's traveling expenses and to care for his entertainment while he is in the community. Will you please contact your executive committee and let us know as soon as possible whether your branch would like to be included in this tour? This will be a very important year in the work of the Association and we are anxious that you have this contact with a national officer, which should prove of mutual benefit.

Sincerely yours,

E. Frederic Morrow
Coordinator of Branches

EFM:EE

GRADY JORDAN, PRESIDENT
1113 N. FIFTH STREET

MISS BLANCHE JAMESON, SECRETARY
201 W. CHURCH STREET

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

September 18, 1939.

Mr. E. Frederic Morrow
Coordinator of Branches

SEP 20 1939

Dear Mr. Morrow:

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In answer to your request of visiting the local branch we will be more than glad to have you as a guest on the 27th. of November, which will be a more convenient time of our receiving you. Thanking you in the asking to come, as we feel that cooperation means much, also information.

Our time November 27, Monday, You can direct us to the arrival etc. later, Looking forward to the occasion,

Local Branch,

Blanche Jamerson Secy.

Champaign Illinois,
May 14 1939.

My dear Mr. Pickens

MAY 16 1939

So pleased to receive
your letter and contents. Which
makes us more inspired to
proceed in our endeavor, also
off Campaign Goal 500.

Please send publication
material, One Constitution.

Members of executive Com.
Finance
Pres. Grady Jordan 1110 N. 5th St.
Treas. Alvin Foxwell 502 E. Vine
Secy. Blanche Jamerson 901 W. Church

2. Entertainment.

Emma Herndon 311 E. Park St.

3. Membership Rev. C. W. Hoty
807 N. 5th

4. James Dawson 605 N. Walnut
Education.

5. Labor + Industry

Mr. William Williams 50, 7 E. Grove.

6. Legal redress + Legislation.

Rev. M. L. Porter 502 E. Clarke.

7. Press + publication

Elliott Barnett 810 N. 5th St.

These are, chr. + addresses
respectively.

yours Blanche Emerson.

P.S. We have 11 + 4 officers on
our executive board of which you
find greater part chr. of them com.

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901 W. Church
May 16 1939.
MAY-18 1939 7338

My Dear Mr. Pickens:

I sent mail out by a child
who stated he lost part of it, in fear
it being the executive board com.
I am sending you a letter.

We have 16 including 4 officers
Namely: These names in due board com.

1. Chr. Membership Rev. C. W. Doty 807 N. 5th
2. Chr. Labor, Mr. William's Williams 809
3. Chr. Entertainment Emma Herndon 311 E. Park
4. Chr. Press, Mr. Elliott Barnett 810 N. 5th
5. Chr. Redress & Reg. Rev. M. L. Porter 502 E. Pine
6. Finance Blanche Jameson 901 W. Church
Wadey Jordan 1110 N. 5th
Oliver Foxwell 502 E. Pine
7. Education James Dawson 605 N. Walnut
8. Mr. H. H. Ellis 112 N. Walnut
9. Kenneth Clark 707 So. 3rd. St.
10. Mr. Richard Edwards 1007 N. 5th
11. Mrs. Iva Saunders 303 E. Chamber

12. Mr. Clifford Jones 403 E. Hill
13. Rev. D. E. Stoner 106 N. 4th
14. Mr. William Prince 1203 W. Stoughton
15. Urbana

16. See conference.

Respectively
Champaign-Urbana
Branch

(Blanche James
(Secretary))

N. A. A. C. P. Branch
Champaign Urbana

Mr. Pickens;
My dear Mr. Pickens;

5346
APR 17 1939

We the C. & H. branch are overjoyed to be come acquainted with you and national organization. We are babes with out literature, receipt books, by laws and every information possible to reach our goal of 500.

4/17/39 We feel greater interest will be simulated when we receive our charter and something to tell the people, as you understand how much interest must be given to small people.

11/13 We organized march 16th with information from local branch Springfield. We need the organization, we have a husky Pres. Grady Jordan, 1110 N. 5th St. Vice-Prince William, Vice Pres. William Boone Secy. Berneice James (Mrs) Asst secy (Miss Emma Herndon) Treas. Mr. Alvin J. Howell 502 E. Vine Miss Herndon address 3112 Park. Kindly let us hear from you (over)

Gr

901 W. Church St.
Champaign Ills.
April 24 1939

Mr. William Tickers:

My Dear Mr. Tickers,

APR 26 1939

Your letter this morning
brought ^{rest} since you informed us to go ahead
with the drive, which, we feel under God,
we will be successful.

Thanking you for the
material and many helpful suggestions.
As to the charter, we are asking that
you will kindly duplicate the charter.
We are at loss of the old one. Kindly
submit to another. We are going
ahead with our business, maybe
a ^{very} helpful suggestion for you to lend
your aid. I am a friend you will
receive your share from this branch.

In the end, where the N.A.A.
L.P. is, very much needed.

Yours Sincerely

(10000)

Yours truly, Truly

Blanche Jamerson Secy
c/o 901 W. Church St

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

June 27 1939.

Grady Jordan President
1101 n. 5th.

Blanche Jamerson secy.
901 W. Church st.

Mrs. Pick ins

My Dear Mr. Pickens,

9428

JUN 30 1939

I sent \$12. to the secretary Mr. White. \$5. for
representation fee at the national convention, \$7. for
member ship in order to keep our records straight
will you kindly see that the money is seperated. The
receipt was sent for \$12., stating for members.

I am asking if you will send separate receipts,
specifying the convention fee.

Thanking you very kindly for same

Blanche Jamerson Secy.

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GRADY JORDAN, PRESIDENT
1110 N. FIFTH STREET

MISS BLANCHE JAMESON, SECRETARY
801 W. CHURCH STREET

Attention: Mr. Marshall
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS
July 27 1939.

Mr. William Pickens,

My Dear Mr. Pickens,

[Signature]
10370

JUL 29 1939

[X] We have received a letter from the National Union of America, Asking that We boycott various companies goods. We will possibly receive like statements from time to time asking your consideration as to the issue. *[X]*

min 5/27/39 We are greatly in favor of the series of pamphlets and will take 3 dozen to sell to the members, but We were at large as to the ones as you stated these were only tentative. When We receive from you the names we will be glad to respond.

This being Summer season it is hard to get a meeting but we will be in regular meet ing in September. Reading the Crisis, We found that one of our board members name was omitted in the person of M. L. Porter Jr. only ask that this name be corrected and added. There are two Porters.

We are so pleased with your coroporation, waiting to hear from you.

Your,

Blanche Jameson
Secy.

BRJ.

Miss Black

GRADY JORDAN, PRESIDENT
1115 N. FIFTH STREET

Bj
MISS BLANCHE JAMESON, SECRETARY
901 W. CHURCH STREET

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS
December 16 1939.

Mr. William Pickens

My Dear Mr. Pickens;

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✓
You will find enclosed \$5. for our Xmas. seal sale.

DEC 19 1939

We are very pleased as you are to enclose this sum.

Mr. Pickens the last membership iWe sent in three weeks ago
,the members are seeking their cards.

Yours for a greater membership

Blanche Jamerson secy.

P.s. Mrs. F.J.Jordan was the chairman of the drive.

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[Signature]

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

June 20 1939.

12 JUN 22 1939
Grady Jordan President
1101 North Fifth st.

Blanche Jamerson Secy.
901 W. Church st.

Mr. Walter White
My Dear Mr. Walter White,

9077

You will find enclosed \$12. namely, \$5. for representation fee at the National association held at Richmond VA. the 30th. We are indeed sorry We cannot send a delegate, just organizing make it difficult in a financial way. We are endeavoring here after to meet all requirements to meet the issue as a branch organization.

We were so eager to become one of the branches until We are asking help in the endeavors that come before Us in our weak state.

I am also enclosing \$7. for membership fees. totaling \$12. Hoping the convention will be one of a historical note. Mr. White doestheffice supply the material for the press committee?

Yours,

Blanche Jamerson
Secy.

BRJ.

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201 W. Church St.
Champaign Ill.
April 22, 1939.

Miss Mary White Crington;

My Dear Secretary,

APR 25 1939

So pleased to receive such valuable information from you. Due to the fact we had subscribed for membership here and there making it very inconvenient at this time for each person to sign. Yellow sheet is in the air also hoping, hereafter we can comply in the written matter or form.

At this point, membership drive could be at its height if we are allowed to proceed, asking if the receipt received from the Money^{8.30} sent will qualify our procedure in a membership drive and going ahead with committees, since we had started before receiving your information. We, do want to start right, in God we trust our membership will equal 500. We have a ambitious Pres. Grady Jordan
1104 N. 5th Ave William Prince student

1203 W. Stoughton Urbana, secy Blanche
Juncison 901 W. Church, Treas. Mr. Alvin
Fopwell, we are all anxious to put over
this great programme. I am very
well acquainted with a scope of your
National officers, whom I contacted in
my travels and national state meetings
of the Baptist and Federation.

Miss Crington you will find
enclosed \$4. apply for our material
& crisis, according to your 5th resolution
Treas. & secy and annual reports for the
officers. May we have more constitution
& by-laws. Whatever you feel will
help me please state. I am ever ready
for criticism. For we, want our branch
one of the most out standing.

I am leaving town Wed, return-
ing Thurs. If any information could
reach our branch by Wed. if not later.
Thanking you for any information

- yours sincerely

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Branch
Blanche Juncison
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April 21, 1939.

Miss Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
901 West Church Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Miss Jamerson:

I have just had the pleasure of reading your letter of April 13, addressed to Miss Ovington. I will try to answer that letter.

The Charter of the Champaign-Urbana Branch issued in 1923, is still in force; that is, it has not been withdrawn by our national Board of Directors. Therefore, you can see if the Charter can be located there and if not, let us know and we will see that a duplicate charter is prepared for you. However, it will not be necessary to apply to the Board of Directors for a new Charter inasmuch as the old Charter is still in force.

I am glad that you are planning to campaign for five hundred members. Any place that has a thousand or more colored people in it should aim to get five hundred members. You have many more than that in your neighborhood and I trust your campaign will be successful.

Do not hesitate to ask me for any further information you may need. We have mailed you literature and membership material. Let us know if you fail to receive it.

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB

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September 30, 1939

Miss Blanche Jamerson, Secretary
Champaign-Urbana Branch, N.A.A.C.P.
901 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Miss Jamerson:

This is just a note to confirm my engagement with you, which your branch has accepted. I will let you know at a later date the time of my arrival in the city. Meanwhile, accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

E. Frederic Morrow
Branch Coordinator

EFM:EE

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October 13, 1939

Miss Blanche Jamerson, Secretary
Champaign-Urbana Branch, N.A.A.C.P.
901 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Miss Jamerson:

You had a letter recently from our office, offering you an engagement with Mr. E. Frederic Morrow, the Branch Coordinator, for November 26. We have your acceptance of this date, but we regret that a change in Mr. Morrow's schedule of work, occasioned by the necessity of conducting two membership campaigns, will prevent him from coming to your city at the time specified.

The national office hopes that you have not made extensive preparations for Mr. Morrow's visit and that this notice will reach you in time to save you trouble and expense. Mr. Morrow will be occupied with membership campaigns in Chicago, Ill., and Louisville, Ky., and is therefore regretfully forced to cancel his schedule.

Very sincerely yours,

RW:EE

Assistant Secretary

November 4, 1939.

Mrs. Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
901 West Church Street
✓ Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Jamerson:

We enclose duplicate membership certificates for the persons listed in your letter of October 23.

~~The Youth Council has its own treasury and functions under its own constitution. If~~
there is any further information you wish regarding the Youth Council, write Rev. James H. Robinson, Acting Youth Director of the Association, at this office.

Yours very truly,

Lucille Black
Executive Assistant,
Department of Branches

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May 11, 1939.

Miss Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
901 West Church Street
✓ Champaign, Illinois

My dear Miss Jamerson:

We are enclosing herewith Executive Authorization of your Branch which has been approved by the Committee on Branches. This Authorization will serve as a temporary charter until your permanent charter is forwarded. It will also serve as a record of the charter members of the Champaign-Urbana Branch.

At its meeting on May 8, the Board of Directors granted a permanent charter to the Branch. ~~The charter is now being prepared and will~~ be forwarded in the next week or ten days. Meanwhile the Branch may proceed to conduct its membership campaign and arrange its schedule of regular meetings and other activities.

We have not yet received the names and addresses of the members of your Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee has not been elected, a meeting should be called for this purpose. You will find full information about the Executive Committee in the Branch Constitution.

We have already sent you copies of the Constitution. If you need additional copies for other officers and members, you may secure them at five cents each. Every officer and committee member should have a copy of the Constitution.

Let us hear from you if there is any further help the Branch needs in getting its local program under way.

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB

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May 16, 1939.

Miss Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
✓ 901 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Miss Jamerson:

Thanks for your letter of May 14,
in which you give us a list of members of the
executive committee who are chairmen of the
various standing committees.

I see no reason why Champaign should
not have five hundred colored members and other
members from among the white people. The recent
case of the colored woman whom they tried to
~~convict for defending her home~~ ought to offer
an inspiration to many of the colored people to
join the N.A.A.C.P. In most cases like that, it
is possible for the N.A.A.C.P. to make the de-
fense much better than any other agency can make
it.

Send in your memberships weekly or at
least every two weeks, as fast as they are re-
ceived, so that they can get their membership
certificates from the National Office. That
always creates a better spirit for the success
of your campaign.

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB

BR
May 31, 1939.

Miss Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
901 West Church Street
✓ Champaign, Illinois

My dear Miss Jamerson:

We have your note in which you complain that only two officers are receive The Crisis, although the Branch paid \$4.00 for Crisis subscriptions.

The four dollars you sent in was to cover two Crisis subscriptions at \$1.50 each and ~~four copies of the Annual Report at \$.25 each.~~ The cost of a Crisis subscription is \$1.50 a year.

The Annual Report is now being prepared and a copy will be sent to the president, secretary, vice president and treasurer as soon as it is off the press. However, the vice president and treasurer are not entitled to receive The Crisis unless the Branch wishes to send in three dollars more to cover the cost of these additional subscriptions.

If there is any further information you wish, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

WP:LB

William Pickens
Director of Branches

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Return to EE

July 31, 1939

Miss Blanche Jamerson, Secretary
Champaign-Urbana Branch, N.A.A.C.P.
901 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Miss Jamerson:

I am calling the attention of Mr. Marshall, our national legal counsel, to your statement about requests from the National Union of America for the Branch people to boycott certain firms. We do not enter boycotts unless we have some cause connected with the N.A.A.C.P. to defend. On union grounds or commercial grounds merely, I am sure that the national office would not enter any boycott.

I would suggest to the Branch that it should not enter any boycott except those arranged by the colored people themselves to get proper employment or to get their rights as a people in some way, without sending the matter to the national office and getting their judgment on it. What are the companies which they want you to boycott, and what reasons do they give for asking you to boycott them?

I am also calling attention to your statement that the Branch will take three dozen of the information pamphlets when they are out. They will doubtless notify you when any of these pamphlets are ready. I am also calling my secretary's attention to the fact that one of your executive committee members' name was left off the list in the Crisis, in the person of Mr. M.L. Porter, Jr.

Very truly yours,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:EE

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August 3, 1939

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Mrs. Blanche Jamerson, Secretary
Champaign-Urbana Branch - N.A.A.C.P.
901 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Jamerson:

Mr. Pickens has turned over to me your letter to him of July 27 concerning your branch. I am wondering if you would be so kind as to send us immediately the letter you received from the Union urging that you boycott certain goods. We will return the letter to you but we are very anxious to see this letter.

We are at all times anxious to protect our branches and in order that we can properly advise you concerning this matter, we must have this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Thurgood Marshall
Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel

TM:CEM

August 3, 1939

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901 West Church Street
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Special Counsel

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August 15, 1939

Mrs. Blanche Jamerson, Secretary
Champaign-Urbana Branch - N.A.A.C.P.
901 West Church Street
✓ Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Jamerson:

This will acknowledge receipt of the letter addressed to the Champaign-Urbana Branch by the National Maritime Union of America in which they request the branch to support a boycott. This has come in Mr. Marshall's absence, and will be brought to his attention upon his return to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mr. Thurgood Marshall

CEM

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September 22, 1939

Miss Blanche Jamerson, Secretary
Champaign Branch, N.A.A.C.P.
901 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Miss Jamerson:

This note will acknowledge receipt of your letter, stating that the branch will be glad to give me a date for an official visit in November. Your letter stated that the branch had accepted the date of November 27. Will you please check this again, since I believe I offered the branch the date of November 26, my schedule calling for a visit to the Springfield branch on the 27th. I hope that the branch can accept this 26th date without too much inconvenience. Will you please let me hear from you as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

E. Frederic Morrow
Coordinator of Branches

EFM:ER

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OCT 26 1939

Champaign Ill
Oct. 23 1939

My dear Sir: OCT 26 1939

Find enclosed
five names + \$2.75
May I remind you
that many members
have never received
membership cards from
your office. Among
them on

Rev. H. H. Ellis 112 N. Walnut
Mr. Wm. Williams 507 E. Shore
Rev. C. W. Hoty 807 N 5th
Miss Emma Herndon 311 E. Park

and others. Please
look into this matter.
May I also ask when
we organize our Youth

Council do we have
separate treas. such
as making out report
blanks to send into
the National Office.

Any information
given will be accepted.
We are now members
of the State also have
entertained the conference
which we gleaned much
inspiration

Yours
C. U. Branch
N. A. A. C. P.
B. Jamerson
secy.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BLANK

Name of Branch

Champaign-Urbana

Date

June 20 1939

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

May 25 1939.

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Mr. John M. Heflon	1112 N. 5th St. C.	\$1.00	.50	.50
2 Mr. Theo. Smith	408 E. White St. C.	1.00	.50	.50
3 Mrs. Belle Woodruff	1108 N. 5th St. C.	1.00	.50	.50
4 Mrs. Ruth Ray	1107 N. 5th St. C.	1.00	.50	.50
5 Mrs. Odessa Sash	518 N. Hickory C.	1.00	.50	.50
6 Mr. Cecil Nelson	1002 N. 5th St. C.	1.00	.50	.50
7 Mrs. Sarah Bradley	912 W. Elm av. C.	1.00	.50	.50
8 Mrs. J. J. Jordan	518 N. Hickory C.	1.00	.50	.50
9 Mrs. E. M. Lipton	704 N. Walnut C.	1.00	.50	.50
10 Mr. Philip Mulliken	1102 N. 5th C.	1.00	.50	.50
11 Mrs. George Person	810 N. 5th C.	1.00	.50	.50
12 Mrs. Clara Bestine	1006 N. 5th C.	1.00	.50	.50
13 Mrs. Ruth Hendricks	602 E. Tine C.	1.00	.50	.50
14 Miss Juanita Jones	1212 W. Beech C.	1.00	.50	.50
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BLANK

Name of Branch

Champaign-Urbana

Date

Sept. 3 OCT 2-7 1939

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

Aug. 25th

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Mrs Ella Pearce	1406 W. Hill Urbana	1.00	.50	.50
2 Elder Chas. Campbell	509 E. Beardsley	1.00	.50	.50
3 Mrs. Juanita Campbell	509 E. Beardsley	1.00	.50	.50
4 Mrs. Maraphiel Strother	308 N. 1st Urbana	1.00	.50	.50
5 Mrs B. F. Dughoshon	130 7 1/2 W. Hill Urbana	1.00	.50	.50
6 Mr. B. F. Dughoshon	130 7 1/2 W. Hill Urbana	1.00	.50	.50
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BLANK

Name of Branch

Champaign Urbana

Date

Oct 23 1939

OCT 26 1939

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

Oct. 19, 1939

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Mrs Rosie Shebly	408 E. Vine st	1 00	45	55
2 Mrs Francis Jordan	52 E. Washington	1 00	45	55
3 Rev. W. C. Jones	407 E. Bradley	1 00	45	55
4 Mr. L. C. Ellis	311 E. Green	1 00	45	55
5 Mr. H. C. Pendleton	407 1/2 E. Vine	1 50	45	55
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
69 Fifth Avenue, New York City

(This report should reach the National Office not
later than December 1)

Report of the Election of Officers of the:

15019

Champaign - Urbana Branch
(Name of Branch)

When was the Election held? November 10, 1939
(Give date)

If your Branch has not elected officers, what date is planned for the election? April 8, 1940

NAMES

ADDRESSES

President: Brady Jordan 1101 N. 5th St. C.
Vice Pres: William Prince 1203 W. Stoughton h.
Secretary: Blanche Jamerson 901 W. Church
Treasurer: Alvin Foxwell 502 E. Vine St.

Members of Executive Committee

NAMES

ADDRESSES

1. Brady Jordan 1101 N. 5th St.
2. William Prince 1203 W. Stoughton h.
3. Blanche Jamerson 901 W. Church
4. Emma Herndon 317 E. Park St.
5. Alvin Foxwell 502 E. Vine St.
6. William Williams 507 E. Grove St.
7. Rev. M. S. Porter 502 E. Clark St.
8. Matthews S. Porter 502 E. Clark St.
9. Ellie Barnett 810 N. 5th St.
10. Rev. H. W. Ellis 112 N. Walnut
11. Richard Edwards 1007 N. 5th St.
12. Clifford Jones 403 E. Hill St.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

1111 69th Avenue, New York City

(This report should reach the National Office not

Executive Committee (Continued)

Names	Addresses
13. <u>Rev. J. E. Storer</u>	<u>106 W. 4th St.</u>
14. <u>Rev. C. W. Motley</u>	<u>807 W. 5th St.</u>
15. <u>James Lawson</u>	<u>508 S. Mich. Urbana</u>
16. <u>Benneth Clarke</u>	<u>707 S. 3rd. St.</u>
17. <u>Mrs C. W. Saunders</u>	<u>303 Chambers.</u>
18. <u>John Hipson</u>	<u>408 E. Church</u>
19. <u>John Yeatman</u>	<u>707 S. 3rd. St.</u>
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Signed

Blanche Jamerson
Branch Secretary

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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Name of Branch

Champaign-Urbana

Date

Nov 15 1939

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

Nov. 10. 1939

	NAME	ADDRESS	NOV 19 1939		
			Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1	Willard Goodman	70 County Tras. Office	1.00	.45	.55
2		Urbana			
3	Dallas Cameron	112 N. Poplar St	1.00	.45	.55
4	Miss Lola May	1115 S. Euclid	1.00	.45	.55
5	Sam McHaley	1305 W. Dublin	1.00	.45	.55
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Membership report blank
Champaign - Urbana N. A. A. C. P.

APR 17 1939

name	address
1 James Lawson	605 N. Walnut st.
2 Rev. C. W. Saunders	303 Chalmers.
3 Mrs. Iva Saunders	303 Chalmers
4 Mr. William Shaw	403 E. Hill
5 Rev. I. H. Stoner	106 N. 4th st
6 Mrs. Verda Stoner	106 N. 4th st
7 Mr. Richard Edwards	1007 N. 5th st
8 Rev. M. S. Porter sr.	502 E. Clarke
9 Mr. M. S. Porter jr.	502 E. Clarke
10 Mrs. Charlotte Lewis	510 E. Vine
11 Mr. H. W. Ellis	112 N. Walnut
12 Mr. James J. Henderson	405 E. Hill
13 Mr. Kenneth Clark	707 S. 3rd. st
14 Miss Emma Herndon	311 E. Park st
15 Rev. W. C. Hately	807 N. 5th st
16 Mrs. M. S. Potter	502 E. Clark
17 Mrs. Clifford R. Jones	403 E. Hill
18 Mrs. Aden Williams	707 N. Poplar
19 Mr. Marie Puckle	305 E. Summit

- 45 Miss Geraldine George - 1201 W. Stoughton ^{Urbana}
- 46 Miss Jacqueline White - 1201 W. Stoughton ^{Urbana}
- 47 Mr. J. C. Nowood - 202 So. Drafer
- 48 Mr. H. E. Goodell - 802 W. Springfield
- 49 Mrs. H. E. Goodell - 802 W. Springfield
- 50 Mr. John Woods - 302 N. Wright St.
- 51 Mr. Aaron Pelmore - 810 N. 5th St.
- 52 Mrs. Laura Pelmore - 810 5th St.
- 53 Mr. Eugene W. Harney - 1305 W. Dublin ^{Urbana}
- 54 Mr. Charles Phillips - 704 N. Market ^{St.}
- 55 Miss Helen Hite - 701 N. Oak St.
- 56 Mrs. Edlie Mileam - 602 W. Park ^{Urbana}
- 57 Rev. W. J. Crowder - 511 E. Eureka St.

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 Name 5/17/31
 "Champaign-Urbana Branch"

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BLANK

Name of Branch

Champaign-Urbana

Date

May 26 1939

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

April 18th MAY 29 1939

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 William Springer	502 Robeson Bldg.	\$1.00	.50	.50
2 Robert Edmund	212 E. Hill St	1.00	.50	.50
3 Elliott Barnett	810 N. Fifth St	1.00	.50	.50
4 Adeline Wesley	506 E. Beardsley	1.00	.50	.50
5 Albert M. Finkley	401 E. Fremont	1.00	.50	.50
6 Willie Mae Pickens	509 E. Washington	1.00	.50	.50
7 Rev. C. E. Campbell	503 E. Fremont	1.00	.50	.50
8 Eldie B. Williams	509 N. Ash St	1.00	.50	.50
9 Leslie Jamerson	78 Champaign County	1.00	.50	.50
10 Rev. E. E. Brooks	610 E. Church	1.00	.50	.50
11 Willie C. Pyle	516 E. Euclid	1.00	.50	.50
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Noted
We the members & officers of the
C. W. Branch ^{OCT 24 1941} A. A. C. 1455
send regret at this time, because
of political date, we cannot
have Mr. Morrow to come
on the 2 & 3rd. Best hoping to
have him later. BJB
Sec. Oct. 22. Blanche Jamerson sec.

my dear Mr. Morrow!
We, the C. G. Branch **12448**
will be looking forward
to your coming Nov. 26th
Sunday. Other arrangements
will follow
Hasti'ly
Blanche Jamerson (secy)

SEP 29 1939

901 W. Church.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. William Pickens
Branch N.A.A.C.P.
69 5th av. New York City

My Dear Mr. Pickens: We are
eagerly waiting for our
proceedure of business, also
what word in regards to the
Chart. Any suggestion
will be quite encouraging
for us to hear
yours, seeking
Blanche Jamelson (recy)
Apr. 4th.

MAY 8 1934

901 W. Church



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. William Pickens
149 N 5th av
New York City.

Please. et cept this card.
 Maybe you also wanted entire
 executive Board also MAY 17 1930

Pres. Meade Jordan	Mr. William Gillis
Vic. William Pierce	" Clifford Jones
Secy. Blanche Emerson	" Alvin Foxwell
Asst. Emma Herndon	" Elliott Barnett
Rev. C. W. Waley	" Mrs. Iva Saunders
" J. M. Stoner	" Richard Edwards
" M. S. Porter	" James Gurnon
Dr. M. W. Ellis	" Kenneth Clark
M. S. Porter Jr.	

My dear Mr. Pickens, ^{Champaign-Urbana}
⁷⁵⁴⁰
^{MAY 22 1939}
Kindly send at once
membership envelopes &
receipts for our drive
200 sent Thanking you
Sat. May 20. / Blanche Jamerson (copy)

May Dear Mr. Dickens,
To Inform you only
two of the officers have received
Crisis, \$4. was sent in reply for
all officers to receive same.
Deas Alvin Foxwell 502 E. 11th
has not received his. Received
receipts. Thanking you W. J. J. J.

Sept. 27 '39

MAY 29 1939

7813

901 W. Church



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. William Pickens
69 5th av
New York City N.Y.C.P.

- 20 Miss Mae Hawkins - 502 E. Vine⁽²⁾ st
- 21 Mrs Georgia Harris - 410 E. Fremont st
- 22 Amanda. Willie - 412 E. Fremont st.
- 23 Gladys Jordan - 1110 n. 5th st.
- 24 Mrs Eloise Varnado - 509 E. Washington
- 25 Mrs Elizabeth Foxwell - 502 E. Vine
- 26 Mr. Alvin Foxwell - 502 E. Vine.
- 27 Mr. Homer P. Charis - 508 E. Green
- 28 Mr. Albert Spurlock - 707. So. 3rd. st
- 29 Mr. William Prince - 1203 W. Stoughton^{Ind}
- 30 Mrs Berrie Berry - 1005 n. 4th st.
- 31 Mr. Harold Wells - 711 n. Popular
- 32 Mrs. Emma Wells - 711 n. Popular
- 33 Mrs Mattee Hixon - 410 W. Maple
- 34 Mr. John Yeatman jr. - 707 So. 3rd. st.
- 35 Mr. M. C. Wright - 403 E. Church
- 36 Mr. Russell Nesbitt - 506 E. Fremont
- 37 Mrs. Mary Woods - 302 n. Wright^{Ind}
- 38 Mr. William Williams sr. - 507 E. Grove^{Ind}
- 39 Mrs. Mary Stokes - 1010 n. 5th.
- 40 Mrs. Eddie Mileam - 602 W. Park^{Ind}
- 41 Mrs Geria Barringer - 410 E. Washington
- 42 Mrs. Daisy Gandy - 412 E. Church^{Ind}
- 43 Miss Blanche Jamerson - 901 W. Church^{Ind}
- 44 Mrs. Nannie Jamerson - 1101 W. Vine^{Ind}

Statement of the Activities of the Branch

For the Year ending December 31, _____

Champaign - Urbana
(Name of Branch - City and State)

Number of Meetings Hold During the Year:

Executive Eight
Branch Eight
Mass One

Investigations Made:

Housing Commission
Concerning Standing of Congressmen
Placing Edwin J. Judd in an negro investment
through Hovey. Situations on Campus here.

Cases Handled:

Other Work Done:

Our main object being build membership
to such a unite we can all throw out segregation
also, letting our race realize we need to push
those capable of leading whatever business they
are in.

(Signed: Blanche Jamerson
(Secretary)

901 W. Church St.
(Address)

Attach separate sheets with other information of interest.

We are asking all possible aid
to be the greatest branch in the
West.

Thanking You.

WESTERN UNION

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SYMBOLS

DL - Day Letter

NL - Night Letter

LC - Deferred Cable

NLT - Cable Night Letter

Ship Radiogram

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENTNEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDJ. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

OF SERVICE
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WILLIAM PICKENS, CARE N A A C P=

69 FIFTH AVE NYK=

AS ADVISED IN YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 21ST WE HAVE APPLIED FOR
DUPLICATE CHARTER TO DATE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT IT IS
IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE CHARTER OR EXECUTIVE AUTHORIZATION
BY MAY 17TH IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER WILL BE
APPRECIATED-

GRADY JORDAN.

Recd.

Rfd. to

Ack.

D. O.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

The Charter will be forwarded just
as soon as it is prepared and signed by the
proper officials.

With best wishes for the success of
your membership campaign and other Branch
work, I am

Yours very truly,

WP:LB

William Pickens
Director of Branches

NAACP
1940 - 55

Membership Reports *

Illinois

Alton - ~~Evans~~ Evanston
Champaign

AT # 67796
IMPORTANT--CONFERENCE ASSESSMENT

12650 *do*

Each year, as you know, the branches of the Association are assessed a small amount to assist in the payment of the expenses of the annual conference. This amount counts toward the apportionment of your branch for the year.

JUN 26 1944

The assessment for your branch is \$ 5-. Please see that this sum reaches us not later than July 1.

Enclosed is \$ 5⁰⁰ for the annual conference assessment of the Champaign-Urbana branch.
Illinois

RW:elj
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enclosure

(signed)

Mary Grace Jordan
Asst. Secretary

Conf. Sec.

(FILL OUT AND MAIL TO N.A.A.C.P., 69 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK)

(Before January 15

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1940 Dec 18 '40

OF THE _____ BRANCH
(city and state)

#1 - Balance in Branch Treasury, December 31, 1939.....\$ 8.50

RECEIPTS - 1940:

Memberships\$ 69.38

Contributions.....25.

Entertainments.....15.

All other sources.....10.

Total receipts.....\$ 119.53

#2 - Total Receipts for 1940 plus Balance in Treasury,
December 31, 1939.....\$ 129.03

DISBURSEMENTS - 1940:

Amount Sent to National Office:

For Memberships and Apportionment.....\$ 130.

For Special Funds (anti-lynch, legal, etc.).....10.

For All Other Purposes.....

Total Sent to National Office.....\$ 140.

Amount Spent for Local Activities:

Meetings.....\$ 4.25

Entertainments.....25.

Legal Cases.....

Rent (not included in above items)...

For All Other Purposes.....

Total Spent for Local Activities.....\$ 29.25

#3 - Total Disbursements; 1940; Local and National.....\$ 110.25

#4 - Balance in Branch Treasury, December 31, 1940\$ 18.78

Signed: Alvin F. Wells
Branch Treasurer

This Report has been audited.
has not
(Over)

Blanche Jamerson
Branch Secretary

Champaign
Ill

November 20, 1944

President, Champaign Br.

Dear Branch President:

The National Office takes this opportunity to congratulate your branch on the outstanding membership record it has made this year. We are confident that you expect to see your branch listed on the national Honor Roll of branches that have reached or surpassed their membership quotas. That is why we are rushing this letter to you.

According to our records, your branch needs only five more members to reach its quota. Your quota was 200 members, and as of November 15, a total of 195 members had been reported to the National Office.

Perhaps you have already sent in a membership report which will take care of the situation; but if not, we are confident that you will see to it that the few members necessary to add your branch to the honor roll will be sent in at once. Hence, we urge you to take care of this matter now so that your branch can be listed in the Bulletin. We shall look to hear from you not later than December 15.

Sincerely yours,

Ella J. Baker
Director of Branches

Champaign Br

April 17, 1941.

Dr. Paul Burt
Wesley Foundation
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Dr. Burt:

Thank you for your letter of April 15.
Since I wrote you, my plans have changed so that
I will not be coming to Illinois next week. I
will only get out as far as Antioch College, Ohio.

However, I will be coming out in June
and may find it possible to come by the Univer-
sity of Illinois at that time. I trust that I
shall be able to see you then.

Yours very truly,

WP:LB

William Pickens
Director of Branches

February 13, 1943.

My dear Mr. Foxwell:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the inactivity of the Champaign-Urbana Branch during 1942. We are hoping that the Branch will make an outstanding record both locally and in support of the National Office during 1943.

We are sending a supply of material for the local work to Mrs. Hite, the new secretary. The Branch can purchase as many copies as are needed of the Constitution and By-Laws at ~~five cents each.~~

In our "Outline of Branch Functions", you will find suggestions for carrying out a vigorous program and we trust that you and the other officers and executive committee members will plan at once to inaugurate such a program.

Please write us at any time and let us know what progress you are making and what we can do to help build a strong Branch in your community.

The membership report of forty-eight members was received a few days ago.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

Mr. Alvin Foxwell
Treasurer, Champaign-Urbana Branch
502 East Vine Street
Champaign, Illinois

WW:LB

16
November 5, 1943.

Mr. Alvin Foxwell
Treasurer, Champaign-Urbana Branch
502 East Vine Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Mr. Foxwell:

We appreciate your recent letter enclosing remittance of \$28.00 for apportionment payment and memberships. This report puts your Branch on the Honor Roll of those ~~who have paid their full apportionment for~~ 1943.

I note what you say regarding lack of activity on the part of the Branch due to the absence of the president. As you know the Branch is required to hold its election of officers for 1944 between November 1 and December 15. We would suggest that you get together with other interested officers and members and plan at once to call an election meeting. Enclosed is copy of the Branch Constitution outlining procedures for the election.

Please let us hear from you as to when your election meeting will be held and see that we get a report of the officers chosen before December 31.

Yours sincerely,

Ella J. Baker
Director of Branches

LB

Br
April 17, 1940

Mr. Grady Jordan, President
Champaign-Urbana Branch, NAACP
✓ 1110 North 5th Street
Champaigne, Ill.

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We have noted in one of our news clippings that the Champaign-Urbana branch jointly with the NYA has sponsored the opening of a library "for colored people" in North 5th Street.

We are inquiring about the whole situation with respect to the library in your city because it is a little odd, to say the least, to have a branch of the NAACP in a northern community in a state which has a civil rights law, sponsor a special library for colored people.

If library facilities are completely denied colored people it is the task of our branch in such a community to institute proper proceedings to secure those facilities for colored people and not to sponsor a separate project.

We call your attention to the fact that recently in Alexandria, Va., a determined fight was carried on in the courts with the result that an old law and custom barring Negroes from library facilities was overthrown.

As long as Illinois has laws which declare colored people would be entitled to equal facilities (whether they actually enjoy those facilities or not) we expect our branches to fight these issues on the basis of the law, and not to acquiesce in any way in a jim-crow arrangement.

Our national office staff and the board of directors will appreciate having a prompt explanation of the report that the branch has sponsored this separate library.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

RW/LH

13
October 1, 1940

Mr. Grady Jordan, President
Champaign-Urbana Branch, N.A.A.C.P.
1110 North Fifth Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jordan:

It is absolutely essential that field work be done in the state of Indiana and vicinity this fall by a national officer. Many of the branches are dead, or inactive, or in need of outside assistance. For this reason, I am planning to make a tour of that area this month and am offering your branch the dates of November 2nd and 3rd. We are asking your branch to contribute, either from its treasury or from public collection, the sum of \$10.00 toward my traveling expenses. This amount will be applied to the branch's apportionment for the year.

We hope that you will not say "No" to this effort of ours to give personal attention to your branch. Conditions today call for a stronger Association than we have ever had, and since this may be the only time this year that a national officer can visit your state, we are asking your cooperation so that the tour will be a success. Our plans call for conferring with the officers and executive committee in trying to map plans for a stronger and more effective local program. The evening should be set aside for a gigantic public mass meeting. We ask that you lay plans immediately for the success of this public meeting. At this time, the community will be brought up to date on the endeavors of the national office in the past few months to integrate Negroes into the defense program of the nation.

As I am planning to leave New York October 14th, it is essential that I hear from you at once. We are certain that you realize the necessity of absolute cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

E. Frederic Morrow
Branch Coordinator

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September
29th
1941

Mr. Grady Jordan, President
Champaign-Urbana Branch, N.A.A.C.P.
1101 North Fifth Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jordan:

The next few months will probably be some of the most critical months ever experienced by the Association. The pressure of the times and the imminent threat of war have taxed the resources and the machinery of the N.A.A.C.P. beyond description. If we are to meet this challenge, we must be stronger and more closely knit than we have ever been. Because of this, the Field Staff of the Association is trying to visit every possible branch within the next few months in an effort to strengthen the branches, to help with their programs and to gear up local machinery to meet these new conditions. Your branch is one of those assigned to me for a visit on Saturday and Sunday, November 22-23rd. At this time we could plan not only to have a gigantic public meeting, but also a meeting with the executive committee of the branch so that we can discuss these problems face to face. We want this visit to be more than a perfunctory thing. We want the branches to be stronger and more enlightened on methods and procedure when the visit is over.

As is customary, we are asking you to contribute the sum of \$10.00 toward my traveling expenses. This money will be credited to your apportionment. Because of our slender budget, the only way we can get an officer on the road to visit the branches is by having each branch make a reasonable contribution toward this effort.

Please do not put this decision off, but send a reply as promptly as possible, letting me know if the branch can use my services on the date offered. It will be necessary for me to leave the national office no later than the next ten days, and obviously my schedule must be completed long before that. I sincerely hope it will be possible for this visit, which will be of mutual benefit to the branch and the national office.

Sincerely,

E. Frederic Morrow
Branch Coordinator

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April 20, 1942.

My dear Mr. Jordan:

We would appreciate hearing from the Champaign Branch regarding its plans for the spring membership campaign and other activities. Your Branch is among those which have not reported any meetings or other program this year and we are anxious to know what the Branch is doing.

If there is any assistance we can give you in planning your membership campaign and other activities, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Did the Branch hold an election of officers? We have not had any election report and do not know whether you are still president and who the other officers are for 1942.

Won't you let us hear from you by return mail?

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

Mr. Grady Jordan
1110 North Fifth Street
Champaign, Illinois

April 17, 1940

Mr. Irvin C. Hollison
180 West Washington Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Irvin:

I wanted you to see a copy of a
letter written today to Mr. Grady Jordan,
president of the Champaign-Urbana branch.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

RW/LH
Enc.

Br Champaign Allrights -
Feb. 16. 1940 65

My Dear Mr. Pickens -

3212

You will find enclosed
three memberships.

FEB 19 1940

Hastily I sent to Mrs
Lampkins field secretary for
300 Anti-lynch buttons -

~~Kindly send membership
report blanks & receipts.~~

~~We are encouraged
to feel now since the break
in the weather, that the
branch will revive its
services -~~
Yours Truly
Blanche Emerson
(sec.)

GRADY JORDAN, PRESIDENT
1115 N. FIFTH STREET

MISS BLANCHE JAMESON, SECRETARY
901 W. CHURCH STREET

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

November 7 1940.

My Dear Mr. Pickins;

You will find enclosed \$1. for two membership into
our branch. namely, Mrs. Cora Sparks and 102nd east Washington st.
Champaign and Mr. Lydell Moses 506 east Vine st. Champaign.

Respectively yours,

Blanche Jamerson secretary.

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GRADY JORDAN, PRESIDENT
1112 N. FIFTH STREET

MISS BLANCHE JAMESON, SECRETARY
901 W. CHURCH STREET

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

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February 3 1941.

Secretary of N.A.A.C.P.;

Mr. William Pickens;

MAR 5 1941

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My Dear Mr. Pickens, We, the Champaign - urbana
branch of N.A.A.C.P. want to heartily thank you for Mr. Jones "Youth"
director, not only did he feed our hunger souls but, bought new in-
spiration in our community building among our race group. We are so
thankful to have such a character among us, realizing that the office
only supplies the best.

We, called our mass meeting and dinner a grand
success, One particular fact it is the beginning of our nursery which
is much needed among our group. We. Thank Mr. Jones.

We, have not received a crisis this year WHY?

Yours, for community upbuilding.

Grady Jordan, president

Blanche Jameson
secretary.

B.J.

The Wesley Foundation

The Methodist Student Center at the University of Illinois

URBANA, ILLINOIS

April 15, 1941

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Mr. William Pickens
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City

APR 17 1941

My dear Mr. Pickens:

We enjoyed very much meeting your director of youth work, Mr. Ernest Jones, when he was here. I should also be most happy to have an opportunity of talking with you if you come to Champaign. If possible, please let me know ahead of time so that I may plan to have a little time free.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul Bunt

PB/JC

903 W. Nevada
Urbana, Illinois
SEP 16 1941

Dear Mrs. Pickens:

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I shall be happy to see
you if you can find time
to visit Urbana and hope
I can be of some help.

You can reach me at
the above address - my home
here at school - or you
can telephone 7-3925.

I am generally on
campus all day - but I
do come home at noon
for mail and lunch. My
classes are over at four p.m.
I am home by 4:15.

I hope you find it
possible to visit us.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Zuback

Champaign, Illinois
April 17, 1941

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Dear Mr Pickens

Madison Jones set a fine precedent for additional visits to Champaign-Urbana by NAACP officers. We will welcome you with open arms. (Really it won't be quite that bad!) It would be our pleasure to entertain you, inform you, arrange conferences, and arrange speeches. The only hitch is that we are humble people and you may have to sleep on a day bed and listen until 1 o'clock to the boisterous of a gang of college students celebrating in the tavern which is below us! Thus far our schedule calls for our being in Cham-Urb. until next August. A field trip will take us away on the 22nd 23rd & 24th of April and final exams are the last week in May.

Let us know when you plan to be here and I am quite sure we can arrange a profitable day or two for ourselves and incidentally - you! Let us know just what you would like to do - address the local branch, talk to student groups, talk to us, talk to University faculty men, etc.

I hope you do not mind the informality of this note. It is only the lack of time which keeps me from "formalizing" it.

Donald Rasmussen

P.S. My office address is 330 Lincoln Hall (not 303)
home address is 614 S. W right St. Champaign.

← this is just to avoid any possible confusion.

August 25th

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*Champaign Ill B.
re. information
Thomas*

Mr. Taylor Thomas, President
Champaign Branch NAACP
714 N. Hickory Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed herewith are the names and
addresses of the presidents of the San
Francisco and the Los Angeles branches.

I hope this information does not come too
late to serve your purpose.

Mr. Thomas L. Griffith, Jr.
1105 E. Vernon Avenue
Los Angeles 11, Calif.

Mr. Joseph James
1865 Pine Street
San Francisco, Cal.

Sincerely yours,

EJB/ERB

Ella J. Baker
Director of Branches

*Put on calendar
for staff conf 29 Jan*

Champaign Urbana Branch
Of The

N.A.A.A.P.

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1110 N. Fifth St.

Champaign Ill.

Jan. 20 , 1942

JAN 20 1942

Mr. Walter White
69 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. White

Through the sponsoring of a Child Care Center here in Champaign the Branch ~~has~~ has secured a permanent office and we are attempting to have a paid Executive Sect. to handle the affairs of the Branch as we expect to put over a very heavy program this year.

I think it would add much to the prestige of the Branch if you would send me yours and the Presidents Picture to hang in the Office.

Will you also advise me how I may get in touch with Mr. Paul Roberson as our Interacial Com. would like to have him give a Recital here this spring .

Yours very Truly

Grady Jordan Pres.

Grady Jordan pres.

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CHAMPAIGN OFFICE MANAGERS
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1110 N. 5TH STREET
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

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For Organization and Progress

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208 Ellis Avenue
P.O. Box 419
Champaign, Illinois
January 29, 1943

Mr. Walter White, Secretary
National Ass'n for the Advancement
of Colored People
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. White:

I have your letter of recent date referring to the status of The Champaign Branch of the N.A.A.C.P., Replying, I wish to state that I have not served as Secretary of this branch since 1941, notwithstanding the fact that most of the communications to this branch has been sent to me. I have turned over your letter to the branch officers and was present when it was read Thursday evening, Jan. 28th.

I regret very much that officers of our branch here have been so negligent in reporting activities, and I personally feel that they will do better now since they have received your letter. I have not been active with the branch recently because I have been away from Champaign the most of the time since I married more than a year ago. I am back here now, however, and I shall do what I can to get them going in the right way.

Thanking you again for your letter, and assuring you that we, my husband and I, will do what we can to advance the work here, I am

Cordially yours, /

Blanche Jamerson

Mrs. Blanch Jamerson Harris
P.O. Box # 419-Champaign, Illinois

Champaign Ill
Jan 29 1943

Mr. Walter White
69- 5th ave
new york, N. Y.

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FEB 1 - 1943

Dear Mr. White Rec'd your letter of
The 26.th of Jan. and am very sorry There
has been some delay in sending our
membership by our Sec. and do hope
you have received them by now, and
am sending four more memberships
in The next day or so and they will
be sent by our Sec. also, and if you
~~haven't~~ ~~don't~~ receive the 44 we have already
sent Will you please notify me at
once, we realize we have been very
lay in activities in The last year
but we will write you concerning that
in The next day or so, and ~~one~~ we have
had our election of Officers They are
as following

will be sending more
membership soon, &

Grady Jordan Pres.
1110 N. Fifth St.
Champaign Ill

N.A.A.C.P. Walter White - Ex. Sec.

Dear sir :-

Enclosed is \$24 for 48-membership to be added to nine that have been sent in previously. A letter was sent to the former secretary Mrs. Blanche Jamerson Harris stating that our membership fees were not in. I am sorry that it was not sent in, but I take all of the blame because I have had the money since Dec. 17th, 1942 and I have been busy and procrastinated. I only want you to know it was not the branch's fault. I was elected secretary - Nov. 20, but I have been in the blind the former secretary will not turn over any of the past books and paraphernalia and it has slowed me an awfully lot. Please send all mail concerning the Champaign-Urbana Branch to - Mrs. Helen Hite - 540 E. - Washington St. Champaign Ill. from now on. I would appreciate you sending out membership cards as soon as possible.

Thanks

Helen J. Hite

President
Vice President
Secretary
Cor. Sec'y
Treasurer

The National Association For Advancement of Colored People

Chairman of Executive Board

Arbana, Champaign County, Branch

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June 12, 1944. JUN 14 1944

Mr. Walter White,
69 Fifth Ave.,
New York, 3, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Kindly forward one dozen of Membership Report
Blanks as we have a number of memberships to send to your
office.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Cleveland
Elizabeth Cleveland,
Cor. Secy.

1208 W. Eads
Urbana, Illinois
June 22, 1944

Roy Wilkins
Assistant Secretary, NAACP
69 Fifth Avenue, New York 3 N. Y.

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find credential blanks for the delegate to the Wartime Conference of the NAACP in Chicago, Ill, July 12-16, inclusive.

Enclosed also is the annual assesment for the Champaign*Urbana Branch, the sum of five dollars(\$5.00).

Sincerely,

Mary G. Jordan
Asst. Secretary

Taylor Thomas
President of Champaign
Branch of NAACP

714 N. Hickory St.
Champaign, Illinois
June 13, 1944

N.A.A.C.P.
69 Fifth Ave.
New York City

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JUN 16 1944

Dear Miss Baker:

Will you please send
me the addresses of all the N.A.A.C.P.
Branches. If this isn't possible, please
send the addresses of our branches in
San Francisco and Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely

Taylor Thomas
Pres. of Champaign
N.A.A.C.P. Branch

NAACP
69 5th Ave
New York

Copy to the Branch Secretary

February 13, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Harris:

Thank you for your letter of January 29. We are glad to know that you and your husband plan to cooperate in the work of the local Branch.

You will be happy to know that the Branch has recently sent in a report of forty-eight members. We look forward to a most successful year for the group.

We would appreciate it if you would turn over to the newly elected officers any records and other Branch material you may have held as secretary so that their files may be complete.

Let us hear from you at any time.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

Mrs. Blanche Jamerson Harris
Box 419
Champaign, Ill.

WW:LB

February 13, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Hite:

We were happy to receive the report of \$24.00 for forty-eight memberships in the Champaign-Urbana Branch.

Enclosed is copy of a letter which we are sending Mrs. Blanche J. Harris, who was formerly secretary of the Branch. We trust that Mrs. Harris will turn the records over to you at an early date.

Under separate cover, we are sending you membership report blanks and other material. Please see that all memberships are sent in on the regular report blanks in the future. You will note from the Branch Constitution that memberships must be reported to the National Office within fifteen days after they are turned in to the Branch officers. *OK*

We are hoping that the Branch will plan a vigorous membership campaign to double its highest record in the past and to establish a sound basis for other activities in the community. Let us know what further information or assistance we can give you in the work.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

Mrs. Helen J. Hite
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
510 East Washington Street
Champaign, Illinois

WW:LB

May 23, 1940.

Miss Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
901 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois

My dear Miss Jamerson:

We are enclosing the membership certificate of Mr. William Moore, which was returned to this office because of incorrect address.

If you will send us the names and addresses of any persons who fail to receive certificates, we shall be glad to forward duplicate certificates to them.

Yours very truly,

Lucille Black
Executive Assistant,
Department of Branches

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N. A. A. C. P.
69 5th Avenue
New York City

Copy to the Branch President

December 18, 1940.

Miss Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
Box 596
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Miss Jamerson:

Thanks for your list of officers for 1941.

Perhaps you can clear up the enclosed report of your finances. It seems that you had a balance of \$8.58 in your treasury on December 31, 1939, and that the Branch raised \$170.00 during this year, which made your treasury for 1940 \$178.50.

You make a mistake in the amount sent to the National Office. You have \$130.00 sent for memberships and apportionment and \$10.00 for special funds, whereas our records show a total of \$70.95 received from the Branch this year, including the \$10.00 for anti-lynching buttons.

You have put down \$59.38 as your total for the \$130.00 and the \$10.00. Then you state below that the total spent for national and local purposes is \$89.63.

Also, we do not understand your balance of \$11.53, considering that you are deducting \$89.63 from \$178.50.

We enclose another blank. Can you make a financial report which will check, one item with the other, and show just where the money was spent and what the real balance is? We are sending a copy of this letter to the President so that he can work with you in getting out an accurate report.

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB

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March 23, 1941.

Miss Blanche Jamerson
Secretary, Champaign-Urbana Branch
Box 596
✓ Champaign, Ill.

My dear Miss Jamerson:

We are happy to know that the Branch enjoyed so much the recent visit of Mr. Madison Jones, our Youth Director. We are certain that Mr. Jones will always include Champaign in his itinerary whenever he is to be in that vicinity.

~~According to our records, the Branch~~
has not paid any Crisis subscription for its president or secretary this year. As soon as the subscription price (\$1.50) is received, we shall be glad to put your name in the Crisis mailing list.

Yours very truly,

LB

William Pickens
Director of Branches

April 20, 1942.

My dear Mrs. Rubio:

OK
We are sending you, in response to your request, literature regarding discrimination against colored people. You did not state what specific phases of discrimination you were interested in. At the present time, of course, our fight is being centered around discriminations in the armed forces and in defense industries.

We regret to learn that our Champaign Branch has not had a meeting since November, 1941. ~~Can you get other members to cooperate with you in urging the president to call a meeting? We had not been informed that the Champaign Branch had hired an executive secretary. We are writing the president today and we would suggest that you and other members continue to make known to him your desire to have an active unit of the Association in Champaign.~~

We shall be glad to hear from you further.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

Mrs. Anna H. Rubio
206 East Springfield Avenue
Champaign, Illinois

Champaign-Urbana Ill

April 16, 1941.

Miss Ruth Zuback
903 West Nevada Street
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Miss Zuback:

After writing you that I would be coming out in April, I find now that I am not to go to Missouri, so that I will not be coming to Urbana in April. However, I will be in that section in the last of May or early June and will keep your name and address and try to reach you.

I trust that things are going along progressively for the Jewish students and the colored students with their other fellow students in the University.

Yours very truly,

WP:LB

William Pickens
Director of Branches

206 East Springfield Ave.
Champaign, Illinois
April 11, 1942

NAACP
New York City

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Dear Friends,

I am a member of the NAACP of Champaign and I would like to ask if you can send me recent reports of discrimination against Negroes or the addresses of offices where such reports may be bought. I am willing to pay for any material. Also if you have a list of books published relating to discrimination against Negroes I should appreciate a copy.

Our local branch had a meeting last November but none since. Although I have repeatedly 'phoned the president (and not found him at home) he has never called back to my house. Other members have asked him to call a meeting but he fails to do so. Many of us paid our dues for the year hoping thereby to keep the local branch on its feet. At the Nov. meeting new officers were elected but we re-elected the president, for an executive secretary was elected with a salary of \$100 for the year whose pledge was to build the NAACP.

Many of us would appreciate it if the national office could send a letter to our president reminding him of his duty to support the work of the NAACP in these days when we are waging such a costly war for democracy in the world. His name and address is

Mr. Grady Jordan
1110 North 5th St
Champaign, Ill.

I am sending a self-addressed and stamped envelope for your reply regarding literature.

Very truly yours,

Anna H Rubio

Anna H. Rubio
206 E. Springfield Ave
Champaign, Ill.

LPB

*Please handle
Send her lit re discrimination.*

Oct. 19, 1943
Champaign, Ill.

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National Association for
the Advancement of Colored
People
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Sirs;

I am very sorry to report that our activity
in the NAACP has not been what it should have been.
Owing to this fact our chairman of activities have
not been available. We deeply appreciate your gener-
osity in allowing us to keep our charter.

Our membership is fine, and I understand that
we are to contribute at least fifty dollars (50)
each year. Inclosed you will find a draft for
twenty five (25) dollars and an additional three
dollars (3) for six memberships. I hope this puts us
back in good standing with the organization. If
there is anything that we should know please write
me at 502 E. Vine St.; Champaign, Illinois. Would
you also please send me a receipt for the inclosed
amount.

Respectfully Yours;

[Handwritten signature]

Alvin Foxwell
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6 men
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Champaign Ill
Nov 11, 1942

Kind Sir

Here is your membership to
be placed in the N.A.A.C.P. and will
you please send three cards to the
as soon as possible

Clyde W. Summers

1209 W. Green St. Urbana Ill

Ethel Young

909 North Fourth St. Champaign Ill

George Hendrick

510 E. Vine St. Champaign Ill

Bracy Easley

510 E. Vine St. Champaign Ill

Theo. Smith

408 E. White St. Champaign Ill

Margaret Merrill

207 E. Hill St. Champaign Ill

Grady Jordan

1110 N. Fifth St. Champaign Ill

Mrs. Jacob Kinn

714 W. Iowa St. Urbana Ill

Mrs. Nellie L. Perkins

208 Delaware Ave Urbana Ill

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will be sending more
membership soon, &

Grady Jordan Pres.
1110 N. Fifth St.
Champaign Ill

My dear Secretary correction
you sent Mrs. Thelma
Hight 405 Gore St. should
be Mr & not Mrs. Kindly
make the change. Also has -
Patham, 4/10 Columbia av.
did not receive a certificate
Thanking You Blanche Emerson

General H. C. Clevary
Champaign Illinois.

August 12, 1940.

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AUG 15 1940

My Dear SEcretray;

So pleased to send this wonderful membership robl in to
you, We are very happy to know that the majority of the members are
of the white race and business people.

You are not sending the membership ca rds in as you
are sent the names, so many call to me that you have not sent their
membership. Mrs. E. Pendelton 407 east vine st. Harry Sidney Crowe
1410 1/2 W. Church st. C. *Done*

The C's stand for Champaign and the U's for Urbana.

Kindly send some receiptsp receipts.

yours,

C-U. Branch.

Grady Jordan president

Blanche Jamison
secretary.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BLANK

Name of Branch

Champaign Urbana

Date

February 1946

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

October

NAME	ADDRESS	Pay by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Robert Nesbitt	506 E. Tremont	1 00	45	55
2 Dr. Clara Smith	110 N. Neil	1 01	45	55
3 Mrs. H. C. Pendleton	407 1/2 East Vine	1 00	45	55
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Name of Branch Champaign, Illinois Date October 14, 1943

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date) February 1, 1943

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Charles Campbell, Rev	509 E. Beardsley St	1 00	50	50
2 Mrs. J. J. Campbell	509 E. Beardsley St	1 00	50	50
3 Mrs. Anna Watson	1207 1/2 W Hill St - Urbana	1 00	50	50
4 Mrs. F. B. Paine	606 Pennsylvania Ave - Urbana	1 00	50	50
5 Mrs. Bessie Berry	913 N. Fourth St - Champaign	1 00	50	50
6 Mrs. C. W. Saunders	407 E. Bradley St - Champaign	1 00	50	50
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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Name of Branch Carbon Dale Date May 9- 1940.

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date) Oct. 4-1939.

	NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1	Anders, Vena (Mrs)	418 So Marion St.	1.00	45	55
2	Blythe, Albert	205 E. Chestnut	1.00	45	55
3	Bowers, Jewell (Mrs)	419 So Marion	1.00	45	55
4	Crispenberry (Senator)	328 N. - 11 - St. Murphy's Lane	1.00	45	55
5	Farr, Jessie Mrs	405 E. - Syracuse	1.00	45	55
6	Gilbert, John (Att)	800 N. Walnut	1.00	45	55
7	Hayes, Wm	509 N. Marion	1.00	45	55
8	Lawkins, Robt	508 E. Jackson	1.00	45	55
9	Herbert (Judge)	1829 Walnut St Murphy's Lane	1.00	45	55
10	Johnson, Chas (Mayor)	610 E. Marshall	1.00	45	55
11	Jones Cora (Mrs)	319 E Oak St.	1.00	45	55
12	Joy, Mary (Mrs)	419 N. Marion	1.00	45	55
13	Miller Fred	303 E Oak St.	1.00	45	55
14	North Geo.	400 N. Oak St.	1.00	45	55
15	Norvall, J. T (Mr)	216 N. Washington	1.00	45	55
16	Russell Mary (Mrs)	807 N. Marion	1.00	45	55
17	Russell David	807 N. Marion	1.00	45	55
18	Russell Pearl (Mrs)	406 E. Green	1.00	45	55
19	Smith, Corinth	435 E. Jackson	1.00	45	55
20	Taylor, Betty (Mrs)	406 Birch	1.00	45	55
21	Thomas, John (Prof)	412 E. Oak St.	1.00	45	55
22	Williams Pearl (Mrs)	300 E. Oak St.	1.00	45	55
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Name of Branch

Centralia, Ill.

Date

Jan. 15, 1942

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Levi Leake	608 E. Carmichael St	1 00	50	50
2 Lee Harris	401 W. Oak St	1 00	50	50
3 John Mc Lemore	510 N. Locust St	1 00	50	50
4 Webb Owens	603 N. Lincoln Blvd	1 00	50	50
5 Clarence A. Jones	Stell, Illinois	1 00	50	50
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Name of Branch

Centralia, Ill.

Date

Jan. 27, 1942

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

Jan. 26, 1942

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NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Rev. A. L. Barnes	820 E. Hill St.	1.00	50	50
2 Ella J. Barnes	820 E. Hill St.	1.00	50	50
3 Blant Burris	708 E. Peppard St.	1.00	50	50
4 James C. Perkins	534 N. Lincoln Blvd.	1.00	50	50
5 Rev. Wm Taylor	1106 N. McKee St.	1.00	50	50
6 Fronie Taylor	709 E. Carmick St.	1.00	50	50
7 Cora Armstrong	1120 Marion Ave.	1.00	50	50
Judge J. Smith	407 E. Broadway (Chicago)	1.00	50	50
8 Annie Mae Dunsaway	624 1/2 E. Carmick St.	1.00	50	50
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Name of Branch

Centralia Ill

Date

June 5-1942

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

May 23, 1942

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
Margaretta Hicks	1516 S. Locust St.	1.00	.50	.50
1 Mrs. Carrie Mae Marshall	897 E. 4th St.	1.00	.50	.50
2 Joseph Bates	900 Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
3 Louis Coleman	523 N. Sycamore St.	1.00	.50	.50
4 Mrs. E. B. Clayton	303 N. Pine St.	1.00	.50	.50
5 Harold Bibbs	538 N. Poplar St.	1.00	.50	.50
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Membership Report

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W (503 N. Elm St.)

Mr. Spencer Bradford
Corner Elm and Hauster
Centralia, Ill.

Rev. A. L. Brastow
502 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Elm
Centralia, Ill.

Centralia, Ill. Branch

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

69 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

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NOV 4 - 1943

Name of Branch Centralia, Ill.

(City or County)

(State)

Date Oct. 25, 1943

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on [date]

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1. Mr. Chas. Brown	1015 Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
2. Mrs. H. Brown	1015 Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
3. Miss Edna Holder	1219 Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
4. Mrs. Mabel Blackwell	918 Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
5. Mrs. Ella M. Donald	122 E. Columbus	1.00	.50	.50
6. Rev. D. A. Brown	820 E. Kell	1.00	.50	.50
7. Mrs. Ella Brown	820 E. Kell	1.00	.50	.50
8. Mrs. Lora Armstrong	1120 Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
9. Mr. Joseph Patel	902 S. Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
10. Mr. Chas. Brown	E. Kell	1.00	.50	.50
11. Mrs. L. M. Kinniffon	902 S. Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
12. Mr. H. B. B.	314 E. N.	1.00	.50	.50
13. Mr. Marshal Skipper	623 E. Cornick	1.00	.50	.50
14. Mrs. Mary B. Jefferson	1121 Marion Ave.	1.00	.50	.50
15. Mr. H. B. B.	314 E. N.	1.00	.50	.50
16. Mr. Eugene Johnson	412 E. 12th St.	1.00	.50	.50
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BLANK

Name of Branch

Champaign-Urbana

Date

May 14 1940

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

April 26 th '40

	NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1	Mr. Eugene Jackson	1306 W. Dublin Urbana	1 00	45	55
2	Mr. John Mc. Wells	507 E. Grove St.	1 00	45	55
3	Mrs. Roy Perkins	509 E. Washington	1 00	45	55
4	Mr. H. E. Goodell	802 W. Springfield	1 00	45	55
5	Mr. H. E. Goodell	802 W. Springfield	1 00	45	55
6	Mr. William Prince	1203 W. Stoughton St.	1 00	45	55
7	Mr. Wm. Scrimgeour	917 W. Park St.	1 00	45	55
8	Mr. Edwin Cobb	310 E. Hill St.	1 00	45	55
9	Mrs. Louise Long	605 E. Washngt	1 00	45	55
10	Mr. C. E. Jeter	1214 W. Greene	1 00	45	55
11	Mrs. H. J. Wells	1203 W. Stoughton St.	1 00	45	55
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NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Mr. Herman Jordan	1211 W. Hill Urbana	1 00	45	55
2 Mrs. Herman Jordan	1211 W. Hill Urbana	1 00	45	55
3 Mr. Gady Jordan	1107 N. Fifth C.	1 00	45	55
4 Harry Sidney Crowe	1410 1/2 W. Church C.	1 00	45	55
5 Marie Pickle	505 E. Tremont	1 00	45	55
6 Georgia Harris	410 E. Tremont	1 00	45	55
7 Brady B. Jones	403 E. Hill	1 00	45	55
8 Alma H. Rubio	206 E. Springfield	1 00	45	55
9 Margaret T. Jagne	Route 4 Champaign	1 00	45	55
10 Olivia Fowlwell	502 E. Vine	1 00	45	55
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Annual Membership	\$1.00	\$.50	\$.50
Crisis Membership	2.50	.50	2.00
Blue Certificate	5.00	1.25	3.75
Gold Certificate	10.00	3.75	6.25
Junior Membership	.50	.25	.25
Contributors	25.00 or more	10.00	Remainder to National Office

Amount remitted herewith \$.....

Branch Secretary.

Address.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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AUG 15 1940

Name of Branch

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Date

August 12, '40

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

May 26, '40

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Hardin G. Davis	1310 W. Dublin St.	1 00	45	55
2 Julius Davis	713 W. Washington St.	1 00	45	55
3 George Person	808 N. 5th St. C.	1 00	45	55
4 ^{Sample} Julius Higginfield	First Natl Bank C.	1 00	45	55
5 ^{Miss} Eddie B. Williams	509 North Ash C.	1 00	45	55
6 William Thomas	707 N. 4th C.	1 00	45	55
7 Robert Earnest	212 E. Hill St. C.	1 00	45	55
8 ^{Miss} Lucille Larry	707 N. 4th St. C.	1 00	45	55
9 John Mittenfroy	70 Mittenfroy Funeral Home	1 00	45	55
10 ^{Miss} Harry Jordan	707 N. 4th St. C.	1 00	45	55
11 ^{Miss} Bessie Edwards	711 N. 4th St. C.	1 00	45	55
12 ^{Miss} N. Jamerson	407 W. University C.	1 00	45	55
13 Homer Chapin	508 E. Green St.	1 00	45	55
14 Rev. W.C. Hoty	807 N. 5th St. C.	1 00	45	55
15 Harry Jordan	707 N. 4th St. C.	1 00	45	55
16 ^{Miss} Claire Gandy	412 E. Church C.	1 00	45	55
17 J. H. Heffernan	Heffernan's Son, Gas Store	1 00	45	55
18 ^{Miss} Ella Pearce	1406 W. Hill C.	1 00	45	55
19 Russell Nesbitt	506 E. Tremont C.	1 00	45	55
20 Clyde Dickens	516 E. Eureka C.	1 00	45	55
21 ^{Miss} Esther Gene Smith	410 E. Hill C.	1 00	45	55
22 James Henderson	405 E. Hill C.	1 00	45	55
23 Willie Williams (Sr.)	507 E. Grove St.	1 00	45	55
24 ^{Miss} Aden Williams	707 N. Poplar St.	1 00	45	55
25 ^{Miss} Emma Henderson	311 E. Park St. C.	1 00	45	55

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Champaign-Urbana

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Aug. 12 1940

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May 26

	NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1	Harold Wells	711 N. Poplar C.	1.00	45	55
	Mr. Emma Wells	711 N. Poplar C.	1.00	45	55
3	Eden Williams	707 N. Poplar C.	1.00	45	55
4	Mr. H. H. Ellis	112 N. Walnut C.	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. Clara Gusting	1006 N. 5th L.	1.00	45	55
6	Deley Johnston	39 Main St. C.	1.00	45	55
	William Johnson	1007 N. 5th St. C.	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. George Person	808 N. 5th St. C.	1.00	45	55
	Miss Willie Robinson	504 E. Vine C.	1.00	45	55
10	El Huxton	405 S. Cedar C.	1.00	45	55
11	Albert Savage	415 East Bardsley	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. Ada Hearn	406 E. Vine C.	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. Anna Woods	501 E. Vine C.	1.00	45	55
	Mr. Marshall Williams	504 N. Walnut C.	1.00	45	55
15	Emory White	1502 E. Vine C.	1.00	45	55
16	Rosco Franklin	1402 W. Hill Ln.	1.00	45	55
17	John Anderson	605 N. Poplar C.	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. Mary Rice	502 E. Vine C.	1.00	45	55
	Miss Viola Watkins	410 E. Church C.	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. Hattie M. Winfield	605 N. Poplar C.	1.00	45	55
21	Elridge Long	605 E. Washington	1.00	45	55
	Miss Virginia Watkins	410 E. Church C.	1.00	45	55
23	Mr. G. Cliffay	111 Ellis St. C.	1.00	45	55
24	Raymond Scatter	109 Ellis St. C.	1.00	45	55
25	M. A. Winfield	605 N. Poplar C.	1.00	45	55

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Name of Branch C - U.

Date Aug. 12, 1940.

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date) May 26

	NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1	Blanche Jamerson	603 E. Walnut St. C.	1.00	45	55
2	J. J. Simpson	410 E. Church C.	1.00	45	55
3	Thelma Hunt	407 E. Grove C.	1.00	45	55
4	Charles Gatham	410 E. Columbia	1.00	45	55
5	Mrs. Sarah Moore	403 E. Church C.	1.00	45	55
6	Rosecoe Vinoley	410 E. Church C.	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. Minnie Giles	503 E. Grove C.	1.00	45	55
	Mrs. Laura Merrifield	130 E. 1st Bldg. Urbana	1.00	45	55
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69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Name of Branch Champaign, Illinois Date October 14, 1943

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date) February 1, 1943

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Charles Campbell, Rev	509 E. Beardsley St	1 00	50	50
2 Mrs. J. J. Campbell	509 E. Beardsley St	1 00	50	50
3 Mrs. Anna Watson	1207 1/2 W Hill St - Urbana	1 00	50	50
4 Mrs. F. B. Paine	606 Pennsylvania Ave - Urbana	1 00	50	50
5 Mrs. Bessie Berry	913 N. Fourth St - Champaign	1 00	50	50
6 Mrs. C. W. Saunders	407 E. Bradley St - Champaign	1 00	50	50
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69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Name of Branch

Champaign, Ill

Date

December 6

The following members have been enrolled since our last report on (date)

See July

NAME	ADDRESS	Paid by Member	Retained by Branch	To National Office Herewith
1 Mrs. O. W. Saunders	303 E. Chambers	1.00	58	58
2 George. Perbill	506 E. Fremont	1.00	58	58
3 Mrs. C. Lewis	312 E. Chicago	1.00	50	58
4 Mr. Samuel Hill	1305 W. Dubuque	1.00	58	58
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Junior Membership	.50	.25	.25
Contributors	25.00 or more	10.00	Remainder to National Office

Amount remitted herewith \$

Mrs. Helen J. Hite

Branch Secretary.

510 E. Washington St.
Champaign, Ill.

Address.

Kindly make
Correction

Mr. Thelma Hunt
instead Mr.

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407 E. 10th St.
Champaign

Did you send Chas.
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Thanking
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Centralia
Illinois

July 23, 1943

Please send these people their membership cards as soon as possible; money for which is enclosed.

Mrs. Anna Taylor 912 S. Poplar 1.00

~~Mrs. Cassie Armstrong 112 Marion Ave. 1.00~~

~~Mrs. Mary Braxton 426 N. Maple 1.00~~

~~Mr. Douglas Canty 615 E. Cornick 2.00~~

~~Mr. Wm. H. Byse 815 E. Sadler 1.00~~

~~Mr. D. D. Barnes 820 E. Kell 1.00~~

~~Mrs. Ella Barnes 820 E. Kell 1.00~~

Mrs. Lottie Wells 110 E. 12th St. 1.00

~~Mrs. Annie M. Drenthway~~

~~Mrs. Mary M. Drenthway 110 E. 12th St. 1.00~~

~~Mrs. Mary M. Drenthway 110 E. 12th St. 1.00~~

~~Mrs. Emily Claiborne 303 N. Pine 1.00~~

~~Mr. Sam Burris 401 N. Maple 1.00~~

~~Mr. Charles Barbee 437 N. Elm 1.00~~

~~Mr. ^{Wm} ^{Wm} Barber 451 N. Elm 1.00~~

~~Mrs. Marie Ferguson 405 N. Sycamore 1.00~~

~~Mr. Cicero Ferguson 405 N. Sycamore 1.00~~

~~Rev. R. C. Schultz 612 E. Hausler 1.00~~

~~Mr. Mac Kinley Downey 712 E. Cornick 1.00~~

~~Mr. Robert Pulley 721 E. Rhodes 1.00~~

~~Mr. Henry Cook 603 E. Cornick 1.00~~

~~Mr. Jas. J. Mr. Wm. Campbell 615 N. Elm 1.00~~

~~Mr. James Fortson 433 N. Maple 1.00~~

~~Mr. James Holden 1219 Marion Ave. 1.00~~

~~Rev. Leander Robinson 603 N. Elm 1.00~~

~~Mr. Burn Adams 1218 E. Cornick 1.00~~

~~Mr. J. L. Polk 625 E. Kell 1.00~~

~~Mrs. Emma Burris 421 N. Maple 1.00~~

~~Mr. Earl Burris 429 N. Maple 1.00~~

~~Mr. Joseph B. Ricks 123 N. Pine 1.00~~

~~Mrs. Lucy Burris 401 N. Maple 1.00~~

~~Mr. Blanche Carmel 1220 E. Cornick 1.00~~

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I designated foreign
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membership.
\$150 years subscription
Mr. H. H. Ellis 112 N. Walnut.

Mr. Pickens

Are you sending
the new members
card. Number have
spoken of not receiving
them.

QV#37467

902 South Marion Avenue
Centralia, Illinois
August 28, 1942

Enc. #350

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Mrs Mary White Ovington
My dear Mrs Ovington:

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Here is a money order for \$3.50 (three dollars and fifty cents) representing seven new memberships of our Centralia branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

The new members are as follows:

1. Mr. Charles Brewer 1015 S. Marion Ave., Centralia, Illinois
2. Mrs. Alma Brewer 1015 S. Marion Ave., " "
3. Mrs. Beathrice Williams 1010 S. Marion Ave., " "
4. ~~Mr. Eugene Johnson 1010 S. Marion Ave., " "~~
5. Mrs Lottie Wells 110 E. 12th. St., " "
6. Mrs. R.C. Schultz 502 E. Haussler St., " "
7. ~~Mrs. Ella McDonald 102 E. Calumet St., " "~~

Through a change of some of our officers due to acquisition of defense jobs in other cities, there has been some misunderstanding with respect to the total membership of our local branch. If possible, I shall appreciate you sending me a list of our members as recorded in your office. Several persons have reported to us that they have not received their membership cards.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

Joseph Tate

Treasurer for Centralia N.A.A.C.P.

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Champaign-Urbana

January 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE STAFF FROM MR. WILKINS:

Mr. White asked that the attached letter be considered at the staff conference yesterday, but it was not included on the agenda. Will you please jot down your ideas on the matter?

Please initial:

The idea of a paid executive secretary is swell although the place for the office might not be nice JF.

AM
P. 19. I like the idea of Paid Executive Secy but think he should be selected by and responsible to the National Office.

EB - A paid Executive secretary to a regular office is a sign of progress - branch, however, does not seem strong enough for carrying the necessary overhead. (Report as of Dec. '41 - was one member with \$8.50.)

CC - Should be considered in light of potential strength of branch, etc.

RW:DW

think branch could use money to better advantage than paying secretary. See 3 of B commat
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Champaign, Illinois
Jan. 25 - 1943

Officers and members of Champaign Branch
of N.A.A.C.P.

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24. Mrs. Naomi White - 210 E. Hill - C
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26. Mr. Clifford Jordan - 52 E. Washington - C
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CHAMPAIGN ILL. COURIER
MARCH 10, 1940

**Library for Colored
Is Opened Here**

Opening of a library for colored people on the second floor of the recreation center at 707 North Fifth street, under the joint sponsorship of the NYA and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, was announced Saturday by Mrs. Marie Reece, NYA area supervisor, and

Grady Jordan, head of the N. A. A. C. P.

Approximately 500 books, partly donated by individuals and partly loaned by the Champaign and Urbana libraries, will make up the library, it was explained.

Miss Ovella Wilford and Miss Maria Brown have been assigned to the library staff by the NYA, and Miss Dorothy Woodruff is to be assigned later, it was announced.