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# LOCAL POLICEMEN SUED

**The Observer**  
By  
**Charles P. Howard**

## Gary School Fight

Negroes in Gary, Ind., have refused to abide by the decision of the school authorities to furnish them a separate high school as a result of the strike of the white students, and have applied for an injunction to prevent the authorities from putting their segregation ideas into operation. By agreement of counsel a temporary injunction was issued restraining the erection of the new school. This fight is going to cost Gary Negroes a lot of money; if they don't win they should let the building rot down rather than send their children to it. Maybe if they pray hard enough, lightning might strike the building, and perhaps some white man could be induced to burn it down.

## Olivers Accomplishment

Richard Oliver, a Des Moines Negro, has the distinction of having John Philip Sousa, perhaps the world's greatest band director include in his program rendered at the Iowa State Fair two of Oliver's compositions. This is indeed a recognition highly complimentary to the author. Des Moines Negroes are proud of Mr. Oliver's accomplishments.

## Sow Hate—Reap Hate

Mayor Wm. Hale Thompson of Chicago is reported to have declared war on traitorous volumes of British books in the public libraries of Chicago and threatens to have them burned. This is only a demonstration of anti-British sentiment.

For many years some of the noted characters of the country have kept themselves before the public by bombarding the Negro. It is impossible for any Nation to sit by and see a large part of the National sentiment constantly demonstrated against an alleged inferior group, without sooner or later having some of the alleged superior groups suffer from a demonstration of this same sentiment.

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the pheasant season, October 22nd, Dr. J. H. Howard and Martin of Chicago, Walter Madison, James B. Morris and Edward and James B. Jr. of Ames, Iowa besides getting a game, Mr. and Mrs. Boldridge the guests splendid entertain-

## Bethel's Board Makes Reply

Des Moines, Iowa,  
October 26, 1927.

To Editor Iowa Bystander:

Dear Sir:

According to a promise made one of the proprietors of the Bystander several days ago to withhold any comment on the Bethel A. M. E. Church controversy until the matter was satisfactorily adjusted, we take this opportunity to briefly reply at this time.

To our many friends who have been misinformed as to the real facts in the case, we want to assure them that we bear them no ill will, as their minds have been prejudiced by hearing only one side of the case. We shall endeavor to give the church's side.

Rev. P. M. Lewis, the deposed pastor, well knew before the convening of the Annual Conference in St. Paul in September that a large majority of the working and progressive membership of the church were strongly opposed to his return to this charge. In fact, he was not really desired the first year, but the officials went ahead and did the best they could with the help of the Lord, promising the membership they would use all honorable means to secure a change in the pastorate the ensuing year.

When Rev. Lewis realized that there was strenuous opposition to his return, he employed every means at his command, with the aid of his misguided friends and supporters, to defeat the will of the loyal members of this church.

Two articles against the members of this church have appeared in the columns of this paper, and the Evening Tribune, but one withheld any comment until the settlement of the affair.

On October 20th, when the P. E. of this District, Rev. A. W. Hackley, came to make a disposition of the case, all kinds of bull-dogging and unchristian tactics were used by the opposition to befog the real issue and carry their point, but when each side had been given a hearing and the real facts were brought out, the P. E. had no other alternative to pursue but to remove Rev. Lewis from Bethel Church and give them a pastor who is more acceptable to the majority of the membership and to the best interest of the church.

And again "Right Always Prevails," and unfairness fails in its purpose, because God is not in that kind of a program. Bethel A. M. E. Church is not split!

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cers threatened to kill him with further ado. Jack Smith portrayed Italian poet and dreamer par excellence giving a version of in his own inimitable way. Donald Parker was wick as Don Juan Ricardo, the Spaniard but got in Dutch with Hunter Matthews, who though Donald was cutting him in Spanish. "Gink" Fowles Marion Mann and Floyd Bowman were so tough and hardboiled that they were eating with evident relish of the rubber weiners off Tommy Johnson in his everlastingly first class ash king. Wh Morrison stepped in somewhat announced, "That his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales has

girls depicted by Agnes Drew, Gwendolyn Wible Toller, Latisha Anderson, Virginia Steward and Lavenia Graves rubbed with the blueblooded lady by Mesdames Lyle Wright and Margaret McCracken, Misses Laura Strickland, W. Sylvia Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Guire were very dignified.

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## Fire Destroys Two Houses on Twelfth Street; \$2000 Damage



Two houses, owned by Will Watson and A. J. Webster at 930 and 935 Twelfth Street, were almost entirely destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. On the roof of the house at the right, firemen can be seen directing a stream of water into the adjoining home.

The fire was started by children, who were playing with matches in the Watson home, according to bystanders. The flames from the Watson home set the Webster residence on fire, it is said. Hundreds of residents on Twelfth Street and surrounding territory watched the fire fighters.

## Striking Students Receive Garland, Johnson, Emerich Faculty Discipline Named in False Arrest \$3000 Damage Suit

### Celebrate Founding of Underground R.R.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 28. (P. N. S.)—In an announcement sent out by P. J. Clyde Randall, president of the United Colored Societies of Allegheny County, 1930 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Underground Railroad. In 1830, the friends of bold and fearless slaves, fleeing from the robbery and tyranny perpetrated against them in the land of the free and home of the brave, had so thoroughly perfected secret routes for transporting slaves to Canada, that the system was known as the "Underground Railroad."

### Hampton, Va., Oct. 28. (P. N. S.)—

Students of the Hampton Normal Institute, who went on strike last week and caused the closing of the institution, were severely punished, Dr. James E. Gregg, its president, announced Wednesday.

The strike was the result of an order from the faculty to illuminate the assembly hall during the showing of moving pictures. The students, male and female, had been accused of participating in "necking" parties while the lights were dimmed or extinguished.

He stated that four students, known as the "big four," who were the strike leaders, were expelled outright; fifty-six suspended for the rest of the academic year and about 150 placed on probation. There are seven girls among those suspended.

The institution reopened last Monday and Dr. Gregg said that a number of students who were suspended or went home when sessions were closed, returned last Monday. Before the strike there was an enrollment of 1,036 students who lived at the college and about 200 day students from Hampton, Norfolk and Newport News.

The institute is one of the largest educational and normal schools in America. It is supported by several millionaires. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave 3,000,000 dollars and George Eastman 2,000,000 dollars sometime ago. Other donations were made by Ogden Reid, J. P. Morgan and other wealthy men.

The Rev. Lewis will move to Council Bluffs and the Rev. J. W. Fant, now pastor there, will become the pastor at Bethel.

### Clubs Hold 'Open House'

The Roosevelt, Monarch, Rock Island and Automotive Workers' Clubs were the combined hosts at a "Get Acquainted" meeting held at the Community Center last Thursday evening. More than 200 guests were present. G. H. Edmunds acted as master of ceremonies.

An unique feature of the affair was a quartet composed of one member from each club. The presidents of each of the clubs told the work of his club. The Roosevelt Club was represented by Tug Wilson; the Monarchs by C. Hendricks; the Rock Island by W. C. Buice; the Automotive Workers by R. S. Sims.

The Roosevelt Club presented a Townsend made portrait of A. A. Alexander to the Community Center, in appreciation of the work he has done in the city and state. Mr. Alexander gave a short talk, thanking the club for its help and encouragement in his efforts.

### N. A. A. C. P. PUBLISHES PAMPHLET SETTING FORTH KLAN'S RECORD

New York, Oct. 21.—A pamphlet entitled "The Recent Record of the Ku Klux Klan," reprinting two editorials from Alabama daily newspapers, has just been published by the N. A. A. C. P., and is being sent to newspapers throughout the United States as well as in Europe.

### Three Des Moines policemen, Patrolmen L. A. Garland, J. C. Emerich, and Byron Johnson were made defendants in a \$3,000 suit for false arrest, filed in district court last Thursday afternoon by Atty. Chas. P. Howard, representing Mrs. Lillie B. McGuire.

Mrs. McGuire, the wife of a Rock Island brakeman, charges that she and her two-year-old cousin, Louis McGuire, were arrested by the officers the morning of October 18th, when they alighted from a Rock Island train. She claims they were held unjustly in the city jail for two hours and a half, and no charges were filed against her.

The charges are said to have been the alleged violation of the narcotic laws.

According to Mrs. McGuire, the charges were groundless and have caused her to suffer "reproach," shame and humiliation. Besides the \$3,000 the plaintiff asks \$10 which she says she is entitled to for damages done by the officers to her fur coat.

Chancey A. Weaver, attorney for the officers, refused to make any statement late last night.





MUSCATINE, IOWA

By Mrs. Alice Thompson  
 Rev. D. H. Harris, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, held Tag Day, October 16th. Alice Thompson brought in the largest amount of money. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. George Williams motored to Davenport, Oct. 15th, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Inzer Green. Buelah and Stella Thompson were at a dinner last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Henry Smith, Miss Mildred Henrietta Lams, Miss Hazel and Lucinda Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's home was badly damaged by fire. Their loss is estimated at \$1,500.

MASON CITY NEWS

By Mrs. Maud Brewton  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moore were visitors in Mason City. Mrs. Stratton and daughter, Miss Estell, and Mrs. Robbins motored to St. Paul, Minn., where they were the guests of Mrs. A. Rev. and Mrs. Woolfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of Hampton, Mrs. Lilly Taylor, Mrs. Maud M. Brewton and Dr. and Mrs. Reeler were dinner guests of Mr. Paul Scott, Sunday. Mr. Scott was assisted by Mrs. Corbin. Mrs. Davis has returned from Fort Dodge where she visited her brother. While there she became ill. Miss Eva Bates and Mrs. Frances Mitchell have returned from Northfield, Minn. Mrs. Laura Cabell remains ill. Mrs. E. Williams and Mr. Barker were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moore, Sunday. Rev. A. M. Smith of Council Bluffs, Iowa, presided Sunday at St. John's Baptist Church. He left Sunday night for Fort Madison where he is to conduct a revival for Rev. G. W. Smith. The Sunday School will give a Halloween party Tuesday at St. John's Baptist Church. Refreshments will be served. Rev. A. M. Smith and Mrs. William Bailey were dinner guests of Mrs. Walter White, Sunday. The Mission Circle met Thursday with Mrs. J. A. Ashford. Mr. Maynard Ewing, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ewing is now employed by Mrs. Shultz's Bus Co., as a station caller. His route is from Mason City to Waterloo.

DUBUQUE NEWS

By Mr. I. L. Blake  
 Mrs. H. Pelkey gave a reception at her home in honor of Mrs. C. Griffith, Mrs. John C. Wells and mother, Mrs. Watson, formerly of Mason City, Iowa. Dr. H. A. Martin of Dubuque, Jerry Cleveland, and Ley Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Galena motored to Davenport, last week. Mrs. John C. Wells entertained at her home several ladies Thursday evening. A club was organized after which refreshments were served. A surprise birthday party was given at the home of Mrs. H. Pelkey in honor of her niece, Mrs. D. Martin. Mr. Lonnie Mullen has left the city. Mr. James Martin has been in South Bend, Indiana, visiting his brother, Edward. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wells were Sunday visitors in Lancaster, Wis. Mrs. Thomas of Mason City is visiting our city. Mr. Joe Haynes and wife have returned to our city. Mrs. Leroy Fletcher, who has been seriously ill for some time, was taken to her mother in Anquilla, her husband accompanying her. The children of Mr. Gibbs have returned to Dubuque. Rev. B. R. Penn, our newly appointed A. M. E. pastor, is here. Mrs. Edmund Griffin, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, returned to Chicago. Mr. G. Valentine spent Sunday in Waterloo.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

By Claude Reed  
 The Young Men's M. L. S. Club of Wayman A. M. E. Church will present its first dramatic play, Friday evening, Oct. 28th, at the Masonic Temple, corner of Second Street and Fifth Avenue. A musicale, led by such artists as Madame Edith Tiffin-Stewart and Mrs. Ernest Harris, will precede the play. The author of the play is a member of the club, Earle A. Reynolds, who calls his drama, "Wings of the Morning."  
 Prologue: Prejudice, George Reynolds; Truth, Claude Reed; Slav Master, Hamlet Calloway; Spirit of Slavery, Earle Reynolds; Mulatto, Charles Golden, Jr.; World War Veteran, Leo

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Golden; Retribution, Charles Allbritton. Modern Story (Two Scenes). Mother, Edna Brown; Father, Leo Golden; Son, Earle Reynolds; Mad Woman, Cornelia Brown-Davis. Epilogue: Prejudice, Truth and Retribution.

The A. M. E. Church is making great progress in renovating the parsonage. The local order of the Eastern Stars had charge of the program at the opening of the Masonic home (Prince Hall), Sunday afternoon. Many people viewed the rooms during the opening period. Miss Magdalene Mary Moore has returned to Muskogee, Oklahoma, after residing two years in our city. Mrs. Rhoda Reynolds is improving. Miss Alma Tinsley recently married Mr. Warden Moore.

KYLES A. M. E. ZION CHURCH  
 Notices  
 Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Christian Endeavor, 6:50 P. M. Morning Service, 11:00 A. M. Night Service 8:00 P. M. There will be given a play by Mr. Wilson, Tuesday Night, Oct. 18th, 7:30 P. M. Don't miss it.  
 Entertainment at church, Saturday evening by Stewardess Board No. 2. Mrs. Eliza Jackson, President.  
 Entertainment Saturday Night, Oct. 15th, 7:30 P. M. by Trustees' Auxiliary and Pastor's Aid Boards, Messdames Frankie Penson and Emma Brooks, Presidents.  
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More Important Epic

The true epic of our times is not "Arms and the Man," but "Tools and the Man," an infinitely wider kind of epic.—Emerson.

FINE OLD BRIDGES FOUND IN ORIENT

Many of Them Remarkable Engineering Feats.

Great as may be the engineering achievements in building such wonderful structures as the Quebec bridge, the Forth bridge, the great Tower bridge across the Thames, they do not eclipse in wonder some of the native-made bridges of China and India.  
 The bridges of the Orient were erected with the aid of every modern device known to man under the supervision of thoroughly trained engineers. The bridges of the Orient were erected by comparatively untrained men, unassisted by the wonderful appliances at the command of occidental engineers.  
 A real thrill may be secured by watching the working of the pontoon bridge at Howrah, says an article which appeared in the Times of India, or by being rattled over the seemingly interminable Sone bridge. It is to an older civilization, however, that one must turn for splendid examples of bridge construction.

The province of Szechuan, in western China, is interlaced with water-courses, which required bridging, and apparently stimulated the inhabitants, at a very early period, to anticipate some of the best conceptions of modern engineering. The bridges in Szechuan mark the intermediary stages between the simple tree trunk thrown down across a stream and the present elaborate structures of steel and stone. Moreover, in bridge building the Chinese discovered yet another way of accumulating merit, for the builder of a bridge in China lays up treasures for himself in heaven in much the same fashion as does the man who erects a shrine, endows a hospital or buries the poor.

The most common type of bridge in Szechuan is the "arcade bridge," which resembles in some respects the Rialto bridge over the Grand canal, Venice. It consists of a single arch built of stone and topped with a tiled-roof structure of wood, the interior of which is often decorated with paintings and carvings and flanked with sweetmeat stalls at which weary travelers regale themselves.  
 Another fairly common type of bridge is the iron-chain suspension bridge. One of these spans the Mekong river, which, owing to its strong current, is un navigable. The bridge has an elevation of 3,300 feet, and is about 80 yards long. It consists of a number of stout chains secured at both ends to massive pieces of stone, on which are built picturesque chandeliers.

Across the chaise planks are laid, forming a roadway, which is wide enough for laden mules to pass over. As might be imagined, these bridges sway a lot. During a storm crossing becomes difficult, and sometimes impossible, for every bridge is not safely railed off.

Another example is that of a bridge over the Pakoni Hka, which marks the boundary between Burma and China. It spans an impetuous torrent, which is studded with boulders and unfordable during certain periods of the year. The bridge is 20 yards long, very narrow and very rickety. It is built entirely of bamboo, and in its general appearance bears a marked resemblance to the ordinary cantilever bridge of modern times.

Air Line Across Sahara

It will soon be a matter of 48 hours by air—from Algiers to the River Niger.

An airline across the Sahara linking Algeria with the big, valuable possessions of France in black Africa, which the French government has been studying seriously, will be a reality, possibly this year. Announcement of the project was made before the French parliament by the minister of way and the director of the air service after an Algerian deputy stressed the need of a trans-Saharan aerial service.  
 An appropriation of some million francs (a franc—19.3 cents) is being set aside.

Turning Point

Chicago's Assistant State's Attorney O'Brien, recently shot by gangsters, was brought up on the streets. But while selling newspapers he read, and studied, and became a lawyer.

Once when trying a case in which an educated man, member of a wealthy family and a "silk stocking" was on the other side, the "silk stocking" man referred to O'Brien in a heated argument as former boot-black. O'Brien rose from his chair, bowed to the court, and pointing his finger to the silk-stocking gentleman, said, "Sir, if you had ever been a boot-black you would be one yet." That retort helped to make O'Brien in Chicago.

Conscience at Work

The conscience fund of the government was opened with a contribution of \$5 in 1811. The amounts sent in range from 2 cents, a person who failed to put a stamp on a letter when mailed, to several thousand dollars from persons who smuggled goods into the United States without paying import duty. Usually the amounts are small, however. The largest single deposit was \$30,000. As of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, \$4,851,571 was contributed. The total in the fund as of December 31, 1926, was \$561,591.97.

SIOUX FALLS NEWS

By Georgia Grigsby  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. John Lewis, motored to Sioux City, Saturday and spent the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Sioux City, Iowa, spent Sunday in Sioux Falls the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Crowder. The children's class of the St. John's Baptist Church gave a program at B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening. Mr. S. L. Flenny, formerly a barber at Mitchell Beauty Parlors, who spent three months in Kansas, has returned and brought with him a charming bride. He has resumed his work at the Beauty Parlors. Mr. Luverne Moxley, Adrian Tolbert, Oscar Lewis and Miss Mary Maxfield, Capitola Mitchell, and Georgia Grigsby spent Sunday in Yankton, S. D. The Pioneer Club of the Y. M. C. A. met at the home of Mrs. James Moxley's Monday evening. The St. John's Baptist Church Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Burns Monday evening.

DR. JOHNSON INAUGURATED

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT

Lincoln University, Pa., Oct. 28. (P. N. S.)—Dr. William Hallock Johnson was inaugurated president of Lincoln University Thursday afternoon before a large and distinguished gathering made up of representatives of both races. The principal addresses were delivered by Dr. Johnson and Dr. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Lincoln University was founded in 1854 as an institution of higher education for Negroes. Its new president is a graduate of Princeton.

WOMAN SETS A MARK FOR

SHELBY COUNTY MOTHERS

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 27. (P. N. S.)—Twenty-one children in 25 years. And only one set of twins. This is the record of Mrs. Anna Morrow, Binghamton, and she challenges Shelby County mothers to equal it. "They tell me," said Mrs. Morrow, "that the government gives pensions for having babies, and I think I ought to have one." Fifteen of the children are alive and they range in age from 23 to 2 years. The father is a laborer. Officials told the woman that since the death of President Roosevelt, he knew of one one who gave bounties on large families.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HONORS NEGRO

New York City, Oct. 28.—W. A. Battle, former President of the Industrial School for Negroes at Okolona, Mississippi, and one-time president of the Mississippi State Teachers' Association, has been elected Field Secretary of the American Church Institute for Negroes of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Battle is the first Negro to be elected to a position on the general staff of the National Organization of the Church. His duties will be to represent the interests of the American Church Institute for Negroes throughout the country in behalf of the Epis-

copal National Council, and to serve in other executive and administrative capacities under the Rev. Robert A. Patton, D. D., Director of the Institute.

Banked on Longevity

Australians pride themselves on longevity, a dentist in Sidney discovered when he offered a patient, eighty years old, a guarantee for five years on a set of false teeth. The patient, however, refused to permit the dentist to start to work on him until he had received a ten-year guarantee.

Study History on Spot

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