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ALEXANDER AGAIN HEADS KAPPAS

Fined \$5; Refused to Serve Negro

(Special to the Bystander)
Muscatine, Ia., Jan. 6.—Five men came before Police Judge J. C. Coster and Justice H. D. Horst Tuesday evening on various charges. Oscar Lowry, in charge of the White House lunch at Second and Cedar streets, pleaded guilty to a charge of denying equal rights at a public eating house, and was fined \$5 and costs. County Attorney Harold E. Wilson filed the charges and alleged that Lowry refused to serve Harry Roberts, Negro.

Muscatine has been reputed to be one of the most liberal towns in Iowa with regard to upholding the rights of Negro citizens. The officials announced that they will not tolerate discrimination against colored citizens.

Gibson Given Harmon Award for Organization

Chicago, Jan. 6, (ANP)—Truman K. Gibson, chairman of the Board of Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company of this city, has been awarded the Harmon Foundation Gold Medal for 1929 with an honorarium of \$400. These awards were first offered in 1926, organized by the late William E. Harmon, for the purpose of giving additional stimulus for creative work to members of the Negro group and through recognition of achievement of national significance, not only to give personal recognition to such work but to open wider fields of opportunity. The awards are an insignia of honor conferred upon men and women whose creative efforts have contributed to or may become a helpful factor in American life and civilization.

First Big Consolidation
The honor was given to Mr. Gibson because of the most outstanding achievement in the field of business and industry among Negroes during 1929. At the time of the consolidation of Liberty Life Insurance Company of Illinois, Supreme Life and Casualty Company of Columbus, O., and Northeastern Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., Mr. Gibson was president of the Supreme Life and Casualty Company, which he had organized in 1921. He was responsible for initiating the conferences and proposing the idea which led to the consolidation of the three companies into the present organization known as the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company with a capital of \$400,000 and approximately 30 million of life insurance in force. It is understood that the award was made to Mr. Gibson not alone because of the material of several representative business accomplishments of the consolidation itself, but constituting as it does the first consolidation of several representatives established a precedent for other Negro business organizations. Further, that the consolidation marked an epoch in the business life of Negroes and points the way to combined strength.

Mr. Gibson is a graduate of University, and prior to his organization of Supreme Life & Casualty Company he had gathered wide experience in the field of insurance through the building up of a small southern insurance company into an organization of substantial importance. Upon the consolidation of the three companies and the selection as Chairman of the board, he moved to Chicago, where he maintains his residence.

Negro Charity Receives \$750,000 From Jew

Second Attempt to Kill Ben Davis Foiled; Bullets Miss

Barrister Jumps to Death from Ninth Floor

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6.—William R. Morris, 70 years old, prominent attorney who lived at 3017 Second Avenue, with offices in the Metropolitan Building for many years, jumped to his death from the ninth floor.

Mr. Morris, for many years leader in fraternal work in the state and national bodies. He was a member of the Masons, Elks, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythian and Shrine. He was a member of the city charter commission and his place will be filled by the appointment of the district judges of Hennepin county.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church at 19th and Nicolet, and taught Greek in the Sunday school there for many years. He leaves to mourn his loss a devoted wife, a son, and a brother in Chicago.

Texas Band Comes To Ritz Hall Monday

Ben. J. S. Smith and his Blue Serenaders of El Paso, Texas, are scheduled to occupy the boards at the Ritz Hall, Eighth and Park streets, Monday night, according to T. L. Howard, manager.

The Serenaders have quite a reputation as a radio and dance band below the line, having broadcasted several times over W.B.A.P., the Ft. Worth, Texas, Telegram's radio station.

Ask Workers To Fight Lynching

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 6. (C.N.S.)—Several hundred Negro and white workers met tonight under the auspices of the Communist Party, Young Communist League, and the American Negro Labor Congress, at Royal Garden here, to protect American marine rule in Haiti, and against the lynching of Willie McDaniels, a Charlotte farm worker lynched in June near Charlotte.

This meeting, the first of its kind in Charlotte, was applauded enthusiastically by the assembled workers. The program of the Communist Party for full political, racial and social equality for the Negro masses, and for united committees of Negro and white workers against lynching was put forward.

Railway Co. Buys Snow Sweeper

An ingenious snow fighting machine which can either plow or sweep snow from Des Moines streets at 20 miles per hour, has been purchased by the Des Moines Railway Company to help clear its transportation lines during heavy snow storms. This novel snow-plow can be operated in either direction with equal ease.

The only two similar machines now in use on this continent are owned by the Philadelphia Rural Transit Company and the Winnipeg Electric Company.

Further improvement in trolley car service for residents along Sevastopol line will be made this week, following an announcement by the Des Moines Railway company that a mile and a half of heavy copper feeder cable will be strung along the Sevastopol route to improve power conditions.

A. F. of L. Lets Down Color Bar Against Negro Says Green in Magazine

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The American Federation of Labor has at last let down the color bar and permitted Negro laborers to enter. An editorial published in the January issue of the American Federalist of which William Green, president of the A. F. of L. is editor, said that organization and education of Negro workers would be stressed.

"Organization is the way to status in industry, higher wages, just and honest working conditions, shorter hours of work," declared Green. "These things are essential to high social and political standing."

"Trade-union membership is open to all Negroes. The majority of trade unions accept Negroes as members, but when regulations are interposed the rules of the American Federation of Labor provide that Negro workers may apply for a charter, direct from the American Federation of Labor."

"No group or race can win permanent advantages by taking unfair advantage, by exploitation or undercutting standards. Through union organization the Negro can raise his standards and the American Federation stands ready to help."

Three Quarter Million Dollars Given To University and Hospital From Conrad Hubert Estate

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Education and philanthropic work among Negroes will be benefited in the sum of three quarters of a million dollars, according to an announcement made by Calvin Coolidge, Alfred E. Smith and Julius Rosenwald, selected to share the millions left by Conrad Hubert, inventor of the electric flashlight. Of this amount \$500,000 was donated the Provident Hospital of Chicago, and \$200,000 to Howard University, Washington, D. C. The gift to Provident Hospital will be paid out of the funds immediately available; Howard's share will come out of the first \$1,000,000 of the residue of the estate.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will get half million dollars each; various white schools and colleges, \$700,000. One million, three hundred thousand dollars will go to hospitals and welfare projects of lower Manhattan, New York; half million to two organizations for mental hygiene. Jewish institutions receive \$625,000.

In every instance the gift is accompanied by what Governor Smith described as "an urgent request" that the beneficiary raise an equal or greater sum immediately to go to the same purpose.

Coolidge, Smith and Rosenwald have devoted a vast amount of time and effort to the work. They organized last June. Since they have met twice each month examining applications for donations. A total of 1600 requests was received.

Hubert, the deceased benefactor, whose real name in Russia was Akiba Horowitz, came to this country at the age of 22, after failing in business in Russia and then was penniless. Until he was forty, his career had no definite trend. He was successively a cigar dealer, restauranter, boarding house keeper, farmer, milk dealer and jeweler. In 1898 he patented the flashlight and his millions were made.

New York, Dec. 31.—Randolph Brown, Secretary of the Blair county branch of the N. A. A. C. P., reports that the F. W. Woolworth Co., have dismissed an employee in Altoona, Pa. who declined to serve colored customers. The matter had been taken up by the N. A. A. C. P. National Office with the company's district office in Wilkes-Barre, as a result of which Mr. Brown received the following letter:

"Your letter of Nov. 4th written to our New York office has been turned over to the Wilkes-Barre office for investigation. We have taken steps to have a thorough investigation made at that point by our traveling-superintendent. Since receiving your letter, we have changed the management of the Food Department in the Altoona store. The man who was responsible for this condition is no more in our employ."

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Declamatory and Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the Phillis Wheatley Club and the Corinthian Aid Society will be given at the Corinthian Baptist church Thursday, Jan. 16, 1930.

For further information call Mrs. Ardella Watkins 4-2859 or Mrs. J. W.

Des Moines Man Polemarch for 3rd Consecutive Term

Alphas Close Record Year At Atlanta

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 9.—The 22nd annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity convened in this city last week as the guest of the Atlanta and Tuskegee chapters. Ninety per cent of the entire number of chapters were represented. Meetings were held in the Herndon Building on Auburn Ave. Scholarship loan fund, erection of chapter houses, and the general uplift of the Negro youth were some of the important subjects discussed.

The following officers were elected: B. A. Rose, president; William Randolph, vice president; eastern section; Charles W. Green vice president southern section; Warrick Cardoza, vice president western section; J. H. B. Evans, secretary; Percival Piper, treasurer and director of education.

The next meeting will be held at Cornell university with the pioneer chapter of the fraternity.

Negro Gaining on Color Bar Says Report

New York, Jan. 6.—Enlightened public opinion in the United States and throughout the world is increasingly supporting the Negro in his efforts to achieve opportunity and to surmount the color barrier, according to a summary of the Annual Report of the N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth Ave., made public today.

"In five separate instances during the year 1929," says the summary, "public opinion North and South rallied to the Negro's plea for fair play. Two of these instances concerned the church, when not only high churchmen but editors, clergymen and numerous private citizens, repudiated color bar utterances of a Protestant Episcopal and a Catholic clergyman. Another instance occurred early in the year, when it was sought to make scapegoats of the colored crew members of the ill-fated steamship, 'Vestris.' Here again the United States District Attorney, the Mayor of New York, and hosts of other citizens, joined in doing honor to the colored hero of the disaster and cleared the colored sailors and firemen of any imputation of neglect. Twice on the sport field, public sentiment has rallied to the appeal for fair play. North and South there was sharp criticism of the proposal to withdraw New York University's colored star quarterback from the football game with Georgia. And criticism has been pointed at the United States-Lawn Tennis Association, for barring colored players from its "national" tournaments.

New York, Jan. 6.—Speaking over the radio from Station W E V D on New Year's Day, William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People declared his conviction that the Negro ought to have at least 50 seats in the Senate and House of Representatives combined.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 9.—Amid the cheers and applause of representatives from fifty chapters of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity A. A. Alexander of Des Moines, was re-elected for the third term as Grand Polemarch.

The 19th annual session which met at this city as guests of the Durham alumni chapter, Dec. 27-31 had a large attendance of delegates and visitors from all sections of the country. Dr. J. M. Hubbard, polemarch of the Durham chapter, was in direct charge



of the entertainment arrangements. Reports of the general officers showed a steady progress in growth and financial strength throughout the country. Several new chapters were reported and a committee on extension was appointed to investigate the possibility of instituting chapters in a number of Class A schools.

Other officers elected were: George E. C. Hayes, Washington, D. C., senior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, Ill., grand keeper of records and exchequer (re-elected for the ninth term) Joseph Birch, Howard University, grand strategist; George F. David, Wilberforce, grand historian (re-elected).

Philadelphia was selected for the next meeting.

Fails to Pass, Parham May Be Suspended, Yet

New York, Jan. 3.—Failure to pass the regular December test in mathematics may result in the suspension of Alonzo S. Parham, the only member of his race in attendance at the United States Military academy, it became known this week.

Parham was required to take a second test last Thursday, the result of which will not be known until the return of Maj. Gen. William B. Smith, superintendent of the academy, who is with Army football team on the West coast.

Parham was one of the 54 to flunk in mathematics. If he failed in the second test his case will be referred to the academic board, which has the power to suspend him for 60 days, when he may apply for a last examination. Should he fail for the third time he automatically becomes ineligible and could be reinstated only by another appointment.

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NEGROES IN OUR MILITARY ACADEMIES

Parham seems to be having trouble with his mathematics at West Point. This is nothing more than sixty white boys are doing. But peculiar things always happen to Negroes who start toward the United States military academies which keep them from entering or put them out once they enter. For instance of all the Negroes recommended by Congressman DePriest last year, but one passed the physical requirements for admission. And this in spite of the fact that picked men were chosen whom Mr. DePriest's committee felt were particularly qualified.

Every congressman and senator has the same privilege as Mr. DePriest. They pick their quotas each year and one seldom hears of any of them being turned down. Boys have been picked out of Des Moines whom we know personally. They had no particular qualification mentally and physically but simply were average boys. They sailed through in fine shape.

Negroes go to Harvard, Yale, Iowa and other universities each year and a surprisingly large percentage of them make good grades. They pursue all the sciences other students do but at the military academies they all have trouble.

When the government began to draft men for war service in 1917, portionately a larger number of whites were rejected for physical defects than Negroes and yet when it comes to entrance into our military academies few are able to get by the army doctors.

We believe the commanding officer at West Point wants Parham to succeed. We like to feel that our public officials are on the square but it certainly raises a question in our minds when Negroes can do so well in schools in civil life and fail in the United States military academies.

A MISTAKEN IDEA.

A young Negro spoke before a white church Sunday. After completing his address, a member of the audience arose and asked "Why do Negroes respect white people in Texas more than they do in Iowa?" to which the young man replied "It is not a matter of respect but a fear of the gun which the white man carries in Texas and the knowledge that the law will in almost all cases back the white man even though he is wrong. In Iowa the white man not only seldom imposes on the Negro but he also knows that the law will not uphold him in any unfairness."

This man evidently a Texan or once a resident there, acknowledged that this was true. A lot of people have the same idea about the difference in northern and southern Negroes but have never sought the reason for the difference.

GOOD CONDUCT WINS.

One of our best women visited a theatre last week and sat on the first floor. The manager sent an usher to ask her to move up stakes, she refused. He asked her to come to the office; she sent word "I will see him after the show." However, it turned

The Negro in America

By J. G. Browne

The New Year 1930 is with us. Your and my resolutions mean nothing without some act by us to make them a part of our every day life. A contract is never binding until there has been some act performed toward its consummation. Science teaches us that light and heat, two essentials to life, are motion. If this be true progress is motion.

We make resolutions because we are dissatisfied and dissatisfaction is an indication of ambition. If we make no resolutions we have no place among the living; we are dead and our burial would be one of the best contributions to progress.

With all of the possibilities that there are in life, why should a rational human being cease his efforts for betterment? We gain the heights by climbing.

This is a year of opportunity, every thing seems more buoyant than it has been since the great war. Do we as a race feel its urge? Can we see the possibilities in politics if some organization functioning for the good of all can be formed by us? Never were the chances better and the outlook more hopeful. The political unrest is such that any organized group can get some consideration from the office seekers who are now entering the field and this is the time to get ready for the battle.

Wishing, hoping and praying, means nothing unless we get together and make ourselves a factor in the contest. We can get some material benefits if we go after them the right way and that way is organization. Let our ministers and leaders begin preaching and teaching the intelligent use of the ballot, impress upon our people the necessity of registering and voting; tell every man and woman of voting-age to use this great privilege vouchsafed to every citizen in this great commonwealth.

Our God comes first and our Country next. Let this be our resolution for the year 1930.

Tennis Ass'n Hits Barring of Negroes

New York, Dec. 31—Arthur E. Francis, president of the New York Tennis association, which is affiliated with the American Tennis Association has written a letter backing up the protest made by the N. A. A. C. P. against the barring of two young colored tennis stars from the National Junior Indoor Tournament.

The letter of Mr. Francis, copy of which he sent the N. A. A. C. P., is addressed to Edward B. Moss, Executive Secretary of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association, and characterizes the barring as "un-American, un-sportsmanlike, narrow-minded, and shortsighted," and says it will bring down just and long-continued protest on that body.

Mr. Francis states that Reginald Weir, one of the young men barred is considered potential Davis Cup team material by both the American and French Davis Cup team coaches.

"I am and the country is shocked at your recent action in barring these two young Negro players," writes Mr. Francis to the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association, "and can only say to you in the words of the late Booker T. Washington, 'the only way to keep the Negro down is to stay down with him.'"

Other letters and messages endorsing the N. A. A. C. P. protest are being received, among them one from Sydney Strong, at the Hotel Wolcott, who says he is also writing in protest to the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association.

The only objection he insisted on was that some of the Negroes were disorderly. So are some of the white patrons. But this patron robbed this manager of his only weapon to justify his conduct. Others should follow the same tactics. They win every time.

Weekly Health Talk

By Dr. Hubert H. London



THE HEART

When a heart needs rest nothing else suffices, and any heart which needs anything at all needs rest. The hurry and strain of the present age does without a doubt contribute to the increasing incidence of heart disease making it the greatest cause of death but the remedy cannot come from the relaxing of the strain or the changing of conditions. Progress sets a pace without mercy on the hearts and it is up to the individual to regulate his life in such a way that undue strain on this organ is avoided. Given eight hours sleep and a healthy body without focuses of infection to increase the work of this organ it is probable that no damage to the heart will result no matter how fast the pace but given these the damage might accrue even without strain. No matter how tempting the wee hours sleep is a necessity. Burning the candle at both ends is a predisposing factor to heart conditions when it may become necessary to use both the day and the night for rest purposes (but never when in a state of health). There is no doubt an interdependence between the heart and the brain so intimate that the lagging of one produces the same effect in the other and vice versa—stimulation of the one produces activity of the other. If this be true as the evidence points that way it is of great importance to keep the heart working normally (or should we wish for overactivity of the heart). Preventive medicine deems it wise to remove focuses of infection to protect this organ and any other measure if necessary should be sought and put into execution.

Alice Says Battle Just Beginning

New Rochelle, N. Y., Jan. 3.—With advice from Las Vegas, Nev., that Leonard Kip Rhinelander, member of a wealthy New York family, had obtained a decree divorcing his wife, Mrs. Alice Jones Rhinelander, daughter of a New Rochelle coachman, counsel for Mrs. Rhinelander declare that the court battles between Kip and his wife are just beginning.

Counsel for Mrs. Rhinelander said that he plans to go into court this week and file his client's delayed suit for separation from Kip Rhinelander. Mrs. Rhinelander will charge desertion and cruelty.

William D. Cunningham, representing Mrs. Rhinelander, says she has just received from Reno, Nev., two affidavits which tend to show that Kip had a Nevada residence and representations in his suit which his client will contest.

It is understood that Mrs. Rhinelander will not ask any specific amount of alimony. She will, however, request the court to fix a reasonable amount—greater nevertheless than the \$300 a month allowed during the pendency of the annulment action.

Mrs. Rhinelander did not seem the least bit concerned about the divorce obtained by her husband. She also added that no matter what legal action her husband had taken in the Nevada city, her property rights in New York would not suffer.

Word from Las Vegas, Nev., says that Kip Rhinelander is a "happy man" since he won his final decree as a result of the third suit he had filed against Mrs. Rhinelander. Circuit Judge William E. Orr was on the bench when the scion of a wealthy New York family was granted his decree. His wife was not represented in court. Harlem Harmon, personal attorney for Rhinelander, was the only attorney appearing at the brief hearing.

Rhinelander alleged mental cruelty and was the principal witness in the unfurled hearing.

"I am a Nevardian now," Kip said. "I came West to get a divorce and I am staying to grow up with the country. When the great Boulder dam is built I hope to have the privilege of playing my part in that work."

Other witnesses testified that Rhinelander had resided in the state. Following the hearing Judge Orr ordered the decree entered.

Alice Jones, daughter of a New Rochelle cabman worked as maid in the Rhinelander home. There she met

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Kip and they were married Oct. 24, 1924. No official announcement was made for a month. When the facts became known the young heir of the Rhinelander family left the home of his bride's parents and went into seclusion. Objection to her by his family on the basis of her color resulted in the filing of an annulment action in Westchester supreme court in 1924.

After the trial, which provided something of a sensation, the annulment action was decided against the Rhinelanders.

Subsequently Leonard Kip dropped out of sight, first going to New Mexico and later taking up residence in Nevada. His wife continued to live in New Rochelle.

Price of Chicago Dies

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Service of this notice is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 527 of the 1924 Code of Iowa; and unless within the said thirty (30) days you perform all of the obligations on your part now delinquent under said contract and make all payments of principal, interest and other sums due, and pay costs of service hereof, and perform all conditions broken, fully as in said contract provided, said contract will become null and void, and you will be barred and forever estopped from having, asserting or claiming any right, title or interest in or to the premises above said or any part thereof.
Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, November 7, 1929.
GUY B. BRUNK.

uncle and aunt, Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, and later with another uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wilson. She was married to Mr. Price some years ago at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jones at Buxton, Iowa, but later moved with them to Chicago where she and her husband resided at the time of his death.

Hardly Cheerful Greeting

A large number of travelers never actually see the beautiful scenery and monuments whose pictures they send home on post cards. One card showing a photograph of a vista in Peru's Chacabamba cemetery read: "Having a lovely day. Wish you were here!"

A Mock Trial

given by Courts of Calantha Nos. 3, 4 and 16

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Society and Clubs = *Edited By Miss Agnes Cortez Drew*

Have You Any Social Items for YOUR Paper?—Read This

The Merry Widows met at the home of Mrs. M. M. Scott, 1045 West 4th Street Place, Wednesday January 1, 1930 and organized a New Year Club which will meet January 12 at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Marmaduke, 813 Crocker Street. All peppy widows are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. M. M. Scott, President
Mrs. Leona Marmaduke, Sec'y.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Houston entertained at dinner New Year's day the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brent, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steele, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyer and Mr. R. Parker. An elaborate dinner was served. The afternoon and evening were spent with radio music as the special entertainment. The guests departed at a late hour after congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Houston as being wonderful entertainers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyer and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Brent entertained at the home of Mrs. Brent, 1341 McCormick for dinner Christmas Day. An elaborate two course dinner was served. A very pleasant afternoon was spent with music as the diversion for the evening. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steele, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boyer of Moran, Iowa, and Mrs. Lena Bratcher of Omaha, Nebr.

Wanted: Information as to the whereabouts of the two daughters and son of Willis W. Lewis. Send information or have them write at once to Mrs. E. M. Bell, 603 S. Van Buren Ave., Mason City, Iowa. Important to them.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The adult Bible Class is increasing in number. Sunday noon services were very well attended. The B. Y. P. U. met at its usual hour with a very large and happy crowd. The topic for discussion was "How can we make our Union better?" Mr. A. Spriggs and Mrs. Jordan W. Tutt are planning new activities for the group which I am sure will prove beneficial. At eight o'clock Sunday evening the adult choir rendered several numbers after which baptism, installation of officers. A New Year's candle light service and communion. The missionary Circle will meet at the residence of Mrs. White, 1300 East 17th Street, Thursday evening. The Sewing Circle will meet at the residence of Mrs. Jordan Tutt Friday afternoon, 1446 Buchanan. The F. D. R. Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Frank Brent. The pastor will deliver the message at the Bethany Baptist Church Thursday evening. The Union Baptist choir will sing at the Bethany Baptist Revival Thursday evening. Clara Houston is on our sick list. The senior boys will meet at the annex of the church Thursday evening. The Junior boys will meet Monday evening for social arrangements. Sunday, Jan. 12, the Sunday school will open 9:45 with its new President Mr. Snyder; 10:45 the pastor will preach, Sub. "The Happy People"; 6:30 B. Y. P. U., will open, topic, "A New Program"; Sunday evening at 8 P. M. preaching, "The Heart the Manager"; Mid week services, Wednesday at 7:30. You are welcome.

Iowa City, Jan. 3—Fellowship, loyalty and reverence were combined in the motive for the formation of an organization called the Carey Social Center here, according to the Rev. E. L. Fuller, its founder.

Although the Center is composed of fraternity, non-fraternity and sorority members, the spirit displayed from its beginning up to the present is indeed one of service to the Negro students on the campus of the State University of Iowa.

Dudley Black, a Des Moines boy, who is secretary-treasurer of the Center has been one of the most active members according to the Rev. Mr. Fuller. Mack Wilson and Henry Johnson, both students at the university and from Des Moines are interested in the project.

When the program which the Rev. Mr. Fuller has outlined is completed, the Center will be a \$40,000 building including an auditorium, cafe, barber and lounge.

We have no report staff to cover units social or otherwise, hence many things have happened and have received no public mention.

For your convenience boxes with paper and pencil attached have been placed at the Community Center, Community Pharmacy, Standard Drug Store and A. L. Smith's barber shop into which such news articles may be dropped. If this is done we guarantee publication of all news, providing it bears the signature and address of contributor.

The T. O. B. Club met Friday, Jan. 10, with Mrs. Gwendolyn Wilson as hostess. The next meeting will be with Adelaide Bowman, 928 14th St. Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Elliston, proprietors of the White Rock Chicken ranch north of the city, left Sunday evening for a two months' tour of the Southland, during which in addition to making a first hand investigation of the condition of our people in that section, Mr. Elliston will act as representative of a local company manufacturing and dispensing certain foods and remedies used in the chicken business.

On New Year's Day his mother Mrs. Gus Nichols entertained in his honor Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown and Mrs. Marjorie Kizer.

Mr. R. F. Hogsette, who has been ill during the past few weeks is somewhat improved.

CROCKER STREET Y NOTES

The subject for discussion at the Crocker St. Y's People's Forum, Sunday afternoon, January 12th, will be "The Youth and the Church." Atty. S. Joe Brown will lead the discussion. Each person desiring will be given an opportunity to express his views on this timely topic.

Gym classes have been resumed after the holiday season from school activities. We are at the East High School every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 P. M. and at the West High gym every Friday evening from 7 to 9 P. M. Teams will enter the Crocker St. Basketball league from Corinthian Baptist, St. Paul A. M. E., Bethel A.

M. E., Union Baptist and Burns M. E. The Crocker St. Y will promote a Junior league from the many boys' clubs supported by the work.

We take this opportunity to express to Miss Ruth Marie Brown, Executive Secretary of the Blue Triangle Branch, Y. W. C. A., our deepest regrets to her in the loss of her sister during the holiday period.

During the vacation period from school duties the Crocker St. Y. M. C. A. conducted tournaments and contests in ping pong, checkers, Yo Yo spinning and pocket billiards. Some one hundred youngsters attended the Christmas party given by the Crocker St. Y at the Burns M. E. through the courtesy of Rev. H. L. Overton and the officials of the church.

Don't forget the Y's People's Forum at the Crocker St. Y building every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P. M. Live topics up for discussion. Y our friends are invited along with you.

We wish every one a year crammed full of the better things of life, which include happiness, health and service. HAPPY NEW YEAR and MANY of THEM.

In keeping with their custom of several years, the undertaking firm of L. Fowler & Son has just completed the distribution of beautiful calendars. The picture is a Negro subject, gotten up with good taste and bespeaks the splendid institution which Mr. Fowler conducts.

Mr. and Mrs. Rheuban Gains, of Albia, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hill of Oskaloosa, Iowa, spent Sunday in Des Moines the guest of Mrs. Bertha Gaines. They also visited a number of their old acquaintances in the city.

Rev. G. W. Robinson spent Friday in Davenport on business.

Mrs. Nell Esters entertained at a luncheon Thursday afternoon at the Marguerita Hotel in honor of Mrs. McNeal of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Minnie Clay was hostess to the La Mercedia Club Wednesday afternoon.

The Mary Church Terrell Club was entertained by Mrs. A. A. Alexander at her home, Monday, January 6th.

The Blue Jays Boys Club will meet Saturday afternoon at the Center. Anthony Timony, Pres. James Bowman, Sec'y.

The Blue Bird group meets each Saturday afternoon at the Center. All girls from six to ten years old are invited. Mrs. Anderson White, leader.

Mrs. Ola Patterson presented her pupils in a piano recital, Wednesday, January 9th, at the Community Center. This was indeed a very nice program and Mrs. Patterson is to be complimented.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown during the illness and at the time of the death of our aunt and sister, Mrs. Mary Raper. We also wish to thank our friends for the beautiful floral offerings, Rev. E. N. Warren for the consoling remarks and L. Fowler and Son for their efficient service.

Vern Wilkerson
Iver Richardson

Mrs. F. E. Bowman was hostess to a dinner at her home Sunday afternoon, January 5th, which was given in honor of Mr. Frank Robinson of Iowa University, who is spending his vacation at home. The guests were

Mr. John Chapman, Miss Lillian Marshall and the hostess' sister, Miss Beatrice Eaves.

The Fort Nightly Club will meet Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dacus as hostess.

Phi Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta met Wednesday at the Center. The next meeting will be the fourth Wednesday in this month.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Spriggs Raper was born in Branford, Ontario, and passed away Tuesday, December 31, at the Mercy Hospital. She has been a resident of Des Moines for about forty-two years. Mrs. Raper leaves to mourn her loss, one sister, Mrs. Jessie Richardson, of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Cash Spriggs of Port Huron, Mich.; one son, John Robinson of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter Mrs. Blanche Graves of Chicago, Ill.; three nephews, Vern Wilkerson, Charles and Iver Richardson of Des Moines and a host of friends. Funeral services were held at the L. Fowler & Son Funeral Home with Rev. E. N. Warren officiating. Interment at Glendale Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

"Even for the dead I will not bind My soul to grief; death cannot divide, For it is not as if the rose that climbed My garden wall, had bloomed the other side?"

In loving remembrance of my Mother, Mrs. Clara Whitfield-Crawford who has "bloomed the other side" since January 9, 1928. Not fainting by the wayside, dear mother, but serving and striving each day, so that I may join when my work here on earth shall end.

Lorraine G. Crawford, Daughter
Little Rock, Ark.

OBITUARY

Mr. Frank Wills who resided at 119 East Locust Street, died January 5, at the Broadlawn Tubercular Hospital at the age of 24 years, 10 months and 25 days. He had been a resident of Des Moines for about two years. His body was shipped to Eldorado, Kansas by L. Fowler & Son for burial.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown during the illness and at the time of the death of our husband and brother, Frank Wills. We also wish to thank them for the beautiful floral offerings and L. Fowler & Son for their efficient service.

Mrs. Lucile Wills
Mrs. F. Thomas
Mr. G. Wills.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Pearl Smith who resided at 1445 Walker Street died at her home Saturday, January 4th, at the age of 41 years. She had been a very patient sufferer for eight months. Funeral services were held at L. Fowler & Son Funeral Home Monday January 6, Rev. J. L. Lucas officiated. Interment was at Glendale Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, Chas. Smith, mother, Nellie Mays, two sisters and two brothers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown during the illness and at the time of the death of our daughter and wife, Mrs. Pearl Smith. We also wish to thank them for their beautiful floral offerings. We wish to thank Rev. Lucas for his wonderful remarks and L. Fowler & Son for their kind and efficient service.

Mrs. Nellie Mays, mother
Mr. Chas. Smith, husband.

MRS. ADAM DIXON PASSES

Perhaps never before in the history of St. Paul A. M. E. Church of this city was the entire congregation so shocked as upon Friday morning, January 3rd when the news spread abroad of the sudden passing of Mrs. Pithene Dixon, affectionately known to all the members and friends of St. Paul Church as Mother Dixon, widow of the late Adam Dixon, for many years a trustee and custodian of the church property and who had preceded her wife by just three months.

Mother Dixon, whose maiden name was Pithene Hutchinson, was born in Clarksville, Tenn., Jan. 5th, 1857, and was married to Adam Dixon in Princeton, Ill., Feb. 15th, 1883 to which union there were born three children, only one of whom, Baker Dixon, the trusted chauffeur of Mrs. E. T. Meredith, survives, and with whom she made her home at 1156 Enos Avenue.

From Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon removed to Nebraska in the early days of that state and took up a homestead; but later came to Iowa and settled at old Muehakinock, from which place they removed to Des Moines about thirty years ago, when she engaged first in the grocery and later in the real estate business, being the first Des Moines Negro woman to enter either field.

When but thirteen years of age, she united with the A. M. E. Church of which she has continued a faithful member and a consistent worker up to the time of her death at which time she was serving as chairman of the senior stewardess board, leader of Class No. 2 and Treasurer of the Women's Mite Missionary Society, all of which offices she had filled for a number of years.

Her body lay in state at the Wilson Funeral Home all day Sunday the 5th and in her own home Monday up to the time of the funeral, which was held from the church in which she had spent so much of her life since coming to Des Moines. Eulogies were delivered by Rev. C. M. Tanner, pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Robinson, pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church and also by representatives of the various auxiliaries with which she was affiliated,

each of which also presented elaborate floral tributes.

She leaves beside her son, his wife, and three devoted grandsons all of whom were at her bedside when she passed; also three sisters, Mesdames Martha Brooks, Carrie Garnet and Nannie Strong of St. Paul, Minn. and one brother, Geo. Hutchinson of Paducah, Ky. Local

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Long Distance Telephone Rates Reduced Again

On January 1, another reduction in certain long distance telephone rates was placed in effect.

This is the fourth reduction in long distance charges in a little more than three years and will result in a saving of about \$80,000 a year to telephone users in Iowa.

Reductions made the first of the year are, briefly, as follows:

1. Day station-to-station rates (calls for anyone available) for calls over distances between 60 to 318 miles which were 50 cents to \$1.50 were reduced five or 10 cents.
2. On person-to-person calls (when you talk to a specified person) charges for overtime after the first 10 minutes of conversation were reduced.
3. The report charge on most calls over distances of more than 60 miles was reduced from 5 to 40 cents.
4. A few person-to-person rates, which were 70 cents to \$1.90, were reduced. Also a few evening rates are lower.

Following are representative new and old rates for three-minute day station-to-station calls:

From Des Moines To	Old Rate	New Rate
Fort Dodge	\$0.55	\$0.50
Waterloo	.65	.55
Omaha	.85	.75
Davenport	.95	.85
Kansas City, Mo.	1.05	.95
Minneapolis	1.20	1.10

These reductions are in accordance with the aim of this Company to continue to furnish the best possible telephone service at the least cost to the public, consistent with financial safety. The development of storm proof cable and of equipment and methods that secure greater use of long distance lines have contributed toward making these reductions possible.

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