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DePriest Speaks for Howard University Bill

Reported Rift In NAACP Staff Branded False

New York, Dec. 22.—Rumors that James Weldon Johnson had quit the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, were branded as false in a statement today by Walter White, Acting Secretary. Mr. White said: "Rumors that Mr. Johnson has resigned as Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P. because of dissension, are unfounded. He will be one of the principal speakers, as has been publicly announced, at the Annual Mass Meeting of the Association on Sunday, January 4, in St. Mark's M. E. Church, at which the other speakers are Senator Robert F. Wagner and J. E. Spingarn, the Association's President."

In St. Mark's Church, Jan. 4 New York, Dec. 18.—The first presidential message to the N. A. A. C. P. by its newly elected President, J. E. Spingarn, donor of the Spingarn Medal, will be delivered in an address at the Annual Mass Meeting of the Association in St. Mark's M. E. Church, St. Nicholas Avenue at 137th street, on Sunday afternoon, January 4th.

Mr. Spingarn will speak from the same platform as Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, who was the only Senator to make a speech during the Parker fight specifically opposing confirmation of his nomination to the Supreme Court on the ground of Parker's anti-Negro utterances.

The third speaker at the N. A. A. C. P. Annual Mass Meeting will be James Weldon Johnson, the Association's Secretary. CORRECTION: In last week's releases it was erroneously stated that Mr. Spingarn was an honorary citizen of the City of Munich. He is an honorary citizen of the University of Munich, of which Richard Strauss, celebrated operatic and orchestral composer is also an honorary citizen. Honorary citizenships are bestowed by German Universities as well as by cities.

The Annual Meeting of the N. A. A. C. P. will be held on Monday afternoon, January 5th, at the National offices, 69 Fifth Ave., at which time the officers for the year will be elected and a report read by Walter White, Acting Secretary, on the work of the year. The meeting will be opened promptly at 2 P. M. To this meeting, as to the Annual Mass Meeting, the public is cordially invited.

ASK DISMISSAL OF NEWARK SCHOOL EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Newark, N. J., Dec. 19.—A conference of colored clergymen of various denominations in Newark has passed resolutions to be forwarded to the Board of Education, asking suspension or removal of the schools held for the grand jury on charges of abusing two eight year old colored girls.

"NEGRO AND SUPREME COURT" BY WHITE IN JANUARY HARPER'S

New York, Dec. 19.—The United States Supreme Court offers the surest means of obtaining justice for the Negro in this country, according to Walter White, Acting Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., who writes in January Harper's Magazine on "The Negro and the Supreme Court".

In his article Mr. White tells at length of the successful fight to prevent confirmation to that Court of Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina, who as a "hilly white" Republican had publicly expressed opposition to the Negro's participation in politics.

Missouri Sheriff Foils Mob

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 24.—Sheriff John Roach convinced a mob of 150 citizens that it would do them no good to seek to capture the person of Raymond Gunn, who is being held in jail for an alleged attack on Miss Velma Colter, 19-year-old white school teacher, and her subsequent murder.

Sheriff Roach assembled all his deputies called upon the city police and ordered a machine-gun tank from the National Guard. He told the mob leaders that there was nothing doing and the police beat the men back until guard lines were established a block from the jail. Mob members then gathered at a spot two blocks distant and held a conference, but nothing was done.

Gunn is said to have served a sentence for attacking a co-ed at the Missouri State Teacher's College, where Miss Colter was once a student.

PAUL ROBESON AMONG NOTABLES IN NEW BRITISH "WHO'S WHO"

New York, Dec. 19.—Paul Robeson, whose acting on the part of Othello in Shakespeare's play that name created a furore in London, is included in the New British edition of "Who's Who", according to a special table to the New York Times, relayed by the N. A. A. C. P.

Among the other Americans so listed are Charles Lindbergh, Helen Wills, the tennis champion, Senator William E. Borah, J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas A. Edison, Ambassador Charles G. Dawes and Mary Garden.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Church Makes Splendid Progress Under Pastorate of Reverend W. M. Withers

St. John's Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. D., Rev. M. W. Withers, Pastor, is doing an outstanding piece of work. Last spring in the month of April this congregation purchased the Jewish Church and Parsonage for a consideration of seven thousand (\$7,000.00) dollars. They paid down at that time \$2,500.00 cash (April 18th) and held their opening services on Easter Sunday and dedicated the church the following Sunday, April 27th. Then on the tenth of November another payment of \$1,700.00 was paid, making a total of \$4,200.00 in cash these people have paid on this property this year. Pastor Withers is the leader of this Church in this great financial effort. "Many have asked the question, 'How was this done?' Rev. John L. Barton (white) Executive Secretary of the South Dakota Baptist Convention said for industry and consecration it would be difficult to find the equal of this congregation, a membership of forty (40).

The Church is also spiritually alive. At a very successful revival conducted in November by Rev. Z. E. McGee of Omaha, Neb., three were received by Baptism and three otherwise.

This Church will entertain the

Negro Problem Termed Biggest in America

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—"The Negro problem is the most dangerous problem the American people confront," said Judge Nicholas Klein of Cincinnati, O., addressing an audience of 500 at a meeting of the New Orleans division of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

"During the World War 2,000,000 Negroes of the world died to make the world safe for democracy," said Judge Klein while speaking on the future of the Negro race. "What the Negro needs is not a government within a government, but a country he can call his own."

"You must have less religion and more action until you create a Negro republic in Africa, your mother continent," Judge Klein added.

Miss L. T. deMena, international organizer of the association, urged the Negroes to stop imitating the whites and to be proud of their own race. Dressed in a black gown trimmed in red, green and purple and wearing a white and purple cape, Miss deMena pointed to the red, black and green flag of the future republic and asked for financial contributions to the cause. Other officers of the association spoke.

FATHER ROBERTS TO CONDUCT SERVICES AT ST. SIMON'S MISSION SUNDAY

The Rev. A. M. Roberts will conduct services at St. Simon's Episcopal Mission, 950 Fourteenth Street Place, Sunday, December 28th. The day's services will begin with Holy Communion at 7:45; church school followed by morning prayer and sermon at 10:45; evening prayer and address at 7:45. The public is invited.

The Rev. Roberts was absent on Sunday, December 14th, because of illness.

Women in Charge Emancipation Celebration

For the first time in the history of the branch, the ladies will have complete charge of the annual emancipation program of the local N. A. A. C. P. on January 1, which will be held at Burns M. E. Church.

Mrs. G. W. Slater, wife of the pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, will give the principal address on William Lloyd Garrison, this occasion being the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Liberator, the noted anti-slavery paper which was edited by Garrison.

Other important features will be music by a chorus composed of ladies from the churches of the city under the leadership of Mrs. Sadie Thomas. The meeting will begin at eight-fifteen and the public is cordially invited.

CHESTERFIELD LEAGUE TO AID EMPLOYMENT

A plan to cooperate with the Y. W. C. A. in an effort to relieve unemployment was adopted at a meeting of the Chesterfield Progressive League held at the First C. M. E. Church, Southeast Twenty-eighth and Maury Sts., last Friday night, December 12th.

CAPITAL CITY PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE ACTIVE

Following the appearance of the Hon. Roscoe P. Bane, Supt. of Public Safety, before the Executive Board of the Capital City Progressive League on December 3rd, that organization has been quite busy investigating the reported dismissal of Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Policewoman, and the reasons therefor. A conference with the Mayor, Supt. Bane and the Civil Service Commission was arranged for Dec. 11th, to take up the matter of Civil Service examinations and appointments. The League's Committee, composed of Mrs. Elbert R. Hall, Chairman, Mr. Harrison Gould, Mr. Bonnie Herndon, Mr. Tug Wilson and Mr. J. Will Johnson, will meet with the Commissioners on December 19th in an effort to work out a plan for representation by Negroes in the service of the city.

CREDIT UNION GROWS

The St. Paul A. M. E. Credit Union held its first regular meeting since its organization in the lecture room of the church Tuesday evening. Reports showed that the membership had increased to twenty-two of whom four have paid out on their shares, one of them having paid in full for five shares.

Mr. B. G. Olson, State Director, was present and explained representation in the State Credit Union League, which meets in Cedar Rapids, January 17th. Rev. Wm. E. Guy and J. L. Dameron were elected delegates to the state meeting; S. A. Walker and Mrs. Estella Broomfield alternates. Rev. Guy was also nominated as a candidate for member of the state board of directors.

The next which will be the annual meeting of the St. Paul Union will be held at the same place, Tuesday, January 13th, at which time the officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SENATOR SURVEYS NEGRO IN HIS STATE New York, Dec. 19.—A survey of the Negro in West Virginia, written by State Senator Walter S. Hallanan, is one of the feature articles in the current, January, 1931 "Crisis" Magazine.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS—We are sending notices to a number of our subscribers, many of whom are responding; many are not. Please remember that it takes money to send these notices and that when you fail to respond it is simply a loss to us of time and money. We believe you are with us. "Show it with money."

St. Paul's Church to Begin Series of Meetings

EVANGELISTS GRAHAM AND AT ST. PAUL'S FOR CAMPAIGN

The closing night of the year 1930 has been set apart by the pastor and congregation of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church as the time for the beginning of a campaign of evangelism that is being so set and planned that it should be lastingly remembered in Des Moines.

At 7:30 P. M. on the evening of December 31st, the Rev. Dr. Guy expects to open a church conference of St. Paul's members in the Sunday School room. Each of the church auxiliaries will submit a report of the year's activities. The pastor will present a forward look into 1931. There will follow a half hour of sociability during which a luncheon will be partaken of.

At ten o'clock the revival prayer service will be begun under the leadership of Sisters Marjorie Casson and Sadie B. Jenkins. Evangelist Etta B. Graham will fire the first gun of the campaign at 10:30 P. M. Special music will be provided by the gospel choir under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wilson.



Evangelist ETTA B. GRAHAM

The following are announced as high points in the campaign of evangelism: "The Five Dangerous Steps of Life", an illustrated sermon on canvas; "The Great Monsters", an address for women and girls; "What Is Man?", a sermon for men only; another illustrated sermon, "What Becomes of Our Sins?" Mrs. Etta B. Graham has traveled extensively throughout America and Canada. The Rev. Dr. Guy announces to the public that it will find in Evangelist Graham a PREACHER. She is highly intelligent, well trained and spirit-filled. Do not expect to be merely entertained. You will not be called on to make allowances for the fact that Sister Graham is a woman preacher. SHE IS A PREACHER. Miss Marjorie Casson, specialist in religious work among young people, will assist Mrs. Graham. The campaign begins December 31st, 10:30 P. M.

Southern Congressman Speaks for Measure Also

Senate Confirms New Minister to Liberia



Charles E. Mitchell, new minister to Liberia, who was confirmed by the Senate two weeks ago following his appointment to the post by President Hoover. He will leave for Liberia in January.

Masons to Install Officers Dec. 27

The program of the Masonic Installation and Celebration on St. John day, Saturday, Dec. 27, 1930 is as follows:

Remarks by W. C. Buice, P. S. G. W., Master of Ceremony; Song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"; Invocation by Rev. W. E. Guy; Installation of officers and lodges and chapters, by Branaham N. Hyde, P. S. G. W.; Song; Remarks by Representative of Princess Zora Chapter O. E. S. No. 10; Remarks by Representative of Olive Branch Chapter O. E. S. No. 32; Reading by Representative of Princess Oziel Chapter O. E. S. No. 9; Song; Address on St. John and Why Masons Celebrate This Day, by W. M. Oney, 33', Rt. W. G. C., Iowa and jurisdiction; Presentation Past and Present Grand Officers, by Master of Ceremonies; Social Hour and Refreshments served by James B. Mitchell, Chairman of Committee on Refreshments.

All members of the Masonic family are invited to be present at the Hall on 11th and Center streets, Saturday, Dec. 27, at 8 p. m. Sharp. Committee: J. W. Rhodes, No. 2; Gen. Chm.; J. B. Mitchell, No. 2; R. S. Sims, No. 2; Robert Wisdom, No. 2; Earl Hughes, No. 44; Earl Dunn, No. 44; Jeff Martin, No. 44; Gus Thomas, No. 30; W. M. Oney, No. 39, Gen. Sec. To Deliver First Presidential Message

PICKET TOLEDO STORES TO GET JOBS FOR NEGRO CLERKS

New York, Dec. 19.—Picketing of various stores in Toledo, Ohio, is getting jobs for Negroes as clerks. The picketing is being done by the Toledo Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. which reports that a number of stores have already yielded.

Washington, D. C.—Oscar DePriest making his second speech in Congress in two years, mocked Congressmen from Dixie who boast of colored mammy's and then seek to deny mammy's sons equal opportunity.

The House had before it Friday the Interior Department appropriation bill designating \$1,160,000 for Howard University to which Committee Chairman Cramton had added \$400,000 more as a first appropriation towards an \$800,000 library.

The entire sum was finally voted, 128 to 25.

Clifton Woodrum (Dem., Roanoke, Va.), objected to the additional \$400,000, declaring that the government faces a deficit, and the money should go towards relieving unemployment. He recalled that an increase in pay had been denied government employees.

The Virginian declared the bill if passed committed the government to give Howard University \$3,000,000 by 1935.

Murphy Joins In

Rep. Frank Murphy (Rep., Ohio) immediately joined in the debate, declaring Congress gave Indians, Eskimos and a lot of other underprivileged folks \$23,000,000.

When the congressional committee visited the University recently, Mr. Murphy said that the present library is so small that students, books in hand, were seen standing around the walls studying. "They are cramped and have not room enough."

Byrns Opposes

Rep. Joseph Byrns (Dem., Nashville, Tenn.) opposing the library appropriation, denied he was motivated by race prejudice. He said Tennessee makes no race discrimination in education and if the government appropriates funds to Howard, it should also give to Fisk.

He told a story of Old Dan, "an aged colored man" who many years ago lived on his father's farm and whom "he loved better than anyone except his parents."

DePriest Gets Two Minutes

Rep. DePriest, given two minutes to speak, said he appreciated the great love of Southern Congressman for his people, but can not appreciate their failure to give them an opportunity to become better citizens.

Referring to the "close contact" Southern Congressmen had with Negroes, Mr. DePriest said: "I have heard some of them say that they had suckled the breasts of black mammy's, and I suppose that is true. They were nourished and grew fat over it."

"I am satisfied if they will think a second time they will vote as I expect to vote for this appropriation."

Cramton Alleges Prejudice

Rep. Lov's Cramton (Rep., Mich.) appropriation committee chairman said: "If it were not something for the colored race, there would not be made the same attack upon this item."

Rep. Adolf J. Sabath (Dem., Chicago) obtained leave to extend his remarks in the Record. The House also passed the bill carrying a total of \$387,000 for Freedmen's Hospital. Rep. Blanton (Dem., Texas) spoke in favor of the whole Howard University appropriation.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Society and Clubs—Virginia Stewart-Dixon

Societies dowagers, matrons and debutantes lent their charm to Roosevelt Club's informal dancing party in the ballroom of the Hotel La Marguerite, Monday evening. The Roosevelt dance, an annual affair, is one of the outstanding social events of the winter season. Invitations were issued to many couples.

Pi chapter, of Delta Sigma Theta sorority will be entertained with a theatre party followed by a luncheon on Saturday, January 3rd. The following sorors will act hostesses: The Misses Clara Webb, Anna Wilson, Lucille Simmons and Mrs. Viola Jones.

The Twelve Whoopie Girls entertained their husbands and friends at a pre-Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 20th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Roper, 1420 Buchanan street. Guest list is as follows: Messrs. Lewis Harvey, Walter Talbert, Claude Carr, Worth Wright, John Lomas, Ralph Wagner, Henry Manue; Mrs. Florence Adams, Mrs. Bertha Gaines; Mrs. Hazel Barnes, Miss Russell and Mr. Fritz and Mr. Carr. Out of town guest: Mrs. Bell Brown of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. Leland of Omaha.

Mr. Ralph Wagner, Mrs. Lulu Crumb and sister, Mrs. Murray, are spending the holidays in Omaha, the house guest of their sister, Mrs. Sophia Turner.

Mr. W. H. Roderick spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Roderick of Grinnell, Iowa.

Mr. L. W. Strothers of Colfax, Iowa, was in the city over the weekend, visiting his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Gaines, 1018 Twelfth street.

The S. O. & J. Girls met with Miss Maggie Bohanna at 607 Country Club Blvd., Dec. 16th. A two course luncheon was served by the hostess, after which cards formed the diversion of the evening.

Agnes Eppright, Pres.
Bertha Addison, Secy.

Mr. Aaron D. Bell, Junior Liberal Arts student at the State University of Iowa, enroute to his home at Houston, Texas, for the holidays, visited Miss Leona Ligon, 1209 Day street.

Mr. Theodore Brewton of Mason City, who is attending school at Iowa State, is in the city for the holidays, the guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Mitchell, 1324 Day street.

The La Mercredi Club is having a Five Hundred Party at the La Marguerite Hotel New Year's eve afternoon.

The Social Art Club gave a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Topson, 1313 Fremont street. Gifts were exchanged. Guests present were, Mesdames Carrie Miller, Hattie Bucher, Willie Chapman, Douglas, Neal, A. Crowder, Mamie Johnson, Sarah Wells and Wheeler.

Mrs. Enola Thompson-Clark, teacher in Kansas City, Kan., is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Maud O. Thompson, 1306 20th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander left Christmas morning for Philadelphia, the scene of the annual meeting of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Mr. Alexander is Grand Polemarch.

Mrs. Manerva Bullock is spending the holiday in the city, the guest of relatives and friends.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Hartwell was born in Lulaski County, Virginia, and at the age of nineteen she was united in marriage to Zacharna Hartwell who died July 27, 1910.

For a number of years she was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church of East Des Moines.

Mrs. Hartwell was the mother of seven boys and three girls. She leaves to mourn her loss five daughters, Nannie Wooding of Cincinnati, Ohio, Fannie Seales of Middleville, Penn.; Virginia Connor of Wolf, West Virginia; Anna Claybrook of Des Moines; Wynona Sales of Des Moines; one sister

and two brothers; ten grandchildren; two great grandchildren; three cousins, Mrs. Anna Clinton Eaves of Perry, Iowa, Mr. Edward Hendricks of Des Moines, Iowa; other relatives and a host of friends.

"Earth may take from us all we have
But naught can ever tear
From our bereaved and lonely hearts
Your memory so dear."

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 loving mother and for their floral offering and for their cars; also Rev. Slater for his kind remarks and L. Fowler & Son for their efficient service.

Mrs. W. Sales, Mrs. Sara Fields, Minnie Wood, Mrs. Annie Claybrook and Mrs. Jennie Connor.

MRS. BELLE EARLY BURIED AT LAUREL HILL

Mrs. Lulu Belle Early, born December 28, 1879, died December 14, 1930. She joined the church in 1918. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, Arthur Early; one sister, Mrs. Hettie Rose, one brother, Mr. Preston Edwards, one cousin Mrs. Eva Rios, sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Early; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Viola Hall, and a host of friends. Funeral was held Thursday, December 18th, at Rev. Rice's church, Southeast 15th St. Court. Interment at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness shown during the illness and at the time of the death of wife and sister, Mrs. Lulu Belle Early; also wish to thank Rev. Rice for his kind remarks and L. Fowler and Son for their efficient service.

Arthur Early, husband.
Mrs. Hettie Rose, sister.
Preston Edwards, brother.

On last Thursday evening at the Fraternal Temple, West 11th and Center Streets, occurred the annual installation of the recently elected officers of the higher branches of York Rite Masonry in G. H. Clegggett and in King Solomon Commandery of Knights Templar No. 2, (Prince Hall Affiliation).

Most Excellent Companion Branham N. Hyde, Past Grand High Priest of the Hawkeye Grand Chapter of R. A. M. acted as installing officer for the Chapter and installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

I. H. Johnson, High Priest; Albert Gater, King; John Bell, Scribe; Jas. B. Mitchell, Treasurer; J. A. Wilson, Secretary; S. Joe Brown, Captain of the Host; B. N. Hyde, Principal Sojourner; C. C. Johnson, Royal Arch Captain; T. R. Ringo, Master of the 3rd Vall; W. C. Rhodes, Master of the 2nd Vall; A. D. Green, Master of the 1st Vall; and W. Harvey C. Benning, Sentinel.

Rt. E. Sir S. Joe Brown, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the Hawkeye Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, acted as installing officer for the Commandery and installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

A. D. Green, Eminent Commander; I. H. Johnson, Generalissimo; J. A. Wilson, Capt. General; John W. Rhodes, Prelate; John Bell, Senior Warden; Harvey C. Benning, Junior Warden; Branham N. Hyde, Treasurer; S. Joe Brown, Recorder; W. C. Rhodes, Standard Bearer; Jas. B. Mitchell, Sword Bearer; Albert Gater, Warden; and C. C. Johnson, Captain of the Guard.

Hereafter, the Royal Arch Chapter will meet only on the 2nd Thursdays of January, March, May, July, September and November; while the Commandery of Knights Templar, will meet only on the 2nd Thursdays of October and December.

BIG STATUE OF WASHINGTON IN WHITE CHURCH

New York, Dec. 18—(ANP) In the new Riverside Baptist Church recently erected at a cost of \$6,000,000, which is the pride of the Baptist faith, there are monuments and statues to the memory of every race on earth. Not only are the dead honored on the facade of the beautiful edifice, but one living man has been honored. But of chief concern to the colored people of the world is the fact that a monument or statue to the memory of Booker T. Washington, in his likeness, is a part of the huge edifice, which takes rank in New York City. John D. Rockefeller donated a large sum of money for the erection of the church and stipulated that it was to be a church for all people, regardless of color or creed. This is the first time

that a colored man has been so honored.

GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER AT 85

Mrs. Caroline Webb, 1008 16th Street, Des Moines, is a great, great grandmother at 85 years of age, having lived to see five living generations. Mrs. Webb is the mother of Mrs. Laura Stewart, who is a great grandmother at the age of 58. Mrs. Webb has three grandchildren: Bessie and William Stewart, and Virginia Stewart-Dixon, children of Mrs. Laura Stewart; nine great grandchildren; one great great grandchild, Cecil Clarke White, four months old son of Ella Stewart-White. Incidentally, Mrs. Lillian Stewart, 33 year old mother of Erma White is one of Iowa's youngest grandmothers.

New York, Dec. 12.—J. E. Spingarn has been elected President of the N.

Remark That Silenced Silly Women at Opera

Who says that American men are lacking in cultural instincts and confine their conversation to the three prosaics—business, sports and prohibition? During intermission at a Philadelphia orchestra concert the other night this reporter, seeking enlightenment, joined a group of veteran music-lovers.

He heard this:
"So I turned to those two chattering women behind me and said, 'Ladies, you are barbarians.' And they didn't talk again that night while the program was on."

"Well, you made out better than I did once at the Metropolitan. I guess I was too polite," I said. "Pardon me, ladies, but the music has begun." They talked more and faster than ever.
"Aw, you don't know how. I certainly squelched two girls sitting beside me at a German opera one night. I said: 'Excuse me, girls, but Wagner didn't write any parts in this opera for female voices in the gallery.'"
"Gee, you know how to do it, all right."—Philadelphia Record.

Awful Threat Brought "Half-Croon" in Hurry

Grim was the reply of the Scottish gravedigger when a certain niggardly farmer was haggling about the charge for his wife's interment. I well remember the gravedigger recounting the incident. I had asked him if he ever had any difficulty in getting payment for his rather trying work.

"Only yince," he said. "It was when Ewan Swan-buried his wife. Ye mind her with the guld gaun tongue. Efter I had raised my kep, as a signal to the mourners to gang, Ewan stayed a while. Says he to me, 'What will be aw'n ye, John?' 'Seven and six,' says I. 'It's over much,' says he, 'in licht andy soil like that, and he hands me a croon.' 'Sandy soil or hard clay, it's seven and six,' says I, 'and don with another half-croon or up she comes!' And I never seen a half-croon come as smart 'ot o' a fermer's pouch."—Scots Observer.

What a Penny Can Do

I heard a wise man say: "Give crown and pounds and guineas, but not your heart away. . . . Young men, however, are apt to be careless of their hearts, unduly of their pounds and guineas, but rarely, very rarely, mindful of their pennies. A penny, they know, will tell them their weight, will purchase exactly one stick of chewing gum. Some may even know that a penny will light a 40-watt bulb for three and a half hours. But pennies are generally a nuisance. You get them when you buy a newspaper. You can never tip with them."

But this a penny can do, so scorn it less: one penny can move a ton of coal one mile, almost, by rail. By sea one penny can move a ton of coal fifteen miles, which, incidentally, is 70,200 feet.—Fortune, the Business Magazine.

The Last Scrivener

"I am the last public scrivener in Paris. . . . A serious little man was speaking to a representative of the Paris Solt. 'Things have changed,' he continued, 'and when the buildings about here are torn down I shall have to move. There are not so many letters to write now, for even the little maids have learned to pencil their own love missives. I still have, however, enough clients to earn my living.' Over his modest office is the sign: 'Public Scrivener.' The profession was legalized in France by Charles V during the latter part of the Fourteenth century.—Exchange.

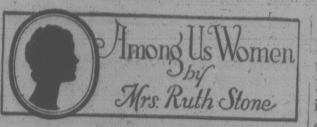
Ceylon Great Trading Port

Spices, plumbago, pearls and rare woods, the export commodities which brought fame to Ceylon, have been superseded by the island's leading exports. More than one-fourth of the world's commercial crop of tea is produced there. In the two chief coconut products, copra and coconut oil, Ceylon's contribution forms a tenth of the total rubber supply is produced there.

A. A. C. P., succeeding the late Moorfield Storey, of Boston. It was announced today at the organization's National Offices, 69 Fifth Avenue.

Mr. Spingarn, a scholar of international reputation, is at present literary adviser and vice president of Harcourt, Brace & Co., publishers, and is the author of numerous works of literary history, criticism, and poetry.

Mr. Spingarn was one of the charter members of the N. A. A. C. P. and has been actively supporting its work twenty-one years. He was chairman of the Association's Board of Directors from 1913 to 1919 and since has been the Association's Treasurer.



RUBBER APRON KEEPS SKIRTS WRINKLE-FREE

A wrinkled skirt is as taboo by well-dressed women as are crooked hose seams or ill-kept hands. In these days of close-fitting frocks with rippling hemlines, a creaseless skirt is more essential than ever. One of the best ways of keeping your dresses in good condition and with the minimum of effort and expense is to wear a Hickory sanitary apron at all times. This tends to keep body warmth and perspiration from creasing one's skirts and makes pleats stay in much longer.

Sanitary aprons can be had in a variety of shades, styles and weights and at prices to suit all purses. There are sturdy aprons of good weight rubber for service use, silk faced, lace edged aprons for the woman who insists on daintiness at all times, and the softest, finest aprons of gossamer



weight in beautifully patterned rubber for evening and dress wear. In all styles, a shaped band of net, nainsook or silk over the hips makes the apron fit smoothly and allows for ventilation. Many women prefer to baste a sanitary apron in each frock, so that there is no extra garment to put on, nor strings around the waist, and the apron is always in perfect position. The apron is removed before the frock is sent to the cleaners. It should be washed in lukewarm water with pure soap flakes, and dried with a towel. In addition to keeping skirts wrinkle free and to affording periodic protection, the use of a sanitary apron tends to make transparent garments shadow proof.

He is also the donor of the celebrated Spingarn Medal, which is awarded annually to a United States citizen of African descent for highest achievement in some field of honorable endeavor, the medal having been awarded in seventeen consecutive years. It has gone to Roland Hayes, Professor G. W. Carver of Tuskegee, Harry Burleigh, James Weldon Johnson, President Modreca Johnson of Howard University and other distinguished colored men and women.

Taught at Columbia

Educated at Columbia and Harvard, Mr. Spingarn started teaching at Columbia in 1899 and retired in 1911 as Professor of Comparative Literature and Chairman of the Division of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Mr. Spingarn was one of the founders of the Progressive Party. He was Republican candidate for Congress from New York in 1908 and delegate to numerous Republican conventions. He was an intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt, retired from politics in 1916.

In the World War, Mr. Spingarn served as Major of Infantry and on his return from France was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps. He worked hard during the war to obtain training camp opportunities for colored officers at

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Des Moines. Among Mr. Spingarn's literary works are "A History of Literary Criticism in the Renaissance"; "The New Criticism"; "The New Hesperides and Other Poems"; "Creative Criticism" and "Poetry and Religion". Mr. Spingarn also edited "Critical Es-

Little Profit Found in Search for Sensation

A time comes to most of us when we want just a little more than playing around. We want not think for a second that there should be no play. That would be unwise. But what is foolish is the attitude that brings us to the belief that, to gain happiness—for that is, after all, what we are trying to get—we must indulge in all sorts and all kinds of fun and frolic.

Sometimes it extends beyond that; we seek every kind of sensation we possibly can in our pursuit of gaiety. Whenever a new idea is mooted we go after it with renewed vigor, in the hope that the boredom of life—as some limited minds regard it—will be changed to a really good time.

We only manage to secure the maximum of contentment by accepting the debits and credits—taking the former at their real valuations, and making the utmost of the credits.—Exchange

Shades of Knowledge

The speculative mind of man is like a colossal chalice set on a hill. It is surrounded by perpetual darkness. The chalice has countless windows facing in all directions. There is, at first, but one light, a glowing glass near in one small window level with the ground.

As you pass, another window slowly lights up. Gradually, as time flows away, a thousand windows in the chalice begin to glimmer. Finally, the whole chalice is a mass of light. For behind each window a mind labors in a small dark room shaped like a human skull to create a light of its own. From the lower windows the lights push the dark for a great way. But the most powerful light from the largest window is merely an inch trying to eat the infinite.—The Thinker.

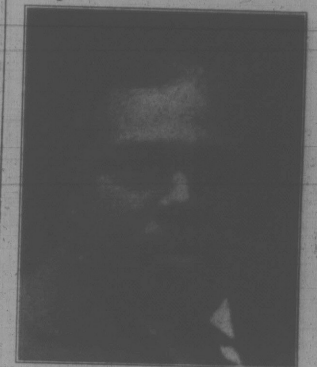
First Uses for Sideboard

The dining room sideboard once served a different purpose from that of holding the family silver or glass. The sideboard, known first as a credence table, held all the dishes that were to be served at a dinner. As underling of the house then, in the presence of the guests, tasted each dish of food on the credence table to make sure there was no poison that might be fatal to the guests. But gradually, as people became less nervous and the desire to poison one's enemy, or friend, became less temerary, the credence was utilized for the display of silver and table service.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Causes of "Blood Rain"

There are many cases of so-called unseasonal showers in which the substances found on the ground did not actually fall from aloft. These so-called rains of blood are due to the deposit of red silt ejected by certain species of lepidoptera emerging accidentally in large numbers from their cocoons, and others to the rapid multiplication in rain pools of algae and rotifers containing red coloring matter. The well-known red snow of polar regions results from the same of starker organisms.

says of the Seventeenth Century", Goethe's Seventeenth Century", Goethe's Literary Essays, "Criticism in America", and has published at his home in America, New York, the "Troutbeck Leaflets". His poems are included in many anthologies, among them, Stevenson's Home Book of Verse, the Home Book of Modern Verse, Braithwaite's 1926 Anthology and others.



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OSCAR DE PRIEST HEADS MOVE FOR ECONOMIC AID

Taken Lead, Wearing Popular Honor Emblem of New Race Commission Washington, Dec. 18.—While the Black Shirts have been denied the right to organize and take traditional jobs as elevator operators, waiters, bellman and porters from colored men and women wherever employed, Representative Oscar De Priest of the First Illinois district, has not hesitated to take the lead in a movement of opposite nature destined to have nation-wide proportions.

The florid colored Congressman is wearing today a tie, which aside from its deep purple, significant of the or-

New York, Dec. 13.—Kid Chocolate, dynamic featherweight sensation of Cuba, lost a decision to Bat Batallino, world's featherweight title-holder, in their 15-round bout for the world's championship in Madison Square Garden last night before a crowd of 18,000 fans. The fight was conducted for the benefit of the New York American Christmas fund.

The bout was the goal toward which Senor Luis Gutierrez, manager of the famous Cuban, has been pointing his charge for the past year or so and was the third fight Chocolate has lost in the last few years.

gansation to which he belongs, bears on its label the legend, "Honor Tie—For Economic Freedom". He was the first to wear the tie, and he called on members of the race where to wear the emblem at Christmas, and to present it to others who believe in economic independence of the Negro.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 17.—Declaring that the state of Alabama is pledged to develop its human resources through doing its very best to give physical health, moral health, and mental health to all units of its citizenship, Governor Bibb Graves delivered the principal address at the feature exercises on Sunday afternoon at the Alabama State Teachers College when William Burns Paterson Hall and the Bibb Graves Dormitory for women along with a new campus of 22 acres were dedicated at the completion of an expansion program of \$495,000.00 at the Alabama institution of which H. Council Trenholm is president.

J. S. Lambert, Director of Negro Education, accepted the building for the State of Alabama.

DOUGLASS BANK OFFICIALS TO STOP FALSE RUMORS

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(ANP)—Definite action was undertaken here against the circulation of irresponsible rumors against financial institutions, the kind of rumors that have been whispered around in the colored district in August, by officials of the Douglass National Bank, who caused five persons to be called before the state's attorney for questioning as to their responsibility.

The action on the part of the Douglass Bank and National Bank Examiner Leyden followed a small-sized run on the Douglass two weeks ago. The bank had come out of the August panic in good condition, but the failure of the other banks to reorganize, the closing of many other banks, white and colored, in the Middle West and the South, brought about a condition of apprehension and suspicion which made some people ready listeners to casual remarks about any institution.

BRILLIANT N. A. A. C. P. BENEFIT DELIGHTS CROWD, NETS \$1600

New York, Dec. 12.—Filling the Waldorf Theatre last Sunday night, a brilliant audience composed of white and colored leaders in the city's art, theatrical and social life applauded the stage and musical stars who appeared for the benefit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Among those in the audience were Health Commissioner Shirley W. Wynne; Clarence Darrow, who appeared on the stage and was introduced to the audience, making a brief address.

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DR. MOTON GOES UNDER KNIFE AT MAYO CLINIC

Rochester, Minn., Dec. 18.—Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, underwent a major operation here Saturday at Strong Memorial Hospital of the Mayo group by Dr. W. W. Scott, chief of the surgical service. The operation was entirely successful. Dr. Moton bore up under it splendidly and is now feeling much better. It is hoped that his general health will be much improved. Dr. Scott, who performed the operation, was formerly of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and has been attending Dr. Moton for some years. Dr. Moton was accompanied to Rochester by his wife, Mrs. R. R. Moton, Dr. Walter Gray Crump of New York and Dr. Eugene H. Dibble Jr. of Tuskegee Institute.

TWO LOCAL BOYS ENROLL AT TUSKEGEE COLLEGE

Leo Elmore and Charles Holmes left last Wednesday for Tuskegee College, Tuskegee, Alabama, where they will enroll for the second quarter in the College Department.

These two boys were recommended for scholarships by the Big Brother Committee of the Crocker Street Y. M. C. A., Spencer Ellison, Chairman, and Gordon H. Kitchen, Executive Secretary.

For three years, the Tuskegee football team has won the National championship among Negro colleges of the United States. Elmore and Holmes will endeavor to make the team.

Kitchen, a Tuskegee graduate in 1921, was a member of the team during his two years residence in Tuskegee. Through him and the Big Brother Committee these boys were given an opportunity to further their educational pursuits.

Holmes is a graduate of North High and spent part of one year at Iowa University and Elmore lacked six months of graduating from East High.

New York, Dec. 19.—Charles Wesley Hill, the 55-year-old terrestrial Angel Gabriel with "The Green Pas-

tures," answered the call of the celestial Gabriel and is now resting in the green pastures beside the still waters which is so vividly portrayed in the beautiful fantasy that remains the dramatic sensation of Broadway.

Hill was killed by a taxicab Wednesday, December 10, in attempting to cross beneath the L at 127th St. and Eighth Ave.

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vice men's bundle drive staged in Des Moines last week, Lincoln Post No. 126 and Ladies Auxiliary, composed

of Negro service men and their families, staged a "bundle party" at the Community Center last Tuesday evening for admission to which each guest was required to present at the door a bundle of old clothes or a pair

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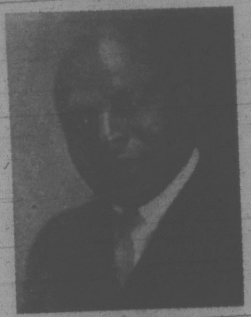
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Mr. Fowler, Sr., has been a resident of Des Moines since 1912, when he moved here from Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Fowler has become one of our most successful business men. He is a graduate of the Hohenschuh-Carpenter School of Embalming, having received his diploma in 1917, at which time he became the successor of E. A. Samuels, due to

with the following fraternal organizations: Masons, K. of P., Odd Fellows, Elks, and a member of Zed Temple No. 90 of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Fowler is assisted by his son Lafayette Fowler, Jr., who completed the embalming course at the Hohenschuh-Carpenter School of Embalming in December, 1927, and is a licensed mortician.

Mr. Fowler, Jr., is very popular among the younger social set of the city, a member of Corinthian Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge, Doric No. 30, Zed Temple No. 90 of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a graduate of North High School and attended Drake University and Des Moines College. He practically runs his father's business, ably assisted by Mr. Chester Jones and Roy Fowler. Mrs. Fowler is also an attendant at the beautiful funeral home which is known in business as L. Fowler and Son funeral home. Our constant growth is proof of better service. Our business is owned and controlled by our race and we have everything pertaining to funeral purposes and of the latest. We have one of the best equipped and largest funeral homes in the middle west, using only modern equipment; our help consists of long experienced men—honest, fair and trustworthy. Our funeral home consists of office, chapel, slumber room and morgue. We are not connected with any other firm in the city.

L. Fowler & Son funeral directors at a cost of more than \$3,000 built a four-stall garage at the rear of their home, 1701 Walker Street. The garage is to house local embalmers' rolling stock which consists of a new three-way loading straight eight Henney coach, recently purchased by Mr. Fowler, a Buick funeral coach, a new Ford sedan and a Tudor Ford sedan.



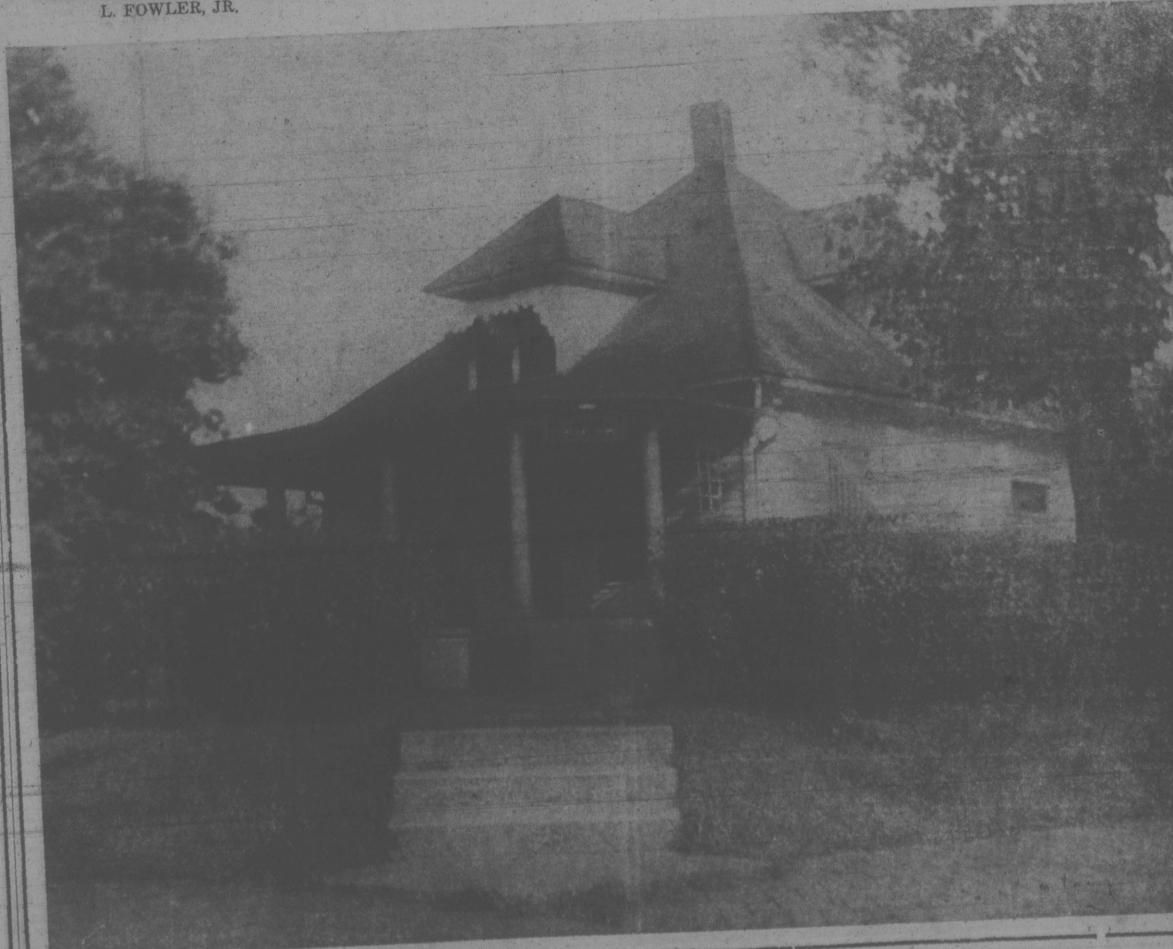
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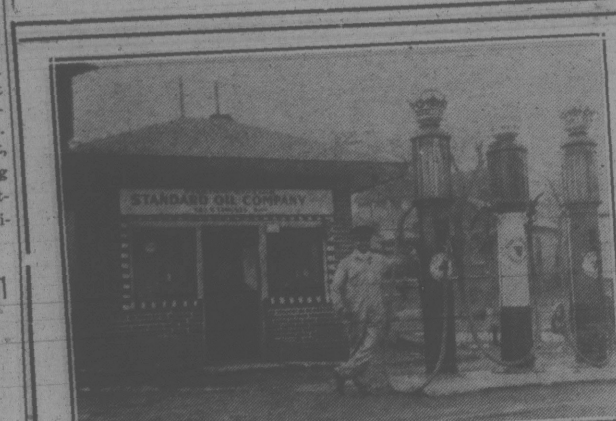


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Dallas, Texas, Dec. 17.—Only good reactions have been heard to the visit to Southern Methodist University last month of Dr. Channing H. Tobias, National Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who delivered a chapel talk on "The Basis of Racial Adjustment," and on the same evening conducted a group discussion with faculty and student representatives.

Dr. Tobias' coming was advertised editorially by the student publication, "The Campus," as an occasion on which, according to the editor, all would "gain a deeper respect and understanding concerning the problems of the two races."

New York, Dec. 12.—That the N. A. A. C. P. spent \$1,209.94 in the last election campaign to defeat the Senators who voted to seat Judge John J. Parker on the U. S. Supreme Court, was reported by Walter White, Acting Secretary, to Senator Nye's Committee on Senatorial Campaign Expenditures, this week.



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