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Senator Wagner Pleads Equal Opportunity for All

J. E. SPINGARN AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON STIR LARGE AUDIENCE

New York, Jan. 4.—An enthusiastic audience of 2,000 white and colored people packed St. Mark's M. E. church here today at the annual mass meeting of the N. A. A. C. P., and to hear U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, J. E. Spingarn, newly elected President of the Association; James Weldon Johnson, retiring secretary; and Walter White, acting secretary. Mary White Ovington, chairman of the board, presided.

Senator Wagner, who was the only member of the Senate to speak unequivocally on the Negro's objections to confirmation of John J. Parker, vigorously assailed barriers of discrimination, prejudice and intolerance which deny equal opportunity to Negroes. He visualized intelligent action to obtain security for all, regardless of race, creed or color, from risk of war, unemployment, destitution of the aged, and child labor.

"No one wants his child to be branded at birth as a hewer of wood and a drawer of water," Senator Wagner declared. "Opportunity should be made democratic. Then there is liberty."

New President Speaks
J. E. Spingarn was enthusiastically greeted by the large audience. He pledged himself to continue the devoted service and unwavering loyalty of the late Moorfield Storey, to whom Mr. Spingarn paid a most touching tribute.

Walter White, acting secretary, declared that the present economic and political chaos cause the Negro to be faced with the most critical period in his history, which made organization not only desirable but vitally necessary. Mr. White pointed out, however, that the disordered state of affairs in the world today offered great opportunity to minority groups to strike a blow for their own freedom.

Retiring Secretary Speaks
James Weldon Johnson, retiring secretary of the Association, stirred great enthusiasm in the audience.

"Negroes ought to regard the N. A. A. C. P. not merely as an organization or a movement, but should regard its principles as a religion," Mr. Johnson asserted. "For the spread of the principles for which the Association is fighting, Negroes ought to be animated and inspired with a fervor akin to that of the Crusaders of old or the followers of Mohammed."

It was generally conceded that this meeting was one of the most successful in the history of the Association.

Noted Catholic Editor Attacks Labor Group

New York, Jan. 8.—The American Federation of Labor was accused of race discrimination by the Rev. John La Farge, editor of America, the Catholic weekly, in an address Friday night at a dinner in Town Hall of the American Interracial Seminars, a group recently organized to study racial problems and which conducted a tour of Southern cities in November to observe race relations in colleges, churches, hospitals and business concerns.

Father La Farge declared that the labor federation did not have the leadership "it should have" and "its inherent defect is its discrimination against the Negro—a shifting from principle to expediency." In this at-

Joffre Defended Negro Troops Against Prejudice

Paris, Jan. 9.—"The death of Marshal Joffre, 'hero of the Marne,'" recalls his famous edict during the World war when Americans complained that black troops were being billeted in French homes. Marshal Joffre, in his characteristic military fashion, effectively spiked these complaints by declaring that "soldiers fighting for the honor of France will be treated as all French soldiers are treated. We have no colored homes here as you have in America—we have only French homes, and every home here is open to soldiers who are willing to sacrifice their lives that our civilization might not perish."

Marshal Joffre also proved that he was a real soldier and a true Frenchman when he answered critics of France who were agitating for the removal of black troops from the Rhine district during the French occupation shortly after the war ended.

"They are not black soldiers," said Marshal Joffre. "They are French soldiers, and as long as France has need of them they remain where France decides to place them. You Americans should learn to handle your own problems before you attempt to rule France."

Marshal Joffre died Saturday, Jan. 3, after a long illness.

TRIAL OF MARION LYNCHERS BEGUN—PREJUDICE RAMPANT, N. A. A. C. P. HEARS

New York, Jan. 2.—(By Telegraph) Trial of the lynchers of two colored men in Marion, Ind., has been begun, according to telegraphic report received by the N. A. A. C. P. Walter White, acting secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., went to the scene of the lynching and as a result of his investigation, the N. A. A. C. P. forwarded to Indiana authorities the names of 27 men identified as having taken part in the mob murder.

A dispatch to the N. A. A. C. P. from Marion states that the end of the second day no jury had been obtained and that prejudice was "appalling."

NEWARK FIGHT GROWS ON JANITORS WHO ASSAULTED LITTLE GIRLS

New York, Jan. 2.—With the churches of Newark, N. J., contributing funds toward the fight to oust and punish the school janitors who assaulted two eight-year-old colored girls, a united front is being presented by the colored citizens under the leadership of the Interdenominational Ministers and the N. A. A. C. P.

St. Paul Church Holding Special Meetings

The revival at St. Paul's A. M. E. church as announced in the columns of the Bystander in the columns of the Bystander and zeal. Mrs. Etta Graham of Chicago and Miss Marjorie Casson of Waterloo, together with Mrs. E. Broomfield, Mrs. Sadie B. Jenkins, Mrs. Lizzie Washington and other local talent are proving a wonderfully well chosen gospel team. The pastor, the Rev. William E. Guy, has been quite apt in his selection of religious workers.



MRS. ETTA B. GRAHAM

The evangelistic campaign began Watch Meeting night at which time Mrs. Graham preached her opening sermon. Immediately after the advent of the New Year, the pastor with his congregation celebrated the holy communion. It was a beautiful scene; the church was full of devout worshippers who partook of the Holy Emblems by the light of the cross alone.



MISS MARJORIE CASSON

The week now ending has been very successful one. The Evangelist spoke on Monday night to the women of the church and missionary workers of the

Local NAACP Names 1931 Committees

On last Tuesday afternoon the executive committee of the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held their initial meeting for 1931 at their headquarters, 215 Watrous Block, at which time the following renewals of memberships were reported:

Attorney Casper Schenk, Atty. Chas. P. Howard, Rev. J. W. Tuttle, Mrs. G. E. Himes, H. Lyell Williams and Miss Anna Mae Manuel, the newly appointed deputy in the Polk County Recorder's office.

Attention was also called to the fact that through an oversight the name of Mrs. Agnes Lee Hermanson, Polk County Recorder, had been omitted from the membership roll as published in the Special Christmas Edition of the Bystander and it was suggested this means be taken to rectify this error.

Plans were also begun for the next public meeting of the Branch which will be in the nature of a celebration of the 16th Anniversary of the founding of the Des Moines Branch.

The board also selected the various standing committees to have charge of the various departments of the work for the year, the personnel of which will appear next week.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING—ALEXANDER RETIRES

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—The 20th annual grand chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was held Dec. 27 to 31 and revealed considerable progress since the founding of the organization in 1901. A total of 56 chapters scattered throughout the country was reported with over 3,000 members.

Wednesday evening wound up the business sessions. The new officers elected were: A. Moore Shearin of Durham, N. C., grand polemarch; W. H. J. Beckett of St. Louis, vice grand polemarch; Ernest Wilkins of Chicago, re-elected keeper of records and exchequer; Joseph Birch of Washington, junior vice grand polemarch; X. L. Neal of Atlanta, grand strategist, and H. Page of West Virginia State college, vice grand strategist. The grand board of directors comprise A. A. Alexander of Des Moines, F. D. Clement of West Virginia college and F. D. Smith of Louisville.

A. A. Alexander of Des Moines was the retiring grand polemarch.

church, her subject being "Woman's place in God's Program." On Tuesday night she had as guests the members of the church and preached a special sermon on the subject "What is Man." Wednesday night was church auxiliary night. All of the church clubs were largely represented and Evangelist spoke "Duty and Beauty of Co-operation." All of the lodge members of all lodges were especially invited for Thursday night to hear the Evangelist's sermon on "The Perfect Law." On Friday night the Sunday School, the Allen Endeavor League and all young people were the guests and listened to an illustrated sermon on "The Five Dangerous Steps of Life."

Sunday afternoon, January 11, at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Graham will bring a special message to the women and girls only. The subject will be "The Three Great Monsters." On Sunday, January 18, at 3 o'clock men and boys only are invited to hear the Evangelist on "What Kind of Clothes to Wear." The meeting is scheduled to close Sunday, January 18, 1931.

Pay Last Tribute to Walter Cohen

COHEN FUNERAL ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

New Orleans, Jan. 8.—(CNS)—Several thousand people attended the funeral services of Walter L. Cohen, comptroller of customs, at the Corpus Christi Church here last Tuesday. Cohen who was 70 years old, died early Monday morning after an illness of several weeks.

Surviving him are his wife, Antonia Manade; Walter L. Cohen Jr., Bernard J. Cohen and Margot Farrell.

At the time of his death Cohen was head of the People's Life Insurance Company, one of the strongest Negro industrial life insurance companies in the country, and he was an active participant in benevolent and fraternal movements among his race.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—President Hoover on Monday sent to the senate the nomination of Charles C. Cantrell, white, of Louisiana, to be comptroller of customs at New Orleans, La., to succeed Walter L. Cohen who died recently while holding the office.

According to his confidants, Mr. Cohen came here shortly before his death after he had received a letter from Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, advising him that the president had under consideration the appointment of a successor to him, and he was giving him this information in order that he might resign rather than be removed.

He made engagements with Vice President Charles Curtis and Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican National committee, and came here to see them. Upon his arrival here he was in such a weakened condition that he was taken to the Whitelaw hotel and put to bed. He was not able to keep his appointments. John T. Risher saw Vice President Curtis for him—Mr. Lucas and David W. Mulvaney, Republican national committeeman for Kansas, visited him at his hotel. When he saw his condition they advised him not to resign, but to go back home and take things easy. Cohen's death followed his return to New Orleans.

New Orleans, Jan. 9.—With the indorsement of the executive committee of the regular Republican state central committee and the backing of the leaders of the Cohen organization, Hon. B. V. Baranco of Baton Rouge, La., has taken the lead in the contest to have the vacancy caused by the death of the late Walter L. Cohen filled by a Race man.

Two of the local aspirants for the comptrollership of customs have withdrawn in favor of Mr. Baranco for the post filled by a Race man under every Republican administration, except one, since the days of President Grant.

Impressive ceremonies marked the induction of New York's first Race municipal court justice, Charles Ellis Toney and James S. Watson, who were swept into office during the recent Democratic landslide.

ST. PAUL N. A. A. C. P. PROCURES BAN ON SHOWING OF "BIRTH OF NATION"

New York, Jan. 2.—The City of St. Paul, at the instance of the N. A. A. C. P., has barred showing of the anti-Negro propaganda film, "The Birth of a Nation," it was announced today.

Following this action the management secured an injunction restraining the mayor and city council from carrying out this plan.

Boy's Parents Ask Dismissal of Charges; State Objects

MAYOR MURPHY OF DETROIT, PRES. NEILSON OF SMITH, CARL MURPHY OF AFRO, ADDED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New York, Jan. 6.—Growth in political independence as evidenced by the victory in the fight against Judge Parker's nomination to the U. S. Supreme Court and the defeat of two Senators who supported the nomination, leads the gains in the Negro's struggle for civil emancipation, leads according to a summary of the annual report of the N. A. A. C. P., read at the annual business meeting, Monday, January 5th.

At this same meeting, three new members of the Board of Directors who had previously accepted nomination, were to be elected. They are Mayor Frank Murphy, of the city of Detroit; William Allan Nelson, President of Smith College, one of the foremost institutions for the higher education of women in the United States; and Carl Murphy, editor of the Baltimore Afro-American.

To Launch Legal Campaign
The N. A. A. C. P. also announced that its plans have been matured for a nation-wide attack upon disfranchisement, Jim Crow, unequal apportionment of school funds, and other forms of unconstitutional discrimination and injustice practiced upon the Negro. Nathan R. Margold, former Assistant U. S. Attorney in New York, and Legal Advisor on Indian Affairs to the Institute for Government Research, has been at work preparing the legal campaign.

One of the chief legal victories during the year was the decisive defeat administered in the U. S. District Court of Appeals in Virginia, to the Virginia White Primary law.

The nation-wide legal campaign to be undertaken under the direction of Mr. Margold has enlisted the commendation and the active assistance and advice of white and colored leaders in all sections of the country, the N. A. A. C. P. announced.

Famous Tenor to Appear in Recital at Berchel Theatre March 2

An event of the musical season will be the coming appearance of Roland Hayes in the Berchel Theatre on March 2nd. The visit of the great Negro tenor will be part of his seventh tour of America, a tour which reaffirms his reputation as by far the most popular concert singer of the day.

This tenor, whose exquisite voice for the world crowds to hear and praise, was born on a humble back-Georgia farm. While working his way through school he heard a great singing, and consecrated his life from that moment to perfecting his voice that he might make the art of Schubert and Handel his own.

He has carried his voice to a degree of perfection beyond anything known in the world of singing. He has found in the classics a sort of spiritual identification with the composers, and in the Negro spirituals a rich musical treasury of his race to impart to the world.

Each capital of Europe, each furthest corner of America has risen to this tenor as he sings to many thousands year after year.

The unusual sight of a Negro singing with such perfection and restraint was once a novelty. Now it is a familiar fact. What one can never come to take for granted is such singing from any man, of whatever race. The magic of his half-voice as it floats

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—Despite the request of Percy J. Orthwein, heir to the Busch millions and father of 13-year-old Adolphus Busch Orthwein, mysteriously kidnaped New Year's eve and returned 20 hours later, not to press charges against the alleged kidnapers, the police are holding Pearl Abernathy, real estate dealer, and his niece, Freida Robb, under \$30,000 bail, charged as being an accessory to the kidnaping.

A five-day search ended at Kansas City Tuesday when Harry T. Brundage, reporter for the St. Louis Star, arrested Charles Y. Abernathy, 28-year-old son of the real estate dealer, who is believed by police to be the actual abductor. According to police, when arrested, the elder Abernathy confessed to having given his son \$40 to get away.

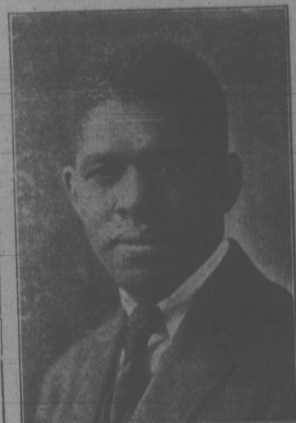
INDIANA LYNCHING SUSPECT FREED

Marion, Ind., Jan. 8.—Robert Beshire, 45, was acquitted of charges of taking part in the lynching of two Negro citizens last August 7, by a circuit court jury which deliberated 45 minutes.

Beshire was alleged by the state to have been a member of the mob which stormed the Grant County jail and hanged on the courthouse lawn two men accused of killing a Fairmount, Ind., youth and assaulting his girl companion. He admitted being at the jail, but denied he took part in the lynching.

Five other persons face similar charges. Beshire was the first to be tried.

Justice Toney, veteran Harlem lawyer, ascended formally to the municipal court bench Friday, while Justice Watson, running mate of Mr. Toney in the 10th Municipal court district, was inducted into office Monday morning. A large gathering of the new justices' well-wishers and friends attended the ceremonies in Washington Heights court, 151st St. and Amsterdam Ave.



ROLAND HAYES

across the audience, transfixing the song before him, is indescribable. Quietly, but with the utmost effect, he brings to musician and laymen alike, the finest beauties in the literature of song.

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The Bystander has started the New Year encouraged because of the splendid support given last year and a good beginning for 1931. Our subscribers are paying better than ever and the advertising prospects are improving.

Agents in the larger Iowa towns and in Des Moines are calling on subscribers daily and notices are going out to these located in less thickly populated areas. It will encourage these agents if you pay them and give them reasonable consideration.

Interest in the Bystander was never better. With the continued support of its friends, the paper is bound to forge ahead.

SPINGARN N. A. A. C. P. PRESIDENT

Dr. Joel E. Spingarn has been named president of the N. A. A. C. P. By joining the association in its early days he has been an officer most of the time and is thoroughly familiar with the work—and evidently is in accord with its program. He is the donor of the Spingarn Medal given to the person of African descent making the most notable achievement each year.

Some opposition developed to his selection but of course this is natural. Everyone cannot be pleased. Those people who are in close touch with the association know what is best and we are willing to trust their judgment.

Then, after all it is well to keep our substantial white friends well tied to the movement. Little can be done without their assistance. Then, too, the race problem is an American problem and as such is a responsibility upon the whites as well as the blacks to help solve it.

Organization

There is a great tendency upon the part of some people to start too many organizations. Today we have enough to cover everything under the sun and yet new ones are springing up daily. Prof. Kelly Miller in a syndicated article last week said that American problems are so big today that small groups could no longer expect to be legislated for or dealt with separately but must take under general legislation of policies formulated for the whole group.

We continually decry separation and segregation and yet seek the first opportunity to form Negro units of this or that organization. True, more immediate advantages are often gained but in the long run the rule works the other way.

Another difficulty arising through too many organizations is the factional differences that often arise between the bodies and the charge of our white friends that we are divided, that the recognition of one group may invite the ill will of another.

Organization is a splendid thing and yet there is serious danger in over organization.

NOTICE

If you don't receive the Bystander next week, it will be for the reason

HEALTH TALKS

By Dr. H. H. London

NERVOUSNESS

Nervousness is a condition which is usually more easily told (or experienced) than observed. What is described as "nervousness" sometimes may be observed and interpreted as a state of excessive activity or dissociation from the usual work or occupation. The normal habits and the characteristics of the individual must be taken into consideration before making a decision for or against the symptom in judging of its functional (no structure affected) or serious nature. Try as all individuals must to avoid a state of self-consciousness I doubt if there is anyone who is at all times so wholly oblivious to himself that not a fleeting thought of his own presence passes across his cerebrum. A friend of mine, John Doe by name, when called upon at a certain occasion to speak (liking to it) began his remarks with these words: "I'm John Doe, and I'm nervous!" Strange as this confession might seem—it did not create a bad impression and everyone understood him better from that time on.

Nervousness, however, as a symptom of real disease is not to be ignored. In diseases of the blood, of the Thyroid Gland, of the Pancreas, and of the nervous system itself is almost always experienced and observed. It is always advisable to look into its cause to prevent if possible injury to any organ or tissue.

Therefore, as chairman of the Negro Republican Voter's League of Iowa, I call upon and request every district chairman and chairwoman of the state to arouse their district and tune in Thursday night, February 12, at 11:00 p. m. central standard time and be re-dedicated to the principles of the Republican party as exemplified in the life of Lincoln.

My Trip Abroad

By Mrs. S. Joe Brown

Because of my previous promise, I anticipate that you are expecting to hear something of our meeting at Hot Springs; but I am begging your indulgence for tarrying a while in New York City, the second largest city in the world and the largest in America, with a population of some six million souls.

It has the largest Negro population of any community in America, and for many reasons, is conceded to be the most important city in our country.

Upon investigation of the various National Headquarters established there and which we visited, we found in the National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. both white and colored officials well distributed through their spacious rooms; likewise at the offices of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; also in the National Offices of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. we found Negro Executive Secretaries each with their own stenographers; while sojourning in New York, we were the guest of Mrs. Geo. E. Haynes in the beautiful Dunbar Apartments and just a few doors from Miss Eva D. Bowles, Executive Secretary of Colored work of the Y. W. C. A., and whose office is in the National Y. W. C. A. headquarters, while Mrs. Haynes is a member of the National "Y. W." Board; and we take it that you are advised that her husband Dr. Geo. E. Haynes is Executive Secretary of the Race Relations Department of the Federal Council, whose office is at their National Headquarters.

We were most pleasantly entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Channing H. Tobias and by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. De Frantz, each of which husbands have their offices at the National Headquarters of the Y. M. C. A.

Among the interesting things to be found in the Dunbar Apartments is the Dunbar National Bank, being operated by Negroes.

We were taken there by Miss Mae Hawes, who served as one of the cashiers in this most interesting institution. Our next pilgrimage was to a substitution of their Post Office where we found about five members of our group. We also found that New York City has over three hundred Negro

that your name has been dropped from the list for non-payment of your subscription. We shall be glad to put it on again upon receipt of your payment.

The Negro in America

By J. C. Browne

February 12, 1931, will be the 122nd anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. On that evening at 10:00 o'clock p. m. eastern standard time, President Hoover will deliver an address on "Lincoln" over a nationwide radio hook-up. This address will be made from the desk at which Lincoln sat as he guided the "Old Ship of State" sixty-five years ago.

This is a glorious opportunity for the Negroes of America to utter a solemn prayer to God who guides the destiny of nations, that the leaders of the Republican party may be regenerated and baptized in the spirit of Lincoln, that his life and inspiration may permeate their being and instill into them the spirit of fair play and justice to all human beings regardless of color. Negroes are overwhelmingly republican because of gratitude for the blessing of emancipation and the insertion into the Constitution of this government those amendments by which such freedom is made secure; but that spirit of sympathetic justice in which the Republican party was conceived and through which it was cradled by the "Immortal Lincoln" is far removed from the spirit of hate and bigotry so manifest in 1928.

Up to the present, from a review of the nominations for high places in governmental affairs, such men as Hurley, Secretary of War, Parker for the Supreme Court and Doak, Secretary of Labor, whose prejudices to black men are so flagrant do not forebode any change of heart.

The Grand Old Party, in 1932, its 72nd anniversary, will need every race, creed and color, to maintain its control of national affairs. It is up to the leaders to make their stand very clear now. Gratitude makes black men Republicans, boundless hope keeps them Republicans because we have faith in the fundamental principles of Republicanism. There are too many people in Republican cloaks who do not have the Republican principles at heart. Don't leave home because there are rats in the house, drive the rats out.

Therefore, as chairman of the Negro Republican Voter's League of Iowa, I call upon and request every district chairman and chairwoman of the state to arouse their district and tune in Thursday night, February 12, at 11:00 p. m. central standard time and be re-dedicated to the principles of the Republican party as exemplified in the life of Lincoln.

gro teachers in the mixed schools of that city which has since elected two Negro Democrats to the office of Judges of their Municipal Court. We are now leaving for Hot Springs, Ark.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning service was a spiritual feast. The manifestation of the spirit made plain that there is a reality in the religion professed. Attendance both morning and evening was unusually large. Let us carry out the year as we have started it.

The Sewing Circle will meet with the president, Mrs. R. M. Anderson, at the home of Mrs. Clara Houston, 1433 Buchanan Street, Friday at 2:30. All members of the Frederick Douglas club are requested to meet with the president, Mrs. H. Brent, Wednesday evening at 8:00, at the church. The choir with Mrs. Fannie Rice as president, has taken on new life. Their number has been increased and much interest is being taken in rehearsals. They meet every Tuesday evening at 8:00. The choir and Pastor have been invited to have charge of the services Thursday evening at the Burn's M. E. church. The "Willing Workers" will meet Thursday evening at 8:00 with their president Miss Bernice Angles, at the church. All members are urgently requested to be present. The Mission Circle with Mrs. Clara Houston as president, will hold a New Year service Friday evening at the church. All auxiliaries are invited to cooperate. Lunch will be served free. A found table talk on the subject: "A Solid Foundation of Life."

The Pastor will conclude his series of sermons on the Holy Spirit, Sunday. You are invited to hear the conclusion of it all. "BRING ONE." The Union Baptist Church: "A CHURCH WITH A MINISTER, A MINISTER WITH A MESSAGE, A MESSAGE FORM THE LORD."

Mr. Brearley, whose article is summarized by the N. A. A. C. P., points out that a high homicide rate occurs where Negroes are not present in

Might Be Excused for Using Strong Language

A few nights ago a spectacular fire left a warehouse a smoking ruin. Five alarms were sounded. Eleven reporters—two working and nine out to enjoy the fire—rushed to the scene. A columnist, who had no business there but loves to run after the engines, got his feet wet and caught cold.

The conflagration was the destructive sequel to a minor blaze that had scorched the establishment a few hours earlier. The first fire was discovered by the owner of the building, who sent in the alarm, watched the fire-fighters apparently extinguish the flames, and then went home.

Before retiring he telephoned a contractor to call around the next morning to see about repairing a few windows, painting the doors, and otherwise touching up the place here and there.

At seven o'clock the next morning the contractor called upon the owner at his home and together they went downtown. Arrived where the building should have been, the contractor looked at the smoking pile of debris and then at the owner. "Just what was it you wanted me to do?" he asked, puzzled.

Because of the owner's fine Sunday-school record, we don't like to tell what he replied.—Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

How Volcanic Islands Act as Safety Valves

Niunafu is one of the Tonga, or Friendly Islands, situated halfway between Samoa and Fiji in one of the most restless geological areas in the world. Stretching across the South Pacific from Samoa to North Island, New Zealand, there is a huge fissure in the earth's crust. Volcanic islands, such as Niunafu, strewn along this gigantic crack, act as vents for the molten mass within the earth. The Jack-in-the-box island of Faleon has popped up from the ocean's bottom at least twice, only to be washed and blown away each time by sea and wind. Only recently it has made its reappearance again in larger size, acting as one of these famous safety valves for the earth's mighty internal furnace.

To passengers of steamers passing close, the island looks like any other tropic isle, green with vegetation and coconut palms. Clean white houses and thatched native churches set in grassy lawns dot the hillsides. When wind and sea are quiet, landings are made in small open boats which are guided skillfully into a nook partly sheltered by fingers of lava flow. Such landings are dangerous and exciting, because the boats bob up and down with the incoming rollers and scrape against the steep, jagged cliffs.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Obeying Instructions
Farmer Smith had a supply of winter cabbage to plant.

Arriving at the farmyard, he called over one of his laborers.

"George," he said, "I want you to plant these cabbages, but remember to plant them well apart."

"Ay, sir," replied George, and went about his task.

The following day the farmer again went in search of George.

"Well," he said, when he found him, "did you plant those cabbages as I told you?"

"Yes, sir," was George's reply. "I planted some in your garden and some in mine. Is that far enough apart?"—London Answers.

Jewish Emblem
Just as the oak from which came the bay that made Britain mistress of the seas, became the national tree of England, so did the beautiful lofty palm, which gave oil, timber and dates to its people, become the national tree of what we like to call the Holy Land, Judah Maccabaeus had it engraved on his coins as a symbol of Jewish patriotism.

Respasian, the Roman emperor under whom the Jews were finally defeated, engraved it on his coinage as a token that he had vanquished Judah. The palm tree was well understood to represent the Jewish people in ancient days, and, indeed, it does in a sense today.—Montreal Star.

Chivalry in 1867
"When you tread on a lady's train in the street, you are not required to apologize," observed the Providence (R. I.) Journal on July 15, 1867. "You have a right to be in the street. So has the lady; but she has no more right to carry her train with the expectation of having it respected than she has to bring her cradle to Market square and rock her baby in it. You have a right to stay on the sidewalk, and if any foolish woman chooses to lay five yards of satin between your feet and the flags, it is her risk, not yours."—Kansas City Times.

Chinese Immigration
Prior to the discovery of gold in California in 1848 there were no Chinese laborers in the United States. From 1840 to 1850, according to immigration records, only 35 entered the country, but during the next decade 41,297 came to the port of San Francisco. About 1870 Chinese coolie immigration began to be a political issue and the treaty signed November 17, 1880, gave the United States the right to regulate, limit or suspend the immigration of non-Chinese laborers, but not to prohibit it altogether.

Mirror Superstition
Lillian Eichler, says in her book, "Customs of Mankind": "Since very early times the mirror has been used in divination, in attempts to read the future of past. An early belief was that one saw the will of the gods in a mirror. To break one accidentally, therefore, was interpreted as an effort of the gods to prevent a person from seeing into the future. This was construed as a warning that the future held unpleasant things. Among highly superstitious people the breaking of a mirror came to be looked upon as a death omen." Somehow this superstitious belief has prevailed and still exists, even among educated people."

Valuable Invention
The autogiro was invented by Juan Cervera. In the autogiro there is a fuselage 15 feet long and an air-cooled Genet major engine of 100 horsepower. Two small wings have bent-up tips to increase the lateral stability while in the air, and the "windmill" has four blades which are set in motion by air thrown up to the horizontal propeller by a deflector, maintained about the horizontal stabilizer, placed at the end of the fuselage. The power thus developed gives a rotation of 130 r. p. m. to the vine, a speed which must be maintained before the plane takes off.

Toledo Moorish City
Toledo is very much today as the Moors left it centuries ago. When you pass through its gates and find your way amid the network of cobble alleys, encountering lumbering ox wagons, it is easy to imagine one's self back in the Middle Ages. It is one of the oldest cities of Europe. Toledo, Ohio, has a population ten times as large as its Spanish gothic counterpart, but has its lovely tower of Santo Tome, or the medieval bridge of San Martin, or the ancient gate of Puerta del Sol?

Reasons for Scarcity of Batak Literature
Marco Polo and the emperor of China landed on the Batak coast, to avoid a storm in the Thirteenth century, and had to erect block houses to avoid being eaten by the natives. For the Bataks were and are cannibals, eating renowned individuals, not for detestable reasons, but that his strength and wisdom may be incorporated in the banquets. The choice cuts are the fingers, toes and the palms of the hands; and—according to a cannibal chief who confided in an explorer—the popular term among cannibals for human flesh is "long pig," as the general taste is like that of the pig.

This tendency on the part of the Bataks is probably the reason why libraries are not usually furnished with Batak literature, because very few agents could be induced to look for rare works within reach of people with such ideas. Indeed, the Cleveland public library is probably the only library in the world to possess a pustaka.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

German Heroes Honored in Temple of Valhalla
More than a century has passed since King Ludwig I of Bavaria laid the cornerstone of Valhalla. This white marble temple in the style of the Parthenon stands on a wooded hill above the Danube near Regensburg. King Ludwig conceived the idea of a memorial temple to great Germans in 1807, during the Napoleonic occupation of the country, but not until 23 years later was the work begun.

The monarch himself chose the site, and also decreed that the temple should be named Valhalla, after the name of the old Germanic abode of fallen heroes. More than a hundred busts and memorial tablets in the main hall of the temple commemorate famous men and women in Germany's history, beginning with the time of the battle of the Teutoburg forest, which broke Rome's domination in Europe.

"Naturopathy"?
The term "naturopathy" isn't to be found in dictionaries, so the District of Columbia commission on licensure to practice the healing arts made up its own definition. It naturally took quite a bit of study, and in Washington the practice must be confined within the definition. Here is the commission's official definition: "Naturopathy is the practice of the healing art is the use of such physical force as air, light, water, vibration, heat, electricity, hydrotherapy, psychotherapy, dietetics, or massage, but shall not include palpating, analyzing and adjusting the articulations of the spinal column, the administration of drugs and medicine, surgery or the application of X-rays or radium."—Pathfinder Magazine.

That Mouse Ear Theory
Long before phenology became a science, farmers discovered the advancement of the native vegetation in the spring furnished reliable guides to the best time for sowing and planting crops. One old-fashioned rule, probably derived from the Indians, was that corn should be planted when the leaf of the white oak was "the size of a mouse's ear." Several traditional rules of this kind are current among farmers, and one of the tasks of the phenologists is to check them up on the basis of actual statistics.

Large numbers, and that in the all-Negro town of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, there has been no murder in more than twenty years. Also, St. Helena Island, off the coast of Carolina, inhabited almost exclusively by Negroes, "has also been remarkably free from crimes of violence."

LUNDY DECLARES \$55,000.00 WORTH KEEPING IN IOWA
Albia, Iowa, (Special) Jan. 2.—H. W. Lundy, Secretary of the Iowa Coal Institute, Albia, Iowa, in a recent statement, said "Iowa has almost inexhaustible stores of coal stored in her broad bosom of 55,000 square miles, enough to last for over 4,000 years. Yet in the year 1929 over \$55,000,000.00 was paid out for foreign coals, the most of this money never to be returned to Iowa. Yet according to the Iowa Geological Survey, on a test made from 36 representative mines in Iowa, it was found that as compared to 38 tests made on mines in Illinois, there was only a differential of 3% in heat units. The additional price asked for foreign coals is not worth the difference. In fact, in many instances foreign coals are inferior to Iowa Coal," he declared.

SOUTH DAKOTA CONGRESSMAN QUESTIONS NEGRO FARM RELIEF
Sioux Falls, S. D.—Acting upon the request of the South Dakota branch of the N. A. A. C. P., Representative C. A. Christopherson of this district has agreed to investigate the farm relief if any which the Negro farmer has received since the Federal Farm Board has been in operation.

Representative Christopherson informed W. F. Reden representing the N. A. A. C. P., that he would be glad to receive from every section of the South, any information tending to show what relief had been extended or whether Negro farmers had been granted any assistance as outlined in the farmer act. The congressman's address is Hon. C. A. Christopherson, M. C., Washington, D. C.

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Announcement to the General Public
Several Negro business men and women, realizing the crying need of such an institution for the financial assistance of members of our racial group in this community, have organized and on January 1, 1931, will open at 203 West Seventh Street, the Emergency Finance Company, which will conduct a chattel loan business, licensed and bonded by, and under the supervision of the State Banking Department and which will specialize in small loans, ranging from \$10 to \$300 upon chattel security and without requiring the endorsement of friends or other guarantors.

The Company are pleased to be able to announce that they have secured the services of Mrs. Virginia Stewart Dixon, who was for seven years the courteous and efficient office manager for the Standant Loan and Realty Co., who will be in general charge of the Company; and of Atty. S. Joe Brown, who will act as legal advisor.

When in need of financial assistance and desire convenient, courteous and confidential service, come in or call up phone No. 3-2822 and our investigator will call to see you.

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Watches in Havana Set

When Old Gun is Fired
Among the world's odd timepieces is that by which Havana sets its clocks and watches. Never has it lost a minute, run down or chimed the wrong hour. Nor has its face necessitated the periodic washing that all clocks seem to need.

In fact it really isn't a clock at all, but a battery of 21 old Spanish guns, mounted on the parapet of Cabanas fortress overlooking Havana harbor, one of which is fired nightly at nine o'clock, a custom that has prevailed for nearly four centuries.

Though Havana may bustle with activity throughout the day, hearing a thousand noises and sounds, it listens intently at nine o'clock for the rattle of one of the guns. The electric timepiece in the old fortress is controlled by the adjacent Observatorio Nacional. Each night a few seconds before nine o'clock a bright sound the approach of the hour, the gun is rammed and then fired on the dot.

Years ago, before Cuba won its independence, the Spanish fired the gun twice daily—at 12 o'clock noon and at nine, when the gates of the old city of Havana were closed for the night. However, after Cuba became its own master, it was felt needless—and a trifle expensive—to fire the gun at noon, when the city's natural noises drowned the boom of the gun. So the noon shot was discontinued, effecting a saving of seven dollars a day at the time.

Beds in Closets Once Matter of Necessity

This hygienically minded age which scoffs so readily at the European notion that fresh air at night is unhealthy may be chagrined to realize that the open beds on which we sleep nowadays are a natural evolution of the beds with doors which can still be found in peasant quarters in Europe, says the New York Sun.

The last vestige of the old notion of sleeping in a closet was the "cotton bed" which, to antique collectors, is a very desirable object.

It was from sheer necessity that people used to sleep in closets. Without central heating it was the only way to keep warm at night, but as houses were better built the closet doors changed to heavy curtains. The next development was leaving off the back and sides and substituting four posts with a canopy from which curtains hung.

Monks in Old Home

The old abbey of Saint-Wandrille, near Rouen, is inhabited again by the Benedictine monks, who used to live in it before the days of the expulsion of religious orders from France. The homecoming of the holy men must have frightened away a good many profane spirits, as the abbey belonged for several years to the Belgian writer, Maurice Maeterlinck, who, with his former wife, the actress Georgette Leblanc, gave there great artistic parties, including productions of famous plays. The old cloisters contributed a beautiful scenery, and "Machbeth" found there an unrivaled setting. Then Maurice Maeterlinck took to other pleasures and other abodes, and the abbey of Saint-Wandrille was deserted. Now the monks sanctify it anew.—Exchange.

Beauty Now a Science

The invention of a device to measure beauty is claimed by Jose V. Soriano, student in the University of the Philippines.

The machine consists of a circle divided into more than 20 parts and angles in which the beauty of the face one can be mathematically determined for purposes of comparison. The girl is viewed from different angles and her score is the sum total of the grades taken from the various angles.

The highest grade that can be made is 2,000 points and the lowest 400 points.

Yellowstone in 1867

"An exploring party, which has been to the headwaters of the Yellowstone river, has just returned and reports seeing one of the greatest wonders of the world," said an article in the Montana Post on September 14, 1867. "For eight days they traveled through a volcanic country, emitting blue flame and living streams of molten brimstone. The hollow ground resounded beneath their feet as they traveled, and every movement seemed to break through. Not a living thing was seen in the vicinity. The explorers gave it the significant appellation of Hell."

Close Acquaintance

Mrs. S. had come down to her precinct voting place to vote. She noticed another woman also waiting. "I've always voted a straight ticket before," Mrs. S. told the woman, "but this year I don't think I will, because I don't think much of Mr. — of that party. Do you know much about him?" "Well, rather," replied the woman. "You see, I'm married to him!"

Effective Accident Prevention

It used to be said of skydivers that they rescued themselves at the cost of one human life per floor. Serious promotion of accident prevention has reduced these casualties until it is comparatively rare for high-buildings to take life. Collier's Weekly.

Y. W. C. A. TO HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual meeting and election of the Y. W. C. A. will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 p. m. Dinner will be served and the program will follow. The poles will be open at 5 p. m. All members are requested to vote. Electors are those women who have paid \$1 during 1930 and who have signed the purpose of the Association. If there are women who have paid but who have not signed the purpose, they may do so at the time of voting. The Mary Church Terrell Club will serve the dinner. Annual reports will be given and there will be an interesting program. Girl Reserves will give a skit, "Congress Takes a Cooking Lesson," in which Dr. YWCA schools the congressional cook in the proper diet for the sick world. All members are expected. All programs are invited. Dinner at 6:30, program at 7:00, adjournment at 8:00.

CORINTHIAN NEWS

Doris Bailey, Reporter
Rev. G. W. Robinson, the pastor preached his first sermon for the new year last Sunday from the third chapter of Genesis, "Begin Well." His sermon delivered for the benefit of the Merry Widows Industrial club, consisting of more than twenty women of the church. Before the sermon the Merry Widows gave a short program. Solo, Mrs. Mary W. Scott, with Mrs. G. W. Robinson, accompanist at the organ; Reading, Mrs. Pabel; a short talk, Mrs. McMiller. Mrs. Mary Mease Scott is president. After the sermon the club women presented Rev. Robinson with a gift. Sunday night the Imperial chorus of about fifteen young women members of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Will Gibson, sang, after which the "Ordinance of the Lord's Supper" was given. The youngest preacher in the state of Iowa today and the youngest who has ever spoken in the Corinthian Baptist church will speak sometime this month, under the auspices of the Red Circle girls. Watch for the date. At the Watch Night meeting, two people were baptised, making a total of seven hundred members. Names of all members who contributed money to the church were read. Officers were installed, and a lunch served in the church dining hall. "Open house" was held at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Robinson and many gifts were received. The pastor and wife wishes to thank all those who gave gifts and wish everyone a prosperous and happy New Year.

HONORED BY NEW YORK JURISTS

New York, Jan. 9.—James S. Watson, the first Negro to become a Justice of the Municipal Court was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice William Herman Black, a native of Georgia, on Monday, Jan. 8th.

Watson, a former Assistant Corporation Counsel, was elected in November as one of the two Negro Justices chosen for service in the newly created Tenth Municipal Court District.

Elected with him was Charles E. Toney, who ascended formally to the bench Friday. Toney is a veteran Harlem lawyer. Both will serve in a new court to be established in Harlem at 125th street and Fifth avenue.

Watson is a native of the West Indies. He was graduated from Yale more than 25 years ago.

CENTERVILLE, IOWA

Christmas is over and everyone is back to work. Schools started Jan. 5 with several new scholars and many hope to pass the exams and go to a higher grade. Mrs. Grace Downing has been suffering with a sore throat. Little Charles Lee Conley is indisposed with a very bad cold. Mr. Sam Lee is better. Sunday was covenant night. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Taylor day at Second Baptist church. At preached a wonderful sermon to a very good crowd with several from the other group attending. The choir

NATIONAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—National Benefit Life Insurance Company has just shipped to its Supervisors, Managers, Assistant Managers, Secretary-Cashiers and Assistant Secretary-Cashiers throughout the twenty-eight states where it is licensed to do business two hundred thousand copies of its new calendar entitled, "Daisies Amid Cherry Blossoms." The "Daisies" referred to are five young women of the Home Office Force seated beneath Cherry Blossoms in Potomac park. Both the Washington Monu-

ment and the Lincoln Memorial appear in the background. Those appearing in the picture are Miss C. L. Austin, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. M. Carter, Executive Department; Miss D. Hines, Transfer Department; Mrs. M. Jeffries, Statistical Department, and Miss E. Robinson, Auditing Department.

Hard to Grasp Facts of the Stellar System

At first the brain reels a little in the attempt to grasp the facts of the stellar system, even explained with the lucidity and exactness of which Sir James Jeans is a master. From the vast extensions of the sky he carries us into the utmost recesses of the atom, where the electron whirls around its perpetual circuit several thousand million times every second. These numbers, says the London Spectator, are he slurs from the mind, and it is simpler to say that the electron travels as far in a second as our latest seaplane travels in an hour. Sir James Jeans has a happy fertility in such comparisons, and forcibly strikes the imagination when he tells us that if the electron atom were magnified to the size of Waterloo station, its electrons would be represented by six swags flying round in the vast vacuity. All the rest is emptiness; and so in the celestial spaces it is immense odds against any given spot being occupied. "We live in a gossamer universe; matter, plan and design are there in abundance, but solid substance is rare."

CLARINDA, IOWA

By Rev. R. January

Both churches held watch meetings. Services Sunday were well attended at both of the churches. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Miller of Lincoln, Neb., returned home Saturday, January 3, after spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. Richard Fields of Indianapolis, is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Joe Jones. Mr. Lewis Arnett and daughter, Jessie, made a trip to Kansas City last week. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pemberton and daughter and Mrs. Caddie Paier, called on Mrs. George Howard Sunday. Those on the sick list: Miss Lela May Pemberton, Mrs. George Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pemberton and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Montgomery Sunday.

WATERLOO, IOWA

Resolved to keep news going every week during the year 1931. Everyone help. Antioch Baptist, M. E. Baptist and Payne Chapel A. M. E. churches watched the old year out and the new year in, at Antioch Baptist church in a union service. Rev. U. H. Patten preached, "Let's Keep the Spirit of Unity." Mrs. Hallie Owens, who underwent an operation at one of the local hospitals is reported doing nicely. Waterloo subscribers will please get all news to your reporter before Sunday of each week at 403 Beech Street. — Elizabeth Hackett, Reporter.

OSCEOLA, IOWA

Rev. Berry held regular services Sunday. Mr. Walter Rhodes is in Des Moines. Mr. Wayso returned home Monday. The ladies missionary society meet Sunday afternoon. Mr. Frank Bryant had a birthday January 3. Mrs. Lulu Rhodes motored to Des Moines Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryant and Mrs. Emma Peniston to a one o'clock luncheon Sunday. Mr. Jacob Draden is able to be around. Mr. John Wesley Griffin gave a party. He reported a fine time. The senior choir will give an ice cream social Wednesday evening. Mrs. Roy Dansey is visiting in Leon. Some Ogston

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C. F. KEELING, Sheriff of Polk County, Iowa.

By E. L. Hanson, Deputy.

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DR. MOTON IMPROVING

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 20.—Dr. R. R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute, who recently underwent an operation at Mayo Brothers Hospital, Rochester, Minn., is showing a marked improvement according to telegrams received almost daily by Dr. R. R. Taylor, Vice President. Dr. Moton entered the hospital about two weeks ago and at first it was hoped that he would be released in time to be home before the holidays. The latest decision is that it would be better that Dr. Moton remain at the hospital for a week or so longer to give him the advantage of a much needed rest. Mrs. Moton left here about ten days ago and was present with Dr. Moton at the time of the operation.

SOPHISTICATED BOYHOOD

It may be the age in which we are living that is responsible. You can't tell. But in the light of observation the sophistication of the nine-year-old becomes an actuality. Witness the following: A window display of a tire house. Toy automobiles scooting around at an amazing speed. Crowd composed almost entirely of adults peering with oblique amusement.

Two arches approach from the background. One of them elbowed his way to the front. The other is not so successful. "What is it?" yells the one from the back. "Aw, just a tire advertisement," says the other with disgust.

DISEASES OF GOLDFISH

Fungus diseases often attack the goldfish, sometimes so severely that there is nothing to do but make a fresh start. On the remedy for the disease is a salt bath, using a heaping teaspoonful of salt to two quarts of water. The patient should be left for about a week in this solution, which is renewed daily. If no noticeable improvement is shown in four days, increase strength of solution to about double, leaving the fish in this for two days. Then reduce the solution to its original proportions, after which the fish may be returned to the aquarium.

READ MAP

The Bible at Mary Ant's house did not have pictures or maps. One day the family was visiting some friends. When Mary Ann picked up her Bible and found a map of Palestine in it she took it to her father, exclaiming: "Look, daddy, there's a road map in the Bible."

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UNFORTUNATE EARLY SAVANT

Henry, Marquis of Villena, a Castilian savant in the reign of John II, studied astronomy so diligently that he lost all run of his worldly affairs and caused a wit of his day to comment sarcastically, "He knew much of heaven and nothing of earth."

PEANUT PROBLEM

Notwithstanding the enjoyment over her first bag of peanuts, Nancy Vera, just past three, was experiencing a "peanut problem."

DIMITRY ON STAFF AT TUSKEGEE

Mr. Ernest C. Dimitry, class of 1916, has returned to serve as Editorial Assistant in the Principal's Office. He will assist in editing the Tuskegee Messenger, The Southern Letter, and will handle press reports of school activities for daily and weekly newspapers.

GEORGIA LEADS LYNCHING STATES WITH 7 VICTIMS OF MOB

New York, Dec. 23.—There have been 25 recorded and authenticated lynchings in 1930, as against 12 during 1929, according to a summary for the year issued today from the offices of the N. A. A. C. P. Of the victims 24 were Negroes and one a white man.

Georgia heads the list of lynching states for the year with 7 mob victims. Alabama and Texas had four each, Mississippi 3, Indiana and South Carolina 2 each and Florida, North Carolina and Oklahoma had one each.

PETTY EXCUSES ADVANCED

The offenses which brought about the lynchings include not stopping an automobile when ordered, being active in politics, testifying against a white man in court, quarreling with a white man, murder, assault and attempted assault, robbery and, in one case, offense unknown.

ONE OF THE MOB VICTIMS, GEORGE HUGHES, WAS BURNED ALIVE IN THE JAIL AT SHERMAN, TEXAS, AND THE BODY OF GEORGE JOHNSON WAS PUBLICLY BURNED AT HONEY GROVE, ALSO IN TEXAS.

In a statement on the increase in lynchings, made by Walter White, Acting Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., increasing repudiation by white women of the south, of lynching as a

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After an elaborate dinner, the honored and others entertained with stories of long ago, and reminiscence of their childhood days. Mrs. Brown was the recipient of many presents given her by her host of friends.

The Jolly Eight Whist club met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Willa Mae Grewse, on West 13th Street. A two course luncheon was served by the hostess. Prizes for high scores were awarded Mrs. Ellen Moore, first; Mrs. Daisy Gater, second; Miss Minnie Madison, booby. The next meeting will be held Jan. 20, with Mrs. Ellen Moore, 1258 12th Street.

H. Lyell Williams, who spent the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Williams of Daventry, returned to Des Moines Thursday, January 8th to resume his duties at the Bystander office.

NOTICE

If you don't receive the Bystander next week, it will be for the reason that your name has been dropped from the list for non-payment of your subscription. We shall be glad to put it on again upon receipt of your payment.

Inman Perkins, son of Mrs. W. W. Jones of 1318 Ascension street, was a visitor with his parents during the holidays. Young Perkins is a freshman at the University of Iowa and one of the first Negroes to become a cadet in the Iowa University R. O. T. C. Perkins is preparing for a medical career.

Mr. Fenton Pride of Chicago, who has spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. May Pride, 1029 12th St., returned to his home last week.

Attorney George H. Woodson, 1324 Jefferson Ave., is confined to his home on account of illness.

Miss Anna Mae Manuel received a regular appointment as deputy in the county recorder's office last week.

She entered the office as an extra helper last summer. However, last week Mrs. Agnes Hermansen recommended an additional deputy for the office, which was approved by the board of supervisors. Miss Manuel was given the appointment.

Mrs. Hermansen has shown a high spirit of fairness in giving recognition to our group, and of course we are grateful to her.

The East Des Moines Booster Club announces their first play,

"A Poor Married Man"

A Three-act farce comedy to be presented at the Jewish Community Center, 801 Forest Avenue, Thursday evening, January 15, 1931.

Mrs. Patti Caloway and Mr. Kenneth M. Roark of Chicago have returned home after spending the holidays in the city the guests of Miss Jewel McMiller and mother, Mrs. Nanie McMiller, 1315 Day Street.

CHARLES TAYLOR BURIED AT GLENDALE

Mr. Charles Taylor was born at Kansas City, Kan., March 27, 1894, and died December 29, 1930, having been a resident of Des Moines since 1917. He was a cousin of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, with whom he made his home and is survived by a sister and a host of friends. Funeral services were held Friday, January 2, 1931, at the L. Fowler and Son Funeral home. Rev. Wheeler officiated. Interment at Glendale cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown during the illness and at the time of the death of Charles Taylor. We wish to thank Rev. Wheeler for his kind remarks and L. Fowler and son for their efficient service.

Sara Martin.

DEDICATED TO BILL WALKER

By Mrs. J. M. Shackelford
Written by Alta Davis
CALLED FROM LABOR TO REWARD.

All hail to him, our honored one,
Whom we can say, his work well done.
Striving here with the races so bold
Half of his works have not been told.
Will God send us another man
Who will so eagerly take Bill Walker's stand?
Will God send another so honest, so true
With a conscience that will make him want to do?
Oh! We must have another man
Who will meet Des Moines' great demand.
As I looked at his flowers as I sadly passed by,
Knowing that they must wither and die,
This thought came into my mind so bold,
"Half of his works have never been told."
He helped whomever was in distress,
God was the cause, he could not rest.
Is there another who can stand the test
Like Bill Walker who is now at rest?

There will be a chicken dinner at the Blue Triangle Branch, Y. W. C. A., 1227 Crocker Street, Thursday, January 15, 1931.

January 15, between six and nine o'clock, sponsored by the M. C. T. Club. Come and bring a friend.

COMMUNITY FORUM OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

The first meeting of the Community Forum for 1931 will be held Monday night, January 12, at the Community Center, at which time installation of officers will be held. The newly elected officers will sponsor the program, and the public is invited to attend. Mr. Adams solicits the support of the forum members and the public in making this an outstanding year in its affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clay, 1055 17th Street, will be hosts to the Fort-ninth Club Saturday night, January 10th.

The American Legion met Tuesday evening, January 6, at the Community Center. Mr. Gordon Kitchen, Post Commander, is asking for the support and cooperation of all legion men.

Miss Roberta Maupin visited her mother, Mrs. Maupin, 220 Clark St., during the holidays. She also visited at Ardmore, Okla., the guest of Miss Thelma Boyd, who is a teacher in that city.

Miss Anna Mae Manuel returned Friday, January 2, from St. Louis, where she was the holiday guest of Miss Beatrice Gross, teacher in the public schools of that city.

Miss Marie Reid, who is teaching in Memphis, Tennessee, and Miss Virginia Jones, teacher at Langston University, spent the holidays in St. Louis.

MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Lucy Page, who died Dec. 20, 1928. More and more each year I miss her. Friends may think the wound is healed, but they little know. Though through the vale of death I tread,
With many dangers over-spread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill;
For though, O Lord, art with me still,
Mrs. Harvey Brown, Daughter.

AMERICA SUSIE MOORE BURIED LAST WEEK

America Susie Moore was born in Nashville, Tenn., August 15, 1863, died Monday, December 29, 1930 at 2:15 a. m.
Mrs. Moore was one of the old settlers of Topeka, Kansas, having gone there from her native southern home in 1888 along with the immigrants who settled in what is now known as Tennessee. For thirty-five years she was a faithful member of First African Baptist church.

About four years ago, along with her daughter, Mrs. Birdie Hayter, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Moore came to Des Moines. Soon thereafter she suffered from a stroke and was an invalid for three years. Her husband preceded her in death by nine years. She leaves behind her four children, Arthur of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Birdie Hayter, Mrs. Hattie Auglera, of Des Moines, a son Louie of Omaha, Neb., and seven grand children. She lived a consistent christian and died as she lived. Peace to her ashes.

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Mrs. Birdie Hayter,
Mrs. Hattie Auglera
Daughters of Des Moines, Iowa.
Arthur Moore, Minneapolis.
Louie Moore, Omaha.
Sons.

SCOUTS TO HOLD SURPRISE MEETING

Boy Scout Troop No. 59, with the troop committee, met at the Community Center last Monday evening. Plans were formulated for a big surprise meeting on Monday, January 12 at 7:30.
All boys in Des Moines interested in scouting are urged to be present.

Spider Has Well Been Called Natural Marvel

It is agreed by scientists that the spider is supreme in cunning, ruthless ferocity, inventiveness and courage. Careful study of various kinds of spiders has shown an intelligence that leaves several thousand times bigger than themselves, for they attack tadpoles, frogs, lizards and bats.

A silken thread spun by a spider is often as thin as thirty-two millionths of an inch in diameter. If it were enlarged two thousand times it would be as big as an ordinary horsehair. Human hair enlarged the same number of times is six and a half inches in diameter. With this transparent web of fine spiders are able to bind animals several thousand times bigger than themselves, for they attack tadpoles, frogs, lizards and bats.

A small ringed snake, nine inches long, was found trapped by a spider. The spider, its body hardly bigger than a good-sized pea, had spun a web in the form of an inverted cone, from the top of which hung a silken cable. The snake was suspended by this cable still alive. Its mouth muzzled with multiple strands of web and its tail tied by silken cord.—London Tl. Bits.

Something Lost When "Family Dinners" Went

This country should revive the fine old custom of having family dinners, when the extension table was pulled out to its limit, relatives or neighbors invited, and a dinner fit for a king served. An appeal for a revival of the art of eating was made at recent convention of grocers in New York.

The family dinner, a social custom flourished in the pioneer days. In the modern day of rush and hurry it has lost out. It is too easy to telephone the restaurant and order a dinner for a certain hour.

Most people can recall family dinners where joy reigned and sweet domestic peace was all about. They helped make the home the most popular place known to members of the family, helped build up family life and agreeable understanding. The family dinner has a place all its own and it might be revived with good results.—Ohio State Journal.

Foundation's Purpose

The Judge Baker foundation was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts on April 29, 1917, "for the purpose of promoting the better understanding of juvenile delinquents which admit of desirable development and the ways and means by which to develop them, establishing and maintaining a clinic, medical, psychological or other kind, which shall study, examine and make diagnoses, prognoses and reports on juvenile delinquents." The foundation aims to carry on civic and educational purposes, thereby establishing and maintaining a living memorial to Harvey Humphrey Baker, first justice of the Boston Juvenile court.

Curious Cockpit Country

The "cockpit" country is known only to those who have taken a West Indies cruise and not all of those. It means a trip to Jamaica and a journey when there to Balacava and the glades of the Black river, Jamaica's longest navigable stream, famous for its dye woods and alligators. Between Appleton and Breadnut valley you will see a number of lovely waterfalls and at Ipswich, about 90 miles from Kingston, the Cockpit country begins, a land of conical limestone hills, banana-plant glades. It is a region never fully explored and the Maroons had their fastnesses here in the days of runaway negro adventures.

Early "Dictionaries"

Before there was a dictionary, people literally "died without." Over 2,500 years ago the Assyrians had one of their languages pressed in cuneiform characters on clay tablets. One authority says: "The Arabians, the Greeks and the Romans, too, compiled dictionaries; they did not make any attempt at giving all the words of a language, but contented themselves with listing rare or difficult words." Lexicons were a development of the Middle Ages. The first English dictionary which aimed at completeness was that of Nathaniel Bailey, published in 1721 and called the "Universal Etymological English Dictionary."

The Old Mohawk Church

The Old Mohawk church the oldest Protestant church in Ontario, is on the Six Nations' reserve near Brantford, Ontario. The grave of Chief Joseph Brant is alongside its walls, and the church is proud of the silver communion service and Bible presented by Queen Anne. The service is inscribed: "The gift of Her Majesty Anne, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, and Her Plantations in North America, Queen, to Her Indian Chapel of the Mohawks, 1712." The church is a popular mecca for tourists.

Salt and Sugar

A young woman entered an east end drug store and bought some supposedly salted peanuts.
"There's no salt in these peanuts," she protested.
"Well, we don't salt them much—salt hardens your arteries."
"Oh! is that so? Try eating a little sugar sometime and see if it won't soften your heart!"
Here endeth the conversation fit to print!—Indianapolis News.

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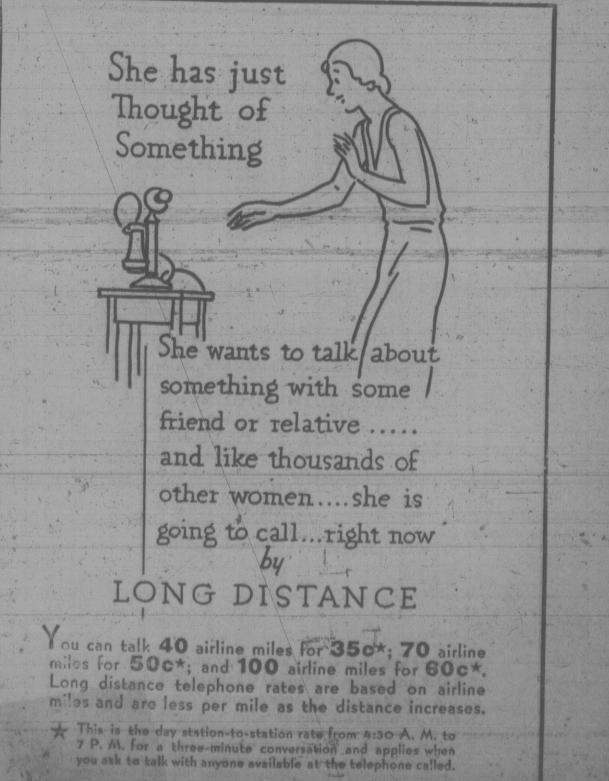


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Mrs. Lulu Mitchell, Chrmn. of Pub.

Mrs. Katie Brown, celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday January 1, 1931, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Beckton, 532 S. E. 27th St., Court. A dinner was served to the following guests: Rev. and Mrs. A. Ross Brent, Messrs. Archie Day, Frank Diggs, George Diggs, William Frank, Amos Adams, J. E. Williams, George Powell, Mesdames Stokes, Henderson, Jengle Pittman, Mays, Beatrice Johnson, and Sallie White. Out of town guests: Mrs. Hamilton of Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Angus Beckton and children of Ames, Iowa.

After an elaborate dinner, the honored and others entertained with stories of long ago, and reminiscence of their childhood days. Mrs. Brown was the recipient of many presents given her by her host of friends.

The Jolly Eight Whist club met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Willa Mae Crewse, on West 13th Street. A two course luncheon was served by the hostess. Prizes for high scores were awarded Mrs. Ellen Moore, first; Miss Daisy Gater, second; Miss Minnie Madison, booby. The next meeting will be held Jan. 20, with Mrs. Ellen Moore, 1258 12th Street.

H. Lyell Williams, who spent the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Williams of Davonport, returned to Des Moines Thursday, January 8th to resume his duties at the Bystander office.

NOTICE

If you don't receive the Bystander next week, it will be for the reason that your name has been dropped from the list for non-payment of your subscription. We shall be glad to put it on again upon receipt of your payment.

Inman Perkins, son of Mrs. W. W. Jones of 1318 Ascension street, was a visitor with his parents during the holidays. Young Perkins is a freshman at the University of Iowa and one of the first Negroes to become a cadet in the Iowa University R. O. T. C. Perkins is preparing for a medical career.

Mr. Fenton Pride of Chicago, who has spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. May Pride, 1029 13th St., returned to his home last week.

Attorney George H. Woodson, 1324 Jefferson Ave., is confined to his home on account of illness.

Miss Anna Mae Manuel received a regular appointment as deputy in the county recorder's office last week.

She entered the office as an extra helper last summer. However, last week Mrs. Agnes Hermansen recommended an additional deputy for the office, which was approved by the board of supervisors. Miss Manuel was given the appointment.

Mrs. Hermansen has shown a high spirit of fairness in giving recognition to our group, and of course we are grateful to her.

The East Des Moines Booster Club announces their first play,

"A Poor Married Man"

A Three-act farce comedy to be presented at the Jewish Community Center, 801 Forest Avenue, Thursday evening, January 15, 1931.

January 15, between six and nine o'clock, sponsored by the M. C. T. Club. Come and bring a friend.

COMMUNITY FORUM OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

The first meeting of the Community Forum for 1931 will be held Monday night, January 12, at the Community Center, at which time installation of officers will be held. The newly elected officers will sponsor the program, and the public is invited to attend. Mr. Adams solicits the support of the forum members and the public in making this an outstanding year in its affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clay, 1055 17th Street, will be hosts to the Fortnightly Club Saturday night, January 10th.

The American Legion met Tuesday evening, January 6, at the Community Center. Mr. Gordon Kitchen, Post Commander, is asking for the support and cooperation of all legion men.

Miss Roberta Maupin visited her mother, Mrs. Maupin, 220 Clark St., during the holidays. She also visited at Ardmore, Okla., the guest of Miss Thelma Boyd, who is a teacher in that city.

Miss Anna Mae Manuel returned Friday, January 2, from St. Louis, where she was the holiday guest of Miss Beatrice Gross, teacher in the public schools of that city.

Miss Marie Reid, who is teaching in Memphis, Tennessee, and Miss Virginia Jones, teacher at Langston University, spent the holidays in St. Louis.

MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Lucy Page, who died Dec. 20, 1928. More and more each year I miss her. Friends may think the wound is healed, but they little know. Though through the vale of death I tread, With many dangers over-spread, My steadfast heart shall fear no ill; For though, O Lord, art with me still. Mrs. Harvey Brown, Daughter.

AMERICA SUSIE MOORE BURIED LAST WEEK

America Susie Moore was born in Nashville, Tenn., August 15, 1863, died Monday, December 29, 1930 at 2:15 a. m. Mrs. Moore was one of the old settlers of Topeka, Kansas, having gone there from her native southern home in 1888 along with the immigrants who settled in what is now Tennessee town. For thirty-five years she was a faithful member of First African Baptist church.

About four years ago, along with her daughter, Mrs. Birdie Hayter, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Moore came to Des Moines. Soon thereafter she suffered from a stroke and was an invalid for three years. Her husband preceded her in death by nine years. She leaves behind her four children, Arthur of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Birdie Hayter, Mrs. Hattie Augiera, of Des Moines, a son Louie of Omaha, Neb., and seven grand children. She lived a consistent christian and died as she lived. Peace to her ashes.

DEDICATED TO BILL WALKER

By Mrs. J. M. Shackelford Written by Alta Davis

CALLED FROM LABOR TO REWARD

All hail to him, our honored one, Whom we can say, his work well done. Striving here with the races so bold Half of his works have not been told. Will God send us another man Who will so eagerly take Bill Walker's stand? Will God send another so honest, so true With a conscience that will make him want to do? Oh! We must have another man Who will meet Des Moines' great demand. As I looked at his flowers as I sadly passed by, Knowing that they must wither and die, This thought came into my mind so bold, "Half of his works have never been told." He helped whomever was in distress. God was the cause, he could not rest. Is there another who can stand the test Like Bill Walker who is now at rest?

SCOUTS TO HOLD SURPRISE MEETING

Boy Scout Troop No. 59, with the troop committee, met at the Community Center last Monday evening. Plans were formulated for a big surprise meeting on Monday, January 12 at 7:30. All boys in Des Moines interested in scouting are urged to be present.

Spider Has Well Been Called Natural Marvel

It is agreed by scientists that the spider is supreme in cunning, ruthless ferocity, inventiveness and courage. Careful study of various kinds of spiders has shown an intelligence that leaves mankind amazed, and their engineering skill and inventive ability is far greater than that of the average human.

A silken thread spun by a spider is often as thin as thirty-two millionths of an inch in diameter. If it were enlarged two thousand times it would be as big as an ordinary horsehair. Human hair enlarged the same number of times is six and a half inches in diameter. With this transparent web of fine spiders are able to bind animals several thousand times bigger than themselves, for they attack tadpoles, frogs, lizards and bats. A small ringed snake, five inches long, was found trapped by a spider. The spider, its body hardly bigger than a good-sized pea, had spun a web in the form of an inverted cone, from the top of which hung a silken cable. The snake was suspended by this cable still alive, its mouth muzzled with multiple strands of web and its tail tied by silken cord.—London Times.

Something Lost When "Family Dinner" Went

This country should revive the time-old custom of having family dinners, when the extension table was pulled out to its limit, relatives or neighbors invited, and a dinner fit for a king served. An appeal for a revival of the art of eating was made at recent convention of grocers in New York.

The family dinner social custom flourished in the pioneer days. In the modern day of rush and hurry it has lost out. It is too easy to telephone the restaurant and order a dinner for a certain hour.

Most people can recall family dinners where joy reigned and sweet domestic peace was all about. They helped make the home the most popular place known to members of the family, helped build up family life and agreeable understanding. The family dinner has a place all its own and it might be revived with good results.—Ohio State Journal.

Foundation's Purpose

The Judge Baker foundation was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts on April 23, 1917, "for the purpose of promoting the better understanding of juvenile delinquents and the ways and means by which to develop them, establishing and maintaining a clinic, medical, psychological or other kind, which shall study, examine and make diagnoses, prognoses and reports on juvenile delinquents." The foundation aims to carry on civic and educational purposes, thereby establishing and maintaining a living memorial to Harvey Humphrey Baker, first justice of the Boston Juvenile court.

Curious Cockpit Country

The "cockpit" country is known only to those who have taken a West Indies cruise and not all of those. It means a trip to Jamaica and a journey when there to Balmora and the glades of the Black river, Jamaica's longest navigable stream, famous for its dyo woods and alligators. Between Appleton and Breadnut valley you will see a number of lovely waterfalls and at Ipswich, about 90 miles from Kingston, the Cockpit country begins, a land of conical limestone hills, banana-laden glades. It is a region never fully explored and the Maroons had their fastnesses here in the days of runaway negro adventures.

Early "Dictionaries"

Before there was a dictionary, people literally "did without." Over 2,500 years ago the Assyrians had one of their languages pressed in cuneiform characters on clay tablets. One authority says: "The Arabians, the Greeks, and the Romans, too, compiled dictionaries; they did not make any attempt at giving all the words of a language, but contented themselves with listing rare or difficult words." Lexicons were a development of the Middle Ages. The first English dictionary which aimed at completeness was that of Nathan Bailey, published in 1721 and called the "Universal Etymological English Dictionary."

The Old Mohawk Church

The old Mohawk church the oldest Protestant church in Ontario, is on the Six Nations reserve near Brantford, Ontario. The grave of Chief Joseph Brant is alongside its walls, and the church is proud of the silver communion service and Bible presented by Queen Anne. The service is inscribed: "The gift of Her Majesty Anne, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, and Her Plantations in North America, Queen, to Her Indian Chapel of the Mohawks, 1712." The church is a popular mecca for tourists.

Salt and Sugar

A young woman entered an east end drug store and bought some supposedly salted peanuts. "There's no salt in these peanuts," she protested. "Well, we don't salt them much—salt hardens your arteries." "Oh, is that so? Try eating a little sugar sometime and see if it won't soften your heart!" Here ended the conversation fit to print.—Indianapolis News.

CROCKER STREET Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The program last Sunday under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Jones was one of the best of the present season. A good attendance was on hand to hear the following persons: Atty. S. Joe Brown, Inman Perkins, Arel Jeff, Mrs. Florence Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Harrison, Mrs. Gus Nichols, Mrs. C. B. Woods, Napoleon Morrow, George Robinson, Harold Robinson and Arthur Terry.

Mr. S. L. Ewing will be the host at the Crocker Street "Y" Sunday forum, January 11 at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Seneter E. Whittaker, Drake University student, will lead in open discussion on the subject: "Should the Girl or the Boy in the Home be Educated First." Other members on the program will be: piano solo, Eleanor Powell; reading, Alcyonetta Walden; vocal solo, Mrs. H. Yates; reading, T. J. Burce; piano solo, Anna Tomlin; and vocal solo by Mrs. Jobnness Kelso. Everyone is invited to take a part in these forum discussions.

The East High gymnasium is used every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p. m. for the employed young men and older men of the entire city. You are always welcome to come in and take a little exercise with us.

The Sunday School Basketball League for older boys and for younger boys will begin at the West High gymnasium, Friday evening, January 9 at 7 p. m. The following Sunday Schools will take a part in the league: St. Paul A. M. E., Corinthian Baptist, Burns M. E., Union Baptist, Bethel A. M. E., and possibly Maple Street Baptist. The inter-club league for younger boys will include: Junior Crocker Street "Y" leaders; Little Scorpions, Union Baptist Juniors, Riverside Settlement team, and Union Bees. More than 150 boys and young men will be given an opportunity each week to have physical activity privileges.

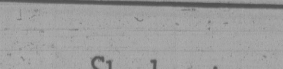
Word comes from Charles Holmes and Leo Elmore that they have got started in the busy life of Tuskegee Institute and that their trip down in an old Model "T" Ford was the happiest trip they have ever taken. People went out of their way to be extra nice to them. We have received word from the high officials that Tuskegee is going to love these Iowa boys and that they are going to love Tuskegee. The personnel of the Crocker Street Y. M. C. A. is glad that it had this opportunity of saying a good word in the behalf of these worthwhile lads.



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