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W. C. T. U. OBSERVES ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

In keeping with a proclamation issued by the State W. C. T. U., the Francis Ellen Watkins Harper Women's Christian Temperance Union held an interesting meeting last Wednesday afternoon and each pledged herself to use her influence to assist in the observance of the Eleventh Anniversary of the taking effect of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, under the slogan—"Give Prohibition a Chance".

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New York, Jan. 15.—Walter White, acting secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., and Mrs. White, are sailing today for Port-au-Prince, capital city in Haiti, on the Royal Netherlands liner, Cotica, for a vacation and rest, and also in order that Mr. White may do a series of articles for an American newspaper syndicate.

Owing to the absence on leave of James Weldon Johnson, during 1930, Mr. White took no vacation during the summer, and the voyage to Haiti therefore represents a belated vacation. Mr. White is carrying to Haiti a message sent by the N. A. A. C. P. Board of Directors to Stenio Vincent, new President of Haiti, congratulating him and expressing the hope for continued progress in that country.

Negro Schools May Lose Military Instructors

Wilberforce, A. and T. College, Morehouse, Tuskegee, Hampton and Howard University are the colored schools offering military training with U. S. army officers in charge. New York, Jan. 15 (ANP)—"I am feeling fine; in fact, I have never felt better in my life," said Dr. Robert B. Moton, upon his arrival here Sunday, en route to Tuskegee Institute from Rochester, N. Y.

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Chained to the roof of the Garrett School, in which he was alleged to have attacked and slain the teacher, Gunn writhed and screamed in agony as the flames from the gasoline-soaked roof enveloped him. The mob looked on, many remaining until the roof fell in and the charred body of Gunn fell to the floor of the one-room schoolhouse. In a few moments the entire building was reduced to ashes. So ended the first lynching party of 1931!

Guardsmen had been ordered mobilized early Monday as trouble was feared. Gunn's trial was scheduled to open at 10 o'clock. The mob seized Gunn from the sheriff as they were about to enter the courthouse. No attempt was made to stop the lynching, and the mob met no resistance in taking the man from the sheriff and officers. The guardsmen were gathered at the armory and declare they were awaiting orders from Sheriff Harvey England. It is reported, however, that guardsmen were sent out about the courthouse when Gunn was taken but refused to intervene.

A Missouri daily describes the lynchings as follows: "Gunn was marched into the schoolhouse and to the spot where the bruised body of the young teacher was discovered. Those of the throng about him who were closest said the Negro confessed his guilt. "He was then taken to the roof of the building. He was placed across the ridge-pole. Holes were chipped in the roof and gasoline poured over the floors and on the walls. A member of the mob applied a match.

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"Face down across the ridge-pole, Gunn pushed himself up and waved at the crowd, which contained hundreds of women. Then he sank against the roof. "One long, piercing shriek arose above the crackling of the flames as they played about his head. "The crowd, orderly throughout, stood about the four corners where the school was located, until the white, one-room frame building was reduced to ashes.

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All other organizations and peoples are invited to join in with the Elks and make the week of February 8, 1931, an outstanding one in race consciousness in the emphasis of race education, history and economics. See the local exalted ruler and daughter rulers and assist them in having a stand-out community meeting.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(By CNS)—Students of the Howard University R. O. T. C., and the Washington High School cadet corps may lose their military instructors if the recommendations of the War Department, embodied in the department's annual estimates for the next year, are carried out.

Local Association Deplores Missouri Lynching

At regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Des Moines Branch, of the N. A. A. C. P., a drastic resolution was adopted deploring the fact that such a catastrophe as the lynching and burning of the Negro, Raymond Gunn, at Maryville, Mo., could occur almost on the border of the grand old State of Iowa, that prides itself that it has never lynched a Negro and pledged its fullest support to the National Office which has already taken cognizance of the affair by demanding the removal of Sheriff England for his failure to take the necessary steps to have prevented it.

The resolution urged that authorities should see that prisoners be dealt with according to law and not according to mob rule.

W. C. T. U. OBSERVES ELEVENTH
ANNIVERSARY

In keeping with a proclamation issued by the State W. C. T. U., the Francis Ellen Watkins Harper Women's Christian Temperance Union held an interesting meeting last Wednesday afternoon and each pledged herself to use her influence to assist in the observance of the Eleventh Anniversary of the taking effect of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, under the slogan—"Give Prohibition a Chance."

Mrs. John Mayweather, Mrs. J. W. Fant and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, the President, made remarks along this line.

Walter White to Vacation in Haiti

New York, Jan. 15.—Walter White, acting secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., and Mrs. White, are sailing today for Port-au-Prince, capital city in Haiti, on the Royal Netherlands liner, Cotica, for a vacation and rest, and also in order that Mr. White may do a series of articles for an American newspaper syndicate.

Owing to the absence on leave of James Weldon Johnson, during 1930, Mr. White took no vacation during the summer, and the voyage to Haiti therefore represents a belated vacation. Mr. White is carrying to Haiti a message sent by the N. A. A. C. P. Board of Directors to Stenio Vincent, new President of Haiti, congratulating him and expressing the hope for continued progress in that country.

McGuire Retains
Sheriff Post

Mr. James Lloyd McGuire, who was a deputy sheriff under Park A. Findley for eight years, has been reappointed by Sheriff Keeling, and placed in charge of the finger print department. Mr. McGuire was unanimously endorsed by Lincoln Post of the American Legion. His appointment meets with the approbation of his many friends and goes to substantiate the fact that he has proven a success. Mr. McGuire comes from one of the prominent pioneer families of Des Moines and Iowa, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGuire, 1320 Laurel Street. He is past Commander of Lincoln Post of the American Legion, a member of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, and a Shriner, and together with his wife and little son, Jimmy, Jr., lives at 1320 Laurel Street.

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Maryville, Mo., Jan. 15.—While a detachment of Battery C, 128th Field Artillery, Missouri National Guard unit sat patiently awaiting orders from the sheriff, a mob of 400 hoodlums took part and witnessed the burning alive of young Raymond Gunn alleged slayer of Velma Colter, a white school teacher.

Chained to the roof of the Garrett School, in which he was alleged to have attacked and slain the teacher, Gunn writhed and screamed in agony as the flames from the gasoline-soaked roof enveloped him. The mob looked on, many remaining until the roof gave in and the charred body of Gunn fell to the floor of the one-room schoolhouse. In a few moments the entire building was reduced to ashes. So ended the first lynching party of 1931!

Guardsmen had been ordered mobilized early Monday as trouble was feared. Gunn's trial was scheduled to open at 10 o'clock. The mob seized Gunn from the sheriff as they were about to enter the courthouse. No attempt was made to stop the lynching, and the mob met no resistance in taking the man from the sheriff and officers. The guardsmen were gathered at the armory and declare they were awaiting orders from Sheriff Harvey England. It is reported, however, that guardsmen were on duty about the courthouse when Gunn was taken but refused to intervene.

A Missouri daily describes the lynching as follows: "Gunn was marched into the schoolhouse and to the spot where the bruised body of the young teacher was discovered. Those of the throng about him who were closest said the Negro confessed his guilt. "He was then taken to the roof of the building. He was placed across the ridge-pole. Holes were chipped in the roof and gasoline poured over the floors and on the walls. A member of the mob applied a match. "Waves to Crowd "Face down across the ridge-pole, Gunn pushed himself up and waved at the crowd, which contained hundreds of women. Then he sank against the roof. "One long, piercing shriek arose above the crackling of the flames as they played about his head. "The crowd, orderly throughout, stood about the four corners where the school was located, until the white, one-room frame building was reduced to ashes.

Negro Schools May Lose Military Instructors

Wilberforce, A. and T. College, Morehouse, Tuskegee, Hampton and Howard University are the colored schools offering military training with U. S. army officers in charge. "New York, Jan. 15 (ANP)—"I am feeling fine; in fact, I have never felt better in my life," said Dr. Robert E. Moton, upon his arrival here Sunday, en route to Tuskegee Institute from Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Moton was stricken several weeks ago and was carried to the Strong Memorial Hospital of Rochester, N. Y., where he underwent an operation.

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MISSOURI AND NEW YORK

The lynching at Maryville, Mo., is depressing to be sure. Those people, white and black who have been working for better relations between the race both north and south, are bound to feel depressed. Nobody wants a prisoner to escape punishment he deserves; nobody should want criminals punished in any other manner than that which has been provided by law.

But as depressing as this situation may be, the following news story taken from the New York Age, one of the leading Negro weeklies in the country, keeps that ray of light before those people who believe that education, environment and opportunity will work out these difficulties in the long run:

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Judge Toney is the other Negro judge who took office at that time.

Of course jobs are not the only end to which this group is working and yet the high plane upon which this New York situation is placed show that these southern men have come a long way not only from their birthplace, but also from the plane of thought of the communities from which they have come.

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HEALTH TALKS

By Dr. H. H. London

BRONCHITIS

Bronchitis is a very common affection affecting persons of all ages but is always more serious and requires more care in the young and in the old. It is almost always preceded by a cold in the nose and throat and extends down into the trachea and bronchial tubes. A cold in the nose or a cough even is not a serious condition and a majority or these pass in a very short while without any treatment. This is especially true of those coughs occurring in persons past adolescence and in those in the prime part of the time in the outdoors are not subject to bronchitis. It is a serious disease in the very young and more so when it follows some one of the infectious diseases such as measles or whooping cough. In the very old it is serious because it results from the presence of some other condition to which it is secondary. It is serious in the young because of its liability to descend into the lung and produce pneumonia and because the child's resistance has already been lowered by the disease which has preceded it.

In the very young the condition in the nose is the starting point to prevent the extension downward into the bronchial tubes and in the very old the starting point is the condition which might give rise to a bronchitis. In adults so affected a hot foot bath before retiring and a hot lemonade are the means sometimes of restoring the tubes to practical normality by morning.

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The Negro in America

By J. C. Browne

In Maryville, Missouri, just twenty-seven miles from the Iowa border, in broad open daylight, a Negro has been taken from a sheriff with his convicts, walked four miles, chained to the roof of a school house and burned in the presence of hundreds of American citizens, who are so religious that we stamp upon our money, "In God We Trust" and contribute to foreign missions, millions of dollars to Christianize the heathen in foreign lands.

The state troops were assembled, ready to move at an instant's notice to protect this prisoner, but the notice was never given, until after the crime was committed, then the sheriff notified the governor that there was no need for the troops as everything was calm and orderly. The sheriff further states by the reports that he intends to protect members of the mob whom he recognized, in spite of his oath of office to uphold the dignity of the law and see that no human being's life is forfeited except by the due process of law. The state government of Missouri failed to protect him.

The government at Washington seems helpless, even though they can send United States marines into Nicaragua to protect the citizens of that government in the exercise of their franchise, who owe no allegiance to our flag nor pay no taxes toward the maintenance of our government. What has happened in Missouri has happened in other sections of the United States, though perhaps not so flagrantly done.

and maintenance of reformatories for women and children; homes for working girls; homes for aged women and orphaned children; day nurseries; kindergartens; social settlements; and community centers of various kinds.

Included among these was the report on the Iowa Federation Home, for University girls, maintained at Iowa City, of which we Iowa Women feel very proud and which, it appears from the record, is the only one of its particular kind in America.

These projects are each maintained by some State Federation. The outstanding achievements of our National Association are the publication of our official organ, "National Notes", established in 1897 by the late Mrs. Booker T. Washington; the redemption and maintenance of the homestead of our first great race leader, Frederick Douglass at Anacostia, in the District of Columbia, which was taken over by our National Association in 1916 and which largely through the efforts of the late Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, was beautified and dedicated free of debt in August, 1922; launching of a fifty thousand dollar scholarship loan fund, by our former president, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, in 1924; the establishing of our National Headquarters at our National Capital, Washington, D. C.; former president, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune; the establishing of a Junior National Body by our present president, Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart.

This report will be continued next week.

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 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

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

Niuafoou 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 Niuafoou, strewn along this molten mass within the earth. The Jack-in-the-box island of Falcon 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 hillside. 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.

Obedience 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 navy that made Britain mistress of the seas, became the national tree of England, so did the beautiful lofty palm, which gave off timber and dates to its people, become the national tree of what we like to call the Holy land, Judah. Maccabeanus had it engraved on his coins as a symbol of Jewish victory. Vespasian, the Roman emperor under whom the Jews were finally defeated, engraved it on his coinage as a token that he had vanquished Judaea. The palm tree was well understood to represent the Jewish people in ancient days, as, indeed, it does in a sense today.—Montreal Star.

Chivalry in 1867

"When you teend on a lady's train in the street, you are not required to apologize," observed the Providence (R. I.) Journal on July 18, 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 41,397 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 new Chinese laborers, and to exclude them altogether.

not only desirable but vitally necessary. Mr. White pointed out, however, that the disordered state of af-

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, except renowned individuals, not for dietetic 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, after 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 in 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.

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 future or 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 it does in a sense today.—Montreal Star.

Valuable Invention

The auto was invented by Juan Clevra. In the auto 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 vane, 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 godfather, but has it the lovely Lower of Santo Tome, or the medieval bridge of San Martin, or the ancient gate of Puerta del Sol?

fails in the world today offered greatest 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.

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 Seminar, 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 attitude he found the federation in a "precarious position" and threatened

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with failure unless "justice" was accorded the Negro.

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 appointment 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. Mulvane, Republican, national committee man for Kansas, visited him at his hotel.

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Society and Clubs - Virginia Stewart-Dixon

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Mr. Andrew J. Thompson, of Burlington, Iowa, was a visitor at the By-stander office Thursday. While here he is stopping at the La Marguerita Hotel.

Mr. David Duncan, who visited Miss Hortense Woods, 1074 11th street, has returned to his home at Toledo, Ohio, where he has accepted a splendid position.

The S. L. Birt Club held an interesting meeting Friday, January 9, at the home of Mrs. Oscar Lewis, 1413 Buchanan street. Plans were made to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the club. The names of Mesdames Margaret Patten, Maude Howard and JoBurness Kelso were added to the membership roll. The S. L. Birt Club met at the home of Mrs. Mattie Dammert, 1127 11th street, Friday, Jan. 16.

The L. T. Club gave an informal party Tuesday evening, January 6th in the ballroom of the La Marguerita Hotel. Punch was served during interludes in the dance program furnished by Marie Knowing and her entertainers.

The L. T. Club met Wednesday, January 7 at the home of Mrs. Claude Carr, 1148 Enoe avenue. Games were played after which the hostess served a luncheon. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21, with Mrs. Harry Seymour, 835 20th street.

A Bon-voyage party was held at the La Marguerita Hotel by the Mary Church Terrell Club, honoring Mrs. Adah Johnson, a member of the club, who is leaving for Los Angeles, Calif. The club presented Mrs. Johnson with a lovely modernistic clock. 500 formed the diversion of the evening.

The La Mercredi Club meet with Mrs. Minnie Clay, 1055 17th street, on Wednesday, January 14.

The Fort-Nightly Club met at the home of Mrs. Anna May Carter, Saturday evening, January 10.

The Roosevelt Club held a regular business meeting at the Community Center, January 14.

Delphi Sorority met at the Community Center, Wednesday evening, January 14.

Miss Susie Hart and mother, Mrs. Lee, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, 1327 School St., on Sunday evening, January 11.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, 1327 School, were hosts at a dinner party Sunday, January 4 at their residence. The following shared in the courtesy: Messrs. and Mesdames Burt Harris, Mack Carson and W. T. Johnson.

Miss Irene Seymour, daughter of Mr. Harry Seymour, 835 20th street, who was one of the much feted holiday visitors in the city, departed for her home at Quincy, Illinois last Saturday. Miss Seymour was the honored guest at an informal afternoon tea given by Mrs. Frank Parker, 17th street.

Mother Allen, who has been in Keokuk for the past two months, is at home to her many friends at the McDowell residence, 1211 Center street.

Attorney George H. Woodson, who has been seriously ill at his residence, 1324 W. Jefferson Avenue, is very much improved.

FORUM INSTALLS NEW OFFICER MONDAY

Officers of the Forum for the year were installed by Attorney S. Joe Brown, at the Community Center, Monday evening, January 12. Following is a list: W. C. Adams, President; George Edmunds, Vice President; Mrs. Azalia Mitchell, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Jessye Davis, 3rd Vice President; W. C. Buice, Secretary; Mrs. Birdie Winn, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Audra Alexander, Treasurer.

Mrs. JoBurness Kelso, in her own inimitable way, rendered several vocal selections. Mr. Anderson White presided over the meeting.

CROCKER STREET Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The Y's Peoples' forum discussion for Sunday, January 18 at 3:30 P. M., will be led by Mrs. L. B. Willis. The subject will be "Are We as a Race Over Churched?" Each person present will be given an opportunity to express his view. The others on the program will be: Violin solo, Arthur Clay; Vocal solo, Mrs. Pearl Thompson; Piano solo, Little George Edmunds; Violin solo, Miss Marguerite Esters; Vocal solo, Miss Dorothy Miles. Everyone is cordially invited to the "Y".

The Sunday school basketball league got away to a good start last Friday evening at the West High gymnasium. Union Baptist defeated Corinthian 29 to 11; St. Paul defeated Burns 18 to 9. Both games were hotly contested. In the Junior league, the Junior "Y" leaders defeated the Little Scorpions and the Union Bees defeated Bethel A. M. T. Games are played each Friday night at the West High Gymnasium from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M.

Standing—Senior League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Union Baptist	1	0	1.000
S. Paul A. M. E.	1	0	1.000
Corinthian Bap.	0	1	.000
Burns M. E.	0	1	.000

Standing—Junior League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Union Bees	1	0	1.000
Jr. "Y" Leaders	1	0	1.000
Little Scorpions	0	1	.000
Bethel A. M. E.	0	1	.000

Schedule: Senior League, January 16, Union vs Burns; St. Paul vs Corinthian; January 23, Union vs St. Paul; Corinthian vs Burns. Junior League, January 16, Union Bees vs Little Scorpions; "Y" Leaders vs Bethel. January 23, Union Bees vs "Y" Leaders; Scorpions vs Bethel.

BLUE TRIANGLE Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Miss Salena Mason and Katherine Payne of Kansas City, Kansas, and Missouri, were in the city on Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11. They are members of the council which plans the Okoboji summer conference of business and industrial girls. This group was in session at this time. Misses Mason and Payne are the only Negro members. While in the city they were guests for a short time at the Branch.

The religious education committee wishes to announce its Child Labor Vesper Service on Sunday, January 25 at 4:30 P. M. Miss Effie Doan will be the speaker. She will give a report of President Hoover's Conference on Child Health and Protection. Miss Doan attended the conference. There are additional numbers to be announced later. The Y. W. C. A., is especially interested in child labor because of its effect upon women and girls throughout the country. The public is invited.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

East Sixteenth and University Avenue. Services were splendid all day Sunday. The Pastor closed his series of twenty sermons on the Holy Ghost with a large attendance. The Union mission society, Mrs. Clara Houston, president, will meet at the home of Mrs. H. Snyder, 1446 E. 18th street Thursday at 2:30 P. M. The Willings Workers club, Miss Bernice Angles, president, will meet at the home of Mrs. Ethel Cooley, 1443 McKinley street, Thursday evening at 8:00. All members are urged to attend.

The Pastor's Aid met at the church Monday evening, Mrs. Mary Turner as president. The Aid by the assistance of some of the other clubs are furnishing the study. The Bible teacher's class will meet at the church Thursday evening, with the superintendent, Mrs. Jessye Davis. The B. Y. P. U., Alfonso Spriggs, president, has recently doubled its attendance. Live wire topics are being discussed each evening at 6:30. Sermon subject for Sunday morning: "The God of the Living and Not of the Dead." Sunday evening: "What the Bible Does." The Pastor is preparing another series of sermons, twenty in number, on the Baptist Articles of Faith, or What We Believe—Thus saith the Scripture.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Regular services were conducted January 11. Sunday school, William Fields, Supt. Morning services, Rev. J. L. Lucas in charge. B. Y. P. U., Mary Howard, president. Evening prayer was conducted by J. Bryant, deacon. Mr. Bryant sings the songs and hymns our forefathers used. Rev. Lucas preached from II Peter, talking from the entire chapter. He warned us of false teachers and the

punishment of a vexed God. "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it to turn from the Holy Commandment delivered unto them." Shiloh has a very good choir, and are always ready and willing to help.

WILLIAM ANDERSON BURIAL AT GLENDALE

William Anderson, age 55, born in Chaplain, Kentucky, March 4, 1876, departed this life January 5, 1931 at 2:35 P. M. He was baptized May 11, 1899 by the Reverend Lucas of Shiloh Baptist church. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Anderson; a daughter, Ruth Anderson; One stepdaughter, Iva Strothers; a father-in-law, Mr. Lewis Banks; three sisters; two brothers; an aunt and uncle and a host of friends. Funeral was held Thursday, January 8, 1931 at L. Fowler and Son Funeral Home. Interment at Glendale Cemetery. Rev. G. W. Robinson officiated.

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 William Anderson. We wish to thank Rev. G. W. Robinson for his kind remarks and L. Fowler and Son for their efficient service. Mrs. Cornelia Anderson and family.

HENSON, 19, DIES

Herbert Leroy Henson, born March 20, 1911, age 19 years, 9 months, 18 days, departed this life the 7th day of January, 1931. He attended church at an early age, and was converted and baptized at the age of 19 under Rev. Henry Cook, joining Union Baptist Church. He leaves to mourn his loss a mother, Mrs. Ella Samuels; stepfather, George Samuels; an aunt, Viola Hense; half-brother, Jesse Samuels; two half-sisters, Clara and Alice Samuels and a host of friends. Saints are God's flowers, fragrant souls.

That His own hand hath planted Not in some far-off heavenly place Or solitude enchanted, But here and there and everywhere in lonely field or crowded town God sees a flower when He looks down.

Funeral was held Monday, January 12, at 2:00 P. M., from Union Baptist church, Rev. G. W. Tutt officiating. Interment at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy, their beautiful floral offerings and help shown during the illness and at the death of our son and brother Herbert Leroy Henson. We wish also to thank everyone who so kindly donated their cars. We are also grateful to Rev. G. W. Tutt, Rev. G. W. Robinson and Rev. Turner for their kind remarks, and L. Fowler and Son for their efficient service. Mr. and Mrs. George Samuels and family.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

By Dorothy Skipper, Reporter Sunday school had an excellent attendance January 4th and 11th. Mr. C. Lewis superintendent. Baptismal services were held at the Corinthian Baptist Church January 7. Three were baptized. Since December 25th seven names have been added to the church. The clubs are having winter activities weekly. The B. Y. P. U. has a splendid group of young people attending regularly under their new President, Miss Evelyn Brooks. A special program at the evening hour will be conducted by the young people from the B. Y. P. U. Mrs. Travis Baily, Mrs. Gladys Robinson, Directress. You are cordially invited to attend.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 11th, 1931. Rev. A. Ross Brent was out of the city, but we had a very inspiring and uplifting testimonial meeting. Several visitors were present and we extend an invitation to come again. We were blessed this morning with two new additions to the church. Mrs. Bernice Gilbert, formerly of Corinthian Baptist united by Christian experience and a gentleman are candidates for baptism. Rev. Geo. O. Terrell, delivered the evening sermon based on "The Early Life of Esau and Jacob." This spiritual instruction was indeed a help to all who heard it, and we sincerely hope to have Rev. Terrell again soon.

Order of services, Morning services, 11:00 A. M., Sunday school, 1:00 P. M.

M. B. Y. P. U., 6:00 P. M., Evening services, 8:00 P. M., Prayer meeting, Wednesday night at 7:30 P. M. Church Reporter, Frieda Garland.

THE S. E. DES MOINES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The Southeast Des Moines Civic League will meet January 24th, at the residence of Mr. Richard Turner, 732 S. E. 28th Street. The members will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Those who desire to become members are also invited to present.

MRS. L. E. HAWKINS, MRS. C. B. WARD, MRS. CRANSHAW.

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 Neilson, 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 Lauch 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.

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 he the crowd 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.

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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 are: 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 strategus, and H. Page of West Virginia State college, vice grand strategus. 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.

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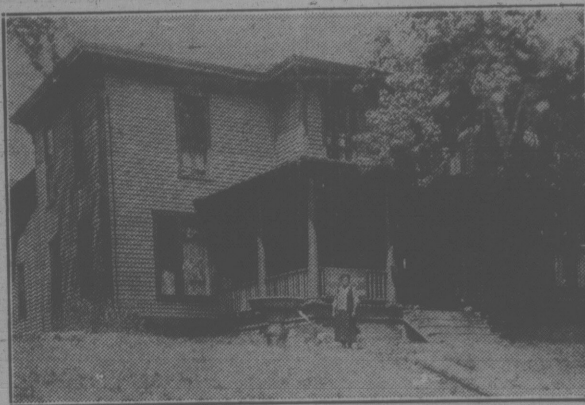
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