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## CENTENARIAN GETS WISH

### WHITE SOUTHERNER URGES SQUARE DEAL FOR RACE IN PRESS

#### LACKED ONE YEAR OF LIVING A CENTURY

Mrs. Emily Vaughn, Mother of Sylvester Vaughn of Omaha, Passed Away at Home of Her Daughter in West Virginia—Life Covered Period of Four Great Wars in Which America Had Taken Part, From the Mexican to the World War

#### EXPRESSED DESIRE TO LIVE TO VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT

Voted for Harding November 2—Woman Born a Slave and Belonged to an Old Kentucky Family—Childhood Spent in Missouri Where She Witnessed Many Stirring Times During Civil War Days and Guerilla Warfare on the Border States

(Special to The Monitor)

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Emily Vaughn, a woman of the old school of gentle breed and spirit, a type fast disappearing, died here Sunday morning, November 21, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard H. Johnson, on Beechhurst avenue, in the ninety-ninth year of her age, lacking only one year of having lived a century. She was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, woman in West Virginia, and up until a week before her death was in comparatively good health and in possession of all her faculties. Her life covered the period of American history during which the Mexican, the civil, the Spanish-American and the world wars were fought. Mrs. Vaughn was of an alert mind and took an active interest in public affairs. She expressed a desire to live long enough to cast her first vote, since women were enfranchised, for a republican president. This wish was gratified as she went to the polls and cast her first and only vote on November 2 for Harding.

Mrs. Vaughn was born at a home on the turnpike between Frankfort and Louisville, Ky., and lived there until eight years of age. In the slavery days she was owned by one of the most aristocratic families of the Blue Grass state—the Majors. Her first mistress was Lucinda Slaughter, a direct descendant of George Washington. When she was eight years old she was taken by her mistress to Carney, Mo., where the latter's husband was a minister, a contemporary of the father of Frank and Jesse James. She had many memories of the stirring times in Missouri during civil war days, of the guerilla warfare on the borders of the states, and of the banditry practiced by the James boys.

When the success of the union forces in the war between the states brought about the freedom of her race, Mrs. Vaughn went to Liberty, Mo., where she resided until 1877, when she removed to Kansas City. There she lived until October, 1918, when she removed to Morgantown with her daughter and daughter's husband, who came here to assist John Hunt in conducting the mess for the University R. O. T. C.

Mrs. Vaughn is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Leonard H. Johnson, and two sons, Sam Vaughn of Kansas City and Sylvester Vaughn of Omaha.

#### BIRTH RATE SHOWS LARGER PERCENTAGE

(By The Associated Negro Press)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 2.—For the first time in the history of vital statistics in North Carolina the Negro birth rate in the state for the first six months of this year showed a larger percentage than did the white birth rate. From January to the end of June, 1920, there were 13,519 Negro children born in the state, or 33.8 per cent per thousand population. During the same period the white is more than double the number of Negro births, but the percentage per thousand population is only 31.2 as compared with the 33.8 per cent of the Negro births.

**BOASTS A FIRE COMPANY**  
(By The Associated Negro Press)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 2.—A colored fire company here is now a fact. The fourteen members of the company, all of whom saw military service overseas, went on duty in the West Side fire house recently. Engine Company 9 moved from the West Side into Arkansas avenue fire station along with Engine Company 5.

**HAITIANS INVADING  
CUBAN SUGAR FIELDS**  
(By The Associated Negro Press)  
HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 2.—The Haitians are coming here in greater numbers than are the Chinese, to work on the sugar plantations. The last crowd of five hundred had several who will buy land; the remainder are bonded for their return to Haiti after the sugar crop is harvested. The Chinamen who come as merchants show one thousand dollars and upwards.

**JACK JOHNSON APPEARS IN RING  
Stages Boxing Bout in Federal Prison and Knocks Out Two Opponents**  
(By The Associated Negro Press)

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Dec. 2.—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, made his first ring appearance in the United States since he fled his native country seven years ago when he met two opponents as a feature event of a boxing show staged in the open air at the federal prison here. It was the general opinion of news-

paper men and boxing critics at the ringside that Johnson is in good condition and still retains much of his cleverness and punching power. Johnson knocked out Frank Owens of Chicago, the last round of a six-round bout, and after a few minutes' intermission, took on a fresh opponent in the person of "Topeka Jack" Johnson for four rounds. "Topeka Jack" was badly outboxed.

**HOLD SUCCESSFUL FAIR**  
(By The Associated Negro Press)  
DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 2.—The agricultural fair given in Cherokee county at Jacksonville was declared a success in every particular. The live stock and farm exhibits were the chief features of the exposition, with a large display of home economics exhibits ranking among the best ever seen in this section.

**CLERKS DISMISSED  
FROM CENSUS BUREAU**  
(By The Associated Negro Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Although there is still plenty of work to be done in connection with the taking of the 1920 census, and, as has been stated, colored clerks in the Census Bureau have proved most proficient in the operation of the machines used in the Census Bureau, word has come that, due to lack of funds, nearly every one of the colored clerks in this bureau has been notified "with no thought of prejudice, whatever," that he is no longer needed. This notification comes within a short period of the recent election.

#### REPRESENTATIVE OF RACE WOMEN ISSUES ADDRESS

Miss Hallie Q. Brown, President of the National Association of Colored Women, Urges Organization to Intelligently Undertake Great Task Presented by Enfranchisement—Must Work for Higher Moral Standards

#### COMPETENT INSTRUCTORS IN CHARACTER BUILDING URGENTLY NEEDED

(By The Associated Negro Press)  
WILBERFORCE, Ohio, Dec. 2.—Hallie Q. Brown, president of the National Association of Colored Women, has recently issued an address to the colored women of the country which, among other things, says:  
"We are just from the firing line. Our labors have been crowned with success. We may shout with the multitude for victory achieved—but the war is not ended—the battle is not won. Like Paul Jones we cry, 'We haven't begun to fight.' Unlike the hero of Lake Erie our weapons are not carnal. We fight with the forces which make for righteousness, truth and justice—the church, 'which speaks one tongue and carries one message'—that of brotherly love; the school,

the great civilizer; the courts, where justice sits enthroned; the silent force of countless ballots.  
"We stand at the open door of a new era. For the first time in the history of this country women have exercised the right of franchise. That right for which the pioneers of our race fought, but died without the sight. Women's entrance into politics at this time seems most opportune. The people are weary and heartsick of political hatred, slander, passion, prejudice and controversy.  
"It remains for woman to work for higher moral standards, to inject into the body politic the love and pity of her mother-heart, inspired by the lowly Christ to help change our land into a God-fearing, a God-serving nation.  
"The National Organization of Colored Women's Clubs has grown to such proportions that it necessitates a large corps of competent instructors in this great art of building a race. These have come from the north, east, south and west and willingly offered their services and we present them to the people as heads and associates of our departments. We repose utmost confidence in their fitness and executive ability and believe that each woman will so present her specialty to the public so as to induce younger women of the race to grasp the opportunities which are offered the youth but once in a life time."

#### WHITE SOUTHERNER CALLS ATTENTION TO NEWSPAPER METHODS

Front Page Headliners for Alleged Crimes by Negroes, Minor Mention Given to Important Constructive Measures and Meetings.

(By The Associated Negro Press)  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 2.—Strains of music issuing from a Race street meeting house might not seem to the casual passerby cause for comment, but when one realizes that in its long history this was the first time the human voice has ever been raised in song as a part of the program of a public meeting there, the occasion deserves more than passing notice.

The meeting was under the auspices of the anti-lynching committee of Philadelphia, and was presided over by Anna Biddle Stirling, the committee's chairman.

The subject discussed was "The Peril in Present American Inter-racial Relations," the principal speaker being Professor Robert T. Kerlen of Virginia Military Institute. In the course of his address he said: "God never made a more kindly and trustworthy people and less criminally inclined than the Negro race."

Press injustice was dealt upon; little notice being taken of a large meeting of the Business league, with hundreds in attendance for days, but a burglary where the principal is a Negro is given first page prominence. "It is not a square deal," declared Professor Kerlen. "We hear much of mob assault, but not enough of the good things."

**DAVIS WINS IN OHIO**  
(By The Associated Negro Press)  
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.—The official count of ballots shows that Harry E. Davis, republican, one of the three Negro candidates for the legislature from Cuyahoga county, O., has won out in the race for the lower house.

### A Typical Scene in the Far East

