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GROWING THANK YOU

"BEHOLD! I BRING YOU GLAD TIDINGS OF JOY!"

HENRY O. TANNER PAINTINGS ARE ON EXHIBITION HERE

Opportunity for Our People to See Masterpieces of the Famous Colored American Painter.

ARTIST'S RANK ESTABLISHED

Director of Omaha Society of Fine Arts Plans Complimentary Testimony to Tanner's Eminence.

Our people should avail themselves of the rare privilege of seeing the paintings of the famous American painter, Henry O. Tanner, son of the late Bishop Henry M. Tanner, Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. These paintings have been brought here by the Omaha Society of Fine Arts, and are on exhibition at the public library, Nineteenth and Harney streets, where they may be seen until nine o'clock week days and also Sunday afternoons. The paintings will be here until New Year's Day. They include "Christ at the Home of Lazarus," "The Return of the Holy Women," "The Miraculous Haul of Fishes," "The Flight Into Egypt," and other famous pictures. There is also on exhibition the painting of the well-known Australian artist, Hayley Lever. Lovers of art will enjoy this exhibit, which is free and designed to cultivate the artistic taste of Omaha citizens. The Society of Fine Arts in furnishing these free exhibits of famous masterpieces are doing excellent work for the cultural life of our city.

Speaking of Tanner, Mr. Maurice Block, director of the Omaha Society of Fine Arts, said: "Tanner's place as an eminent American artist is well established. Of course he won recognition in Europe before he was appreciated by his own country. I have traveled extensively and do not hesitate to say that there is no really worth while and representative collection in America that is considered complete unless it has a Tanner picture."

ADDRESSES STUDENTS OMAHA UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Grace Morris Hutten Speaks Before Spanish Class on Porto Rico and Sings Spanish Songs.

Mrs. Grace M. Hutten, commissioner of the Colored Commercial Club, who has been a teacher in Porto Rico, recently favored the Spanish class of the University of Omaha with Spanish songs and an interesting address on Porto Rico which elicited favorable commendation from faculty and students. Miss Zozaya, teacher of Spanish at the university, accompanied Mrs. Hutten on the piano and Mrs. Gus Stromberg played the guitar. Mrs. Hutten described the customs and habits of the Porto Ricans and told of a thrilling experience during an earthquake. She spoke of the beauty of the country and the hospitable character of the natives. Mrs. Hutten advises the study of Spanish, saying that there is much commercial activity between the United States and Latin-American countries and therefore an increasing demand for Americans who are able to write and speak the Spanish language fluently. Mrs. Hutten is highly accomplished in this language.

COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting the Colored Commercial Club elected its board of directors, numbering fifteen, and other officers, for the ensuing year. The directors chosen were the following: T. P. Mahammit, A. F. Peoples, W. G. Haynes, Dan Desdunes, Craig Morris, L. E. Britt, D. W. Gooden, R. C. Riddle, Alfred Jones, Russell Taylor, A. C. Edwards, H. J. Pinkett, C. H. Spriggs, Nate Hunter and John Albert Williams. The following officers were elected: Nate Hunter, president; W. G. Haynes, vice-president; Dr. Craig Morris, secretary; Dan Desdunes, treasurer. E. W. Pryor, former president, becomes chairman of the executive committee.

A PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL

For some time the pastor of the St. Paul church has had under consideration the opening of a school in the church building with the purpose of serving anyone and especially those of more advanced years in obtaining a practical knowledge of the common branches of education. While this

will mean very much extra work for him, yet he is willing to give the time and talent necessary for carrying on such a work should there be enough interest shown to satisfy the sacrifice necessarily made in such an adventure.

We shall be glad to hear from any who should like to take advantage of such a school and if the applications for such, or the interest indicated be sufficient, steps will be taken toward the opening of the school.

FOR MRS. R. T. WALKER

The members of the Dames Club and their husbands gathered at the home of Mrs. M. E. Overall last Thursday night to bid good-bye and God-speed to Mrs. R. T. Walker, organizer of the club, and her husband, who after a residence of seventeen years in this city left Saturday for New York to make their future home there. Remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by Mesdames M. E. Overall, A. L. Hawkins, Kate Wilson, Messrs. A. L. Wilson, S. H. Dorsey and Drs. Britt and Hawkins. As a token of appreciation the club presented Mrs. Walker a beautiful set of hand embroidered silver cases. A delicious repast was served.

16-YEAR-OLD COLORED STUDENT WINS 1st PRIZE

Elmer Simms Campbell Given Prize for Best Cartoon in Competition With 1,200 Contestants for Coveted Honor.

BOY IS FORMER PRIZE WINNER

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Elmer Simms Campbell, sixteen-year-old son of Mrs. Elisabeth Campbell of St. Louis, Mo., a senior in the Englewood high school of this city, was awarded the highest honor as cartoonist at the Third Annual Convention of the Central Inter-scholastic Press Association held under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, December 1st and 2nd. Campbell's unprecedented honor is better appreciated when it is known that over 1,200 high school magazines, representing all sections of the United States, entered the contest and that over 600 editors of school papers were present. Campbell's prize cartoon drawn in commemoration of Armistice Day under the caption, "Four Years Ago—Peace", pictures an American soldier with bowed head resting upon his crossed hands holding a shovel, and kneeling over the grave of his departed comrade while on the wooden cross which marks his final resting place hangs his trench hat. From the heavens above the noble spirit of the dead hero looks down upon his sorrowing friend and soothes and sustains his with, "We've won, Buddy."

The Chicago Daily American, Dec. 8th, said, "Campbell of Englewood high school was awarded first prize for having drawn the best serious cartoon of the year of any high school student in the country. Upon its first appearance in the 'E' Weekly, the weekly organ of the Englewood high school, the cartoon elicited the highest commendation of the faculty of the school. The Dean of the girls said: 'I do not refer to the excellence of the drawing, and it was excellent, but rather to the conception, the idea, which to me was most appealing.' Principal J. E. Armstrong of Englewood high school said: 'It brought tears to the eyes of many people and that is best proof of its merit.' The last issue of the 'E' Weekly, on which Campbell is a staff artist, says in a block at the top: 'We're for you, Campbell, All-American Prep Cartoonist.' Campbell very early showed a deft aptitude for cartoon work although tenderly discouraged by his mother. He has been a student of the Englewood school for the past two years during which time he has taken special correspondence course in cartooning at the Federal School in Minneapolis, Minn. At the latter school exhibit at the Minnesota State fair last October he won third prize for his comic cartoon. Campbell has won the highest distinction ever accorded a Negro boy in this line. He plans to enter the University of Chicago next year.

HUNT FOR YOUR NAME

Each week the name of some paid-up subscriber is inserted in one of the "ads" appearing in The Monitor. If that subscriber finds his or her name and will bring his copy of the paper to The Monitor office before the following Friday he will be paid One Dollar.

WOMEN OF SOUTHERN M. E. CHURCH DENOUNCE LYNCHING

Call Upon State Authorities to Make Good Their Claim That They Are Competent to Abolish America's Shame.

REPRESENT THIRTEEN STATES

Place Responsibility Upon Each State of Removing This Heinous Blot From Our Civilization.

(By the Associated Negro Press) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Pointing out that the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill had been defeated, a group of prominent white women connected with the Southern Methodist Church, have issued a vigorous address to the public calling upon the authorities in the South, the citizenship, the pulpit and the press for their united support for the complete suppression of lynching.

Women were present, representing thirteen states. Each pledged to serve in an official capacity and take an active part in a persistent campaign for law enforcement and for the passage of anti-lynching laws in the Southern States.

Mrs. Robt. R. Moton of Tuskegee Institute, Mrs. John Hope of Atlanta, and Mrs. Jennie Porter Barrett of Peake, Va., were present.

The statement issued by the Southern Methodist women after a three days' conference on Christian principles in race relations follows:

"Whereas, the defeat of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, which provided for the Federal control of lynching, has thrown the whole responsibility back upon each State for removing this heinous crime, therefore, 'Be it resolved, that we, the Commission on Race Relations of the Women's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the conference social service superintendents and other officers in conference at Atlanta, Ga., December 4-6, 1922, do now demand of the authorities of the several States that they make good their claim proving their competency to abolish mob violence and lynching.

"That we assume our responsibility as citizens for the protection of human life and hereby call upon all the people of all the states, upon the pulpit and upon the press to join in an insistent and persistent agitation against this barbarous practice.

"That we formulate plans for an organized movement in behalf of adequate state laws and law enforcement."

500 ALPHA PHI ALPHA DELEGATES EXPECTED

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—All St. Louis awaits with growing delight the coming of the representative colored students from the leading colleges and universities of the United States for the annual conclave of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to be held at St. Louis, Mo., December 27th to 31st, inclusive. The annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, with a membership of over 2,500 and with 44 chapters stretching from Harvard University at Cambridge, Mass., to the University of California at Berkeley, and including such schools as Cornell, Columbia, Yale, Howard, Lincoln, the University of Pennsylvania, Virginia Union University, Moorehouse College, West Virginia Collegiate Institute, Wilberforce University, the University of Iowa, Chicago University, Denver University, and practically every leading institution of learning in America, has now become the meeting place of the flower of the Negro college men and a place where discussion is had by these men of the problems confronting the Negro of today. It was out of a convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity that sprang the idea of the "Go to High School, Go to College" movement which has done so much to arouse great interest in education and which received commendation and approval on all hands.

According to information received by the national secretary of the fraternity, Norman L. McGhee of Washington, D. C., not less than 500 members of the Alpha Phi Alpha are expected to take advantage of the reduced rates recently granted by the railroads of the country to the members of the fraternity who attend the St. Louis convention. Pilgrimage to Lovejoy's Monument. This year the program for the convention includes, in addition to the business sessions, a pilgrimage on Saturday, December 30th, to the monument erected to the memory of the noted abolitionist, Lovejoy at Alton, Illinois, and a public session to be

held on Sunday afternoon, December 31st, at the Poro College building. Addresses will be delivered at the public session by Dr. E. P. Roberts of New York City and Mr. Aaron A. Malone of St. Louis.

The social side of the convention program provides for a smoker and symposium on the evening of the opening day, Wednesday, December 27th, at the Pine Street Branch Y. M. C. A.; an informal reception by the entertaining chapter, Epsilon Lambda, on Thursday evening at the Pythian Temple; a formal reception by the Gamma and Omega chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority given in honor of the visiting delegates on Friday evening; the annual fraternity dance, and the annual fraternity banquet.

The Ladies Aid Society of Bethel M. E. Church are especially thankful to Mr. C. Wilkinson, editor of the New Era, for the printing bill of the cantata story of Ruth. Mrs. Margaret Brown, the President; Mrs. Marie Dodson, Secretary.—Adv.

INSURANCE CO. PROMPTLY RELIEVES VICTIMS OF FIRE

Bankers' Insurance Company Comes Into Favor by the Promptness With Which It Pays Fire Claims.

STRENGTHEN RACE BUSINESS

Prompt Action Raises Status of Race by Increasing Respect for Business Enterprises of Group.

(By the Associated Negro Press) Durham, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Bankers' Fire Insurance Company scored decisively last week. It was the two million dollar Newbern fire that gave this strong Negro company its chance to jump overnight into the business limelight of this section of the country. Less than 48 hours after the big conflagration the representatives of

the Bankers' were on the scene and adjusting the claims and making arrangements for immediate settlement of losses. This was a record business achievement and has made a profound impression throughout the State of North Carolina.

One of the interesting features of the situation is the fact that the prompt action of the Negro company caused a hardship to other companies facing the payment of big claims due to the fire calamity. So acute was the dilemma in which these others found themselves that they called upon the Bankers' to call a temporary halt in its speed campaign so as to give their brother business companies a chance to catch up with them. The request was complied with but not until the Negro Company had paid out something more than \$20,000 in claims. This action was not a deliberate attempt to cause other insurance concerns embarrassment but for the simple reason that a large number of colored people were big losers in the fire which covered forty blocks and destroyed more than 1,200 homes, and needed immediate help.

This humane attitude of the Bankers' Fire Insurance Company has done much to improve the position of the colored business men here. Aside from the effect the company's action has had on the general business world of this State it does the greater thing of increasing the respect which the colored folks themselves had held toward their own business enterprises. A big business gain is the sum of the total gain for the race.

FOUR LYNCHINGS IN EIGHT DAYS--DECEMBER 4 to 12

One Lynching Every Two Days Is the Record in This Country Since Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill Failed to Pass

RESTS SQUARELY ON SENATORS

New York, Dec. 22.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, has made public an "Open Letter to Every United States Senator" setting forth that four lynchings have occurred in the eight days from Monday, December 4, when the Senate dropped the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, to Dec. 12.

The letter charges the Southern Senators with being directly responsible for "the outbreak of barbarism, anarchy and degenerate bestiality" which followed the abandonment of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, and expresses the hope that there will prove to be sufficient statemanship in the Congress of the United States to cope with this threat to civilization. The letter follows:

An Open Letter to Every Senator of the United States

December 13, 1922. Sir: From December 4, the day the United States Senate abandoned the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, to December 12, there have been four lynchings in this country, one for each two days, one of the victims being publicly tortured and burned at the stake. This outbreak of barbarism, anarchy and degenerate bestiality and the blood of the victims rest upon the heads of those Southern Senators who have obstructed even discussion of the measure designed to remedy this very condition. And the responsibility rests equally with the Republican majority who surrendered with hardly a struggle to the lynching tactics of the Democrats.

The failure of the United States Senate to consider this measure could be interpreted only as a license to mobs to lynch unmolested. Every United States Senator knows that in more than thirty years the states have failed to check lynching or to punish lynchers. Every United States Senator knows that in failing to stand firm for federal protection and guarantee of trial by law to United States citizens within their own country he was acquiescing in the continuing and increasingly brutal rule of the mob in America.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had hoped there would prove to be in the Congress of the United States sufficient statemanship to make a stand against this threat to civilization itself and to cope with the actual situation rather than quibble about the fiction of reserving to the states a right which they have shown themselves unwilling or unable to exercise. In behalf of twelve million colored citizens I write to ask you what you propose to do to end this intolerable situation. Yours respectfully, JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Secretary, N. A. A. C. P.



THE REV. L. K. WILLIAMS, D. D. Pastor of Mt. Olivet Church, Chicago, who was elected president of the National Negro Baptist Association at St. Louis last week. He is well-known in Omaha.

DEMORALIZING EFFECT OF TEACHING RACE PREJUDICE AT THE FIRESIDE

Full Text of the Thoughtful Address Delivered Friday Night, December 8th, Before the Women's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention in the First Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, by Senora Mae Wilkinson of Omaha, Nebraska.

SPEAKER IS GIVEN AN OVATION AT CLOSE OF ADDRESS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—Among the many outstanding features of the great National Baptist convention which recently closed its sessions here were the sessions of the Women's Auxiliary convention. The work of race women in religious and social uplift loomed large. Many able addresses were given by some of the foremost women of the land, but no address during the whole convention was more enthusiastically received or made a deeper impression upon the immense audiences before whom they were delivered than the address of Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson of Omaha, Nebraska, whose topic was "The Demoralizing Effect of Teaching Race Prejudice at the Fireside". Mrs. Wilkinson said:

The origin of the Negro is definitely known. Some very wise men have endeavored to assign the race to a separate creation and deny its kindred with Adam and Eve, but historical records prove the Negro as ancient as the most ancient races. History, traced from the flood, makes the three sons of Noah—Ham, Shem and Japheth—the progenitors of the three primitive races of the earth. The Mongolian descended from

NEGRO CULTURE HAS INFLUENCED PAST CIVILIZATION

Howard University Provides Courses on Civilization of Ancient Africa Which Helps Status of Race.

INFLUENCE IS FAR REACHING

Only School in America and One of Few in World Offering Definitely Outlined Courses in This Specific Field.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—For several years past the authorities of Howard university have recognized the need and possibility of a more extensive study than is at present being given to the history of the Negro peoples of the world. For quite some time beginning with the establishment of the Moorland Foundation and through it the acquisition of Negro Americana the study of American Negro life and history has constituted an important part of the work of the university, but until now it has not been able to extend this study in any intensive way into its African beginnings. The authorities, however, now take pleasure in announcing a program designed to meet, in part at least, this important need. During the winter and spring quarters of this year three definitely outlined courses dealing with Negro civilizations in Ancient and Medieval Africa will be established and given as an integral part of the work of the School of Liberal Arts. These courses, which will be under the general supervision of the History Department will be directed by Mr. William Leo Hansberry, a graduate and graduate student of Harvard university. Mr. Hansberry is a young man of African descent and has devoted considerable time both in and out of college to investigations in this field.

The following is an official statement of the scope and general nature of the courses to be offered:

History 12: Negro Peoples in Civilizations of the Prehistoric and Ancient World.

This course is a provisional survey of the part played by Negro peoples in the origin, development and distribution of the higher cultures and civilizations of man in the prehistoric and early ancient world. It is based in the main upon authenticated archaeological discoveries and documentary evidence bearing upon the relation of Negro peoples (a) to the palaeolithic and neolithic cultures of Africa and Europe; (b) their position and influence in the civilizations of pre-dynastic and early dynastic Egypt; and (c) their relations to the prehistoric and early historic civilizations in the regions of the Aegian sea and western Asia, including Arabia and India.

History 13: Negro Civilizations in East Central Africa from the Eighth Century B. C. Until the End of the Sixteenth Century.

This course is a continuation of History 12. It aims to give a general acquaintance with the Negro civilizations in the Egyptian Sudan and Abyssinia from the Ethiopian conquest of Egypt in the eighth century B. C. until the coming of western European influence in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Special attention will be given to the origin and development of the distinctive features of the civilizations of these countries before the coming of Christianity, and the effect of Christianity and Islam respectively upon their subsequent history.

History 14: Negro Civilizations in West Central Africa from A. D. 1000 to the End of the Eighteenth Century.

This course will be a survey of the political and cultural conditions in the three great Negro states of the Western Sudan—the Kingdom of Ghana, the Mellestine and the Songhay empire—from about the year 1000 A. D. until the end of the eighteenth century. Special attention will be given, (a) to the distinctive character of the social institutions and the material culture of these countries previous to the coming of Islam; (b) the influence of Islam upon these institutions and this culture, and (c) the effect, direct and indirect, of western civilization upon the civilizations of this part of Africa. In addition, the cultural status of the Negro peoples of these countries during this period will be critically compared with that of their contemporaries in the Teutonic countries of Europe. Change of Opinion Coming. As a result of archaeological discoveries and ethnological studies in various parts of the world and especially in the West Indies (Continued on Page Four)