

VOTE TUESDAY--DON'T SHIRK YOUR BIG CIVIC DUTY

KANSAS CITY CALL CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DAY

Rapid Progress Made by Missouri Newspaper Which Has Pursued a Well-Defined Policy

PLANT IS WORTH \$25,000.00

Chester A. Franklin, a Former Omaha Boy, is the Energetic But Modest Proprietor of Publication

Kansas City, Mo., May 2.—(Preston News Service.)—Almost every week news reach us of advanced steps in the publishing game among race journals.

Since May 1, 1919, date the Kansas City Call was founded by C. A. Franklin, editor and owner, improvements and equipment have been added until the plant is now worth more than \$25,000.

The plant includes a Duplex Webb press, installed last February, a model 8 linotype machine and the recently added Model 24, besides other miscellaneous standard equipment.

From four employees in 1919 the staff now numbers fifteen. Recently Mr. Franklin disposed of a large job printing office in connection with the publication in order to devote his entire time to the printing and publishing of the Kansas City Call.

When a Preston News Service reporter said to Mr. Franklin, "Celebrating your fifth anniversary?" "No, sir," retorted Mr. Franklin, "really, we are too busy getting in our new machinery so we can do some real work, give employment to more of our people and get out The Call, to stop to celebrate."

Mr. Franklin who is a native of Texas, was reared and educated in Omaha, Neb., where his father Geo. F. Franklin was editor of The Enterprise.

POPULAR BABY CONTEST TO CONTINUE THRU THE MONTH OF MAY

Three Prizes Will be Awarded Babies Receiving Largest Number of Votes to Help Association Cause

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

The Omaha branch of the N. A. A. C. P. will award three prizes, \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 in gold to the child up to five years standing first, second and third respectively when the contest closes Friday, May 30.

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Boys' Sunday was fittingly observed. The address to the boys by Dr. Edwards was of the highest order, pleasing, clear and instructive. And the boys grasped his thoughts remarkably well.

Sunday school was well attended. New workers were elected as follows: Assistant superintendent, Mr. Harry Speese; secretary, Miss Delhia Reeves; assistant secretary, Miss Willa Mae Cruter; treasurer, Master Wayne Harris; junior teacher, Miss Ethel Speese; intermediate teacher, Mr. R. S. Taylor.

UNCLE WIGGLY'S TRICKS



POSTAL EMPLOYEES LOSE \$3,246

Chicago, Ill., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—According to government statistics the cost of living has increased seventy per cent since 1913, while the salary of postal employees has gone up only fifty per cent in the same time, leaving a net loss of twenty per cent.

NEGRO DEMOCRATS CONVENE

Washington, D. C., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—A convention of Negro democrats, meeting to organize for the purpose of aiding the democratic party will be held in this city May 27.

OMAHA TRIMS THE LEAGUE LEADERS IN THREE GAMES

Omaha Western Leaguers Make Good Impression on Fans in Their Opening Games Here

Several thousand rabid baseball fans crowded into League Park on Tuesday afternoon to witness the Omaha Buffaloes trounce the bald-headed Izzies from over Wichita way.

It was a sweet game, despite the goosy field, with Omaha on the winning end of the count, 11 to 5. Wednesday and Thursday were repetitions of the verdict of Tuesday.

Tulsa arrived for today's game and will be here Saturday and Sunday and a mammoth crowd should greet the boys during the week-end games.

Omaha, from all appearances, has a dandy club, and as the season progresses, with warmer weather, great things can be expected from the home clan.

Seven home runs is the record of the locals during the three home games, which bespeak them as sluggers. Several other extra base blows have been accounted for.

Join your neighbors Saturday and Sunday and watch the Buffs take Tulsa from their perch at the top of the gang. There promises to be some good things in store for the fans.

CHARLES WEST AT HOWARD MEET, MAY 20th

Washington, D. C., May 2.—Up to two seasons ago, the athletic reputation of Charles West, intercollegiate pentathlon champion and captain of the Washington and Jefferson track team, was limited to his line plunging and end-running skill in football.

When he finished runner up to the great Legendre of Georgetown in the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival of 1922, the public began to sit up and take notice of this all-around "phenom" who already enjoyed a local reputation in the Allegheny Mountain Association as a baseball, tennis, and basketball player of unusual merit.

He followed up this achievement next year by winning the intercollegiate pentathlon championship at Franklin Field against such sterling athletes as Plonksky and Maroney, Georgetown; Norton, University of Kansas, and Kipp, Haskell Institute.

West heads the list of that great quartette of runners composed of Bridges, Allen, Moore and West who has made athletic history for the Negro in the region around Pittsburgh.

AMERICA'S OLDEST WOMAN DIES

Hayti, Mo., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—With the death of Mrs. Maranda Cut, the claim is being made by residents of this town that the oldest woman in America has passed away.

BELL BOY MUTILATED

Shreveport, La., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Police authorities here are searching for two white men who are charged with having abducted Dave Howard, bell boy in a local hotel, and with performing a serious operation on him.

LIVED TO SEE SIX GENERATIONS

Selma, Ala., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—No more will children of the town go to play with "Aunt" Isabella Moss under the tree that stood just outside her cabin.

SCOTTISH RITE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The United Supreme council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the Northern Jurisdiction will convene in its forty-third annual session in this city May 11-14.

TEXANS PREPARE TO GET VOTE

Galveston, Tex., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Qualified Negro voters of this city were called into formal meeting last week by L. G. Robinson, Chester Ferguson, A. L. Bush, J. A. Mirant and Frank Burton to consider plans for qualifying more Negro voters.

A STORY OF THE MARTYRS OF 1822

A Story of Ante-Bellum Days, Dealing With Slave Insurrection at Charleston

By Francis J. Grimke

PART II

(By The Associated Negro Press)

OUR HERO BUYS HIS FREEDOM

It is not known for how many eager and anxious months or even years, Denmark Vesey had patronized the East Bay Street Lottery of Charleston prior to 1800, when he was rewarded with a prize of \$1,500.

Such a man, we may be sure, was conscious of the possession, notwithstanding his black skin and blacker social and civil condition, of longings, aspirations, which the Slave-Code made it a crime for him to satisfy.

In judging this black man, oh, ye critics and philosophers, judge him not hastily and harshly before you have at least tried to put yourselves in his place. You may not even then succeed in doing him justice, for while he had his faults, and was sorely tempted, he was, nevertheless, in every inch of him, from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head, a Man.

At the period which we have now reached in his history, he was in possession of a fairly good education—was able to read and write, and to speak with fluency the French and the English languages. He had travelled extensively over the world in his master's slave vessel, and had thus obtained a stock of valuable experiences, and a wide range of knowledge of men and things of which few inhabitants, whether black or white, in the slave community of Charleston, during the first quarter of the 19th century could truthfully have boasted.

He knew, none better, that his oppressors were strong and that he was weak, that he had but one slender chance in a hundred of redressing by force the wrongs of himself and race.

He knew too that failure in such a desperate enterprise could have for himself but a single issue, viz., certain death. But he believed that success on the other hand meant for him and his the gain of that which alone was able to make their lives worth the living, to wit, a freeman's portion, his opportunity for the full development and free play of all of his powers amid that society in which was cast his lot.

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HOWARD SCHOOL OF RELIGION CAMPAIGN GETS UNDERWAY

Colored People of the District of Columbia Have Pledged to Date \$21,536.50 for Work

INTEREST IS INCREASING

Workers Confident of Ultimate Success in Raising Prescribed Quota for the District

Washington, D. C., May 2.—With the campaign for \$500,000 for the Endowment and Building Fund for the School of Religion of Howard University barely underway, thirty-five workers at a dinner given Friday, April 25th, in the new dining hall of the university, reported a total of \$21,536.50 pledged to the fund by colored people of the District of Columbia.

The workers in the campaign have set \$50,000 as the amount to be secured from the colored people of this city and are most enthusiastic over the success which has thus far come from their efforts.

The increased interest in the campaign for the School of Religion is noted in the plans for the observance of Howard Night Thursday night, May 1st, at the Third Baptist church, Fifth and Q streets, N. W., of which Rev. G. O. Bullock is pastor.

Among those who spoke at the campaign workers' dinner were Garnet C. Wilkinson, assistant superintendent of school of the District of Columbia, and Dr. James L. Pinn.

Each worker pledged himself to "go over the top" in the matter of raising the \$50,000 set as the amount to be secured from the colored people of the District of Columbia for the Endowment and Building Fund of the School of Religion of Howard University.

A NAUTICAL KNOT TO BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL TALENT

Forty-five University and High School Students Rehearsing Operetta Under Direction of Mrs. Pinkston

For the development and encouragement of musical talent among the University and High school students of Omaha, Mrs. Florentine J. Pinkston has been training for some months forty-five students in the pleasing two-act operetta, "A Nautical Knot," or "The Belle of Barnstable" by Maude Elizabeth Inch and W. Rhys-Herbert.

In addition to the young men and women presenting the operetta, thirty small children have been in training to present a beautiful and artistic dance, entitled "The Awakening of Spring," each child representing a spring flower.

It will be one of the most elaborate and artistic entertainments ever presented in Omaha, and as such should be witnessed by an audience that will tax the capacity of the theatre.

The Nautical Knot will be presented at the Brandeis theatre, Wednesday night, May 28th. Tickets go on sale next week.

FETE 300 ORPHANS

New Orleans, La., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Three hundred orphans of the Holy Name society were entertained Easter at a special showing of the Passion Play in motion pictures at the Lyric theatre through the courtesy of Manager Clarence Bennett.

Vaudeville was also presented for the benefit of the soldiers at the government hospital Easter Monday.

N. A. A. C. P. WILL MEET SUNDAY

The Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. will meet at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

M. J. Ford, president of the Men's Service League and deeply interested in the Boys' movement is expected to be the special speaker.

WANTED FOR MURDER FORTY-THREE YEARS AGO

Tampa, Fla., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Georgia officials are seeking to have returned to that state, J. W. Ellis, 75, an ex-slave, to stand trial for a murder committed in Decatur county, Georgia, in 1881.

Montgomery, Ala., May 2.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Dan Freeman, former slave who died here recently, left his entire fortune to the five grandchildren of his former master. His own children were cut off with nothing. They are now contesting the will, claiming that Freeman was of unsound mind when he left the bequest to the whites, and that an earlier testament showed that he intended to leave his fortune to his own.

The property is valued at \$3,000.