

COLORED LADY ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Government Investigator Reports Charges Against Cohen False

GEORGIA WOMAN SUCCEEDS JOHNSON IN PARTY COUNCILS

Mrs. Georgia S. Williams Has Unique Distinction of Being First Woman of Color to Fill Such a Position

SHE WILL SERVE UNTIL APRIL

Johnson's Death Has Created Very Complicated Situation in Republican Affairs in State

Atlanta, Ga.—For the first time in history of American politics a race woman has gained the distinction of membership on the Republican National Committee. The lady to be thus distinguished as the first race woman to hold this position is Mrs. Georgia S. Williams, of Savannah, Ga., who succeeds, temporarily to the seat made vacant by the death of Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson. Mrs. Williams will hold the post until the State Republican Executive Committee names Johnson's successor, who will serve until the State Republican convention next April.

It is said that Johnson's death has created a complicated situation in Republican affairs in Georgia. The party is said to be badly split into factions whose alignments are constantly changing and a heated scramble is said to be in prospect for the seat made vacant by Johnson's death.

ELEVEN NEGROES CHARGED WITH MURDER IN RACE RIOT IN DETROIT

New York—Special dispatch to the National Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, from its assistant secretary, Walter White, on the scene of the recent race riot in Detroit, states that Dr. O. H. Sweet and ten other Negroes, who defended Dr. Sweet's home from the attack of a mob on Wednesday, Sept. 9, have been held for trial charged with first degree murder.

Mr. White's telegram to the national office of the N. A. A. C. P. reads:

"All eleven defendants held without bail for trial on charge of first degree murder. Judge Faust to hear any argument counsel may choose to present for bail in individual cases Tuesday."

Defense of the imprisoned colored people, Dr. Sweet and his wife and two brothers, and seven others, has been taken over by the Detroit branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which raised \$700 at a mass meeting, to which is added \$400 raised by colored doctors and which will be augmented by additional sums as they are given. The National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. will contribute financially to the defense.

The N. A. A. C. P. assistant secretary has been in conference with Judge Ira W. Jayne, of the Wayne County Circuit Court, who is a member of the N. A. A. C. P. board of directors; with the N. A. A. C. P. branch in Detroit and with local white and colored lawyers as well as with the chairman of the Inter-racial committee, appointed by Mayor John Y. Smith of Detroit.

In connection with the disorders, Mr. White reports the following facts:

1. Mayor Smith charges the disorders were due directly to instigation by the Ku Klux Klan.

2. The Detroit police, said to be honey-combed with Klansmen, are charged with illegally shooting at least 55 citizens of Detroit between January 1 and September 1, 1925.

3. Dr. O. H. Sweet, 31 years old, graduate of Wilberforce and Howard Universities, and well-known practicing physician, bought a house last spring at 2905 Garland avenue, in a middle-class white neighborhood, with several colored residents in nearby streets.

4. Detroit's colored population having increased in late years from 8,000 to 65,000 colored people have been overflowing the original colored neighborhoods. On June 22, the house of a colored physician, Dr. A. L. Turner, was invaded by a mob, which looted his furniture on vans and returned it to his old home.

5. Dr. Sweet moved into his house on Tuesday, Sept. 8, having returned a few weeks ago from Vienna where he has been studying. Dr. Sweet reports there was jeering because he had police protection that day. The following day, a crowd congregated until there were by Dr. Sweet's estimate 1200 people. Stone throwing began at 7 p. m. Windows being broken and threats being shouted. The crowd increased to 2,000.

Mr. Davis went out with Dr. O. O. Sweet, dentist, and brother to Dr. O. H. Sweet. They were stoned and the yard and porch were covered with bricks and stones. At 8:30 shots were fired, killing one mem-

WALTER COHEN IS EXONERATED BY GOVERNMENT

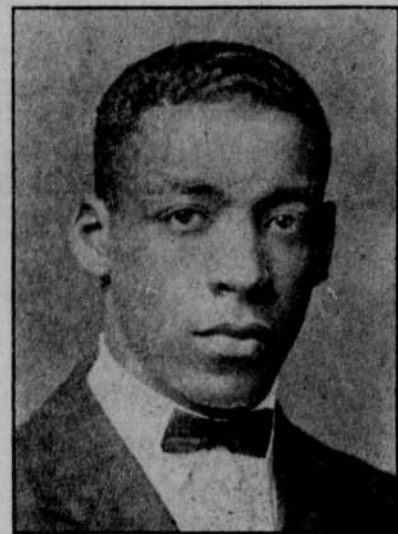
Charges Against Comptroller of Customs, Port of New Orleans, Louisiana, Held to Be Conspiracy

Washington, D. C.—The case involving the alleged conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws in which Walter Cohen, comptroller of customs at New Orleans, was reported to have taken part, has been dropped insofar as Mr. Cohen is concerned therein. The report covering the findings of agents of the special agency service of customs, ordered to make the investigation has reported to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury that Mr. Cohen's connection with the alleged conspiracy is supported by circumstantial evidence only. This virtually clears him of the charges.

LED RUE GALLOWAY POPULAR ATHLETIC IN POOR HEALTH

Advised by Physicians to Go to Colorado or Arizona to Check Incipient Stage of Tuberculosis.

Led Rue Galloway, son of C. C. Galloway, the popular athlete who made such a brilliant record at Central high school, and on the eleven at Iowa State University, is off the gridiron forever, according to



physicians, who have discovered that he is a victim of tuberculosis, which fortunately is only in the incipient stage and therefore can be checked. But Led rue must go to Colorado or Arizona.

He is in Omaha now but will leave soon for the west. His retirement from the Iowa State squad has badly weakened that team and Coach Igwerson is trying hard to develop some one to take his place.

During his four years at Central Led rue was the outstanding athletic star of the school and was idolized not only for his athletic prowess but equally for his gentleness. He was chosen each year by almost unanimous decision of coaches and critics for a place on the All State eleven.

When he entered Iowa State he made a record his first year on the second eleven in playing against the regular varsity team and in his sophomore year won a place on the Varsity eleven in which he won distinction by his brilliant playing.

It is the ardent hope and earnest prayer of Galloway's friends and admirers everywhere that he may be speedily restored to vigorous health.

FORMER OMAHAN REPORTED FATALLY ILL IN WASHINGTON

Henry R. Roberts, a former well known railroad man of Omaha, is reported to be seriously ill in a hospital at Centralia, Wash. His wife, who left Omaha a few months ago, is with him. No hopes are held out for Mr. Roberts' recovery and the end may be expected any time.

An interesting musical program was presented by the Roosevelt Post of the American Legion last Sunday night at St. John's A. M. E. church before a large congregation. A collection of \$35 was given toward the fund which the post is raising for the entertainment of delegates and visitors to the American Legion convention which meets here in October.

ber of the mob and wounding another. Judge Jayne has been a constant adviser of the N. A. A. C. P. and has been extremely kind and helpful.

Mayor Smith has appointed an Inter-racial commission consisting of eight representatives of both races, among whom are: W. Hayes McKinney, head of the Legal committee of the Detroit Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., and M. L. Walker, vice-president of the N. A. A. C. P.

A full accounting of a certified public accountant, is to be had and published by the N. A. A. C. P., of all sums received and expended in the course of the defense of the colored people tried for defending themselves from the mob.

DEBATE PROVES LIVELY AND INSTRUCTIVE

The Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. met at St. Paul Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. An interesting debate instructed and pleased those who were present. Dr. H. Wiggins, who was to have opened for the affirmative, was unavoidably detained by professional duties. Attorney W. B. Bryant substituted for H. J. Pinkett and opened for the affirmative and Henry W. Black supported the negative. As there was only one of the principals for the affirmative present, it was agreed between the two principals for the negative, the Rev. Russel Taylor and Mr. Black, that the latter alone should support the negative. The subject was, "Resolved, That the Professional Men

National Advancement Association Sees Segregation as Biggest Issue for Negro

New York City.—Segregation constitutes one of the gravest dangers confronting the Negro in America today, and the menace of it is spreading throughout the North, according to a warning statement issued by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who calls upon all colored citizens to aid the N. A. A. C. P. in the fight it is making in behalf of the race.

"Colored people of America are not awake to the danger which threatens them," says Mr. Johnson's statement. "So long as the mob is not at their door ordering them to move into another neighborhood, threatening them with death, if they do not give up their home and sell their house, they seem to think the danger a distant one. But the menace of segregation, whether by ordinance, by agreement among white property owners, or by the anarchy of direct mob action, is one that increasingly looms over every Negro home in America.

"Already the N. A. A. C. P. has segregation cases on its hands originating in all parts of the country. The fight against segregation by property owners' agreement in the national capitol will probably be heard before the United States Supreme Court this fall and similar cases in many states are awaiting its outcome. In Louisiana

COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMISSIONER MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Report of Labor Bureau As commissioner of the Colored Commercial Club of Omaha, and the active worker, it is with pleasure that I shall endeavor to touch the high spots of the activities of the club during 1924, to state some of the problems faced, their solution, and to outline the situation we faced in 1925, already begun.

Since its establishment in 1919, the Colored Commercial Club has conducted a constructive program of activities for the improvement of welfare among Negroes, as well as foster a better understanding between the colored and white business houses. These two activities have been crowned with much success. Such success has been obtained because of the willingness of the citizens to co-operate with the club in every way possible.

The outstanding features of 1924 were the placements made through the Employment Department to the number of 1,835 since January, 1924; the organizing of a Junior Club consisting of a membership of fifty-five young business men; the co-operating with other organizations throughout the city in the development of welfare work among our people; the co-operating with the American Legion, Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30, in putting on a street carnival; the compiling and publishing each week, bits of Negro history; the laying of the foundation for the organizing of an inter-racial commission in Omaha; the compiling of data on Negro business and publishing a 1925 business guide, a copy of which has been placed in practically every colored home. This business guide will be gotten out each year.

The Employment Department The problems facing the Employment Department have been many and varied. However, the work of this department has been very successful when you consider the general economic conditions of the city with reference to the employment of colored help. Out of a total number of 1,978 calls, placements were made to the extent of 1,835, while this number is considerably lower than in 1923, namely, 2,169, it will be remembered that industrial conditions were much better and more favorable to the employment of colored people, and too, the economic conditions were much better in 1923 than in 1924. As compared with 1923 however, the monthly

of Omaha are living up to their civic and racial responsibilities." Mr. Bryant argued that corrupt civic conditions were being opposed by the Christian lawyers, while ministers could be charged with indifference and that therefore certain professional men were meeting their civic and racial responsibilities. Mr. Black pointed out specific cases to prove that few of the professional people take any part in civic and racial matters and in consequence our people are not receiving the representation due in public offices or making the progress in the development of business enterprises that is possible. Several others took part in the discussion. The next meeting of the branch will be the first Sunday in October at the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A.

Race Everywhere Urged to Rally to Support of Organization Which Is Sanely But UNCOMPROMISINGLY Fighting Against Menace Looming Large Over Every Colored American Home

The N. A. A. C. P. is fighting state and municipal segregation ordinances passed in defiance of the Supreme Court's decision in the Louisville case of 1917. In Staten Island, N. Y., the N. A. A. C. P. is backing up Samuel A. Browne, the colored postman who stood his ground against the mob. In Detroit the N. A. A. C. P. will throw its entire power to the defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet, his wife, two brothers and six friends, who, surrounded by a howling mob, defended Dr. Sweet's home and are now facing trial on charges of murder.

"There is not a colored man, woman or child in America, no matter in what city or town, whose status will not be affected by these segregation struggles. The N. A. A. C. P. intends to fight them all, and whatever others may arise, as vigorously and unrelent-

ingly as its means permit. But it can only be effective if backed up by the united and solid support of colored Americans.

"The case before the Supreme Court in Washington alone will probably cost upwards of \$3,000. These cases must be fought by the very best lawyers and those lawyers must be paid as well as the heavy bills for legal printing and other charges. Any one case may cost from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and if there are appeals to higher courts, the cost rises proportionately. "It rests with the colored people of the United States whether they will provide the munitions of war. For it is a war and it will be a fight to the finish if the N. A. A. C. P. is given the means necessary to properly conduct that fight. Do you want to be a segregated race? Do you want the Jim Crow system extended to the residential streets of northern cities? Or will you fight residential Jim Crow through the courts and before the tribunal of public opinion? The answer rests with colored Americans. The N. A. A. C. P. stands ready to carry out their mandate. It is already embarked upon this immense struggle with shamefully inadequate funds.

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Sec'y, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People."

Co-operative Efforts During the six months of 1925, the club has been the center of many activities of the various organizations. The following meeting schedule is evidence of this fact: Jan. 1, Pullman Porters Progressive Association. Jan. 3, Young Men's Debating Club of Junior Colored Commercial Club. Jan. 5, Executive Committee, Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion. Jan. 5, Executive Committee, Colored Commercial Club. Jan. 8, Executive Committee, N. A. A. C. P. Jan. 9, General Meeting, Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion. Jan. 14, Pullman Porters Progressive Association. Jan. 15, General Meeting Colored Commercial Club. Jan. 21, A. K. A. Local Chapter. Jan. 22, Jr. Colored Commercial Club. Jan. 23, Pullman Porters Progressive Association. Jan. 23, Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion. Jan. 30, Jr. Colored Commercial Club. Feb. 2, Smoker, Colored Conf. Club. Feb. 3, Ways and Means Committee, Colored Commercial Club. Feb. 4, Nebraska Medical and Phar. Association. Feb. 5, Business and Professional Men's Club. Feb. 6, Smoker, Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion. Feb. 7, Jr. Colored Commercial Club. Feb. 7, National Postal Alliance. Feb. 8, Presbyterian Church, temporary location. Feb. 9, Smoker, Colored Commercial Club. Feb. 9, Pullman Porters Progressive Association. Feb. 9, Joint Committee from the following organizations: Colored Commercial Club, Business and Professional Men's League, N. A. A. C. P., Ministerial Alliance, Roosevelt Post No. 30. Feb. 12, Business and Professional Men's League. Feb. 14, Jr. Colored Commercial Club. Feb. 16, Missouri Pacific Shop Workers Club. Feb. 18, Pullman Porters Progressive Association. Feb. 19, Business and Professional Men's League. Feb. 20, A. K. A. Local Chapter. (Continued on Page Two)

R. NATHANIEL DETT, FAMOUS COMPOSER, TO GIVE RECITAL HERE

Omahans are going to have the privilege soon of hearing the eminent composer and pianist, R. Nathaniel Dett, probably the first week in November. The recital is to be under the joint management of Mrs. John Albert Williams and Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston. It is to be for the benefit of the Episcopal church of St. Philip the Deacon. Prominent musicians and music lovers of the city to whom Mr. Dett's compositions and reputation are well known have promised their hearty co-operation in making his first appearance in Omaha a pronounced success. The definite date for the recital has not been fixed.

RELIGIOUS WORK TRAINING FOR COLORED WOMEN

Opens in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 1st, in Connection With St. Augustine's School

Raleigh, N. C.—A school for the training of young colored women for religious and social work is to be opened here in October, in connection with St. Augustine's school. The institution will be under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal church and is being established in response to a general demand for trained women for church and community service. The curriculum will cover two years and will include courses in Bible, with special emphasis on the life of Christ, religious education, case work, community organization, recreation, club work, hygiene, and sociology. Practical work will be given in the community and in St. Agnes hospital and training school. The entrance requirement is two years of junior college or its equivalent, but in case of vacancies high school graduates may be admitted as special students. The charges will be \$175 a year, which covers board, tuition, books and uniform. The first building, a three-story brick structure just completed at a cost of \$30,000, is known as the Bishop Tuttle Memorial House, and will accommodate part of the faculty and twenty students, besides providing a number of class rooms. Application for admission or for further information should be made to the director, Miss Bertha Richards, care St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR TO BE INSTALLED

The Rev. Charles H. Trusty, D. D., pastor of Hillside Presbyterian church, formerly St. Paul Presbyterian church, 30th and Ohio streets, will be formally installed as pastor at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening



September 30. The installation sermon will be preached by the Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church; the charge to the pastor will be given by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Pressley, secretary of the Nebraska synod, and that to the congregation by the Rev. R. W. Taylor, assistant secretary of the synod. The Rev. H. G. Heuser, moderator, will preside.

At a meeting of the presbytery held September 21, consent was given to change the name from St. Paul to Hillside.

SEVERAL COLORED BOY SCOUTS MEMBERS COURT OF HONOR

It is pleasing to notice in the September number of "Omaha Scout News", the official publication of the Omaha Council Boy Scouts of America, the names of several colored boys, who have been admitted to the Court of Honor for merit in some of the scout activities. Unless one happens to know the respective troops and the boys one would not know their race or color as they are simply named, and that is the proper way to do it, as Boy Scouts.

Four members of Troop 79, T. P. Mahamitt, scout master, and one member of Troop 23, Dr. Craig Morris, scout master, have won honors. They are Archie Brown, public health; Clifton Hill, athletics; Nelson Ricketts, athletics; Fred Smith, swimming, all of Troop 79, and William Reed, Troop 23, personal health. Among the officials receiving merit badges is Martin Thomas, assistant scout master, Troop 79, for swimming.

METHODIST CONFERENCE MAKES APPOINTMENTS

The Conference which met in Leavenworth, Kans., last week reappointed the Rev. Charles A. Williams to St. John's A. M. E. church and the Rev. Ollie C. Burkhardt to Allen Chapel city. The Rev. Fred Divers, former pastor of Bethel, has been appointed to Toussin, Arizona. The Rev. John Adams has been appointed presiding elder for this district.

STANDARD LIFE AGAIN BECOMES RACE INSTITUTION

St. Louis Underwriters Corporation Redeems Old Insurance Company Which Had Passed Into Other Hands

THE DEAL INVOLVES MILLIONS

Live Group of Responsible St. Louis Business Men Will Take Over Company October 1st

St. Louis, Mo.—Announcement has just been made from the offices of the St. Louis Underwriters Corporation, 2803 Pine Boulevard, that contracts were signed this week whereby the Standard Life Insurance Co. of Atlanta, Ga., become the property of this group of St. Louis business men, thereby bringing back to the race this organization which was their pride. It is understood that the business is to be turned over to the corporation on or about October 1, 1925. The deal represents approximately twenty-four million dollars worth of insurance in force. Together with the business come assets of close to one hundred thousand dollars. The transfer is made, including good will, the entire agency organization and clerical forces of the home office and branch offices in 13 states.

The St. Louis Underwriter's Corp. which is responsible for the redemption of the Standard Life, was founded by the president, who was formerly an agent of the old Standard Life Insurance Company and who cherished the hope of being instrumental in bringing this gem back to the colored people.

It will be remembered that at the time the Standard Life Insurance Co. passed into the hands of the Southern Life, a promise was made by Mr. Will C. Harris, president of the Southern Insurance Company, agreeing to sell the company back to any group of reputable Negroes within the next ten years. Several of the officers of the St. Louis Underwriters Corporation, particularly the president, had been instrumental in disposing of a large amount of stock and insurance of the Standard Life, and were naturally interested in its salvation. With this in view, Mr. Harris was approached and after several conferences in Nashville and St. Louis, the deal was finally consummated.

Among the personnel of the corporation are leading business and professional men. The officers and directors are as follows: Wm. O. McMahon, president; W. H. Mosby, secretary; A. C. Maclin, treasurer; R. F. Crenshaw, C. A. Pitman, Dr. T. J. Jackson, Dr. C. M. Powell, J. E. Mitchell, Dr. R. C. Haskell, M. L. Sanford, L. S. Williams, Dr. S. P. Sanford, Rev. B. L. Abbott, Dr. H. B. McMechen, Prof. J. B. Coleman, Dr. Wm. B. Tompkins, Willis G. Moseley and Attorney Jos. L. McLemore, counsel.

THREE GRADUATES FROM TECHNICAL HIGH

Three of our young girls were graduated from Technical high school last week. They were the Misses Ida B. Crocker, Jessie L. Partridge and Margaret E. Murray. As there were ninety-six graduates in the class our group represented one thirty-second of the whole number. The ratio ought to be larger. Congratulations, girls. But what's the matter with th' choys?

GARDEN CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Garden Club of the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A. entertained at a well appointed luncheon at the "Y" Tuesday in honor of Mrs. W. L. Bingham, who left Thursday for Oakland, Calif. The tables were beautifully decorated by Mrs. E. R. West. A paper expressing regret at her departure and best wishes for her happiness in her new home was read by Mrs. D. W. Gooden. Covers were laid for sixteen. Out of town guests were Mrs. Smallwood of Washington, D. C. and Miss Grace Sisco of Beattie, Neb.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

The Rev. George Slater, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, and wife left Monday evening over the Chicago and Great Western for Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where he has been assigned to serve as pastor, and at Junkins and Pine Creek, Alb. A number of his members were at the depot to wish them Godspeed and presented them with a purse as a token of their appreciation for the services rendered while here to the people of the community.

Bethel A. M. E. church is without a pastor at present. One will soon be assigned to fill the vacancy.