

African Native Gets Two Million Loan

Negro Civil Engineer, Designer of Bridges, Dies at Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio.—James A. Joyce, 61, assistant county bridge engineer for the last 14 years, and designer of many structures in Cleveland and elsewhere, who died Saturday last at his home, 2246 East 80th street, was laid away in Lakeview cemetery, following an impressive funeral ceremony at Mt. Zion Congregational Temple, Wednesday afternoon.

The largest piece of work credited to Mr. Joyce was designing the Detroit-Superior high level bridge. He was in charge of county buildings and

machinery, and inspected all metal work for the county. Before he became assistant county engineer, Mr. Joyce was chief engineer and director of the Cowing Engineering company. During that time he designed the Cleveland Hippodrome Co. building, the Jefferson street lift bridge, the Saginaw, Mich., swing bridge, and the Kinsman Road viaduct over the Pennsylvania railroad.

Mr. Joyce, who had lived in Cleveland for 40 years, is survived by three daughters and a son.

PENSION BUREAU DENIES RACIAL SEGREGATION IN THAT DEPARTMENT

Official Claims the First Knowledge of Alleged Segregation Policy Derived from Reading Race Papers

Washington, D. C.—Officials of the Department of the Interior vigorously denied that there had been any attempt to extend segregation in that department but admitted four clerks "had been moved" because of complaints coming from them, but they would be put back at their old posts.

It was originally reported that all colored clerks in the pension bureau were put to work together in the filing division on August 1. Four colored pension examiners had been segregated from Caucasians on July 19th.

No comment concerning the matter has thus far been made by Dr. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, who at present is in the west on a business trip.

Official Statement

C. E. Finley, acting secretary, vigorously denied that there had been any move on foot to segregate employees in that department. He claimed that his first knowledge of it came from reading several colored newspapers. He made inquiries, immediately, he said, and was informed that there had been two examiners in one room and two in another, and that they had been moved. They made a complaint about being moved, he said, and it is quite probable that they will be put back where they were.

COLOR LINE REMOVED BY AMERICAN LEGION

Fitchburg, Mass.—The resolutions commending the affiliated society of the "40 and 8" for removing the color line from its constitution, were adopted, 241 and 211, by the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion here recently. A roll call of posts was needed and a spirited debate followed.

The resolution, in effect, passes the color question to the national Legion and instructs the department officers and delegates to the national convention to take up the issue.

WOMAN AGED 103 DIES

Mrs. Jane Hogan, aged 103, died at the County Hospital, Tuesday, August 16. Mrs. Hogan was a native of Tennessee, and came to Omaha a few years ago to make her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Mollie McKinney, by whom she is survived. The funeral was held Monday from the Joseph D. Lewis Funeral Home. Burial was in Mt. Hope cemetery. The Rev. O. J. Burkhardt officiated.

RETURN FROM GRAND LODGE

Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Gooden, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Broadus, Mrs. Allen Jones, Mrs. Maggie Moore, Miss Ruth Seay and Mr. Austin Dickerson have returned from Sedalia, Mo., where they attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s. Dr. Gooden was elected Grand Medical Examiner.

Lindbergh Ball and Cabaret Dance by Roosevelt Post at Dreamland hall, August 30th.

JULIUS CAESAR FAR OUT-CLASSED BY THIS FAST COLORED TYPIST

Washington, D. C.—Julius Caesar, whom it was said could dictate to six amanuensis and do several other things at the same time, has been out-classed by a colored typist, Cortez W. Peters, who exhibited much speed and skill in a demonstration at the office of the Recorder of Deeds last week.

During the demonstration Mr. Peters conversed with people in the room and at the same time copied accurately 147 words per minute; recited a poem while writing from a copy at the rate of 150 words a minute, added four columns of figures mentally without error, as he rapidly typed from a copy; dashed off 170 words per minute from copy in a speed drive.

NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS

Detroit, Mich.—The thirty-second annual convention of the National Medical Association opened in Detroit Monday, August 15th, with over 200 delegates present from every section of the country. The meeting continued for four days. The Allied Medical Society of Wayne county, of which Dr. J. M. Thomas is the president, acted as host.

MERCHANT PRINCE GIVES TO ORPHANS

St. Louis, Mo.—David May, known as "the merchant prince of America," and president of a chain of mammoth dry goods stores throughout the country, passed away at Charlevoix, Mich. Among the stores which he founded and owned a large interest in were the Famous-Barr in St. Louis and the May stores in various cities. In his will he left \$2,500 to the St. Louis Colored Orphan Home, the splendid institution of which Mrs. Annie M. Malone is patron and chairman of the board.

DAUGHTERS OF BETHEL ARE IN GRAND SESSION

The Daughters of Bethel are holding their annual grand session here this week at St. John's A. M. E. church. A number of delegates are present from Kansas and Nebraska.

HOME FOR AGED DEDICATED

Boston, Mass.—The dedication of Rest Haven, a home for homeless aged people, 120 Fisher avenue, Roxbury, was appropriately celebrated Sunday afternoon.

The Home is a gift to the community from Attorney Edgar P. Benjamin, the well known Negro philanthropist and president of the South End Co-operative bank. It will be maintained and supported by the various colored churches of Boston.

MAYOR DALHMAN IMPROVING

Mayor James C. Dahlman, who has been confined to his bed and room for several weeks with a broken hip, has been permitted to come down stairs, and hopes to be able to go to his office in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Holden of San Bernardino, Cal., enroute east, spent a few days here visiting their cousins, D. G. and John H. Russell.

EDITORIAL

(The following contributed article is so timely and important that we gladly accept it as our leading Editorial for this issue. We adopt the sentiments herein set forth as our own, and heartily commend them to our readers. The Y. W. C. A. is worthy of our liberal support.—The Editor.)

Attention should be called to the fact that the North Side Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association is not getting the proper response and support from the Negro people of Omaha.

With as large a Negro population as Omaha now boasts of, it does not reflect credit on anyone, to see the North Side Branch barely holding on by the support given by the Central Branch, and the faithful few who are to be found everywhere.

There has been a mistaken idea prevalent among our group, that there is no room or place in the sun for anyone but those having wealth and positions or professions. Such an idea should be erased at once from the minds of the people. We wish to say that there is room and need for everybody; room for every Negro woman in Omaha; room for every Negro girl from the ages of six to twenty. There is work to be done in this community. There are girls to be taken from the streets and made good, clean women of; there are little girls to be trained to become possible leaders of tomorrow.

How can such a large end with such small means be accomplished? Impossible. There are parents who send their girls to the Y. W. C. A. who have not set foot inside of the building, and after all it said and done, nothing is known about the work done here.

They are YOUR girls, so why not help work out a progressive program? So, let us appeal to your sense of duty, and let us all build a Y. W. C. A. membership in this community that will be second to none for a city with a population of this size of Negro citizens. The other races support their enterprises, Christian, and otherwise, and why can't we? We have the intelligence, and the other requisites, but what we need is the INITIATIVE TO GO FORWARD.

All the women and mothers who are not members, make up your minds today to become a member within the next few weeks. Send in your application for membership now, and see what a hearty welcome you will receive. All are invited, rich and poor, educated and uneducated alike. We need YOUR support, we need YOUR presence, if only to come and visit us.

With such a beautiful building as the one located at 2306 North Twenty-second street, it is a pity that it is not used daily as a meeting place for good fellowship and comradeship. The building should be a meeting place for all that is good and clean and helpful.

So, women of Omaha, let not this note be sounded in vain.

THE LIBERIANS WANT U. S. IS RUMORED

President King is Reported to Be Seeking to Have the Colony Adopted Again by the United States

Paris—A rumor is circulating in Paris to the effect that President King of Liberia has come to Europe to get in touch with the American diplomatic representatives in Paris and London with a view to persuading the United States government to again take his country as a colony, believing that this relationship will bring prosperity to his people, says a special dispatch in the Sunday Los Angeles Times.

Although the American school books scarcely mention it, Liberia was an American colony until July 26, 1847, when the colored inhabitants there threw off their allegiance.

The country is large enough to supply all tropical products, like rubber, that America needs.

HOWARD GETS N. Y. MAN

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, has approved the appointment of Mr. Edmund D. Ward of New York City as assistant to the treasurer and chief accountant at the Howard University.

ELK LODGE NEWS

The regular meeting of Iroquois Lodge No. 92 was held in the lodge rooms Wednesday, August 17. Paul S. Holliday presided, as exalted ruler in the absence of Amos Scruggs, who has gone to the grand lodge session in New York. The meeting was short and precise.

Thomas Simmons, a boy scout, a member of Troop 33 (Elks Lodge) has gone to Camp Gifford, to spend the ten-day encampment period with the scouts from Troops 23, 79 and 86.

Sunday, August 28, is visitors' day at camp. Everyone is invited to come. Take the Burlington train. Fare, 50 cents round trip. Train leaves at 9:30 a. m. and 1:20 p. m., returns at 3:30 p. m.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR LOAN GIVEN NEGRO

Huge Sum to Go for Financing the Cocoa Growing Industry—African Native Handles Transaction

New York.—Following close on the heels of the prompt settlement of the Liberian war debt to the United States, another financial negotiation of a huge scope is underway between United States banking houses and representatives of the large Negro dominion.

Preliminary negotiations for a two million dollar loan have been concluded by Winifred Tete-Ansa, a native of the Gold Coast, West Africa, with New York banking interests. The loan is to be used to finance production and marketing of cocoa grown on the Gold Coast.

Tete-Ansa is quoted as saying that his primary object in seeking financial assistance for the cocoa growers of his country was to relieve them of the domination now exercised by a group of London cocoa importing interests known as The African and Eastern. He declared that prices obtained by natives for their cocoa at the depot of The African and Eastern and its subsidiaries was below the world market price.

He said he intended to take a staff of the American executives back to Accra to take charge of the co-operative crop bank which he plans to establish.

FIRST COLORED WOMAN EDITOR IN COLORADO NOW OMAHA RESIDENT

The following item, published in The Western Appeal of Pueblo, Colo., will be of interest to Omahans:

"The first colored woman editor in the state of Colorado was Mrs. Julia Embry. It is also interesting to know that her name is listed in the 'Who's Who in the Colored Race.' She is now Mrs. Hiram R. Greenfield of Omaha, but we are all proud to remember her as a prominent resident of Colorado Springs."

ON THE LINDBERG RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Acting Mayor Hopkins has appointed Dr. W. W. Peebles, Edward W. Killingsworth, Commander Roosevelt Post American Legion, and the Rev. John Albert Williams, as members of the Lindbergh reception committee.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEET

The Omaha and Council Bluffs District Association and Women's Missionary Society have been holding their fourth annual session this week at Pleasant Green Baptist church. The sessions opened Tuesday morning and closed Friday. An interesting and varied program of services, papers and discussions occupied the session. There was a good attendance. Rev. Z. E. McGee is moderator, Rev. E. H. McDonald, secretary, Prof. S. N. Blake, president S. S. convention, and Mrs. M. King, president of the Women's Missionary Society.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The committee of management of the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A., wishes to thank each and every one for their patronage at their Seventh Anniversary Homecoming on August 18, last Thursday afternoon. The committee had planned such a delicious as well as novel luncheon that all were well pleased. Those who did not attend missed a very enjoyable time.

The committee of management is sponsoring a popularity contest held between contestants from the various committees. Books are now out, and all of the people who are approached in Omaha are asked to help as far as they are able. A very excellent prize is offered to the successful contestant, as well as a prize for all others who are entered. But that is the secret. The contest will run for a period of two or three weeks longer, and we ask your support.

BOOZES CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGES BROUGHT BY SISTER

State Refuses to Support the Case Against Wealthy Citizens—Accusers Failed to Make Appearance at Hearing

EFFORT TO DISCREDIT PROMINENT PEOPLE

Cleveland, Miss.—The sensational charges brought against Eugene Booze, special flood relief worker, and his wife, Mrs. Mollie Booze, republican national committee woman from Mississippi, and three other persons, in connection with the death of Isaiah Montgomery, father of Mrs. Booze, said to have resulted from poisoning, were dismissed Saturday by David Arnold, justice of the peace at Cleveland.

Murder Charge Brought

An affidavit charging murder was sworn to by Miss Stella Montgomery, another daughter, against Mr. Booze and his wife; B. A. Green, mayor of Mound Bayou, Miss.; C. V. Thurmond, Mr. Montgomery's former secretary, and his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Thurmond.

Upon hearing of the case at Rosedale Saturday, Magistrate Arnold dismissed the case on motion of District Attorney John P. Smith, who said the State was unable to make a case.

The five persons who were named as defendants in the case are wealthy residents of the all-colored town of Mound Bayou, Miss., of which the late Isaiah Montgomery was the founder.

Booze and his wife, with the other three defendants, were charged with having murdered Mr. Montgomery by poisoning. Notwithstanding the fact of Montgomery's death having occurred in March, 1924, the charges were not made until last week, and the affidavits were made by two race detectives, said to reside in Jackson, Miss., at the instigation of Miss Estelle Montgomery. None of the accusers were present Saturday, hence the dismissal of the charges.

Estate Contested

At the death of Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Booze was made executor of his estate. Soon afterward Estelle filed a bill in chancery asking that Booze be dismissed as executor, which was refused by the court.

Mr. Montgomery left a considerable estate, which has been the bone of contention and has resulted in a number of court proceedings, culminating in the case today on a charge of murder. Owing to the prominence of Mr. Booze, who is treasurer for the Third Mississippi district of the republican party, and his wife, Mrs. Booze, national committee woman of the republican party in this state, the case has attracted a great deal of attention.

Mr. Booze alleges that it is a movement on the part of political enemies in this state to discredit him in the councils of the republican party.

BANKERS TO MEET

Philadelphia—The National Negro Bankers Association, which was organized in the city of Philadelphia last September, Major R. R. Wright, president, is to hold its second annual meeting in Durham, N. C., on September 15 and 16.

DENTISTS MEET

Washington, D. C.—The Interstate Dental Association, made up of colored dentists from 21 states, met here last week in its fourteenth session, with headquarters in the science hall and dental infirmary at Howard University.

Mesdames A. D. James and J. F. Smith were hostesses at a very pleasant Kensington at the home of the former, 4421 South Twenty-sixth street, on Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lillian Black, a former resident of Omaha, now residing in Los Angeles, Cal.