

SECOND BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY.

At the close of this the fourth year of its existence the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History will convene in biennial session in Washington, D. C., on the 17th and 18th of June at the 12th street branch Y. M. C. A. The reports for the year will be heard, new officers will be elected, and the plans for the coming year will be formulated.

The chief interest of the meeting however, will center around the informing addresses on the Negro in the world war by Julius Rosenwald, George Foster Peabody, Emmett J. Scott, George E. Haynes, W. T. B. Williams, Ralph W. Tyler, James H. Dillard, and Thomas J. Jones. Every phase of the war history which the Negro helped to make will be treated. Returned soldiers will be invited to take part in the discussions.

The association will work out also the plans by which it will collect data to write a scientific history of the Negro in the world war just as soon as the treaty of peace is signed and documents now in accessible because of the proximity of the conflict become available. The co-operation of all seekers after the truth is earnestly solicited.

During the past two years the association has been able to move steadily forward in spite of the difficulties incident to the war. The subscriptions to the Journal of Negro History have gradually increased and a number of philanthropists have liberally contributed to the fund now being used to extend the work into all parts of the country. This work is being done by a field agent who organizes clubs for the study of Negro life and history and, through local agents, sells the publications of the association and solicits subscriptions to the Journal of Negro History.

In addition to publishing for four years the Journal of Negro History, a repository of truth now available in bound form, the association has brought out also, Slavery in Kentucky, an interesting portrait of the institution in that state; The Royal Adventurers Trading Into Africa, one of the best studies of the early slave trade; and A Century of Negro Migration, the only scientific treatment of the movement hitherto published.

The circulation of these publications has been extensive. They are read in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa; they reach more than three hundred college and public libraries; they are found in all Negro homes where learning is an objective; they are used by most social workers to get light on the solution of the problems of humanity; they are referred to by students and professors conducting classes carrying on research; and they reach the members of the cabinet and the president of the United States. The officers of the association are R. E. Park, president; J. E. Moorland, secretary-treasurer, and C. G. Woodson, director of research and editor, who, with Julius Rosenwald, George Foster Peabody, James H. Dillard, John R. Hawkins, R. E. Jones, A. L. Jackson, Thomas Jesse Jones, Sir Edmund Walker, Irving Metcalf, L. Hollingsworth Wood, Moorfield Storey and J. G. Phelps Stokes, constitute the executive council.

Among the persons who support this movement are: Harold H. Swift, capitalist; Oswald Garrison Villard, publisher of the New York Evening Post; A. S. Frissell, banker; William G. Wilcox, philanthropist; Morton D. Hull, statesman; Frederick L. Hoffman, statistician and author; Frank Trumbull, railway president; Cleveland H. Dodge, capitalist; Anson Phelps Stokes, secretary of Yale university; James F. Jameson, editor of the American Historical Review; Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin college; Jacob H. Schiff, banker; R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee institute; J. W. E. Bowen, Gammon Theological seminary; William J. Schiefelin, philanthropist; Frank O. Lowden, governor of Illinois; Bishop R. A. Carter, C. M. E. church; Bishop J. Albert Johnson, A. M. E. church; Bishop George W. Clinton, A. M. E. Z. church; A. H. Stone, historian; Mrs. L. Hammond, writer; George C. Hall, social worker; J. Stanley Durkee, president of Howard university; Miss Helen Adams Keller, writer, deaf and blind; J. G. Schmidlapp, capitalist; and J. A. Jeffrey, manufacturer.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENT

New York.—The third anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Norman Wilson took place on the evening of May 12 in the parish house of the Church of the Messiah, 95th street and Third avenue, to which a host of friends of the happy couple were invited and who extended to them their congratulations, and all good wishes for many happy returns of the day.

The Wilsons are charming and gracious hosts, and they together con-

spired to make the event a most enjoyable social function.

A fine orchestra under the leadership of Prof. A. J. Ford furnished enlivening music during the evening, and the younger set took advantage of the opportunity presented to break in their new dancing slippers.

A fine lunch was served about midnight to which ample justice was done by all. A large wedding cake occupied a conspicuous place among the good things on the heavily laden table the cake was not there.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson were unceasing in their attentions to all and all voted Madame and her talented husband, who by the way is a native African, two of the best hearted and happiest young married people in New York City. Following is a list of those present:

Mr. Stennett, Miss Maude Stennett, Miss Augusta Stennett, Master William Stennett, Mr. Israel Johnson (African), Mr. Gbe Wolo (African), Mr. Said Ibrahim (African), Mrs. G. E. Fawcuss (African), Mrs. James Woods, Miss Fanny Rowan, Miss E. May Johnson, Mr. Roger Melbourne, Miss Mitchell, Miss Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Mitchell, Nurse Louise Pieters and ward, Mrs. Florence Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Durham, Miss V. Holder, Miss Harry, Rev. and Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Ada Donelan, Miss W. Ovid, Miss May Duncan, Miss Marie Taylor, Miss Viola Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Charity, Mrs. Flinders and brother, Miss Gertrude Dyer, Miss Winifred Trim, Mrs. Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Percival Whittingham, Mr. Holder, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bruce, Miss Yearde, Miss Prout, Mrs. L. M. DeShand, Mr. Ramsey, Miss Hamlyn, Miss Lena Beckford, Mr. Henry Beckford, Master Lewis.

HEAD WAITERS WILL HOLD CONVENTION

Officers of National Association Making Elaborate Preparations for Its Annual Meeting Where Constructive Plans for Efficiency in Profession Will Be Considered.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

New York, June 4.—Judging by the arrangements which are now being made by the officers of the National Association of Head Waiters the annual convention of the association this year, which will be held at the national headquarters, this city, on Tuesday, June 10th, promises to be by far the largest and most interesting session ever held. Because of conditions growing out of the war the profession or calling of head-waiter has developed to such an extent and has arisen to such a point of dignity, that President Jos. T. Lee, Secretary B. C. Waller together with Vice President W. T. White, are putting forth every energy to have the members of the association out in force at the annual meeting. The principal thing will be the consideration of constructive plans which Vice President White, general manager of the association, has outlined and the safeguarding of the standard of dignity which the profession has acquired, taking advantage of the unusual opportunities now offered the members, and adoption of a plan for a greater spirit of fraternalism.

PETITION FOR BETTER WAGES

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Panama, June 4.—Six hundred race employees of the commissary plants in the canal zone petitioned Governor Harding for a flat wage increase of \$30 per month. The present pay is from \$25 to \$75 per month. The governor replied that executive order forbids paying more than \$75 to employees who are not Americans. He said the others should take their cases before the wage board.

HEAVY BUYER LIBERTY BONDS

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Brenham, Tex., June 4.—Something for the "human haters" to think about has been brought to light as a result of the recent Victory loan. Washington Dillard, a prosperous farmer of Washington county, purchased \$5,000 worth of Victory bonds. His entire holding of Liberty bonds amounts to \$12,500. Besides buying heavily himself he spent considerable time encouraging others to buy bonds.

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE GRADUATES LARGE CLASS

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., June 4.—The commencement exercises of Morris Brown college closed this week with the commencement address delivered by Dr. A. J. Carey of Chicago. One of the largest classes in the history of the school was graduated and a prosperous year reported. Degrees of doctor of laws were conferred upon Robert S. Abbott of Chicago, editor of the Chicago Defender, and Dr. Archibald J. Carey of Chicago, presiding elder in the African Methodist Episcopal church and prominently mentioned for bishop.

THE VICTORY PAGEANT GREAT SPECTACLE

Alleged to Have Outclassed in Magnitude, Beauty and Execution Any Similar Production Ever Witnessed by Residents of Windy City.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Chicago, June 4.—In the Victory pageant given at Quinn chapel, A. M. E. church, this week, the people of Chicago witnessed the greatest production of the kind ever held here. There were more than 500 participants, representing the various countries of the world, each trained perfectly to the manners and customs of the various peoples. After the processional, singing and dialogue of those representing each country, tableaux scenes were formed which for beauty of color and harmony of pose outclassed anything previously witnessed by Chicagoans. The costuming was marvelous in beauty and detail, each country, represented by queen, potentate and attendants, charming the audience by the excellency of taste.

The mammoth production was given under the personal direction of Miss Pauline James Lee and Clarence E. Muse, director of the Chicago School of Dramatic Art. This institution, the only one of its kind in the country, is making an enviable reputation under the management of its director, Clarence E. Muse.

MINISTERS WOULD BETTER GENERAL CONDITIONS

Lawrenceburg, Tenn., June 4.—The ministers of this community held a meeting recently to prepare a program for bettering the conditions of our people here. O. J. Summerhill, who was in military service during the war, recently returned from Atlanta, where a general program was mapped out.

Of the effort J. C. Carter states: "We must try to lift our people out of noxious dives, take them off the streets and the alleys after night, put them upon higher planes, so they may reform their lives and make better men and women."

AGED PHYSICIAN ANSWERS SUMMONS

Augusta, Ga., May 23.—Dr. George S. Burruss, one of the oldest and most respected physicians in the South, died here. His death was the result of blood poisoning, contracted from performing an operation. He leaves considerable property and is survived by a wife and relatives.

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GOVERNMENT OPENS MODEL CITY FOR RACE

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government directly and will not be sold immediately.

"A word about rents. The war housing bureau law states 'In no case shall property be given away, nor shall rents be furnished free, but the rental charges shall be reasonable and just as between employees and the government.' There can be no subsidy.

House Building War Measure.

"All of the houses built by the U. S. Housing Corporation were purposely designed to meet the war needs for housing the skilled worker and mechanic, the man receiving more than average wages and who demanded a fairly high grade house. Fair rents are based on a fair interest return on the value of the property. They must include repairs and maintenance, cost of utilities and the expense for schools, police and fire protection. The excess war time cost of houses is not to be charged to the renter. That war cost is borne by the country at large.

Tenants May Become Owners.

"The U. S. Housing Corporation will not build any more houses. Its authority under the war emergency terminates. The final disposition of the houses rests with congress. Those who have become posted on the housing situation in this country, realize the critical situation involving many complex questions of political economy in the housing problem before us all. It is my hope and my expectation that these houses will be sold direct to individuals on some plan of easy payments. It would be deplorable to auction these houses into the hands of private speculators and profiteers for their aggrandizement at the expense of the people. Uncle Sam's

people alone speculated in this investment through Liberty bonds. No one else took any risk, no one else is entitled to any emoluments. I want to see first choice given to the renters. I believe in the slogan 'Own Your Own Home.' The home is the bulwark of the nation. The poisonous weed of bolshevism does not sprout among a people of homes.

Pays Tribute to Race.

"Whatever may be the fault of the Negro, one inestimable quality he has to a certainty. The Colored race is 100 per cent American. The Colored man has no ties of allegiance in any shape or form to any foreign government. This would be true, even if it had not been proven by the Colored heroes of the Buffalo division in the crisis of Chateau Thierry and the Argonne forests. The problem of Americanization is not with the Colored. It is with the undigested scum of Europe.

Race Home Lovers.

"I am not altogether an ignorant Yankee. I have known the Colored man in my experience as civil engineer on construction in Memphis and Little Rock. I have met him in the institutions of learning. I have seen his faults and virtues. One predominant racial characteristic he has. A most worthy characteristic, the love of home. This is exemplified time and again. It is a part of his legend and song and melody. In 'Dixie,' 'Down on the Swannee Rier' 'The Old Folks at Home,' etc.

"To those of you who are living in these houses, to those who are coming, I believe you have an opportunity. Environment often makes the man. As citizens of Portsmouth, I trust you will compel for Truxton village the respect and esteem of your neighbors and that you will furnish an example to the nation for other towns like this. "You will be welcome to call upon me for any assistance within my power. I will try to help you in the adjustment of any difficulties and in helping you make a good start.

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