

GROWING,
THANK YOU!

THE MONITOR

A NATIONAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF COLORED AMERICANS.
THE REV. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS, Editor

LIFTING
LIFT, TOO!

\$2.00 a Year. 5c a Copy

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, APRIL 29, 1920

Vol. V. No. 43 (Whole No. 252)

PUNCTUAL HALF-CENTURY

Remarkable and Unprecedented Record of Toussaint L. O. Lambert, Who for Fifty Years Has Made His Rounds as Postman of the Heart of Detroit's Business Center.

"MAKE ONE FRIEND A DAY" THIS POSTMAN'S MOTTO

The Veteran Carrier Has Lived Up to This Motto and Numbers Friends by Thousands—An Interesting Story of a Faithful Useful Life as Told by the Detroit News.

WHEN Toussaint L. O. Lambert, mail carrier, swung his mail pack over his broad shoulders and strode to the door of the main post-office workroom at 8 a. m. today, there was none that correctly interpreted his smile. The veteran carrier had a secret. Evidently he preferred to keep it to himself. That secret concealed something humorous.

He nodded to the clerks and carriers as he passed, and when outdoors chuckled and winked at the pedestrians he met. His secret was almost too good to keep, he thought, but it seemed a great jest not to tell anyone just yet.

The patrons on his route along Larned street from Woodward avenue to the east several blocks observed the old carrier's smiling face and caught the note of mirth in his voice as he bade them a good morning. The smile was there all day.

On his return to office someone guessed Lambert's secret, and he laughed himself into a betrayal.

His Anniversary. Yes, he was celebrating his fiftieth anniversary as a postoffice mail carrier. For a half century he had never missed a day on account of sickness or other reasons for absence from duty. He has to his credit the honorary title of "dean of Detroit mailmen," and in his half century of service he has served under nine postmasters, all of whom gave him honorable mention for efficient and faithful service.



Lambert is extremely modest. "I was working on the railroad when Grant was elected president," he said simply when asked why he entered the postal service. "I came home one day, and my mother asked me why I did not get a dignified job like working in the postoffice. To please her, I wrote a letter to Postmaster Swift, and several months later I got a reply. It was a notice to report for duty.

Wins Friend a Day. "So I reported fifty years ago on April 1, and have reported for duty at the same hour on every work day since."

Toussaint Lambert made one resolution when he started to work for the Detroit postoffice. It was to make one friend a day. This resolution he has kept faithfully, and he numbers friends by the thousands, a majority of whom have not seen him in years, but who do not fail to remember him on Christmas with card greetings. These greetings pour into him from all parts of the country.

One of his early routes lay out Woodward avenue as far as High street.

"I have never gone above that street, because there were only a few scattered cabins," he said. "A mail carrier can do a lot of things for people and make lifelong friends. The children I used to bring Christmas toys to are now middle-aged men and women who always greet me with a smile and a handshake when we meet. That is some re-

ward for me. I'm glad to be able to carry mail, and make new friends every day to add to my list. I never expect to get too old to cover my route on schedule time, because it seems to me to get easier every year."

Reports on Holiday.

Toussaint Lambert is absent-minded sometimes, but this affliction never hinders him in being punctual for duty or in delivering his letters correctly. He discovered his absent-mindedness on Lincoln's birthday, when the postoffice letter carriers were given a holiday. Lambert reported at the main office at his usual hour, filled his pack full of letters and distributed them to the patrons on his route before postoffice officials could remind him that the day was a holiday.

"Well, I got the mail into the right hands, and I don't mind working on my day off," he said.—The Detroit News.

SCOTTISH RITE TO MEET IN PHILADELPHIA

(Special to The Monitor, by Walter J. Singleton.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—An event of vital interest to Masons of the Scottish Rite is scheduled to take place in Philadelphia, beginning May 9 and ending May 11. Prominent members of the Masonic Order from all parts of the country, and from foreign countries as well are to be in attendance. The notice promulgated by the supreme council reads as follows:

The thirty-ninth annual session of the thirteenth triennial session of the supreme council of the A. A. S. R. Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States will convene in the city of Philadelphia, Monday, May 10, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., at 409 South Eleventh street.

The triennial election of officers will occur at this session and it is expected that the reports of the work of the organization will show the largest increase in number of consistories and membership ever before noted. The war seems to have given all Masonic organization a new impetus, and in no department has it been so noticeable as in the Scottish Rite.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, James Francis Rickards of Detroit, Mich., reports considerable interest in the work all over his jurisdiction. Recently the work has spread to Manitoba and other points of the British America possessions. This session of the supreme council will be the largest in point of attendance of any ever held.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT BY FREEDMAN'S SCHOOLS

Des Moines, Ia., April 22.—The local committee of arrangements for the general conference of Methodist Episcopal church, which convenes in this city next month, announces that Dr. I. Garland Benn, one of the general secretaries, has prepared a special exhibit of the work done in the Freedman's Aid schools of the conventions.

WINS MAXWELL TOURING CAR.

Kansas City, Mo., April 22.—The Call, a weekly published in this city has just closed a "Popular Lady" contest. Mrs. Kate Tate, as popular race society leader, won first prize, a five-passenger Maxwell touring car. The leaders in the contest were: Mrs. Kate Tate, Miss Winetta Donahue, Mrs. Pearl M. Dahney, Mrs. C. W. Reed, Mrs. Amy Ward, Mrs. D. M. Henry, Miss Evangeline Kinney.

ORGANIZE CIVIC LEAGUE

(By Associated Negro Press) Georgetown, Del., April 22.—The Georgetown Negro Civic League has organized with the Rev. Henry Garrison, president; Joseph Bradley, vice-president; Rebecca Ingram, treasurer, and L. V. Warrington, secretary. The league has been organized in behalf of the school code.

THOUSANDS OBSERVE HEALTH WEEK

(By Associated Negro Press) Austin, Tex., April 22.—Thousands in all parts of Texas observed Negro Health Week, April 4 to 10. Special programs were held in the Negro schools over the state, and doctors, nurses and teachers spoke to the children on personal hygiene, school sanitation, prevention of tuberculosis, cleanliness of the home and other subjects. Ministers over the state gave health sermons on Sunday, April 4, which was called "Health Sunday."

HOSPITAL ACQUIRES BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY

Trustees Receive Encouragement and Support from Whittier Centre, an Association Seeking to Better Health Conditions in "City of Brotherly Love."

(By Associated Negro Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 22.—The trustees of the Mercy hospital, which has been doing very creditable work for twelve years in a converted dwelling, have chosen the beautiful site of the Episcopal Divinity school, the Whittier Centre, a social service organization composed mostly of influential white persons who are endeavoring to improve the health and living condition of Negroes in Philadelphia, felt that improved facilities should be afforded colored young women to learn trained nursing here. To that end they made an offer to Mercy hospital, that if they succeeded in obtaining the new site they were striving for, the Whittier Centre would contribute a fund sufficient to support the best superintendent of nurses obtainable, white or colored. The board of directors of Mercy hospital were unanimously in favor of having a colored woman for that position, feeling that her influence would be greater with colored

nurses, and by her example fill them with more inspiration. They accepted the offer, which was a most generous one, confident that they would be able to find a colored woman who would measure up with any available white woman.

Miss Lulu G. Warlick, R. N., formerly assistant superintendent of Provident hospital, Chicago, but more recently superintendent of nurses at the Old General hospital, Kansas City, Mo., has just entered upon the duties of a similar position at the new Mercy hospital in Philadelphia.

INTRODUCES ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL

(By Associated Negro Press)

Boston, Mass., April 22.—Senator John J. Walsh of this city offered in the state senate a substitute for the bill to prevent discrimination against colored persons in hiring employees for publicly controlled street railways. Senator Walsh's amendment is broader than the original bill. It provides for an amendment to the present statutes which prohibit discrimination against colored persons (Section 89, Chapter 212, of the Revised Laws), and adds "employment on all public utilities."

Subscribe for The Monitor.

LAKE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICE TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Plans are now being made by the Community Service executive council for a campaign to raise \$4,000 as our required quota of the year's budget to carry on community work through January 31, 1920, among colored people. White citizens propose to raise \$6,000.

Appeal will be made to churches, lodges, and all organizations as well as to individuals for liberal donations toward the desired fund. It has already been demonstrated that the work is worth while. There is no level-headed or logically thinking person but will concede that Community Service, by working as a prevention rather than a cure, providing wholesome recreation, has done a work which no organization limited by certain laws and customs could possibly do. Community Service is not an organization, it is only a program; it is of the people for the people and by the people and the people must support it.

Subscription cards will be mailed to all persons who are, and should be, interested in race and community uplift asking that the cards be returned with a liberal subscription. These cards will be accompanied by letters of explanation and a purposed program of the work and will also be followed up in most cases by personal interviews.

No one can afford to miss the opportunity of putting himself in line with a movement which tends to build up the morale of the youth. It will be a rare privilege to invest money in human lives. It may be years before the money will yield returns but when the returns begin to come in it will mean clean men and women to combat the evils of the world, strong men and men who will be physically fit to live long useful lives evolving from year to year a race increasing in intelligence, strength, morality and loyal citizenship.

Your donation will prove that you are interested in your posterity. Can you afford to deny the fact?

Members of the executive council who have charge of the campaign are E. J. W. Pryor, president; Dan Dedunes, vice president; Mrs. Lillian Black, secretary; Nate Hunter, treasurer; H. J. Pinkett, Dr. J. A. Singleton, Mrs. J. H. Moss, Mrs. J. H. Hutten, Mrs. E. R. Jackson, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Noah Thomas, Mrs. Julia Hudlin, Alfred Jones, sr.

PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SPEAKS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Washington, D. C., April 22.—President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university addressed the students of Howard university, Monday morning, March 29, in Andrew Rankin Memorial chapel. Dr. Butler spoke with very great clearness and definiteness of the responsibility resting upon students privileged to attend an institution such as Howard university. He traced in chaste language the steps one must take to reach the station of "educated men and women," and then devoted himself to a discussion of the value and importance of the judgments which such men and women must make in their contact with the problems of life. Dr. Butler was warmly received by the whole student body when he arose to speak and was tremendously applauded at the conclusion of his eloquent remarks.

LEAGUE TO BETTER INTER-RACIAL CONDITIONS

(By Associated Negro Press) New Orleans, La., April 22.—M. L. Alexander of the department of conservation told an audience of more than one thousand colored and white persons at a meeting of the Colored Civic League of New Orleans in the Dauphin theater that the Association of Commerce will stand back of the newly-begun movement of the league to better conditions among the race in New Orleans. Mr. Alexander spoke for a delegation of six from the Association of Commerce, of which he is a member.

Let us pray that the saloon has departed to stay. This will be the greatest blessing brought to us by prohibition.

Let us pray that the saloon has departed to stay. This will be the greatest blessing brought to us by prohibition.

Taken all in all the candidates who will contest for the mastery at the November elections average up well and a hot campaign may be expected.

WOOD WINS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Loyalty of Colored Vote Decisive Factor in Second District—Also Puts General Across in First—Delegates-at-Large Chosen Are Wood Men—Johnson Carries State—Pershing Poor Third.

WOOD DELEGATES ARE FAVORITES AT PRIMARIES

Ten of the Twelve District Delegates Had Declared for Wood—Colored Candidates Make Good Showing in Race for Political Honors.

AMONG the outstanding features of the primaries held here April 20 may be mentioned the carrying of the state by Hiram Johnson by a plurality of 18,000; the election of a large majority of delegates who had declared their preference for Leonard Wood; the success of Wood in First and Second districts, the latter of which includes Douglas county, where there is a large colored population; and the strength shown by at least two of the colored candidates. Contrary to expectations, Barnett, candidate for the state legislature, received a larger vote than Singleton, an older and more experienced campaigner, although both men showed they were in the running. Amos P. Scruggs, for public defender, was the low man among the colored candidates and John Albert Williams, candidate for district delegate, whose filing for this honor was most displeasing to the Howell-Smith-Ure machine, polled a surprisingly large vote, being fourth man in the race.

The coalition between some of the men who announced themselves as champions of Leonard Wood's candidacy and the Johnson forces did not impress many of those who were and are uncompromisingly for Wood as fair or honest. It gives the impression of an attempt to mix oil and water. It looked very much as though some local gentlemen were more interested in promotion of their own candidacy than that of Leonard Wood. This, to be frank, is The Monitor's opinion. It looks very much like a political trade which gave Johnson his plurality in the state.

Among the delegates-at-large John W. Towle of Omaha was the high man. He undoubtedly received practically the unanimous vote of our people. The Second district delegates who won were William G. Ure and Gould Dietz, the latter of whom also received a heavy vote from our people. Ure was in the combination. Dietz ran independently.

Samuel McKelvie, present governor, against whom there was a powerful combination to defeat him, won an easy victory over Adam McMullen of Beatrice, who had the backing of many Douglas county savants.

Great interest centered in the clerk of the district court, a position which has been held by Robert Smith for 101 these many years. But the canny Bob Smith had his ever trusty rabbit foot, which John W. Long brought with him from Missouri about the time that Robert came from the bonny braes of Scotland and presented to Robert and so Robert said to both Sammie Westergaard and Frankie Bandle, who would disposes him, "Hoot mon, gae awa" to the tune of about 12,000 votes.

Robert B. Howell had a tight squeeze to win out as national committeeman. He ran like a greyhound or gazelle in Douglas county, but out in the state he made the speed of a snail; but he got there just the same; and that's what counts after all.

The democrats had lots of fun, too. The chief contest was over delegates between the Bryanites and Hitchcockites. The odds are in favor of the latter. The claim was that it was a fight between the wets and the dries, Bryan representing the dries and Hitchcock the wets. Arthur Mullen was defeated as national committeeman. Morehead for governor surprised the natives. His personal popularity gave him the nomination in spite of the opposition of the two factions of his party.

The vote in this district for presidential preference with reference to the two leading candidates was as follows:

	Wood	Johnson
Douglas	7,122	6,540
Sarpy	880	441
Washington	194	567
	7,696	7,458

The vote on district delegate in Washington county gave these re-

52¢
How would YOU like a raise like this?

— and for 34 Years Work

THAT is the kind of increase in salary the minister has received. His living expenses have risen just as fast and as far as yours.

But he is paid on the average just 52 cents more per church member than he was paid 34 years ago.

The Minister Never Fails You

Every officer of the Government with a war message to deliver appealed to the ministers first of all.

But 80% of the ministers receive less income than government economists figure as a minimum for the support of an average family.

When hospitals need money they enlist the support of the ministers—and receive it.

But when sickness visits the minister or the members of his family they must be treated in a charity ward. His pay is less than a day laborer's.

8 out of every 10 ministers receive less than \$20 a week—about half the pay of a mechanic.

We Pay Him Half the Wages of a Mechanic

And of these pitifully inadequate salaries, how much do you contribute? Nothing if you are outside the church; an average of less than 3c a day if you are a church member.

All of us share in the benefits of Christian ministers to the community. They marry us; bury us; baptize our children; visit us when we are sick. In their hands is the spiritual training of the youth.

We Are All Profiteers at Their Expense

Part of the Interchurch World program is this—a living wage for every minister of Jesus Christ; an efficient plant, and a chance to do a big man's job.

If you want better preachers, help to pay the preachers better. It's the best investment for your community—and for your children—that you can ever make.

INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

45 WEST 15th STREET, NEW YORK CITY

The publication of this advertisement is made possible through the co-operation of 30 denominations.