

## DEATH SUMMONS HEAD OF EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE

Prominent Pastor, Doctor and Fearless Race Leader and Thinker Passes Away In Boston Hospital.

## LEAD MOVEMENT FOR UNITY

Was Leading Spirit in Sanhedrin Call and President of the United Front Conference Which Made Call for All-Race Assembly.

(Crusade Service)

A hush is over all the teeming lists, And there is pause, a breath-space in the strife; A spirit brave has passed beyond the mists And vapors that obscure the sun of life. And Ethiopia, with bosom torn, Laments the passing of her noblest born.

—Dunbar.

Boston, Massachusetts. — Dr. Matthew A. Neil Shaw, intellectual giant and fearless fighter in the lists of Ethiopia's champions, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 19th, at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital after a short illness. His death came as a shock to the community for he was apparently in good health up to a few days before.

Dr. Shaw has been active in the Negro Liberation Struggle for a number of years. He was an indefatigable, unselfish and self-sacrificing worker in the cause. He gave his life for Ethiopia as surely as if he had died on the field of battle. He had been busy on the work of the National Equal Rights League up to the very day of his death. He had given much of his time, and sacrificed his medical practice and personal interests both for the League and for the United Front Conference which stands today as a vast, gigantic monument in its achievement of a great measure of race unity and its promise of greater achievements along that line. So long as the United Front Conference stands, or so long as the Negro race produces men and women with intelligence enough to recognize the need of Race Unity so long will stand the name and live green the memory of Dr. M. A. N. Shaw!

It was through his genius, as President of the National Equal Rights League, that the organization of the United Front Conference was accomplished and the now famous Concordat, by which the six leading Negro Civil Rights organizations in the United States pledges themselves to harmonious co-operation in the common fight against injustice of any kind or degree, was signed as a treaty of peace and a pledge of self-sacrificing devotion to the highest racial ideals by the representatives of the six organizations gathered in convention in New York City, March 23 and 24, 1923. This same convention elected Dr. Shaw president of the United Front Conference, and sent out the call for an All-Race Assembly or Sanhedrin to take place before April 1st, 1924, and appointed Prof. Kelly Miller chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Dr. Shaw was a recognized medical authority and a leading pulpit orator, as well as an indefatigable worker and self-sacrificing leader of his race. He has always interested himself in all matters pertaining to the betterment of the race, and has led the National Equal Rights League, with the aid of his stalwart colleague, Mr. William Monroe Trotter, to many brilliant victories in the civil rights field. Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 23, at the 12th Baptist Church, with a huge crowd and many notables in attendance. Prior to the funeral services the body had been on view at the church for several hours, and it was necessary to call in a detail of police to handle the huge throngs which turned out to do honor to the fearless champion of Negro rights.

## UNIDENTIFIED MAN KILLED BY PASSENGER TRAIN

An unidentified man, apparently 30 years old, who was beating his way on a freight train, was killed by a passenger train near Elkhorn last Sunday night as he stepped from the freight into the path of the passenger. The remains were taken in charge by the C. A. Chiles & Co. undertaking firm of Omaha.

## DEDICATE \$250,000 "Y"

Pittsburgh, Oct. 5.—Dr. R. E. Jones and Dr. Jesse M. Moorland were the speakers at the dedication of the new \$250,000 Y. M. C. A. on Centre Ave. Sunday.

In 1920 Negroes in North Carolina paid taxes on \$53,901,018 worth of property.

## "GARDEN OF FLOWERS" CHARMS AND PLEASURES LARGE AUDIENCE

Capacity House Witnesses Unique and Beautiful Entertainment Planned and Composed By Omaha Women.

One of the most beautiful and original entertainments ever given in this city was "A Garden of Flowers," presented by the Garden Club of the North Side Branch Y. W. C. A. at its building last Monday night. The assembly room and spacious porch was crowded to capacity by an audience of more than 300, many being unable to gain admittance. The originator of this unique entertainment was Mr. Charles Solomon, the authoress was Mrs. Alfred Jones, and the costumers and designers were Mesdames W. L. Bingham and C. C. King. Mrs. T. P. Mahammit was chairman.

Twenty-two ladies took part, representing flowers, their costumes being made of crepe paper and were beautifully artistic. "The Lady of the Garden," Mrs. Alfred Jones, was the first to appear and in a beautiful solo, plans to plant her flower garden. "The Goddess of the Garden," Mrs. C. C. King, the nappered singing a song of the flowers. This ended with her magic wand she summoned the various flowers to come into the garden, which they did in the order subsequently named, each one being greeted by "The Lady of the Garden" and singing or reciting a descriptive legend, taking her assigned place.

The following flowers were impersonated: "Jonquil," Mrs. Eva Pinkett; "Dandelion," Mrs. Ella Hunter; "Violet," Mrs. Anna Moss; "Easter Lily," Mrs. W. L. Bingham; "Buttercup," Mrs. Wm. Murphy; "Peach Blossom," Mrs. Eva Gaines; "Iris," Mrs. Minnie Solomon; "Peony," Mrs. Mada Desdunes; "Morning Glory," Mrs. Bertha Adams; "Rosebuds," Mrs. Lulu Hicks; "Carnations," Mrs. Meda Seymour; "Sweet Pea," Mrs. R. K. Lawrence; "Bluebell," Mrs. S. Williamson; "Daisy," Mrs. F. J. McCullough; "American Beauty Rose," Miss Edna M. Stratton; "Black-Eyed Susan," Mrs. A. L. Hawkins; "Poppy," Mrs. Nina West; "Sunflower," Mrs. Eulalia Britt; "Chrysanthemum," Mrs. D. W. Gooden; "The Garden," Mrs. T. P. Mahammit.

Preceding the presentation of "A Garden of Flowers," the following musical numbers were given: Soprano solo, Mrs. R. Dewey Allen; piano solo, Miss Lucy Mae Allen; contralto solo, "Thank God For a Garden," Miss Irene Cochran.

Following the program beautiful artificial flowers were sold, each participant being vendor of the flower she impersonated. A neat sum was realized.

The ladies spent more than two months in diligent preparation for this very delightful affair.

The Monitor would suggest that it be repeated at some subsequent time in a larger hall where it can be more advantageously staged.

## A LIVE WIRE "Y" SECRETARY

It gives the Monitor pleasure to introduce to our readers Miss Edna M. Stratton, who a few months ago came to Omaha to serve as executive secretary of the North Side Branch of the

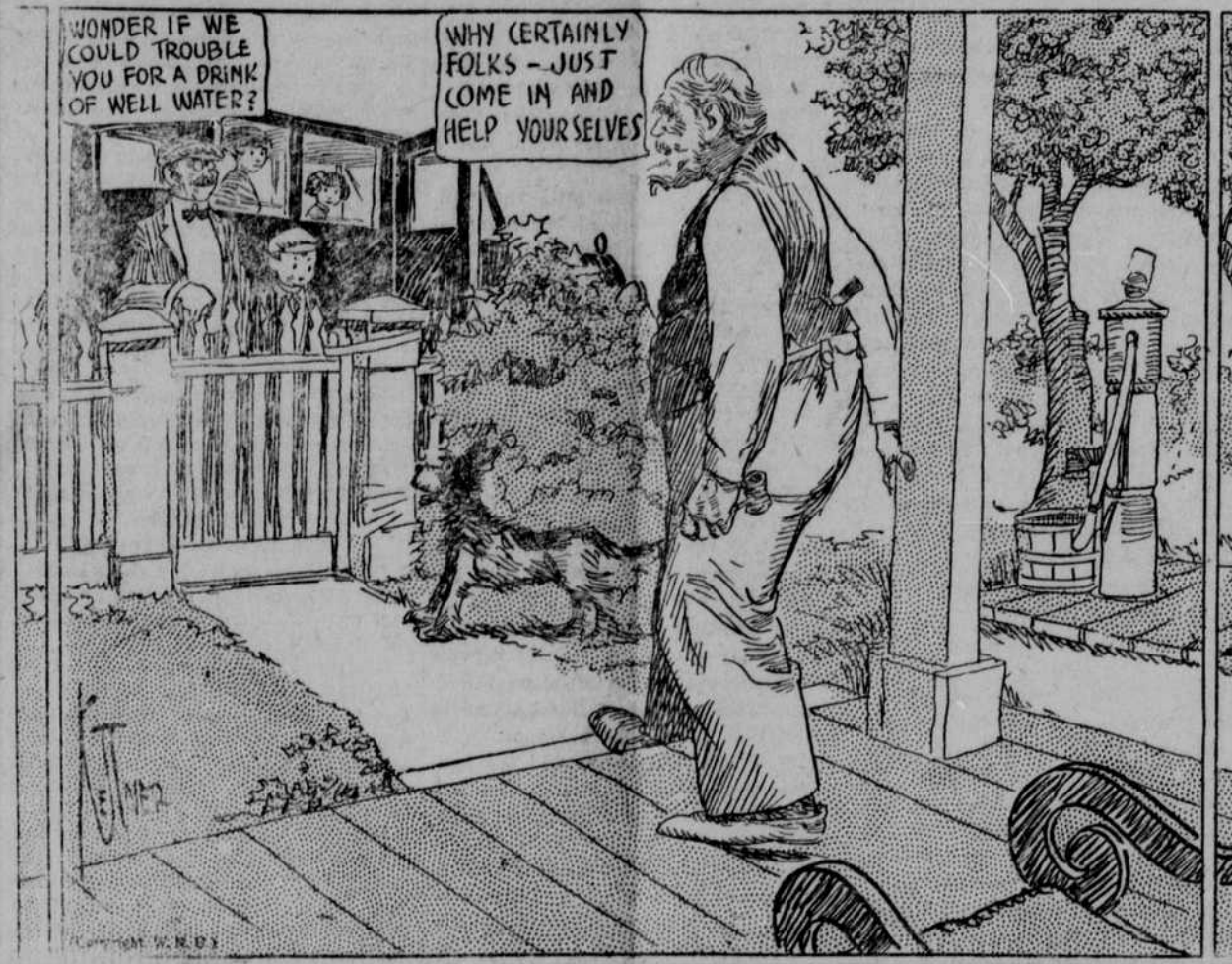


MISS EDNA M. STRATTON

Y. W. C. A., which she has taken hold of with enthusiasm, wisdom, earnestness, consecration and vision. Miss Stratton, who is a native of Pittsburgh, Penn., has for several years done admirable work for our race especially among young girls. She is a young woman of liberal education, decided musical ability and of charming grace and personality. Her character, training, experience and personality admirably fit her for the important work to which she has been called. Miss Stratton is a decided acquisition to Omaha and our citizens owe it to themselves, no less than to her, to give her and her co-workers hearty and unselfish support in the work she is doing for our girlhood and womanhood.

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## Along the Concrete



## Historical Association To Promote Harmony Between the Races by Acquainting the One With the Other

Harmony between the races by interpreting the one to the other is to be the keynote of the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, to be convened in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 25th and 26th of this month. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free" has been exemplified in this effort to publish to the world the significant achievements of Negro contrasted with the best elements of the civilizations of other races.

Dr. C. G. Woodson, the Director of the Association, does not believe that everything is to be gained by the mutual recrimination and vilification in which leaders of both races too often indulge. Heeding the exhortation, "Come and let us reason together" he has enlisted the support of many thinkers of the North and South, who believe that a scientific presentation of the claims of both races will do more for the re-adjustment of their differences than all the firebrands which have been or will be hurled from either side of the controversy. Many white persons have said that they have changed their attitude toward the Negro since they have learned from the publications of the Association so many significant achievements to the credit of the race.

The Association urges the minister to warn the people against the dire calamities which must inevitably result from racial antipathy kept alive by ill-designed propaganda. The society entreats the press to array itself against the publication of inflammatory matter which easily destroys the peace of communities before truth can get a hearing. The cause appeals to teachers for their co-operation in using facts scientifically set forth to eradicate from the minds of the youth

that bias which stifles the development of liberal-mindedness and so narrows one's vision as to blind him to the beauty of the world and the good in everything. This organization solicits further the support of professional and business men whose influence properly exerted may do as any other group in developing in the public mind a sane attitude toward social problems.

This has been the appeal of the Association during the last eight years since its organization in 1915. Though discouraged by numerous difficult problems, the Association has steadily grown from the inconspicuous position of no income at all to that of revenue amounting to about \$20,000 a year, from an occasional investigation to that of serious research work prosecuted by a staff of well trained scholars permanently employed to devote all of their time to this all important problem of unearthing the salient facts of Negro life and history that the race may not become a negligible factor in the thought of the world.

Representatives from clubs studying under the direction of the Association are expected to attend and schools are urged to send teachers desirous of knowing more about the Negro and to learn the proper methods of disseminating such information. Any person with an intelligent interest in the race will be welcomed as an active participant in the deliberations of this only organized body in the world devoted exclusively to the scientific treatment of the record of the Negro.

The day sessions will be held at the various schools in Atlanta and the evening sessions at the Wheat Street Baptist Church. On the program will appear such distinguished speakers as

Mr. Eugene Kinkle Jones, Executive Secretary of the Urban League; Dr. George E. Haynes, Secretary of the Race Commission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; President Lucy H. Tapley, of Spelman Seminary; President John Hope, of Morehouse College; Professor E. Franklin Frazier, of the School of Social Workers; Dr. Peter J. Bryant, of the Wheat Street Baptist Church; Mr. A. A. Taylor, an Associate Investigator of the Association; Dr. C. G. Woodson, the Director of the Association; Dr. James H. Dillard, of the John F. Slater Fund and Bishop John Hurst, of the A. M. E. Church.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois and Dr. R. R. Moton have been invited also to deliver addresses. The Association has already achieved much. For eight years it has published the JOURNAL OF NEGRO HISTORY in which have appeared more than 4,000 pages of valuable documents and scholarly dissertations by some of the most learned men of our time. Inasmuch as this magazine circulates as a serious library publication throughout the civilized world, it has directed the attention of a large number of thinkers to the study of the Negro as a neglected field. Furthermore, it has demonstrated the possibility and the wisdom of approaching the question in a dispassionate way.

The administrative staff consists of the following: Professor John R. Fawkins, President; Mr. S. W. Rutherford, Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Director of Research and Editor, together with these members of the Executive Council: Mr. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago; President Henry C. King, of

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The Old Folks Home, 923 North Twenty Fifth Street, Which Will Be Formally Dedicated at 4 O'clock Sunday Afternoon and Opened for Inspection From 5:00 Until 11:00 P. M.

## OLD FOLKS HOME TO BE DEDICATED

The Old Folks Home will be formally opened and dedicated Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. An interesting program has been provided. Addresses will be made by appointed

speakers and Desdunes famous band will play. The public is cordially invited. After the dedicatory exercises the Home will be open for inspection from 5 o'clock until 11.

Through the kindness of many of the members and friends the Home has been furnished and decorated.

Mrs. William Crutchfield gave the living room suite in memory of her husband. Mrs. Lillian Black gave a bed room suite, book cases and books in memory of her father, the late George Dickinson. Mr. John H. Broomfield furnished five hospital beds for other rooms.

## NORTH END BRANCH FORMALLY OPENS ITS SEASON'S WORK

A Large Attendance Marks the "Get-Acquainted Meeting" Given By the Young Women's Christian Association.

Last Thursday night the assembly room of the North Side Branch Y. W. C. A. was comfortably filled by a large audience which had assembled in the first Get-To-Gether meeting of the season, which was virtually the formal opening of the work. In fact it was a Get-Acquainted Meeting including an acquaintance with the executive secretary, Miss Edna M. Stratton; with the ideals, purposes and aims of the association; with the heads of the committees; with the Central "Y" secretary, Mrs. Campbell; with the chairman of the colored work, Mrs. Offutt, and with the membership of the branch. Several representatives from the Central Branch were also present attesting thereby their sincere interest in the work.

Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson, chairman of the membership committee, presided. The Rev. William Franklin, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church offered the invocation. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung by the audience. A duet by Mrs. Kate Smith and Miss Ethel Harris, a soprano solo by Mrs. Pearl Reese, and a violin solo by Clarence Desdunes, the two latter responding to encores, were the highly appreciated musical numbers.

Addresses were made by the Rev. John Albert Williams, rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, who stressed the need of such an organization as the "Y" and urged hearty co-operation in and enthusiastic support of all its activities by an enlarged membership on the part of the women and girls and generous support by the men; and by Mrs. Ada Carrie Campbell, secretary of the Central branch, who emphasized the high purposes of the association, told of some of the difficulties which had been met and overcome, and expressed the hope that the North Side "Y" would be able this year to specialize in the work of the Girl Reserves. Mrs. Offutt, chairman of the Colored work, whose interest is deep and sincere, and has been substantially demonstrated, was called upon for remarks. She confined herself to the brief statement that the ground had been so thoroughly covered by the previous speakers that she would simply say "Amen" to what had been said.

Mrs. Ada Stone Anderson, associate pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, through whom a gift had been made which was used for a tennis court for the girls, was presented and spoke briefly, expressing pleasure at having been of service in a cause in which she is deeply interested. Miss Stratton presented the chairmen of the respective committees to the audience, briefly explained the educational classes and other plans and asked for the co-operation of our people in the work to which she has been called. Mrs. Wilkinson closed the meeting with an appeal for members to which there was a satisfactory response. A delightful social hour was then spent during which refreshments were served.



MISS FRANCES D. GORDON  
A Junior at the University and one of our best young pianists.

## JOINT RECITAL BY PROMINENT ARTISTS

Under the management of Mrs. John Albert Williams, music lovers are to be given the privilege of hearing two of the foremost of American artists in a joint recital at Brandeis Theatre, Monday, November 19th, in the person of Florence Cole Talbert, the celebrated lyric soprano, whom critics class with Galli Curci, and Helen Hagan, the famous pianist, winner of the Yale Sanford scholarship. Each of these artists has been heard here before in individual recitals, to the delight of their audiences. A program by these two artists will indeed be an event in local musical circles.

In 1921 the Negroes of Georgia owned 1,838,129 acres of land valued at \$20,808,594.

## WEATHER HALTS MIGRATION TO NORTHERN STATES

Advent of Cold Weather Means That Fewer Crowded Trains Are Leaving the South

## WOMEN SEEKING FREEDOM

Southern Girls Seemingly Prefer Employment in Industrial Establishments to Job's in Somebody's Kitchen

Washington, October 5.—The big rush is over.

No more solid trains of twenty coaches densely packed with colored humanity from the South to roll into Union Station carrying its human freight into Northern industries. Not that the movement of colored workers from the South to the North has stopped completely, for every day a few hundred are noticed sprinkled among the other passengers stopping over here. Workers will continue to trickle North all the winter, but the big stream of northern migration is temporarily stopped.

Reason for this is the advent of cold weather, one thing the Southerner fears more than anything else. He knows that it takes time to get a house, have it furnished and get some coal in the cellar. For this reason he prefers the spring for his big advanced movement.

Another reason is that big industries are not pushing out for men so strongly as they did last spring. Jobs paying good money are open in Pittsburg, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago, but the rush to fill all orders is over.

How fast colored people have come northward in the past ten years can be seen from the colored population in the big centers. Chicago has grown from 44,000 to 120,000 in the past ten years; Cleveland from 8,400 to 35,000; Detroit from 5,000 to 50,000.

Women migrants, generally speaking, are not going into domestic employment. Instead, they are increasing in the industries. In Chicago many of them are now in the needle work trades. Numbers are in factories making lamp shades, while in the laundries they are extensively employed. Many work as charwomen and cleaners, waitresses, cooks, milliners and dress-makers, but at the employment offices comparatively few seek positions as domestics.

## TENN. LEGION FAVORS NEGRO PERSONNEL AT TUSKEGEE

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 5. — Colored and white delegates to the State Convention of the American Legion acting together, went on record for endorsing the appointment of a complete colored personnel at Tuskegee Hospital. Geo. W. Lee headed the colored delegation.

The resolution as adopted follows:

"Whereas, Tuskegee Institute has been successfully manned by Negro personnel;

Whereas, the success of making full citizens for every walk of life can be claimed by the Negro race because of a complete corps of Negro instructors;

Whereas, the Veterans' Hospital at Tuskegee, Alabama, is an adjunct of that institution;

Whereas, this hospital is the only one in seventeen elected by the Government exclusively for the hospitalization of disabled ex-service men of color;

Whereas, the loyalty and devotion of the Negro soldier has been a household word from Lexington to Argonne; never broken by a traitor;

Whereas, the Negro physicians served on the firing line and in the rear during the war with Negro units and proved beyond a peradventure of a doubt their competency;

Be it resolved, That the State Convention of the American Legion assembled endorse a Negro personnel for the Tuskegee Hospital.

## PRESIDENT WARNS DEPARTMENT HEADS

Washington, Oct. 5.—It is reported here that President Coolidge has issued an order to all bureaus and departments of the government that "there must not be any discrimination in the treatment of employees or citizens on account of color during his administration.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Lillian Black announces the marriage of her daughter Lillian Pauline to Woodley C. Lewis of Los Angeles, Calif., on Wednesday afternoon, October 3rd at half past three o'clock.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will be at home after October 15th at 1320 West Thirty-fifth Place, Los Angeles, Calif.