

MEDICAL OFFICER AT VET'S HOSPITAL GETS DISMISSAL

National Advancement Association Makes Investigation of Grievances of Patients

REPORT SUUSTAINS CHARGES

As a Result of the Investigation the Offending Official Is Removed From His Position.

New York, October 17.—Investigation by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of charges made by colored war veterans in the government hospital at Oteen, North Carolina, has resulted in summary dismissal of Dr. Archie McAllister, (white) associate medical officer of the hospital.

The N. A. A. C. P. investigation followed complaints received from the colored war veterans last spring, and Mr. Johnson found the following abuses at Oteen:

- 1. That Ku Klux Klan agitation has produced a threat against one of the colored war veterans and a petition asking for the removal of 29 of them to the government hospital at Tuskegee.
2. That 26 colored patients were segregated in one ward where there was bad overcrowding.
3. That Dr. McAllister's attitude toward colored patients had been intolerable and that he had let it be known he wanted to get rid of all colored patients.
4. That Dr. McAllister had forced patients to pay for signing insurance blanks, which is contrary to government regulations, and that Dr. McAllister had accepted pay from colored patients in the government hospital, threatening them to make them silent.
5. That Dr. McAllister charged a patient for the signing of sick blanks and threatened the patient for reporting the matter.

Upon completion of the N. A. A. C. P. investigation at Oteen hospital, Mr. Johnson forwarded his report, supported by affidavits and other documents, to General Frank T. Hines, director of the Veterans' Bureau, in Washington. Mr. Johnson's report was acknowledged by E. A. Shepherd, chief of the Inspection Division of the Veterans' Bureau, in a letter dated May 28, 1924, in which Mr. Shepherd said:

"It is believed that the information contained in your letter and in the affidavits submitted will be of much assistance in correcting any irregularities which may exist."

The outcome of the N. A. A. C. P. report and of the investigation conducted by the Veterans' Bureau, is reported as follows in the Asheville Citizen in a special dispatch from Washington:

"A letter from Dr. James Miller, medical officer in charge at Oteen, advised Dr. McAllister that the central office at Washington had directed a discontinuance of his services after giving careful consideration to a report of an investigation made of his case."

BREAK GROUND FOR \$1,000,000 BUILDING

(By the Associated Negro Press) Chicago, Ill., Oct. 17.—Ground was broken Saturday by the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, for their new one million dollar temple to be erected at 37th Place and State Street, this city.

DRAMA COMPETITION SHARP

(By the Associated Negro Press) New York, N. Y., Oct. 17.—The struggle for supremacy in the field of Negro drama seems to have become very sharp. Ida Anderson has a company in the middle west, and Andrew Bishop has two companies on tour. All three are billed as Lafayette players, each claiming that right due to starring service in the original Lafayette stock company in New York.

FISK UNIVERSITY IS OPEN FOR NEW TERM

(By the Associated Negro Press) Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 17.—The new school year at Fisk University began Tuesday with flag raising exercises at the McMurdy flagpole. Signs point to a year with an increased enrollment and progressive program. The address of the students was made by William H. McAndrews, superintendent of schools in Chicago. A number of new teachers has been added to the force this year.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF COLORED WOMEN

WILLIAMSON, W. VA.—Mrs. Nina L. Brown of Cleveland, national organizer assigned to West Virginia, addressed a citizens mass meeting in Williamson. At the close, the women were organized into a Coolidge-Dawes Club which will immediately handle the situation in Williamson. McDowell county is calling for Mrs. Brown. West Virginia needs vigorous workers to organize and inform its voters in mining camps and rural districts.

OHIO—Mrs. Eva N. Wright, national organizer working in Ohio, made an inspiring address in Xenia. Coolidge-Dawes clubs in Ohio are pressing forward in spirited campaign.

KANSAS—Mrs. Charles Chiles, state chairman of Kansas, reports twenty-four clubs organized in nine cities; 5,000 letters sent out to voters. Mrs. Chiles is touring the state.

MINNESOTA—The colored people of Minnesota are located in its three largest cities, Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mrs. Susan E. Evans, state chairman of colored women, has organized Duluth under chairman Mrs. Mayme Merry. The check-up of colored voters found fifty per cent of men registered and twenty-five of women.

Mrs. Rebeque D. Force, working in Minneapolis, has thirteen precinct clubs functioning under competent chairmen.

WISCONSIN — A Coolidge-Dawes club was formed in Madison by national organizer, Mrs. Clara C. Montgomery. Mrs. Hattie G. Lewis is chairman. Milwaukee women organized with Mrs. Mabel Bailor, chairman. Racine has organized. All of these clubs are having group meetings semi-weekly to educate the voters on the use of the ballot.

ST. LOUIS—St. Louis has four colored women in the city central committee who are co-operating splendidly with state chairman, Mrs. Pearl Ruby Perdue who has planned an active state-wide campaign.

TENNESSEE—A strong appeal to Tennessee women for loyal and active support of the republican party has been issued by Mrs. Clemmie White, Nashville, state chairman of Colored Women's Activities. This Bulletin recites the past record of the party for simple justice and fair play. It enumerates twenty-five or more federal appointments under this administration together with the personnel of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Tuskegee, and appeals to the colored women to work as well as vote.

VIRGINIA—Mrs. Ora B. Stokes, state chairman of colored women, issued a vigorous appeal to the women of Virginia, especially the new-comers from the South, to throw off their indifference to their suffrage rights, and to take their places squarely in the ranks of the republican party.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The county and congressional women's organization of Kansas City, Mo., is putting on a spirited campaign. The district is thoroughly organized under fourteen energetic chairmen. On the sixth, Hon. Leonidas C. Dyer addressed a monster women's meeting, Mrs. Dora Harris, chairman; Mrs. Josephine Abernathy, secretary. Congressman Dyer stirred our women to the depths of race interest and party loyalty and they are resolved to carry the Grand Old Party banner to victory in democratic Jackson county. Mr. Dyer also addressed four enthusiastic mixed audiences.

WEST VIRGINIA — Mrs. Irene Moats, chairman of colored women in West Virginia, has perfected a fine organization of six districts under competent chairmen, assisted by two special organizers. Their job is a big one, to carry Democratic Candidate Davis' own state for his opponent, Calvin Coolidge. Every county and town is organized for group meetings of instruction and inspiration.

OLD OMAHA RESIDENT DIES IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Josephine Watkins, who for many years was a resident of Omaha, but who for the last few years has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Etta Norrington, in Chicago, died there Tuesday morning after a protracted illness. The body was brought to Omaha this morning for burial. Mrs. Watkins is survived by three daughters, two sons and several grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs. Etta Norrington of Chicago; Mrs. Ethel Preston of New York; and Mrs. Alma Jones of Omaha. The sons are Wilbur and Victor Watkins, both of Chicago.

WOMEN ORGANIZE WILLIAMS-BARNETT BOOSTER CLUB

Pledge Themselves to Work for the Election of Member of School Board and State Legislature.

Wednesday night a number of women met in the headquarters of the Coolidge-Dawes club in the Jewell building at Twenty-fourth and Grant streets, and organized a booster club to further the candidacy of the Rev. John Albert Williams for a member of the school board and of F. L. Barnett for the state legislature.

The meeting was called to order by M. F. Singleton, who stated its object. A stirring address was delivered by Dr. L. E. Britt, president of the Colored Coolidge and Dawes club, in which he stated that the time had come for contending for representation on the school board and in the legislature and pledged himself to use all his influence towards this result. He was heartily applauded.

The meeting was then turned over to the women, who organized "The Women's Williams-Barnett Booster Club." Mrs. J. Alice Stewart was elected president by acclamation; Mrs. Jennie Sellers vice-president and Mrs. Grace M. Hutten, secretary. Father Williams and Mr. Barnett were called upon and each spoke briefly pledging themselves, in the event of their election, to give their best services to the duties of their respective offices.

All of the women present pledged themselves to work earnestly for the election of their candidates. Several brief, pointed and excellent addresses were made by the women, one of the wittiest and most earnest being that of "Mother" Washington, who declared that the women were going to show "our timid men" what can be done.

Meeting adjourned to meet next Wednesday night. All women are urged to attend.

NORTON DECLARES AGAINST KLAN

Democratic Candidate for Governor Unequivocally Opposes Hooded Order.

(Declaration) J. N. Norton, democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska, at the Labor Temple in Omaha Monday night set his audience wildly enthusiastic when he declared his attitude on religious liberty was the same as that of John W. Davis, democratic candidate for president.

At the beginning of his speech he picked up a statement he had prepared and read it. It was:

"I do not intend to permit the opposition to divert my discussion away from the real issue in this campaign. But, so that there may be no misunderstanding regarding my attitude and position on religious liberty, I here state that my position and attitude on this question is the same as that of John W. Davis, the democratic candidate for president.

"I am in favor of the constitutional guarantees of religious liberty. I am opposed to religious bigotry and intolerance in every form and by whomsoever practiced.

"I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan and have only such information regarding it as is a matter of general knowledge.

"If any organization, no matter what it chooses to be called, whether Ku Klux Klan, or by any other name, raises the standard of racial or religious prejudice, or attempts to make racial origins or religious beliefs the test of fitness for public office, it does violence to the spirit of the American constitution, and must be condemned by all those who believe, as I do, in American ideals."

PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH MARKS MILESTONE

Pleasant Green Baptist church, Twenty-second and Paul streets, observed with appropriate services and exercises the seventh anniversary of its organization and the third of its pastor, the Rev. Z. E. McGee, last Sunday. Large congregations were present at all services. At 11 a. m. the anniversary sermon, which was preached by the Rev. E. H. McDonald, D. D. pastor of St. John's Baptist church. In the afternoon a mass meeting was held with several excellent addresses and reports. An inspiring service was held at night. The Young People's organizations, and other societies had their part in the anniversary exercises.

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

ELOQUENT ORATOR TO SPEAK THURSDAY AT DREAMLAND HALL

Attorney George L. Vaughn, Member of Speakers' Bureau National Republican Committee, Coming to City

Attorney George L. Vaughn of St. Louis, who is a prominent leader in the civic, religious and political life of the great Missouri metropolis, and is reputed to be one of the best orators in the speakers' bureau of the national republican committee, will deliver an address next Thursday night in Dreamland hall, in the Jewell building, Twenty-fourth and Grant streets, at a mass meeting held under the auspices of the Colored Coolidge and Dawes club.

This will be Mr. Vaughn's first appearance in Omaha and those who fail to hear him will be depriving themselves of a rare treat.

Dr. L. E. Britt, president of the club, will preside. Preceding Mr. Vaughn's address musical numbers, both instrumental and vocal, will be furnished by some of the best talent of the city. The program will start at 8:30.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH 25th and R Sts. Phone Mar. 3475

O. J. Burchard, Pastor The conference year's work has started off very nicely. The preacher will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. on the subject: "Hinder Me Not." At 8 p. m. he will preach on: "What Will Pay In This Life."

EASTERN STAR CHOOSES BUFFALO FOR NEXT MEETING

(By the Associated Negro Press) New Orleans, La., Oct. 17.—The eleventh annual session of the supreme grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star, was held here last week. A new set of officers was named with Mrs. Hattie Scott, Supreme Worthy Matron, heading this list. Buffalo, New York, was selected as the place for next year's meeting.

RUNS FOR CONGRESS IN CAROLINA

(By the Associated Negro Press) Charleston, S. C., Oct. 17.—The Rev. Jesse E. Beard, pastor of the Morris Brown A. M. E. church, has been nominated on the republican ticket as a candidate for congress from the First Congressional district of the state. There are more colored persons of voting age in the district than white, and, if they are permitted to register and vote, the Rev. Mr. Beard should win. Rev. Beard was born in 1870 and is a graduate of the Gammon Theological Seminary.

INDICT MURDERERS OF CHICAGO NEGRO

(By the Associated Negro Press) Chicago, Ill., Oct. 17.—Otto Epstein, watchman in a sacramental winery, was accused of wielding the bat which brought death to William Bell in a mob outbreak Wednesday night, and Irving Rockowitz, were held on a charge of murder following the inquest into the slaying Friday. They were identified by Albert Harper.

INSURANCE COMPANY FOR NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, La., Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—The Douglas Life Insurance Company has commenced business in this city with H. E. Braden, Sr., president. The capital stock and surplus is announced at \$25,000, more than half of which has been paid in.

OSWALD GARRISON BILLARD DELIVERS ADDRESSES HERE

Advises Colored Voters to Become Identified With the Progressive Party and Support La Follette.

Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation and one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spent a busy day here last Saturday in the interest of Senator La Follette, candidate on the Progressive ticket for the presidency. He was the guest of the La Follette local campaign committee. He was busy with conferences and speeches throughout the day. He was guest at a luncheon in the Burgess-Nash Tea Rooms at 12:30 at which he made an address. Several colored people were invited and accepted the invitation, among them being C. C. Galloway, who is supporting La Follette and the Rev. Frederick Divers.

At 8 o'clock he addressed a meeting in the Swedish auditorium at which there was an audience of more than 500 people. He arraigned both major parties as belonging to the "Wall street bloc"; excoriated the republican administration for the Tea Pot Dome scandals and defended the policies of La Follette. There was a good sprinkling of colored people in the audience.

Following this meeting he spoke to an audience composed largely of colored people at Columbia hall. The Rev. Russel Taylor was chairman of the meeting; C. C. Galloway introduced the speaker.

Mr. Villard urged the colored people to show themselves the free men that Lincoln and Garrison would have them to be by supporting the Progressive party and then by repudiating the charge that the Republican party owned the colored voter. He charged that since emancipation the Republican party had done nothing for the colored man except to feed him on promises; it had made no honest attempt to enforce the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendment, nor to reduce Southern representation. The time for a revolt had come. To support the Democratic party which stands for lynching, Jim Crow cars, peonage and like evils was impossible. The way out was to support the Progressive party, because it is the party of the working classes and with this class the colored people are and will be for years to come largely identified. His speech was loudly applauded.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mr. Geo. L. Maston has been confined at home the past two weeks with an infection in his eyes.

Mrs. Ada Holmes who underwent an operation some days ago, is at home, and improving.

Mrs. Maud Gates has taken a turn for the worse.

Rev. M. C. Knight is attending annual conference at Kansas City, Mo., this week.

Mr. Roland Young, wife and babe from Omaha are visiting parents here.

Mrs. Anna Christman is just recovering from a spell of sickness.

Mr. Austin P. Curtis of Alliance was a visitor to the city last week.

Mrs. Gertrude Haynes is reported quite ill.

Homer P. Phillips of St. Louis, Mo., traveling committeeman of the National Republican Campaign, was in the city last Saturday.

Remember the Box Social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley, 1335 Rose street, next Thursday night, October 23rd, which is given by the Utopian Art Club of Mt. Zion Baptist church. Mrs. Jennie Johnson, general chairman.

Rev. H. W. Botts very nicely entertained the Utopian Art Club at the parsonage and church last Tuesday night. Quite a crowd of the members were out. Miss Evelyn Johnson entertained with musical selections.

SEGREGATION AT MISSOURI CAPITOL MEETS OPPOSITION

Colored Citizens Present at the Dedication of State Capitol Building Combat Segregation Plan

SPECIAL SIGNS ARE REMOVED

Thousands of Citizens Assemble at Jefferson City to Witness the Dedicatory Ceremonies

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 17.—"There is always something to take the joy out of life," is the remark made by a colored lady, a visitor who was here Monday, September 29, to attend the dedication of the Capitol building.

Several thousands, principally Missouri citizens, were present, fired with enthusiasm and patriotism. Aside from the picture of the "Capitol beautiful" in their minds, the thought of the pageant offered the most pleasing anticipations.

On an occasion of this kind, all citizens, regardless of race, or creed or religion, are wont to feel welcome to the end that the full enjoyment of the day might be theirs.

A Ripple on the Waves

Everything seemed to be getting along fine. All hearts were aglow as the hoards poured into Jefferson City from all parts of the state. A nice sprinkling of colored people mingled with the crowds. But certainly their hopes were blasted when it was noticed that signs were conspicuously displayed designating certain sections in the seating arena for colored patrons. These were the signs that troubled the calm waters, and the little somethings that always seek to "take the joy out of life".

Negroes Get Busy

The matter was called to the attention of J. E. Mitchell by Charlie Robinson and B. D. Abington. State officials were sought, and the matter was brought to their attention. The appeal was made to Governor Hyde, Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett and Col. A. A. Speer, a member of the Capitol commission.

Blames Democrats

When Mr. Mitchell presented the matter to Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett, the latter stated that the state officials were powerless to act, as the matter of arrangements, and the entire affair was in the hands of a committee of citizens, headed by a democrat, John P. Gordon. Mr. Gordon is regarded as the leading klutner in Cole county. But the Attorney General was told that the Capitol and grounds are in the hands of the Committee of Permanent Seat of Government, and that this power could not be delegated to any one who would abuse that privilege.

Whereupon Mr. Barrett gave his consent to Col. Speer to have the obnoxious signs removed. The matter was called to the Governor's attention, personally, by Mr. Mitchell, who told him it was an insult to the colored people of the state, and that the plea that the Democrats are responsible would not excuse him as chief executive of the state. So, in a short while, the signs were taken down, good feeling restored, and the day passed into history as an epoch making event in which all citizens of the state were proud.

Rev. J. S. Farley of Refuge Baptist church conducted his services as usual Sunday. Much enthusiasm was displayed.

Rev. H. W. Botts and Rev. Mr. Day have been holding services at the Mt. Zion Baptist church this week. The result of the financial rally during the month was \$358. At the close of the services Sunday night the official board of the church presented Rev. H. W. Botts a nice hat in token of his arduous labor the past four years.

The C. A. C.'s met in their first monthly meeting with Mrs. Lucy Allen and have accomplished much in their fine art work. They are planning to have a bazaar in the near future. The club is growing rapidly numerically, as well as socially. Two new members were added to the roll. The club hopes to accomplish much in the way of helping the various churches and Old Folks Home. After adjournment a delightful three-course luncheon was served by the hostess. The second monthly meeting was held with Mrs. Emma Clifton. Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Payne of Quindars, Kan., were guests of the club. A splendid program was rendered, and the club was favored with an instructive address by Mrs. Payne, who has had a wide experience as an organizer. The club planned to have a Halloween party at the home of the president, Mrs. M. Copeland. After adjournment a dainty luncheon was served.

GAS SALES BOOM IN 1923

AS FIELD OF USE WIDENS New methods of utilizing manufactured gas in industry and in the home are responsible for the large increase in the sales of that product during 1923, according to a statement made by the American Gas Association. It is estimated that there were about twenty billion more cubic feet of gas sold in 1923 than during the preceding year. Gas is now used in more than 5,000 separate ways, according to the association and has increased in consumption 1,000 per cent during the past ten years. In order to keep up with the present demands for service the gas utilities financed a \$450,000,000 building and expansion program during 1923. This sum will be materially increased during 1924.