

## \$40,000 TO FIGHT RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION EVIL

### CHICAGO EDITOR DELIVERS ADDRESS TO BIG AUDIENCE

Robert S. Abbott, Founder and Owner of Chicago Defender, Speaker at Third Anniversary of Bethel Church

BISHOP CAREY ALSO PRESENT  
Methodist Prelate Makes Strong Plea for Funds to Pay Debt and Introduces the Speaker

Standing room was at a premium in St. John's A. M. E. church Monday night where Robert S. Abbott, editor of the Chicago Defender, spoke under the auspices of Bethel A. M. E. Church, which celebrated the third anniversary of its founding. The major object of the celebration was to raise funds to meet the mortgage on Bethel, threatened with foreclosure. The pastor of St. John's, the Rev. C. A. Williams, had graciously placed his large church at the disposal of the daughter church for this occasion, and an expectant and appreciative audience filled it to overflowing. Bishop Carey of Chicago, in charge of this district, also came to lend his influence, at great personal inconvenience.

It was Mr. Abbott's first visit to Omaha and the audience was anxious to see and hear the man who had successfully built up such a large and influential newspaper as The Chicago Defender, with its \$100,000 plant and 125 employees, unquestionably is. Those who expected to find in Mr. Abbott a great orator were disappointed. While he drove home many plain truths which need to be repeatedly emphasized and said many good things, there was a crudity and hesitancy which betrayed an untrained speaker. The too frequent use of the first personal pronoun was also an unconscious fault of the speaker.

Mr. Abbott was placed at a great disadvantage, too, from the fact that although he was scheduled to deliver the principal address, other features of the program, some of them unnecessary and tiresome, postponed his address until nearly 11 o'clock. This was a great injustice to him and also to the patient audience who had come to hear him.

Mr. Abbott was introduced by Bishop Carey. He expressed his delight at his reception in our city and the favorable impression it had made upon him. The keynote of his speech was "Selling American Citizenship to Ourselves". He stressed the importance of being living and dying American citizens.

"The Negro," said Mr. Abbott, "has not received American citizenship. The Constitution gives it to him, but he is loath to take it. He discounts himself. He permits foreigners to come here and be admitted to the privilege of citizenship which he declines to grasp. He is sleeping on his rights, and needs to be awakened. So long as he discounts himself and acts as though he were not an American citizen, with all that term implies, he will be taken at the value which he (Continued on Page Two)

### ESSAY CONTEST ON RACE RELATIONS AROUSES GREAT INTEREST AT KNOXVILLE

College Students Are Being Encouraged to Give Conscientious Study to Important Question

(Preston News Service.)  
Knoxville, Tenn., March 13.—Great interest is being shown by the students of Knoxville College in the prize for the best essay on Race Relations recently established by Rev. J. M. McQuilkin, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa. The general subject is "The Responsibilities of Each Race for Better Race Relations." The contest is open to all the members of the junior and senior classes, and the majority of the members of both classes have signified their intention to compete for the prizes. Dr. McQuilkin intimated that the winning essay would be published in one of the leading religious periodicals. This effort to stimulate a deeper interest in and study of race relations is highly commendable, declared a member of the college faculty, and it is hoped that many other such prizes will be established in this and other institutions throughout the country. The students of both races should be encouraged to give this question serious and conscientious study.

### INDUSTRIAL RACE COMMISSION BILL EXPIRES WITH CONGRESS

(Columbian Press Bureau.)  
Washington, March 13, 1925.—The Foster Bill, creating a Federal Negro Industrial Commission, carried forward into the Senate by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, automatically expired with the closing of Congress on March 4th. This proposed legislation, which has been pending for nearly two years, and which was merely a new edition of the measure introduced some time ago by Senator Spencer, of Missouri, thus dies, and there can be no Negro Industrial Commission until new legislation has been introduced, which must run the usual course of Committee hearings, debate, passage, and signed approval by the President.

Such a commission was originally conceived by the late Col. Giles B. Jackson, of Virginia, who secured substantial support from Ex-Congressman Layton of Delaware. Dr. Jesse Lawson, an eminent Negro sociologist of Washington, and other proponents, both white and colored. Opposition to the industrial bill was quite marked, and Mrs. Sadie Mossell Griffin, of Philadelphia, L. O. Walker, of the Washington Tribune, Attorney James P. Neill, of Washington, and others, were vigorously active in their protests. It is expected that another effort will be made to establish the proposed commission when the new Congress convenes.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Costen desire to thank the Priscilla Art Class and the Charity Circle of which Mrs. Ardena Watson is president for their appreciated gifts to and congratulations upon the birth of their son.

### A NEGRO PIONEER

(Columbian Press Bureau.)  
Portland, Ore., March 13, 1925.—Back in the early eighties, William Bush a Missouri Colored man went to Oregon. He had \$10,000 in cash and wanted to buy some Oregon land; but as that State had not co-ordinated with the Federal constitution, Bush did not buy, but journeyed on to Washington Territory, where he bought a vast acreage which is now called Bush's prairie. Later, Bush was elected to the legislature. It was he who discovered what is known as Centennial wheat, and his exhibit took first prize at the Chicago World's Fair in 1892. The Bush family is and has been well known in the southwest part of the State and has added much to the progress of Washington. Now that the states of West Virginia, Michigan and Wisconsin are making attractive offers to farmers, it would be well for those who know how to farm, especially those who are migrating from the southern states, to investigate these opportunities.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN TO MEET

Washington, March 13.—The National Council of Women of the United States will be hostess of the International Council of Women during the Quinquennial to be held in Washington during the week beginning May 4th. The International Council is a federation of national councils representing thirty-nine different countries, and is organized for the promotion of unity and mutual understanding between all associations of women working for the common welfare of humanity over the world. The National Association of Colored Women is the only organization of our group affiliated with the National Council.

More than a year ago when the question of preparing the program was considered, Miss Hallie Q. Brown proposed that Negro spirituals, the only true American music, be included in the musical numbers; and Miss Brown was appointed to prepare this important part of the Quinquennial program. While in Washington attending the Inauguration of President Coolidge, Miss Brown held several conferences in interest of the Quinquennial musical evening.

### ALLEN CHAPEL, A. M. E. CHURCH

O. J. BURCKHARDT, Pastor  
Sunday makes another epoch in the history of Allen. We had a great Quarterly meeting. Rev. C. A. Williams of St. John brought us a great message from Jno. 3-16, Rev. G. W. Slater, Divers, Metcalf, and Jones and S. E. Grass were present with us. Sunday, Dr. J. D. Borkdale, the editor of the Western Christian Recorder with headquarters at K. C., Kansas, will speak for us at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Borkdale is a great man. Don't fail to come and hear him. He will speak under the auspices of the Allen's League.

### CLUB BOYS WHEEL CHAIR FOR INVALID CHILD

The Viejo Banda Club had a "Doughnut Day," February 7th at the Jewell Building, to raise funds to purchase a wheel chair for an invalid child, Luella Beam. Our purpose has been accomplished. Little Luella has the chair which makes it possible for her to leave her bed for the first time in three years.

The Club wishes to thank all who in any way helped to make this its first public undertaking a success. We regret that space will not permit us to give the names of all who contributed toward this end, and name only those who gave the larger cash donations: Mrs. Marguerite Woody, Messrs. James Bell, Lee Counsellor and J. C. Carey. Team work brought happiness to all.

Leona Johnson, Pres.  
Cleotta Reynolds, Secy.  
Vinnie Hieronymous, Chr.

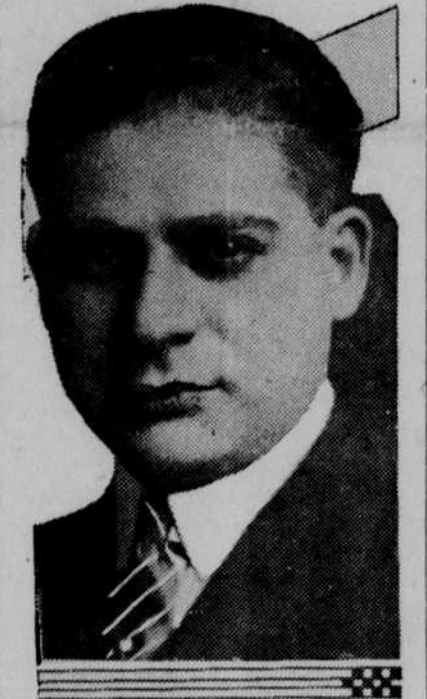
### PEPPER POT CLUB

The Pepper Pot Club held its monthly social meeting at the Club Den, last Tuesday evening, March 10th. The evening was spent in whist playing. Mr. Russell Taylor who has been ill returned to the club.

Miss Maryella Liverpool entertained a few friends Saturday evening, March 7th, at the Club Den in honor of her sister's birthday, Teresa Liverpool.

### MR. BONOFF OPENS EXQUISITE LADIES' SHOP

Joseph Bonoff, who is well-known and highly esteemed by a large number of our people has opened up one of the handsomest ladies' and misses' clothing shops in the city, on Sixteenth near Farnam. It is a little gem. It is known as "The Shop of Smart Modes". A cordial invitation is extended to our readers by Mr. Bonoff to visit his exquisite establishment. "Courteous attention always" is Mr. Bonoff's business motto.



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### THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY

Washington, March 13.—On March 4, Hon. Everett Sanders, an Indiana Republican, succeeded Hon. C. Bascom Slemph of Virginia as Secretary to President Coolidge. Mr. Sanders, who did not seek renomination or re-election to the next Congress, was born near Coalbont, Clay county, Indiana, March 8, 1882, the son of Rev. James Sanders and Melissa Everal Sanders. He taught school for three years; attended the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute for two years; entered Indiana University in 1904, and graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1907. He was admitted to the Indiana Bar in the City of Terre Haute, in June, 1907, and practiced law until he entered Congress in 1917. At the National Convention, held in Cleveland, he was prominently mentioned as a running mate on the ticket with President Coolidge.

### ABBOTT ADDRESSES BUSINESS MEN AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

Editor of The Chicago Defender Gives Some Wholesome Advice to Business and Professional Men.

Robert S. Abbott, editor of The Chicago Defender, spoke before a large number of enterprising business and professional men at the Colored Commercial Club Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting was well attended by members from the Colored Commercial Club, Negro Business and Professional Men's League, and the Junior Colored Commercial Club. Mr. Abbott was very well pleased with the future outlook of the different organizations here among the Colored men. He emphasized the great need of cooperation if any progress is to be made by the people here. The keynote of the speech of the evening was his advice to the people to shoot straight; attempt to render a service to the people in the most efficient manner possible for the good of the people rather than for self aggrandizement.

Mr. Abbott told of a club formed by some of the business men in Chicago known as the A. B. C. It is the intention of the club to study race relations from a standpoint of business. In order to do this the members do all in their power to acquaint themselves with the best modern methods of business in its entirety. He says whenever a business or professional man comes to the city of Chicago, he is invited to speak before the club.

Mr. Abbott said that the Negro too long has neglected small details. "We must look out for these," he said. "They count more in our success than many of the bigger things." "We have a large number of men and women coming from the colleges and universities each year, make places for all these men and women as they come to us prepared," pleaded the speaker.

### LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT APPROVES SEGREGATION

Negro Citizens Subscribe \$40,000 to Carry Case to the Supreme Court of the United States

(Preston News Service.)  
New Orleans, La., March 13.—The Supreme Court of Louisiana put its stamp of approval on the segregation ordinance passed by the city council some weeks ago, which prohibits Negroes from establishing residences in white residential neighborhoods and whites from residing in Negro neighborhoods.

The case was the outgrowth of a suit for a restraining injunction by a white man residing in one side of a duplex house to prevent the owner from renting the other side to Negroes.

Indications are that the case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court, as Negroes are reported to be enthusiastically subscribing to a \$40,000 fund necessary to take the case to the higher court. It is said that the case has now attracted nation wide attention and many cities such as Louisville, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and others are watching the Louisiana case with interest.

### BLACK BELT FARM LABOR SITUATION DISCUSSED

(Preston News Service.)

Montgomery, Ala., March 13.—Shortage of productive man power in the eleven Black Belt counties of Alabama was dwelt upon in a talk before the Montgomery Kiwanis Club Tuesday, by Jesse B. Hearin. Mr. Hearin made a number of striking statements, based upon his investigation of economic conditions in the Black Belt. Among other things he said: "There are but 9,000 white men 21 years of age and above in the whole of Montgomery county."

"There are less than 26,000 white men 21 years of age and over in the eleven counties of the Alabama Black Belt."

"Since the beginning of the recent migration of Negroes from the South, twice as many Negroes have left these eleven Black Belt counties as there are white men above 21 years of age in this section."

Mr. Hearin remarked about the high quality of the citizenship of the Black Belt, the natural fertility of the Black Belt soils, and said that in his opinion the whole problem revolves about this question of peopling the Black Belt's fertile lands. He said that this must come before the South can hope to get industries for the cities. Once solve the land problem, and industries, I think, will naturally follow."

### "CHRISTIANITY AND RACE PROBLEM"

By J. H. Oldham. Published by The George Doran Company, 244 Madison Avenue, New York City. Price \$1.75. By mail \$1.85.

"This book was undertaken at the request of the United Council for Missionary Education and is being published for them by the Student Christian Movement." But let no one think this reads like a missionary publication. It is of broad, humanitarian interest and recognizes the fact that race prejudice is rife in Protestantism, and that the Catholic Cathedral and the Moslem Mosque are more democratic than the Evangelical church. It is an effort to get at the reason for race prejudice, to describe something of its history, and to propose certain practical steps for its diminution.

"The fundamental issues on racial relations are not ethnological or biological but ethical. Our difficulties do not arise primarily from the fact that differences exist. They are created by false ideas in our own minds."

This is the keynote of the volume. The chapters are given up largely to probing these ideas, to see how far they are false and what truth if any, is in them. The author brings out with clearness the sufferings of men under humiliating conditions. It is not whether

### COOLIDGE STANDS FOUR SQUARE FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Document Guarantees Equal Rights to All American Citizens Irrespective of Race, Creed or Color

ANNOUNCES AMERICANISM Gives Sufficient Assurance to All Citizens to Press Forward Unafraid Into New Period

(Columbian Press Bureau.)

Washington, March 13, 1925.—"Our Constitution guarantees equal rights to all citizens, without discrimination on account of race or color. I have taken my oath to support that Constitution. It is the source of your rights and my rights; I propose to regard it and administer it as the source of the rights of all the people, whatever their belief or race may be." Thus wrote President Coolidge, on August 22, 1924, in a letter defending the ambition of a Negro citizen to become a candidate for a seat in Congress; and on March 4, 1925, after taking oath of office again as President of the United States, Mr. Coolidge again made direct reference to the U. S. Constitution in its pronouncement against discrimination as to any citizen or class of citizens.

"It would be well," said President Coolidge, "if we could replace much that is only false and ignorant prejudice with a true and enlightened pride of race. American seeks no earthly empire built on blood and force." Thus are American ideals announced upon an American platform, and it was a happy truth that after taking oath on March 4 to faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and to the best of his ability to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, the President, neither by reference nor otherwise, made any distinction as to any citizen or class of citizens in his discussion of the future administration of the affairs of the American Government. Such a designation would have been quite unnecessary in view of the guarantees which the President has uttered in such un-failing terms since taking office.

The die is cast, and with an ideal background. Equality for all citizens, without the slightest suggestion of "denying any measure of full political rights to such a great group of our population as the colored people," for whom, says President Coolidge, he "feels his responsibility for living up to the traditions and maintaining the principles of the Republican Party."

This is quite enough assurance for all citizens, white and colored, to press forward into the new four-year period of progress, unafraid, consoled, and safeguarded, and with the knowledge that government of the people, for the people and by the people exists today as it did when the Constitution was amended so as to repledge American independence to all who were worthy of its protection, its peace, and its guaranties.

### RODS LOOK GOOD IN TRAINING CAMP

Ere many weeks roll past Omaha base ball fans will be mulling their way into the vinton street League Park for the opening home game of the season.

The Omaha Western Leaguers, the Buffaloes, are now in spring training camp in Texas and most of the regulars and all of the rookies have arrived and are rapidly being whipped into shape by Manager Griggs, Coach Leidy and Owner Barney.

Recent telegraphic word from their camp gives evidence that Omaha fans may expect a crackerjack club this season, for while Mr. Burch sold several of his stars, he has also been busy in the buying market.

True, Old Joe Bonowitz, Lou Koupal, Joe Dailey, Nick Cullup and Frisco Thompson will not be back this season but we have King and Harris from Shreveport, Johnny Monroe from the same state, and a couple of pitchers from Pittsburg, besides a host of very promising looking rookies to mould another pennant winner from.

There always has been and always will be criticism of the magnate who sells his stars after a pennant winning season. But sometimes this is justified and especially so in such a season as last year when Owner Burch has an actual loss in gate receipts necessary to meet expenses of over \$15,000.

This season from all predictions of writers all over the country promises to be one of the best for years and Omaha fans should rally to the standard of their pennant winners and perhaps we will repeat this season.

Reports coming from the majors' training camps tell of the almost certain success of Nick Cullup with the Yankees, whom he is with now.

In a training game this week between the regulars and yannigans, Nick won the game for the latter in the 9th inning with a long homer over Whitey Witt's head in deep center field.

Thompson and Koupal, who are with Pittsburg at their camp in California both look good but will undoubtedly be farmed out for further experience.

Oklahoma City is counting on Thompson being at their keystone sack this year for they expect Pittsburg to send him to them in payment for Don Songer.



LEONA WILLIAMS

The famous colored Columbia phonograph record star who will sing her syncopated melodies in person at the popular Gayety next week in conjunction with Dave "Snuffy" Marion's Own Company.