

LOCAL DEATH RATE OF RACE TOO HIGH

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE NEW HOME ON EASY PAYMENTS

Jno. T. McDonald, Sr., Architect and Builder, Has Become a Pioneer in Home-Building Among Our Race.

WORK BY NEGRO MECHANICS

Carpenters, Plumbers, Painters, Decorators, Plasters and Cement Workers All Employed on Job.

Jno. T. McDonald, architect and builder, is a pioneer in a new field among our race in Omaha. He is building a number of strictly modern up-to-date, attractive 5-room houses which he is offering for sale at a lower price than our people have been paying for old run-down, semi-modern dwellings. These new buildings are wonderfully complete and are the last word in modern convenience.

The Monitor was shown through three of these buildings which have been completed on Evans street just west of Thirtieth street, and one in course of construction at 2618 Binney. They were a revelation to The Monitor. Not only are they attractive, cosy and well-built houses, but they are in desirable neighborhoods.

All the work on these houses has been done by Negro mechanics, with



the reception of the electrical work, as Mr. McDonald was unable to find any licensed electrician among our race in the city, so he informed The Monitor. There are electricians here but none have taken out licenses. All work has to pass inspection by the city building officials and the workmen have to be proficient.

The Nebraska Plumbing Company, J. F. Allison, manager, has the plumbing contract; the painting and decorating is in the hands of the Peoples' Bros., James and Larry N.; the foundation, chimney and cement work is done by O. C. Banks; the carpenter work is done by J. F. Nunn, foreman, Y. G. Logan, H. C. Dennis, Thomas H. Gooden, O. W. Travis and O. C. Banks; C. J. Irwin is the plasterer; the cement sidewalks are the work of Hugh K. Leville and the excavating and grading is done by Charles Solomon. Mr. McDonald is himself a carpenter and bricklayer and is himself on every job. All of these workmen are regularly employed, others being used temporarily. The Haney Electrical Company has the contract for the electrical work.

Mr. McDonald says, "For years I had a dream of building modern homes for our people, that they could buy at a lower price and as reasonable terms as they are compelled to pay for old dwellings, good, bad and indifferent. After much discouragement I have been able to put my plan in operation. I have adopted as my slogan, "Better Built Homes for Less Money," and I think you will agree with me that they measure up to this slogan. I wanted also to furnish work for the Negro mechanics and workmen who are residents of Omaha. Having finished a course in structural engineering has given me an advantage in knowing how to construct large or small buildings from the foundation to chimney top and I knew that we had workmen here who could do the work. All of it has passed rigid inspection as you can see by the inspection tags placed here by the department of building inspection. I hope to finish a good number of these homes between now and November. These three are finished and three more are under construction, and next week I expect to start three on the South Side. I feel confident that as soon as our people inspect these houses the demand for them will be

COLORED TYPIST MARVEL WINS DIAMOND MEDAL GIVEN BY UNDERWOOD

Cortez W. Peters of Dunbar High School Has Proven His Ability by Capturing Prizes in Many Contests.

(Columbian Press Bureau)

Washington, D. C., April 17.—At a general assembly of the faculty and students of Dunbar high school, held last Monday morning, Cortez W. Peters was awarded the Underwood diamond medal emblem for accuracy and speed in a typing test given at the Washington office of the Underwood Typewriter Company on March 26. Mr. Peters is a graduate of the Department of Business Practice of Dunbar high school and in the test maintained a net speed of one hundred nine five-stroke words a minute for thirty minutes, the requirement to qualify being only one hundred words a minute. The medal is 20-K white gold, platinum-plate, with alternating diamonds and emeralds, and crown-set. Mr. G. W. Ward, assistant manager of the Washington office of the Underwood Typewriter Company and the students' friend, presented the award and stated that Mr. Peters was the first student, and the only person in the District of Columbia ever to win it.

Mr. J. C. Wright of Dunbar faculty, who discovered the latent typing ability of Mr. Peters and trained him, was awarded the corresponding Underwood teacher's diamond medal emblem. Mr. Peters also has won the Underwood gold button insignia of the Order of Accurate Typists; Remington gold pin and a Remington standard typewriter; Royal gold pin; Woodstock gold jewel pin; and is known among the boys as the "speed king typist." Under Mr. Wright's coaching he is now in training to enter the international typing contest for world's championship, to be held in New York next October.

CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMPAIGN

Forty-nine hundred youths, from schools, farms and factories, scattered throughout the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota will be enrolled this summer for the Citizens' Military Training Camps in the Seventh Corps Area, Lt. R. L. Williams announced today. This figure represents the largest number for civilian training assigned to any corps area.

Camps will open August 1 and continue in operation throughout August. Every student is to be a volunteer and must pass the mental and physical tests adopted by the War Department. Students in basic courses will range from seventeen to twenty-four years.

As a result of experience gained in conducting boys' camps during the past four years in all parts of the War Department plans numerous improvements designed to make the training and recreation programs more attractive to the young men at the 1925 camps.

Admittance, however, will be under the same conditions as during other years, Lt. Williams said. Food, uniforms, railroad fare to camp and return, athletic equipment, and all camp facilities, besides medical and dental treatment while in camp are furnished by the government without expense to the student.

It is planned to give individual attention to the physical training of each student to correct unfavorable tendencies in the growing youth. Data compiled from records of camps of previous years is now being studied by the War Department with this end in view.

The object of these camps, Lt. Williams declared, is to bring together young men of high type from all sections of the country on a common basis of equality and under the most favorable conditions of outdoor life; to stimulate and promote citizenship, patriotism and American, and through expert physical training, athletic coaching and military training, to benefit the young men individually.

Lt. Williams urges all qualified colored men to take advantage of this opportunity.

heavy." Mr. McDonald is building good houses, furnishing employment to a number of our people and should be generously supported in his laudable work. Persons contemplating the purchase of a home will learn much to their advantage by inspecting the cosy and attractive houses being built by this pioneer in a new field among us.

COLORED SINGER HAS WONDERFUL CONTRALTO VOICE

A large number of Beatrice folks gathered at the A. M. E. church last Thursday evening to hear Mrs. Fanny Russell of Omaha, state president of the Colored Women's Federated Clubs, and a reader of note, who appeared in a recital.

Mrs. Russell came in the interest of the state federation, which she represents, the proceeds of the entertainment were used by the local club as their apportionment to the state fund for building for aged colored people and orphans. She was well supported by local talent and presented a program that has not been surpassed in its line for some time in this city. Her numbers were of a heavy dramatic type and she portrayed unusual talent in her vivid word pictures, holding her audience in rapt attention from the first to the last line. Her selections were: "The Convict," "The Feast of Belschazzar," "The Maniac," and "The Gambler's Wife."

Mrs. O. P. Washington delighted the audience with two vocal numbers, "Ma Curly Headed Baby" and "Who Knows" by Paul Laurence Dunbar, the colored poet. Her voice is clear and birdlike and she pleased her listeners very much. Mrs. Roscoe Weisner, wife of the minister, is an accom-

DE HART HUBBARD AT HOWARD MEET

(Columbian Press Bureau) Washington, D. C., April 17.—De Hart Hubbard, star broad-jumper, and fresh from laurels won at last year's Olympic meet, will be the principal attraction at the annual track meet at Howard University, which will be held on May 2 on the university field. West Virginia, Wilberforce, Lincoln, Storer, and Morgan colleges are expected to send their finest athletes to vie with the Howard stars.

CARNEGIE CORPORATION MAKES A LARGE GIFT TO HAMPTON AND TUSKEGEE

(Preston News Service) New York, April 24.—The board of trustees of the Carnegie Corporation announced Friday that an appropriation of \$100,000 has been made to the Hampton-Tuskegee endowment fund, \$50,000 for the endowment fund of each school, and specified that the income was to be used for the general support and maintenance of and instruction in the industrial and applied arts.

MAN FALLS FIVE STORIES, LIGHTS ON HEAD, LIVES

Richmond, Va., April 24.—Davis Jones, aged 25 years, fell from the fifth floor of a hotel under construction here Thursday afternoon and landed on his head in a small pile of sand on the side walk below. Davis suffered a fractured skull, but physicians say that he will live. He did not lose consciousness, it is said.

TENNESSEE SHERIFF OUTWITS WHITE MOB

(Preston News Service) Nashville, Tenn., April 24.—Sheriff Cromer, of Marshall county, bringing John Henry Wallace, arrested as a suspect in connection with an attempted burglary and murder of a white man at Cornersville, Tenn., won a race from a pursuing mob of white persons recently when he arrived in Nashville shortly before noon with his prisoner.

MRS. GRACE M. HUTTEN GIVING GOOD SERVICE

Mrs. Grace M. Hutten, who was recently employed as an investigator by the Associated Charities chiefly among the colored people of the city, has proven herself highly serviceable in an enlarged field. Her proficiency in Spanish and her knowledge of French has led to her assignment to work among the Mexicans, Spaniards and other foreigners in the city in addition to her work among her own

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15-PIECE ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT DREAMLAND

The 15-piece orchestra, composed of picked players from Adams, Desdunes, Melody Five and Turner's orchestras, which made such a big hit when they played at Dreamland several weeks ago, will play a return engagement there Monday eve, April 27th, when they will feature all the latest song and dance hits of the season. As this will be the last opportunity to hear this splendid aggregation of local artists this season, the committee in charge, L. Gaines, Mrs. Z. Clark and S. Harrold, are sparing no pains to make this one of the swellest affairs of the year. Dance from 9 p. m. till 2 a. m.

ADMITTED TO GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY—ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH

At the annual meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society held in Trinity Cathedral last Friday afternoon the following girls from St. Philip's Branch were formally admitted by Bishop Shaylor: Margaret Dickerson, Ellen Richardson, Marie Bush and Vera Walton. At the social gathering held in the parish house, Miss Madeline Shipman contributed a piano solo to the program.

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ADDS NEW DEPARTMENT TO HIS BUSINESS

Mr. C. W. Williams, a well known photographer, has added a new department to his business. Knowing the necessity of home owning as he does, Mr. Williams has opened a real estate office in connection with the

studio which is located at 1520 1/2 No. 24th street.

In addition he has purchased for himself three 5-room cottages which he will rent as an investment.

He has also arranged to build new five and six room houses which will sell for practically the same as old ones now being bought by our group.

(Preston News Service) Oxford, N. C., April 24.—Grant Privetto was acquitted of the charge of murdering Clyde Cannady, young white farmer killed last Christmas. At the conclusion of the evidence submitted by the state, counsel for Privetto moved for a non-suit. This motion was allowed and a judgment of not guilty ordered to be entered.

ALL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS ASKED TO GET BEHIND OF OMAHA WESTERN LEAGUERS

Omaha Will Open Season Next Wednesday With Tulsa Oilers as Visitors. Omaha Out to Set Attendance Record

On next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock Omaha base ball fans will have the opportunity of greeting the Omaha pennant winning Western League Park, 15th and Vinton streets. The game will start promptly at 3:30, but there will be great festivities before the contest. These will take place at 3 o'clock.

Omaha fans should bear in mind in deciding to attend this game and the other games this season that the rather poor showing that the Buffaloes have made so far this season is due not so much to having a mediocre team but rather to not getting the breaks so valuable in baseball. With a little bolstering which Burch promises to give the team, they will step right out in the winning column and ere the summer closes we would not be surprised to see them safely resting again at the top rung of the league ladder.

J. Porter Allen, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, ably assisted by Secretary Hans Reis and Dick Grotte, is in direct charge of the opening day ceremonies and it is a real day they are planning.

They are making a special effort to have all civic clubs attend the game in a body and they have especially tendered an invitation to the members of the Colored Commercial Club to be present with the many other clubs who will attend the game in a group. A pennant winning ball club is a great help and advertisement to a city and every one, irrespective of color or race should support Mr. Burch's organization.

Mr. Reis, secretary of the club, told the writer a few days ago that he well appreciated the co-operation colored fans were giving the club and sincerely hoped that they would stand back of the boys again this season as in the past.

One of the best bits of news that has emanated from Burch's office recently is the fact that Harry Lee, ace of the last year's pitching corps, has signed up and will again be with the team. Harry won 25 games for the Buffaloes last year and as he has been playing ball on the Coast all winter, is in dandy shape and an even

better record can be expected.

Lyman Lamb's Tulsa Oilers will be visitors at the home lot on the opening day and as they are proving themselves a real bunch of clubbers, a great game can be expected.

Remember the date, next Wednesday, April 29th, at 3:00 sharp.

And furthermore, while on baseball we might say that Omaha almost certainly will be a member of the Negro National Baseball League this year, playing under the name of the Black Bisons. Games will be played here during the periods that the Omaha team is on the road. Mr. Burch is extending every effort to make this possible for the Omaha fans.

Mr. Reis gives out the following as the most probable line-up for opening day:

- | Omaha | Tulsa |
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| Ripperton, 3b | Riggert, lf |
| O'Neill, ss | Krueger, 2b |
| Monroe, 2b | Mizeur, rf |
| King, cf | Lamb, cf |
| Osborne, lf | Roche, c |
| Griggs, lf | Tyrell, 1b |
| Robinson, 1b | Simon, 3b |
| Wildner, c | Flippin, ss |
| Lee, p | Williams, p |

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