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# ASKS PROMOTIONS FOR POSTAL WORKERS

## RACE IN HARLEM MAKING DEMAND FOR FAIR RECOGNITION

Leading Ministers and Prominent Politicians Head Movement Seeking Proper Recognition

### REPRESENT HEAVIEST VOTE

Republicans Are Charged With Ignoring Race in Party Councils and Distribution of Patronage.

New York, N. Y., May 1.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Leading ministers and prominent politicians directed a petition to Samuel S. Koenig, republican committeeman this week demanding that the dual plan of leadership in the affairs of the twenty-first assembly district be adopted. They made plain that their reason for making the demand was the fact that the Negroes of the district, representing the largest portion of the republican voting strength were ignored in party councils.

The petition asking for dual leadership was signed by 1,000 registered voters of the district and headed by the Rev. William P. Hayes, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church; the Rev. H. C. Bishop, rector of St. Philips P. E. church; the Rev. W. W. Brown, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist church; the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist church; the Rev. M. W. Thornton, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church and the Rev. E. A. Cullen, pastor of Salem M. E. church.

The 21st district is divided into what is known as the "Hill" or West End, where the white voters live, and the "Valley" or East End, populated by colored. The figures presented by the petitioners showed that the Negro section was materially responsible for the election of Republican candidates last fall.

Much of the dissatisfaction has been caused by the appointment of whites from the Hill district to big paying positions and the giving of preference to them in the administration of party affairs. Just recently Robert S. Conklin, a white district leader, was appointed to a \$6,000 job while the colored leaders have been ignored.

## WOMEN VOTERS' CONVENTION

(By the Associated Negro Press)  
Richmond, Va., May 1.—The race was represented at the convention of the National League of Women Voters held here recently by Miss Dellah Beasley of Oakland, Calif. Miss Beasley was an accredited delegate from the California League of Women Voters and a representative of the Alameda County League of Colored Women Voters. She was the only race woman present at the convention of more than a thousand women from all parts of the country. In her brief talk she is reported to have said: "The great issues of value to the race have too often been overshadowed by the word 'social equality', which has been the means of confusing the civil rights of the race."

## APPOINTED TO LIBERIA

(Columbian Press Bureau.)  
Washington, D. C., May 1.—Mr. Clifton R. Wharton, a colored attorney of Boston, has been appointed to the diplomatic service as secretary of the United States legation at Monrovia, Liberia. Mr. Wharton took the examination for the foreign service under the new reform act of 1924. Of the 150 who took the examination only twenty passed, and Mr. Wharton was one of those. He has been connected here for several months and although a native of Maryland is a product of the Boston schools.

## HAMPTON AND TUSKEGEE RECEIVE BENEFACCTIONS

New York City, May 1.—The will of the late Charles William Stoughton filed recently provides that at the death of his widow, Florence Ada Troughton, the estate is to be used in establishing scholarship trust funds for Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute, Hampton, Va., and Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. This money will be used to assist "such poor, ambitious, deserving Negro boys and girls to pursue their education," who express their intention to "devote their lives to the service and benefit of the Negro race in the United States." No valuation of the estate was given, except, "over \$10,000."

## WILBERFORCE RELAY TEAM WINS SECOND PLACE

(Preston News Service.)  
Columbus, O., May 1.—The Wilberforce University track team entered the 440 sprint relay and the 880 sprint medley at the Ohio Relays, April 18, in Division 111, Class "B" Colleges. There were twenty-one schools entered in the 440-yard sprint relay including Otterbein, Bluford, Ohio university, Ohio Wesleyan, Oberlin, Cincinnati, Detroit, Findlay and others. Wilberforce university, represented by Hargrove, Clark, Campbell and Thompson, manager, being the only Negro school which entered in the relays, won second Otterbein was first, Ohio university third and Cincinnati fourth; the time being 45 3-10 seconds.

Handsome silver medals were given the four men on the team. The race was run in a drizzling rain, which caused no effect to the participants. The competition was keen and close from start to the finish.

## YOUNG WHITE MAN ADMITS STARTING DISASTROUS FIRE

Dunn, N. C., April 30.—(Preston News Service.)—Norman Ross, a young white man, was remanded to Hartington county jail without bond when he waived a preliminary hearing on the charge of arson. Ross is charged with, and admits, starting the fire which resulted in the death of Joseph Monk, an aged colored man, and destroyed property totaling almost \$20,000 here on Monday night, April 13.

## TO SOLICIT \$52,000 FOR SHORTER COLLEGE

Pine Bluff, Ark., April 30.—(Preston News Service.)—Plans for aiding in the state drive for \$52,000 to pay off the indebtedness of Shorter College, located at North Little Rock, were considered during the annual conference of the Pine Bluff district of the A. M. E. church which was held here last week in the St. John's church. Several hundred ministers and laymen from all parts of Arkansas attended the sessions.

## KLAN INCORPORATION REFUSED BY WISCONSIN

Madison, Wis., May 1.—(Preston News Service.)—The articles of incorporation filed by the Ku Klux Klan for the state of Wisconsin were refused by Attorney General Herman L. Ekern. Under the state laws foreign dictatorship is prohibited for non-stock organizations, and the papers filed by the klan declared that the Wisconsin unit would be under the jurisdiction of the Georgia klan.

## R. O. T. C. UNIT AT WILBERFORCE INSPECTED

(Preston News Service.)  
Wilberforce, O., May 1.—The Unit of the R. O. T. C. at Wilberforce University was inspected recently by Major Robert O'Bryan of the Fifth Corps Area, stationed at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. There was rainy weather during the early part of the morning and the first inspection was held in the spacious gymnasium. After the rain had ceased the unit marched to the parade field and received final inspection. Col. Biddle, who has had charge of the R. O. T. C. work, was unable to make the inspection on account of receiving a transfer to Des Moines, Ia.

Major O'Bryan was well pleased with the unit, stating in particular, "The unit is in splendid condition. It is doing well and should be retained. I appreciate the way in which the university is backing up Captain Wilson. The band is one of the best equipped and musical I have ever seen. The Juniors are fine young men and will make good officers. Such men will be needed for any future war." He also prevailed upon them to enter the Summer training camp.

The words of Major O'Bryan speak well for the work done by Capt. C. H. Wilson, commanding officer in charge of the unit, and it also speaks well for the men in the R. O. T. C. Wilberforce is the only colored school in the Fifth Corps area and has competed in rifle matches with Ohio State University, Northwestern, Michigan Agricultural College, Cincinnati University and other large colleges of the midwest.

Those who are interested in the success of Wilberforce University are pleased with the appointment of Editor Harry C. Smith of the Cleveland Gazette to the board of trustees.

## Labor Gains in Steel Industries

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Colored employees holding skilled occupations in the country's iron and steel industries are gaining slowly but surely. This fact is evidenced by the increasing number of mill-wrights, electric welders, moulders, coremakers, furnace keepers, machine hands, crane engineers, and other artisans whose proportions are widening in the Pennsylvania, Birmingham, Ohio and Indiana steel districts, in which, prior to 1917 and 1918, semi-skilled and unskilled workers far outnumbered skilled workers in proportion to white steel hands. In this connection the policies of certain mills, particularly in Middleton, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., Gary, Ind., Birmingham, Ala., which have insisted upon health programs and pleasant working conditions for their employees, black as well as white, together with promotional op-

ern industry with its great combinations and the great aggregations of both capital and employees has necessarily brought many new opportunities, should be warmly commended as having a most helpful influence upon the advancement of the colored working classes in the iron and steel pursuits.

Along this line of advancement encouraging indeed are the words of the Secretary of Labor, Hon. James J. Davis, who, when recently addressing the steel workers convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., said: "Within their line of duty and within the law, every man and every group of men, every industry and every union can depend upon President Coolidge to be with them to the limit in the defense of their rights. They can depend upon him to use the full power of his position and of the government to punish or eradicate abuses. He realizes that mod-

lems for solution in our effort to work out a righteous human relationship."

The slow but sure gains of Negro labor in the great American steel mills have largely come from the new understanding of human relationships as found among the working masses, regardless of color—the masses which make American-made products the best products in the markets of the world. With both organized and unorganized Negro labor becoming more potent each day, in council as well as on the job, to the end that human relationships among the working groups may be shaped by the same Christian creed that shapes all American progress, it is to be expected that labor gains, both profitable and peaceful, are soon to follow the steel gains and pervade all other industries common to American production.

### BRIEFS

The public school enrollment in Washington, D. C., includes 22,822 colored pupils.

Petersburg, Va., has a "Ladies Auxiliary of the Colored Cemetery Association."

The Liberty Building and Loan Association of Los Angeles recently celebrated its first anniversary.

Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover says, "The recruiting ground for the future leaders of the United States will be on the farms rather than in the factories."

Approximately 80 per cent of all high schools in the United States are located either in the open country or in villages having less than 2,500 inhabitants.

Abyssinia has a Jewish population of 50,000.

### INVESTIGATE MAN'S DEATH

(Preston News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., May 1.—Not wholly satisfied as to the cause of the death of Walter P. Ray, aged 44 years, who died at his home Tuesday night, following illness of more than two years, relatives appealed to the coroner to conduct an investigation. It was suggested that poison may have figured in his death. The officials made a thorough investigation, it is said, and failed to find any trace of poison.

Ray, it is stated, had been treated for tuberculosis, and the autopsy revealed that he had suffered from such an ailment. Arthur S. K. Ray, brother of the deceased, died suddenly in March, and an autopsy was performed on his body which disclosed that he had died from natural causes. Arthur was a clerk in the city post office, while Walter was a mail carrier prior to his illness which began about two years ago.

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS

(Columbian Press Bureau)  
Washington, D. C., May 1.—Abyssinia has notified the League of Nations that she will participate in the conference for control of the international traffic to arms, opening in Geneva, Switzerland, shortly, and has submitted a memorandum explaining why she needs arms and ammunition. Coincident with the action taken by the Abyssinians, the Rehoboth tribesmen of Southwest Africa have petitioned the League to make their country a free and independent state. This district is under the mandate of the Union of South Africa.

### BUFFALOES WIN THE OPENING GAME AT B'IRCHROD PARK

Tulsa Oilers Are Beaten 10 to 8 With Bailey and Stone Doing the Hurling—Osborn a Real Slugger.

Western League baseball was unceremoniously pitched Wednesday afternoon when the Omaha Buffaloes met and defeated the Tulsa Oilers, 10 to 8. It was a hectic battle filled with heavy slugging from both teams.

About 3000 persons clicked the turnstiles into the park for the game and had the weather been warmer—it was 14 below zero at game time—twice the number or more would have crowded into the park and Barney would have been several thousand dollars richer.

Saturday and Sunday the Wichita team will be here with a double-header Sunday.

Despite the several losses by the Omaha team as a whole the club looks good and great things can be expected from it.

First game Sunday at 2 p. m. and at 2:45 on week-days. The more present the merrier.

When our professional "healers" and "spiritualists" find business slow in St. Louis and Knoxville, they move to Gotham.

## TUSKEGEE ALUMNI TO HOLD NATIONAL GATHERING IN MAY

(By the Associated Negro Press)  
Memphis, Tenn., May 1.—Tuskegee graduates from every section of the country will gather here May 27th in the annual meeting of the National Tuskegee Alumni Association which convenes on that date. Much interest is being manifested in the meeting which is the first that the organization has held away from Tuskegee and which marks the first step to bind the hundreds of thousands of Tuskegeans into an effective and functioning organization, which shall back up actively the program in life to which these young men and women are committed. Probably no institution in the country has more of the representatives it has sent out into the world who, to use the parlance of the street, "are making good", and doing quiet, effective, useful work, than has Booker T. Washington's school. This meeting bids fair to be particularly fruitful because of the successful men and women who are to gather in conference over a constructive program.

## PRESIDENT INTER- MOUNTAIN TUBERCULAR SANITARIUM IN OMAHA

The Rev. M. H. Lindsay of Colorado Springs, Colo., Here in the Interest of a Much Needed Institution.

Rev. M. H. Lindsay of Colorado Springs, Colo., is in Omaha in the interest of the Inter-Mountain Baptist Tubercular Sanitarium which they are establishing in that mecca of tubercular patients.

Rev. Mr. Lindsay is president of the Board of Directors, and brings credentials from the Governor of Colorado and the Secretary of State. The sanitarium is duly incorporated under the laws of Colorado.

Rev. Mr. Lindsay, who has been a resident of Colorado Springs for many years, says that hundreds of Negroes who are victims of tuberculosis come to Colorado Springs yearly. They are not admitted to the sanitariums already there which admit white patients only. Consequently they have to be taken into private homes imperiling the health of such families. Some provision must be made for the care of these people. This is what the Inter-Mountain Sanitarium plans to do. Desirable property costing \$10,000 is available and the Board of Directors are trying to secure this sum.

The Rev. Mr. Lindsay, who is stopping at 2218 Willis avenue, will be glad to meet and give information to any person who may be interested in this praiseworthy project.

## TENTH CAVALRY SERGEANT DECORATED FOR HEROISM

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Jacob C. Smith, of 117 "N" street Southeast, a retired sergeant of the Tenth United States cavalry, was summoned to the War Department recently and decorated for heroism. Major General John N. Hines, chief of staff of the U. S. army, acting Secretary of War Weeks, attended by his aides, presented Smith with the distinguished service cross recently awarded him by the general staff of the army, "for extraordinary heroism in action against Spanish forces at San Juan, Cuba, July 1, 1898, while serving as saddler sergeant in the famous Tenth cavalry. Smith, who is a familiar figure on the streets of the National Capital, still active and in full health, takes great pleasure in modestly recounting the great San Juan drive.

## CARL DITON, COMPOSER, VISITS WILBERFORCE

(Preston News Service.)  
Wilberforce, O., May 1.—Carl Ditton, the American pianist-composer, was a visitor at Wilberforce university recently in the interest of the National Association of Negro Musicians. He gave a very interesting talk to the student body assembled in chapel at the chapel services. In the afternoon he organized the Wilberforce branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians. The following officers were elected: Charles L. Williams, president; Mattha Swann, vice-president; Alberta Mayo, secretary; Prof. M. S. Stewart, treasurer. The organization is hoping to stimulate a greater interest in music at Wilberforce and to do some of the big things along the musical line in this vicinity.

## ESTATE GETS \$15,000 FOR DEATH IN WRECK

(Preston News Service.)  
Raleigh, N. C., May 1.—E. E. Waldron, white administrator for Geo. Minter, colored railroad man, was awarded a verdict for \$15,000 Tuesday in the Wake county superior court against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad company for negligence resulting in Minter's death in the wreck in Apex a year ago.

Minter was killed instantly when a Seaboard passenger train collided with a freight standing in the station at Apex. Several other people were injured. Waldron sued for \$25,000.

There are 196 colored men who earn their living as structural iron workers on buildings.

The Harrison Silk Undergarment Company in New York has successfully manufactured ladies' underwear and negligees for three years.

## ASKS POSTMASTER GENERAL FOR BETTER JOBS FOR NEGROES

President National Alliance of Postal Employees Urges Appointment of Qualified Colored Men as Supervisors

### FAVORABLE FOR LARGE CITIES

Success of Assistant Chief Clerk Gainey in Handling Cases Cited as Precedent in Making Like Promotions.

(By the Associated Negro Press)  
Washington, D. C., May 1.—The request that qualified colored employees in the post office service be promoted to supervisory positions in local offices and that two additional men be given positions similar to that occupied by Asst. Chief Clerk John Gainey were the chief points stressed in a conference which Alonzo L. Glenn, president of the National Alliance of Postal Employees had with Postmaster General New, recently. Mr. Glenn suggested that such recognition should be granted particularly in the larger offices such as Chicago, Louisville, Kansas City, St. Louis, Richmond, Norfolk, New Orleans, Atlanta, Memphis and Cincinnati, where large numbers of clerks and carriers are now employed. He pointed out that "a great number of young colored men entered the government civil service years ago in preference to choosing professional or business careers and that the more efficient ones in this group aspire to higher places in the classified service. They are anxious to get out of the rut, and their promotion will be an inspiration to other employees as well as the entire race because it will show it is possible to ascend from the ranks and that the present barriers are not immovable", he said.

### SCOTTISH RITE MASONS TO MEET IN NEW YORK

(Preston News Service.)  
New York City, May 1.—The United Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry (Prince Hall, Affiliation) for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America convenes in its forty-fourth annual session in this city from May 9th to 13th. The session will be held at the Prince Hall Temple, 280 West 155th street.

Dr. Summer A. Furniss, Thirty-third Degree Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Indianapolis, Ind., states, the reports thus far from the various consistories show an unprecedented growth in membership during the past masonic year, and the financial returns indicate this organization to be one of the strongest among colored fraternal bodies. It is intimated that this session of the supreme council will excel all others, and it will afford the members and their friends a rare opportunity to visit New York, the world's financial center and the metropolis of the United States.

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