

## NEGRO MANNED HOSPITAL RANKED HIGH

### All Loyal Baseball Fans Should Support Omaha Pennant Winners

#### WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR IS AN OMAHA VISITOR

Spoke in This City in the First Congregational Church 44 Years Ago Upon Invitation of Dr. Duryea

Dr. W. A. Sinclair of Washington, D. C., one of the first graduates of Howard University and author of "The Aftermath of Slavery", is an Omaha visitor and guest of Attorney H. J. Pinkett. Dr. Sinclair, who is the executive secretary of the general alumni association, is touring the country, visiting the Howard alumni for the purpose of uniting them in a concerted action for the removal of President Durkee, whose administration, it is claimed, is detrimental to Howard. The summary removal without hearing or cause, of such men as Kelly Miller, a scholar of the first rank and a man of blameless life; Prof. Cook and Prof. Locke, men of outstanding scholarship, is cited as evidence of President Durkee's alleged high-handed methods which are detrimental to Howard. Other grievances are also cited.

A meeting of the local Howard alumni was held in Dr. Singleton's office Thursday night and the sentiment of the meeting was unanimous that the removal of President Durkee is absolutely imperative for the well-being of Howard.

Dr. Sinclair visited Omaha forty-four years ago upon the invitation of his friend, the late Dr. Duryea, pastor of the Congregational church then located at Nineteenth and Davenport streets, and delivered an address from his pulpit.

"Omaha of today," said Dr. Sinclair, "presents a striking contrast to the Omaha of that day. Its growth and transformation seem almost magical."

#### NEGRO MARRIED WOMEN SWELL WORKERS' RANKS

(Columbian Press Bureau.)

Washington, D. C., July 17.—In a survey recently made by the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, it was found that of the two million married women at work in gainful occupations, Negro women comprise one-third, a much larger proportion than the percentage of the Negro racial group in the total population of the country. It was further found that in agricultural occupations the female Negro workers actually outnumber native-born white women, taking the lead in all occupations common to agricultural life. When it is considered that these women, three-fifths of whom are between 25 and 44 years of age, are engaged in their leisure time in caring for homes and children, it is a remarkable fact that their inclusion in work forces is from one-third to three-fifths of the total number of married women at work in general and selected occupations, as the case may be.

#### PROMINENT BAPTIST PREACHER WILL SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. J. Francis Robinson, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass., field secretary of the National Baptist convention, noted preacher, lecturer and pamphleteer of international fame, has been in the city for several days, as the guest of the Rev. E. H. McDonald. He preached twice last Sunday at Pleasant Green and Pilgrim Baptist churches. At the urgent request of the Rev. William Franklin Dr. Robinson has consented to remain in the city over next Sunday and will preach at Pilgrim Baptist church. His morning theme will be, "Come, Tarry, Go!"

#### CHURCHES DEMAND THE ABOLISHMENT OF SEGREGATION

Federal Council of Churches in America Begin Crusade for Applied Brotherhood in Race Relations

#### HAS CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Calls for Fearless Facing of Facts, Justice in Courts and Industry And Removal of Unjust Discrimination

New York, July 17.—The launching and successful operation of interracial committees, the holding up of economic justice and the removal of discrimination in all walks of life is the plan offered in "the crusade of the churches for applied brotherhood in race relations" by the Federal Council of Churches in America. Circulation of leaflets and news matter dealing with the improvements necessary in this platform is being made by the race relations commission of the council, which held its fifth quadrennial meeting in Atlanta some time ago.

Expression by the race relations body as to the co-operative program to be entered into takes on the following effect:

"1. Face the facts; let the churches of America continue their study and discussion groups and the use of their pulpits and lecture platforms to bring the facts of race and race relations to the light of day. Let them help the newspapers and magazines to give larger space and attention to the whole range of information. Should Continue Interracial Meetings

"2. Interracial conferences: The past years have demonstrated the effective utility of conferences between thoughtful, conscientious leaders of racial groups to discuss conditions that confront them and to adopt plans to deal with the situation. These conferences have been most effective where surveys have been made by competent persons beforehand to secure data as a basis for such conferences and program making. The annual observance of race relations Sunday is commended as a step in this direction.

"3. Interracial conferences: Experience has shown that small committees of white and colored men and women have been indispensable for effectively carrying out constructive programs to improve conditions and race relations, especially in local communities. Let the Christians and churches in each community and of the nation increasingly give attention, service and support to such committees.

"4. Justice through law: The churches have joined the campaign to abolish lynching in our land. That campaign has met with success as shown in the rapid reduction of the evil. Let the churches continue the crusade until America is a lynchless land. Let us go forward with a campaign for speedy and impartial trial for those accused of crime and for justice in the courts that shall guarantee to every citizen, irrespective of creed or color, full protection of our laws.

"5. Economic justice: The Negro as a producer has many handicaps in agriculture, industry and commerce because his white neighbors do not regard him as a man to be dealt with on the basis of capacity or worth. The voice and hand of the churches and of Christians generally should be

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#### SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND NEARS \$5,000,000 MARK

(Columbian Press Bureau.)

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Ninety per cent of the five million dollar Hampton-Tuskegee endowment fund has been subscribed, the committee announced this week, leaving only \$500,000 to be obtained in order that the conditional gift of two million dollars from George Eastman might be assured. Under Mr. Eastman's offer, the balance must be raised by December 31. Clarence H. Kelsey, chairman of the fund's executive committee, expressed confidence in the successful outcome of the campaign. The largest gift thus far have been \$1,000,000 each from John D. Rockefeller and the general education board.

#### A GLIMPSE AT THE TUSKEGEE VETERANS' HOSPITAL

Tuskegee, Alabama, July 17.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The United States Veterans' Hospital at Tuskegee offers the colored people of the country an interesting and worthwhile opportunity to do several things, first in the caring for our disabled ex-service men to demonstrate the qualifications and attainments of the Negro professional man; and again in the conduct of this mammoth institution, the best which the government has yet built, the chance to prove the ability of the race to conduct in an executive capacity a big institution. The eyes of the country are upon those in authority appraisingly and the reactions resulting and the opinions formed are likely to influence many interests affecting the entire group.

President Coolidge Expresses Interest "The officials at the Veterans' Bureau inform me that they are gratified at the progress being made and the manner in which Tuskegee Hospital is being handled." It was President Calvin Coolidge speaking in his office at the White House recently and the writer as he listened realized as is so often the case where we are concerned, the more than just the conduct of an institution was involved. A whole people were being placed on trial as a result of focus which the public eye had placed upon this experiment.

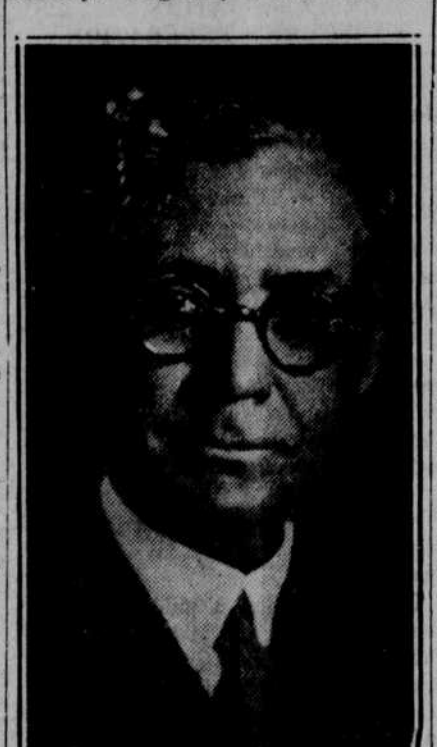
Therefore it was intensely interesting on this the first anniversary of the complete control by a colored personell, to observe the results of their regime. It's a marvelous plant, this haven which Uncle Sam has erected where his darker nephews whose health, limbs and minds were shattered in his behalf, might find surcease from pain and illness with hands to tenderly care for them and skilled minds to direct their return to normalcy, free from indifference and prejudice. The story of why the hospital was built, the provision of land by Tuskegee Institute, the interest of President Harding and President Coolidge and Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon; the strenuous opposition of certain elements of the South, the Ku Klux Klan parade, the burnt borne by Dr. R. R. Moton need not be told here. Everyone knows it by heart. But, few who have not visited the hospital can visualize its size, its scope, or its unusual possibilities.

Serves Entire Country Stretching away like a modern little city, spic and span on a reservation of 315 acres, the twenty-five brick buildings ranging from the imposing double winged main infirmary with 500 rooms to the small administration building, the whole presents an attractive ensemble laid out by

Washington, D. C., July 17.—During the last ten years seven states that passed new laws for the suppression of lynching, according to a report prepared by Dr. Monroe N. Work, of Tuskegee Institute which is to be published shortly. Two other states, Oklahoma and North Carolina, have strengthened their laws against the "great American crime". In all, thirteen states have special anti-lynching laws. Bills for the suppression of lynching have been introduced in virtually all southern states. Four of the states passing new anti-lynching laws are northern or western. They are Kansas, Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Two, Kentucky and West Virginia, may be classed as border states. Other states with anti-lynching laws are Alabama, Indiana, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee.

#### Measuring the Accomplishment of a Colored Personell at a Great Government Institution

landscape artists all in accordance with a definite program which while it presents a complete unit, also comprehends the extension and growth of the hospital. This is a need which is already felt because the dormitories are crowded to their full capacity of 600 beds and a waiting list of some proportions is on file. While originally the hospital was planned for the surrounding area of southern states where inadequate hospitalization had been provided for colored soldiers, transfers have been requested and granted from every section of the country. Originally intended for



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treatment of consumption and diseases of the mind with buildings planned in accordance with the most modern ideas in treating these dreadful diseases, its scope has been increased until it included every form of illness and specialists in various ailments have been secured who head the various departments. It is now classed as a general hospital.

#### Commandant's Job No Cinch

The place is run on a departmental and military basis, each head being responsible for his department, the whole co-ordinated under an executive, Col. J. H. Ward, whose authority is complemented by his immediate assistants, Major F. E. Stokes, executive officer, and Walter S. Burkner, business executive. The employees num-

#### "FIRE IN THE FLINT" TO BE PUBLISHED IN ENGLAND

Information has just reached Walter White, author of "Fire in the Flint" from his publishers, Alfred A. Knopf and Mrs. Blanche W. Knopf, who are now in Europe, that the English rights to Mr. White's novel have been sold to the English publishers, Messrs. Williams and Norgate. Type is now being set and the novel will be published in the fall.

"Fire in the Flint" has had a considerable sale in the United States and has created very widespread discussion. As a realistic picture of the life under difficulties of Negroes in America it will, according to Mr. and Mrs. Knopf, be read with great interest in Europe.

#### DEMENTED MAN IS SAVED FROM DEATH IN SOUTHERN CITY

National Advancement Association of Houston, Texas, Prevents Execution of Elmer Williams

#### WAS CHARGED WITH MURDER

Williams Inmate of Nebraska Insane Asylum When Crime Committed in Texas City

Houston, Tex., July 17.—Elmer Williams, a colored man, has been saved from death by the Houston branch of the N. A. A. C. P., after he had made full confession of the murder of a white woman, when the branch brought to Houston the superintendent of the Insane Asylum of Nebraska who testified that on the night the murder was committed, Williams was confined in the Nebraska asylum.

Early in the spring a white woman was killed in Houston. The woman and her husband conducted a grocery store. According to the husband's story, as he and his wife were closing the store for the night, the Negro entered to make a small purchase, offering a ten-dollar bill in payment. As the grocer turned to make change, the Negro drew a gun and demanded his day's receipts. The grocer claims that he ducked under the counter and that the Negro then fired at his wife, killing her instantly.

A large number of Negroes were arrested but all of them were able to prove alibis. The grocer himself was then arrested and charged with the murder of his wife. Italian compatriots of the grocer immediately raised a fund and offered a reward of \$600 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty person. Elmer Williams was arrested in Ohio and made a full confession of the murder but upon his examination trial, he was unable to give coherent statements about the murder. He offered, however, to plead guilty if the state would give him a life term but the district attorney, to the gratification of the colored citizens, refused such a plea, declaring that the electric chair was the only place for Williams.

The Houston branch of the N. A. A. C. P. at this point entered the case and brought Mr. Sidwell, superintendent of the Nebraska State Asylum for Insane, to Houston and through Mr. Sidwell proved that on the night the woman was murdered Williams was incarcerated in the Nebraska Asylum for Insane under his care and was not released until twelve days after the murder. Williams was released and the branch is taking the necessary steps to have him committed to the State Asylum for Insane.

Recent Charges Investigated Of course, there have been malcontents, some of whom were plain cussers and others who were actuated by the desire for personal advancement and gain. Some of these men have precipitated trouble, inspiring gossip, writing anonymous letters and magnifying trivial happenings. While in some instances undesirable publicity has been gained from these out-puts they have had but little effect upon the management of the Veterans' Bureau. The latter inspects regularly and recently when a number of charges of inefficiency and graft were filed in Washington a searching investigation was held. The staff and Col. Ward were exonerated, the same spokesman remarking, "There have been mistakes made at the hospital, of course. Mistakes are made in all the government hospitals, but what-

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#### IOWA MASONS MEET IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons held successful sessions in Council Bluffs the first part of this week with Grandmaster A. G. Clark presiding. Wednesday night there was a public reception held in Bethel A. M. E. church, the Rev. George W. Slater, pastor, with an excellent program of music and addresses. Mayor Harding gave a welcome address which was responded to by D. N. Crosswaith of Marshalltown. Other addresses were also delivered. E. J. Gilbert was master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Emma Durant of Bixby, Okla., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Mattie Williams.

An old saying about baseball teams is that the team in the lead on July 4th wins the gonfalon, and the boys all shout "May the best team win."

Such might be the case in the Western League this season. If so, Denver has already won the "peanuts". But fans want to remember this, that Denver was in the van in front on the 4th last year and Omaha stepped out and copped the bunting. History has at times repeated.

At the present time Omaha's team is in sixth place and on the last road trip consistently lost games to worse ball clubs than their own.

They are home now for a short stay and now, if ever, they need the support of all true sports and fans of the city, and they in turn owe it to the fans to pep up and step out and give us all they have. We are not pennant hogs, but Omaha has a right to expect and have a first division ball club.

The Omaha team leads the league in hitting and is near the middle in fielding and very close to the bottom in pitching. The pitching staff should and will have to be reinforced if ever a winning club is attained.

A lot of tough breaks have been against the Reds but the writer thinks the greatest thing against the club is their lack of pep and ambition in the game.

The team arrived home Wednesday and is now playing a critical series with the Denver leaders and great games can be expected during the week-end and fans should forget the past and step out and boost the boys along upwards and not further into the cellar. Knocking will do them no good. That team needs loyal support and with it we think they will step out and win ball games. Don't kid yourself, Denver or no other club wins a pennant this early in the season.

Omahans should not sit back and crab when they give neither moral nor financial support to a team—and Omaha needs both.

A double-header will be staged Sunday and first tilt commences at 2 o'clock. Be in your seat and come in a good humor prepared to give a lift where it is needed.

#### NOT "WEDDED" AFTER ALL

John Adams, 26, colored, Omaha, and Anna Williams, 23, colored, Omaha, have some unpleasant news awaiting them, wherever they are. John and Anna journeyed to this city July 3 and procured a license to marry.

So far the record is straight, but after procuring the license, they went to Omaha again and were married by Rev. J. B. Crum, on July 4.

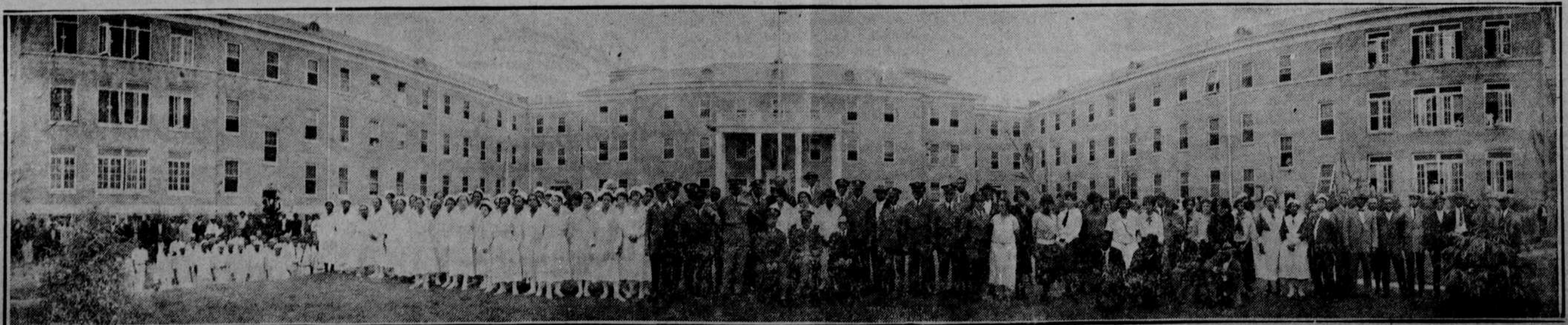
Now the Iowa law provides that the marriage must be performed in the county where the license was issued. Not only were John and Anna out of the county when they were married, but they were also out of the state.

When Rev. Crum made his marriage return to the clerk's office today, "not married," was written across the face of the instrument.

The local clerk's office has no information as to the address of the couple. They must be "married again," if the tie is to be binding, it is explained.—Council Bluffs (Iowa) Nonpareil, July 14.

#### CONNECTICUT CLERGYMAN VISITING OMAHA RELATIVES

The Rev. John W. Freeman, rector of St. Monica's Episcopal church of Hartford, Conn., accompanied by his wife and infant son, John W. Jr., motored here last week and are the guests of Mrs. Freeman's aunt, Mrs. J. Grogan, 2910 Erskine street. They expect to remain here until the latter part of next week.



PERSONNEL OF THE FAMOUS TUSKEGEE VETERANS' HOSPITAL.