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Mrs. Z. E. McGee, wife of the pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist church, who has been ill is much improved.

Eugene M. Bell who was called to Omaha by the death of his father, Cyrus D. Bell, left for his home in Mason City, Ia., Sunday night.

Mrs. E. R. West entertained at a luncheon Friday afternoon at her residence, 2006 North Twenty-eighth avenue, complimentary to Mrs. Robert Taylor of Davenport, Ia., and Mrs. Leon Smallwood of Washington, D. C. Covers were laid for twelve.

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The Misses Catherine Williams and Lavina Scott gave a Halloween party Saturday from 4 to 7 at the home of the latter, 2885 Miami street. Twenty children, and some children of larger growth had a fine time with games and dancing. Prizes in a waltzing contest were won by Celestine Smith and Millard F. Singleton, 3rd.

Mrs. Robert Thomas of Baltimore, Md., en route home from California arrived in Omaha Saturday to spend a week with her brother, Dr. W. W. Peebles, the well known dentist.

Mr. Frank Baltimore of Camden, N. J., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ricks, 120 South Twenty-eighth avenue, left Tuesday for his home with very pleasant memories of Omaha.

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The Northwest Needle Craft club met Tuesday, October 20, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Smith, 2211 Ohio street, with the president, Mrs. J. H. Hutten, presiding. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the addition of Mrs. B. B. Cowan, instructor. After a delightful luncheon, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. H. G. Anderson, 2601 Patrick avenue, November 3rd.

Mrs. Gordon Handy of Chicago who was called here by the death of her father, Cyrus D. Bell, left for home Thursday. She has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. William A. Johnson.

The Old Folks Home Association will meet at the Home Wednesday morning, November 4, at 10 o'clock and the board will meet Thursday night at 8. All members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

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Margaret Murray entertained the younger set at her home, 2423 North Twenty-seventh street, Sunday afternoon in honor of her friend Corrine Ferguson of Lincoln. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Mrs. Mabel Johnson Griffin, formerly of Omaha, now of Chicago, has graduated and received an honorable diploma from the McCarris Dental School of the latter city. She enrolled February 18, 1925, and has been declared by that school an efficient dental nurse of which her many friends will be glad to learn.

Mrs. James W. Madden and little son Jimmie of Chicago, arrived in the city Monday and are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Singleton, 2867 Corby street.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

Next Sunday is the All Saints' Day when special commemoration is made of the faithful departed. Special services with a sermon appropriate to the day will be held at 7:30 and 11 a. m. The sermon topic at the 11 o'clock Eucharist will be "The Souls of the Faithful in the Hands of God". Public invited to all services.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ENDORSES NEGRO BOOK

James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and editor of the recently published volume, "The Book of American Negro Spirituals", received recently a letter from President Coolidge which read: "It seems to me you have performed a real service in putting these melodies in permanent form, and I am very glad to have the book for my library." Other famous men have written to the publishers, the Viking Press, or to the editor, Mr. Johnson. Sinclair Lewis and Heywood Brown claim that the Negro Spiritual is America's greatest contribution to art. Mr. Lewis goes on to say that "the publication of the book is a musical event of the first importance."

The publication of the book has brought well to the fore the significance of these songs in the folklore of our country. Jane Addams found that Mr. Johnson's introduction was exactly what she had been awaiting for a better interpretation and understanding of the songs. Clement Wood, poet, author and life student of the spirituals, wrote: "This is a magnificent compilation of the finest volume of folk music that any race has yet given the world. There are merits in Russian, Spanish, French, English, some other groups of such folk songs; but for beauty, variety and innate inventiveness the Negro leads. The introduction is admirable and the arrangements as notable as any ever made, and more comprehensive than any."

Grace Sinclair Lewis, the wife of Sinclair Lewis, wrote Mr. Johnson that the first time she ever heard a spiritual was when Carl Sandburg hummed "Deep River" to her in a taxicab. Carl Sandburg, himself, who for many years has studied spirituals, claims that this is the book on the subject.

Carl Van Doren, Walter Damrosch, Franklin P. Adams, Sherwood Anderson, Carl Van Vechten, John Haynes Holmes are among the others who have recognized the importance of the Negro Spiritual to American art and the significance of the book in preserving and presenting the best of the songs.

In an editorial, The World says: "At last there appears a satisfactory edition of Negro Spirituals. It is called 'The Book of American Negro Spirituals', and it has been edited by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Only one who had waded through many botched editions can appreciate the intelligence with which this book is put together. Mr. Johnson has selected his songs with discrimination and had them decently printed. With the aid of Messrs. J. Rosamond Johnson and Lawrence Brown he has recaptured authentic harmonies as much a part of the complete effect as the melodies. And he offers in a brief introduction a more plausible explanation of the origin of this music than all the learned commentators since the Civil War.

But what elemental poetry, what gorgeous music! Reading these songs over, one is transported back to half-remembered things; a countryside at twilight, a little Negro church back in the pines, and floating over the stillness, a haunting chant which goes on unceasingly until far in the night and which has in it something that we who listen never attain to. Poetry like this, with the music that goes with it, touches the stars. Let us doff our hats to the race that brought it into being.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mrs. E. J. Griffin returned home Saturday after an extended visit to National Baptist convention at Baltimore, Md., and eastern cities.

Mrs. Mary Nichols is improving from recent operation.

The Grand Lodge O. E. Star Chapter convened here last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The session was held in German hall. Quite a number of delegates were in attendance from parts of state having local organizations. The regular order of opening was held Wednesday morning and the program was carried out as scheduled. The election of officers was held Friday. The public affair on Friday night was fairly attended, the weather being inclement.

Mr. Chas. Haynes is yet seriously ill at the hospital.

The 45th anniversary sermon of Mt. Zion Baptist church was preached by Dr. W. F. Botts of Omaha last Sunday night, whose instructive and wholesome truths did the hearers good. A week's celebration was held, leading up to the fourth Sunday, and were as follows: A musical by the choir Monday night; sermon to the Mission Society by Rev. I. Smith of the Second Baptist church; a musical and literary program by the Sunday School Wednesday night; sermon by Rev. M. C. Knight to the Utopian Art Club Thursday night; a

musical by the buds of Promise Friday night. The entire week's celebrities were most inspiring to those who attended. Sunday morning Rev. H. W. Botts delivered a most instructive sermon. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. had most interesting lessons.

The ladies of the East Lincoln Baptist church (white) rendered a pageant at Mt. Zion Baptist church Monday night which dealt with Christianization of the peoples of the world.

The drive for the Community Chest started Tuesday morning. Mrs. Jennie Edwards and Mrs. Alma Wiley are among the workers.

WORKER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

At last the colored working men and women of Omaha have organized to study and claim their industrial, social, political and economic place among other American citizens. This organization was organized May 5, 1924, by a skilled laborer, whose name is withheld by the organization. At present Rev. W. M. Hall is president, MacKinley Cunningham, vice-president; L. C. Crawford, secretary; Jas. Kirby, treasurer; Milton L. Hunter, organizer. The Workers Community Association is the name of the organization which will meet in K. of P. hall the second and fourth Tuesday night in each month. A committee has been created to draft a working program for the coming year. The election of officers for the coming year will be the second Tuesday in December, 1925, and those elected will hold office for one year ending December, 1926. By Milton L. Hunter, Director of Publicity and Organizer.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our grateful and heartfelt gratitude to our many friends for the kindness extended to us during the illness and death of our beloved father. We are grateful, too, for the beautiful floral offerings sent.

Eugene M. Bell
Bessie Bell
Gertrude Handy
Walter W. Bell
Beulah Johnson
Adaline Moore.

S. M. T. NOTES

Mrs. M. C. Sands, 2522 Burdette street, entertained at a Halloween party October 22, for the benefit of Friendship Temple, S. M. T. Mrs. Sands will entertain the M. C. Sands Juveniles at her home on a Halloween party Saturday, October 31.

Mrs. Minnie Taylor, 2117 North Twenty-eighth, will entertain Saturday at a Halloween party for Harmony Temple.

Mrs. Sarah Wakefield is very ill at her home, 4430 South Sixteenth street.

Mrs. M. E. Hayes of Benson Temple is quite ill at her home.

HATTIE BREWER, Reporter.

W. G. MORGAN Attorney and Counselor-at-Law. NOTICE OF SERVICE FOR PUBLICATION

To William (Bill) Jordan, whose place of residence is unknown, and upon whom personal service of summons cannot be made, defendant. Take notice that on the 20th day of June, 1925, Ella Jordan, filed petition in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, Doc. 221 No. 149. The object and prayer of it is to obtain absolute divorce from you. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 21st day of December, 1925.

Per W. G. MORGAN, Her Attorney.

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