

ELABORATE PLANNING BEING COMPLETED FOR OPENING DAY

Omaha Buffaloes, After an In-and-Out Road Trip, Arrive Home Monday for Opening of Season on Tuesday.

Secretary Hans Reis of the Omaha Western League team has announced that all plans for the opening day ceremonies of the Western League have been completed and that the officials are now sitting back waiting for game time Tuesday afternoon, April 27, at 3 o'clock.

The plans include usual parade of both local and visiting teams and officials around the infield and to the flagstaff for the customary flag-raising; the customary tossing of the first ball by "Hizzoner," Mayor Dahlman, to Bald-Headed Izzie of the "Witches," who are the visiting players.

And in addition to these a real surprise has been arranged for the fans who are loyal enough to attend the opening game.

The international chief of the Elks and his staff will attend the game and local Elks have reserved a whole section of the grandstand for the local lodge.

The packing companies have arranged for a flock of seats and will give out the usual hams for the first hits Tuesday.

All amateur teams of the city are also planning on attending the game in a body.

Omaha has great hopes of winning the Opening Day attendance trophy and has a dandy chance of doing so, because all other openings to-date have been played to small crowds.

Remember the time of the game is 3 o'clock, and you are wanted to be present.

Box seats are now on sale at the City National cigar store.

Socialist Leader Introduces New Anti-Lynching Bill

Washington, D. C.—Claiming that the anti-lynching plank in the Republican platform of 1924 had served its purpose when it attracted sufficient Negro votes to insure Republican success at the polls and that administration leaders were shamelessly letting it go by now, Representative Victor Berger, socialist from Milwaukee, Wis., introduced a new anti-lynching bill into Congress Friday, framed with an idea of avoiding the legal technicalities raised against the Dyer bill and providing for the action of the federal government particularly in cases where it appeared the state government was not going to act. This feature of the bill meets the issue of state's rights.

Individuals who take part in lynchings under the bill would be liable to imprisonment of from one to five years and a fine of \$5,000. Officials who are derelict in their duty in protecting prisoners would be liable to 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

Victor Berger has been one of the most discussed members of Congress. During the war he was ejected from the body, but was later sent back by a constituency which has always upheld him.

Houston, Tex.—Miss Marguerite Pennybacker, formerly connected with the Y. W. C. A. here, and at present working with the Bethlehem Center at Nashville, Tenn., has been awarded a fellowship in Columbia leading to her master's degree. She will begin her studies next September. Miss Pennybacker is a graduate in vocal music from Fiske, and also holds a bachelor's degree from that institution.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Attorney G. Edward Dickerson has announced his candidacy for congress from the First District, now represented by W. S. Vane, white. His platform contains proportional representation, enforcement of all constitutional amendments and the abolition of lynching. About 40 per cent of the voters in the district are Black Americans.

AUGUSTA VOTES SEWERS FOR COLORED DISTRICT

Augusta, Ga.—The City Council of Augusta has just authorized extensive additions to the sewerage system, which will greatly improve the sanitary conditions of the southern section of the city in which live most of the colored population. The project was initiated and carried to success through the efforts of the local inter-racial committee, composed of a number of leading citizens of both races. Hon. George Barrett, prominent lawyer, heads the white section of the committee, and Miss Lucy Laney, principal of Haines Institute, is chairman of the colored section.

Commenting editorially on the enterprise, the Augusta Chronicle says, "It is of importance not only to the community immediately interested, but to the whole city, since the people of all Augustas are interested in and affected by the welfare and health of the colored population."

COURAGEOUS GEORGIAN URGES REPEAL OF SOUTH'S "JIM CROW" CAR LAW

Birmingham, Ala.—A strikingly bold stand was taken by Dr. Will W. Alexander, white Georgian, and one of the secretaries of the Federal Council of Churches, in an address before young white men and women, gathered here from all sections of this country and Canada, when he spoke out fearlessly against the "Jim Crow" law of the South and demanded its repeal in the name of justice to all parties concerned.

"The majority population, the white, in the South," emphasized Dr. Alexander, has decided how the minority, the blacks, should travel, but it is unjust for this majority to force Negroes to ride in such dangerous places as the front coaches of trains; it is inconvenient and unfair for Negroes not to have Pullman car and smoking car privileges on southern trains. The Negro should have more freedom and greater opportunity in the matter of travel, education, housing conditions and more justice in the courts."

The courts of the South do not find white men guilty of crime upon the testimony of Negroes, he pointed out, and added that a "country which does not protect every individual by law will ultimately become an unsafe country to live in. He flayed throughout his talk so-called white supremacy over Negroes.

LINCOLN NOTES.

Robert Hammond, 48, was instantly killed in a fall down an elevator shaft while at work on the new Cornhusker Hotel last Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m. Some mistake in signals was given as the cause. The body was removed to Lincoln Sanitarium, where it was pronounced lifeless by attending physicians and was then removed to the undertaker's parlor. The fall was never stories, the body being badly mangled and broken.

He leaves as survivors a wife and eight children as follows: Lucile Hugbard, Thelma Ruth, Edward, Edwin, Raymond, William of Lincoln, John of Chicago; a mother, sister and uncle of Texas; mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Folling.

Mr. Hammond had been a resident of Lincoln since 1914, and was known as an industrious man.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, and were largely attended by relatives and friends. Rev. H. W. Bolts officiated, assisted by Rev. M. C. Knight of Quinn Chapel. Our sympathy goes out for the bereaved wife and family.

L. J. Allen was called to his home in Enid, Okla., last week on account of his mother's serious illness.

Mrs. Canada of Denver, Colo., was in the city last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Mary Nichols, who was very ill.

Mrs. E. Ratley of Denver, Colo., arrived in the city last week to care for her sick daughter, Mrs. Mary Nichols.

Eugene Nichols was summoned from Washington, D. C., on account of his mother's serious illness, but death came to her early Sunday morning, before his arrival.

Mrs. Fanny Young is reported able to be up and around home.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth, wife of Mr. David E. Nichols, passed away at her home, 2951 Starr street, Sunday at 1:10 a. m. Mrs. Nichols had recently undergone an operation for a goiter and had not been herself since, but had borne up well under circumstances. She had been a resident of Lincoln many years.

She is survived by a husband, a son, Eugene; a mother, Mrs. E. Ratley; three sisters, of Denver, Colo.; a brother, of Detroit, Mich.

The funeral was held at the home Tuesday, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. John Albert Williams of Omaha officiated. The husband and family have our heartfelt sympathy. The Order of the Eastern Star held their beautiful ritualistic service at the grave following the Prayer Book service of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. Nelie Maston has been confined at home with sickness the past two weeks.

Rev. H. W. Bolts was confined to his bed several days last week.

J. T. Wright is of from work the past week on account illness.

W. W. MOSLEY.

Washington, D. C.—T. Arnold Hill, director of the Industrial Relations of the National Urban League, and Rienzi B. Lemus, president of the Brotherhood of Dining Car Employees, are vigorously supporting a proposition to remove color restrictions in organized labor. They declare the situation "un-American, un-democratic and uneconomic."

DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION IN POMPEIAN ROOM CALLED TO ATTENTION OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BRANDEIS STORE

Assurance Is Given That the Customary Courteous Treatment of Patrons of This Great Mercantile Establishment in Not Discriminating on Account of Race, Color or Religion Is to Be Continued.

Despite the fact that there are some places in Omaha which violate, and have been permitted to violate with impunity, the Nebraska Civil Rights Bill, there are several places which our people have been in the habit of patronizing where they are accorded the same treatment as other patrons. Among these places is the Pompeian Room of the Brandeis Store. In one or two cases, it is alleged, colored persons misbehaved themselves, but this was not seized upon as a reason for denying or withdrawing certain privileges from all, as has often been done by other places.

Recently, however, there has been manifested a disposition upon the part of persons in charge of the Pompeian Room to segregate and humiliate colored people. There were several cases of this character last week. This was brought to the attention of the head of the establishment and assurance has been given that the usual courteous policy of the Brandeis Store in its lunch room, as elsewhere, is to prevail.

In an interview with Harry B. Zimman, whose friendly attitude to our people is well known and has been frequently proven, and with Mr. Karl Louis, whose birth and training elevate him far above blighting prejudice, the desire and intention of the Brandeis Store to treat all patrons with equal courtesy was again emphasized.

Since this is the policy of the Brandeis store, The Monitor urges our people to be so circumspect in their behavior that no cause may be given for criticism.

The following letters are self-explanatory:

Mr. George L. Brandeis, Omaha, Neb., April 19, 1926.
President Brandeis Store, Omaha, Nebraska:

Dear Sir: There has been brought to my attention today as President of the Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., certain flagrant cases of discrimination and insult offered respectable and well-behaved colored women in the Pompeian Room of your establishment, which I am very sure is contrary to your usual courteous policy and simply needs to be brought to your attention to be corrected without further action upon the part of our Association. *

Saturday afternoon, April 17, 1926, Mrs. Melvin McCaw and her daughter, Melva, of 2906 Ohio street, were told that they must sit at an end table "reserved for your people." And when they declined to move from a table where they had seated themselves, a waitress persisted in piling dirty dishes on the table.

Today, Miss Louise Taylor, Miss May Marshall and Mrs. Sybil Oglesby were told that they must sit at this reserved end table, but declined to do so and went elsewhere and purchased their lunch.

A little later, knowing nothing of this incident, Mrs. Austen Serrant, formerly of this city, but now residing in Chicago, was subjected to the same embarrassment and humiliation, to which she very properly refused to submit. Another case of the same nature occurring today was that of Mrs. Augusta Bascom, 2719 Lake street. Miss Ida Armstrong was seated at the "reserved end table" but did not protest.

These several specific cases clearly prove that a settled policy of segregation and discrimination, contrary to the Civil Rights Bill of Nebraska and contrary to good business judgment, has been inaugurated in this department of your store. Personally, I believe that this is not either with the knowledge or consent of yourself or of the other liberal-minded gentlemen who hold executive positions in your large establishment, and which owes its growth and commanding position in our city to the good will engendered by courteous treatment to all its patrons.

Believing, as I said at the beginning, that this humiliation—to which none of our self-respecting citizens have to or will submit—is not in accordance with your policy, and therefore, having been courteously called to your attention, will be immediately repudiated, believe me,

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS.

Rev. John Albert Williams, president,
Omaha Branch, N. A. A. C. P.,
1119 North 21st St., Omaha, Neb.

Dear Reverend: Your letter addressed to our president, George Brandeis, regarding certain discriminations and alleged insults offered respectable colored women of our city in the Pompeian Room of our establishment, was referred to the writer for attention.

Would like by way of answer to suggest that, the first time you are on the fourth floor, please come in my office, and thus enable me to go into the matter thoroughly. We stand on our enviable record in dealing with all people justly, never discriminating on account of race, color or religion. We do not propose to depart from that well established policy now.

We believe the subject matter is worthy of exchange of ideas, and in that behalf I most cordially invite you for a chat in my office at such time as your convenience is served.

Yours very truly,
J. L. BRANDEIS & SONS,
By H. B. ZIMMAN.

Appointed Stenographer.

Kansas City, Kan.—Miss Sadie Holder-ness has been appointed stenographer in the office of the County Treasurer to fill the vacancy of Miss Grace Howard, deceased. The successful appointee is a native of Tulsa, Okla., and a graduate in business of Hampton Institute.

The funeral of Baby Frank Jones of 1908 North 26th street, who died April 15, was held Friday at 2 p. m., from Wagner & Lewis' undertaking parlors; the Rev. L. C. McGee officiating.

Bennie Moten's Kansas City Band at Dreamland Hall

Bennie Moten's nine-piece Kansas City orchestra, Okeh record artists, will be the next big attraction at Dreamland Hall, Tuesday evening, May 4 playing all their latest famous dance hits.

Don't fail to be there. No advance in price. Admission 50 cents. Dance till 2 a. m.

WOMAN SHOTS AND KILLS SELF.

Mrs. Helen Vaughan, living at 5215 South Thirty-first street, was found dead, a suicide, at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday, a bullet in her heart.

Mrs. H. Eddings, in whose home she lived, had not seen Mrs. Vaughan since Monday night. She entered the room Tuesday afternoon, to find the roomer dead, with a gun in her hand.

Dependancy over illness is believed to be the cause.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of little Francis Loretta Moss, 961 North 25th street, who died April 14, was held Friday at 10 a. m., from Wagner & Lewis' undertaking parlors. Rev. C. A. Williams officiated.

Dr. William D. Fountain returned Sunday afternoon from Denver, where he was called the latter part of March by the serious illness of his mother, whom he left rapidly improving.

DRINKWATER CITES DUNBAR IN SOUTHERN GIRLS' COLLEGE

"The Gossip Shop" section of the March number of "The Bookman" contains the following suggestive item:

"Recently John Drinkwater blazed a brilliant lecture trail through the south in the course of which he filled an engagement at one of the oldest and most conservative colleges for girls. This school is located in the Black Belt, so called because for generations, until the recent exodus of Negroes for Detroit and way stations, the census showed that eight out of every ten inhabitants were colored. The two whites and their descendants feel that they have to keep a stiff upper lip and practice segregation even to their mental associates. Drinkwater's lecture on "Some Aspects of Modern Drama," illustrated by passages from his plays, was most enthusiastically received by faculty and students. He was prevailed upon to make an impromptu talk to the English classes on poetry and to read some of his most famous verse. The girls were simply spell-bound. Hoping to break the ice, Drinkwater suggested, 'Name me some of your southern poets.' But those students, who were familiar with Poe and Father Ryan and Hayne and Lanier—some of them blood-kin to Lanier!—sat there dumb with awe of the great Englishman. So Drinkwater said, 'I'll start you off with one of your best, Paul Laurence Dunbar. The ice he was seeking to break congealed afresh. If he had gone on, as well he might, to cite them Countee Cullen, the hot water pipes might have frozen and burst."

Push "Guide Right" Week.

Chicago—Several thousand members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity are taking an active part in making "Guide Right Week," sponsored by the fraternity, a success. By radio, sermons, conferences, and meetings, they are putting into play the Guide Right machinery during this week. The slogan of the movement is "The Right Man for the Right Job" and the purpose is to influence high school students to go to college and prepare themselves for the trade or profession for which they are best fitted.

Some very astounding facts were uncovered by a committee of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity which investigated the industrial status of the Negro.

Very few Negroes were found in the fields of manufacturing, commerce and the higher arts and professions. Today the race boasts only of a few thousand lawyers, doctors, ministers, and teachers—plenty of poolroom keepers, an ocean of peonage serfs—with a mere sprinkling of banks and small commercial enterprises. God has given the race many talents, yet we are 95 per cent strong in the common labor group of the nation's wage-earners.

Monument for Negro.

Vancouver, Can.—Within 12 minutes the Kiwanis club of this city raised \$1,200 of a fund of \$50,000 to erect a monument to Joe Fortes, colored, who during his 36 years' residence at English Bay taught scores of children to swim, saved the lives of 22, and rescued hundreds of others before they reached the drowning stage. Continuous exposure to all kinds of weather broke his health, and he died in 1922. When interviewed by the Associated Negro Press, a leading Kiwanian said: "British Columbia will not allow the memory of Joe Fortes' life of self-sacrifice to pass. He was a man."

Philadelphia Makes Race Bank City Depository

Philadelphia—By ordinance passed by the City Council and signed by Mayor Kendrick, the City of Philadelphia has designated the Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust company, of which Major R. R. Wright is president, as a regular depository for the city and county's funds.

Charles B. Hall, president of the City Council, introduced the resolution. As soon as the mayor signed it the city treasury drew a check for \$10,000 as the initial deposit. This is the first time in the history of Pennsylvania, or the east, that a race bank has been approved as a government depository. The stockholders were elated. One said, "If the great City of Philadelphia can draw money out of a white bank and put it into a colored bank, what ought colored organizations, churches, and individuals do in order to build a solid financial foundation for our people? The Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust company has a paid-in capital of \$125,000 and surplus of \$30,000 fully paid.

Arthur McCaw spent Sunday in Lincoln. The Women's Auxiliary held a pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Sarah Lewis, 2818 Miami street last Thursday.

COMMISSION URGES BETTER TREATMENT AMERICANS OF COLOR

Meeting on Inter-Racial Co-Operation Gratified With Favorable Reports of Improving Conditions.

SPECIFIC "NEEDS" STATED

Better Railroad Accommodations and Fairer Distribution of School Funds Prominent Part of Program.

Tuskegee Inst., Ala.—(A. N. P.)—The seventh annual meeting of the Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation, which was held here, was the most numerously attended in the history of the movement, and, in the opinion of many, the best. Seventy-five members of the commission and staff were present from all parts of the South, besides more than a hundred visitors and members of the Tuskegee faculty.

The reports from the field were very encouraging, indicating decided and general improvement, both in inter-racial conditions and attitudes. It was found that even the few unfavorable situations which developed within the year—such as the barber bill in Atlanta and the Hampton Institute bill in Virginia—served to stir up and solidify the friends of inter-racial justice rather than to work against the movement.

The commission was especially gratified with the widespread anti-lynching campaign, as evidenced by the uprising of public sentiment in Mississippi, the cessation of lynching in Texas, the growing determination of sheriffs to protect their prisoners, and the universal condemnation of this crime voiced by the newspapers.

Handsome medals just provided by the commission to be awarded to sheriffs who protect their prisoners from mobs were on exhibition for the first time, and a committee of prominent people is being created to award these medals to sheriffs who merit them. It was agreed that the crusade against lynching should be pushed in every way possible. The press was highly commended for its attitude on this subject and for its intelligent and sympathetic co-operation with the commission's program in general.

Among the brightest spots in the three-day session was the hour devoted to student work. Four young college men and women told of the open-minded study of race relations that is being made by many students in southern colleges, and of the courageous efforts which these young people are making to apply the ethics of Jesus in their inter-racial attitudes and conduct. These efforts take the form of college courses, voluntary study groups, and inter-racial student forums and conferences. Thousands of the South's brightest students are being influenced by this movement.

Among the specific needs emphasized and commended for special effort during the coming year were those of better railroad transportation, fuller Negro representation on public welfare boards, fairer distribution of school funds, improvement of the environment of Negro children, better cities, the encouragement in home ownership, the encouragement on home ownership and the effort to promote a fuller appreciation of Negro achievement and history.

Colored Girl Wins Place on National Honor Roll

Philadelphia—Ruth Wright, age 15, daughter of Dr. R. R. Wright, jr., editor of the Christian Recorder, was chosen as a member of the National Honor Society of High and Secondary Schools. Out of over 2,000 students of the West Philadelphia High School for Girls, only 24 were chosen for this honor, and one was a colored girl, Miss Wright. Paul Shock, the principal, said: "This is the highest honor that can be awarded a student in our school. It is given for superiority in character, scholarship, leadership and service."

Makes Two Million on 15-Cent Capital

New York—Watt Terry has attained the distinction of being the largest colored real estate owner in the Harlem section of New York city, besides owning a house in Brockton, Mass., and a summer home in Oak Bluffs, New York city. He got his start on 15 cents. Today his financial rating is in excess of \$2,000,000. Twenty years ago he arrived in Brockton, Mass., with 15 cents, and after doing many different jobs he was aided by the bank in buying a home. From that he made his fortune.