

RACE CONDITION OMAHA SHOWS A RECENT

Analysis of Report, Submitted by Local Committee, M. National Y.M.C.A. S. Department

REVEALS IMPORTANT FACTS

Of 15,444 Residents in Section Surveyed 40 Percent Home Owners; 35 Percent Renters. Only One-Third Church Members

At a meeting held at 8 o'clock last Thursday evening in the Y.M.C.A. building, the report of the committee composed of representatives of the Omaha Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and Council of Churches was presented. The meeting was attended by men and women from each of the three organizations which co-operated in making this survey of conditions surrounding the colored folks of Omaha.

The data presented has been in the hands of the National Y.M.C.A. Survey Committee and Frank T. Wilson, National Y.M.C.A. secretary for colored men's work was present at the meeting and presented his analysis of the survey and recommendations to the three organizations. His report emphasized the five great needs at present of the colored population of Omaha and these were:

1. Need for recreational facilities, both indoor and outdoor.
2. Need for supplementary education in the evenings.
3. Need for better housing of single men.
4. Need for church co-operation.
5. Need for emphasis on spiritual and moral teaching.

Edwin E. Peirce, general secretary of the Omaha Y.M.C.A., presided at the meeting and the group present recommended to the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. that a committee be appointed whose responsibility would be work with colored men and boys.

The survey brought out the fact that in North Omaha there are at present 15,444 colored people. This does not include those living in South Omaha at all. 3,089 colored families are represented in this figure. There are 5,869 boys over twelve years of age and the population during the past six months has been stationary. These people are favorable to Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. work but are not thoroughly familiar with the benefits and needs.

Regarding the housing conditions of colored people in Omaha, the survey discovered that 40 percent own their own homes, 35 percent rent houses, and 25 percent are roomers. A great need was brought out for adequate rooming facilities for the large number of employed colored boys and girls in Omaha who have no homes here. No adequate provision is made for them at all and they must find rooms wherever they can. In a great majority of homes the father and mother and all the children over 16 are at work.

The total number engaged in gainful occupation is 6,667 and are distributed as follows: Common laborers, 2,100; domestics, 1,300; packing industry, 1,169; waiters and porters, 850; skilled workers, 500; professional men, government employees and social workers, 68. The greatest illiteracy is found among common laborers and is about 12 percent among the adults.

Nineteen churches of six denominations were found at work with the colored people of Omaha but only 5,424 of them are members of churches. 1,777 of this number are men, 2,927 women and 555 are children. The church indebtedness is \$100,000 and \$300,000 more is needed for completion of the building program which these churches have already commenced. The institutional activities in the churches are literary and musical societies and baseball and basketball teams. The churches are reaching the people in a very limited way, the survey shows, only the Presbyterian and Catholic churches having gymnasiums and the Christ Child society conducting a playground.

Eight fraternal organizations are at work in Omaha for Negroes with 3,326 members.

The principal recreations are dancing, card playing and baseball, the first and second being commercialized largely. The only agencies providing recreation for the young people without profit are the churches, the Y. M. C. A. and the Christ Child society. 90 percent of the young people have no places for recreation other than the streets. There are no free park facilities in this section and a proposed playground on the circus grounds is not yet available because of legal difficulties.

IN BY REVEY

FORMER PARAMOUR MURDERS MAN'S WIFE

Incensed Because of Woman's Return to Her Husband Patrolman Davis Kills Mrs. Dudley and Shoots Self

Washington, D. C.—Fashionable U street was thrown into a panic early Tuesday morning of last week when four shots rang out from the revolver in the hands of George S. Davis, a patrolman of No. 2 precinct, who murdered Mrs. Desdemona Barnett Dudley, wife of S. H. Dudley, famous comedian and owner of a number of theatres throughout the country, and also a number of apartment houses in this city.

The affair was the result of an illicit relation existing between Davis and Mrs. Dudley, during the estrangement of the Dudleys. However, there had been a reconciliation and this is said to have completely upset Davis, who, going to the apartment, begged Mrs. Dudley to resume her relations with him. Refusing to do this caused him to fire four shots at Mrs. Dudley who died while she was being rushed to Freedman's hospital. Davis then turned the weapon on himself, sending a bullet through his left temple. His condition is said to be critical. Mrs. Dudley was 33 years of age. Davis had been a member of the metropolitan police force for six years.

BEEBE, FORMER KLUXER AND CIVIC ALLIANCE ORATOR, HURLS DEFT AT (K)NIGHT SHIRTERS

The Rev. J. L. Beebe, pastor of Grace Evangelical church, and ardent campaign orator for the Civic Alliance during the recent primaries, has resigned from the order. He made public his letter of resignation dated September 4, last Friday, and explained his resignation to his congregation Sunday night, from which the conclusion may be drawn that his congregation is more interested in the Klan than in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Beebe claims that F. L. Cook, field representative of the Kluxers summoned him into his presence September 3 and told him that because of certain activities of which the order disapproved, he would have to suspend him. Beebe hid himself homeward and immediately indited his letter of resignation.

Quoth Mr. Beebe, according to the World-Herald, "Mr. Cook revealed my membership in the organization. I never said I was a member." (True to Klan form and duplicity, he declined to declare his membership when publicly challenged by Mr. Joseph Koutsky to do so.) "He (Cook) violated the oath of his own order in so doing."

Cook, according to the same publication, is quoted as saying that, "We think of Beebe just as we do of Benedict Arnold, and further that he was acting 'under imperial orders' advised by a committee of the local organization."

Sunday night before a congregation of about 200 he explained his resignation, and said that while the order contained mighty fine men and women, it needed considerable cleaning up. He declared that the Klan is "un-American, un-Christian, un-democratic, despotic and hypocritical."

He offered to debate F. L. Cook or any other higher official the Klan wants to 'import' from "outside Omaha."

PRINCE OF WALES SEES FLORENCE MILLS

New York—An Associated Press dispatch states that the Prince of Wales attended Monday night's performance of "Black Birds", the review in which Florence Mills is featured, which is just concluding engagements throughout Europe.

There are no gymnasium facilities open to the public.

The survey committee found that in 1925 there were 63 cases of juvenile delinquency among colored boys and girls handled by the Juvenile Court, average age being 14½ years. Most of these were charged with either theft or immorality. About 50 percent were first offenders and 74 percent were boys. There is a close relationship between juvenile delinquency and lack of playgrounds and recreational equipment.

There are no large rooming houses or hotels of the better class available to colored people. Transient colored people have to be cared for in private homes. Some temporary aid is given by the City Mission and the Salvation Army and the Nebraska Children's Home society cares for babies while their mothers work. River-view Home and Father Flanagan's Home care for some colored boys and the only agencies giving aid to colored men are the American Legion and the Red Cross.

EDITORIAL

A committee has submitted a report of a survey of the conditions surrounding Negroes in the northern section of Omaha, where the largest number resides. The survey was made for the purpose of placing data in the hands of the National Y. M. C. A. committee at New York City for expert analysis and recommendations, if the facts so justify, for inaugurating Y. M. C. A. work among our group in this city. This report, as epitomized, with the recommendations based upon it, are published in this issue and will repay careful reading.

Five needs are emphasized by the report, as follows: Recreational facilities; supplementary education in the evenings; better housing of single men, church co-operation and emphasis of spiritual and moral teaching.

The Monitor agrees with the first statement that there is need for increased recreational facilities, particularly indoor recreation, for aside from those who attend the high schools, there are at present, no gymnasium facilities for our young men and women. This is a need that must eventually be supplied and could, even now, be met in a large measure, if certain institutions having these facilities would be Christian minded or even broad-minded enough to allow them to be shared under some satisfactory arrangements with those of our group who might desire to do so. Is it too much to rope that some such privileges may be enjoyed while awaiting the larger provision which must eventually come?

We do not agree with the second statement that there is need for supplementary education in the evenings. True, this year, the public night schools have been discontinued. This, however, we are sure will be only temporary. Our people were free to attend, and did attend in large numbers, these schools, both grade and high. The Knights of Columbus and the University of Omaha offer excellent opportunities for all who desire to avail themselves of them. We can see no reason why the classes conducted by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. should not offer like opportunities. Fortunately, educational opportunities in the evenings are open to our people and are being used.

Better housing conditions for single men and transients is undoubtedly a need. And not only is this true, but many houses for which our people are paying rent ought to be condemned and torn down.

We fear we do not quite grasp what is meant by "need of church co-operation." Co-operation with what? Social agencies and welfare organizations? They are doing this. And as to "emphasis on spiritual and moral teaching" the whole community, nay, the whole world needs this, not only by precept but by example.

The survey submits certain statistics which in our judgment, are open to question, as to their accuracy. Are they not estimates rather than actual count? For example, according to the report, the section of North Omaha surveyed shows a Negro population of 15,444, which excludes some 3,000 in South Omaha and about an equal number in other sections of the city. This would make our population over 21,000, more than double that of the official census of 1920. Is not this figure too high? We think so.

The survey shows many gratifying and encouraging facts as to home ownership, employment and other features which clearly prove that we are by no means a negligible factor in the community.

We are surprised to be told that only about one-third of the colored population residing in this territory are church members. This, of course, is readily accounted for if it be true, as the survey reports, "that the churches are reaching the people in a very limited way."

We are glad this survey has been made, and even though it may contain discrepancies which a revision will correct, it presents much for us all to think about and discloses much helpful and constructive work to be done that challenges the best that is in us to be up and doing.

"OVER HERE"

The Egyptian Dancing Dervishes are said to have nothing on the "Over Here" Chatterbox Girls, which will be presented at the Gayety theatre next Sunday matinee when it comes to a demonstration of terpsichorean art; for while the former may give expression to their erotic religious emotion with rhythmic accuracy and prolonged endurance; the latter coterie give utterance to what is apparently the pent-up enthusiasm of a lifetime with such abandon and dexterity that their exhibition of diversified dancing has never been excelled in this country. Everyone of the chorus are solo dancers; they gyrate, jig, shuffle, hornpipe, fling, charleston, ballet, reel, contortion, kick and split, in a manner that discloses artistry and grace. In addition to this they give an exhibition native dances including Russian, Italian, French, Hawaiian, Dutch and Irish. As George M. Cohan would say, "They are a great bunch of hoovers." Bert Todd and Frank Cummings have engaged an exceptionally clever company to give life and vitality to the story as well as melody to the score, including Sammy Weston, who is a featured member of the cast. Among the others are Ray Clifford, Cy Young, Roy Sears, George Lewis, Bessie Irving, Ella Ross, Loretta Beys, Elsie and Pearl Kuna.

N.A.A.C.P. MEETING SUNDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Omaha branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the North Side Branch of the "Y", at Twenty-fourth and Grant streets. This will be the last regular business meeting before the annual election of officers which takes place early in November. In addition to the business session which will be brief an interesting program will be given.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

The usual services will be held Sunday as follows:
7:30 a. m.—Holy communion.
8:30 a. m.—Matsins.
10:00 a. m.—Church school.
11:00 a. m.—Sung eucharist with sermon.
8:00 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

A troop of Boy Scouts, which will be known as Troop 7, is being organized at St. Philip's. The membership is not confined to St. Philip's boys, but all boys of the neighborhood who are above 12 years of age are invited to join. The meetings are held Wednesday nights at 7:30 in St. Philip's Guild room. Lovejoy Crawford is scout master and Robert B. Allen, assistant scout master. The Scout committee is composed of Dr. Herbert Wiggins, chairman; B. B. Cowan, Charles W. Dickerson, W. G. Haynes and Malcolm Scott.

A troop of Girl Scouts is open to be organized. Its membership is open to all girls above 12 who desire to join.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Bud Potter, well known about the city, aged 40 years, committed suicide by shooting himself sometime Sunday night near his rooming house, 920 S. When found it was believed that he had been dead for about eight hours. Letters and effects found about his person gives the impression that it was purely suicide and because of love affairs, which no doubt temporarily unbalanced his mind, coupled with sickness. He has a grandmother, Mrs. Alice Grant, 820 G street and an aunt in New York.

Rev. M. C. Knight was in attendance at the Kansas conference at Hutchinson last week.

WALKER HEIRESS AND HUSBAND SEPARATE

Principals in Widely Advertized "Million-Dollar Wedding" Have Reached Parting of the Ways

Chicago, Ill.—Gordon H. Jackson and his wife, Mrs. May Walker Jackson, have come to the parting of the ways, according to admissions on both sides which were made here this week. The doctor is reported to have moved from the palatial apartment on exclusive Michigan Boulevard which he and Mrs. Jackson recently occupied and to have hired lodging in a local hotel. A divorce, by mutual agreement of both parties is contemplated.

Thus comes the first definite break in the famous "million-dollar wedding" of May Walker, the adopted daughter of the former 'A'Leila Walker, who inherited the fortune of her mother, Madame Walker, the millionaire manufacturer of preparations for the hair and the skin. The marriage was consummated in New York and was much commented on by the society press of the country. Nine thousand guests are said to have been invited.

Rumors of separation have spread before when Mrs. Jackson took occasional trips from the city, but it was thought that whatever differences that might have arisen with the birth, a few months ago, of a son, Gordon, junior. But that hope which the poet says a child may bring seems to have been foredoomed to failure.

LINCOLN ITEMS

Mrs. Mary Worden was called to Kansas last week on account of a son's illness.

Mrs. Louvina E. Ray died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Hill, 2440 South Ninth street, last Thursday morning after a siege of illness. The funeral was attended at Henry Brown's undertaking parlors Sunday morning. Rev. C. R. Ross of Newman M. E. church officiated. The body was shipped to Dunlap, Kansas, Monday for burial with Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill accompanying the body.

Mr. Zachary Johnson is reported quite sick at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen have left the city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ewing have gone to Kansas City.

Mrs. Smith of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mrs. John Huff were Lincoln visitors last week. Mrs. John Huff lives in Los Angeles and motored throughout the country.

The Utopian Art club met at the home of Mrs. Ella Black, 708 North 13th St., where they were entertained by Mr. Nimrod Ross, Thursday night.

JUBILEE SINGERS PLEASE

A company of Jubilee singers consisting of young folks from the Normal and Industrial Institute of Prentiss, Miss., were in the city this week. They were in charge of Prof. J. E. Johnson and wife, who is president of the school, and are traveling through the country by auto. Concerts are being given to raise funds for the benefit of the school. They sing the old-time melodies, solos, classical and other music and are roundly applauded wherever they appear. They have a little fellow about 10 years of age who can recite the writings of Paul Laurence Dunbar better than the author. He is gaining in favor as an entertainer. The company sang for the First Presbyterian church (white) Sunday night and gave a few selections after services at Mount Zion Baptist church. A program was given at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church Monday night, and was accorded a crowded house. Their stay was closed by broadcasting over the Buick radio station. The company left Tuesday for the south where their school opens October 4th.

SCHOOLS OVER-CROWDED; TEACHERS POORLY PAID

Columbia, S. C.—Many transfers are being made here as a result of the crowded condition of the Negro schools. Every available room in the colored public school is in service. Twelve grade teachers are handling two sections a day. In some rooms there are as many as 60 pupils. The teachers get twenty-five and thirty dollars a month.

LARRY MURPHY WINS UNPOPULAR DECISION

San Jose, Cal.—Larry Murphy, popular Los Angeles colored boxer, won an unpopular decision September 21 over Young Carmen, local junior welterweight in a 10-round bout.

CONSCRIPTION OF NEGRO LABORERS STARTS TROUBLE

Drastic and Arbitrary Drafting of Negroes for Reconstruction of Storm-Swept Florida Resented

AROUSES NATIONAL PROTEST

Many Individuals and Organizations Invoke President Coolidge to Stop Arbitrary Armed Conscription

Chicago, Ill.—The conscription of Negroes to labor in the reconstruction of storm-wrecked Florida, as is being carried on by whites at the present time and which resulted in the wounding of several Negroes by sailors Friday, has brought forth hundreds of protests to President Calvin Coolidge and a wave of indignation that has swept the entire Negro population of this country.

In the effort to restore Miami and other cities in the path of the recent hurricane which wrought havoc in Florida, the reports declare, that sailors and soldiers, armed with rifles have invaded Negro sections of the towns and forced them into trucks in which they were carried to the storm-torn sections and compelled to work. In many instances, those conscripted in this fashion were enroute to regular jobs but this made no difference to the armed whites. No excuses whatsoever were accepted but simply "get in that truck" and a later command "get down and get to work."

After several days of this sort of infringement on their rights, Negroes in Miami refused to be further subjected to the treatment and as a result a miniature race war was staged Friday in which three Negroes, including one woman and two sailors were wounded. To curb further outbreaks, the state militia was called out and sent to the black belt, evidently to safeguard those forcing conscription.

Individuals, including some of the most prominent Negroes in America, and organization, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Associated Negro Press, have sent letters of protest to the President of the United States urging him to put forth every effort to protect the interest of Negroes in Florida and to put a stop to the armed conscription.

The following telegram, sent to President Coolidge by Hon. Edward H. Wright, political leader of Chicago and a member of the Illinois Commerce Commission, is typical of the deluge of messages:
Hon. Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

"In the name of fifteen million Negroes in America, I protest against the conscription of Negro labor in Florida.

Involuntary servitude has been abolished and is prohibited by the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

There is no more justification for the conscription of labor than there is for the conscription of wealth against the owner's consent even though a great catastrophe may have visited a community.

I respectfully ask that our national government see to it that the Constitution is upheld and respected in this matter."

EDWARD H. WRIGHT

Y.W.C.A. SCHOOL

Elementary Classes

All elementary classes will be taught in the regular night school-classes to be offered at the "Y" every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday night, beginning Monday, October 11. This door of opportunity is open to every man and woman of the community. Mrs. E. W. Johnson, former principal of Long night school, has kindly consented to take charge of these classes. Use your evenings profitably!

Home Nursing Class

A class in Home Nursing for a term of six weeks will be given FREE, if the required number of women enroll.

Sewing Class

A class in Practical Dressmaking will begin Thursday evening, October 12. Term—eight weeks. Tuition—\$2.50 for the course.

Art Class

A very interesting class in Art will begin Friday evening, October 15. Term—eight weeks. Tuition—\$2.75 for the course.

Choral Club

Watch for the date of the first meeting of the Choral club!

Very capable instructors have been secured for each of the above classes. Any person who wishes to enroll in any classes requiring a tuition fee, will be obliged to register before that class opens. Because some classes will be necessarily limited in size, it will be wise for you to ENROLL NOW.

For further information call WE. 1539.