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ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW

Americans are very much like the Athenians of old when it comes to organizations and laws, they are always seeking something new, instead of trying to vitalize and utilize the organizations they have and to enforce the laws we have upon the statute books. We have adequate laws, if rightly interpreted and enforced, to successfully take care of all offenses, crimes and misdemeanors. But a law is not enforced and legislators are induced to have enacted some other statute or measure to enforce some law that is treated as a dead letter. A society is organized, for example, for the suppression of vice, for which laws already exist, but nevertheless a "society" or "organization" for this purpose is believed by some zealous people to be an absolute necessity. After a while a society is organized to assist the "Society for the Suppression of Vice". Later there comes into being a "Society for the Encouragement of the Society for the Suppression of Vice". The same is true of religious, political and welfare work. There is division and multiplication of agencies where there should be unification. This duplication is not confined to our race who are past masters in the art but to all classes of Americans.

"DIVIDE AND CONQUER"

This was the policy of ancient Rome. She would get various tribes divided among themselves and then step in and conquer the separated tribes. This was the way in which she built up her great empire, which flourished for a period and then declined. This is the policy still adopted by those who would exploit weaker groups or hold them in subjection and subserviency. It is a policy from which we as a race suffer in this country and in almost every community. By flattery and other methods we are easily divided and conquered. We are thwarted in putting over large programs or securing those things to which we are entitled. We have got to stop being fooled. We have got to be united. All our weakness lies in discord, all our strength is in our union.

MEMBERSHIP IN CIVIC BODIES

We believe that as citizens and taxpayers of Omaha our people should seek representation in all civic bodies. We believe that some of our business men should apply for membership in the Chamber of Commerce; that they should apply for membership in the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and in similar organizations which are not primarily social in nature but have as their objectives the general welfare of the community. There should be helpful contact and association between all classes of citizens in all public affairs if Omaha is ever going to develop into a wide-awake, broad-minded progressive city.

CONGRATULATIONS, POSTMASTER RINGER

The Monitor desires to extend to Postmaster Ringer sincere congratulations upon the able and efficient manner in which he and his valuable assistants handled the immense crowds which thronged the post office this week. The vast throng of patrons were so quickly and systematically handled that at no time was there any congestion. The Monitor does not believe there was any post office in the country that surpassed, or indeed equalled, the Omaha post office in the scientific dispatch of the holiday business.

Patronize and build up our business enterprises.

Pool dollars and develop business houses that will give opportunities for employment to our youth.

LINCOLN, NEBR.

Luther Robinson Knight, aged 26, died at his home, 660 South 20th Street, last Thursday at 6 a. m. after a lingering illness. Several cousins and other kin survive him. The funeral was held in H. W. Brown undertaking parlors Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. I. B. Smith delivered a parting message. Cornhusker Lodge of Elks had charge of the services.

Mrs. Mayme Griffin is confined to her bed at her home.

Mrs. A. L. Wilson is reported as taken suddenly ill Sunday.

Mrs. Mayme Todd left Monday to spend the holidays with her mother at New Brunswick, Mo.

Wendell Willis is spending the holidays at Atchison, Kansas, with his parents.

The pre-Christmas dinner at Mount Zion Baptist church Monday night was a success.

The Utopian Art club was entertained by Mrs. Eva Carter at Mount Zion Baptist church last Thursday night, after the routine of business of the past year. Election of officers for the ensuing year was held and are as follows: Mrs. E. T. Johnson, president; Mrs. Mary King, vice president; Mrs. Nettie McDonald, secretary; Mrs. Rosa Adair, assistant secretary; Mrs. Eva Carter, treasurer, and N. B. Ashford, chaplain.

Mrs. Anna Christmas is improving from a recent sickness.

Mr. Zacharia Johnson passed away at 4:15 a. m. Tuesday at the Lincoln sanitarium after a lingering illness of dropsy. He leaves as survivors a devoted wife, a daughter, a son, two sisters, two brothers and friends. He was a member of Mount Zion Baptist church, serving in the office as deacon, which he did faithfully until his health would not allow him to attend. He was a member of Regal Lodge of G. U. O. O. F., Household of Ruth. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A. F. A. M., will hold their annual St. John banquet in Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, Monday night, December 27 at 8:30 o'clock.

Quite a number of the out-of-town students are spending the holidays at their homes.

The Lincoln branch of the N. A. A. C. P. held a meeting in Masonic hall Wednesday night. The following program was rendered: Harold Jones, vocal solo; Harold Adams, reading; Thelma Hammond, vocal solo; Gladys Reynolds, recitation; Lucille Hubbard, vocal solo; Anita Miller, paper; Marie Ferguson, instrumental solo; Henry Gordon, reading; Misses Bernice and Wilhelmina Guess, instrumental duet.

After the program the lucky number was drawn for the turkey. The association thanks all friends for loyal support.

PRIZES ATTRACT MANY STUDENTS

Scores Preparing to Enter Papers in Race Relations Contest

Many students in colleges throughout the South are planning to submit papers on "Justice in Race Relations" in the competition recently announced by the Commission on Interracial Co-operation, according to a statement from the Commission's headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. Nearly a hundred young men and women from more than fifty institutions have already written to the Commission, expressing a desire to

enter papers and requesting further information and suggestions. In addition, many professors have requested the information for members of their classes and are encouraging them to enter the competition. The head of the department of sociology in one of the big state universities writes that all the members of one of his classes are going to compete. From present indications it is expected that the number of papers submitted will far exceed those of previous years.

The three prizes offered by the Commission are \$100, \$65, and \$35 respectively. The contest closes on April 15, so there is still plenty of time for all to enter who desire. Full information, with suggestions as to treatment and sources, may be had by writing the Commission, 409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga.

ALEXANDER AWARDED PRIZE

Atlanta, Ga.—Advices from New York announce the award by the Harmon Foundation of a \$500 and a gold medal to Will A. Alexander, of this city, as the person adjudged to have made the most notable contribution to the improvement of race relations in America during the past year. The award was based on Mr. Alexander's service as director of the Commission on Interracial Co-operation, a Southern organization with headquarters here and state and local branches throughout the South. It is considered significant not only as a tribute to Mr. Alexander's work personally, but also as recognizing the essential soundness of the principles and methods followed by the movement which he heads.

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