

First Victory In Anti-Segregation Fight

N. A. A. C. P. WINS FIGHT AGAINST WASHINGTON, D. C., SEGREGATION

Secretary Work Yields to Persistent Demand to Abandon Segregation of Employees in Interior Department

New York — Neval H. Thomas, president of the Washington branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reports to the national office that all 42 colored employees who had been segregated in the Department of the Interior, have been ordered back to their old, unsegregated posts of duty. Mr. Thomas terms the order "an unprecedented backdown on this great issue; and by the most stubborn man in the cabinet. All Negro Washington is acclaiming the victory."

The victory against segregation in the Interior department comes as the consequence of a persistent campaign engineered by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas, with the co-operation of other bodies. In the course of the campaign, Mr. Thomas several times called upon Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, to present protests in person as well as by letter, against the segregation of colored employees.

The colored press of the country rallied, almost as a unit in this campaign, and the N. A. A. C. P. was able to present Mr. Work with copies of newspapers from every part of the United States showing that sentiment was united against the practice which had been inaugurated in the government buildings.

Significant of the effect of the N. A. A. C. P. campaign, is the following extract from a dispatch from Washington, Savannah, Georgia, News, which stated:

"Expectation of the Negro to be in the thick of the political situation as 1928 approaches has been evidenced by special activity in this city and in Chicago. Prospects of support of Herbert Hoover for the presidency have been affected this week by action of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through investigation of alleged segregation and racial discrimination in the pension office under Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, said to be closely aligned with the candidacy of the secretary of commerce."

The N. A. A. C. P. reprints the above extract, not because its action in the segregation fight was in any sense motivated by political reasons, but to show that the campaign has registered in the minds of politicians and political correspondents.

Secretary Work's memorandum ending the department segregation, directs "that all the employees in the pension bureau, both white and colored, affected by the new organization of the division of files, be restored to the location and work assignments they formerly occupied."

Secretary Work denied that segregation was intended, saying, "I want no feeling that there was any so-called segregation intended in the changes complained of, because such a feeling would militate against efficiency, the only purpose contemplated by the change."

THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER EASTERN STAR CONVENE IN OMAHA

The Amaranthus Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska and its jurisdiction, convened October 12, 13, and 14 at the Masonic hall. The grand chapter was called to order by Worthy Grand Matron Maggie Ransom. In the absence of Worthy Grand Patron I. B. Smith, Associate Grand Patron W. P. Wade presided in conjunction with the W. G. M. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the session. While the delegates enjoyed the social events, a reception was held Wednesday night at the hall and a banquet Thursday night at the Y. W. C. A. arranged by the local committee, of which Mrs. Florence Johnson, was chairman. Each sick member of the grand chapter and the various subordinate chapters was remembered by receipt of a bouquet of flowers.

The following grand officers were elected: Maude H. Johnson, worthy grand matron; W. P. Wade, worthy grand patron; Estella Craig, associate grand matron; Thomas Scott, associate grand patron; Lulu B. Alexander, grand secretary; Viola Cole, grand treasurer; Leona Glass, grand conductress; Janie Johnson, associate grand conductress; and Hazel Terry Lewis, grand lecturer.

The following were appointed grand officers: Sarah M. Baker, grand state deputy; Myrtle Metcalf, grand chaplain; Lillian Frierson, grand marshal east; Hattie Brownlow, grand marshal west; Lulu C. Wheeler, grand Ada; Willina Thomas, grand Ruth; Mabel Williams, grand Esther; Ella Hunter, grand Martha; Amand Jenkins, grand Electa; Kathryn Huston, grand warder; M. S. Harris, grand sentinel; Pearl Fletcher, grand organist; Hattie Barnett, grand historian; and Jennie Edwards, foreign correspondent.

Lincoln was voted the next meeting place of the grand chapter.

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED AND HONORED BY FLOCK

The Rev. C. B. Burton, pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist church, Twenty-fourth and Ohio streets, was formally installed Sunday afternoon. The installation sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Jackson, pastor of Bethel Baptist church, South Side, whose choir and a quartet rendered special music. Five-minute talks were given by officers of the New Era Baptist Association. A week of special services in which various churches participated, preceded the formal installation service of Sunday.

Monday night the installation exercises culminated in a reception complimentary to the pastor and his wife at which an excellent literary and musical program was given. The musical numbers were selections by the congregation and a tenor solo by Mr. W. L. Myers. The Misses Ethel and Anna Speese gave readings. Mrs. L. Lohman read a thoughtful paper, entitled "The Spirit of Missions." The principal address of the evening was delivered by Attorney H. J. Pinkett, who advocated co-operation upon the part of all citizens of color in helping to make Omaha a better city in which to live. The Rev. Mr. Burton and Mrs. Burton gave brief addresses expressing their appreciation of the courtesies shown them and the good-will expressed and pledging themselves to do faithfully the work which they had accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Burton comes to Omaha from Minneapolis.

COMMITTEE ASKS AN APPROPRIATION FOR URBAN LEAGUE

A committee, headed by Dr. Craig Morris, appeared before the Board of Governors of the Community Chest, Monday afternoon, with the request that \$5,000 be appropriated for financing a branch of the Urban League in this city. Dr. Morris gave a clear-cut and lucid statement of the origin and work of the Urban League. Other speakers were the Rev. Dr. Trusty, the Rev. Russel Taylor, the Rev. John H. Grant and Mr. Charles Stanton, secretary and treasurer of the Inter-racial Committee operating the Free Colored Employment bureau. The general sentiment expressed by all the speakers was in favor of an Urban League. Dr. Grant stated that he believed that it ought to be financed by our own people, and if it was a good thing, as he believed it was, there was no need of "bootlegging it in." Mr. Stanton said that the Urban League, nor the Y. M. C. A., nor any other agency would solve all the Negro's problems, as no agency could solve all white people's problems.

Mr. C. M. Wilhelm, president of the Board of Governors, thanked the committee for coming and presenting the subject, stated that inasmuch as the subject of the Urban League had not come before the budget committee that committee had appropriated \$3,000 for colored work, leaving its disposition to a joint committee of the social agencies and a committee representing the colored people, the Rev. John Albert Williams to be a member of that committee.

EDITORIAL

Next Tuesday nearly 1,200 volunteer workers will begin combing the city for subscriptions and donations for the Community Chest.

What is the Community Chest? This is a most important question, for despite the fact that Omaha has had a Community Chest for four years and people have heard a great deal about it, we are convinced that there is a large number of citizens among all groups of our population who do not know what the Community Chest is.

What is your idea about it? Is it clear in your mind just what it is and aims to do, and what is your relationship in or towards it, and just what your duty and responsibility is, as a citizen of Omaha, concerning it? If your mind is clear on these points then you will be ready and willing to cheerfully give your share when requested.

The Community Chest is one big common fund, purse or pot, made up by contributions, big and little, from everybody in the community who will give for financing or paying for the charitable and welfare work of thirty organizations which are ministering in various ways to the physical, moral, mental and spiritual betterment of the people of Omaha, according to the needs of each, and this irrespective of race, creed, or color. It gives to everyone an opportunity to help do a big and necessary job, helping the fellow in need and building character. In a word, making Omaha a better and happier community in which to live.

The work carried on by these various agencies may be classified as that of Family Welfare and Relief, Health, Care of Children, Care of Aged, Education and Aid of Underprivileged, Protective and Shelter Homes, Work Among Girls and Boys. Part of this work, as you see, comes under the head of charity and charitable institutions, and another part under the head of welfare and character building agencies which eventually reduce the need of what is strictly known as charity.

Forward looking cities a few years ago discovered that instead of having independent agencies making several appeals for funds and getting donations from a comparatively few, which made the cost of collection quite high, and reducing thereby the amount available for the direct work for which it was collected, it would be better to establish one big fund out of which could and would be paid the expenses for carrying on this needed work, and so they established what is known as the Community Chest. Four years ago, or in the fall of 1923, Omaha seeing how the plan worked in other cities adopted the Community Chest plan, and it has proven quite successful.

Each agency makes a budget for the year. It says we will need so much money to do our work. These budgets are submitted to the budget committee of the Board of Governors of the Community Chest, who hold several meetings and spend hours and hours going over these several budgets, suggesting cuts where deemed necessary, and then they agree upon the amount that will be necessary to finance this work for the year. They set a figure. This year it is \$435,000, or about \$2.00 from every resident of Omaha, provided every man, woman and child of the total population could and would give. But the budget is fixed and then the whole community is requested to put whatever he feels he can and ought to give in this common fund called the Community Chest. Then each one of the agencies, like the Associated Charities, the Visiting Nurses Association, the Colored Old Folks Home, the Christ Child Society, etc., is paid, month by month, the amount of money allotted to it. Not all that each may have asked for, but as much as the Board of Governors by whom the report of its budget committee must be endorsed, honestly believe can be given each agency in proportion to the contents of the Community Chest, or pocketbook, and in justice to other agencies.

The Community Chest aims to interest all citizens of the community in helping support the charitable and welfare work of the city. It aims to create a community spirit. Last year nearly 40,000 people, about one-fifth of the population, contributed to the Chest. "Chipped in," as Mayor Dahlman would say.

Well, you are a citizen of Omaha. The Community Chest campaign offers you the privilege and opportunity of helping to make Omaha a better and happier city. To help the fellow who may be out of a job to get one. To help some family in need. To provide shelter for the aged. To help administer to the sick, the poor and the outcast. To help in the development of boys and girls, who will be the citizens of tomorrow. It is a good cause which you are privileged to help.

As our people have contributed to the Community Chest in the past we are very confident that all will gladly and cheerfully contribute this year, according to the limit of their ability, so that the full quota of \$435,000 may not only be raised but surpassed. Give what you can to the Community Chest. Feel that you have a share in the good work that all these agencies are doing. Do your bit.

WRONGS CAN BE RIGHTED WHEN RIGHTFULLY ATTACKED

The recent victory won in knocking out segregation in the Department of the Interior at Washington shows what can be done in righting wrongs when intelligently and rightfully attacked. Segregation of government employees in Washington began under President Taft and has been continued under his successors. Like all other evils, which are not checked in time, it steadily and stealthily grew. It was first introduced in the Department of Printing and Engraving, and then crept by stealth into other departments. A few months ago, under the pretense of making necessary changes for efficiency in the Treasury Department—why cannot those who pride themselves upon their superiority be honest and straightforward and not so damnably hypocritical in dealing with our people?—forty-one Negro employees were transferred and segregated in one department, several of the employees being thus demoted and placed in a lower class, not only as to work, but as to pay.

The Washington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, under its intrepid, able and alert leader, Neval Thomas, may his tribe increase! took up the fight against this unjust and unbecoming act. His efforts were reinforced by the National Office, the Equal Rights League, and the race newspapers of the country. The result has been that the employees have been restored to their former

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COLLEGE OF LAW HONORS COLORED CO-ED

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special to The Monitor)—At the recent election held at the University of Nebraska, Miss Zanyze H. Hill, a member of our race, was featured on the ballots. The Morning Journal had the following account of this election: "Six co-eds were in the race for honorary colonel of the cadet regiment. The winner is not announced until the annual military ball early in December. The Law college ran in a surprise candidate, Miss Zanyze Hill, a junior from Lincoln. Miss Hill, a colored girl, is the only woman in the law college and was backed solidly by that school."

Last year Miss Hill was the winner of a scholarship offered by the Law school. The young student, who received her A. B. degree from that institution in June, is also active in other campus activities, being the only race girl who has membership in the university vespers choir, an organization with sixty members. Miss Hill is a pledge of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. E. Hill of Lincoln.

LEAGUE OFFICIAL TO VISIT OMAHA

New York—T. Arnold Hill, director of the National Urban League or of the National Urban League's Department of Industrial Relations is off to the west in search of better jobs for Negroes. In Milwaukee Mr. Hill goes to confer with heads of the city's largest industrial plants and to speak before the leaders of the race through whom he hopes to pass a word of warning to the workers, lest the remarkably fine showing the race has made should be impaired in the midst of the unemployment depression throughout the middle west. From Milwaukee he goes to Minneapolis and St. Paul, thence to Springfield, Ill., Omaha, St. Louis and Indianapolis. In these cities an extension of occupational opportunities will be sought. Omaha, where the Negro population is estimated at 17,000, there is an abundance of common labor, but few skilled jobs. For women the field is disappointing. A branch of the Urban League now in process of organization there was stimulated by this condition which both white and colored people desire changed.

Y. W. C. A.

Increased attendance and a desire to learn more is noticed as we go into our second week at the night or opportunity school held every Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The regular monthly board meeting was held Saturday, October 15th. New interest and new members with new ideas made the meeting interesting and many new plans to improve the "Y" were talked of.

The Membership committee, in order to raise funds for a radio, are quilting and tacking comforts quite reasonably. Help them buy a radio for our girls.

The Publicity committee meets every Tuesday in special session for a while to perfect certain plans they are trying to put over.

Public speaking class is held every Wednesday night. Do you know how to speak at meetings, if not come out and learn!

My! One should see the beautiful shades, plaques, Artamo pieces and flowers made in our art classes. Come out and learn how to make your Christmas presents.

BETHEL A. M. E. GETS A NEW PASTOR

The Rev. J. H. Garner of Macon City, Mo., has been assigned to Bethel A. M. E. church, as the successor of the Rev. T. W. Kidd. He held his first services last Sunday, returning thereafter to Macon for his family, with whom he will arrive Saturday and enter into residence at the parsonage.

See next week's issue of The Monitor for the announcement of a new and wide-awake real estate company.

FORMER OMAHA BOY STARS IN THE MOVIES

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shackelford Is Making a Name for Himself as a Movie Actor.

Floyd Shackelford, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Shackelford, 2115 Ohio street, will play the leading role in the new colored production, the stupendous drama, "Babylon," to be staged in the San Gabriello playhouse by John Stevens McGroarty, who stages the famous mission play yearly, depicting the early days of California. Mr. Shackelford, better known as Buster, for several years one of the most used Negro actors, has been selected for this drama because of his heroic build and power of expression. The part of "Essonnues," which he plays, is that of a huge Nubian, a tall giant, ominously silent figure in bronze, standing statue-like beside his king. A superb body with powerful, rippling muscles, leaping into swift, dynamic action, with murderous power and unrelenting vengeance; who has been enslaved and his tongue cut out, yet around his life much of the story swings, and though unable to speak, he helps to shape the colorful and tragic destinies of that ancient, ill-fated city. His twin brother, Lloyd Shackelford, is also in the movies and they are making good. Some of their movie plays are as follows: "The Ten Commandments," "The King of Kings," "Romance," "The Sea Hawk," "Hold That Lion," "Campus Flirt," "Man Trap," with Lon Chaney in "The Road to Mandalay," "The Claw," "The Spider's Web," and many other pictures too numerous to mention.

"BEARCAT" WRIGHT TO MEET "CHUCK" WIGGINS

Omaha Athletic Club Is Staging Boxing Bout of the Season Between Tunney's Trainer and Popular Colored Fighter

"Bearcat" Wright, Omaha's popular colored heavyweight boxer, is going to get the chance on October 28 at the city auditorium, to show "Chuck" Wiggins that the decision of their first battle was not fair.

When the two boys mixed the first time, Wright was given the decision. Jack Lewis, his manager, insisted that his boy was just as good, and now the famous "Bearcat" will get his chance again.

On the bill are going to be some wonderful preliminaries.

Robert S. Simmons of the Omaha Athletic club, who is one of "Bearcat" Wright's close followers, said that the "Bearcat" is going to win by a knockout this time. Mr. Simmons picks the seventh round. All who know Mr. Simmons by his work as organizer and president of the Colored Amateur Baseball League know that he usually predicts such events very well.

Monte Munn, the Nebraska legislator, was offered \$2,000 to fight the "Bearcat" but he refused. Jimmie Daugherty, manager of George Godfrey, refused to respond to the Omaha Athletic club's request for a bout. The "Bearcat" has them all scared.

Wiggins was formerly light-heavyweight champion of Australia. He has licked most of the good boys in this country. He trained Gene Tunney for his last victory over Jack Dempsey.

Tickets are on sale at the Omaha Athletic club, Baseball Headquarters, Live Stock Exchange, Ernie Holmes', Auditorium and Knights of Columbus.

RETURN FROM HONEYMOON

Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet have returned to Omaha for an indefinite stay after visiting many of the principal cities on their honeymoon. The bride was Miss Halleck Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet were married June 5. They are residing for the present at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Allen, 2812 Caldwell street.