

A Merry Christmas To All

DIFFICULT TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR NEGRO WORKERS

Industrial Relations Department of National Urban League Reviews Labor Conditions in Its Recent Bulletin

GOOD SPOTS HERE AND THERE

New York City—"Not in recent years," says the National Urban League through its most recent bulletin of the industrial relations department, of which T. Arnold Hill is director, "has there been exerted so much effort to find jobs for Negroes with so little success. In the important industrial communities of the north and west men and women experienced in this field have made futile attempts to secure work for the large number of unemployed Negroes whose conditions have been practically unchanged throughout most of 1927."

Among the important efforts made to meet this situation was the creation of a committee in New York of white and colored citizens which had its first meeting at the Park Avenue Community church, of which Dr. John Haynes Holmes is minister. This committee, formed by the New York Urban League, and comprising a number of important persons heretofore not actively interested in a program of this sort, began its work with an appeal to the United Cigar Stores, the United Electric Light and Power company, the New York Edison company, and the New York Telephone company, with the hope of securing employment for colored people in capacities in which these companies do not employ them. The committee set out earnestly to secure telephone operators, readers of electric light and gas meters and clerks in stores.

Two other ventures in this same direction were industrial campaigns, one in Milwaukee and one in Springfield, Illinois, when the attention of business men and women through the service clubs, the Manufacturers' association, and the Association of Commerce and the Business and Professional Women's club was called to the need of additional lines of employment for Negroes. The personnel managers of public utilities and department stores were interviewed and general managers of industrial corporations were appealed to with the result that calls from five places not before employing Negroes were received at the headquarters of the Urban League of that city. Two large corporations have initiated new policies favorable to the employment of colored people. One of these, the Ford Motor company, has employed a salesman in one of its New York agencies; the other a reputable oil company operating in the west, has reached definite decision to give jobs to colored men when the spring weather increases the volume of gas and oil business done by this company, in ten cities in which large numbers of Negroes live.

Here and there occasional happenings throw light on the ebb and flow of employment affecting members of the Negro race. Two steel plants in Milwaukee have closed temporarily, thereby forcing into unemployment 125 colored men, and two other plants in this city, in which 20 per cent of the working population were Negroes, have suspended business until January 1st.

In the Pittsburgh district where mines are operated on a half-time basis, some 4,000 colored miners have been affected. In several cities there have been replacements of colored by white help. Chicago reports the loss of 100 positions formerly held by colored girls in a pencil company who have been replaced by foreign help.

The other side of this picture is reflected in St. Louis, where many colored building tradesmen have found employment in the tornado zone. In Chicago, the opening of the Savoy ball room was the occasion for the employment of nearly 100 men and women. In Baltimore, a cleaning and dyeing concern recently hired

TEN COLORED AND THREE WHITE STUDENTS FROM HOWARD KENNEDY SCHOOL

Children Present Interesting Program Including Class Play. Miss Belle Ryan, Assistant Superintendent, Delivers Address.

Ten colored and three white students were graduated from the eighth grade of Howard Kennedy school, Wednesday, December 14. An interesting program was rendered by the graduating class, assisted by four pupils from the eighth A class and one from the first grade, the latter being necessary to fill out the cast for the class play, "Graduation of Any Child."

The program consisted of the following numbers: Piano solo, Edrose Willis; song, "The Boat," eighth grade; school poem, Grace Godwin; class prophecy, Harry Brown; song, "Elegy," eighth grade girls; song, "Merry Life," eighth grade boys; class play, "Graduation of Anychild," in which Sylvia Adams took the chief role. The cast of characters was as follows: "Anychild," Sylvia Adams; Amy, Marie Petersen; Clare, Alyce Gardner; Conscience, Eula McIntosh; Alma Mater, Grace Godwin; Cheerfulness, Joe Brown; Harmony, Rosetta Larkin; Love, Edrose Willis; Work, Marvin Howard; Indolence, Lewis Vann; Frivolity, Frances Petersen; Selfishness, Vilma Valk; Poverty, Harry Brown; Industry, Robert Washington; Knowledge, Wayne Carsey; Vocation, James Hunter; Independence, Richard Alexander; Small Child, Otelia Gordon.

Miss Belle Ryan, in her address to the class on "The Outstanding Characteristics" stressed personal appearance, judgment, ability to see both sides, honesty, good manners and politeness, and efficiency.

Flowers were presented to the principal and to Miss Ryan by pupils of the eighth grade.

The graduates were Sylvia Adams, Richard Alexander, Joe Brown, Harry Brown, Wayne Carsey, Alyce Gardner, Grace Godwin, Marvin Howard, James Hunter, Rosetta Larkin, Marie Petersen, Vilma Valk, Lewis Vann, and Robert Washington.

About 65 per cent of the enrollment of Howard Kennedy school is colored.

MILLS MEMORIAL FUND GETS \$5,000

New York City—The first \$5,000 toward the Florence Mills Memorial fund was secured from two benefit performances which were given at the Alhambra and Lafayette theaters recently. The performances were participated in by many prominent stage folks and were declared real successes.

The fund will be used to erect a home for Negro actors and actresses which will be named the Florence Mills Memorial Home, after the famous "Little Blackbird," who died recently. The home is expected to cost \$500,000 and the funds will be derived from the proceeds of midnight benefit performances to be given in Negro theaters throughout the country for the next three months.

KENTUCKY'S RICH WOMAN DIES AT 84

Lexington, Ky.—Mrs. Bettie Patterson, who is known as Kentucky's richest woman of the race, died in this city at the age of 84, leaving a son, Robert Patterson, her only child. Mrs. Patterson received a great deal of advertisement some years ago upon her inheritance of a large fortune, consisting of cash money, race horses, a large farm, and a beautiful mansion fully equipped. Relatives of her former employer tried to break his will, but the courts decided in her favor. Many visitors visited her at home.

colored workers for the first time. A popular hotel in Jefferson City, Mo., has dismissed its colored help. From many parts of the south reports indicate that there is practically no change from the quiet conditions that existed at the beginning of the fall.

EDITORIAL

Sunday afternoon a simple event of far reaching significance took place in Omaha. It was more far reaching in prophecy, perhaps, than in immediate fulfillment, for it foretells the kindly and co-operative relationship between all races and kindreds of the earth which must ultimately obtain when the spirit of Christ shall truly reign in the hearts of those who profess to love and serve Him. Who, as a matter of fact, really do want to manifest His spirit, but who through moral cowardice, generated and sustained by racial and religious prejudice, belie Him and thereby rest under the charge of hypocrisy.

The Christian religion is the true panacea for all the ills of the world. It is the only panacea. There is nothing the matter with Christianity. Its motive power is love. Its product and fruitage brotherhood.

Despite our imperfect application of its principles and our failures to practice what it teaches, we must not forget that the world and humanity have made great advancement since that never-to-be-forgotten birthday in Bethlehem of Judea, which the world still celebrates with festival and song. Faintly, but growing louder through the advancing years, the world is giving back the song which the angels sang on Judean hills two thousand years ago, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good Will to Men."

"Peace and good will" are growing among men. A backward glance through the ages shows this to be true. The ideal has not yet been reached. There is much yet to be attained; but we are making progress, it may be "with painful step and slow" and yet the important thing to remember is that mankind is moving toward the far-off divine intent for which the Saviour of mankind was born, "Who for us man and our salvation was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man." To make all men realize that they are children of a common Father and should live as such in their relations one with another.

This we know is not yet realized. We know that men and women yet look askance upon God's children of different color from their own. This is keenly felt in the United States of America, nominally a Christian land. There are few communities, even among the most liberal ones, in which, for example, there is any real contact or association between Christians whose skins are called "white," and whose skins are called "black." There are prejudices on both sides of the line which retard, in a larger measure than we realize or think, the progress of Christian principles. Suspicion, dislike, hatred and ill-will are foreign to the Christ spirit. Isolation fosters these. Association and co-working banish them. It is in the light of this truth that we have noted an obscure event as one of far-reaching significance, because it manifests the true spirit of Christ, the spirit of Christmastide, which is that of peace and good will.

The event to which we have alluded to is this: The Central branch of the Young Women's Christian Association held its Christmas vesper service Sunday afternoon. They invited the North Side branch to unite with them in this service. Both groups took part on the program and in the social activities. There was no evidence of patronizing, but a genuine spirit of fellowship prevailed. The white girl reserves and the colored girl reserves, each group equally neat and trim in their simple uniforms, and equally sedate and well-mannered, graciously waited upon the guests, naturally and without embarrassment. Such helpful association and contact as prevailed upon this occasion, as indeed, has upon others, makes for "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace, and Good Will to Men."

This is the Christmas Evangel. May there be more and more practical manifestation of it throughout every community not only in America, but the entire world.

MCGILL GIVES ANNUAL FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

For several years Eugene McGill has made it his practice to give a free Christmas dinner to all unemployed persons who apply at McGill and Davis restaurant, 2516 Q street. The same custom will be followed this year.

Mr. McGill is one of the enterprising business men of our race who has built up a substantial restaurant business on the South Side.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO ACADEMY

The thirty-first annual meeting of the American Negro Academy will be held in Washington, D. C., Wednesday, December 28, 1927.

The Academy was organized on March 5th, 1897, having for its object, the promotion of literature, science, and art; the culture of a form of intellectual taste; the fostering of higher education; the publication of scholarly works, and the defense of the Negro against vicious assault.

Mr. Charles S. Johnson, editor of "Opportunity," a journal of Negro life, published monthly by the department of research and investigation, National Urban League, will read a paper, the subject of which is "The New Negro," at the open meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday, December 28, in the parlors of the Mu-So-Lit club, 1327 R street, N. W.

The officers of the Academy are as follows: President, Arthur A. Schomburg, Brooklyn, N. Y.; vice presidents—J. R. Clifford, L. M. Hershaw, W. P. Dabney; recording secre-

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SHEFFIELD PILOTS AIRSHIP OVER CITY FOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Los Angeles, Cal.—(ANP)—Maceo B. Sheffield, lieutenant of detectives, and one of the most daring and famous colored officers of the west, was tendered special honors by being selected by the city officials to pilot the airship bearing the city's official photographer.

The flying cop, as he is called, was not only the only officer-aviator on the force, but also the only Negro among the hundred or more under consideration for the hazardous and important service.

A survey of city improvements and the great civic center now in process of building was made and it was necessary to fly very low at times, circling the tower of the new Hall of Justice as well as high over the sea and mountains to get a panoramic view of the surrounding country.

Miss Robbie Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Turner, 2514 Corby street, is home from Washington, D. C., where she is a senior at Howard university, to spend Christmas with her parents. Miss Turner attended the National Students' Council, which convened in Lincoln, Neb., as one of the delegates chosen to represent Howard university.

CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICES ARE HELD AT CENTRAL BRANCH

North Side Branch Invited to Co-operate. Furnishes Part of Program and Takes Part in Social Hour

Last Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the spacious auditorium of the Central Y. W. C. A. was comfortably filled by the audience that attended the Christmas vesper service. An invitation had been extended to the North Side Branch to unite with the Central branch for this service and the cordiality with which the invitation was accepted was manifested by the large number of our people who attended and also contributed to the delightful program rendered.

Several Christmas carols were heartily sung by the audience and a beautiful Christmas Litany, led by Mrs. James Patton, with sung responses by the audience. Beautiful tableaux, featuring the coming of the Magi, the shepherds and the Nativity, were impressively presented. The music for the tableaux was furnished by the ladies' quartet of Zion Baptist church. The Bel Canto choral club rendered two spirituals, "Look Away" and "You Gotta Crown," and Mr. Joseph Thomas, gave two numbers on the stro violin.

Miss Ruth White, on furlough from China, where she has been engaged in the work of the Y. W. C. A., gave an illuminating address on China. Miss White characterized the people of China as peace-loving, home-loving, and courteous. The disturbed conditions there are due to the developing of a new life, incident to all transitional periods, the development of nationalism, which rebels against unjust conditions imposed on her by western nations. Christianity is finding welcome there by learning to work with the people of China, rather than for them.

Following Miss White's address, the service was fittingly closed by singing "In Christ There Is No East Nor West," and prayer by Mrs. Harford, one of the pioneer presidents of the Central branch.

A social hour followed, during which refreshments were served by the Girl Reserves of the Central and North Side branches, tea being poured by Mrs. M. McFarland of the Central branch, seated at one end of the table, and by Mrs. Hiram Greenfield of the North Side branch, at the other end.

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THE VIRUS SPREADS

Phoenix, Ariz.—Arizona's jim crow school law has been sustained by the state supreme court, in an appeal from the action of the Douglas School Board in refusing a race boy admission to the city's high school. The supreme court upheld the board's power of race segregation, this not to be considered racial discrimination.

Mrs. Owen Jones, formerly of Omaha, who has been residing in St. Paul, Minn., for some time, arrived Sunday and is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Middleton, 2122 North Twenty-sixth street.

LEADERS UNITED IN APPEAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Representatives of Religious, Civil Rights, Fraternal and Welfare Organizations Stand for Constitution

ALL AMENDMENTS ARE EQUAL

New York City—Leaders of fraternal, religious, welfare and civil rights organizations of Negroes throughout the United States, meeting in conference in Washington under the auspices of the Elks, have united in an appeal to the congress of the United States, to leaders of American thought and to the American people, for enforcement of the entire Constitution.

The appeal, drafted by William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and vice chairman of the Washington conference, was signed by representatives of the following organizations as well as by many individuals: The Elks, by J. Finley Wilson; the National Equal Rights League and Races congress, by W. H. Jernagin; the National Association of Republican Colored Women, by Nannie H. Burroughs; the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune; the Shriners, by Ceasar R. Blake; the True Reformers, and the A. M. E. Church, by John R. Hawkins.

The appeal deplors "the dangerous policies of those time-serving political leaders of any party or section, who are disposed to compromise with the sentiment that certain of our laws and constitutional provisions cannot be enforced because of the fact that a minority, even a powerful minority, is opposed to such laws and provisions." The appeal states that the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and eighteenth amendments are as vital to the Constitution and "should be as honestly enforced as the fifth or sixth." The appeal continues: "In the last analysis, white people and black people have a common interest in the sacredness and the security of the ballot and of all constitutional rights."

Besides its meetings, participated in by Negro leaders from every part of the United States, the conference called upon republican national headquarters and met in banquet cementing the program in which all Negro organizations of the country are now co-operating.

COLLEGE WOMEN IN ANNUAL SESSION

Washington, D. C.—More than two thousand women in all sections of the country are preparing to attend the annual session of the grand chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority which will convene December 27 to 30, 1927, at Howard university, where the organization was founded in January, 1913. It will be the ninth annual convention of the grand chapter and as usual delegates and visitors from the 34 active chapters are expected to be present.

Despite a full program of social activities announced by Beta Sigma, the hostess chapter, the convention promises unusual opportunity for real accomplishment with the interest of officers and delegates centered upon individual chapter problems, reports of chapter progress, and plans for chapter accomplishment.

The daily business sessions, which will be held in Library hall, Howard university campus, will be presided over by Ethel L. Calemise, of Cincinnati, who is the president of the grand chapter. The other officers are as follows: First vice president, Anna G. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; second vice president, Vivian O. Marsh, Berkeley, Calif.; secretary, Beatrice Morton, Cincinnati, Ohio; treasurer, Annie M. Dingle, New York City; journalist, Madree Penn White, St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Grace Dorsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dorsey, arrived home this morning to spend the holidays.