

## Negro Race Health Shows Improvement

### N. A. A. C. P. OFFICIAL ORGANIZES WOMAN'S OMAHA AUXILIARY

Robert W. Bagnall, Branch Director, Visits Local Branch and Stimulates Interest in Militant Organization

### 'TRIP TO CALIFORNIA CONTEST'

Opportunity Offered for Attending National Association Meeting and Visiting Pacific Coast

Robert W. Bagnall of New York, director of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, arrived in Omaha, Monday afternoon and remained here until Wednesday night in the interest of the organization.

Tuesday night he held a helpful conference with the executive committee of the local branch at St. Benedict's Community House, giving many excellent suggestions for the development of the work locally based upon the experience of similar communities.

Wednesday afternoon he held a conference with a number of women at the Lewis mortuary, the chapel of which is available for public meetings, at which time a Woman's Auxiliary to the N. A. A. C. P. was organized with the following temporary officers: Mrs. Herbert Wiggins, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Hutten, secretary; Mrs. Joseph D. Lewis, treasurer; Miss Ruth Seay, Mrs. W. J. Johnson, and Mrs. William Johnson, members of the executive committee, this number to be increased to five. The auxiliary has undertaken as its first work the conducting of a "Trip to California Contest" in which any one, man or woman, may enter. The contest is to begin May 20th and end June 20th. The first prize is a trip to the N. A. A. C. P. conference at Los Angeles, June 27 to July 3, all expenses paid. The second prize will be a round trip ticket to Los Angeles. Already two entrants are in the contest, Mrs. J. D. Lewis and Mrs. Minnie Dixon. The contest will not start, however, until May 20, when coupon books for votes will be given out and all entrants will have an even start. The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the North Side Branch of the Young Women's Christian association.

Wednesday night Father Bagnall spoke at a mass meeting in Pilgrim Baptist church, and while the attendance was far below what it ought to have been, the speaker brought a thrilling and inspiring message of the work being done by this great outstanding organization battling for the rights of Negro Americans and made an eloquent plea for a larger measure of support in finance and membership.

The meeting was called order by the secretary of the local branch, Rev. Russel Taylor, who presented the president, Milton L. Hunter, who presided. "America" was sung by the audience. The invocation was by the Rev. A. F. Martin, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist church. Father John Albert Williams introduced the speaker. Following the address, the Rev. P. M. Harris, a member of the executive committee, made an appeal for members.

Father Bagnall stressed among other things racial unity, organized action and the use of the ballot. Speaking on the latter point, he urged the wisdom of voting for men and measures rather than blindly for party nominees. The work of the N. A. A. C. P., is educational; to educate men and women out of racial, religious and class prejudice, since prejudice is not innate but taught. Various agencies are used in this educational program, lectures, addresses, conferences, forums, and the press. It is also legal: to fight for constitutional rights in the courts. The association has on its national legal staff fifteen of the ablest and most outstanding lawyers in the nation among these such men as Morefield Storey, the national president; Louis

### A REAL SURPRISE PARTY

Mrs. Walter W. Craig and members of the Carter Benevolent club, sponsored a very delightful surprise party in honor of Mr. Joseph Taylor's birthday anniversary Monday night. One group met at the home of Mrs. Craig and the other group at the home of the president of the club, Mrs. Ardena Watson, 2718 North Twenty-eighth avenue. The two groups met at Twenty-eighth avenue and Miami street and proceeded to the Taylor residence, 2859 Miami, bearing many gifts. A delightful evening was spent by all, after which they left, wishing Mr. Taylor many happy returns of the day.

### INNOCENT NEGRO LYNCHED IN CLARKSDALE, MISS.

Another Must Pay With His Life for Murder as Result of Action of Supreme Court in Slaying

Jackson, Miss.—In 1925 a Negro was lynched in Clarksdale for a crime which he did not commit. And now another Negro is to be executed for the same crime for which the victim of the mob died, as the result of the action of the supreme court in affirming the case of the state against John Fisher, charged with the slaying of Grover C. Nicholas, white planter of Coahoma county, Mississippi. Lindsay Coleman, who was tried and acquitted at Clarksdale for this murder was lynched by a mob as he was leaving the courthouse with his attorney.

### OTHER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE AWARDED HONORS

Three colored students of Central High school were awarded honors this week. They are Miss Ollie Mattison, of whose scholastic standing The Monitor spoke a few weeks ago; Carlton Goodlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Goodlett, 2815 Binney street, and Ralph Adams. Ollie Mattison has been elected to the sophomore honor society and Carlton Goodlett, to the freshman honor society. Ralph Adams, who was one of the two chosen from Central to compete in the state scholastic contest in Spanish at Lincoln last week, won third place in the contest.

The Monitor is pleased to extend congratulations.

### LOCAL PASTOR LEAVES FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

Rev. John H. Grant, D. D., pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, a delegate to the Methodist general conference, left Sunday night for Chicago, where the conference convened Monday, for a month's session. The conference has a membership of nearly 1,100 ministerial and lay. Many important questions, including suggested reforms, are to be discussed by the conference, bishops and general officers are to be elected. From pre-conference rumors and forecasts it is believed that a once popular song will not be out of place in the song services of the distinguished and important ecclesiastical assembly. "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Marshall, A. P. Spingarn and Clarence Darrow, supplemented by strong legal talent in various local communities, colored and white, is 175,000, but it ought to be 1,000,000. It is contending for true democracy in America, the elimination of prejudice and hatred and the bringing in of justice for all American citizens. Its program is one that all American citizens of vision can most heartily endorse, it is a cause in which all American citizens should unite. Every Negro American who has at heart the interest of his children in the future ought to be a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Memberships run from \$1.00 a year upward to life memberships of \$500.

Father Bagnall left for Colorado Springs following the address.

## "Mother of Mine!"



So brave she was and good—  
In worth of womanhood  
So like the snow—  
She, smiling, gave her life  
To blend the name of wife  
With Mother—So.

God sees in her a worth  
Too great for this dull earth  
And beckoning, stands  
At Heaven's open gate  
Where all His Angels wait  
With welcoming hands.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

## EDITORIAL

### HAS VANN BECOME A WEATHER VANE?

Why has Vann of The Pittsburgh Courier about faced on the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters' just demand for a living wage and better working hours? Where does he get his information that if Randolph will eliminate himself from the fight which he has so intelligently waged the Pullman company will be willing to treat with the brotherhood? Why is he so oracular in his declaration that the porters will never win with Randolph in the forefront because the powerful Pullman company will never consent to negotiate with a socialist which Randolph is and has a perfect right to be? What under high heaven has Randolph's political views to do with the justice of the Pullman porters' plea for improvement of their status? Are they right or wrong? Are they making a just demand? That is the whole question.

Hitherto The Pittsburgh Courier has claimed that the brotherhood is right and has ardently supported its intrepid leader. Its somersault into the outstretched arms of the Pullman company and invitation to Randolph to withdraw looks just a little suspicious. What is in the offing, Vann? Have you political ambitions to be Matthew's successor, which you believe this sudden conversion will promote? "Speak up, honey, 'spress yo' self." What is it, dear Willie? Have you decided to change the last consonant of your significant name into a vowel, "N" to "E"? When we see your initials, "W. V." hereafter are they to suggest **With the Van**, in the forefront of the fight for right or Weather Vane? Vann or Vane, which henceforth will be your name?

### What of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters?

By Robert W. Bagnall  
Director of Branches, N. A. A. C. P.

The movement towards the organization of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is one of tremendous importance to Negro labor throughout America. If it succeeds it will cause Negro labor to be encouraged to organize all along the line. The organization of ten thousand porters also will convince white labor that the Negro is fully capable of mobilization and should be freely accepted into the ranks of organized labor.

The failure of the movement on the other hand will discourage Negroes in all other lines from attempting to organize unions and will discount the Negro in the eyes of white labor.

#### The Need

No one who knows anything about the pitiable wage and the unfair working conditions of the porters will deny that such an organization is needed. It is not, as some suppose, an organization to do away with tips but an organization to do away with tips counting for wages. Dead-heading, long runs with insufficient sleep,

working without pay for hours before his train leaves, buying his own polish and brushes, helplessness when charged unfairly, favoritism—these and other evils the porter suffers. Company unions offer no redress, because owned and directed by the company they work for the interests of the company. A union of the men, owned and directed by them is the only remedy. Collective bargaining instead of individual agreement, is a necessity if the porters are to be assured of fair treatment.

#### Its Leadership

The porters in their movement are being splendidly led. A Philip Randolph, their general organizer, is one of the best economists in the race and knows more about the labor question than any other Negro in America. He is peerless in the presentation of his topic, absolutely incorruptible and thoroughly unselfish. He is fearless and cannot be discouraged.

It was left to him to set his salary and he named \$150 per month—an amount below living wages in New York City, for a man who has to keep up to the standards of a cultured group. If it were not for the assist-

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### ENTERTAIN AT DANCING PARTY

The Misses Florence and Hazel Myers, Mabel Anderson and Helen Hunnigan entertained at a delightful dancing party Friday evening, May 4, at the Royal Duke club rooms, in honor of Miss Margaret Dallas, who recently was elected to the National Honor society at Central High school. The rooms were decorated with Central's colors, purple and white. Music was furnished by Mrs. Gaskin and a few of Simon Harold's Melody Boys. Special selections of dancing and singing were featured by Mr. Sam Brown and Mr. O. C. Winn.

### YOUTH TAKEN AWAY FROM WAITING MOB

Prompt Response of West Virginia Troops Saves Neck of Alleged Attacker of White Girl

Charleston, W. Va.—The prompt response to an emergency call by national guardsmen is believed to have been all that prevented the lynching of Henry Grogan, 18 years old. The troops were called after a mob of more than 300 infuriated whites had gathered about the Raleigh county jail at Beckley, where Grogan was being held in connection with an attack upon a white girl.

The crowd milled about the jail throughout the night and was preparing to rush the building when the troops arrived. Grogan was immediately removed from the jail here. Although the youth strongly denied the accusation made against him, his life was in great danger.

### NEGRO RACE MOST FERTILE OF ALL IN U. S.—DR. DUBLIN

New York City—"Of all the native stocks of America, it is and has always been the most prolific," declares Dr. Louis I. Dublin of the Negro, in a new book, Health and Wealth, a copy of which has been sent to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth avenue, by the publishers, Harper & Brothers. Dr. Dublin continues:

"The doleful prophecies of those who saw the race problem solved through his (the Negro's) extinction, have been absolutely discredited by recent events. . . . The recent gains in the average length of life are entirely commensurate with those of the white population. This fact alone holds out the greatest promise for the future of the Negro in America."

Dr. Dublin reports a sharp decline in the incidence of tuberculosis among the Negroes and says:

"The colored people have, as a race, good physiques and they are learning all the time to take better care of themselves in relation to their change of environment. In their native habitat, tuberculosis was either unknown or only slightly prevalent. There is no reason, therefore, why they should not ultimately have as low a tuberculosis death rate as any group of the American population in similar economic circumstances."

On the other hand Dr. Dublin issues a warning against the high death rate from syphilis and degenerative diseases of syphilitic origin, such as locomotor ataxia and general paralysis. "From every angle," he writes, "these venereal diseases appear to be the most important single obstacle in the health progress of the race."

According to scientific research, Dr. Dublin reports, the Negro who now numbers about 10 per cent of the population of the United States, will not change his relative status in any marked degree. "He is here for good, and the years to come will probably see him playing an increasingly important and worthy part in the affairs of the country. His achievement in America will be ultimately recognized not only as the greatest experiment in racial adjustments ever undertaken by man, but as the most encouraging and gratifying episode in our national life."

Dr. Dublin is statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company of New York.

### NEGRO VOTERS WIN NEW VICTORIES IN THE SOUTHLAND

"Lily Whites" Are Badly Defeated in Mississippi and Louisiana and Court Injunctions Are Denied

### TRIUMPHS ARE SIGNIFICANT

Birmingham, Ala.—Colored voters during the week have won significant victories in southern states where efforts were made by "lily whites" to exclude colored representatives from the republican party. In Louisiana the injunction against the Cohen faction and in Mississippi two colored persons were elected delegates-at-large to the G. O. P. national convention.

Jackson, Miss.—Two of the delegates-at-large from the state elected recently at a state convention of independent republicans are colored citizens. Their election created a furor among the "lily whites," white delegates from Leflore county withdrew on the grounds that they were "led to believe the leaders would all be white. The colored delegates-at-large are D. W. Sherrard, Meridian, and R. L. Johnson, Jackson.

Two groups, the independents and the Perry W. Howard's are slated to represent the state at the national convention and a contest over the seating is in prospect. The Howard group was instructed to vote for reelection of Howard as national committeeman and Mrs. Mary C. Botze, Mound Bayon, as national committeewoman.

### New Orleans, La.—The "lily white" republicans lost in their efforts to obtain an injunction restraining Walter L. Cohen, comptroller of customs, or his followers, from being active as representatives of the G. O. P. party in this state in civil district court here recently. M. E. Norman, chairman of the republican committee, who instituted the suit, announced he would appeal to the supreme court.

### MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET AT NORTH SIDE BRANCH

The Girl Reserves, under the leadership and management of Mrs. Craig Morris, held a very delightful mother and daughter entertainment at the North Side Branch, Young Women's Christian association, Tuesday evening, May 8. The tables were arranged to form a triangle and the decorations were blue and white. Miss Josephine Martin was toastmistress. The following program was given:

Opening song, "Mother," audience; Doxology, audience; Song, audience; Reading, Viola Brooks of the Blue Ribbon club; Vocal solo, "Mother," June Artison of the Blue Ribbon club; Paper, "The Influence of the Home," Mrs. L. M. Brewer; Piano solo, Christine Dixon of the Up-to-Date club; Paper, "My Duty to My Mother," Ollie Mattison of the Athletic club; Vocal duet, Josephine Martin and Ollie Mattison; Remarks, Mrs. Walter W. Craig, Mrs. Craig Morris, Girl Reserve chairman, and Mrs. John Albert Williams.

Songs were interspersed during the evening. Mrs. Morris was assisted by Miss Collins, acting branch secretary, the Misses Alice Hunter, Josephine Martin, and Ollie Mattison.

### GOES TO CHICAGO STUDY VOICE AND ART

Miss Cuma Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Watson, 2925 Grant street, who is quite talented in music and a former pupil of Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston, left Sunday night for Chicago to take a course in voice and art.

### PHYSICIAN MOVES RESIDENCE

Dr. Herbert Wiggins and family have moved from 2833 Franklin street, where they have resided since coming to Omaha some years ago, to 2815 Caldwell street.