

# Both Races Offer Blood To Save a Life

## OMAHA DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND AUXILIARIES MEET

Successful Sessions of The Christian Endeavor League, Sunday School and Mission Society Held at Lincoln.

## BISHOP GREGG IS A VISITOR

Ministers Present Attend Course of Lectures Given by University Professors and Other Instructors.

The Omaha district conference, Allen Christian Endeavor league, Sunday school and missionary conventions were held at Lincoln, Neb., for one week beginning July 11th and ending July 15th. The Rev. John Adams, the presiding elder of the Omaha district, was in charge of the convention work and presided throughout the sessions. Those acquainted with annual and district conferences in Nebraska, claim that this was the most enthusiastic, largely attended and unique series of church conferences witnessed by this section of the country. Every arrangement was made for the comfort of the sessions by the entertaining church and its pastor, Rev. M. C. Knight, D. D., and the presiding elder. The business and study periods were interspersed with drives about the city, picnics, afternoon promenades and athletics.

The scheme of this district conference and Sunday school convention was to combine study, and recreation, placing emphasis upon a study of religion and religious methods. The convention proper was held in two auditoriums, that of Quinn chapel A. M. E. church and the lecture room of Professor Barbour of the department of Astronomy and Archaeology in the University of Nebraska. The missionaries and ministers attended lecture courses three hours each day. These lectures were delivered by Professor Barbour, A. M., Ph. D., of the University of Nebraska; the Rev. F. H. Schillingberger, Ph. D., of the Department of Philosophy at Cotner college, Lincoln, Neb., and the Rev. Ray Hunt of the United Brethren church, and the Revs. John Adams and J. E. Brewer of the conference.

Professor Barbour's study was "Cosmological Antiquity," a study of Old Testament Scripture. Professor Hunt, A. M., D. D., spoke on the "Realities of Religion," a study of Biblical institutions and movements. Professor Schillingberger's subject was "The Kingdom of Jesus Christ." Dr. J. E. Brewer's subject was "Hymnology." Dr. John Adams, the presiding elder, covered the field of "New Testament Exegesis" and "Church Law."

Able papers were read by the delegates attending and the conference was favored with rare music. The closing program was held on Sunday night. The crowds had continued up to this hour to hear and participate in a specially prepared study on "The Negro and the Church," by Drs. J. E. Hughes and I. Garland Penn, of the Methodist Episcopal church. This study was presented to a packed house.

## Bishop Gregg Attends

The Rt. Rev. J. A. Gregg, presiding bishop of the fifth Episcopal district, attended the conference and spoke. The mayor and the city of Lincoln tendered Bishop Gregg a most enthusiastic reception and thanked him for honoring their city with an official visit. Bishop Gregg spoke on "The Greater Call," and covered almost every phase of the accomplishments and present needs in the field of missionary activity. The bishop was entertained by the ministers of the district, after the general reception by the citizens of Lincoln.

The annual missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Garner, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church of Omaha. The annual educational sermon was delivered by the Rev. B. R. Monroe of Atchison, Kans. The annual Sunday school sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Johnson

## COURAGE OF COLORED YOUTH SAVES MANY LIVES FROM FLAMES

Baltimore, Md.—James Cooper, a colored youth living in Dolphin street, was acclaimed a hero when a fire broke out in a building on South Hanover street, Monday. Cooper, who is an elevator operator, brought sixteen white girls to safety, bringing them down through the roaring flames and smoke.

After bringing the girls to safety, Cooper, according to reports, returned to the upper floor to fight the flames singlehanded, and found himself trapped. He was driven from the building by the smoke and the flames.

## Makes Another Trip

Cooper, it seems, was one of the first to discover the blaze. He ran the elevator to the fourth floor and warned the workers of their danger. They made a rush for the elevator and the girls were carried to safety. After Cooper had carried the first load out of the reach of the flames, he went up for another load and got the manager and four others on the fifth floor, which by this time was a roaring furnace.

Thick clouds of smoke filled the shaft and when the youth arrived with the elevator he was gasping. His escape, cut off both by way of the stairway and the elevator, the young hero was forced to use the fire escape by way of which he made his escape to the street. All of the persons in the building escaped without injury.

## MINISTER URGES RACE TO SUPPORT DEMO CANDIDATE

Washington, D. C.—Rev. R. B. Robinson of this city, president of the National Afro-American Democratic league, who it is understood will have charge of the Smith campaign among the race voters of the country, recently issued a call to rally to the Smith banner during the coming presidential election.

## Advocates Smith Vote

The Rev. Mr. Robinson in his statement declared that it should be "the proudest act of the colored voters in all parts of the country to go to the polls in November and vote for Gov. A. Smith for president."

## Assails G. O. P. Decrepencies

Dr. Robinson, who was an organizer for the democratic party under the late Senator Andreas Jones of New Mexico, four years ago, accused the republican party of failure to keep its practice on a level with its preachments concerning the Negro. "As the republican party today is not the party of Lincoln, Sumner or Grant," he said, "so the colored voter of today will prove not to be the voter of 65 years ago."

Mr. Ollie Young went to Los Angeles, Cal., last Thursday.

of Hiawatha, Kans. The financial report was the largest in the history of the district.

For the various conventions, the following officers were elected: Woman's Mite Missionary society, Mrs. Hattie E. Adams, president; Mrs. Mollie Brown, first vice-president; Mrs. Ella Whiteside, treasurer. Members of the executive board: Mrs. J. W. Garner, chairman; Mrs. Ella Badler, Mrs. Mary Shelby, Mrs. Eva Ellis, Mrs. Georgia Robinson, Mrs. Lula Thornton, recording secretary, and Mrs. Della Jones, corresponding secretary.

The following were elected officers of the Sunday school convention: Mrs. Luella Brooks of Beatrice, president; Mr. Lester Carter of Omaha, secretary; Miss Frances Covington of Omaha, vice-president.

The following were elected officers of the A. C. E. L.: Miss Cleo Ross of Lincoln, Neb., president; Miss Alma Williams of Lincoln, Neb., vice-president; Miss Lois Herdon of Fremont, Neb., secretary.

In a testimonial meeting recounting the accomplishments of the presiding elder for the past four years the conferences presented him with a very beautiful Panama hat, and to Mrs. Hattie E. Adams, his wife, a handsomely engraved purse.

## EDITORIAL

The Negro voters of the country care little or nothing about the quarrels, apprehensions or fears of the white citizens concerning the religious convictions or affiliations of candidates for public office, national, state or local. They, as a group, are optimistic constitutionalists. Despite the fact that their constitutional rights are in many cases flagrantly violated they are still willing to hold to the conviction, perhaps a deluded one, that the Constitution of the United States means what it says and will ultimately be enforced. That is their faith. Call it child-like, if you please, but child-like faith in justice and righteousness and truth triumphs in the end. They believe that under the constitution no religious test can be demanded as a qualification for holding public office, save perhaps that such aspirant must be a believer in a Deity, for unless he does, his oath of office must be meaningless. What his faith in that Deity may be or how he may express it, to him it is a matter of indifference. So whether an American citizen, qualified for holding public office, be Protestant, Roman Catholic or Jew, does not perturb the average American of color and he wisely refuses to be drawn into any such controversy. Any appeal therefore to our people upon the ground of either religion or race is foredoomed to failure. We are concerned with issues and principles which we consider more fundamental and vital.

What chiefly concerns the Negro citizen and voter is the attitude of political candidates and parties to the constitution in its application to all citizens. This must be the deciding factor in winning his support and allegiance.

In the presidential campaign there are, it would seem, very important principles at stake which vitally affect our status as citizens. These must be given chief consideration in making our decision. One party in its platform declares for States Rights and its candidate, for whom we personally have the warmest admiration for his fair-mindedness towards our people, his frankness and honesty, favors the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. We are opposed to the doctrine of States rights and we are opposed to the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. The repeal of this amendment might open the way for the repeal of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments, which would vitally affect the rights of citizenship of every American of color. States Rights would work to our detriment in every Southern state. Whatever we may think of the personality of the respective standard bearers of the two major parties we cannot afford to overlook these two paramount principles which seem to us to be at stake in the national campaign.

## BOTH RACES OFFER BLOOD TO SAVE NEGRO WOMAN

Columbia, S. C.—Race prejudice was forgotten here Monday when it was announced by authorities of the Columbia Hospital that blood transfusion was necessary to save the life of Mrs. Rena Cornish, and volunteers were requested. Members of both races gathered at the hospital offering the necessary blood.

After typing the blood of several individuals, Miss Helen Ford, a colored woman, was accepted, and the transfusion made. While it was not certain that the sick woman's life would be saved the action on the part of colored and white volunteers has been pronounced as most encouraging to those interested in bringing about amity between the races, and Miss Ford has been acclaimed a real heroine.

The transfusion was successfully effected and Miss Ford suffered no ill effects. When she left the hospital she told the physicians that if necessary she would give more blood to save the stricken woman. Others, however, are being typed, and if a second transfusion is necessary another volunteer will be used.

## GRADUATES FROM COLUMBIA

Tuskegee, Ala.—Miss Myra Logan, the daughter of Warren Logan, former treasurer of Tuskegee Institute, who was valedictorian of the class of 1927 of Atlanta university, graduated with honor from Columbia university, New York City, this June. She received her A. M. degree.

## WINS RESIDENCE FIGHT

Los Angeles, Cal.—Through the ruling made by Judge Strutsman in the case of George H. Lettau and others against Pauline Ellis and others who have purchased property in the Entwistle tract, Fortieth street to Vernon avenue and Avalon boulevard east to McKinley avenue, will be permitted to hold their property in spite of a clause in their deeds discriminating against race persons.

In the United States today about 8,500,000 women go out to work every day.

Berlin has 2,000,000 working women as against 1,400,000 working men.

## YOUNG RACE POET WINS COVETED HONOR

New York City—Countee T. Cullen, 25 years old, noted young poet and journalist, will go to Paris, where he will study and complete a group of narrative poems and the libretto for an opera.

Mr. Cullen was one of three colored Americans to be awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship last spring. The other recipients were G. J. Ballata and Eric Derwent Walrod.

The fellowships amount to \$2,500 each and are awarded only to young scholars and artists who have given unequivocal evidence of marked gift for research and for creative work, and who are engaged in constructive projects requiring special facilities available abroad.

## FEAR OF NEGRO WILL KEEP SOUTH SOLID

Athens, Ga.—The so-called "Negro menace" will prevent any serious bolt in southern democracy this fall, according to the belief of Robert Lathan, editor of the Asheville, N. C. Citizen, as expressed here in an address at the opening of the institute of public affairs and international relations.

"The best guarantee that there will be no serious bolt on the part of the southern democrats this fall is that the thinking people of the south are not ready to countenance the development now of a situation which might result in the reappearance of the Negro as a formidable factor at the polls in this section," he said.

## CHINESE SCHOLAR VISITS TUSKEGEE

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—Tien Lai Huang, Chinese scholar and statesman, will lecture to students of the Tuskegee Institute summer school on what is happening in China. Mr. Huang is one of the most noted representatives of the modern China and a leader of the new generation. He has been an officer in the Chinese army, director of the Chinese mass education movement, Chinese secretary of the Methodist board of foreign missions, and a delegate to the League of Nations at Geneva. He is a graduate of Peking, Syracuse, and Columbia universities.

## CLERGYMAN URGES EFFORT TO DEVELOP THE BLACK RACE

Toronto, Can.—Unless the south assists the Negro in expressing himself in political and civic affairs, it will find itself in a "more embarrassing position than ever before," Rev. John Hope, of Atlanta, Ga., told the fourth congress of the Baptist World Alliance recently.

Coming to America in slavery and ignorance, the Negroes have adopted the white man's language, but a great many feared the white majority. They were afraid, he said, that the whites, dominant in numbers, wealth and political power, would continue to thwart the development of the Negroes.

He expressed the idea that the Negro was prevented from expressing himself politically, and added:

"Unless this condition is changed, I expect to see my native south in a more embarrassing position than it has ever been before, even in the civil war."

Prof. W. T. Connor, of Fort Worth, said he placed character formation as one of the most important functions of the theological school.

"A theological seminary," he said, "ought not to be a cold storage plant, the atmosphere of which is so frigid that the zeal of the student is frozen to death."

## ARREST 15 WEST AFRICAN WORKERS

Paris, France—According to reports being circulated in labor circles a campaign of persecution has been begun against militant leaders of the native workers in French West Africa, the Belgian Congo and British West Africa.

Word from Dagar comes to the effect that fifteen militant leaders have been rounded up by government officials and plans have been made to deport them.

## JOHN D. JR., HELPS HARLEM CHILDREN

New York City—Through a gift of \$72,000 by John D. Rockefeller, jr., the establishment of a children's recreational center in the Utopia Children's House will be effected immediately, according to an announcement made by William Hodson, executive secretary of the Welfare Council.

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS AND AUXILIARY HOLD MEETING

The woman's auxiliary of Captain Allen Allensworth Camp No. 25, Spanish War Veterans, held a meeting and social Wednesday evening, which was well attended by comrades and friends. Two new members from Council Bluffs, Ia., joined the auxiliary. Several visitors were present and an enjoyable evening was spent. Plans are being made for a lawn social to be held at an early date for the public, which date will be announced later.

## PENN. WOMEN PREPARE FOR MEET

Philadelphia, Pa.—On July 24 to 27, the 25th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will meet to discuss the things that mean for the higher development of womanhood. The meeting is to be held in Chester, when the various organizations will be the guests of the Ruth Bennett club, the Ruth L. Bennett Juniors and the Twentieth Century club.

## OMAHA GIRL EMPLOYED BY URBAN LEAGUE

Miss Ruth Seay, one of Omaha's best equipped young women, has been employed as office assistant and stenographer by the Omaha Urban League. Miss Seay was employed for some years as stenographer in the law office of Mr. Dundy, resigning to accept a position as teacher in the St. Joseph, Mo., public schools. Recently she graduated from the University of Omaha, where she specialized in sociology. She is well prepared for her present position.

## VITAL ISSUES ARE STRESSED IN ADDRESS TO PEOPLE

National Advancement Association Closes Los Angeles Conference With Clarion Call to Intelligent Action.

## DISFRANCHISEMENT SCORED

Discrimination in Educational Opportunities Condemned. Cleveland Chosen for Next Session.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Closing their seven-day national conference in Los Angeles, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People made public its address to the American people which sets forth the attitude of the association on public questions. The address in part is as follows:

"The year of the presidential election brings forcibly to the mind of every American colored or white citizen the insistent problem of democratic government in the United States. The N. A. A. C. P. reiterates its charges that the disfranchisement of the majority of intelligent adult Negroes in the United States is not simply a race problem. It is a problem of democracy and it affects the entire nation and the whole world."

The association points out that in disfranchisement of 3,750,000 colored voters in the south, 5,000,000 of the southern white voters have been deprived of the franchise. The report continues:

"Thus democratic government in the United States has become a farce, primarily because for the sake of disfranchising Negroes part of white America has been willing to disfranchise itself. Despite an increase of 100 per cent in the voting population of the eleven southern states there has been practically no increase in the number of voters in a generation."

Pointing out that for the first time in a generation there was passed in the United States a period of 120 days when a human being has not been lynched, they assert that if it can be lessened by local initiative it can be wiped out by national enactment and urge a federal lynching law.

The association urges the use of political power to abolish disenfranchisement and segregation of the Negro.

Deploring the means of education afforded the colored people in discrimination of salaries of teachers, length of school terms, provision of housing and equipment and claiming such discrimination illegal, the association urges that it be remedied by the ballot and court action.

"Our economic situation is still precarious and deplorable. We denounce the secret emnity toward workers which is still manifested by those American trade unions which acquiesce in discrimination toward them and in opposition to their employment. We should refuse to use our political power to advance the cause of white unionism if it stands for color discrimination."

Next year's convention city was named as Cleveland, Ohio, at a business session, at which one delegate from each branch reported on the activities of his branch during the past year.

## THE A AND B GROCERY STORE HAS FORMAL OPENING

The A and B Grocery Store, of which Messrs. Adams and Burnett are the proprietors, located on North Twenty-sixth street between Corby and Maple, had its formal opening Monday night, which was largely attended. Refreshments were served to all patrons and Adams' orchestra furnished music. The store is well stocked and presents a neat and attractive appearance. The proprietors expressed themselves as well pleased with the patronage received since they purchased the business a month ago. The A and B Store is a decided addition to the growing business enterprises conducted by our race in this city.