

# THE VOICE



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## Negro Press Plays Vital Roll

### George Randol, Soloist

George Randol, former vocalist of "The Green Pastures," will be guest soloist for the December 29 Christmas singfest at St. Paul Methodist church, sponsored by Lincoln Ministerial association and Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. These sings are held each Sunday evening in December, open to people of all denominations and creeds, and are now on their fifth year.

For the opening sing this Sunday (December 1) at 8 o'clock, Rabbi Meyer H. Marx of South Street Temple will preside, and Miss Teresa McKenna, executive director of the Y. W. C. A., will give the 10-minute meditation. The Lincoln Men's chorus will sing, and Dayton Smith will lead singing of familiar carols. Camp Fire Girls are to usher.

### Charles Thompson Taken by Death

Charles Thompson, 76, of 2137 R St., died Wednesday morning at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He had been taken to the hospital a week ago after receiving a broken leg as a result of a fall at the Carver Nursing home.

Mr. Thompson was born at Sugar Tree, Mo., October 11, 1870, he moved to Norborne, Mo., as a child and resided there until three years ago when he moved to Lincoln. He was a farmer until 1935.

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Katherine Thompson, Lincoln; four sisters, Mrs. Emma Duncan, Norborne, Mo., Mrs. Adeline Triggers, Richmond, Mo., Mrs. Lucy Marshall, Norborne; Miss Alice Thompson, Los Angeles; California; three brothers, Nathaniel and John, Norborne, and James Richmond, Mo.

Funeral and burial will be on Saturday at Norborne.

### University of Illinois Praised For Racial Equality

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The trustees, president, and administrative officers of the University of Illinois have been commended by the Illinois Interracial commission for providing "equality of opportunity" for all races, creeds and colors in registering its peak enrollment this fall. In a statement issued here last week, the Commission declared that it had viewed with alarm the current rise in racial and religious tensions in the state of Illinois, including the University of Illinois.

"We have noted with satisfaction," the commission said, "the constructive efforts of Park Livingston and the other trustees of the University of Illinois and of Dr. George Stoddard and his administrative associates in counter-acting these tensions and in emphasizing the ideal of democracy in our foremost state educational institution."

In Race Relations, Says P. L.

Prattis

ATLANTA — (ANP) — P. L. Prattis, managing editor of Pittsburgh Courier, took the view that "the chief function of the Negro newspaper, along with forces in Negro Life, is to fight for first-class citizenship and full opportunity for growth of Negroes," in an article entitled "The Role of the Negro Press in Race Relations," appearing in the third quarter issue of Phylon, official organ of Atlanta university.

Negro newspapers are primarily concerned with the promotion of the welfare of Negroes and the fighting of their battles, he said, pointing out that the first Negro newspaper, published in 1827, was born in protest against slavery. Every Negro newspaper published during the 19th century accepted the challenge either to fight slavery or the restrictions which limited the Negro's development as a free man or a first-class citizen.

Calling attention to the fact that Negroes are as yet only "second class citizens," he declared that people of both races advance the opinion that the Primary function of the Negro papers is not improving race relations. They advocate employing the "principles of Christianity, the resources of the social scientists and the arts of the diplomat. They see the Negro press launch an attack apparently indifferent to the effect upon friend or foe. They deplore the lack of finesse and temperance. They are frightened by the unbridled force of the attack. Often the attacks seem stupid and insensate. These persons who pursue good will and

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### PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

REV. C. L. CARHEE



Rev. C. L. Carhee, new pastor at Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) 26th and Burdette Streets, Omaha, Nebr., will be the guest speaker at Christ Temple 2149 "U" Lincoln, Nebr., December 8th at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Carhee will be accompanied by his choir and congregation from Omaha.

Rev. Carhee formerly pastored at Conway and Pine Bluff, Ark., and for the last year he has filled the pulpit of Bishop E. W. Butler D. D. Presiding Bishop of the Southwestern Diocese of the church of Christ (Holiness) who is filling in at the Mother Church in Jackson, Mississippi. Rev. Carhee made much progress pastoring Christ Temple Cathedral at Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Army Turns Down Natural Caves For Storage Use

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—The Kerford limestone quarry in Kansas may be the first and last natural storage plant for government supplies, if the army has its way about it.

Army engineers ruled that the natural caves are not satisfactory for use as future government storage houses for food and war materials, however the Kerford quarries were scientifically mined with long corridors cut and rooms opening off each corridor as the stone was removed, government inspectors discovered. Huge rooms had been cut into the solid limestone, which later proved to be what the department of agriculture needed to store lend-lease foods.

The government's leasing of the mines for storage purpose is reported to have caused wide comment when high federal officials discovered the property was owned by Negro businessmen.

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