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PYTHIAN TEMPLE DISPELS NOTION THAT NEGRO RACE UNPROGRESSIVE

Evidence of Great Brains and Leadership Manifested in Construction of Magnificent Million Dollar Office Building in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14 (ANP).—After 45 years as an active knight among the Pythians, Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green led in a ceremony here recently, dedicating the million dollar national Pythian temple, which, as he described it, represented the consummation of a quarter of a century of sacrificial effort. This ceremony in the heart of Chicago's expansive Negro neighborhoods, was impressive, not only because of the magnitude of the task which it symbolized, but because it represented the materialization of a vision, the final display of 25 years of effort which had for its purpose the building of a monument that would be an inspiration to the Negro race.

Since that grand goal was set, hundreds of men and women who put their shoulders to the noble wheel of service, had passed away, but this great temple is a sturdy and magnificent attestation of the fact that the good that men do lives after them.

While explaining the purpose of the temple, the supreme chancellor, in an address that was rich in its idealistic conceptions, took time to pay a tribute to the city of its home and to express the hope that the Negro of the future would derive the benefits from the structure which the fathers who had worked and gone had hoped for.

"Only a few of the original number who planned this temple can answer the roll call today," the supreme chancellor observed solemnly; "but the seeds of higher ambition and desire that were sown in the hearts and minds of the members of this order by the faithful and efficient leaders of that day and time have now grown into the beautiful building that we behold today.

"Through trials and tribulations, through darkness and despair, over rough and stony paths we have come until now we stand in the bright sunlight of success to enjoy the fruits of our labor."

The Pythian supreme chancellor then traced the history of that labor, from the first mention of a grand national temple made at the 1903 convention by the late supreme chancellor, Samuel W. Starks, and the appointment of the first commission, on through the years. Starks died in 1908 and Green was left to carry on the work. How well he has done so is proved by the completion of the temple.

Chicago was selected in 1906 as the city of the temple and that almost ancient choice moved Sir Green to comment in his dedicatory address that "with almost prophetic vision and with rare human foresight, the commission selected the most progressive and the most prosperous city of all of the west, if not of all America."



"THE HANGING OF GREENS" A Fantasy to Precede the Holiday Season to Be Presented December 20th.

This year is a striking opening to the Christmas season, at the North Side branch Y. W. C. A. The Hospitality committee of which Mrs. Roberta Bailey is chairman, will present the lovely fantasy, "The Hang-

ing, and the most aggressive members of the colored race in all of the Americas," he continued.

"Here in Chicago, despite the handicaps of poverty and prejudice, we find members of the colored race going forward by leaps and bounds, acquiring education, acquiring property, acquiring culture, and filling positions of honor and responsibility in city, county, and state. It is in such a city and among such a people that we have chosen to erect this great temple, the largest and most valuable building owned and controlled by the Knights of Pythias in the world."

He then expressed the hope that the people of Chicago would quickly "avail themselves of the comforts and conveniences of the temple."

The Knights of Pythias and the Court of Calanthe, he pointed out, shall reap the rewards of their labors and sacrifices in the proud satisfaction of knowing that they have contributed in a very large measure to make the world a better place to live and in the glorious knowledge that when coming generations of colored boys and girls shall look upon the temple with pride and admiration, they shall gather inspiration to go out in the world to do nobler and better things.

Dr. A. A. Wesley, grand chancellor of Illinois, was master of ceremonies for the dedicatory exercises. He was introduced by Sir A. T. Watkins, supreme attorney, who also called upon the Rev. N. C. Nix, supreme prelate, for the invocation. Other addresses were made by Mrs. Rosa E. Hoard, grand worthy counselor of Illinois; Dr. E. A. Williams, past grand chancellor; Sir E. D. Green, secretary of the Pythian temple commission, who prepared and presented the first resolution for the temple; Sir E. G. Tidrington, supreme vice chancellor and ex-officio supreme worthy counselor, and R. R. Jackson, major general of the uniform rank department.

LEADS FOR RACE UNITY

Rabbi Cohn Believes Tolerance Would Bring "World Symphony."

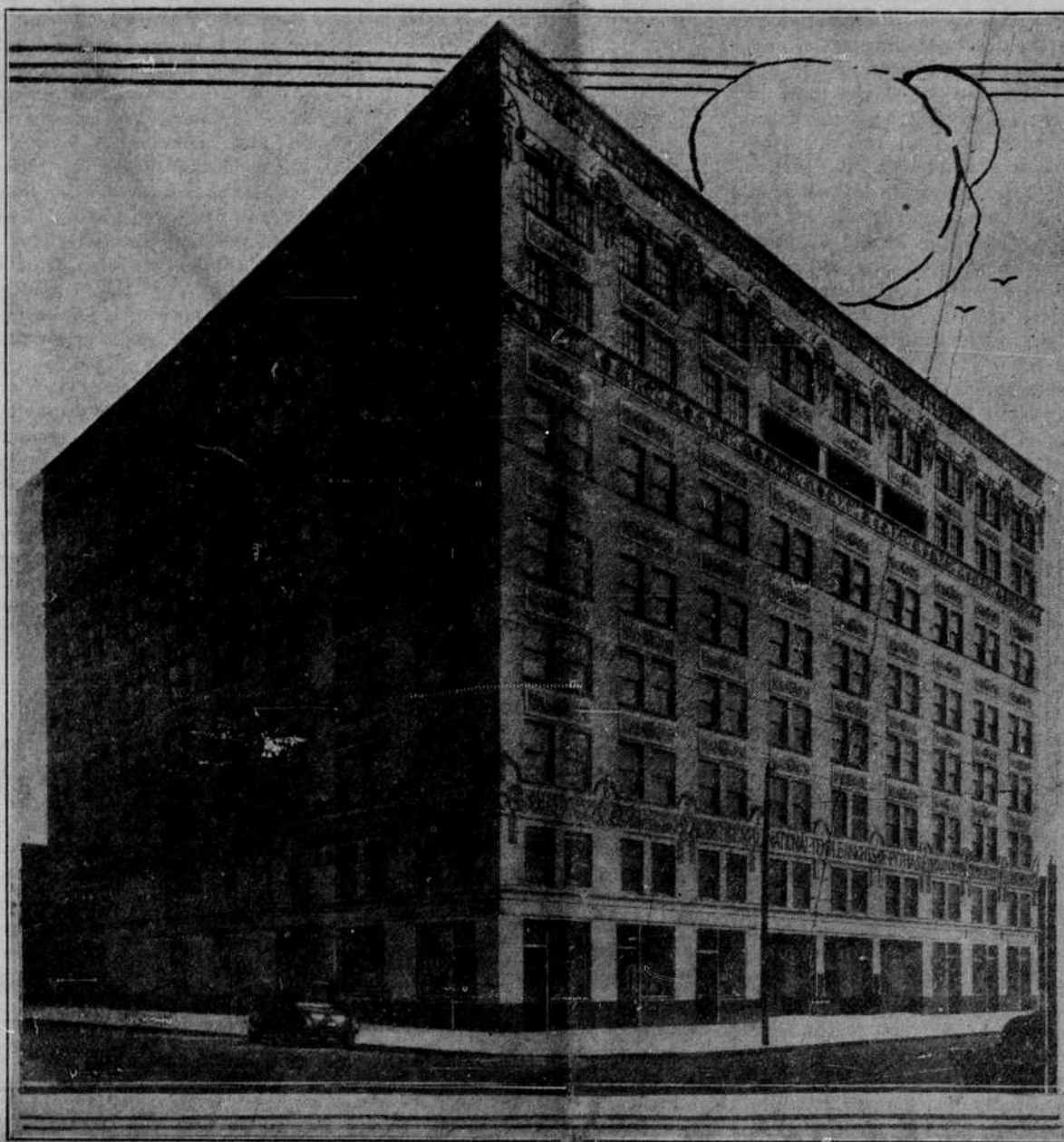
Comparing the various races to the instruments of an orchestra, Rabbi Frederick Cohn, Sunday explained that by working together, the races would produce a grand symphony, the history of civilization being the music played. Rabbi Cohn was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Urban league of Omaha at the Zion Baptist church, 2215 Grant street. Dr. Palmer Findley was chairman.

"Treat the people as individuals," Rabbi Cohn urged, "and not as races. Each race has good and bad in it, but there is no such thing as one race being superior to the other. Each race has given something to the world which no other could give."

John Hall, director of the Community Chest; C. A. Cushman, general manager of Swift Packing company, and J. Harvey Kearns, secretary of the league, were other speakers.



This ceremonial is given annually by the Y. W. C. A. in Honolulu and because it gives an opportunity for all the members of the association and the community at large to participate in the decorating of our "Y" for this most joyous season, it is most fitting that it is presented. Hence, the Hospitality committee extends this cordial invitation to you to be present December 20th at 8:30 p. m.



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BOY KILLED WHILE COASTING

Companion Seriously, If Not Fatally Hurt. Four Others, Including One Girl, Seriously Injured Sunday.

Omaha was shocked at the news Sunday of the accidents of several children who were killed or fatally injured in the crash of their sleds while coasting on guarded streets.

Earl Smith, colored, was killed instantly, while Louis Strouwer, also colored, a companion, was so seriously injured that he is not expected to recover.

Two of the six coasting crash victims injured the last week were reported in critical condition today. The other four are improving, and are expected to recover.

Little hope is held for the recovery of Vlasta Miracky, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miracky, 1224 Edward street, who was injured Sunday. She is at the South Side General hospital, where, physicians said, her condition is critical.

Boy Fights Death

Louis Strouwer, Negro, 12, injured Sunday in an accident in which Earl Smith, Negro, 12, 2302 North Twenty-seventh street, was killed, was reported unimproved at Lord Lister hospital. His skull was fractured, and physicians doubt that he will recover.

Harold Peterson, 4808 North Twenty-seventh street, who is in Covenant hospital suffering with a fractured skull, will recover. He was reported greatly improved today.

Three Will Recover.

Lawrence Tilton, 15, 207 North Nineteenth street; Clifford Mitchell, 12, 1216 Farnam street, and Jack Parkinson, 12, 207 North Twentieth street, all injured in a coasting accident last Thursday, were reported improved at Lord Lister hospital today and will recover, physicians say.

LOUISVILLE MAYOR'S CHAUFFEUR KILLS MAN

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14 (ANP).—Tuesday evening the citizenship was startled when it was learned that Albert D. Hathaway, the mayor's private chauffeur, with rank of city detective, shot and killed Robert Burnette, well known in this city. The killing occurred at Tenth and Chestnut streets near a taxicab stand. A woman was heard to cry out when struck by a companion, the man ran down the street, Hathaway firing and striking Burnette. Hathaway has been placed under \$3,000 bond, and his case continued.

To Those Who Wish to Have Written Articles Carried in This Paper:

Such matter must be in this office by Wednesday of the week of issue. Otherwise it will not appear until the week following. The Editor reserves the right to censor all articles to be printed. THE EDITOR.

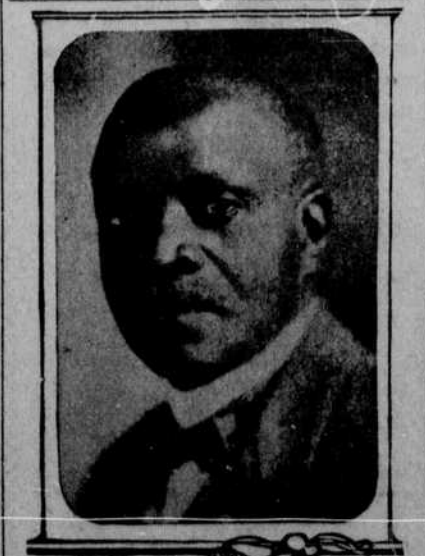
JOINS MONITOR STAFF

Miss Edna McAllister, formerly of Atchison, Kansas, was added to the office force of the Omaha Monitor this week as clerk and stenographer, which position she is filling very acceptably.

Miss McAllister is a native of Atchison, Kansas. She attended the Ingall High school of that city, from which she graduated with honors in 1926. She has for some time been an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the Atchison branch, having recently won second prize in a membership drive staged by that organization this year, announcement of which is carried in The Crisis for December. Miss McAllister is residing with her mother and sister at 1818 North 26th street, Omaha.

A. N. P. REPRESENTATIVE WINS SECOND PRIZE IN NATIONWIDE CONTEST

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14 (ANP).—Lee L. Brown, Louisville's Associated Negro Press representative, was notified this week by the System magazine that he had been awarded second prize in a nationwide essay contest conducted by the magazine in September. Mr. Brown is the proprietor of Brown's Letter and Print Shoppe and principal of Brown's Commercial school, the oldest private commercial school in Louisville.



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NEGRO ADVANCES IN BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Survey Shows Great Strides of Colored People in Business and Industrial Field.

WHAT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Dec. 14 (ANP).—There has been a lot of wonder from time to time about why Negroes do not maintain a more important place in the general scheme of American business, and many doleful expressions have gone forth as reason after reason has been advanced for more of the nation's business turning a profit to other peoples than to colored persons.

The answer is simple, according to discoveries recently made by one seeking information on the subject. Negroes are doing a proportion of the general business of the country and doing such business to the extent of their training, ability, and courage to embark in business upon the prevailing terms of the line in which they happen to be engaged.

In Providence, R. I., a jewel decorating concern where a Negro employs 22 girls of his race to do enamel artistry upon gold and silver compacts, meshbags, cigaret lighters, etc., we find that more than a hundred of the leading jewelry manufacturers avail themselves of the product of the house of J. G. Lewis, Jr., Company.

One of the largest five-and-ten chain stores has just placed an order with the Overton Hygiene company for nine carloads of toilet preparations to be offered over the counters of several thousand stores scattered about the country during the next year.

The Maryland garage and auto service station of Boston, owned by Basil Hutchins, is being enlarged to meet the increased demand of a business that already includes the upkeep of more than 200 commercial automobiles.

Down in Arkansas, John Claybrooks sells more than a hundred thousand dollars worth of hardwood and farm products each month, and everyone knows his own people have no use for so much wood of that sort each month of the year. Neither do we buy baled cotton since we have few factories to supply.

Out in Kansas, a Negro who not only does a nice business, but has the temerity to have joined the chamber of commerce, quarries and sells many carloads of limestone annually.

Those are basic industries. In the field of merchandising, one often finds a colored man in a responsible place with some otherwise Caucasian organization. For instance, we have John Minkens, city editor of the Providence, R. I., afternoon Tribune. There is Henry Smith, superintendent of the Omaha body works, one of the largest builders of auto bodies in the country.

When you strike one of the everyday parlor matches, you perhaps have not heretofore known that the head of that match is composed largely of finely ground glass mixed with readily ignited chemicals. It is even more likely that you were not aware that much of this prepared glass is shipped from the factory of The Dykes By-Products company, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. H. L. Dykes, the president, and all of his employees are colored.

These are but a few of the high lights being disclosed in the commercial circles of our country by the ac-

tivities of the domestic commerce division of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce as its representatives go about their duty of surveying the business of the nation.

Now that the government agency is co-operating with the National Negro Business league, the Associated Negro Press, and a score of other race trade organizations, and a more accurate picturization of the Negro in business is being presented free from bias and prejudice, we are likely to be very often treated to revelations that are of the most encouraging character.

The department of commerce is primarily concerned with serving all business and of itself does not take cognizance of any groupings as to race; but in the organization of the department is a Negro in administrative position who has the instinctive interest and pride in race achievement that prompts him to want to seek out and make public such information when it comes to his notice.

This, however, is not his elementary service. His main object is to make available the government helps to business to those who have not realized how much help the government tenders. Whether you are doing business within your group, or with the general public, there are some helps that are yours for the asking. Perhaps the answer to someone vexing problem may set you on the way to becoming one of those highlights of commerce such as has been mentioned in this story. Write to the department of commerce and get acquainted with this service.

THIS IS WHAT HARRISBURG, PA. IS DOING

In accordance with our former statement that we should alternate in preparing surveys between southern and northern cities, we are taking for this week one of the large urban centers of the steel district of Pennsylvania. This city has a much smaller Negro population than many of the others, which will be covered in our articles, but we present data regarding it in the hope that some of its citizens may be encouraged to attempt activities which have proven successful in larger cities.

Survey of Harrisburg, Pa.

Negro population, 1920 census, 5,248

In the field of retail trade, Negroes own and operate:

- 3 drug stores
- 7 groceries and markets
- 8 restaurants
- They also own and operate:
- 8 barber shops
- 9 beauty parlors
- 2 hotels
- 1 printing establishment
- 1 manufacturing of cosmetics
- 2 loan associations
- 2 investment companies
- 1 public dance hall

Harrisburg has seven physicians, four dentists, one lawyer, five undertakers, seven real estate operators, and three orchestral organizations. There are seven colored police, eight postal employees, 16 in the city's school system, and one other city employee. Two Negro sick and accident companies have branch offices here and one life insurance company. (Continued on Page 4)

CRAWFORD-STEPHENS MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Parents of Groom Give Reception in Honor of Couple.

John Dillard Crawford and Miss Lucy Charlotte Stephens, daughter of Mrs. Ophelia Stephens of Detroit, Mich., and Girl Reserve secretary of the Phyllis Wheatley branch Y. W. C. A., Denver, Colo., were quietly married at 10:30 Wednesday morning, December 5th, at the Episcopal Church of St. Philip the Deacon, Rev. John Albert Williams officiating. Only members of the family and two or three close personal friends were present at the simple ceremony.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Florentine Pinkston, sister of the groom, as matron of honor, and Lovejoy Crawford, brother of the groom, was best man. Mrs. Ellen E. Russ, of Denver, aunt of the groom, represented the bride's mother, who was unable to be present, and gave her away. The bride made a charming picture in beautiful white ensemble.

An elaborate reception was tendered the happy pair by Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford, parents of the groom, at their residence, 2505 Maple street, from 8 to 11 in the evening, at which a large number of friends extended their felicitations and best wishes. Twenty-five employees, the entire force of the county clerk's office, where Mr. Crawford is deputy auditor, headed by Miss Grace Berger, county clerk, attended the reception in a body. The wedding presents were many, beautiful, costly and useful.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will reside at the Carbury apartments.

GETS EIGHT YEARS FOR THEFT OF \$10

New Orleans, La., Dec. 14 (ANP).—George Clark has been sentenced to serve not less than eight years nor more than 14 at hard labor in the state penitentiary, after being found guilty of assault and robbery. The loot did not exceed ten dollars.

SHOOTS RIVAL; GETS MAN

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 14 (ANP).—In a controversy over a "man," Elizabeth Patterson pulled a gun on Irene Bond and plied her through the hand. In police court, after hearing the evidence on both sides, the mayor invited Elizabeth to donate \$25 cash, or go over the road. She paid and "got her man."



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