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Declaration of Policy

The name of this paper will be slightly changed. It will now be the "Omaha Monitor" instead of "The Monitor," as formerly. In the main, the policy of the new management will conform to that of the preceding one. The editorial policy of the Omaha Monitor shall be:

- 1—Independent in thought and action.
- 2—Liberal in attitude and interpretation.
- 3—Honest in convictions and writings.
- 4—Militant in its fight for justice.
- 5—Non-sensational in composure.
- 6—Instructive in subject matter.
- 7—Conservative in viewpoint.
- 8—Decisive in judgment.
- 9—Broad in its interests and subjects.
- 10—Free from political alliances.

G. W. H. BULLOCK, Editor.

SPEAKING OF NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

New Years day has become the day for various resolutions on what we intend or hope to do in the ensuing year. Often these resolutions are prefaced by a confession of what we have not done, that we ought to have done, and vice versa. We join this year in that committee on resolutions and add a few suggestions which if followed, we believe, will relieve us of having to make new ones every year.

It is a psychological moment to begin at the beginning with what we hope to accomplish. So let us continue the practice and make a few helpful resolutions for 1929. These are intended for home consumption.

1.—Resolve that we live better lives, form better habits and improve our conduct, so that we shall be better citizens in the community and make the community better for us to live in.

2.—Resolve that we unite and cement the cracks in our hitherto divided ranks, that we may act and strive unitedly with one purpose in one common cause—Race development.

3.—Resolve that we cultivate the feeling that we are brothers beset by the same conditions and surroundings, with the same problems. And that we are our brothers' keeper and cannot escape responsibility for his misfortunes.

4.—Resolve that we in Omaha shall take our place alongside members of our group in all other cities in business, industry and finance. That we shall improve our business methods, by reducing the number of overhead expenses and increasing the amount of our Capital. By combining our business enterprises and co-operating with each other in building up big and better businesses, thereby inspiring greater confidence from the Public and economizing on expense. By devoting less to profit and loss and more to surplus. For example, instead of having some fifty odd restaurants, no one of which is paying its way, let us reduce them by at least one-half, and devote the other twenty-five rents, heats, service and various other expenses to surplus and the proper upkeep of our household.

5.—That we shall reduce our present myriad of self-styled "leaders" to a minimum and increase our already inadequate number of followers to the maximum. In this way we may not be handicapped in whatever we attempt to do by a bewildering conflict of authority. Let those who follow subordinate their own individual idea to that of those whom they have appointed to lead. Let us lose some of our too-inflated ego and appreciate the judgement of the other fellow for what it is worth.

6.—Resolve that we practice and encourage self-reliance. The spirit of depending on ourselves to help ourselves. That we cease the overdone habit of soliciting the "Folks Down Town" for aid in every little effort we undertake. No race or individual can hope to keep the respect of the people of the community if they are always in the offices, stores and homes of people begging and soliciting. "Beggars are not choosers," and when we come to demand something we are handicapped, because we dare not oppose the will of those who feed us. This, I need not tell you, is a very bad way to be in. But that is exactly what is wrong with us here. "God helps those who help themselves." When we bother our friends for everything we wish to do or have, our credit in its achievement is nullified and their's becomes dominant. This means that its policy is controlled by the donor. This is not unusual.

7.—Resolve that we support our own institutions that their life may be preserved creditably to the community and to ourselves. While on the other hand, let those of us who are in business strive to make that business an honest-to-goodness first class place. Let us strive to compete with other ventures. Remove all hitherto excuses by giving both service, price, and quality.

With these resolutions practiced, we shall see in the year 1929 our group in this city go forward and take their place along with not only our own group in other cities, but compare favorably with those of any other group.

JAKE BIRD DEFENSE FUND

By the authority of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., and under the specific direction of the Chairman of the Funds Committee, Dr. J. H. Hutten, the Monitor begins with this issue to solicit funds for the Jake Bird defense. We enter this campaign, not because the defendant is Jake Bird, but because we know there is always a chance that the fellow who has not the means for adequate counsel may not get all that is coming to him.

Unfortunately for our judicial system in this country, there is a price of Justice. This does not, nor is it intended to question the absolute fairness of the courts themselves. For we have implicit faith in the Judges of the various courts that they have been men of the highest integrity. But the Jury system, as well as the process allowed by the Constitution, makes it possible for the fellow who has plenty of money to evade justice, while the fellow who has none or very little, to have such limited defense that justice is often miscarried. Then the Appeal System gives wide latitude for the escape to the man with money enough to pay for bonds, to delay punishment, or escape it altogether.

In view of this, the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. has interested itself in raising funds to furnish adequate counsel for the defense of this fellow in whose guilt there is a wide latitude for doubt. We are appealing therefore to all those who see this thing in the same light that we do, to give as they are able to this fund. The limit is set for January 15th, the date of the trial. All money will be devoted to this case and disbursed through the local branch by the Chairman of its Finance Committee, Dr. J. H. Hutten. All contributions should be made directly to the Chairman. For convenience, checks, drafts, money orders or cash may be sent to the Omaha Monitor, Box 1204, Omaha, Nebraska, in the name of "The Jake Bird Defense Fund," or to Dr. J. H. Hutten, Chairman. Every issue of the paper will carry a detailed record of all contributions made.

THE SPIRIT IS RIGHT, BUT THE METHOD DOUBTFUL

A few days ago our attention was called to the decision of a well meaning judge who was about to impanel a coroner's jury. He decided that it would be the correct or at least the human, thing to do to appoint that jury from among those men who were out of employment. This would give those idle and needy men some means of employment or making some money. With this humane spirit we heartily agree. But whether it is the proper thing to do, to place men in such a responsible place where they are required to pass on points of law and justice simply because they are out of work, we are in serious doubt. We doubt whether idleness is an outstanding qualification for jury service.



Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The "Hanging of the Greens," a lovely symbolic ceremony, was presented at the North Side branch on Thursday, December 20, for the first time in Omaha. Those participating were Mrs. Rachel Wood, who took the part of "Mother Kindheart," Mrs. G. Harris, who was a most gracious "Hospitality," and Miss Helen Nails, as "Cheerfulness;" Miss Maud Meriwether, "Friendliness;" Miss Alice Hunter, soloist; and then a group of high school Reserves. Later all present joined in the decorating of the "Y" living room. Much praise is due Mrs. Roberta Bailey and her committee for this splendid presentation.

The two clubs of grade Reserves sang Christmas carols at the Old Folks' Home, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p. m. Miss Alice Hunter, one of the advisers, was in charge.

The high school Reserves remembered the inmates of the Old Folks' Home with a "canned goods" shower on Christmas eve.

The grade school Reserves had a Christmas party on Christmas eve.

One of the most impressive vespers ever held at the North Side branch was the Christmas service featuring the "Feast of the Lights" ceremonial, given by the high school Girl Reserves to an appreciative audience on Sunday, December 23rd. Five standards, holding five candles each, formed a very colorful background for the triangle of girls in their white Girl Reserve uniforms. Miss Josephine Martin, president of the club, was the speaker. Miss Catherine Williams, the pianist and Miss Margie L. Danley was the narrator.

The Girl Reserve club will not meet until after January 1st.

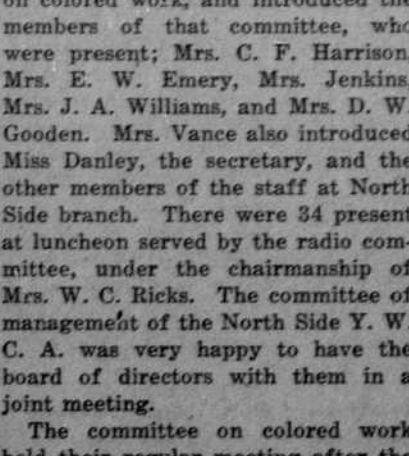
The night school opens again January 2, 1929.

Registrations are being taken now for the following classes: Tuesday evening or Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, dressmaking class; Thursday evening, art class; Friday night, public speaking. These classes will begin early in January. Please register without delay.

The annual meeting will be held January 17. Watch for further announcements.

The board of directors of the Central association and the committee of management of the North Side branch, met at their joint annual luncheon at the North Side branch Y. W. C. A. The board of directors held their meeting preceding the luncheon at which time reports from the various departments were given. Miss Margie L. Danley, executive secretary of the North Side branch, was the luncheon speaker. She ably gave an account of the work accomplished at the North Side branch. Mrs. A. C. Kennedy, president of the board of directors, presided at the meeting. Mrs. J. H. Vance, chairman of the committee on colored work, was introduced to those present, by Mrs. Kennedy. Mrs. Vance explained in short the workings of the committee on colored work, and introduced the members of that committee, who were present; Mrs. C. F. Harrison, Mrs. E. W. Emery, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. J. A. Williams, and Mrs. D. W. Gooden. Mrs. Vance also introduced Miss Danley, the secretary, and the other members of the staff at North Side branch. There were 34 present at luncheon served by the radio committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. C. Ricks. The committee of management of the North Side Y. W. C. A. was very happy to have the board of directors with them in a joint meeting.

The committee on colored work held their regular meeting after the luncheon.



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Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, of the grand lodge I. B. P. O. E. of W. at Washington, D. C., gave as his Christmas gift to Iroquois lodge No. 92 at Omaha, warrants from the grand lodge, making Brother John A. Singleton, district deputy, for the state of Nebraska; Brother Ole W. Jackson, special deputy, for the western states; and Brother Paul S. Holliday, special grand organizer, for the states of Iowa and Nebraska. The grand exalted ruler stated in his letter that these appointments were in appreciation of the splendid work done by the above mentioned brothers for Iroquois lodge No. 92 in the past year.

Following the custom that has been followed for years, "First in everything, last in none," the Elks lodge gave out on Christmas day 75 Christmas baskets, containing chicken, corn, peas, sprouts, potatoes, celery, beans, bacon, bread, candy, and nuts, to the poor and needy colored families in the city of Omaha. Thus dispensing charity, which is the foremost characteristic of the Elks' organization. These baskets brought cheer, gladness, and sunshine to the hearts of these poor unfortunate people. Iroquois lodge, in order to be positive that these baskets would reach families who were in destitute circumstances, secured 16 names from Miss Gertrude Lucas, of the board of public welfare, the other names were secured by an investigating committee of the lodge, led by Exalted Ruler Paul S. Holliday, who personally supervised the distribution. Iroquois lodge was the only fraternal organization in the city to dispense charity by giving Christmas baskets during the holidays.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Mrs. Lena Holmes, aged 40 years, died in Omaha, December 19, of pneumonia. The body was brought to Lincoln for burial. She is survived by a husband and three children, a sister, brother and other kin. She was a former member of Mount Zion Baptist church.

The funeral was held in Mount Zion Baptist church, Sunday, at 1 p. m., Rev. H. W. Botts preaching a sermon over the body. A large number of the relatives and friends were in evidence. The floral offering was immense.

Mrs. Hattie Berry died at the home of her son, 2124 R street. The funeral was held in Newman M. E. church, Rev. S. H. Johnson preaching, and was attended by relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Miller are spending the holidays with parents at Clarinda, Iowa.

Mr. Adelbert Molden spent Christmas day with parents at Weeping Water.

Mr. Mark Fields and Sylvester Jobe were up from Nebraska City on Christmas day.

The choir of Quinn chapel presented a cantata at the church on Christmas morning.

Services and baptizing were held at Mount Zion Baptist church Christmas morning. Two persons were immersed, and the service was well attended.

A program was given by the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school at Mount Zion Baptist church Monday night.

Christmas day was observed in many ways by people in the city.

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SOUTHERN DAILY FLAYS TREATMENT ACCORDED TO PERRY HOWARD BY G.O.P.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 28 (ANP).—In commenting editorially on the verdict in the Perry W. Howard case, the Jackson Daily News pointed out that the outstanding reason for the verdict was lack of evidence and the lack of respect for the so-called lily white faction of the republican party in Mississippi, and declared the removal of Attorney Howard from the leadership in the past campaign had cost Hoover thousands of votes. In part the editorial asserted:

"While it is true that attorneys for both the government and the defense carefully refrained from dragging in factional politics into the trial, nevertheless that element loomed largely in the background.

"The circumstances under which Perry Howard was displaced as assistant to the attorney-general at Washington, and deposed as leader of his party in this state were such as to create much sympathy in his behalf among the white democrats in Mississippi. This resentment was very clearly shown in the presidential election when thousands of electors who might have been tempted to vote for Mr. Hoover remained away from the polls because they had no respect for the so-called white republica party in this state. As a matter of fact, the G. O. P. might have polled a larger vote in Mississippi if only Perry Howard's set of electors had been

place don the ballot, for it was not the discontented and disgruntled democrats alone who remained away from the polls. Thousands of Negroes qualified for suffrage refrained from voting, feeling that their leader had not been given a square deal by the republican bosses at Washington.

"It was an intelligent jury, composed of good, substantial citizens gathered from ten counties of the state, all democrats, and they no doubt had those facts in their minds when considering the verdict."

I WILL

A New Year Resolution
By Carrie Williams Clifford
(For the A. N. P.)

Tho' scorned and rejected and mocked by the mob,
Tho' beaten and plundered by vultures who rob,
I will climb to the moon, I will climb to the stars,
I will climb, I will climb to the far-distant Mars;
For none shall deny me and none say

me "Nay,"
As long as black night is succeeded by day.

Tho' hampered and hindered, deceived and denied,
Derided and scoffed at and bolted outside,

I will dare and not falter, will seek and not fail,
And will face you with smiles at the end of the trail,
For no one shall stop me and none shall delay,
As long as mere men carry faces of clay.

Tho' injustice submerge one and wrong beat me down,
I will rise up to win. I will capture the crown;

I will work and will strive, I will struggle and fight
My way up the hill—to the top—to the light—
To the light of achievement, and conquering all odds,
I will sit in the sun and commune with the gods.

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