

E. B. Gray Writes on "The Negro and Politics"

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zons of this country has to make an extra bargain for the benefits to which he is entitled. We have approximately 123,000,000 in population and we count some 12,000,000 of our own citizens and each voter in this group of Colored people has come face to face with the unsalable fact that he shares equally in the burdens of maintaining the government but in addition to his just share of the burden, he is constantly bearing an additional portion especially inherited by and through the grace of being Colored, plus special laws, and yet, we are taught to understand freedom as given under the Republican banner. That was seventy years ago, and since then, time has changed so that our people now feel that good measures can come in like manner for our benefit from another party.

This thought of added good is not the only animating influence for party influences coming forward with the polished dollar and hold it up as an influence for vote. It is no wonder that the votes are being divided between the political parties. This influence is not national alone, but is felt in every community.

In Oakland, it takes the form of gay promises after which our citizens rush with their votes and patronage hoping to gain benefits promised by members of each division of politics. The Colored man is in no manner different from other citizens in wishing to be in a position of leadership, and is prone to argue that through leadership is the only way upward. This may be true, but to lead with success means to be mentally fit. This is a matter of conscience, and conscience can be divided into four kinds: An upright conscience, a doubtful conscience, an erroneous conscience, and a blinded conscience. An upright conscience is a testimony of right reason, a practical judgment which dictates what is allowed and what is not, which is made to make itself heard within us. When we as a people can find leaders with upright minds, we will make an added progress; but leaders from any of the other three kinds of conscience will hold us in continued bondage. This,

in a large degree, is up to us collectively to make sure of our leaders. Not only within our own group of people, but in selecting those we wish to serve us in civic, state and national offices.

I recall in 1931, when we changed from the old commissioner form to the council manager form of government, invitations were sent out inviting all public spirited citizens of Oakland to participate in a reception for our present City Manager, Mr. Carr. Approximately 2500 availed themselves of the opportunity and attended this banquet. I noticed approximately forty or more Colored in attendance. A splendid tribute I thought. But immediately after this the call was sent out for a separate reception for Colored people to my mind, ill advised, but beneath it all was the motive of doing politics. After that meeting, invitations were extended to the leading organizations of the city, inviting them to participate in perfecting a political organization. From reports through the local press, the organization was perfected and officers elected. Immediately afterwards, another organization was started for the same purpose. They claimed that they had the panacea for the ills suffered by our group politically in this community. About three months ago another appeared upon the scene, organization No. 3. They also have launched out upon the field with the same program.

We want it thoroughly understood, that we are not criticizing the motive of the people who are perfecting these organizations, but I am of the opinion that a combination of forces on one big program would gain for us the things we desire. We have been following a winding path for a long time, but there are no short cuts. We take out of life only in proportion as we put into it. We must prove our fitness for advancement, and until then, independence is only a rainbow of promise, and success will only be real when we shall have proven our worth. It cannot be acquired by assuming a false position. The public is too wise for that. Playing politics is an art of studied effort, and one who attempts to do politics should be sufficiently acquainted with local and national affairs to be able to advise correctly on all issues. Our entire future economic structure is rather uncertain and unless we think seriously on all issues and act wisely, we will continue to remain economic slaves of our community.

Next week I will attempt to write an article on "How Politics is Being Done by Our Group in the State of California."—E. B. GRAY.

OMAHA BEE-NEWS APPOINTS INSPECTOR

Mr. Calvin Spriggs, 2865 Ohio St., was appointed inspector of the north district by the Omaha Bee-News. His work begins August 1. This is the first time a colored man has been connected for sometime with the given this work. Mr. Spriggs has been connected for sometime with the Bee-News in the insurance department. He is also a reporter for the Omaha Guide. Mr. Spriggs wishes to thank Rev. O. J. Burckhardt, Father John Albert Williams and Rev. J. C. Bell for their efforts in placing him in this job.

OMAHA GIRL ELECTED TO OKOBOJI PLANNING COUNCIL

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of the two girls elected to represent the business girls in this district to the Business Girls' Council. This council is composed of five girls representing Minneapolis, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska, and meets in February in one of these states to plan the Okoboji Business and Industrial Girl's conference for the following year. Miss Johnson served on the conference executive committee, as editor-in-chief of the Oko Echo, the camp newspaper, and as a postmistress. Mrs. Doreene Holliday served on the worship committee and in this capacity wrote a Grace which was adopted by the conference and sung before meals in the dining room after being set to music by Miss Velma Odiarne of Aimes, Iowa. Miss Louise Scott was the instructor for tennis for the conference.

There were 155 business and industrial girls at the conference representing ten states. Ten of these girls were colored, two from St. Joseph, Mo., three from Kansas City, Mo., one from Kansas City, Kans., and four from Omaha.

The lecture topic for the business girls was "The Present Crisis is a Challenge to Business Girls. Will We Accept It?" The lecture topic for Industrial girls was "What does the Future Hold for Working People?" Mr. Francis A. Staten of Madison, Wis., was the lecturer. Study groups discussed such topics as International Affairs, Family Relationships, Personal Savings and Social Insurance, Wastes and Cost of Living and Household Employment. Six hours were given to the discussion of "Men and Women Relationships" lead by Dr. Ruth Nustrom of Minneapolis, Minn., and "Racial Problems and Relationships" lead by Miss Elsie M. Mountain, executive secretary of the Paseo Branch of the Y. W. C. A. in Kansas City, Mo., three hours being given to each topic. Girls were free to participate in every camp sport including rowing, swimming, archery, canoeing, hiking, base ball, tennis camp-crafts, etc.

Another evidence of the interracial development of the Y. W. C. A. was in the decision made concerning a trip by the conference to a summer resort on Lake Okoboji. The conference had planned a moonlight boat trip around the lake, stopping at the resort for two hours. The management of the resort refused certain privileges to the colored girls. By a unanimous vote of the executive committee, the conference vetoed the party, stating that the conference would not participate in any event in which the colored girls would be barred.

NATIONAL BENEFIT PAYING CLAIMS ON MODIFIED POLICIES

Washington, July 27—(ANP)—The National Benefit Life Insurance company is keeping faith with its policyholders who have accepted the modification program under which the organization is now operating. In announcing the modification plan, the receivers stated that all properly submitted claims for death benefits on policies which have been modified would be paid promptly.

In the past ten days, five cases on which the policyholders had signed the modification blanks, were submitted for claims. The policyholders had died a few days after accepting have to wait. The claims were paid the plan. Their beneficiaries did not for the full modified amount immediately.

The receivers state that the same promptness will be observed in every case where the death benefits are due provided the policyholder has signed and accepted the terms of modification.

Among the first cases received and immediately settled by the company were two in Washington, D. C., one in Baltimore, one in Little Rock, Arkansas, and one in St. Louis.

Policyholders are being given the opportunity to accept the modification plan and assure their protection in all the states in which the company has operated except Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. The receivers, courts and insurance departments of these states have not yet extended this means of protection, which according to the actuaries is on a safe and sound legal reserve basis, to the policyholders they supervise. The receivers at Washington point out that the modification plan is the only one now in operation which will assure protection to the policyholders and guarantee prompt settlement of death claims.

The modification plan is being enthusiastically accepted by the policyholders, as promised, will undoubtedly holders. The prompt payment of hasten the completion of the program.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the retailers advised Mr. Kerns to summarize the evenings discussions and present them at a special meeting of the body to be held the middle of August. Mr. C. C. Galloway, business manager of the Omaha Guide, represented the Negro press at the meeting.

Subscription Contest

We wish to express our appreciation to the ministers of the different churches for the splendid aid accorded our representatives Sunday in interest of the Go-to-College Contest. Here are some of the effective remarks made by the pastors who supported our representatives.

Rev. I. S. Wilson of St. John A. M. E. church, said he was glad to give time for a representative of the Guide for such a splendid effort. Rev. Metcalf, our speaker, stressed our Go-to-College Contest and asked St. John to support it.

Rev. Reynolds of the Baptist, and Rev. Slater of the Methodist church, of Council Bluffs, received our speaker, Mrs. Belle Taylor, cordially. The ministers stated that they were ready to help put over Go-to-College contest.

Rev. Bell of Bethel A. M. E. church, willingly gave time for our speaker, Mr. Johnnie Owens, to ask the cooperation of the church. Mr. Owens made a fine speech and Rev. Bell promises his support.

Rev. Jackson of Bethel Baptist church, of South Omaha, gave us space on the evening program, Mr.

R. C. Price, our speaker, explained our contest and was endorsed by Rev. Jackson.

Rev. Stephens of Pleasant Baptist church, made his talk so impressive that several of the junior members promise to join the contest.

Rev. Clay of the Cleaves, Temple, was very happy to give our speaker time at the afternoon service.

Mr. J. Harvey Kerns of the Urban League, was the Guide speaker at Pilgrim Baptist church. Mr. Kerns spoke to a large and appreciative audience. Rev. Dotson endorsed the Guide and commended the Go-to-College contest.

Rev. Young very graciously received our speaker, Mrs. Estelle Newlan, who spoke on the merits of the paper and also the advantages of the Go-to-College contest. This talk was followed by Mr. H. L. Anderson and Rev. Young. Both commended the Guide for a clean newspaper and endorsed the contest.

SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST
Rev. Burckhardt of Christ Temple, says: "It is a great movement of great forethought—showing an unselfish motive and deserves the support of all."

Prominent Citizen Passes

PROMINENT CITIZEN AND SOLDIER BURIED

Mr. Alonzo William Smith of 2214 North 25th Street, died at his home Wednesday evening, July 20th. Mr. Smith's health has been failing for the past two years. He was born in Calton, Ky., August 8, 1852, served fifteen years in the U. S. Army as expert marksman. Mr. Smith came to Omaha in 1911 and joined Mt. Moriah Baptist church, where he served as deacon and active Christian worker. He was well known for his splendid Christian life in the community. He met and married Mrs. Nettie Kellogg Smith in 1916, whom he leaves a devoted widow, also a son, Mr. Alonzo Smith of Cheyenne, Wyoming, two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Griffin, Mrs. Loretta Biddieux, two son-in-laws, seven grandchildren, two step-children, Roy Kellogg, Mrs. Mammie Harris and a host of friends.

The funeral services were held from the Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Soldiers from Ft. Cook gave the salute honoring their comrade, Mr. Wattles and Mr. Miles, civil war veterans, stood guard. There were three pallbearers from Mt. Moriah and three from the Knights of Pythias lodge of which Mr. Smith was a member. The honorary pallbearers were from Mt. Moriah, Pilgrim and Salem.

As the body was lowered in the ground at the Forest Lawn cemetery, the widow, Mrs. Smith, was presented with a flag as a token of honor for the distinguished service of the deceased for his country.

GROUP ACTION, THEME OF NEGRO RETAILERS' MEETING

Negro retailers including grocery store proprietors and druggists were invited to a special meeting by the Omaha Urban League to discuss some of the present economic problems and the effect they are having on Negro retail merchants.

Mr. J. Harvey Kerns, executive secretary of the Urban League, reviewed the present status of the Negro worker and the present and future trends in employment. He advised the Negro retailers that the worker is seeking to have his dollar go as far as it is possible and the Negro retailer can assist him by group action in purchasing and advertising.

Expressions were made by the various business men who stated their most pressing problems and discussed ways and methods of solving them. It was the consensus of opinion among the Negro retail men that the application of more modern business methods will be of material aid in solving many of their problems. The meeting of these men was significant in that they agreed that scientific business management, organization and cooperation must be their next step to survive being competition and they have set out to accomplish these ends.

Mr. C. Adams, general president of the Omaha Housewives' League, spoke of the objectives of this organization of women. Mr. Adams said the objective of the Housewives' League is 1,000 who will act as a single unit in supporting institutions giving patronage to Negroes. He characterized the housewives' organization as the most significant local organization perfected. The slogan of the organization is "Make Your Dollars Have More Sense."

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YOUNG REPUBLICANS HEAR DePRIEST

Washington—(CNS)—Congressman Oscar DePriest was a guest of honor at the rally of the National Negro College Republican club held Monday evening, July 18th at the White-Law hotel. He urged the young Negroes to continue their efforts to interest first voters throughout the country in the Republican party, and as American citizens to vote for the party. More than two hundred attended the meeting.

Honorable Edward F. Colladay, Republican National committeeman for the District of Columbia, was the other guest of honor. He was introduced by J. Francis Wells, alternate delegate from the district of Columbia to the national convention in Chicago, the political adviser for the local branch of the young Republican club.

Dr. John R. Francis introduced Congressman DePriest. Other speakers were Lieut. Col. West A. Hamilton, William L. Houston, Virgil Franklin and Dr. John E. Washington.

The national officers of the organization are Hyman Y. Chase, president; J. Wallace Wromley, 1st vice president; Godfrey E. Mills, 2nd vice president; Osborn M. Gillard, 3rd vice president; William C. Curtis, secretary; Edward Thomas, organizer; Lowery I. Pierce, statistician.

NATIONAL WOMEN MEET

Washington—(CNS)—Plans for the raising of a \$30,000 fund for the four fold purpose of landscaping the paying off the debt on the national Frederick Douglass Memorial Home, headquarters, creating funds for the promotion of the association's work among young girls, and women in industry who were outlined by the executive board of the National Association of Colored Women who met in this city at the headquarters, 12th and O streets, northwest, Tuesday, July 19th.

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, national president, reported on the activities of the organization during the past two years and submitted her plans for the next meeting of the organization which was postponed from this July until July 1933 in order that the colored women's federation might participate in the International Century of Progress of Women to be held in Chicago at that time.

The board entrusted to Mrs. Stewart the details for their part in the international congress which will include an exhibit and a drama "Rise of the Race." The Illinois delegation of women headed by Mrs. Maude Smith, chairman of the Chicago Co. operating committee, pledged to furnish the National Association with a place at the International Congress where the Association can house its art exhibit for a period of three months. In past years the Association's art display has attracted thousands.

Many prominent women were in the city as delegates. Those attending were: Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, national president, of Evansville, Indiana; Dr. Mary Waring, Chicago; Mrs. Daisy Lampkins, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Nettie Napier, president of the Douglass Memorial Board of Nashville; Miss Meta Pelham, Detroit; Mrs. C. S. Smith, Detroit; Mrs. Addie Dickerson, Philadelphia; Miss Roberta Dunbar, Providence; Mrs. E. Carter Brooks, San Antonio; Mrs. Maggie Walker, Richmond; Mrs. McCrory, Charlotte; Mrs. H. G. Andrews, Jacksonville; Mrs. M. E. Burrell, Newark; Mrs. Frederick Perry, Kansas City, Mo., a granddaughter of Frederick Douglass; Mrs. Myrtle Cook of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Maude Smith of Chicago; Mrs. G. Payne of New York City; Mrs. Letha C. Fleming of Cleveland, and the Washington group which included Mrs. Anna Murray, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Dr. Clara Tallaferrro, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs and Mrs. M. M. Scott. Telegrams from the

women who were unable to attend were received.

ALABAMA'S LAST NEGRO LEGISLATOR PASSES

Following close upon the celebration of the fiftieth Anniversary of Tuskegee Institute comes news from Nashville, Tennessee of the death of the Rev. George Wesley Allen who was a member of the Alabama legislature at the time the bill was presented to establish a Normal school for colored teachers at Tuskegee.

The Rev. Mr. Allen, 77, a minister in the African Methodist Church, died at four o'clock on the morning of May 24, at his home 1414 South street.

Mr. Allen was born in Alabama and for thirty-two years worked there to aid in the education of his race. He put through the bill in 1881 to found the school that is now Tuskegee Institute while he was in the Alabama legislature, and after the school was founded he was among those who sent to Virginia for Booker T. Washington, who became its head.

For a number of years he was the editor and manager of the Southern Christian Recorder, one of the official organs of his church. In 1921 he was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London, England.

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE TO SUPERINTEND STATE PRISON EDUCATIONAL WORK

Tallahassee, Fla.—(ANP)—President J. R. E. Lee of the Florida A. and M. college has accepted the offer

to head the work of initiating an educational program for the colored inmates of the Florida state prison (Raiford).

Supt. Chapman and acting Chaplain Sheffield of the Florida state prison, J. R. E. Lee and Profs. F. E. James, G. T. Wiggins, extension director, M. A. Lee and A. L. Kidd, in conference, outlined the plans for this type of work, a new venture on the part of this institution, this past Saturday.

Supt. Chapman in his remarks to President Lee stated, "We are going to depend upon your experience, wisdom and the very commendable teaching organization that you head for the initiation of this work. These men here have displayed an interest in their educational advancement and it would be shameful if we did not take advantage of this urge and capitalize it for the building up of better citizens upon their return to organized society." And again he remarked, "We want that institution in its operation and the opportunities that it offers to its inmates will not be a sore but that it will be standing blessing to the state and any movement that has for its ultimate end the development of respect for the dignity of the state has our sanction and approval."

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- 3RD PRIZE—\$75 in Gold, University Scholarship.**
For the highest amount of one year's subscribers at \$2.00 each over and above 100, or over and above 160 six months' subscribers at \$1.25 each.
- 4TH PRIZE—\$50 in Gold, Part University Scholarship.**
For the highest amount of one year's subscribers at \$2.00 each over and above seventy-five, or 120 six months' subscribers at \$1.25 each.
- 5TH PRIZE—\$25 in Gold, Part University Scholarship.**
For the highest amount of one year's subscribers at \$2.00 each over and above forty, or over and above sixty-four six months' subscribers at \$1.25 each.

The Contest Editor Reserves the Right to Extend the Time for Thirty Days, If She Sees Fit to Do So.

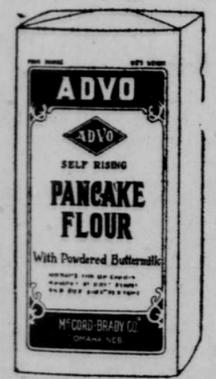
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