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EDITORIALS!

John Albert Williams

All Omahans and the country at large were shocked Saturday evening when the sudden death of Rev. John Albert Williams was flashed over the radio.

Even though he lived a simple, beautiful life, he was a nationally known figure. In one reflection, the mind pictures him as an ideal citizen of the community. In the second reflection, his Christian life will ever live in the memory of those who knew him.

"Father", as he was known and honored by all who knew him, was at no time too busy to help those who were in trouble or were in need of guidance and assistance.

Even though he has passed on, we shall ever cherish his memory and we shall hold "A Life of Service" as an example of true leadership.

LIFE'S SILENT TRYST

(by Arthur Bardwell Patten)
Come, kindly Night,
When kindling day is done,
Waft care and fret
To sleep's oblivion.

May problems wait,
And reason's court adjourn,
Let thought retire,
Ambition cease to yearn.

Lead, peaceful Night
To healing land of Nod.
To pastures green,
Beyond the ways men plod.

May eager tides
Be lost in waters still,
And brooding calm
Beguile the hectic will.

Hail friendly Night,
Life's truce of unconcern,
Bid passions rest,
Regrets refuse to burn.

Come, tryst of God,
Restore the silent soul,
To greet the dawn,
With spirit cleansed and whole.



Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Rev. F. P. Jones, Pastor.

In face of a very cold day Sunday we enjoyed a good service all day. The Auxiliaries are all doing good work. The first month in the year went over in a big way. Pastor Jones preached both sermons Sunday, with communion at night. We are looking forward to a big day on the

13th of February, at which time a Lincoln Birthday Program and Dinner will be given at the Church under the direction of the Emergency Club beginning at 7:30. Don't fail to attend. This is a treat of the season. Rev. C. H. Bratton, President of the Missouri BYPU, State Convention is guest of Rev. Jones for a few days.

Zion Baptist Church, 2215 Grant Street, Rev. C. C. Harper, Pastor, Rev. J. R. Young, Asst. Pastor, Sunday School 9:30 a. m. H. L. Anderson, Supt.

Sunday morning was well attended by a large congregation to greet Rev. C. C. Harper back to the fold. Sunday night Rev. Harper preached a wonderful sermon, "O, Fear Ye Not", and following the night service administered the Lord's Supper.

The Imperial Choir rendered the hymnals for the day. A. L. Scott, president and A. Preacher, Sec'y.

BYPU was well attended. Program rendered by group 1. Mrs. Perry Johnson, captain of program committee.

Monday night the Women's Missionary Society gave a real surprise reception for Rev. Harper by presenting to him a token of welcome and a grand repass was served to all present. Chicken salad, crackers, coffee and hot chocolate, ice cream and cake. Mrs. Charles Williams rendered a grand musical program. Mrs. C. C. Harper, president.

Rev. Harper will preach next Sunday all day, come out and enjoy the services.

Salem Baptist Church, 22nd and Seward Sts., Rev. E. W. Anthony, Pastor Elect, Mr. Wm. Cooper, reporter.

A great spiritual revival was had at Salem Sunday through the Holy Spirit using the Good man Rev. C. H. Bratton of Excelsior Springs, Mo. He preached two stirring sermons, one at 11 a. m. and the other at 8 p. m. Rev. Bratton is visiting the City and is a friend of Rev. F. P. Jones, Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

All departments were at their best. The Mission Circle closed its popularity rally last week with \$700. Mrs. Ada Turner, president being crowned queen.

Salem on February 3, 1933 called Rev. E. W. Anthony of Topeka, Kans. as Pastor. He will be on the scene Sunday, February 12th. We invite all to be present. Don't forget the Y.W. Girls Valentine Party, on the 14th. You are always welcome at Salem and made to feel at home.

Bethel A.M.E. Church, Council Bluffs, Ia., Geo. W. Slater, Jr.

Under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Fletcher being assisted by Mesdames M. Austin, Oline Harvey, Hattie Terry, and Messrs. Wm. Fox and Wm. Teal, Bethel A.M.E. Church will observe the Negro History Week with a comprehensive program Sunday afternoon the 12th with the following program: Principal address by Father J. F. Costello, Holy Family Roman Catholic Church; Richard Allen, Rev. Geo. W. Slater, Jr.; Spirituals by Choir; Science and Invention, Wm. Teal; Music, Mrs. A. W. Fitz; Education, Mrs. M. D. Slater; Solo, Mrs. H. Means, Business, Mrs. E. Baker; Authors, Miss Audrey Hawkins; Dunbar, Mrs. W. E. Carter, Omaha; Pioneer and Soldier, Rev. J. H. Reynolds, Tabernacle Baptist Church; Stage Careers, J. A. Bryan; Social History, Manson James.

At 8 p. m. the Boy Scout Troop Number 21, under the leadership of Scout Master Malcomb Austin will render a fine program in honor of Abraham Lincoln.

Pilgrim Baptist Church, 25th and Hamilton Streets, Rev. J. H. Dotson, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. with a good attendance. The older people as well as the young are taking an active interest in the school.

The Pastor was in the stand at 10:45 a. m. It is very encouraging to see the large attendance of young people in the Sunday services.

In the afternoon, the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Robbins was held. Mrs. Robbins was a faithful member, being among the ones who organized Pilgrim and she will be missed from among our ranks.

BYPU was very well attended, including a large number of visitors. The program was presented by group 1, who, observing National Negro History Celebration, rendered an enjoyable and timely program. Among the visitors were Rev. Stump of St. Marks Lutheran Church, together with his congregation who gave a short but interesting talk.

In the evening services, Communion was given together with a testimonial service.

Remember Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

In the Religious Training School which closed Wednesday evening at the First Baptist Church in Park Ave. two diplomas in Religious Education were given Mrs. J. H. Dotson and Miss Elizabeth Moten respectively. Mrs. Dotson has the honor of being the first of our group among the Baptists to receive such a diploma in the State. At the last school Mrs. Beatrice Gray of Cleve Temple received hers. The First Baptist Church was packed to its capacity, the occasion being the last night of school and Rev. Johnson the president of the Northern Baptist Con-

vention delivered an address. The diplomas were presented by Mr. Ezra Duncan, Director of Religious Education of the State.

Twenty one workers from Pilgrim three from Mt. Moriah and one from Cleve Temple attended the school.

PRISONS AND PRISONERS

by Clifford C. Mitchell

Editor Kish of the School News has forwarded to me a letter from some New Prison reader of this column, with a brief note suggesting that the contents of the letter might give me an idea for some future "Prisons and Prisoners" article.

The correspondent's specific request is that I, if possible, analyze for him and others in like circumstances, what hope, if any, there is for prisoners who have served several prison sentences under a system that increases the sentence with each subsequent conviction, regardless of the charge, but purely because he has served and previously paid-in-full for each prior conviction.

He also reminds me of the fact that such offenders, in his opinion, cannot become trustees; cannot receive any good time, and believes that the door of all HOPE is, for them, ever shut. And, like many people in the free world, he wants to know if there is a remedy.

If the editor had not made the suggestion that the correspondents letter might give me an idea for an article I would be extremely reluctant to write on this subject for the correspondent, unknowingly, outlined my own predicament. In short, I am what penologists call a "repeater," "recidivist," "habitual," and other such names which they assign to prisoners who have served several sentences.

Unlike my correspondent, however, I do not blame my predicament on the actions of society in unjustly persecuting me; nor do I believe that the door of hope or opportunity is forever shut. My belief is that if we are foolish enough to place ourselves in a position whereby society can demand the proverbial "pound of flesh" that we should be strong enough to give it.

Fortunately, we are paying this "pound of flesh" in an institution and under an administration that DOES NOT shut the door of hope or opportunity in our faces. In effect, the administration says: "Society insists that you pay the full 'pound of flesh' and then as a soothing balm the administration also says: 'If you claim society is wrong prove it by bringing out such qualities within you as to virtually demand a retraction of society's edict.'"

I can, perhaps, best reply to my correspondent by stating that I have interpreted the many opportunities given each prisoner here in a thought as somewhat expressed above and I have accepted the challenge, fully intending to pay the "pound of flesh" but in so doing to build myself up mentally, morally, physically and spiritually, so that after the "full pound of flesh" has been extracted I can leave here in a better condition than when I first came.

If hundreds of other prisoners, who are also "repeaters" would accept their fate in this same philosophical manner and so improve themselves and attempt to fill a beneficial niche in life, I believe, that in time, their light would so shine as to shed its illumination over a great many influential members of society, who are now in the dark and at wits end over the solution of curing criminal "repeaters."

A great many may not know that a "repeater" can be likened to a snow ball rolling down-hill. It increases in volume and momentum as it speeds on its course and of its own volition cannot be stopped until it reaches the bottom of the hill, which, in a great many instances is entirely too late. And if society gives us an extra push on our down-hill travel, we are indeed super-human if we can provide our own automatic stop, but this, presumably, we must do in order to prove to society that the good, or the bad, in a prisoner cannot be accurately judged purely from a statistical record devoid of a human analysis of previous existing circumstances.

Book Review

"SHADOWS OF THE GALLOWS" by Patrick C. Murphy

Guide's Platform

Race prejudice must go. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good citizenship in time of peace, war and death.

(1) We must have our pro-rata of employment in businesses to which we give our patronage, such as grocery stores, laundries, furniture stores, department stores

(Caxton Printers, Ltd., Caldwell, Idaho)?

This is a companion book to "Behind Gray Walls", which I commented upon in this column last June. In the latter book the author who was at the time of writing, a lifer in the Idaho State Prison, describes minutely life behind the walls of the Idaho prison. In his other book, "Shadows of the Gallows", the author gives us thoughts on matters of criminology and penology that are the results of his many years of study within the shadows of the prison gallows.

All those who are interested in prisons and prisoners should read both of Murphy's books, but colored readers, in particular, will find "Shadows of the Gallows" of much personal interest for in the book, briefly summed up, a great deal of America's lawlessness, according to the book's text, the natural result of the unlawful manner that the American whites treated the backs during the days of slavery, until in time all laws become flaunted and whites as well as the blacks become the victims of the mobs and unchecked lawlessness.

Aside from the interest that colored readers should take in this book the author has very clearly depicted criminal and penal conditions very minutely down through many centuries and ages, comparing circumstances conditions and results with our present day difficulties of curbing this ever-growing seeming industry of crime. Not only does he analyze these conditions but he also presents a very logical cure.

Clifford C. Mitchell.

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and coal companies, in fact every concern which we support. We must give our citizens the chance to live respectably. We are tired of educating our children and permitting them to remain economic slaves and enter into lives of shame.

(2) Our pro-rata of employment for the patronage to our public corporations such as railroad companies, the street car company, the Nebraska Power Company, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and other establishments which we are forced to support by right of franchise. Also our pro-rata of employment in return for the taxes we pay in our city, county state and federal government.

(3) To encourage the establishment of a first class hospital that we may get the best that there is in medical science from our doctors whom we know to be nearest us, also to encourage a high respect of them and encourage more of our girls to take nurse training.

(4) A one hundred per cent department of our citizens in our public or private places of business, especially on street cars. If we are to be respected we must act respectably, especially in public places where we are constantly before the public's eye.

(5) A one hundred per cent membership in the Omaha branch of the NAACP. should be had to encourage the efforts put forth by the founders of the organization and to assist the general office to establish a five million dollar endowment fund to maintain operating expenses and to further the principles of the NAACP. All people of all races must be educated up to a higher principle and a more thorough understanding of interracial relationship that our country may in reality be a government of the people, for the people and by the people in whole and not in part.

(6) The re-establishment of the Christian Religion as Christ taught it, for the uplifting of mankind, eliminating financial and personal gain. A practical Christian Religion, week day as well as Sunday. An attitude toward our fellowman as a brother in order to establish a principle which will guide the destiny of each other's children; our neighbor's children today are our children tomorrow.

(7) Courteous treatment in all places of business and the enforcement of the State Civil Right Law.

(8) To encourage and assist in the establishment of the following financial institutions near 24th and Lake Streets: A building and loan association, a state bank, administering aid and assistance to our widows and children.

(9) To encourage the erection of a one hundred thousand dollar Young Men's Christian Association Building near 24th and Lake Streets.

(10) To enlarge the Young Women's Christian Association that it may supply sufficient dormitory accommodations.

(11) To teach our citizens to live economically within their earning capacity by printing in each issue a budget system for various salaries.

(12) To make Omaha a better city in which to live by inaugurating a more cosmopolitan spirit among our American citizens.

(13) To put a stop to the Divorce Evil by passing a State law making the mistreatment of a wife or a husband by either of them, a criminal offense to be decided by a jury, first offense, jail sentence of a short duration; from one to five years in the penitentiary. This, we believe will make men and women think before marrying, second offense, one of longer duration; third offense,

(14) We must become owners of the city government by paying a seemingly higher salary to those whom we employ to administer its affairs, a salary that will at-and, also, a first-class trust company for the purpose of tract men of high calibre.

National

(1) Fight for a passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill and thus stop the shameful lynching of American citizens.

(2) One of our citizens in the president's cabinet.

(3) Federal control of the educational system that every child must have a high school education.

(4) Assist in the furtherance of research by our scientists and historians to prove that civilization was first founded in Africa.

(5) Establish a political influence which will bring about our pro-rata of higher appointments made by our chief executives.

(6) Stop graft in politics by passing a Federal Law making election day a legal holiday and compelling every American citizen of voting age to vote.

(7) Prevent further wars by teaching the so-called white race that it is high time for them to quit fooling themselves about white supremacy with only three-tenths of the world's population. They must be taught that color is due to climatic conditions. They must be taught that seven-tenths of the world's population is made up of darker races. They must be taught that the rays of sun that blaze upon the equator and turn the skin brown do not affect the power of the brain any more than the coldness of icy glaciers affect the brain of the white race; and that the darker races will not continue to be crushed by a money mad few. If the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are not welded into the hearts of this world's family now, by teaching the principles laid down by our Saviour, it will be welded into the hearts of our children some day soon, on the bloodiest battlefields this world has ever known.

(8) Cut down congressional representation from the Southern States in proportion to the number of votes cast.

The OMAHA GUIDE will put forth its best efforts to bring about the above 22 points with the assistance of those who believe it is for the best interest of good American citizenship.