

### Local Observations

It is with pardonable pride that I am happy to comment on the wonderful record of achievement made by the colored boys at the Council of Honor held at Central High School Auditorium last week. Not that other heights have not been reached by members of our group in other lines of endeavor, but the feat performed by these boys is so rare and singular that it called forth the admiration, not only from the colored people, but from the whites as well. Had these boys been members from the three Troops which comprise the number of colored Troops in the Omaha Council, it would not have drawn as much comment as it did, from the fact that of the five boys winning the Eagle Palm were members of Troop 79, of which Mr. T. P. Mahammitt is Scout Master, who in turn was highly complimented by the speaker awarding the prizes, Colonel McCollough, who after commenting on the remarkable record set by the five boys of Troop 79, called Mr. Mahammitt to the stage and presented him to the audience.

No we are not surprised at the record made by the boys of 79, we are only surprised that the boys of the other Troops of color did not do as well or better. We are fully conscious of the fact that if the Negro is to survive in this age of greed, hate and race prejudice, he must strive to excel, not only in scouting and other patriotic achievements, but in our economic and industrial affairs as well.

In going to and fro, through the streets of Omaha, day by day, we had ample time to cogitate upon the whims and vagaries of the human mind. With all of the great possibilities the member of our group have within their grasp especially here in Omaha, one grows sick at heart how they are each day trodden under foot.

True the colored people of this city has made great strides in the last few years, especially in avenues of business. But this is only a beginning, as those who are engaged in business had the thrift, industry and business sagacity to launch out into business.

They must effect combination one with the other in the pooling and concentrating of their buying power wherein they will be able to meet competition which they must do if they hope to carry on.

There has been too many complaints made to me since I have been engaged in the work of advertising on the OMAHA GUIDE, and incidentally boosting the Negro business and especially that of the Square Deal Stores. It is not enough that Negro business should contrive to sell their goods and commodities on a par or cheaper than their competitors, but they must let the people know it, not by a spasmodic disjunctive method of advertising but they should advertise so profusely that their name will be

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synonymous with the goods, which they advertise.  
When the public thinks of flour sugar or other goods, which they handle they will at once think of the Square Deal Stores, and when they think of Drugs, their mind will at once divert to Ross, Johnson or Owen Drugs.  
It was a good sign to see Dr. Hawkins, President of the Professional and Business League at the meeting of the Square Deal Stores last Tuesday night, it shows a human interest in the success of one organization in the other. Only in this manner can we hope to make any progress.

## Dr. Lennox On the Job

September 21, 1933.

Mr. Randall Biart, State Relief Director of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
Dear Sir:  
I should like to call your attention to a report brought to me that discrimination as to color is manifested regarding federal relief employment in the state of Nebraska. Whether the same has been intentionally or unintentionally, we do not know, but we are seeking an immediate rectification of this situation.  
It is stated prospective workers of our group seeking employment on state federal relief projects have been given allis and statements that only skilled workmen, or special men for special jobs are being considered. From investigations, Peter Kiewit, contractor, in charge of federal relief work in Douglas County has taken on any number of workers, but has not given consideration to any of this group, and we are asking you to see in hiring future employees that no discrimination as to color is manifested.

We are tax payers, voters and supporters of our city, county and state, entitled to employment in proportion to others. Even since the N. E. A. codes have gone into effect, many employers, rather than pay Colored workers the minimum authorized salary have laid them off and taken on others, which is not fair as we have to live and have obligations that must be met the same as others.  
If you will pardon me, I should like to call your attention to a recent happening among representatives of our race. Several appeared before the London Aviation Corps for employment, but this body thinking they were inefficient rejected them. Japan however, took these men in charge, and the last reports received indicated all are making good, and have become competent aviators. If we are not given a chance it is impossible for us to prove ourselves competent.  
We are asking you, as State Relief Director of Nebraska, to use all influence possible to see that workmen of this group are considered in proportion to others when seeking work on state federal relief projects.

Thanking you very much for whatever consideration you may give; hoping to hear from you regarding this matter.  
Respectfully yours,  
DR. G. B. LENNOX, President,  
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October 2, 1933.  
Dr. G. B. Lennox, President  
Omaha Working Men's Committee  
2122 1/2 North 24th Street  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Dear Dr. Lennox:

In regard to your letter of September 21st, the matter of work on these federal projects comes under the direction of Mr. George Hodge and I am passing your letter on to him. It is the intention of the relief administration that there will be no discrimination as to race, color, politics or religion.  
I feel sure that calling this to Mr. Hodge attention will serve to iron out the difficulties which you now have.  
Yours very truly,  
RANDALL G. BIART,  
State Relief Director

### Read the Guide

### POSTAL TELEGRAPH OPENS SOUTH SIDE BRANCH

A News Feature

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL  
Proving conclusively that successful business, whether conducted by whites or black, will attract the attention of other successful concerns is the way that I look at the latest bit of cooperation between the Postal Telegraph Company and the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company.  
When the Liberty Life, ever seeking ways of diminishing its overhead and current expense, sought to lessen its costs in the matter of their telegraphic communications they compared very closely the telegraphic costs of the various concerns and the service rendered, etc. In their estimation the Postal Telegraph's rates were the cheapest but they did not maintain a nearby southside office or even a branch station.  
However, big business—and perhaps that is the reason it is big—is able to size up a situation at a glance and to secure a sizeable amount of new business the Postal Telegraph decided that they would open up a southside branch station, and Mr. Pace, president of the Supreme Liberty, ever seeking possible new avenues for colored employment, contracted with the Postal Telegraph Building and for the time being in their own offices.

At present, until this new service has become more or less known to residents and business firms in the near vicinity of 35th and South Parkway, the receiving and dispatching of Postal messages will be handled by one or more of the Supreme Liberty clerks, with an assurance from the Postal company that just as soon as the number of messages warrant that a modern teletype machine will be installed to expedite the distribution of all messages, and after the business has become fully developed a complete modern sub-station will be installed and manned completely by colored employees.

This is just an example of how opportunities are built up not only for colored but for white employees as well. The Supreme Liberty merely desired to secure the lowest possible rates for the conduct of their telegraph business. The Postal Telegraph not only wanted to bid for this particular business but they also saw the possibility that through the lead of the Supreme Liberty and by cooperating together a service could be rendered that would react not only profitably, but that would react not only profitably when developed would give additional employment to the colored race and would provide a convenient service for those who were not previously enjoying such a service.

In keeping with Mr. Pace's ambition to successfully launch anything that he undertakes he is personally contemplating making a direct by mail campaign to every firm and resident within a reasonable distance of 35th and South Parkway, as he not only is anxious for the savings that his company will earn on their telegraph expense but he already visualizes a thoroughly modern Postal Telegraph office in the Company's building and manned throughout by colored employees. Not only does he visualize this possibility but he thinks that it can be very easily accomplished when it becomes generally known throughout the district what this new service means to each individual user and to the race in general.

And the Postal Telegraph company are also as intently interested in seeing this humble beginning develops into a worthwhile effort and have shown this interest by employing a colored man as a commercial solicitor to contact prospective users of telegraphic communications.

Each employee of the Supreme Liberty is loyally helping to launch this new service and are urging their friends and acquaintances, to have all telegraphic messages, incoming and

outgoing, sent over the wires of the Postal Telegraph Company.

### "BOB" VANN SUED FOR \$41,500 IN MARYLAND COURT

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — (CNS)—Damage suits totaling \$41,500 have been filed in court here by Josephine Sims, John Ely, John Sims, Nannie Ely, and Althie Rutland, against Robert L. Vann, of the Pittsburgh Courier and special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States.  
The suits are the aftermath of the head on collision of Mr. Vann's car with the car of the plaintiffs on the National highway at Funkstown four miles from here on Friday, September 15, when he was seriously injured. The plaintiffs claim to have been injured, alleging Vann's car crashed into their machine.

Mr. Vann, driving alone, enroute from Washington to his home in Pittsburgh in his automobile ran head on into another car at the crest of a hill. Both machines were completely demolished and the five persons in the other car, two women and three men, all colored, were also seriously injured.

Mr. Vann, although convalescing, is still confined to the Washington County (Md.) Hospital here having received a fractured skull and many cuts and bruises. All the others in the accident were severely injured. At one time one of the women was not expected to survive.

All of the plaintiffs, like Mr. Vann, are citizens of Pennsylvania hailing from New Salem, Uniontown and Footdale, Pennsylvania.

LEONARDTOWN, Md. — (CNS)—A 120 foot fire tower now under construction near Great Mills is the highest of a group of five new towers being constructed in the State of Maryland.  
The other four are to be erected by the conservation camp, in Garrett County. The work is being done by colored conservation employees directed by District Forester C. F. Winslow and District Forest Warden Robert O. Keefe. The tower has been financed through contributions and balances in the State construction loan of 1931.

CHICAGO, October 14.—Next week will be an eventful one at A Century of Progress.

With former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, as guest of honor during the seven day period, a pretentious Autumn Music Festival on the schedule, special fireworks, and the celebration of State Days, the program will mark a high point in the history of the World's Fair.  
Railroads and travel agencies, are cooperating with the management of the Exposition in offering unusually attractive rates for the remaining days of its operation. The Fair closes its gates forever on the night of October 31.

Approximately 20,000,000 have already visited the great Exposition on the shores of Lake Michigan, and officials are leaving nothing undone to prepare for the reception of additional hundreds of thousands who have not yet had the opportunity to view the marvels of science and other attractions displayed there.

Chicago's temperate Autumn weather, combined with its easy accessibility to visitors coming by highway, railroad and air will bring many to the World's Fair, in the next week, it is predicted. At no time during the year have conditions been so ideal for sightseers who wish to avoid throngs and hot weather.

Tomorrow's program (Sunday, Oct. 15) the Autumn Music Festival, being the Autumn Music Festival, being staged by the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs at many points on the Exposition grounds. Among the day's events will be music by the Champlain Girls Musical Club and Sousa Boys Club of Madison, Wis. The

prize winning Women's Chorus of La Porta, Ind., and the chorus of Xi chapter of Phi Mu Gamma fraternity are also scheduled.

Monday, October 16 will bring an attractive program of events including concerts by bands, choruses and orchestra, free outdoor dance music and marionette shows, military parades and other features.  
Montana Day will be celebrated at the Fair, Tuesday, October 17, Governor Frank H. Cooney, state official, and large delegations of citizens of Montana, will join with former residents in a program to be staged in the Court of States. Music by public school bands as a part of the Autumn Festival appears on the day's schedule.

Special trains will bring hundreds of visitors to A Century of Progress for the celebration of Arkansas Day, Wednesday, October 18, Governor J. M. Futrelle and other state officials will head large delegations of visitors from their state. One of the features of the program will be the appearance of the famous Ozark "Smile Girl," winner of an annual contest in Arkansas, in which girls with attractive smiles compete. There will be a spectacular fireworks display at night.

Greater Northside Day will be observed Friday, October 20, by thousands of Chicago citizens. There will be games, contests, band concerts, a mammoth parade, old fashioned picnic, and scores of other features. The day will also be celebrated as Laundryman's Assembly Day. Delegates to the annual laundry convention at will stage a program of events.  
Thousands of admirers of the popular New York Governor and Presidential candidate will assemble at the World's Fair, Saturday, October 21, for the celebration of Al Smith Day. Governor Smith is coming to Chicago to participate in a program at the Fair, and will not appear at any other function during his stay. He will deliver an address, and will be the official guest of the Exposition at a banquet in the honor.

Purdue University will also have its day at the Fair Saturday, and a concert will be given by the University band in the Court of Science at 7:30 p. m.

A Thomas A. Edison Memorial Day program is another event on the Saturday schedule. Exhibitors of electrical appliances and equipment will join in the observance of the anniversary of the invention of the incandescent lamp. The program will be centered around the Arcturus lighting ceremony in the Court of Science, in which the lights of the Fair are switched on by the utilization of a beam from the Star Arcturus. The day will close with a brilliant fireworks show.

### NEGRO ATTORNEYS FIRED ON

HENDERSON, N. C. — (CNS)—C. J. Gates and H. M. Thompson, both of Durham, who are attorneys defending two Negroes—Beaufort Kelly and Florida Bullock—on trial on charges of kidnaping and assaulting a white girl, were fired upon when they left the court room after a night session in Judge R. Hunt Parker's court here Thursday night.  
The attorneys, both colored, assisted by R. O. Everett, a white attorney, sought to have the indictment in the case quashed because there were no Negroes on the grand jury.

On Friday when the court was convened, Judge Parker instructed the jury to return to its hotel and issued subpoenas for the attorneys, Gates and Thompson, who were said by R. O. Everett, State legislator, to have been fired upon when they left the court room after a night session.

The attorneys asked the court through Everett for protection to come to the court room and Judge Parker then issued the subpoenas.  
The cooperation of the Henderson bar in his investigation was pledged to Judge Parker by its officials.  
Mr. Everett, associated with the attorneys in defense of the two men said stones were also thrown by the crowd which threatened the Negroes.

### NRA UNDERTAKERS BAN SUNDAY FUNERALS

MACON, Ga. — (CNS) — The NRA has put an end to Sunday funerals in this city and the Negro undertakers throughout the State are eager to adopt the same ban on the age old custom of large Sunday funerals. Preachers have agreed to back them up. The undertakers declare they should be entitled to a full day's rest on Sunday and through this agreement they expect to get it.

### KING TUT CURSE AGAIN SEEN ACTIVE IN PARIS

PARIS, France — (CNS) — Friends of J. F. Cellerier, noted French research scientist, are wondering if he is "the latest victim of King Tut ankhamen's vengeance on the excavators of his tomb."  
Cellerier has lost the use of his left eye as a result of ultra violet ray tests on a small wooden statue from an ancient Egyptian funeral chamber, sent to him by Henri Verne, director of national museums.

In the test, he was astonished to observe "an exceptional luminosity" emanating from the figure. Shortly afterward he felt a pain in his left eye, from which he eventually lost the sight.  
He did not dare to blame the strange brilliancy of the statue, said his official report, "although it certainly had been coated with an unknown organic substance." He hopes to regain the use of his eye on a month's leave of absence from the National Physical Testing Laboratory, of which he is director.

### ETHIOPIA'S EMPEROR GIVES PROFESSIONAL CROSS TO CATHEDRAL

WASHINGTON — (CNS) — The gift of a ruler in far off Africa, who claims descent from King Solomon and the queen of Sheba, is carried in many processions at the Washington Cathedral here. The gift, an interesting addition to Washington Cathedral's collection of processional crosses is one sent by the Emperor of Ethiopia, in response to a prayer read in Bethlehem Chapel at the time of his coronation. It is of silver, plated with gold, 21 by 26 inches in size. The cross is engraved with intricate designs of small crosses at the top and on the two arms. On the face of the cross is inscribed: "Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, has presented this to Washington Cathedral, 1930."

### STUDENT EMPLOYEES EARN \$16,000 DURING SUMMER VACATION AT HOWARD

WASHINGTON — (CNS) — Classified as painters, painters' helpers, electricians' helpers, and plasterers' helpers, 58 students of Howard University earned approximately \$16,000 on the campus and on work on university property during the past Summer vacation. The wage varied from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per day depending upon the efficiency of the worker. The unskilled laborers earned \$3.20 per day. All were cut 15 per cent to conform to the Government deduction.

### GOVERNOR RICHIE PARDONS AND PAROLE SEVERAL NEGRO PRISONERS

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — (CNS) — Governor Richie of Maryland has just paroled 16 prisoners and granted pardons and restoration of citizenship to three others. Among those paroled were eight Negroes, one of whom, Charles Dixon, "a lifer," was sentenced to be hanged for first degree murder, but had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Goldsborough.  
The other seven are: William Simpson, Arthur Williams, Luther McArthur, Theodore Wright, Robert Platter, Raymond Puller, and Frederick Wilkerson. Whitefield Lee, another Negro was pardoned and restored to citizenship.

### BLIND HONOR STUDENT BEGINS UNIVERSITY CAREER

WASHINGTON — (CNS) — George W. Reid, blind Dunbar High School honor student, has matriculated at Howard University. He was awarded a \$150 tuition scholarship by Howard University; and a \$400 scholarship by the education department of the Elks.

He was attended regularly in his high school classes by a boy classmate, while a girl student visited his home each afternoon and read assignments to him, making such notes as he directed. He dictated exercises in mathematics to her, but used the typewriter expertly in preparing English, history, composition and language exercises.  
Similar arrangements will be made, through friends, for his progress through the university. While at Dunbar, he wrote several poems, which were praised by school authorities.

### WARNER BROTHERS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST NEGRO CLERKS

NEW YORK CITY — (CNS) — Warner Brothers Theatres, Inc., recently

requested the New York Post Office officials to select for them 150 substitute clerks to work as checkers on attendance at each box office of Warner Brothers in New York City. The request was for white men only.

It is claimed that the theatre company told a delegation of colored and white clerks, that Warner Brothers hired colored people "in their proper places as porters."

### YVONNE COLLINS NIGHT CLUB ENTERTAINER SHOT

CHICAGO — (CNS) — Yvonne Collins, night club entertainer, was critically wounded in a pistol battle between two policemen, four gunmen during a robbery on Cottage Grove Avenue early Friday morning, October 6. The victim, Miss Yvonne Collins, twenty two years old, was shot in the head when caught in the cross fire of bullets as she covered beside the piano at which she had been playing and singing when the robbers entered. Detectives arrested a man gave his name as Tony Kandian, twenty one years old. The three fled with \$200 loot.

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