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Topekan Is Appointed Treasurer

Topeka—John M. Wright, who has been deputy treasurer of Shawnee county for 33 years, has been appointed to the office of county treasurer to fill out the unexpired term of J. C. Glenn Davis, white, whose resignation will become effective January 9th. The county commissioners made the appointment.

Mr. Wright is the oldest official in point of service at the county courthouse. He was first appointed deputy treasurer in 1903 by Capt. H. M. Phillips. He has been in office continuously since that time with the exception of two years he spent as county clerk and six months which he spent in Y. M. C. A. work during the World War.

Once before, Mr. Wright was named to fill out the unexpired term of a county treasurer. He held this treasurer's position in 1928, filling out the term of Tom Boyd.

Well Known
Mr. Wright is one of the best known citizens of Topeka, regardless of his color.

Mr. Wright is particularly valuable in the county treasurer's office because of his ability to find real estate on the tax rolls despite the fact that owners of the property speak in terms of street addresses and not number of lots.

Each year, he has charge of the tax rolls during tax paying season.

Mr. Wright says he does not contemplate any changes in the personnel of the treasurer's office.

Davis resigned to take over the duties of county clerk to which he was elected in November. He is serving his second term as county treasurer.

DOG NABS CHILD

Dorine Wise, 8, of 923 North 25th St. was bruised when grabbed by a large police dog, the property of L. B. Pixley, 2510 Cumming St., Monday, Dec. 28th.

When Dorine and little companion ran up on the porch of the house at 918 No. 25th, Dorine was seized by a large police dog. She was treated at the police station and later taken home.

BULLETINS!

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 2 (C)—The Voice, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Coles editors and publishers, 397½ Clarissa street, has exposed "The Green Scandal Sheet" as doing "all Afro-Americans residing here a great injustice." The editors of the Voice have personally on the editor of "The Green Scandal Sheet" (white) and asked that he desist from this course of misrepresentation of 4,000 colored people in Rochester.

New York, Jan. 2 (C)—Ten thousand people jammed the Paramount theatre as "Pennies From Heaven," with Louis Armstrong and Bing Crosby, had its premiere on Wednesday.

To Appear Here For One Week



LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Starting New Year's eve at midnight and continuing for one week at the Orpheum theater, Louis Armstrong, band and entire ensemble of entertainers from the Cotton club, all in person.

Louis Armstrong, king of swing, says swing music is the kind of music that just happens along. It is the height of informality. Therein lies its greatest attraction.

You walk into a place where swing is being played and you wonder if the boys are really together. It is informal and one would think the boys were tuning up, except that they all seem in closest harmony and working on the same rhythm.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN V. WALKER ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Walker, 2721 Parker St., entertained at dinner Monday night, Dec. 28th. Guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Mary Piddgett of Kansas City, Mr. Monroe Wyatt, Mr. Jimmie Woods, Mr. Nels Rutledge, Mr. Walter Bassett and Mr. and Mrs. Andrauf Logan. The evening was spent playing bridge.

MISS ANNIE LEE CARTER JOHNSON ENTERTAINS

One of the most outstanding affairs of the holiday season was the dinner held Thurs. Dec. 24th, at the lovely apartment of Miss Annie Lee Carter Johnson, 2624 No. 25th St.

Covers were laid for 12. The tables were beautiful, all in keeping with the season. The red and green service added to the tables' beauty. During the course of the evening, many other friends dropped in, contributing their merriment to this gala affair.

Miss Johnson was voted, by those enjoying her hospitality, as one of Omaha's most delightful and gracious hostesses.

A six pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Merrigan, 2731 Blondo. Mother and son are doing nicely at the Methodist hospital.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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GOLIETH MURRELL CUT

In an argument over money, Golie Murrell, 1918 No. 25th St., was cut with a razor Saturday, Dec. 26th by Fred Robinson, 2817 Parker St., at the home of R. S. Jones.

Murrell was treated by Dr. G. B. Lennox. Robinson could not be found.

RECEPTION HELD

The Northside YWCA was the scene of a beautiful wedding reception on Saturday night, Dec. 26th, following the marriage of Mr. George Simpson to Miss Erma Speese. The table, on which the refreshments were served, was covered with a rich lace cloth, upon which rested a beautiful array of cut flowers. Lighted candles were placed at either end of the table. The bride, beautiful in a popular shade of blue, carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom looked stately in a full dress suit, included in the receiving line with the bride and groom were Mrs. Clara Speese, mother of Mrs. Simpson, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Rivers. The young ladies who assisted in serving looked chic in formals.

Mr. Simpson was formerly of Omaha, having left last year for Wyoming where he now owns and operates a ranch. Mrs. Simpson formerly lived at 2864 Miami St., is popular both in church and social circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left Thursday for Wyoming where they will make their home.

Mrs. Sampson, 2606 Lake St., who has been ill is now able to be out.

MISS GERTRUDE RUCKER ENTERTAINS

Miss Gertrude Rucker entertained Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at a luncheon honoring Miss Kathleen Macey, K. U. student, who is in the city for the holidays. Guest list included Misses Willette Embry, Eva Mae Stewart, Juanita Macey, and Rachel Covington.

JOSEPHINE WESLEY CUT

While drinking Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, with a man by the name of Charlie, Mrs. Josephine Wesley, 1611 No. 11th St., was cut by a pocket knife on the back, left arm and left hand. Charlie fled the scene before police could get there.

MISS CHRISTINE DIXON ENTERTAINS

Miss Christine Dixon, 2889 entertained Friday, Jan. 1st honoring many college students who are spending the holidays in the city, among which are Miss Charlene Lewis, Messrs. Wm. Glenn, Herbert Garner, W. S. Fletcher, Thos. Jones, Eugene Skinner and Ed Wiggins. Present were guests of honor, Misses Eva Mae Stewart, Lorene Lewis, Hester Brown, Asilee Dotson, Mary Gordon, Charlotte Hicks, Versie Winston and Lavna Adams and Messrs. Julian McPherson, John Woods, J. C. Williams and Ralph Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fredericks, 2220 Lake Street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, newly weds, at a dinner on Sunday Dec. 27th. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left Thursday, December 31st for Wyoming, where they will make their home.

Miss Amanda Offutt is ill.

SAFeway CAB DRIVER ROBBED

Boyd Allen, 518 So. 26th, driver of a Safeway Cab, was robbed of \$3.03 Wednesday, Dec. 23rd near 28th and Decatur Sts by an unidentified Negro, whom he picked up at 25th and Farnam Sts.

Mrs. Edna Mitchell Entertains

Mrs. Edna Mitchell, 2431 Parker St., entertained at dinner Christmas Day.

The house was decorated throughout in Christmas colors. The table was beautiful, the colors of red and white predominating. Red tapers were to be seen at each end of the table. Gorgeous red roses made a centerpiece.

The five course dinner that was served was enjoyed by Miss Violet Holt, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mitchell

After dinner, Christmas calls were made and upon returning to Mrs. Mitchell's Christmas carols were sung.

It goes without saying that when the time for departure came, everyone voted Mrs. Mitchell a charming hostess.

Fight In Derby Beer Garden

In an argument between Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hightowell, 1518 No. 25th St., who with Mary Jones, were drinking in the Derby Tavern 24th and Clark Sts., on Dec. 25th Hightowell struck his wife in the face with his fist. She in turn pulled out a small pocketknife and stuck him on the left side of the abdomen.

Hightowell left the tavern stating that he was going to a doctor to be treated. When the women went home, Hightowell entered with a hammer and struck his wife on the head cutting her scalp and putting a cut over her left upper eyelid and then fled.

Mrs. Hightowell was treated and book to the charge of "Investigation."

Football Stars Hold Banquet

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 31—Twin City Negro football stars were eulogized at a banquet Saturday night, at Phyllis Wheatley House. The affair was sponsored by the Minneapolis Big Brothers.

Coach Bernie Bierman, Gopher Coach, was among the speakers. Other speaker were C. O. Severson, principal at South high school; Rev. C. F. Stewart of St. Peter A.M.E. church; Rev. D. P. Young and Phil Brain, University of Minnesota coach, who exhibited motion pictures of the highlights of the 1936 football of the Gophers.

John F. Thomas, head of boys' worker at the settlement house, served as master of ceremonies.

Players introduced included Horace Bell, Gopher guard; Bill Wallace and Tyler Howell, Ray Johnson, Maurice Howell, South high Minneapolis players, Bobby Marshall, old time Minnesota star, and Bill Smalls, former Central high player.

About 160 people were in attendance at the banquet.

MR. & MRS. EARL MCCONNELL ENTERTAIN FOR CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McConnell, 2634 Maple St., entertained Roberta and Clyde Longmyer, children of Mrs. Alma Longmyer, 2723 Miami St., and Almeda Lou and Buddy Holiday, children of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Holiday, 2112 Elm St. on Christmas Eve at a delightful three course dinner party. Assisting was Mrs. Mel Holiday. The evening was spent in playing games.

Attends Kappa Conclave

Mr. Carlton Goodlett, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Goodlett, 2815 Binney, left Friday, Dec. 25th, for Washington, D. C., where he will attend the Kappa Conclave. From Washington, he will return to Berkeley, California to resume his school duties.

CUT IN APEX BRAWL

Claude Atkins and wife Mannie, Willie Ross and another man were in the Apex Pool Hall, 1820 No. 24th St., on Dec. 25th, when Ross and the unnamed man began arguing. When Atkins interfered, he was cut on the hand. No arrests were made.

MARRIED

Mr. Homer McCraney, Omaha and Miss Margaret Dallas, of Chicago, were married Dec. 28th in Council Bluffs, Ia., by Rev. Geo. W. Slater, jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson 3212 Corby entertained at a lovely Christmas dinner party on Christmas day. The color scheme, in keeping with the holidays, was green and red. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Willis, and daughters; Miss Hazel Parker and Mr. Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant. The Watsons will be remembered as newlyweds.

1936 Records Show Decline In Lynching

According to the records compiled in the Department of Records and Research of the Tuskegee Institute, of which Mr. F. D. Patterson is president, there were 9 persons lynched in 1936. This is 11 less than the number 20 or 1935; 6 less than the number 15 for 1934; and 19 less than the number 28 for 1933. 6 of the persons lynched were in the hands of the law; 2 were taken from jails and 4 from officers of the law outside of jails.

There were 35 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. 5 of these were in northern states and 30 in southern states. In 30 of the instances the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In the 5 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would be lynchers. A total of 69 persons, 7 white and 62 Negro, were thus saved from death at the hands of mobs.

Of the 9 persons lynched, all were Negroes. The offenses charged were rape, 3; attempted rape, 3; murder 1; activity in share cropper strike, 1; charge not reported, 1.

The states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Arkansas, 1; Florida, 1; Georgia, 5; Mississippi, 1.

Louis Makes New Year's Resolution

Detroit, Jan. 2 (ANP)—"Tell 'em to watch Joe Louis in 1937." That was the Brown Bomber's New Year's advice given out on Christmas day as he spent the holidays with his mother and family as well as hundreds of well-wishers who dropped by to extend the season's greetings and express their belief that Joe will be heavyweight champion before Yuletide comes around again.

"Next year is going to be my biggest," said Louis "Right now I'm ready to fight anything and everything they put in the ring against me. As soon as I get through celebrating the holidays, watch my smoke. I'm going to train harder than ever before, and the more fights I have, the better for me."

John Roxborough, co-manager, added, "A big fight-a-month campaign is being arranged for Joe in 1937. After he lost to Schmeling, it meant another climb to the top of the heavyweight heap. But the strange part of the program is the fact that none of the fighters Joe met in his first climb to fame care to meet him again. That's pretty good indication that Louis is by no means burned out or through."

Joe's tentative schedule calls for a six round exhibition in Buffalo, N. Y. on Jan. 11th, a six-rounder at Minneapolis on Jan. 14, a major fight with Bob Pastor in New York on Jan. 29th, and probably a bout with Phil Brubaker in California during February if the Rosenbloom match is not made.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE