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Five New Members League to Sponsor On Uni Faculty Exemption Campaign

President Rowland Haynes, of the University of Omaha, today announced the addition of five new members to the faculty of the university. The new appointments are as follows:

Dana J. Warren, A. B. and Ph. D. from Yale, has appointed assistant professor Physics. A scholarship student at Yale and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Warren has had an interesting career which includes two years of teaching at Doshisha university, Kyoto, Japan, where he served as a missionary. Dr. Warren was born in Japan. He will live at 2431 Bauman street with his wife and daughter, Betty.

Wilbur T. Meek, A. B. Princeton and M. A. Columbia university, has been appointed to the teaching staff of the Economics department to replace Dr. Harry Severson, who is on leave of absence for a year in connection with a U. S. Government agency. Mr. Meek is a graduate of Central high school and is a member of the New York Chapter, American Institute of Banking.

William K. Noyce, whose appointment was announced last spring, was appointed to the teaching staff of the Chemistry department. He has his A. B. from Doane college and his M. Sc. from the University of Nebraska.

Harry A. Rositzke, A. B. from Union college, M. A. Harvard and Ph. D. from Harvard, now assistant professor of English, has held many fellowships at Harvard including the University Fellowship; the Harris Fellowship and the Dexter Traveling Fellowship. He is a Phi Beta kappa and instructed English at Union college, tutored in English at Harvard. Dr. Rositzke plans to do much research through tests and recordings of midwestern speech and dialect.

Robert Huffman, assistant instructor in Painting and Sculpture, has his B. F. A. from Ohio State university and has resided in Omaha since September, 1931. An outstanding athlete at college, he participated in the Goblet Gloves tournament here last winter.

Con Men to Get Chain Gang in Hots Springs

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 22 (ANP)—Confidence men and pickpockets who planned to spend the winter in Hot Springs were given a tip to stay away Tuesday when Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin authorized his police department to re-establish a downtown chain gang for such offenders who have already started arriving to prey on winter visitors.

The chain gang treatment for petty offenders was inaugurated last year. Those convicted in municipal court, wearing large balls and chains on their ankles, were put to work sweeping the principal business streets. McLaughlin said it was effective.

Expect College Report Soon

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 22 (ANP)—Holt McPherson, white, editor of a high point newspaper, is expected to submit his report on conditions at the Greensboro A. and T. College by Oct. 1st, Gov. Roey declared Thursday.

McPherson was appointed as an outsider to investigate complaints lodged by alumni of the institution under the direction of the board of trustees had failed to satisfy the two alumni factions.

In a statement by Dr. Vernon B. Thomas, president of the Nebraska League of Taxpayers and Home Owners, which is sponsoring the Homestead Tax Exemption Campaign, it was explained that the attacks upon the campaign for tax-free homes appearing in the larger papers of the state are characteristic of the campaign for this cause in all other states. It is also characteristic of such campaigns that the largest minority of the local papers support the proposition in a manner bring the truth to the people.

Dr. Thomas urges members of the League and other supporters of the exemption for homes to keep in mind the evils of loss of value through excessive taxation—the loss of homes and farms in Nebraska because of the tax lien.

Regardless of another draught year in Nebraska and business conditions of below normal the home and farm owners of Nebraska are burdened by having levied upon them this year a 5 per cent increase in the state levy.

The universally accepted basis for taxation is "ability to pay" and the ownership of an equity in home or farm by no means indicates ability to pay. When 50 per cent of the wealth of the state is escaping taxation (is now exempt) it is simple nonsense to state that taxes lost cannot be replaced and of course opponents are exaggerating the losses.

Pertinent to this is the survey of Homestead Tax Exemption made under the supervision of Edward B. Schmidt of the University of Nebraska wherein it is shown that from 27 typical school districts of Lancaster county, and average of only 21 per cent is indicated. Opponents are claiming a loss of as high as 40 per cent.

Replacement of losses in school funds from other sources would be a simple and easy matter. Some forced economy and are equitable assessments would make the adjustments in other tax divisions.

Dies After Assailant Hanged

St. Louis, Sept. 22 (ANP)—Nine months after his assailant was hanged in Louisiana last January, Dan L. Perkins, white, geologist and oil man of Shreveport, died Wednesday at Barnes hospital of a gunshot wound inflicted in his head at the time of the assault.

Perkins was shot August 10, 1936, with a shotgun fired by Tom Howard, a neighbor's employee. He was convicted of shooting with intent to murder and rob, a capital offense in Louisiana. Perkins underwent an operation, recovered sufficiently to resume moderate activity, but a brain abscess developed and he was brought here to Barnes hospital for treatment April 12th.

Lambda Officers Resign

New York, Sept. 22 (ANP)—Mrs. F. K. Norman Williamson, active, and energetic New Yorker, tendered her resignation as regional director of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority this week shortly after the meeting of the national executive committee held in Washington Mrs. Williamson was joined in her action by Mrs. Mabel Hopkins, wife of Claude Hopkins, the orchestra leader. Mrs. Hopkins was second vice president of the organization. No reason for the retirement of these officers was given.



PROF. JOSIAH WADDLES

Liberian President Points to Progress

Monrovia, Liberia, Sept. 22 (ANP)—President Edwin Barclay speaking at the recent celebration of Liberia's 90th anniversary of Independence took occasion to dwell upon his country's desire for peace and to outline something of the progress it had made since its establishment. President Barclay said:

"In the present state of world affairs, I think it is not out of place for me, on this occasion, to reaffirm our attachment to the ways of peace, our desire for friendly cooperation with the citizens of other states, whose legitimate concerns bring them to Liberia, and our will for honorable commerce with all peoples.

"Ninety years, is, indeed, a short period in which to judge the capacity and progress of a people. Progress is relative, and, so far as this nation is concerned, any judgment on this score must be related to the circumstances of its origin, the means at its disposal for effecting its purpose, to the manner in which those means have been utilized, and to the posture of its affairs in the present as compared with conditions at the beginning of its national life. Ninety years ago the Republic of Liberia comprised three small settlements not exceed-

ing 12,000 square miles, with a population not exceeding 20,000. It was a state always on the defensive culturally and politically against the overwhelming cultural pull and the numerical superiority of the surrounding indigenous barbarous peoples. Today the Republic has expanded to an area of 45,000 miles, and contains a population of over 1,500,000, with its authority not only unchallenged, but both accepted and respected in even the most remote sections of the territory.

"It is not appropriate at this time for me to make a comparative statement of developments which have taken place in this Republic in the political, social, cultural and economic aspects of the life of the Liberian people. But I am happy to be able to say that, on a just assessment of these several factors over the ninety year period, substantial progress has been made and is continuing to be made."

A modern "Atlantis," the largest man-made island in the world, has been constructed in San Francisco Bay for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

Outside the Wine Palace at the 1939 World's Fair on San Francisco Bay will be a growing sample of each variety of California's 225,000, 000 wine grape bearing vines.



MR. JULY MILES

Comrade July Miles, 2308 No. 26th street, also gave some interesting points concerning the Civil War and pre-Civil War period.

Mr. Miles was born in Mobile, Alabama, 88 years ago, a slave. He also fought during the Civil War. At the age of 17, Mr. Miles ran away from his owner, with five other slaves and went down to the Alabama Bay.

Forty-five years ago he made his home in Omaha. He resides with his wife, Mrs. Mary Miles, 2308 No. 29th street.

WOW and Civil War Vets Join Guide in Emancipation Program

Station WOW and broadcasting staff joined with the Omaha Guide Wednesday, in commemorating the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln, 74 years ago. The following is the text of the Newstower Broadcast and a letter received from one of

the WOW officials. Mr. C. C. Galloway The Omaha Guide Omaha, Nebraska. Dear SSir:

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in asking for a copy of the story we carried on last night's Newstower about Emancipation day. It is very flattering to receive such commendation, especially to me, as I wrote it, and I am sure, to Foster May, who gave it. I am really very glad to be able to send you a copy of the story.

I also wish to thank you for your gracious invitation to attend your celebration. I have not spoken to Mr. May yet about the matter, but I am sure we will both do our utmost to arrange to be present—however, I do not as yet know as yet what our working schedule will be next Monday. We very rarely know in advance just when we will have a little free time.

And before I close, I wish to thank you and Miss Helen Childs, on behalf of Mr. May, the Station, and myself for your cooperation in putting on our special program yesterday. I think it was a very interesting program which should have given many people an insight into just what the Emancipation Order meant.

Thanking you once again, I beg to remain, Sincerely yours, Soren Munkhof

Interview Civil War Veterans

By Helen Childs

Today, September 22nd, we are commemorating the 74th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln, who 74 years ago set four million Negroes free from the bondage of slavery.

Interesting facts pertaining to their knowledge and experience of slavery were related to your correspondent by the following. The first to make a statement concerning slavery was Mr. Josiah Waddles, who resides at 2715 No. 24th street, Mr. Waddles was born 83 years ago a slave in Springfield, Mo., and was a slave for 14 years. He was a slave of John Lier, also his mother and four sisters and brothers. He states that his master was a hard man and beat him many times. At the age of 14 he enlisted as a drummer boy in the 79th U. S. Infantry, composed of Kansas Negro volunteers and served through the war getting through the thick of the fight at Ft. Gibson, Cabin Creek, and Helena, Ark. He got his name from J. Waddles who owned his father, Thomas, before the days of freedom.

For the past 57 years, Mr. Waddles represented Omaha at the G. A. R. A few years ago he organized a band under the moniker of "Waddles Ladies Concert Band" composed of 14 colored girls from the ages of 18 to 22, who were the grand daughters and great grand daughters of Civil War Veterans and former slaves.

Mr. James Kennedy who is also known as "Dad" Kennedy to many Omahans, also related many interesting facts to your reporter. He lives at 2513 No. 26th street with his wife and daughter. His exact age is unknown, although he believes he was about 15 years old when the Civil War broke out. He was born in Sterling, Ky. His mother and five brothers and sisters were slaves on the plantation of Jim Kennedy. His father was sold about two months before his birth.

Mr. Kennedy told of his exciting experience during the Civil War, when the Union Jackets came to his house, the first shot that was fired frightened everyone, even the dogs that he was so fond of. He followed the dogs that ran out of the house and went into a cellar for "safe keeping" where he stayed until all of the excitement had passed from the place.

Today we dedicate this column to our own Civil War veterans who so bravely and courageously fought and endured the hardships of this great and worthy battle, and kept their trust in God, and came out more than victorious—a free man-range for the program.

The Story: How many people in Omaha know or have given much thought to the fact that today is Emancipation day—the 74th anniversary of the day President Lincoln signed the bill freeing over four million Negro slaves.

To many of us, it is something we read about in our history class, and haven't given much thought to since. But it meant freedom, a new life to a whole race of people.

And on September 27th, Omaha Negroes, under the sponsorship of the Omaha Guide, Negro newspaper, will hold an Emancipation Celebration. This event will be held at the Elk's hall, 2420 Lake street, in honor of Civil War veterans and their families.

But today WOW recognized the real anniversary with a special program on the regular man on the street broadcast which many of you undoubtedly heard. Two former slaves, two of the very few still living who were freed by the Emancipation Order, were presented on this station at 12:45—the regular man on the street period.

The two, Mrs. Sarah Simmons, and Professor Waddles, told of some of their reactions and memories of that memorable day. And 84 year old Mrs. Simmons, who by the way hadn't been out of the house for nearly a year until she accepted the invitation to come down and appear on the program, was very thrilled at her reunion with Professor Waddles. Professor Waddles, she remembered when she met him during the program, had taught her children down in Texas years ago.

The 83 year old professor was just as happy. The two have lived in Omaha for many years without meeting.

This special program was presented with the assistance of Editor Galloway and Miss Childs of the Omaha Guide who made it possible to secure the old people and arrange for the program.