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ELKS WOULD RE-INSTATE M. L. HARRIS

Haynes Re-elected President of Omaha U. Grand Officers Would Set Aside Action of Local Board of Regents Announce Renewal Of 3-yr Contract

The following is a letter to M. Haynes as president of the University of Omaha for another three year term has been announced by Mr. Frank T. B. Martin, chairman of the University Board of Regents.

Mr. Haynes became president of the University in 1935, after serving two years as Nebraska director of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

His present term expires on August 31 and will be extended to 1941. The motion to reelect Mr. Haynes was passed by a unanimous vote of the regents. Mr. Martin announced. The contract is to be renewed under the same conditions outlined when Mr. Haynes took office in 1935. These conditions stipulate that the regents determine the policy of the university and control expenditures; administrative control is vested in the president, and the president is to assure academic freedom for the teaching staff.

Outstanding of the achievements during Mr. Haynes' first term has been the construction of the million dollar Elmwood Park campus, which is to be dedicated in June. Improvements in the curriculum include the establishment of the Applied Arts division; introduction of the work-study system, in which students work six months and attend their classes six months; establishment of two year certificates, and the expansion of the student guidance program.

Before coming to Omaha, Mr. Haynes was active in educational administration and welfare work. He taught at the University of Chicago and the University of Minnesota, and later served as secretary to the president at Chicago university.

He traveled as field secretary of the Playgroup and Recreational Association of America, and the experience gained here enabled him to become secretary of recreation for New York City in 1911. In 1920 he went to Cleveland as director of the recreation council and later as member of the welfare council.

He was a member of the President's Organization on Unemployment Relief before taking the FERA post which preceded his present position.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF CINCINNATI COUNCIL

Cincinnati, Jan. 13 (By James T. Whitney for ANP)—The Republican party honored Councilman R. P. McClain on New Year's day, by electing him president protem of the city council. It is the first time in the history of the city, that a member of the race has received this honor.

Dr. McClain on January 1 began his second term as a member of the council. He was appointed to the welfare committee and chairman of the committee on highways and sewers. The Republicans retained control of the city hall for the first time in 12 years.



MR. ROWLAND HAYNES

Old Folks Home Notes

The Colored Old Folks at the Home were made very happy during the Christmas by the following donations:

Jolly Fellows club, a group of girls; bags of fruit, candy, nuts and cookies. They also gave a nice program.

Peterson Bakery; boxes of Christmas cookies for each inmate with gloves and cigars for the men, and stockings for the women.

Checks from D. B. Wilpton and Judge A. Thomsen.

Quack club and Sophomore club, candy, nuts, and fruit.

Mrs. Starks; fruit and cookies.

Mrs. Wm. Ford; 13 Jars of fruit and pickle.

Ruth Chapter O. E. S. held open house at the home New Year's day.

Open New Type Of Commercial School. In Chicago Loop

Chicago, Jan. 13 (ANP)—The Chicago Board of Education at the suggestion of Superintendent Wm. H. Johnson, has established a new type of commercial school for the benefit of young men and women who are desirous of fitting themselves, in a thorough manner, to enter the field of business at the completion of their high school courses.

The school is situated in the Loop district at 615 Plymouth court, easily accessible to pupils from all sections of the city. This central location will also add greatly to the efficiency of the Placement Bureau which will be maintained at this school for the purpose of assisting graduates, both boys and girls, to obtain positions.

The school will be opened for enrollments on January 31, for students who have completed the 9th and 10th grades in the senior high schools, and who desire to enter the field of business upon graduation. Eleventh and Twelfth grade work will be offered, and will consist of intensive training in shorthand, bookkeeping, type-writing, selling and merchandising and clerical practice. In addition to this, in order to meet the demands for business machine operators, courses in the operation of bookkeeping, billing, and calculating machines will be available.

The Omaha City BYPU which consists of the Baptist churches of the city will celebrate its 7th anniversary with a banquet and style revue show with Mrs. Estelle Robinson in charge. This elaborate affair will be held Thursday, January 20th, 8:30 p. m. with the Pilgrim Baptist church, 25th and Hamilton streets. The public is cordially invited. President Wm. Cooper is not sparing any pains in planning a pleasant evening for all.

Police Chief Clears Officers Who Shot Colored Carrier

Memphis, Jan. 13 (ANP)—Many citizens this week were outspoken in criticism of the police department for what they term wanton, cold blooded slaying of George W. Brooks, 28, a colored mail carrier, shot four times and killed by Dt. Sgt. A. O. Clark, as he sat in his car at Iowa and Main streets.

Clark said that Brooks shot at him first, the bullet going between his legs. He was exonerated by Chief Lee. The carrier's slaying followed a trap set for him by Clark, another police official named Fox and R. H. Tomlinson, post office inspector. A young white man who claimed she had been annoyed over a period of weeks by a colored postman, was told to meet the man at Iowa and Third streets.

Police say Brooks drove up to the corner, that the young woman entered his car, but as the police ran forward she sprang out the opposite door. Dt. Sgt. Clark said that as he got into the front seat to place Brooks under arrest and take him to the station, Brooks fired.

But friends of the slain man here want to know why the post office inspector, Tomlinson, did not prevent the murder, and, if his annoyance of the white woman was known, why wasn't he arrested before? Brooks' friends insist there is great uneasiness among the Negro personnel at the post office. Fewer Negroes than ever, it is reported, are being employed and many are being separated from the service on the slightest pretext.

Bandits Get \$1456 Tip Colored Clerk To Call Police

Chicago, Jan. 13 (ANP)—In a daring daylight raid here last Wednesday two bandits terrorized eight men and six women employees of the Tower Finance company in the Loop district, scooped up \$1,456 from the cashier's cage, then locked the employees in a big vault and fled.

On their way to the street, apparently fearing those in the vault might suffocate, the bandit pair accosted Herman Brower, colored clerk for the company, one of them saying: "Her, you! There's been a stickup. Now, do as you're told. Wait ten minutes and then call the police—not before ten minutes, though. Tell 'em there are some people locked up in the vault. Here's a \$2 tip for you."

Brower waited three minutes, instead of ten, turned in the alarm, but when police arrived they found the employees unharmed as a ventilating system had been installed in the vault. Also in the vault was a secret telephone, with which Leo L. Janis, official of the firm, had already summoned aid. The bandits disarmed suspicion on entering, by making application for a loan. Employees said they had the appearance of prosperous business men.

How Would You Explain This?

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 13 (By Elizabeth R. Cobb for ANP)—Residents of this city are still pondering the recent visitation in the humble one room cabin of Tenant Farmer Arthur Cole, who lives near Cole Junction, the miracle coming in the form of a painted likeness of the old lady (white), who owned the farm and for whom Cole worked nine years.

According to Cole's story the aged woman died on October 27, of last year and the very next day as he returned from the field and unlocked the door of his shack he was startled to see her painted image showing plainly on the wall of his cottage. Many who have viewed the image call the likeness remarkable, with hair, eyes, lashes and chin easily recognizable as those of the old farm owner.

Asked if he was afraid to remain in the house with the miracle present, Cole answered in the negative, said this past Christmas was the best he has had in years, having received an 18 pound ham and other presents of value. He says the strange happening has brought him good luck. Meanwhile visitors from about the countryside continue to trek to the modest cabin to see the yet unexplained miracle.

The Poro club met at the home of Mrs. L. Lilliers for the yearly Christmas party. Many lovely gifts were received. The club disbanded the business part of the meeting and played games. A most delicious lunch was served. Next meeting will be at Mrs. Speece, 2864 Miami.

Mrs. Michael, 2115 No. 27th St., has been very ill but is improving.

Make Early Plans For Good Will Spring Musical Festival

The Fourth Annual Goodwill Spring Musical Committee met at the home of L. L. McVay, 2868 Corly street and voted that Clair Chapel M. E. Choir is to be host of this year's Musical which will take place Sunday afternoon April 24th.

The Committee was called early this year in order that more time may be given to get prepared for this day.

It is hoped that each choir will put forth every effort to live up to our motto: "Getting bigger and better each year." This is done by such splendid cooperation as we have had in the years passed.

We hope this date, April 24th, will be set aside by all churches and choirs as a day when all members will be free to come and share their fine spirit of goodwill such as never seen before in Omaha.

Now if you want to show your love for your church and choir, you will make regular rehearsals and help your choir to be just what you would have it be.

L. L. McVay, General Chairman

The Quack club held their first meeting for 1938 on Friday, Jan. 7. The meeting was opened with a reading by Mrs. Gladys Pullum, executive secretary of the North Side "Y". The worship chairman, Mrs. Bernice Marshall, gave thanks to the social music, and worship committees for putting on such a brilliant affair as the Christmas Ceremonial and tea. It was considered one of the Quack's outstanding social and service events.

The club girls surprised, Mrs. Pullum with a birthday present. The surprise was followed with refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Muse of Los Angeles was brought and presented to the club by Mrs. Mildred Gilbert of the Omaha Guide.

Mr. Muse, a well known Negro stage and screen actor, told the club about his work and experience as an actor. Mrs. Gilbert is a Quack club member.

Four Southerners Held In Shooting Of S. C. Constable

Estil S. C., Jan. 13 (ANP)—Deputy H. C. Mixon said last Tuesday that Cleveland Farmer, 22, had been removed, wounded, to the state penitentiary hospital after confessing he had shot and killed Constable Kenneth Cohagan and seriously wounded Magistrate N. A. Patterson here on Monday night.

Deputy Mixon said that three others, two of them named Farmer, the other Roach, had been arrested in connection with the shootings and taken to unnamed jails. Magistrate Patterson and Constable Cohagan were driving two prisoners when they stopped a truck to question the driver about reckless driving and driving without proper lights.

IN CONCERT AT TECH



MR. FERNANDO GERMANI

Fernando Germani, acclaimed in the music capitals of the world as the outstanding organist of his day, will play a benefit concert at Technical high school, Friday night, January 14. The concert is presented by William C. Schmolter for the benefit of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.

Assisting Mr. Germani in this concert will be the Boys' A Cappella choir from Father Flanagan's Home. The choir, appearing here in its first important concert has also been hailed by searching music critics of this section as an outstanding musical organization. Composed of 53 boys, it numbers in its ranks 15 different nationalities, attesting the wide field from which Father Flanagan draws his charges.

Germani, at the age of 14, became the official organist of the famous Augusteo orchestra in his home city, Rome, and at nineteen was recognized as the virtual state organist of Italy, playing at many court functions as well as he visited upon request of Mussolini, he played the wedding music at the marriage of Edda Mussolini to Count Ciano.

Tickets are now on sale at Schmolter and Mueller's Piano store, Unitt Doeckal Drug Company and Beaton's Drug Store (15 and Farnam).

The following is a letter to M. L. Harris from J. Finley Wilson, Mr. M. L. Harris's 5509 South Parkway Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Harris: Your letter received and I thank you. Perry Howard and I went over your case and I am sending you a copy of his letter to me, and if satisfactory I will be glad to follow his suggestion and legal advice and grant you a dispensation to go into one of the lodges in Chicago during the present drive.

I will be in Chicago the 15th or 16th and you may reach me at 3505 So Michigan Ave., or you may go over there any day and get in touch with Mrs. Ella G. Gerry who will put you in touch with the Grand Organizer whose office is at 3451 Michigan Ave., and all will be well.

Again thanking you for your good letter and with an ever good wish for your continued success, and hoping to see you in the near future, I remain,

Yours sincerely and fraternally, J. Finley Wilson

The copy of the letter sent to J. Finley Wilson by Perry Howard follows:

Dr. J. Finley Wilson Grand Exalted Ruler I. B. P. O. E. of W. Washington, D. C. My dear "Grand":

I have reviewed the extended record in the case of Iroquois Lodge No. 92 vs M. L. Harris, as you directed.

It appears that Mr. Harris has been a wonderful worker in that territory, having been Grand Organizer and Assistant Commissioner of Education with a very energetic, active and intelligent career. I find further that he had promoted many enterprises and has been a most progressive citizen as well as Elk.

I further find that quite a bit of dissension, jealousy and feeling arose against him on the part of some of his co workers. Later, charges were preferred against him for irregularities in his accounts, some of which he explained and some of which he adjusted. The charges resulted in his expulsion from the Order.

Now, I don't know Mr. Harris and therefore, I could not reasonably be expected to have either bias for him or malice against him.

Consequently, reviewing the record in its broadest scope, I am of the opinion that even if technically guilty on a few contraverted matters, still in view of his accomplishments for the Order over a long period of years, the penalty of expulsion is harsh, unreasonable and unjust.

I think a remittitur should be entered or that you would cut the expulsion to a suspension of ninety days or six months, unless he should straighten out any contraverted account, and in that event he should not be suspended at all.

There should always be, it appears to me, a differentiation as between those who have merely been in the Order as members and those who have unsparingly served the Order for a great number of years.

Fraternally,
Perry W. Howard