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WHITE WOMAN SLAPS EDUCATOR'S FACE

Last Rites Held For Mr. Tom Wheeler

Pioneer Omahan Laid to Rest; Here 57 Years

The funeral services of Mr. Tom Wheeler of 2530 Grant street were held March 30 from Myers funeral home. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Curry of Zion Baptist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Wheeler, although very sick and weak on Thursday, before passing, he recognized his brother, Rev. Granly Wheeler of Toledo, Ohio, whom he had not seen since they were boys in Kentucky 60 years ago. Mr. Wheeler was 74 years of age and was an employee of the city hall and the old court house building for many years. He retired seven years ago, after 15 years at the City Hall. Before this he was a railroad porter for many years. He came to Omaha in 1881 and for 15 years, prior to 1917 was a member of the National Guards.

Besides his brother he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Lucind Davis, who he lived with; Mrs. Elva Smith of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Eliza Gilkie, of 2121 North Twenty-eighth avenue; his son, Mr. Earl Wheeler, 3011 North Twenty-eighth avenue; one nephew, Willie C. Gilkie, 1513 North Twentieth street; two nieces, Mrs. Thelma Mitchell of 2621 Grant; Little Bertha Smith, 2530 Grant street; and one daughter, Ruth Wheeler, and two dear little grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Mr. Kail Killikie.

All his friends regret his passing. A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our heart That never can be filled. God in his wisdom has recalled The one to us us is given. All though the body slumbers here His soul is safe in Heaven.

Memphian Fourth Death By Automobile

Memphis, April 9 (ANP)—March's fourth traffic death was recorded March 30 at John Gaston hospital when George Hollis died of injuries received when he was struck by an auto while repairing his truck on South Parkway, East. Bernard Holmes, driver of the car will be charged with reckless driving after he recovers from back injuries suffered in the crash, according to police.

BIG INCREASE MADE BY SUPREME LIBERTY LIFE

Chicago, April 9 (C)—The Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company, 3511 South Parkway, Harry H. Pace, president, and Truman Kella Gibson, chairman of the board and treasurer, gained \$179,160.55 in assets in 1937, the assets of the company now being \$2,122,108.88, according to the annual statement made public last week. The company has 141,366 policy holders, has \$36,155,509 in insurance in force, and has legal reserve of \$1,821,833. The cash item is \$46,932.60. Supreme Liberty employs 600 people, operates 26 branches in 21 cities of nine states, and has a home office valued at \$300,000, fully paid for. The company is seventeen years old, and has paid to policy holders \$3,310,693.43 since 1922.

Ladies Home Mission Circle

The Ladies Home Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Alice Britt, 2525 Blondo street, Thursday. Eleven were present, including one visitor, Mrs. Naomi Johnson gave a lesson on "Religious Education." Information about time and place of each meeting please call the president, Mrs. Helen S. Baldwin, WE0532. Mrs. Edna W. Moody, Secretary and Reporter

At 50th Anniversary



THE RT. REV. HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, D. D., who is also the Bishop of Virginia, has just issued a statement calling his church to interest and cooperation in the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, May 1-3 inclusive, of St. Paul Normal and Industrial school, at Lawrenceville, Virginia, the largest of the nine schools operated under the American Church Institute for Negroes, a chain of institutions comprising the largest single educational project for Negroes of the South.

MAMMOTH LIFE INCREASE INCOME BY \$35,588

Louisville, April 9 (C)—The Mammoth Life and Accident Insurance company, 606 W. Walnut street, H. E. Hall, president, earned net income of \$55,153, last year, and the income was increased over that of 1936 by \$35,588, according to J. E. Hankins, auditor. A 3 per cent dividend, amounting to \$6,900, was declared and distributed to stockholders.

BETHUNT COOKMAN STUDENT GIVE PLAY

Daytona Beach, Fla., April 9 (ANP)—A feature of the annual Spring bazaar, held Tuesday on the campus of Bethune-Cookman College was the presentation of Mrs. F. L. Dyett's original drama of rural Negro life "Down Sandy Level Way." The cast was made up of faculty members and students and the big audience consisted mostly of tourists. Student singers also presented a program. The one-day bazaar netted the college more than \$900.

BANKERS FIRE HAS \$251,938 SURPLUS

Durham, N. C., April 9 (C)—Bankers Fire Insurance company Prof. W. G. Pearson, president, held its eighteenth annual meeting Wednesday and Thursday, and the secretary, R. N. Harris, reported surplus to policyholders of \$251,938.08. Since its organization, the company has paid claims of \$453,836.61, paid to stockholders \$60,122, and collected premiums of \$1,069,380.68. James T. Carter of Richmond, president of Southern Aid Society of Virginia, was elected to the board vacancy caused by the death of B. L. Jordan of Richmond, and J. H. Ridley, chairman of the Crown Savings bank of Newport News, was elected vice president.

Policeman Goes Free In Slaying of Keys

Washington, April 9 (By Daniel P. Chase for ANP)—The surprise of the week came today when the grand jury of the District, which had conducted what it termed "an exhaustive investigation" into the slaying of Leroy Keys, ignored the case. Keys, 38-year-old shell-shocked World War veteran, was slain in his home on March 8, and this action on the part of the District Grand Jury automatically clears Policeman John W. Nally, the officer who was charged with the slaying of the unfortunate veteran. Nally had been free under the small bail of \$1,500.

A number of civic, religious, and veterans' organization had criticized the shooting, claiming that it could have been avoided. They have been one in voicing the thought that the less drastic action could have been taken. Feeling has been expressed that the case be reopened and prominent citizens declare that the slaying of Leroy Keys "is a travesty on justice."

Texans Like Singer's Voice, But Bar Her From Hotels; Cafes

Dallas, April 9 (ANP)—Although white Texans jampacked McFarlin auditorium last Tuesday night to hear the golden voice of Marian Anderson, they had no accommodations for her either at hotels or cafes, after the recital was over. As a result she had to find lodgings and her meals at a private home.

The strange, paradoxical situation—where white people throng to hear her sing but refuse to provide her with a night's lodging—emphasizes anew the hypocrisy of so-called race relations below the Mason and Dixon line. The fact remains, that despite culture, wealth or distinction, all Negroes are reduced to the common level, must face the Jim Crow bar when seeking "white" accommodations. Travel in the South presents the same problem. On some roads trainmen consider a Pullman drawing room, or compartment provides the separation from whites demanded by Jim Crow laws, but other don't. Congressman Arthur Mitchell of Chicago now has a suit pending against a railroad because he was refused first class accommodations, and had to ride all night in the Jim Crow Car, enroute from Little Rock to Memphis.

Recently, C. C. Spaulding, Durham, N. C., president National Negro Business League and head of the North Carolina Mutual Ins. Co., was denied a Pullman reservation out of Dallas. Later, Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, noted tap dancer and screen star was given Pullman accommodations from Dallas, but why the distinction was made, is not known. Motorists also constantly complain of the lack of rest-room facilities on highways all through the South.

In Dallas, C. F. Starks, president Negro Chamber of Commerce, usually arranges accommodations for colored celebrities visiting here. Women are generally taken to private homes while the men are sent to the local YMCA. A Maceo Smith, civic leader here, said recently he thought in the near future Negro investigators would build hotels in the key cities of the South because of the great number of colored motorists and train passengers.

GUIDE VISITORS

Rev. C. C. Petis of Salem Baptist church and Rev. F. C. Williams of Zion visited the office and shop of the Omaha Guide Tuesday, April 5th.

Dr. Hancock Says If Churches Are United Negroes Must Be Accepted In Church; Schools

Chicogoans Organize Funeral Financing Co.

Chicago, April 9 (ANP)—Something new and unique in Negro business is the recent organization and incorporation of the Supreme Service Company of Chicago. The company, which is located in the Supreme Liberty Life Building, at 3507 South Parkway, will specialize in funeral financing.

Funeral financing, according to the organizers of the company has grown to major proportions on the southside where most of Chicago's colored population lives. Its possibilities first became imminent during the early days of the depression when credit conditions grew tighter and practically non-existent. Chicago's 63 undertakers found themselves in a predicament where they had to finance with cash most of the funerals of the estimated 7,000 of our people who die annually in Chicago. In addition, they had to wait for their money until the insurance company paid off their clients.

It is estimated that over \$250,000 is paid out annually in financing funerals for Chicago's colored citizens. In the past, all of these finance charges have gone into the hands of members of the other race.

The personnel of the Supreme Service company is made up of men who have had many years of experience in the field of insurance, and among them are H. L. Thompson, president; Truman K. Gibson, jr., secretary; W. Ellis Stewart, treasurer; with Dr. E. W. Beasley, Jefferson Ish, M. C. Adkins, vice president, and Earl B. Dickerson counsel.

Aside from financing funerals, the company will also operate a currency exchange as an auxiliary activity, where checks will be cashed and money orders issued to pay gas, light, water and other bills.

Cooks, Waiters Choose Brotherhood As Agent

Boston, Mass., April 9 (ANP)—In a secret-ballot election conducted by the Nation Mediation Board among dining car cooks and waiters of the Boston and Maine railroad here last Tuesday, Local No. 370 of the American Federation of Labor was badly beaten by the Brotherhood of Dining Car Employees as their representative and bargaining agent.

The Brotherhood has represented Boston and Maine men since 1919. Reinzi B. Lemus is the president.

Mixed Audience Hear Va. Men's Glee Club

Orangeburg, S. C., April 9 (ANP)—With J. Harold Montague widely known musician conducting, the Men's Glee club of Virginia State college, presented a program last Saturday night to an enthusiastic audience of both races at White Hall on the campus of South Carolina State college. Repeated encores greeted their renditions. Miss Carole McCoy was accompanied. After the concert a reception and dance was given in honor of the singers.

Don't forget the Rainbow Wedding, Friday evening, April 8, at 8 p. m., at Bethel A.M.E. church. The bride that sells the most tickets will get married.

Richmond, Va., April 9 (ANP)—Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, widely known student of race relations and head of the Department of Economics and Sociology at Virginia Union university, this week unloosed a blast at Bishop Collins Denny of Richmond for his slur against the Negro race and for injecting the racial question into the fight over unification of the various branches of the Methodist church.

In an open letter, Dr. Hancock pointedly took exception to this recent utterance of the prelate: "If the churches are united, we will have to accept Negroes in our church, and social equality will be taught in our church schools."

Dr. Hancock assured the Bishop that people interested in the improvement of race relations "are considerably dismayed that an ecclesiastical of your prominence should resort to the threadbare argument of 'social equality' in a matter where the color question, might, with profit, have been omitted."

He continued, "There may be some excuse for such procedure as you employed for ward politicians, Klanners; but there is no excuse moral seapagnos and Ku Klux for the ecclesiastical dignitary's to base passions of this nation. If you have been correctly quoted, your attitude become one of grave concern to the millions of Negroes throughout the nation. If the 'Ben Tiltmanization' of politics was a great misfortune, the 'Ben Tiltmanization' of the great A.M.E. church, South, would be a calamity."

Republic of Liberia At the New York's World's Fair, 1939

New York, April 9 (ANP)—Plans and models for the Liberian Government Building, Vartner W. Tandy, architect, have been unanimously accepted by the Board of Design of the New York World's Fair Commission. Among those at the ceremony of approval, which recently took place at the offices of the commission in the Empire State Building, were Admiral W. H. Standley, Director of Foreign Participation; Lester A. Walton, American Minister to Liberia; Walter F. Walker, Liberian Consul at New York; Mr. Tandy, and Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the A.M.E. church.

This was the second design submitted by a foreign government to be accepted, and Architect Tandy was highly complimented. The Liberian Building at the 1939 World's Fair will be 96x140. The first floor will be devoted to the exhibition of native products—rubber, piassava, coffee, cocoa, ginger, palm oil products and cola nuts. On the second floor will be the Liberian National Restaurant where will be featured famous Liberian dishes, including groundnut stew and palm fruit dishes.

In the main building will be a little theatre where will be shown native dancers and acrobats and motion pictures of Liberian life. Adjoining the building will be typical native villages where aborigines from Liberia will give exhibitions of dyeing, weaving, basket and leather work, and many other handicrafts.

CLINIC HOURS CHANGED

The Clinic hours at the Zion Baptist have been changed. The clinic is open from 6 p. m. to 7 p. m. each Thursday.

Editor of Georgia Paper Angered at Interracial Meet

Popular Book



Atty. Fitzhugh Lee Styles

Member of the Philadelphia bar whose book, 'Negroes and the Law,' is proving popular, not only in the legal profession, but with all students of Negro life. The work is actual, and replete with biographies of 21 lawyers. Mr. Styles, only 37, is a native of Jacksonville, Fla., and a graduate of college and law at Howard. The late renowned editor, T. Thomas Fortune, was his uncle. The book is distributed by the Langston Sales company, 2200 West Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. Hon. E. Washington Rhodes, editor of the Philadelphia Tribune and former president of the Nation Bar Association, wrote the forward, and Charles H. Houston of the NAACP and R. L. Vann contributed special chapters. (Calvin Photo)

Atlanta, April 9 (ANP)—Not content with maligning Negroes and the pro-Negro moves of the Roosevelt administration, Mrs. J. E. Andrews, white, editor of the race-baiting 'Georgia Woman's World,' Saturday afternoon deliberately slapped Dr. Willis J. King, president of Gammon Theological seminary, when he refused to let her photographer take pictures of a meeting of colored and white college students.

Although police were called to the seminary where the slapping took place, no case was made against the woman. Later she made an apology and is understood to have "regretted the incident" following press reports brought on her by officials of Emory university and Agnes Scott college, leading white institutions.

The interracial meeting to which Mrs. Andrews objected was the three-day session of the Georgia Student Christian council. She registered Saturday morning as the meeting opened in order to be able to attend all sessions. That afternoon she reappeared with a cameraman, intending to take pictures for use in her publication when her opposition to the mixed gathering went unheeded. Dr. King objected, and she struck him in the face. The educator made no attempt at retaliation.

When police were called, Dr. King urged them not to take a case against the woman, although she insisted on being arrested. Later that day, however, she displayed a friendly attitude toward the seminary head and attended other sessions. Before the conference ended, members, most of them white, passed a resolution commending Dr. King for the way he handled the incident.

'Georgia Woman's World' is the publication which was widely distributed by Roosevelt opponents in the 1936 election. It carried pictures showing Negro New Dealers dictating to white stenographers. Mrs. Roosevelt being escorted by Negroes following an appearance at Howard university, and facsimiles of colored newspaper articles lauding benefits obtained from the present administration. It attempted to increase the state's prejudices against Negroes, but was not able to prevent Roosevelt from carrying Georgia.

College Women Hold Meeting In Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, April 9 (ANP)—Local officers and members of the National Association of College Women are perfecting plans for entertainment of delegates to the 15th annual convention of the Association to be held here April 15-17. The college women will be headed by President Helen B. Grosley of Dover, Del., and the conference theme will be "Techniques for Action on Contemporary Problems."

President Grosley and the members at large look with favor on selection of Pittsburgh for this year's session because of this city's position of prominence in industrial, educational, economic and social activities.

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LEAVES CITY

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