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Boy and Girl Week to be Celebrated in Omaha

Entire City Will Observe Week Self for Youth

National Boys'-Girls' Week will be observed locally, April 30 to May 6. Plans for the week have been under the sponsorship of a Committee from the Council of Social Agencies headed by Mrs. Barton Kuhns.

The opening day, April 30, will be designated as recognition day featuring the child in the home. Special event of the day is the Boy Scout Merit Badge Exposition at the city auditorium.

Sunday, May 1, will be church day when special emphasis will be placed on youths' opportunities and responsibilities. Many churches are using the junior choirs as a mark of observance of the week.

National Child Health Day will be observed May 2. The Omaha-Douglas County Health Council are in charge of this day's activities.

Tuesday, May 3, will be devoted to Group Work Agency day which includes window displays in downtown stores and open house and exhibits at the various private agencies.

The Youth Guidance Council is emphasizing their Vocational Guidance work with special events on May 4.

The newly re-organized City-WPA Recreation project is planning special events at their community centers on May 5.

The last day, Library Day, May 6, will be observed in the main library by special exhibits and books for young people.

Throughout the week, the schools which observe boys and girls week every week of the school year, will focus attention on the needs and opportunities of boys and girls.

Find Youth Problems In All Nations Alike

Tuskegee Institute, April 30th (ANP) Basil Matthews, world famous author, lecturer, editor and traveler, of London, Eng., was guest speaker at chapel services, Tuskegee Institute, on Sunday night. Dr. Matthews listed six major problems of youth today as he found to be common to youth in all countries of the world.

These problems as Dr. Matthews found them are (1) unemployment—thousands of youths come out of the schools everywhere to find that the world has no place for them. This is as true of India as of Brazil and is true of Japan as of United States; (2) the ever widening action of the state as being all powerful; (3) the changing of family status in the world order, particularly in the Orient where the will of the parents dominates in the selection of mates for young men and young women.

The fourth problem is race relations. In Germany the Teutons against the Jews, in India the British against the Mohammedans, and so in countries throughout the world. The fifth, the ever-increasing threat of war.

As the sixth problem of youth today, he stated that life was not all material; there must be the recognition of the supremacy of some spiritual being.

Jackson College Launches Fund Drive

Jackson, Mich., April 30 (ANP) A campaign to raise enough funds to keep Jackson college going until such as the state takes it over has been launched by the alumni association. It was announced by James A. White and John W. Dixon who are heading the drive. Jackson college is now 60 years old.

Women Club Gives \$200 To NAACP

New York, April 15—A contribution of \$200 to the work of the NAACP was made on April 12 by the Women's Fortnightly Club of Paterson, N. J. Mrs. Frank A. Walker is president of the club; Mrs. Irene Hallstock, vice-president; Mrs. Romie Jackson, treasurer; and Mrs. Pauline Barnes, secretary.

At the meeting at which the presentation was made, the club also contributed substantial sums to the YWCA in Paterson, which draws no color line and accepts colored women and girls in its building and summer camps; to the tuberculosis clinic of the P. H. Health Service of Passaic county; and to the tumor and cancer clinic of one of the hospitals of Paterson. Representatives of each of these groups spoke at the meeting. The women explained that they had been saving a fund for a particular social service project, but had become convinced that its realization was so far off that they thought they would distribute some of their nest egg to worthy projects.

Pickens Says We Help By Realizing That Negroes are American

Columbia, S. C., April 30 (ANP) Seven hundred persons attended Dean Pickens first South Carolina forum, packing Booker Washington high school auditorium to the hall ways as he opened on the subject "Negroes as Americans." Among the few whites present were Bishop Finley of the Episcopal church and his wife.

Pickens showed that history in school texts has not given the American Negro credit for doing his full share in proportion to his numbers, and "beyond all proportion of his opportunities and privileges" for building up the economy and democracy of America.

He said that while exaggerated groups consciousness was harmful, as it has proven to be to Jews, yet it was helpful to both whites and Negroes to realize that colored Americans are a part of the American people.

Walter White, NAACP Sec'y., Says Wire Your Rep. In Washington

This is to enlist your immediate aid in demanding a hearing before the House Committee on Military Affairs on Congressman Hamilton Fish's bill (H. R. 10164, 10165, 10166, 75th Congress, 3rd Session) which raised the question of discrimination against Negroes in the Army.

Congressman Fish introduced these bills April 5, 1938, following a recent campaign by the Pittsburgh Courier for greater representation of Negroes in the armed forces. In essence the bills provide:

H. R. 10164: names the units of the Regular Army and states: "Nothing in this Act shall constitute discrimination against Negroes as officers or enlisted men in the various establishments as outlined."

H. R. 10165: covers the appointment of cadets to the United States Military Academy "two of whom each year shall be of the Negro race until there shall be an aggregate of eight such appointments of Negro cadets."

H. R. 10166: specifies the organization of the Army in time of peace and provides that one division "shall consist of enlisted Negro men."

These bills do not go the entire distance necessary to wipe out discrimination in the Army. They do not touch discrimination in the Navy or Marine Corps. The National Association reserves judgment on the details of two of the bills, H. R. 10165 and 10166. But the three bills do present a means of opening up and exposing the official policy of discrimination against Negroes in the Army, and offer an opportunity to register the deep resentment all Negroes feel against race discrimination in

Social Security Files Show Negro to be 125

Brownsville, Tex., April 30 (ANP)—A native African and an ex-slave who was 40 years old when the Civil war began and fought for the Confederacy in his master's place and who, according to authentic documents, is approximately 125 years old, is believed to be the oldest person in the South to receive Social Security benefits.

According to records of the Social Security Board, this aged man, Jim Johnson, spent more than a third of his life in slavery and was sold four times. Because there was little compulsory birth registration before 1872, two Brownsville citizens were required to sign affidavits in which they said he had been known to them for the past fifty years and when they first saw him he appeared to be about 75.

In 1887, these citizens said, Johnson's children were grown and married with children of their own. For the past 65 years he has lived on a Haywood county farm in a cabin he built himself. His great age was supported by still other documents case workers found.

Johnson's first master, he said, was a man named Witherspoon, who sold him at auction to a Mr. Miller. When nearly grown he became the property of Daniel Campbell and drove a stage coach for him.

The Civil war broke out 25 years later and Johnson left his master and set out for Tennessee, taking 25 colored families with him, and his wife bore him several children. After his first wife's death, he married Alberta Hawthorne. Johnson said he was 97 when he married for the third time and that one son, now 37, was then born. He says also he has cut his third set of teeth.

His eyesight is failing at last and he seldom goes far from his home, although he insists he can't a little better every day. He tells time by the sun, rarely missing it more than a few minutes.

Friends share his two-room cabin with him and since he is too feeble to work, the feed and clothe him with his earnings and his \$10 monthly check.

Present Staff Relected

All officers were reelected. Dr. Henry Allen Boyd of the National Baptist Publishing Board was made a vice-president and the Board of Directors was increased to thirty-five members. They are Harry H. Pace, president; T. K. Gibson, chairman and treasurer; Dr. M. O. Bousfield, vice president and medical director; W. Ellis Steward, vice president and secretary; Earl B. Dickerson, vice president and general counsel; J. G. Ish, Jr., vice president and legal officer; Dr. P. M. Murray, assistant medical director; Dr. E. W. Beasley, assistant medical director; Louis C. Bullock, vice president; William H. Wortham, vice president; Rev. R. L. Brady, vice president; A. P. Bentley, vice president; Dr. R. J. Jones, vice president, and Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, vice president.

A. A. Alexander, Bishop W. C. Brown, E. H. Carry, Dr. E. A. Carter, A. L. Foster, George L. Gaines, Francis S. Grant, C. W. Hadnot, James H. Jones, Leroy Lowery, Theophilus M. Mann, Dell Matthews, F. A. McGinnis, Dr. James Parker, John Barnett, B. J. Broxton, and Dr. Marshall E. Ross.

Seek \$250,000 For Crippled Memphians

Memphis April 30 (ANP)—Efforts to establish a \$250,000 hospital for crippled Negro adults in Memphis are being made by Dr. Willis Campbell, white, founder of the present hospital for crippled white adults, the Rotary club was told last week by T. Walker Lewis, white.

"For every crippled white person in Memphis territory, there are four crippled Negroes," Mr. Lewis said. Dr. Campbell told him. Although no definite plans have been made for the hospital, at least \$50,000 above the estimated construction cost of \$250,000 will be needed for its operation, the Rotarians were told.

Suprem Liberty LIT Holds Annual Meet

Chicago, April 30 (ANP) Stockholders of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company, many of them coming from as far South as Tennessee, as far east as New York, and as far as California, gathered here last Tuesday for their annual meeting at the home office and heard President Harry H. Pace in his annual address point out that the company had passed the two million dollar mark in assets and was on the high road to success. Last year's business was described as the largest in company history.

Mr. Pace read a comparative statement of the business of the company during the years of 1935, 1936 and 1937 and showed that the growth of the company during these years was almost unbelievable. He further stated that statistics show that Supreme Liberty Life has grown faster in the last two years than any other Negro insurance company in the United States.

Industrial Department in Lead

Perhaps the greatest gain of all was in the Industrial Department, although there were increases in every department. The company now has a total of 129,338 Industrial policies for \$26,127,630 insurance in force. This along with 13,628 Ordinary policies for \$10,017,879 insurance in force makes a total of 142,966 policies for \$36,145,509 insurance in force. The weekly Industrial debit grew from \$15,607 in 1936 to \$16,628 in 1937.

During 1937 the company purchased \$106,807 worth of government, state, and public utility bonds, bringing its complete bond and security holdings to \$480,225.64. It made mortgage loans of \$141,604.16 to its own people to save and protect their homes, increasing its total mortgage loans to \$287,306.82. The company made net policy loans for the year of \$39,821.68. It now has outstanding to policyholders, on the sole security of their policies, the sum of \$303,849.49.

The company had a total income for the year of \$1,047,663.75, an increase over last year of \$94,688. It had a total premium income for the year of \$948,313.

Pay Now and Save on Your Delinquent County Taxes

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Oklahoma Gets New Delta Chapter

Oklahoma City, April 30 (ANP) The Eta Sigma chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority was established in Oklahoma City Sunday, April 24, at the home of Soror Buzeder F. Ragland here, and under the direction of Soror Edna M. Kinchion, National Secretary of the sorority.

Omicron Sigma chapter of Tulsa, Okla., was established a number of years ago and was the first chapter to be set up by the sorority in the state. This chapter has been an outstanding organization in the state for many years, and is one of the strongest chapters in the Central Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Officers for this year are: Buzeder F. Ragland, president, Sarette Slaughter Finley, vice president, Rhoda Gooden Irving, secretary, Maxine Randolph, treasurer, Edwina Randalls, Wilson, parliamentarian; Thersia Bolden Moore, journalist; Carlemita Weaver Tipton, sergeant-at-arms; Fannie Gibson Miller, chaplain.

Minister Warns Against Loose Living

Norfolk, Va., April 30 (By James H. Boykin for (ANP) When a man has found his place in life, something will be done to uplift mankind. Two voices are constantly calling in opposite directions; the one is the voice of wisdom and understanding; the other is the voice of King and Queen Folly, Dr. L. Kipling, pastor of St. Paul M. C. Church declared here this afternoon at St. John A.M.E. church in delivering the Elk's Annual sermon, and warned his congregation not to succumb to prostitution and sin.

Using as his subject, "Come On In. There Ain't Nobody Home But Me," he said it is dangerous for one to figure his way into places without likewise figuring one's way out. Queen Folly was later described as temptuous Queen Folly, and the men who fall to her temptations as King Folly. A third voice, Dr. Kipling said, is the voice of Christ.

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Mediation Board Orders Election for Milwaukee Porters

Washington, D. C., April 30—The National Mediation Board through its secretary, Harrison H. Reed, notified A. Phillip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company.

Following the examination of authorization cards from the porters presented by Mr. Ernest Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Division of the Brotherhood, and the claims of the Company Union, Mr. George A. Cook, one of the members of the Mediation Board, who went from Washington, D. C., to Chicago to supervise the mediation of the case, ordered the holding of an election to determine the duly authorized agent to negotiate agreements concerning rates of pay and rules governing working conditions for the sleeping car and chair car porters on the Milwaukee Railroad.

Balloting will be in person and by mail, and began April 24 and will extend through May 4, said Mr. Webster, First International vice president of the Brotherhood, who has been active in organizing the Milwaukee porters.

Randolph Goes South

Washington, D. C., April 30—Following the signing of a Wage Agreement with the Pullman Company, last August, Pullman porters in the South are rapidly joining the Brotherhood. As a part of the organization campaign, A. Phillip Randolph, International President, and M. P. Webster, First International vice president, will visit Jacksonville, Tampa and New Orleans, April, May and June.

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Many Unable to Hear Their Own Favored Choir

The wall of the one time state capitol, now Central high school rocked with soul-stirring music, Sunday afternoon, April 24, as 300 voices sang praises unto the omnipotent.

Ushers estimated more than 200 persons were turned away.

The auditorium which has a seating capacity of approximately 1,300 was filled with late arrivals taking advantage of the windows which open into the corridors. On the stage were 300 representatives of the following churches: Bethel Baptist, Chaire Chapel M. E. Host church; Cleaves' Temple C. M. E. Freestone Baptist, Hillside Presbyterian, Mt. Moriah Baptist, Pilgrim Baptist, Pleasant Green Baptist, Salem Baptist, St. John A. M. E. and Zion Baptist.

The program which opened with a processional of the robed choirs followed by the "Negro National Anthem," "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and numbers by individual choirs, reached a climax with the massed singing of "Dark Water," led by Mrs. Pearl Gibson, and the old familiar number "Steal Away" made famous by the original Fisk Jubilee Singers, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah, both under the masterful direction of Rev. J. S. Williams, Moderator of the Omaha Presbytery.

The program was supported beautifully by the Omaha Concert orchestra, under the conductorship of Prof. George Bryant.

The rendition of the choir processional "God of Our Father Whose Almighty Hand," and the "Celestial Overture, Prendeville," was superb. The playing of the latter number drew fully five minutes of enthusiastic applause from the huge audience.

Starting four years ago, under the sponsorship of Mr. L. L. McVay, a former student of the renowned school music, Fisk University, and a graduate of Howard University, the Goodwill Spring Musical has grown by leaps and bounds, exemplifying the following purpose: "To bring about a class co-operation between churches; to create a better appreciation for higher class music; to encourage those to make use of their musical talents who have such; to cause the choirs to realize their service to the church."

Mr. McVay hopes to present the Spring Musical for 1939 at the City Auditorium.

Boy Scout Present Merit Badge Show

3,500 Scouts and Scouters of the City of Omaha are presenting their semi-annual Merit Badge Show, a "Miniature World's Fair" at the auditorium, April 29 and 30. The show runs continually through three performances starting at 7:00 p. m. Friday, 1:00 p. m. and 7:00 p. m. Saturday.

Over 70 booths displaying the work of Scouts in the Merit Badges program make up the show. Each booth is planned and prepared by Scouts and leaders of Omaha Scout Troops and "Scouts in Action" is the rule of the show.

Merit Badges are awards given to Scouts who demonstrate their proficiency in subjects they are interested in as a hobby or vocation. There are 103 Merit Badges in the program.

Omaha merchants have demonstrated their interest in the youth of the city by sponsoring these booths and giving the boys training and equipment necessary to make complete and interesting booths.

Mr. Earl H. Burket is Chairman of the Merit Badge Show Committee and has been assisted by Messrs. A. J. Rhodes, Finance; Wm. L. Byrne, Commercial Booth; Frank Bonolken, Program; W. L. Wilcox, Patrons; Paul A. Willis, Prizes; Pellegrin, Publicity; John B. Ross, Participation; John B. Ross, J. R. Moriarity, Attendance.

The show is invited—Admission is 25 cents.