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PORO COLLEGE NEW HOME.
The Largest, Most Modern Building Ever Erected by a Colored Person.

Below We Give a Complete Daily Report of the Eight Days Opening.

St. Louis, Mo.—The whole race join in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Malone on the new home of the Poro College, the greatest, largest and most complete commercial building in the country owned by the race. It was erected at a cost of \$250,000 and will go down in history as one of the great achievements of the American Negro.

A whole week was used in the opening and dedicatory exercises, during which some of the most noted men and women of the race from all parts of the country took part. Each night was an interesting program. Among some of the prominent men who were present were Rev. W. Sampson Brooks, D. D., Baltimore, Mr. John H. Murphy, editor Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.; George L. Knox, editor of the Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lester A. Walton, managing editor New York Age, New York City; Ormond A. Forte, editor Cleveland Advocate, Cleveland, Ohio; George B. Garner, Jr., tenor soloist, Chicago, Ill.; J. Findlay Wilson, editor Washington Eagle, Washington, D. C.; Robert S. Abbott, editor Chicago Defender; Nelson C. Crews, editor of the Kansas City Sun, Kansas City, Mo.; J. Anthony Josey, I. Willis Cole, Louisville Leader, Louisville, Ky.; W. E. King, editor Dallas Express, Dallas, Tex.; Harry C. Smith, editor Cleveland Gazette, Cleveland, Ohio; J. Anthony Josey, editor Wisconsin Blade, Madison, Wis.; John L. Thompson, editor Bystander, Des Moines, Iowa; Roscoe C. Simmons, Louisville, Ky.; Cary B. Lewis, managing editor of the Chicago Defender; Mrs. B. S. Abbott, Chicago; Mrs. C. B. Lewis, Chicago; Charles Stewart, U. S. A.; Roland Hayes, Boston, Mass.; J. L. Caston, St. Louis Clarion; Mrs. C. A. Williams, Atlanta, Ga.; William H. Steward, editor American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.; George Harris, editor New York News; E. A. Byrd, of Springfield, and many others.

The auditorium was opened Sunday morning, November 24th, with praise service conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Malone. Mr. Malone made the opening prayer, and the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. A. E. Malone. The lesson read was in keeping with the occasion. It was fitting that the first meeting in the building should be praise service. Only the employees were present with a few personal friends of the head of the institution. The employees had prayer and short talks, quotations from the scripture.

Monday at 11 o'clock the building was inspected by the members of the local Negro Business League. Then followed the opening of the building to the public at 6 o'clock p. m. Many were the visitors who were shown through the building by the ushers.

The first public meeting was held Monday night in the auditorium which was attended by fully five hundred people. They were present from all parts of the country. Roland Hayes, of Boston, the noted tenor. Prof. Frank L. Williams, principal of the Sumner High School, presided.

Prof. Williams said that in the achievement of Mr. and Mrs. Malone was revealed the wonderfulness of man, who was made in the image of God. He felt that the whole race should feel proud of them.

Congressman Newton was introduced and spoke in terms of praise of the work of the building. He was proud to see the great institution. "Great things have been done by our boys over seas," he said, "and soon they will be coming home, come home as American citizens. We are all American citizens. In the future an American citizen will be tested by his worth and achievements and not by his physical size, not by his color. We are American citizens, all of us striving for some purpose, living under the same flag.

"What wonderful example to us in this splendid achievement. Behold this little orphan girl, who has worked her way to the top. Behold her wonderful achievement. She took advantage of the opportunity, and did not sit down. Through her zeal, push, training and christian life she stands with her husband today a living example of what opportunity will do, if properly used by a trained mind."

Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, of Baltimore, who was the principal speaker, told of the union of the two great minds, and of his first visit to their place and how he was impressed with the fact that they opened their business with prayer. "A people who pray and trust God will succeed," he said, and therefore we are all proud of Mr. and Mrs. Malone.

"There are three kind of people in the world, producers, distributors and consumers. The Negro must be among the producers. He must put brain in his products. Brain power rules the world, and if the Negro would be among the rulers, he must put brains into his work. Brain power will make the world bow at your feet. The world never asks who invented anything that is useful, but it puts it into use. Invention was never known to draw the

color line and what can be done by the individual, we have it here in this little woman, Mrs. Annie Turnbo-Malone. Behold her."

Mrs. Malone was given an ovation when presented to the large audience. She made a short talk in which she said that if she were booked for an address her subject would be "Giving." It was a great thing to give, and she impressed the value of little gift, and told how she had been encouraged, inspired by the gift of a kind word during her early life, and she was ever ready to respond to any cause which needed her, and if she only had the means she would give to every appeal made to her.

In the audience Monday night were some of the leading men and women of St. Louis. The best people of both races vied with each other to show their appreciation, their esteem, their respect for the woman, for the man who were not grumblers, but doers.

Tuesday.
The second day of the opening was full. This wonderful building was thrown open to the public at 10 o'clock, and long before the hour there were many people on the streets waiting. No attempt to make money. The best available talent, men and women of national fame, and some international appeared on the program each evening of the week, and all who came were admitted free. The invitation went to all alike, "Come and see and hear."

The first song at the opening of the new building was composed by a member of the race, Hermez Zimmerman, of Hadley, Ill., "America First and Forever," and was sung by the Poro Choral Club, of 125 voices, the employees of the institution.

Rev. E. M. Cole, principal of one of the public schools of St. Louis, presided. Each program was arranged by Prof. Jones, secretary of the St. Louis Y. M. C. A. "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground Boys," was the opening chorus, and the prayer was made by Dr. Cole.

George B. Garner of Chicago, tenor soloist, and director of the Polyphonic Choral Union, with his voice won the large audience. He was encored time and time again. He made a hit.

Prof. Cole could recall when the section where now stands the magnificent structure was called Mudville, when it was considered "way out," but now it was a beautiful section of St. Louis, and great things would yet be accomplished right in the section where stands Poro College. "Poro will bring the people out here," he said.

"The Early Life of Aaron and Annie Malone" was discussed by Mrs. H. W. Jameson, of Peoria, Ill., who had known both from youth. She told of the school days of Aaron, his finishing the grammar school, high school, normal and then accepting a small school in southern Illinois, then principal of a large school in Quincy. On account of ill health, left the school room, became a book agent and later married the model woman of the Negro race.

The life of Mrs. Malone as told by Mrs. Jameson was an inspiration to the girls of the race. She described her humble home, her school days with her short hair, but now she portrayed the elements of a great woman. She stuck to her school duties, feeding her mind, and today she is a benefactor to the whole race.

Charles Stewart, of Chicago, was the next speaker. "He who fails to find himself, who he is, what he is and his place in God's universe, is a failure throughout his life," he said, "and we have before us these two characters, Mr. and Mrs. Malone, because they took the time in the school room to locate themselves. Man must find himself through his mind. Physical size, or strength, is not manhood, but man is mind. God breathed into his nostrils, mind, soul, will. He rules the world because he is the mind of the world."

Editor George L. Knox, of the Indianapolis Freeman, spoke. He said some good wholesome things to the people. The closing address was made by Editor John H. Murphy, of the Afro-American, Baltimore, Md. He delivered a practical business address. Lester A. Walton, of the New York Age, was introduced as a product of St. Louis. He had spent his early life in "Mudville," but today stood out as an inspiration to the youth of the race.

Wednesday.
The crowd had largely increased from out of town, and all day the ushers were kept busy showing the visitors through the plant. In the afternoon the Poro agents of St. Louis gave a reception and banquet to the visiting agents. They assembled in the auditorium where a program was rendered. Mrs. Victoria Turner presided, and Mrs. Bland made the opening prayer. One of the features was a solo by Mrs. Vella Bundy, wife of Dr. Bundy.

Mrs. A. E. Malone extended welcome to the large crowd of agents. She was glad that they came, and wanted that they should enjoy their stay. Addresses of welcome to the large crowd were delivered by Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Hawkins. Mrs. Cora Williams of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Willie Scott of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Betts of Chicago, Mrs. E. L. Vaughn of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Clark of New York responded to the addresses.



Group of Editors who attended the PORO opening in St. Louis, Mo. last week. Reading from left to right: W. E. King, J. H. Murphy, J. L. Abbott, H. C. Smith, A. E. Malone, G. L. Knox, J. A. Josey, Bishop L. J. Coppin. Standing from left to right: Cary B. Lewis, Charles Stewart, Ormond A. Forte, J. L. Caston, J. Finlay Wilson, I. W. Cole, Chas. H. Stewart, John L. Thompson.

Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Missouri and Florida.

It was impossible to get standing room in the evening. It was the time when Boscoe Conkling Simmons was the principal speaker. Many were anxious to hear him, hence long before the hour the auditorium was crowded. The opening prayer was made by Rev. George E. Stevens.

"They Had a Vision," was the keynote of the address delivered by Prof. Brown in introducing the program. Then followed a solo by America's favorite soprano, Anita Patti Brown of Chicago. She was at her best and while the sweet sound filled the large auditorium the people sat breathless, so to speak.

The following from the people in Louisville, Ky., was read by Editor I. Willis Cole:

"In behalf of the citizens of Louisville, representing the professional, educational, commercial and industrial life of the city, we extend hearty congratulations upon the opening of your new magnificent commercial and educational institution. We have watched with great interest the remarkable

up Poro because they could serve. Cary B. Lewis, managing editor of the Chicago Defender, spoke.

Editor George L. Knox also made a telling speech on "Thanksgiving; Its Origin and What It Meant to the American People." It was a practical address. Then John L. Thompson was introduced and made a fine speech.

Newspaper Men Meet.
The newspaper men attending the opening had a meeting in the afternoon, which was followed by a smoker and a visit to the various newspapers of the city under the escort of the local newspapers. In the meeting Editor Harry C. Smith of Cleveland, Ohio, presided, with Editor John L. Thompson of Des Moines as secretary. Editor Abbott of the Chicago Defender delivered an address on "Newspaper Making." The meeting was also addressed by Prof. A. E. Malone, who said that he was indeed glad to have the members of the press present. It was not his desire to have them use a story that he might have prepared for them, but he wanted them to come and see, and if they found anything worthy of telling their readers to do it from their standpoint and not from his. He had a desire to

this magnificent structure, I am willing to surrender to Mr. and Mrs. Malone. This is a great building and we rejoice with you because of it. St. Louis leads the world."

Mr. Crews grew eloquent as he pictured the achievements of the race, the work of the boys over seas, those who had given their lives to make the world safe for democracy. His picture of the heroes fighting on foreign fields for world wide democracy was dramatic. He paid his respect to those who would keep the race back, and declared that the building in which he stood said to the enemy and friend alike that the Negro will not down. "We have helped with the blood of some of our best young men, and now we want democracy to be made safe for the world."

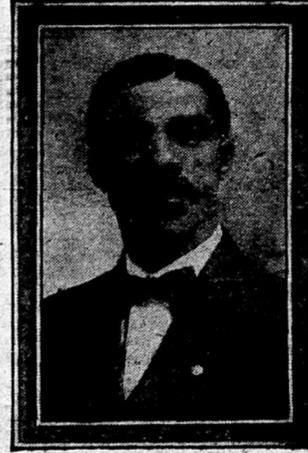
"The blood of your mothers and fathers will cry out against you if you do not help that young man who dared to defend our people, I refer to that hero, Dr. Bundy." This was greeted with an outburst of applause and cheering.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO BAPTISTS.
All Baptist churches of Iowa Baptist



Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Malone, Founder and Owner of Poro College.



a—Mrs. B. J. Hawkins, demonstrator. b—Mrs. A. M. Malone, proprietress. c—Editor John L. Thompson of Des Moines. d—Mrs. Etta M. Wilkins, oldest Poro agent in Keokuk. e—Special guest of the Malones opening week, Dr. Mary Waring of Chicago. f—Mrs. Mittie Foulks Johnson of Keokuk, an employee who works in every capacity of the college. g—Miss Ada Jenkins of Keokuk, an agent and secretary of the Keokuk Poro Club.

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