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Churches Join Tulsa Star in Guardianship Fight!

Whites Not Desired as Guardians For Negro Children

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The Northeast Oklahoma A. M. E. Conference and the Baptist State Convention Met in Tulsa and Okmulgee Last Week and Passed Resolutions Endorsing The Tulsa Star in Guardianship Fight and Both Bodies of Christian Workers Have Pledged Their Moral and Financial Support.

Bishop Chappelle and President Westbrook Will Issue Proclamations Designating a Certain Sunday for the Pulpit to Join the Star in Great Campaign.

That the Colored people of Oklahoma are opposed to the practice of appointing white men guardians of Negro children and heartily endorse the Tulsa Star in its fight against this practice was signally shown last week when two great religious conventions met in this state and passed resolutions endorsing the Star and pledging moral and financial support to the Star in the fight against this custom. Without a single dissenting vote the resolution was passed in both conventions and some time in the near future all the Colored churches in Oklahoma on a certain Sunday will join in the fight with the Tulsa Star with the object in view of creating a strong sentiment in this state against white men acting as guardians for Negro children.

The resolution as passed by the A. M. E. Conference of the Northeast Oklahoma District, follows:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, There are hundreds of wealthy minor Negro children in the state of Oklahoma, owners of producing oil and gas lands, whose income amounts to several hundred thousands of dollars monthly, and

WHEREAS, the law of this state provides that such children shall have legal guardians to judicially handle and protect their wealth and interest, and

WHEREAS, it is an established custom and practice in Oklahoma for the County courts to appoint white men guardians of these wealthy Negro children to the utter exclusion of competent Colored men, and in many cases in contempt and disregard of the wishes of the parents of such children, and

WHEREAS, under existing political, economic and social conditions in this state it is almost impossible for Negro children to receive the proper care, attention and consideration from white men as their guardians; and

WHEREAS, such practice is detrimental and antagonistic to the best interest of the race in Oklahoma and is enriching hundreds of white men at the expense of Negro minors, who are coming up under a hand of social ostracism and political oppression from the hands of white men; and

WHEREAS, THE TULSA STAR, the recognized leading race journal of Oklahoma, has launched a vigorous campaign against this practice and advocating the appointment of Negro men as guardians for Negro children; and

WHEREAS, the said TULSA STAR is a worthy race paper deserving the support of every race loving family in the state, Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this convention go on record as endorsing THE TULSA STAR in its position on the Negro Guardianship matter, commend it for its fearless stand for advocating justice and fair play for our race and pledge to said journal our moral, and so far as possible, our financial support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the newspapers of the state and a copy reserved for the records of this convention.

Respectfully submitted, REV. J. W. CURRY, D. D. T. H. WISEMAN, D. D. J. R. McBETH, Atty. at Law.

The same resolution was passed by the Baptist State Convention at Okmulgee. Both conventions were attended by a large number of delegates and visitors and leaders of the race of national fame were visitors at both conventions. A great deal of excitement characterized the Baptist Convention at Okmulgee, occasioned by an undercurrent of factional feeling growing out of the recent Chicago fight. The Morris people were in the majority, however, and took the convention by storm defeating president Rev. S. S. Jones of Muskogee, who for the last eight years has seemed im-

movable and landing the entire pro-Morris ticket as follows:

B. J. F. Westbrook, Oklahoma City, president; N. A. Robinson, Rentiesville, 1st vice president; T. T. Love, Wagoner, 2nd vice; P. R. Neal, McAlester, Secretary; J. A. Anderson, Okmulgee, Corresponding Secretary; H. C. Reed, Muskogee, Treasurer; S. A. Clark, Guthrie, Statistician; J. Reeves, Enid, Auditor; E. Arlington Wilson, Muskogee, Educational Secretary; F. L. Martin, Tulsa, Atty; Board of Directors: R. A. Whitaker, Tulsa; L. W. Smitherman, Grant; J. W. Jones, Guthrie; E. W. Perry, Oklahoma City and E. B. Weaver, Muskogee.

At the Chicago convention ex-president Jones took a decided stand in the Boyd ranks and it is said by leaders in the church that this more than anything else was responsible for his defeat last week. As it was he was beaten by only about 15 votes. Rev. Westbrook is a strong man in the Baptist denomination and his ascendancy to the head of the Baptists in this state puts him in line with the national characters.

The A. M. E. Conference in this city was free of the excitement which marked the Baptist convention, there being no clamor for office because the laws of the two churches are distinctly different. Bishop Chappelle presided over the conference here and under the leadership of this peerless disciplinarian confusion is unknown.

Record breaking crowds attended the conference daily. The conference closed Sunday night with a very able and instructive sermon by Rev. Dr. Lowe of Philadelphia, who electrified his audience with his masterful eloquence. Many were unable to get inside the church to hear this wonderful orator but those who heard him will never forget him.

The members of the Vernon A. M. E. church of this city were somewhat relieved of a mental strain and anxiety when Bishop Chappelle announced that their pastor would be left in charge awhile longer.

Assignments.

The following assignments were made by Bishop Chappelle: LIST OF APPOINTMENTS Northeast Oklahoma Conference A. M. E. Church, Tulsa Oct. 24, 1915.

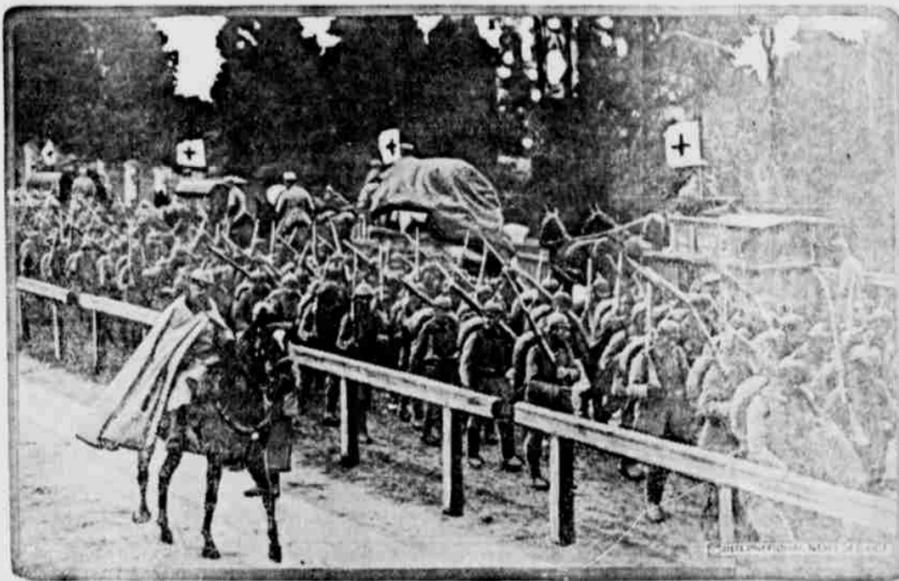
Muskogee District. Rev. T. W. Kidd, D. D., P. E. Muskogee station, J. W. Curry, Boley, P. A. Hart, Enfield Station, W. R. Beamer, Okmulgee Station, J. N. B. Wall, Clearview, H. L. Lang, Wybark, Wm. Seals, Rentiesville, G. Holden, North Boley, R. A. Deavers, North Boley, J. D. Brown, Grayson, J. A. Boyd, Taft, C. H. L. Moore, North Fork, J. K. P. Burroughs, Okmulgee Mission, John James, Boynton, J. E. Williams.

Tulsa District. Rev. L. E. Nelson, P. E. Tulsa Station, Pawhuska, C. N. Agstlin, Dewey Ct., R. J. Manuel, Mohawk Ct., A. L. Snaden, Coweta Ct., B. J. Nelson, Red Bird, S. L. McCain, North Muskogee, G. H. Burton, Pecan Creek, Pete Coleman, Haskell Ct., A. C. Spahn, Renties Ct., R. H. Curtis, Salt Creek Ct., J. M. Gansberry, Bristow Ct., Jas. Coleman, S. Spring Mission, G. A. R. Dykes, Sand Springs Mission, H. R. Williams, Drumright Ct., to be supplied.

Ft. Gibson District. Rev. A. E. Hubbard, P. E. Ft. Gibson Station, D. H. J. Parks, Nowata, A. G. Washington, Claremore, W. H. Buchanan, Wagoner, D. W. Parker, Redland Ct., Wm. Walker, Big Creek, George Johnson, Bethel Hill, Noah Moore, Tablequah, D. W. Tatum, Webers Falls, A. J. Deal, Vinita, R. L. Green, Blue Jacket, E. A. Steward, Murphy, to be supplied, District Evangelist, A. H. Hawkins.

Transfers. C. H. Holmes, Central Conference, R. M. Perrin, Arkansas, T. H. Wiseman, Arkansas, Jas. A. Johnson, Oklahoma Conference.

THE ENDLESS CHAIN IN THE WAR REGION



This photograph taken along a road in Poland illustrates the dramatic tragedy that occurs every day in Europe—a divided road, on one side, able-bodied, vigorous men marching to the front; on the other, Red Cross ambulance trains toiling toward the rear laden with broken bodies. So long as the first line moves forward, the second line also moves—to the rear.

MUSKOGEE COUPLE WEDS AT OKMULGEE

U. S. Wants Negro Soldiers

WOULD BAND NEGROES INTO RE-SERVE FORCE.

New York, Oct. 28.—A national movement to enlist negroes of the United States in a reserve force for use in time of war was launched here today when the Knights of the Constitution were organized, with Darby D. Shirley, of this city as president. The first step was taken a few days ago when resolutions were adopted declaring that "the lessons of history and trend of human events indicates that there is a possibility that the United States will be involved in war at no distant date."

It was declared to be the duty of every citizen, regardless of nationality, to be prepared to respond to the call of his country.

Organizers of the movement who assert that the negroes fought valiantly in previous wars, say that steps should be taken to organize camps in all states. They hope the 75,000 negroes in New York state will join the movement.

Muskogee's Public Library to be Enlarged.

(By Miss Della Blanton.)

Muskogee, Okla., Oct. 18.—One of the most important movements lately started by the people of Muskogee, is the public Carnegie library. This institution will benefit not only the school child but also the older people. This movement is the result of work of many far-sighted people who realize the great need for such an institution. It marks an educational advancement of the race in so much as they, too, realize the necessity and value of good books that are worth reading.

This institution, while it may be expensive, as some people may say, will doubly repay the expenditure. It will be a library among libraries, independent of all private concerns and valuable to all people. Its location now is not the best site, but it is to be hoped that the small donat on asked of the city as well as Carnegie, will be granted and better accommodations rendered than are obtainable at present. It may be well said that sacrifices are also in demand, sacrifices of time, money and labor in order to make any proposition or investment

Popular Muskogee Girl Weds Muskogee Boy at Okmulgee Sunday Morning and Journeys Home via Tulsa.

Whatever storm and tempest there may have been at the Baptist Convention it was not enough to frighten away little Dan Cupid who lurked about the convention unawares to nearly everyone present during all the stormy period, undaunted and almost unaffected by any outward circumstances. But the close observer, now that the thing has happened, can easily recall that there was a peculiar light of happiness radiating from the face of the chorus conductress, Miss Beatrice Birdell Johnson, but at the time no one guessed the real cause until the arrival at Okmulgee of James Bell who reflected the happiness seen in Miss Johnson's face. At 10 o'clock Sunday morning the happy couple were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony and, so far as they could see their happiness was complete and eternal. Rev. Westbrook's first official act after his election to the presidency of the State Baptist Convention was to perform this marriage. The couple arrived here early Monday morning and went to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smitherman on North Elgin, where they were later joined by their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jackson. After a short rest and a mere attempt at partaking the dinner prepared for them, Mr. and Mrs. Bell left for their home in Muskogee, antic parting and dreading the reception awaiting them there. A formal reception was given the couple by the bride's parents at their home in Muskogee Monday night.

NEW BUILDING IN E. END

A new three story brick building is being erected in the business section on North Greenwood by J. H. Goodwin, a resident of this city. The building will be very attractive and will add much to the general appearance of this section. It is not definitely known at this time what the proprietor will use the building for, or whether he will use it at all, but it is thought that he will conduct a first class undertaking establishment on the lower floor, while the second floor will probably be used for offices.

Married 25 Yrs and Still Happy

Couple Celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Their Marriage.

In spite of the very inclement weather on Saturday, Oct. 6, the reception in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Franklin was a success. Many were prevented from being present but sent their regrets in form of some token suited to the occasion.

Both rooms were decorated with white chrysanthemums, ferns, and pot flowers. In fact the house seemed to be turned into a flower garden. The color scheme of white and green was very well carried out, both in decorations and refreshments. There was an arch in one corner of the room decorated with white chrysanthemums and ferns, underneath which were seated the bride and groom. The bride was very tastefully dressed in white embroidered voile and the groom in conventional black.

The following program was rendered:

Vocal Solo, "One Fleeting Hour", Prof. A. J. Seales. Address, Rev. C. Lane. Vocal Solo, "My Heart", Miss E. L. Franklin.

Marriage ceremony, revised to suit the occasion was performed by Rev. W. Brown of Guthrie, and Rev. Brown of Anadarko, a cousin of the groom.

Vocal Solo, "A Perfect Day", Mrs. T. H. Wright. After the program the guests were served to refreshments by Mrs. T. W. Worefield, assisted by Misses Evelyn and Lillian Franklin. After wishing the happy couple as many new years as they had married life, the guests departed at a late hour for their homes. All expressed themselves as having spent a delightful evening.

Among the presents received were: Cold meat fork, Prof. and Mrs. D. G. Horton; silver salad bowl, Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Seales and son; silver gravy spoon, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burkes; silver butter knife, Mrs. E. M. Windson; silver gravy spoon, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Wright; silver sugar spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Franklin; silver berry spoon, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eeten; silver table spoons, Mr. and Mrs. S. Perry; silver offering, Rev. W. Brown;

Griggs Talk at Baptist Church

NOTED AUTHOR AND ORATOR ADDRESSES AUDIENCE HERE IN INTEREST OF PROPOSED BAPTIST SCHOOL.

Advices Race to Cooperate to Insure Permanent Success in the Business World.

"The Right of Search" was the subject chosen by Rev. Sutton E. Griggs, the noted author and orator who addressed an audience in the First Baptist church in this city Wednesday night, and in a manner both interesting and instructive, and at times humorous, the speaker analyzed the fine points of his subject and dished out some good sound wholesome advice. Among other things he advised the Colored business men to cooperate, but their heads and money together in order to hold our own with competitors.

Rev. Griggs came to Oklahoma to attend the State Baptist Convention which met in Okmulgee last week and stopped over in Tulsa upon his return trip to Memphis where he is publishing "The National Beacon Light," a publication born since the split of the Baptist convention in Chicago.

A good crowd heard Mr. Griggs and a number of those present bought copies of his latest of seven books "How to Rise." A collection of \$14.50 was given the speaker and upon his appeal for help in his efforts to establish a theological training school for Negroes for which the White Baptists of the south have given \$50,000.00.

silver offering, Rev. C. Lane; set of knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Vinson; set of silver orange spoons, Guthrie Savings bank; butter knife and searip spoon, Mr. and Mrs. M. Eetan; olive fork and butter knife, Rev. and Mrs. S. Neal; sugar spoon and butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith; berry bowl, Mr. and Mrs. O. Donahue, Davis, Okla.; set silver spoons, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham, Ardmore, Okla.; silver berry spoon, Miss Minnie Wright, Wichita, Kans.; silver berry spoon, Rev. Miller, Ardmore, Okla.; silver manufacturing set, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Chambers, Miss C. M. Chambers, Mrs. C. A. Buchanan; P. Lohr, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams; Mrs. L. C. Brown.

Stradford Notes

Dear Editor: I find the citizens of Coweta a fine set of fellows, jovial, generous, kind hearted, loyal to the race and are willing to do anything for the advancement of the race, but they all seem to be bothered with the spirit. The wheat and oats spoiled on account of so much rain and the soil was very backward in opening and to tell the truth the conditions financially in all of that territory between here and Muskogee among the Colored people is very bad.

Red Bird is a place noted for the disciples of the African movement. I was surrounded by a band of these disciples, some whose feet were tottering on the brink of the grave, the old, the young, the lame and I might say the blind, who were paying tribute to Chief Sam, and praying for the time to come when that ship which carried Chief Sam and his followers to Africa, would return and convey them to that land where the men won't have to work. The women would have to work only a little, do the cooking and laundering. I became so disgusted with that bunch that I left Red Bird between two trains and arrived at Porter at 1 o'clock p. m. I found in Red Bird some big substantial citizens. I got several subscribers for the paper and appointed an agent in the person of Mrs. McGowan, the postmistress, who will give us the news of the town.

I found in Porter some very progressive citizens, both professional and business men who treated me very courteously. They said that I was about four weeks too soon and if I would come back at that time they

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