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## The Sun Wishes All Its Friends and Subscribers a Merry Christmas



PROF. J. R. E. LEE.

The brilliant and hard working Principal of the Lincoln High School of this city, who in less than four months has endeared himself to the people of this city by his earnest and conscientious efforts to broaden the community spirit and to bring about a better fellowship among the white and colored citizens of this community. Coming from historic Tuskegee with years of training, he has proven to be a real leader of his people and the Sun is proud of him, proud of his achievements, and proud of the magnificent spirit he has aroused in this community for the betterment of the race.

### A BRILLIANT PAGEANT.

#### A Beautiful Spectacle.

Perhaps the most inspiring event in the history of our people in this city was the musical-gymnastic carnival rendered by over two thousand school children at Convention Hall last week. The affair had been under way for several weeks and had called forth the best efforts of the teachers and pupils of the different schools. Under authority of the board of education the regular school supervisors took charge of the activities and carried out their work with great vigor.

Naturally, however, the burden of the preparation fell upon the principals and teachers who must perform all the details of countless rehearsals, costuming and rounding up. The remarkable success of the entertainment shows how well these all worked for the common end.

The program began with an overture by the orchestra of the Lincoln High school. Then came a number designated "Playground Activities" and illustrating the various forms of supervised play as practiced in the Kansas City schools. This was carried out most interestingly by the Blue Valley, Wheatly, Douglass, Penn. Attucks and Booker T. Washington schools.

Dumb bell exercises by the Garrison school was a fine feature and was followed by a chorus of nearly nine hundred children who sang "Soldiers of Peace," directed by Mrs. Bessie M. Whitely, supervisor of music. Accompanying music for the chorus and all the drills was furnished by the orchestra.

The Attucks, Douglass, Garrison and Wendell Phillips schools gave a high class exhibition of school cadet marching exercises. This was followed by free gymnastic exercises by the Penn. Lincoln, Booker T. Washington, Bruce, Wheatly and Sumner.

If anything were needed just at this time to add more interest to the program and break whatever monotony it may have possessed it was furnished in the "Horse Show and Merry-Go-Around," put on in six ring circus fashion by the little wee tots of the Attucks, Lincoln, Garrison and Douglass kindergartens. It was a great hit as well as a number of great merit.

Wand exercises by the Wendell Phillips was a good number to follow.

Folk dancing has for several years been a feature of the recreation work at the Lincoln school, and for this occasion two new and graceful dances, "Santiago" and "Cinderella," were given by the pupils of that school. The Attucks followed this with a "Combination Drill" that was one of the features of the evening.

"Dutch Lullaby" was rendered by a chorus of sixty voices from the Lincoln High school, under the direction of Prof. F. J. Work.

"May Pole Dances," undoubtedly the most difficult undertaking of the entire program, had been reserved for the closing number of the program and assigned to the pupils of the Attucks, Lincoln, Douglass, Garrison and Wendell Phillips. It was a beautiful spectacle in which the work of the Lincoln and the Douglass deserve special mention.

The attendance was large and enthusiastic, many white people occupying the boxes and encouraging both the schools and the charitable object of the undertaking. Several local clubs and organizations had box reservations, and the beautiful decorations of these gave an attractive setting for the exercises.

All honor to our splendid principals,

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ALLEN CHAPEL AT 5:00 A. M.

Christmas morning services at Allen Chapel, Tenth and Charlotte streets, will be held promptly at 5 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, will preach from the subject, "From Manger to Throne." Invitational—"Seeking to Save." The choir, under the direction of Prof. R. G. Jackson, is composed of a chorus of forty, and the entire chorus will be heard at 5 o'clock, and also both morning and evening services Sunday. The following is the program to be rendered:  
Organ Voluntary.  
Prelude to Coming of the King.....Dudley-Buck  
White Shepherd Watch Their Flocks by Night.....Rogers  
The Birthday of a King.....  
Sing, O Heavens.....Noldinger  
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.....Parker  
O, Holy Night.....Adams

### A WHOLE LIE.

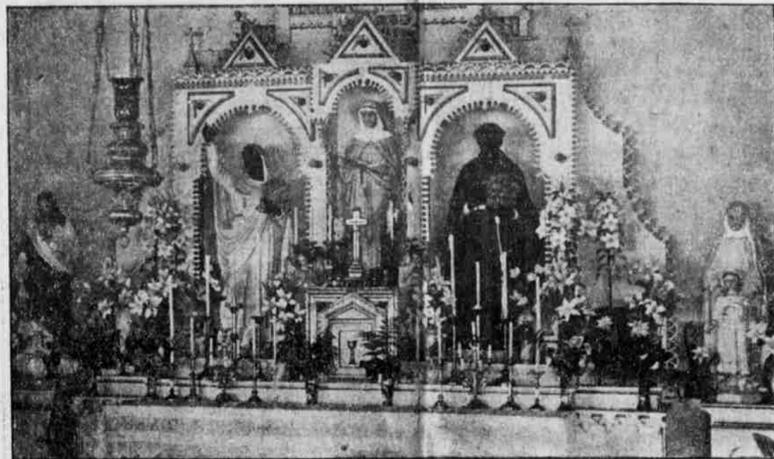
An article appeared in the Journal last Monday morning, possibly inspired by some jealous Negro, concerning the Community meeting at Lincoln High School, at which Mr. Fred C. Trigg was the speaker, that was a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. In the first place, it said there were about three hundred, when there were fully 1,000 of the most representative Negroes of this city present to greet the speaker; secondly, they charge the speaker with making a political harangue under the guise of "Good Citizenship," when in fact he delivered one of the most brilliant, pungent and forceful addresses that the editor ever listened to, and he has had the honor of listening to the most distinguished speakers of the nation; thirdly, it said he was heckled so that he became peeved, took his coat and hat and left, while the truth is, he was unable to leave for half an hour after the meeting was closed on account of the great number of men and women who crowded around him to shake his hand and to thank him for the hopeful and helpful message he had brought to the colored people that day. A

silently attempt was made by outsiders to inject a splash of politics into the meeting, but it was promptly subdued by the brilliant principal, and the Sun has no hesitancy in declaring that it was the most brilliant, enthusiastic and interesting meeting that has ever been held among the Negroes of this city. The editor of the Sun is not a Star follower, now a commission government advocate, but a rock-ribbed Republican, who believes that party is capable of solving all the great economic questions of city, state or nation, but withal believes in truth, justice and fairness and congratulates the Star upon having upon its staff a man possessing the intellectual brilliancy and democratic spirit of Mr. Fred C. Trigg.

NELSON C. CREWS.

Prof. Wm. H. Dawley, the efficient chairman of the local committee of the State Teachers' Association, has issued a very interesting report of the proceedings of the recent convention, in which he has a splendid word to say for the Negro press.

The Sun from now until January 31 at the special rate of one dollar.



The beautiful altar of St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church (for Colored) at 16th and Lydia avenue, secured through the splendid work of Father Cypryan, the priest in charge, who has endeared himself by his self-sacrificing labor to Negro Catholics and Protestants alike. The Sun is proud of St. Monica, the Catholics of Kansas City and especially Father Cypryan, who is the right man in the right place. May his shadow never grow less.



SIR JOHN LANGE.

Missouri's "grand old man," and Blind Boone, the world's greatest musician, who report their thirty-sixth annual tour together as the most successful in their history. The Sun wishes them long life, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 1.

In accordance with its usual custom the Sun will keep open house at its offices, 18th and Woodland, Saturday, January 1, from 1:00 to 7:00 p. m. A souvenir portrait of the late Booker T. Washington will be given to all callers. The full force of the Sun will be on hand to receive our friends and subscribers and they are all invited to come.

Mrs. R. W. Huff has returned from a very pleasant visit at her old home, Fort Smith, Ark.

### HIS THANKSGIVING.

By James M. Harrison.

Good Lawd, Ah's thankful dat it ain't no wusser than it is,  
An' Ah kin sorter git about wid mah old rheumatiz;  
An' dough de price ob ebery'ting jes seems to tek a race—  
Ah's thankful dat de 'possum hangs aroun' de same old place.

Ah's thankful dat de fros' done mek de 'limmons drop aloose,  
An' dat me an' Lisa habs some chicens on de roost;  
Ah's thankful, Lawd, foh dese gifts, an' many udders mo'—  
Dat you done kep' de hongry wolf 'om hangin' 'round mah do'.

Ah's griteful foh dese few stran's dat's lef on mah old haid,  
An' dat Ah's 'mongst de libbin' an' ain't yit jined de daid;  
Ah's thankful foh de cackle ob de lil' domerickier hen—  
Dat we kin live lak h' tone, wid some po'k chops now and den.

An' w'en mah foots was soah an' tiahed, clammin' up de road;  
You hab allus been 'roun' jes to lighten up mah load;  
An' Lawd, Ah feels so happy dat Ah kin sing and pray—  
An' shout de glory ob de Lam'—on dis glad Christmas Day!  
—Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

### A FINE OFFICER.

Oscar Hardin, one of the youngest as well as the best colored officers on the Metropolitan police force, was the first colored man to pass the severe and exacting examination of the Police Relief Association, and was made a member of that organization a few days ago. The only other colored member is Officer J. W. Williams. Officer Hardin is one of the finest young men of the race, courteous, kind and courageous; has never had to be reprimanded and has faithfully carried out the orders of his superior officers. He is a Missouri boy, thirty years of age, six feet one and a perfect specimen of physical manhood. He is well liked by his brother officers, white and colored, and always has a pleasant smile and a courteous manner to all. Such men reflect credit upon the race and usually make warm friends among the whites that is helpful to us all. The Sun, as well as the race, is proud of Officer Hardin and his splendid record.

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