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BOY SCOUTS MAKE A HIT

PROMINENT NEGRO LEADERS VISIT TUSKEGEE AND THE SOUTH FUND WILLED BY WEALTHY WOMAN TO TRAIN NEGRO GIRLS FOR NURSES

ON THE WING

SOMEWHERE IN ALABAMA.

By J. Dallas Bowser.

The trite but very true old couplet that: "The fool that was sent abroad to roam Exceeded the fool that had been left at home."

was a part of the reasons that urged the twenty-seven men in our party to invest some five thousand dollars that breadth of minds, larger sympathies and enlarged views as to actual conditions prevailing in the South-land as studied from a Pullman car might be added to the sum total of our previous information, industrially, socially and commercially, along these lines. And the investment has been more than profitable already, though our tour ended here, and we have scarcely begun our itinerary.

The pleasure, too, we are experiencing has exceeded all expectations. We hazard the opinion that no group of tourists were ever more royally cared for. As yet we have been at no expense whatever for meals, auto rides, souvenirs and the like. And our bill of fare has been of the most expensive variety of foods and delicacies.

The personnel of our party consists of eight doctors, two undertakers, two preachers, two lawyers, four real estate agents, two school men, two cafe men and one each of druggists, photographers, press agents, editors and Y. M. C. A. Secretaries. Thus might we be attended when ill, our Wills written, our funerals preached, and buried when dead.

The South is a new Dixie as to summer seat enterprises, sky scrapers, (By the Associated Negro Press.) Meridian, Miss., April 14.—On affidavits investigated by Deputy Fire Marshal, J. L. Donald, Constables Sulpepper and Mosby have arrested Edgar Smith and J. B. Smith, Negroes, on a charge of feloniously setting fire to Bethel Church for Negroes, recently burned. It is alleged the church was burned under suspicious circumstances following a split in the congregation.

(By the Associated Negro Press.) Boston, Mass., April 14.—The Massachusetts Officers' Association, composed of Negro officers who served in the world war, voted unanimously to petition Gov. Coolidge to make provision for one machine gun battalion, comprised entirely of Negroes in the reorganized Massachusetts national guard. In the recently announced reorganization program no provision was made for Negro combat troops.

(By the Associated Negro Press.) Boston, Mass., April 13.—After rejecting by a standing vote, the bill described as "an act to secure equal opportunity to all citizens for employment in the street railway companies," the Senate brought to a roll call, some sated and passed the bill to a third reading. The bill came from the committee on labor and was based on the petition of Representative Negroes, who declared at the hearing that the Boston Elevated trustees discriminated against Negroes in the matter of employment. The reply to the charge was that the carmen's union would not permit the trustees to hire Negroes as conductors or motormen.

(By the Associated Negro Press.) Louisville, Ky., Apr. 12.—The Advisory Committee of the Red Cross Sanatorium, composed of Mrs. J. B. Speed, Mrs. Charles T. Ballard and Mrs. Andrew Cowan, have made an appeal for funds to erect an addition to provide a ward for treatment of Negro children.

Louisville, Ky., April 12.—With a capital stock of \$100,000 divided into 500 shares, the Domestic Life and Accident Insurance Company filed articles of incorporation this week and applied to the Insurance Commissioner of Kentucky for a charter. The corporation is composed of Negroes. Incorporators are Roscoe Simmons, William Warley, G. P. Hughes.

boulevards and pretty parks, thus keeping pace in large degree with the great cities of the northland. True the rural neighborhoods are yet sadly lacking; the slap-sided hut, tumbled down fences, razor back hogs and general decay are all too prevalent. The Colored people of the cities, in point of business set our party examples of initiative and co-operation that well might be carried back home, as putting to shame our feeble attempts along this line. The two banks at Memphis with a million of deposits; the fourteen Roddy chain of groceries and stores; the immense casket factory; the two elaborate private hospitals, record only a part of the big concerns seen there.

At Birmingham, besides its banks, stores and factories, its society of Elks number over eleven hundred members, all of one lodge, as but one lodge of this Fraternal Order is permitted in any one city. This Order will be represented next summer at the National Meeting in Kansas City.

Traveling as we are and cared for as we have been we have not experienced discomforts or humiliations on account of Jim Crow regulations. We observe it however in the separate ticket windows and waiting rooms for Negroes in the depots. The street cars carry trailers in which Colored people alone ride. In no way as yet has our party been jeered at or pointed at with resentful gaze.

Our steering committee, Prof. J. R. E. Lee and Editor N. C. Crews, have won our lasting gratitude for this wonderful trip. Hamlet left out of the play or Caesar out of the tragedy of that name were as disappointing as the two referred to above left behind while the rest of us stumble on.

LEADERS TOURING SOUTH.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 13.—The greatest tour of inspection, observation and education ever made by a group of our business and professional men is now in progress. It marks a new epoch in the "affairs of men" and particularly in the affairs of our race in this country.

The Special Pullman, attached to the Frisco Limited, pulled out of the Union Station in Kansas City on schedule time Friday evening. There are on board 27 of the representative men of various interests from the great Middle West city. They left with happy, but serious anticipations, and they have not been disappointed.

Arriving in Memphis, the party was met at the station with automobiles headed by a group of leading business men with the following as chairmen: T. H. Hayes, reception; Dr. J. L. Deloney, finance; Dr. W. T. Vernon, program; Rev. T. O. Fuller, general chairman.

Breakfast and dinner were served at the community center, and a luncheon at the Industrial Settlement Home. A tour of inspection of the business district, embracing the banks, Roddy's stores, insurance companies and mercantile places was made, and later an auto observation drive was made, to the schools, hospitals, outlying business places and other places of interest. The day closed with a reception by the Federation of Women's Clubs at the Community Center.

From Memphis the party went to Birmingham, where they spent Sunday and Monday. The committee of Birmingham business men met the tourists at the station with automobiles, and took them to Elks Rest, which was made the headquarters during the stay. After breakfast the party divided into small groups and attended the various churches, where they were highly honored.

Monday the business men, with Professor Parker as chairman of reception; W. B. Driver, and Hill Harris of other committees gave the visitors a fifty-mile drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains and the magnificent villages of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. At noon a barbecued dinner was served in the open air. Later in the day the special left for Montgomery.

Great preparations have been made at Tuskegee Institute, Atlanta, Nashville, St. Louis and Louisville, other points on the tour.

BOY SCOUTS

At the eighth annual round-up of the Boy Scouts of America at convention hall, Friday April 9th, our Boy Scouts made a hit with the large audience that filled the hall to witness the demonstrations of Scout Craft. The program started at 8 p. m. with 100 Troops marching around the Arena; and "There was loud applause when the Negro troops marched into sight, banners flying and military precision perfect."—K. C. Post.

When executing the Battalion Drill the Scouts reminded the audience of the Armies of the late War, with "column of fours" formation; but the "Drill honors must be awarded to the Negro Scouts which presented an unusual demonstration."—K. C. Star.

"Perhaps the biggest ovation was given at the entry of the Negro Troops with flags flying, for their turn at exhibiting their Scout ability."—K. C. Journal.

This demonstration occurs annually and our Troops are given space on the program, which consists of drilling, signalling, wall-scaling, first aid, pioneering and staff and physical drills.

The success of this demonstration was due to the tireless efforts of Ellis Barber, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop No. 91, and Scoutmasters Harrison Williams, F. T. Drew, Clarence Lancaster and E. G. Lacey.

The Scout Jazz Band, and their leader made a hit and received loud applause from the time they started until they left the floor, and those who were absent missed a treat by not being present and hearing this band and witnessing this demonstration of our Boy Scouts. The audience applauded every execution of the military drill and went wild over the Semphore flag drill and the Physical drill by the music of "The Stars and Strips forever" played by Mr. Hiner's band.

Among the boys, special mention may be made of Scouts Walter Bell, Hugh Cook, Herman Cowan and Harry Cooper. Harry Bell won first prize in a city wide scouting trailing contest a few weeks ago and was presented a medal by the President of the Council, Mr. Ed B. Smith, Hugh Cook and Herman Cowan, received a compass each for finishing in the finals. Harry Cooper, is the leading Scout at present as he has more Merit Badges than any other Colored Scout and is a member of the Scout Band and they are sorry that Harry disappointed them that night. Rev. F. W. Wells of Sedalia, Mo., was our honored guest and occupied a seat with the Judges. He was sent to witness the round-up by the Local Council of Sedalia, Mo., and he has the only Colored troop of B. S. A. in Sedalia.

A new troop is to be organized this week at The Garrison Square Field House. This movement is for the boys and all boys between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to join. Men, also are needed in this work. We should "help encourage the boys." Interest yourself in one or more boys in helping them carry out the Scout program. The entire support of the movement comes from popular subscriptions. Is your name on the list? A meeting will be held for the Parents and Guardians of our Boy Scouts at the Community Center, 18th and Vine streets, Friday evening, 8:30 p. m. Business of importance. Please come.

E. G. L., D. C.

The Unique League which was organized in January to work in connection with the Community Center, has changed their name and will be known in the future as The Community Boys Club. They are planning to assist the unfortunate families of this city in every possible way. There are eleven vacancies for membership for young men between the ages of 18 and 25 who want to serve their fellow man. Call at the Community Center for information. Following is a list of the splendid young men who belong to the club: Officers: C. R. A. Banks, Pres.; Neal F. Herriford, Vice Pres.; Edward Layne, Sec'y.; A. H. Hamilton, Treas.; Lincoln Chester, Asst. Sec'y.; Entertainment Com. Joe Grayson, Chairman; Vernon Boyd, Harry Maynard, P. A. Crutchfield. Activities Committee: Willis Cannon, Chairman; Tracy Scott, Lincoln Chester, Stick Committee: Clorell Rollins, A. H. Hamilton, H. M. Shepperd.

Wealthy Woman Remembers Negro Girls in Will

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

New York, N. Y., April 12.—Miss Lucy M. Spelman, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, divided the residue of her estate into two equal parts, according to her will, filed recently in the Surrogates' Court. She gave one part to Oberlin College to prepare girls for service in foreign missionary fields and one part to the General Educational Board of the District of Columbia to prepare Negro girls to be graduate nurses.

GREAT MASS MEETING AT LINCOLN HIGH.

"If we don't stop the burning of Negroes in Texas, the day will come when Negroes will be burned in Kansas City," said Dean William Pickens Sunday afternoon, Lincoln High School Auditorium was full when Mr. A. Frank Neal, President of the Kansas City Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. introduced Prof. William Pickens, Field worker of the National Association.

Mr. Pickens is a wonderful man. For two hours he poured forth a torrent of eloquent, logical reasoning on the relation of the races black and white in America punctuated frequently by side splitting jests and anecdotes which sent home the truth with telling effect.

"The problems of the south are our problems, whether we live in Kansas City, New York City, Massachusetts or California, and we must organize as a race to fight for our rights, civil, social, and industrial. The white man's race prejudice toward dark skins is as unreasonable as it would be toward red hair or any other outside appearance. It exists because of his ignorance, because he doesn't know us as well as we know him. For instance—

"There is no white man's home in Georgia fit to go into that Negroes have not been in from garret to cellar. They know just how much civilization or lack of it is in that family. There is no Negro home in Georgia fit to go into that any white man fit to go into it, has been in. Negroes read the white man's newspapers and know everything he says and thinks. Very few whites read the Negro papers." "Our great need today is getting together the best members of both races to think and plan and work together for the best interests of the whole group.

"Every unprotected Negro is unconsciously a threat to civilization. One undefended Negro in Omaha caused a riot that wrecked their magnificent Court House to the value of one million dollars. Men went mad in their effort to get this victim to burn alive. Now they are ashamed as they look

On and after April 17th, dances every Saturday night, Lyric Hall; 35c. Prof. Roscoe White, Clifton 5294.

PORO CLUB GREETS MDME. MALONE.

More than eighty-five agents greeted Mrs. A. M. Malone, owner of Poro College and originator of the famous Poro Hair Treatment of St. Louis, Mo., at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening, April 12.

The Club arose and sang "Brighten the Corner," after which we had prayer by our Chaplin, Mrs. Josephine Franklin; the President, Mrs. Ida Brown, then introduced Mrs. Malone to the Club and hearty applause greeted her as she arose and met her many agents of Missouri and Kansas. She gave us many ideas in regard to our Club work and with her charming manner, kind words and ever ready smiles, she won the hearts of all.

Mrs. Malone was quite pleased with the excellent report of Club's work by Mrs. Lade B. Smith; also the talk by Mrs. Cora D. Williams on "Poro Day." Mrs. Ida Johnson of Poro College advised the Agents to attend the College and take the new studies that have been recently added. The talks by Mrs. S. B. Peck and Mrs. Mabel Breedlove were very good. The Agents thanked Mrs. Malone for coming to them, after which refreshments were served in the Y. M. C. A. Cafeteria.

To form a \$100,000 Liberian Investment Co.

I am daring enough to ask you to support me in a Hundred Thousand Dollar Corporation by subscribing for shares of stock in a Liberian Investment Company. I firmly believe that you will do it. Read carefully this article and other articles to follow, turn the matter over in your mind, think what it will mean to you as an investor, what it will mean to Liberia, and I want you to think and feel that I, the promoter, is honest, capable and will deal fairly with all concerned. I am sure that your trust will not be betrayed.

This appeal is obviously essential—it is urgent and in its hopes of realization, largely rests the key to the solution of the much debated race problem. The American Negro has, by fear, mistrust, jealousy and the lack of confidence in each other, closed the door of opportunity in his own face, by failing to support his infant co-operations and stock companies. Look about you and study your millionaire in the making and observe his action. He could not afford to lend his money at 3 per cent. He found a better way, he had faith to believe, he trusted his fellowmen, he is doing it every day. Whom do you know that is making money without trusting someone?

The millionaire had faith in his fellows. He was not a subscriber to the fallacy that "all men are liars." He

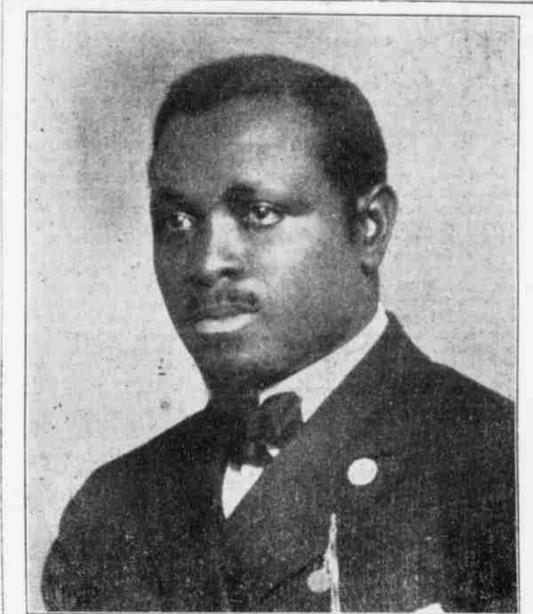


MR. RUCKER SMITH.

bought shares of stock in new adventures, he put money into the patent, the store, the factory, the laboratory, the mill and the mines. Some of them made his dollars grow into millions. Down in the heart of Missouri, I knew a two-headed, cross-eyed white boy; we fished, played and even fought together as boys. He was so poor then, he was dubbed by everyone as rags. I met "rags" some time ago, we had not met since we were boys. It would not sound right to call him "rags" now, he is fabulously rich, you know.

"How did you make your fortune?" I asked him, "backing an idea, just an idea; I knew a man who had an idea that he could do a certain thing; he capitalized the idea. I was one of the few who believed in him, he made us all rich," he replied. This is one of many thousand instances where men have made millions backing brains. I have an idea, too, will you back me? My idea has a double edge, so to speak, it cuts both ways, going and coming: On the West Coast of Africa, about four degrees North of the equator, lies Liberia, a Negro Republic, the only place on earth where a black man is really free. Her country is undeveloped, she invites the American Negro to come with money and brains (it is the only place where a blackman's brains is in demand) to help build railroads, develop its rich mines, install modern machinery to farm their fertile lands and to stimulate industry generally throughout the Republic.

The capitalists of Europe made millions developing this country when it was new—you can do the same thing in Liberia. I would like to organize a \$100,000, profit sharing stock company for that purpose. I want ten thousand people to buy this stock, each investing ten dollars, \$100,000 is not enough, but it will be a good start. Will you subscribe to this plan of action, or are you scared because of the many failures you have met with in Negro enterprises? They failed, no doubt, because you did not support them. Every Negro stock company is operated un-



DR. THOMAS A. FLETCHER

who left for Chicago and New York to specialize in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases. Dr. Fletcher has practiced medicine for six years in this City and had a large clientele of Mexicans as well as members of his own race. He was assistant to several eye, ear, nose and throat specialists of the Old General Hospital for the past year. Dr. Fletcher will be away several months until his course is completed and will be accompanied by his charming wife. Prior to his departure Dr. Fletcher had several operations for the removal of Tonsils and Adenoids all of which were successful.

Colored Artist gets Recognition

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

New York, N. Y., April 14.—John Armstrong Chaloner announced that in the John Armstrong Chaloner concours at the National Academy of Design a painting from the nude by Albert A. Smith, colored art student in the academy school, won first prize of \$25.

(By the Associated Negro Press.) St. Paul, Minn., April 13.—James T. Guarles, Negro detective at Central police station, was shot and fatally wounded at his home last week by his wife. He died at the City hospital.

(By the Associated Negro Press.) Montgomery, Ala., April 12.—Negroes are to be barred from the Democratic primaries in Alabama. The presumption that they are all Republicans because of the color of their skins seems to prevail.

K. C. BRANCH MEETING N. A. A. C. P. Monday April 26, 8:00 P. M. at the Community Center.

Every member, past and present is hereby notified that you are expected to be present to hear reports and help make plans for future work.

A. F. NEAL, Pres.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION 1919-1920

Fourth Anniversary Reunion

The Women's Clubs of Kansas City

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 18, 3:15 P. M.

Address..... Mrs. Lillian Booker State President of Colored Women's Clubs

Reports of Club Work in Kansas City.

Good Music—

Mrs. A. E. Jenkins, Pres. Mrs. Mae Jones, Sec'y.

Mrs. R. E. L. Bailey, Treas.

Mrs. E. C. Bunch, Chairman of Executive Committee

"The Public is cordially invited."