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#### The World War and the Negro

The Negro soldier and the whole Negro race behind him have a wonderful opportunity to serve both their country and their race in this world war. In the absence of any one outstanding leader, the intelligent young men of every element of the race have a chance, through the press and their various organizations, to mold and maintain a uniform sentiment in the race that will give constant support and encouragement to the government and to our Negro soldiers. The Negro soldiers of today carry tremendous responsibilities. Just now they can do more for us, perhaps, than anyone else among us. As one editor says, "If they prove themselves the equals of the white race in point of discipline, self-restraint, and courage, they will do a lot toward diminishing race prejudice." Another white editor significantly adds, "Not alone in the army itself is this prejudice likely to raise its ugly head. . . . To eradicate this feeling is going to be the duty of the Negro soldier, both for the pride of his uniform and the future of his race. He will have to stand ready and hold his ranks firm under circumstances harder to endure than the enemy's fire." He will then need all the help that an intelligently interested, united race can give.—Southern Workman.



Dr. W. H. Bruce one of the brilliant physicians of the younger set who was an ardent worker in the Wheatley-Provident Campaign and brought in many subscriptions.

#### A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Minerva Akins, the only daughter of Mrs. Laura Akins to Rev. A. B. Harris was solemnized Tuesday evening January 8th at 9:00 o'clock at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church. The ceremony was read by the pastor, Rev. W. T. Osborne. The bride was beautifully gowned and carried a large bridal bouquet and was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Leslie Akins. Only members of their immediate families and friends witnessed the ceremony. Rev. and Mrs. Harris will be at home to friends after January 25, at 1001 Oak street.

To the Editor of the Kansas City Sun: On account of the segregation of the Colored people at the Star's "Seven Swan" show all of the Colored people in Kansas City, Kansas, are discontinuing their subscriptions to the Star. Let every Negro in the two cities do the same. Don't let us pay them to mistreat us. The show was for all of their patrons.

A Subscriber, G. A. White.

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#### WHEATLEY - PROVIDENT HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESSING NICELY.

PLEDGES BEING PROMPTLY PAID

The Board Will Probably Let Contract For Work Next Week So That Building May Be Put Into Condition For Occupancy.

The first payment on the pledges to the Wheatley-Provident Hospital fund which was due the 15th inst. have been most gratifying. More than \$8,000 having been paid in at the time we go to press, and a large sum is expected today and tomorrow. The Hospital is now an assured fact and contracts on the plans and specifications for alterations will be let by the Board some time during the coming week. The Executive Committee has labored hard and earnestly to secure results and they are receiving quite a bit of praise for the skillful and business like manner with which the proposition has been handled up to date. It is their hope that fully one-half of the pledges will have been paid on the first notice and they very much desire to have the building ready for dedication by the first Sunday in May, when the city officials, Civic bodies and fraternal organizations will be requested to turn out in mass and assist in the dedication of this institution which marks a memorable milestone in the progressive achievements of the race. The headquarters of the hospital are at 1803 East 18th street (18th and Woodland) Their telephone numbers are East 2789 and East 999 both on the Bell phone and persons who have not been solicited nor subscribed may if they so desire send subscriptions or secure information at this number. A number of belated pledges which did not appear in the official list printed two weeks ago have been received and are hereby reproduced.

#### Pledges.

\$25.00—M. H. Wagoner, A. R. Ewing, Bernard Zick.  
\$10.00—Jos. M. Jones, Geo. V. Golden, Chrisman & Sawyer.  
\$5.00 each: John Garlich, Dock Mansour, Edward O'Callahan, Frances M. Beecham, Frank Neal, R. F. Quinn, Sam Harper, McDonald Lumber Co., R. Lacey, Lottie J. Gamble, Mrs. O. L. VanLanningham, Mrs. J. H. See bree, E. J. Reardon, Mrs. Eva Nickleson, Ida Rogers, James Tyler, Floyd Stone, Ed Lee, Payton Jones, Bell Lee, Paul Bishop, Oliver Jordan, C. H. Countee, Mrs. Eliza Walker.  
\$2.00—Sam Borone, A. W. Reynolds, R. L. Anderson, Grant Lee, Evan Y. Pillow, Clifford White, Mrs. M. Fisher, C. A. Holzer, Mike Doohan.  
\$1.50—J. C. Brown.  
\$1.00—Joe Segelbohm, C. L. Merry, L. F. Cochran, Mrs. Dora Gardner, Mrs. A. Miller, Floyd Adamson, Lucy Jackson.  
50 cents—J. Wilson, Dink Davis.

A splendid suggestion that it would be well for the various fraternities to follow has been set by Eureka Household of Ruth, No. 4744 which has given notice that it will furnish completely one room in the new Hospital, and will have a small silver plate made bearing their organizations name placed upon the door. Let others do likewise.

#### THE PORO CLUB.

The Poro Club entertained with a reception Monday evening from seven thirty to eleven thirty January 14-18 in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw, 2128 Highland Ave. in honor of Mrs. B. J. Hawkins of St. Louis, Demonstrator of Poro System hair cure, Poro College. Throughout the evening about one hundred and fifty guests were present. Music for the evening was furnished by Mesdames Cozetta Kingsberry Graves and Belford. The house was beautifully decorated in the Club colors, green and white pennants. A delightful repast was served which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Hawkins left immediately to take up her work in St. Louis, under Mrs. A. M. Pope Malone.

#### THE INTER-CITY DAMES.

The Inter-City Dames will give their Soldier Benefit Dance at Lyric Hall Friday March 1. The severe weather caused the postponement and all outstanding door and coal tickets are good for this date.

#### A Famous Negro Sculptor

The foremost sculptor of the Negro race in America at the present time is Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller. Her work may be said to fall into two divisions—the romantic and the social. The first is represented by such things as "The Wretched" and "Secret Sorrow," the second by "Immigrant in America" and "The Silent Appeal." The transition may be seen in "Watching for Dawn," a group that shows seven figures, in various attitudes of prayer, watchfulness, and resignation, watching for the coming of daylight, or peace. In technique this is like "The Wretched"; in spirit it is like the later work. It is as if the sculptor's own seer, John the Baptist, had summoned her away from the romantic and esoteric to the everyday problems of needy humanity. There are many, however, who hope that she will not utterly forsake the field in which she first became famous. Her early work is not delicate or pretty; it is gruesome and terrible; but it is also intense and vital, and from it speaks the very tragedy of the Negro race.—Benjamin Brawley, in the Southern Workman.



Judge Fred W. Coon the militant judge of the North side police Court, a true representative of the Common people, a lawyer of exceptional ability, and a fighter of the first quality whom many of the boys believe is the logical candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket.

#### NOTICE.

Installation Exercises of the Officers of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

The following program will be carried out Thursday, January 24th, 8:00 p. m., at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 24th and Flora Avenue, Rev. F. D. Wells, D. D., Pastor.

#### PROGRAM.

- Master of Ceremonies.....
- 1. Music.....Dr. S. W. Bacote
- 2. Scripture Lesson.....Bethel Choir
- 3. Invocation.....Rev. J. W. Jenkins
- 4. Music.....Rev. H. J. McKenney
- 5. Address.....Rev. E. J. Dedson  
Subject: "Christianity—Its Greater Possibilities—Viewed From the Oneness of Interdenominationalism."
- 6. Music.....Bethel Choir
- 7. Remarks: five minutes' talk from each of the following ministers: Revs. W. H. Thomas, D. D.; R. Davis, D. D.; William Alphin, D. D.; O. A. Johnson, D. D.; W. T. Osborn, D. D.; H. L. Holden, D. D.; J. W. Hurse, D. D.; H. L. McKenney, D. D.
- 8. Installation of Officers: Rev. F. D. Wells, President; Rev. William Alphin, Vice-Pres.; Rev. O. A. Johnson, Sec'y; Rev. J. B. Beckham, Treas.
- Offertory and Benediction.

Officer Oscar Hardin slipped on the icy pavement a few nights ago while walking his beat in the west bottoms, striking his head against the curbing rendering him insensible before help came or he recovered consciousness one of his hands had been badly frozen. He is quite ill at the present time.

#### The Negro's Physical Fitness.

The Negro's loyalty in the past is being recalled everywhere, and his worth as a soldier is emphasized. His physical fitness has caused general comment, and has helped to refute many of the stereotyped charges made against him. It was admitted, in one of the leading cities of North Carolina, that in proportion to population the Negroes outnumbered the whites on the eligible list because the Negroes stood the better physical examinations. And only 5 out of 1,500 young Negroes examined at the officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines last summer showed any traces of venereal infection. I would not hesitate for a moment to place this record against that of any other group of young men anywhere in the world. In fact, the war is discovering that the Negro possesses most of the virtues common to men in general. This for the Negro is a tremendous gain. A common cause and a common danger are bringing black men and white men near enough together to discern their common qualities and to awaken mutual respect. The country's need is forging a brotherhood of all her defenders. The whole town of Woodville, Ohio, turned out with a brass band to accompany its one Negro recruit to the railroad station. Georgia towns have given dinners to their black selected men as well as to the white.

Call meeting of the City Federation Friday January 25, for unfinished business at Y. M. C. A. at two thirty o'clock. Please be present.  
L. A. Campbell, President.

#### Lincoln High School Extension

Mr. C. Howard Mills, Director of Social Center Work of Kansas City, Mo., will address the Monthly Community Meeting at Lincoln High School.

Sunday Afternoon, Jan. 20th, 3:15

Subject, "Getting Together."  
He will lead in some New Community Songs.  
He wants to say "Hello" to everybody.

#### NOTICE

Wheatley Provident Hospital Building subscribers' first payment of subscriptions are now due and payable at headquarters, 1803 East Eighteenth Street (Masonic Temple, Eighteenth and Woodland Avenue). Send check, money order or call in person, and those in the city unable to do so may call Bell phones East 2789 or 999 and we will send after it.

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

By NELSON C. CREWS, Chairman,  
Fred W. Dabney, Secretary.

#### OUR GRUESOME CUSTOMS.

(At the request of numerous readers, ministers, doctors and laymen we are reproducing this very timely and logical article from the pen of one of the race's greatest and most courageous writers and thinkers, and hope it will take root and develop into a reality.—Editor.)

By Joe E. Herriford.

Most people agree that the customs which we continue at funerals are little short of ghoulish and that certain reforms in these ceremonies are long past due. Yet it seems that no great number of our people have had the moral courage to take a stand strong enough to accomplish any tangible changes.

Other races, except those uncivilized, have long ago abandoned the gruesome burial rites which we still cling to even in the face of our better intelligence.

In the first place, we refuse to give up the notion that all funerals should be held on Sunday, even if the body of the dead must be kept unburied several days for this purpose. This is only the catering to a vain desire for show and for the attendance of as many curious, disinterested persons as possible. Our funerals are all too long, especially in the cases of persons in any way prominent in social or professional life. Bereaved relatives of the dead are put through the terrible ordeal of sitting sometimes for nearly a whole day in uncomfortable, ill ventilated churches while countless eulogies of doubtful sincerity are being poured out by apparently everyone whom the deceased ever met. Common sense strongly appeals against this sort of indulgence, but it is kept up just the same, supposedly with the idea that it measures the popularity of the dead.

No one can explain just why our people believe that the spirit of the dead cannot repose in peace if the body is honored in a place open to the outdoor air. Suffice it that from the time breath leaves the tortured clay it is kept either closely shut up in a small room of a home or in the sacred precincts of a church into which no fresh air is allowed to enter. The embalmed body is kept in an embalmed atmosphere filled with embalmed germs of all sorts of diseases ostensibly to hurry up other funerals.

The practice of opening the casket at the close of the services in order that the morbidly inclined may pass in review over the pallid features of the dead has long fallen into disuse by every body except the Colored people. No one will dispute that it is unsanitary and unholly. It serves no aim whatever that has the slightest claim upon a reverent treatment of the dead. Those who have any distinctness for desiring to view the face of the dead could much better indicate the element of respect by calling at the residence of the family prior to the hour of the public funeral.

There ought to be a law carrying the death penalty for those who insist upon lifting the suffering mourners up to take what they call "a last view" of the deceased and to display their soul's deepest anguish in the presence of many who happen to be present out of a curious desire for this very heartrending climax. Nothing could be more inhuman and more lacking in good, common sense. There is no more reason why the family should be the last to view the body than that they should be the first to meet the departed spirit in the other world.

If certain secret societies insist upon holding ritualistic ceremonies over the dead at the unholy hour of midnight the attendance of the family should by no means be allowed and no place should be arranged for this display of physical endurance and despair from those already bowed down in nerve-breaking grief. This all looks like barbarism, at least like medievalism.

The long string of resolutions and condolences, all of which sound alike and are usually poorly read should not be imposed upon the ceremonies at all but might be sent to the mourning family to be read, if desired, at some future time and preserved for what they are intended to be worth. I have been asked many times to write such condolences for persons whom I never knew in life and concerning whom I could have no intelligent knowledge. All this is supreme vanity and all of it should have been discontinued long ago.

#### ALLOW COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

Lincoln High School Semi-Monthly Gatherings May Continue.

The request from J. R. E. Lee, principal of Lincoln High School, that the semi-monthly community meetings at the Lincoln School be allowed to continue, was granted last night by the board of education.

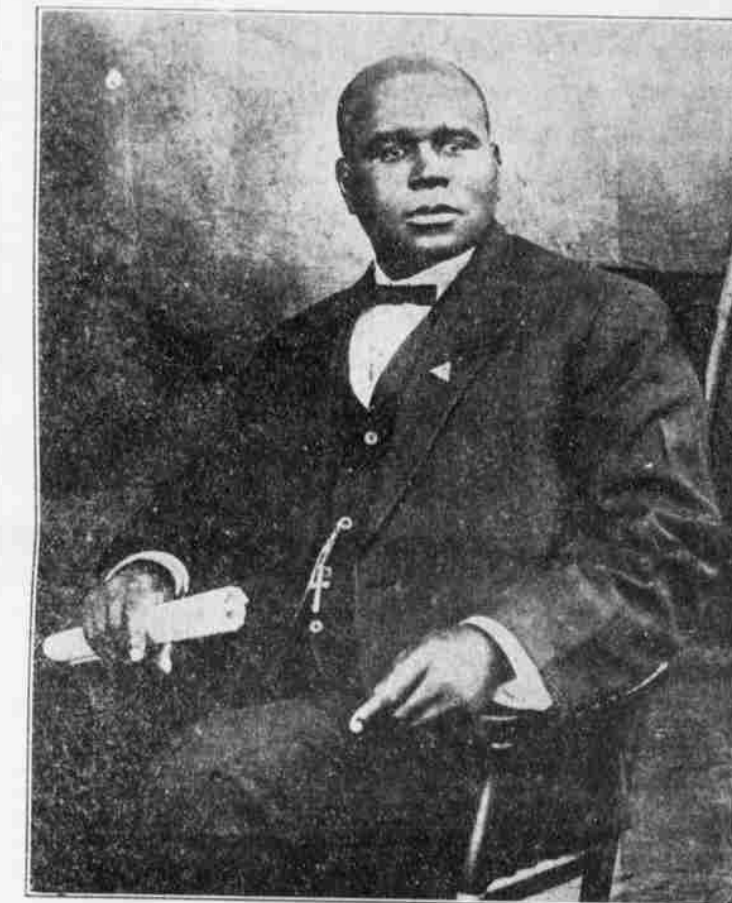
Professor Lee explained to the board that where hotels and clubs were open for the entertainment of white persons, his people had only such places as the community meeting at the school to divert them from their everyday routine.

#### CONSCIENCE BROUGHT HIM BACK TO PRISON.

Jefferson City, Jan. 17—Robert Page Butler, 42 years old, who turned preacher after he escaped from the Missouri penitentiary 18 years ago, was "dressed in" at the prison today. The negro walked into the office of Governor Gardner late yesterday and surrendered. He came here from Youngstown, Ohio, where he is pastor of a negro church.

He declared that the thought of being a fugitive was more than his conscience could endure.

The records of the prison show he was sent here from Kansas City in 1899 to serve two years for assault with intent to kill.



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LEBANA PORTER,  
342 Garfield.

Kansas City, Mo. I have suffered with rheumatism for the past two years, sometimes having to walk with a cane. I heard of Mackey's Liniment and secured one bottle of it, and it gave me complete relief.  
J. H. WILLIAMS,  
Deacon St. Stephens Baptist Church,  
1618 Troost Ave.

Kansas City, Mo. I suffered with lumbago for a long time and I heard of Mackey's Liniment. I used one bottle of this Liniment and was entirely cured, and I feel safe to say it is the best Liniment made and cannot be beat. I must say Mackey's Liniment will do all it is recommended to do.  
JOHN SAUTSBERY,  
Deacon Morning Star Baptist Church,  
2114 Highland Ave., Bell East 3757.

Kansas City, Mo. I want to say I used one bottle of Mackey's Liniment and it has done me more good than any medicine I ever used. For 15 years I suffered with rheumatism and for five years I suffered with severe throat trouble, but am now cured. For these complaints, I find nothing to equal Mackey's Liniment.  
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The Sun is pleased to give to its readers the following letter which speaks for itself and is a tribute to the indomitable energy and perseverance of this distinguished citizen.

#### DR. J. W. HURSE, A GRADUATE.

Kansas City, Mo., January 2, 1918.  
This is to certify that Dr. J. W. Hurse has been a student of mine for some time, learning the art and science and treating of patients with my liniment to my full satisfaction. He is, therefore, capable of treating any of the diseases mentioned.

Therefore, I am giving to the public the knowledge of his efficiency until he receives his diploma, which will come in a few days.  
(Signed) DR. N. A. MACKEY,  
New York City, N. Y.,  
133 West 131st Street.