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## CREAM CITY

### MILWAUKEE NEWS NOTES

The Woman's Improvement Club gave their regular anniversary program in connection with the celebration of the Douglas Centennial and the affair was a splendid success from point of attendance and finance.

A very neat sum was realized toward the twenty-five dollars the club wishes to raise for the National Association of colored women in their effort to buy the Frederic Douglass home as a memorial to our race. The anniversary of the club in itself is always interesting and an event to which the community looks forward and this year the efforts were well worth while. The program consisted of papers by Mesdames Carrie Horton, Rebecca Logan, Adeline Merritt, Ida B. Herron, readings by Attorney G. H. De Reef and Marie A. Burgette and Music by Miss L. Scott and Mrs. Gladys Sellars Smack.

Mrs. Carrie Horton left on Friday afternoon for an extended trip through the sunny South. She will go direct to New Orleans to attend the fete day of the Vardi Gras and on her return trip will visit at Tuskegee and other points of interest.

Mrs. Gertrude Montgomery, who has been visiting friends in Milwaukee was called home by the distressing news that her home in Oshkosh had been burned to the ground.

The stork limited, so often accused of grossly neglecting this vicinity, left a beautiful baby son for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Czerwinski at St. Mary Hospital last week. Mother and baby are doing well. Mrs. Czerwinski will be remembered as Miss Mamie Howard, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howard and formerly a prominent society girl.

An indication of what our young man can do in the business world is exemplified in the success of Mr. Willard Kinner who is employed by the Johnson Mfg. Co. In the past year Mr. Kinner has received three substantial raises in salary and at Christmas time received a life insurance policy or one thousand dollars for as long as he remains with the firm. Mr. Kinner, representing the Palmolive products of the firm led all the other employees last summer in Milwaukee's monster preparedness parade. It sometimes pays our boys not to follow the crowd.

The Misses Burgette were at home on Sunday evening to a large number of the young people in honor of the Tuskegee Jubilee Singers who are engaged in musical renditions—solos were sung by Misses Sarah Woods Alma Cammack, Lottie Jackson and Jessica Burgette, Misses Sarah Onelia Collin and Kathryn Reeves accompanying. Miss Marie Burgette by request read her latest poem on Lincoln recently rendered at the Patriotic meeting of St. Mark. The singing was a compliment to Mrs. A. C. Burgette who has just recovered from a serious illness.

Mrs. Mabel Wilson is still seriously indisposed but is able to sit up with her affected knee in a cast. On Thursday she was the recipient of a beautiful basket of fruit from her club, the Culture Circle.

Mr. Hovey Stith expects to leave shortly to attend the bedside of his mother who is quite ill.

The splendid orchestra under Prof. Robert Merritt which rendered such excellent music at the monster Patriotic meeting Feb. 11th, will be known as the Kultur Klub. We do not know the reason for this very distinguished title less it be that all of the gentlemen lean toward the Culture Circle for very evident reasons.

Milwaukee is a very, very geometrical city. It has a B-square and a C. Circle, the K. K. becomes the musical sphere.

### HEADING AND MOTTO CONTEST

Send in your suggestion to the contest editor, get busy and win the prize. Remember the contest closes March 1st.

Advertise your Rooms, Restaurants, Wants, etc., in the Wisconsin Blade as the best people in the Northwest read it regularly.

Our collector will call to see you next week. Be prepared to pay your subscription.

### NEGRO PASTOR'S BURIAL SERVICE LASTS FOUR DAYS

Macon, Ga.—(Special)—What is thought to have been the longest funeral service ever held in Macon came to an end when the Rev. R. B. Williams, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist church, colored, was buried in All Saints' cemetery near Macon.

The minister, who had been pastor of the church for twenty years, died recently. His funeral service began Wednesday and lasted through Saturday. Continuous services were held all day and thousands of Negroes from all parts of the state attended.

Never before have so many Negroes been gathered in Macon. There were so many of them that in order for all to attend the services it was necessary to hold one service, clear the church, and then hold another one and so on until all of the thousands had been permitted to attend.

Williams was the originator of the "holy rock," a unique service which the Negroes practice on Christmas eve. He was fairly well educated and had an immense following among his own race.

This was largely due to the fact that when one of his congregation died Williams always took up a collection at the funeral and presented it to the family of the deceased. In this way he is said to have befriended most of the Negro families in Macon.

### ROCKFORD, ILL.

Mrs. C. W. Stamps was poisoned last week by drinking pop, but is much better at this writing.

Mrs. C. R. Gorum entertained the Nonpareil club last week. Lunch was served consisting of chicken salad and cakes of pink and green, which carried out the color scheme of the club.

A Martha Washington party will be given at the home of Mrs. B. F. Robinson, 1224 Benton St., February 22nd, in honor of the Nonpareil club.

Mrs. Clara Monmoth returned home after assisting Mrs. Payne with her husband, who has been critically ill but is now on the mend.

Presiding Elder Higgins held a very interesting quarterly meeting last Sunday.

Mr. George Williams is on the sick list.

Mrs. William Cobby, of Iowa, stopped here a few days last week to visit her father, who resides on Byron St. and has been very ill.

The H. H. R. 1973 will observe Peter Ogden Day the first of March, with a splendid program.

The Negro Association gave a Frederick Douglass violin recital at the First Baptist church, February 19th, which was a grand success.

Mr. Samuel Revell has returned home after spending several months in Chicago.

### AN UP-TO-DATE FUNCTION

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale—Brilliant Affair—Tenth Wedding Anniversary.

One of the most brilliant affairs of the season was the 10th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dale, 118 N. Frances St., on Feb. 16. The decorations were one of exquisite taste and beauty, the color scheme being blue and gold. Capt. S. S. Steele acted toast master and delivered himself with glory, which was indulged in until 12 o'clock when for more than an hour the guest tipped the light fantastic toe. Refreshments were the delicacies of the season.

Many beautiful gifts were presented the host and hostess. Many were the congratulations extended. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allison, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rich, Mrs. Martha Harris, Mrs. Mildred Davenport and Miss Ethel Page, Messrs. Henry Walters, Herman Jordan, Sam Wilkerson and Wm. Todd.

### NOTICE

St. Benedict Settlement is a home for colored working girls and women of good morals. Anyone found inducing them to an immoral place or play will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Mrs. Laura Duncan,  
823 Winnebago St.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

### BELOIT, WIS., NEWS.

#### Baptist Mission Notes.

Loving parents, admiring and devoted friends are leaving no stone unturned to see that their respective candidate is successful in landing the handsome gold watch offered as first prize in the great baby and Children's contest being conducted in the city under the auspices of the Baptist Mission recently started by Rev. G. J. Fox. The contest promises to be a lively one and the spirit of the friendly rivalry is intense. Trojanic efforts are being made to get the largest number of votes, and thus land the child of their choice on the plane of success. In connection with the contest which closes March 15. There will be an excellent program rendered under the direction of a committee composed of Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Paul Strothers, Mr. Prince, Mrs. Edw. Strothers, Mr. Shelby, Mr. W. S. Williams, Mr. P. Strothers, and others. Those taking part in the baby and children's contest are Velma Bell, Ella M. Stevens, Theodore Mims, Ernest Mims, Minnie Bell Mims, Jessie Mims, Homer Bandy, Shelby Bandy, The Twin Brothers of Mr. and Mrs. W. Everton, Jerome Wesley, James Bedford, Everton, Oliver Hobson, Margaret Cobb, Jno. T. Petterson Jr. and little Miss Annie May Douglas. Around the hands and feet of loving ones will for the coming weeks be active. The time is too distant to predict who or which will be the lucky ones.

The recent social given by the W. W.'s of the Baptist Mission was a grand success. And at this early date from the starting of the Mission we are able to report a snug little sum, safely deposited in the bank.

The social under the auspices of the W. side Club on behalf of the A. M. E. Church was a success. Several given in the past week were likewise successful.

The present month finds many cases of sickness in Beloit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson of Mississippi arrived in the city last week and are stopping with their son in South Beloit. We are glad to have them in our city.

Services are held each Lord's day at Kent's Hall, South State St. S. S. at 9:30. Mr. Geo. Barr, Supt.; Miss Bell, Sec.; Miss McCord, Treas.; Preaching at 11:00 A. M. by Rev. G. J. Fox also at 8:00 P. M.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock.

Over 50 members of the race arrived in Beloit from The South in the past 10 days.

An invitation was extended to the colored people of Beloit to attend a banquet at the Armory Feb. 22 under the auspices of the G. A. R. Quite a number are expected to attend.

Mr. Henry Cowan is expected to be with us with his famous quartett to furnish several selections and Mr. King and others are to give short addresses.

### LANCASTER, WIS.

(Special to the Blade.)

Last Wednesday evening was enjoyably spent at the home of Mrs. Joseph Grimes where the junior and senior sewing circles gave a Lincoln-Douglass program. In connection with this the junior members served coffee, oyster soup, sandwiches and cake. The proceeds go to the junior treasury for church purposes.

The Busy Bee sewing circle meets next Friday at the home of the Misses Amelia and Olive Greene.

Misses Linda and Gertrude Grimes spent the week-end visiting with the Misses Verna and Mildred Greene.

Last Saturday afternoon the Sunshine Sewing Circle of which Miss Verna Greene is president, met with Mildred Greene. Luncheon consisted of chicken sandwiches, beets, pickles and orange rice, which is a domestic dish and very delicious.

The Ladies of the Autumn Leaf Club have organized a Glee Club with Professor Bennett of Chicago as music director.

Callers at Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grimes Sunday were the Misses Clarissa Shepard, Olive Greene, Linda Grimes, Mildred Greene and Mrs. S. C. Craig.

The recently appointed building committee of the First Baptist church are Chas. Klarman, Abe Ward, Ervan Vesperman and S. C. Craig. We

expect in the near future to have a fine new church so this soliciting committee are busy.

Mrs. Joseph is indisposed with tonsillitis.

Mrs. S. C. Craig.

### A SQUARE DEAL TO ALL MEN



HON. WALTER C. OWEN,

Attorney General, State of Wisconsin.

There are many reasons why the candidacy of Attorney General Owen seeking the endorsement of the State Primary as a candidate for Supreme Court Justice should be pleasing to EVERY COLORED VOTER IN WISCONSIN. He is such a man, who regards those vital questions and principles pertaining to the development and continuous welfare of our people. Listen! Bury it in your heart, write it in your memory, tell it to your neighbor who may not know—or knowing may forget. HE SHOULD NOT BE DENIED A SINGLE VOTE. Organize Owen's clubs in your district and send the name of your chairman and secretary to J. Anthony Josey, The Blade, Madison, Wis. The Stars predict his election FALL IN LINE.

### HEAR JOS. H. DOUGLASS, THE RACE'S GREATEST VIOLINIST AT ST. MARK A. M. E. CHURCH, FEB. 22ND.

The colored citizens of Milwaukee should congratulate the Phyllis Wheatly Art club upon securing the service of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Douglass. There is no better way to show your appreciation than to be present on the night of the 22nd of February. Every race loving citizen of the Cream City irrespective of your affiliation should fall in line and work to pack the church on this occasion. You will miss a rare treat if you fail to hear Mr. Douglass. He is the most famous violinist of the race and is heralded from coast to coast.

### Special Days Announced on Which Public May Make Contributions.

Information received from various sections of the country indicates that the campaign of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs for funds with which to pay off the indebtedness on the Frederick Douglass home at Washington is succeeding admirably. The Sunday schools, literary societies and other organizations are asked to contribute to the fund.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, president of the association, is urging members of the race the country over to give the efforts of the organization hearty support. Public exercises are to be held wherever possible on Sunday, Feb. 11, and Wednesday, Feb. 14, the birthday of Frederick Douglass. At these public meetings every one is requested to make a contribution to the fund.

### REV. L. J. PHILLIPS SURPRISED

Monday evening, February 19th, a few friends, at the suggestion of Mrs. Allen Henderson, Mrs. Geo. Buckner, Mrs. Wm. Miller and Mrs. Wm. Abram, entered the parsonage of Rev. L. J. Phillips, Pastor of the A. M. E. church with a shower of tokens of love and appreciation for his uplifting influence in our midst. The tokens consisted of fruit, vegetables, canned goods and a cash purse of \$5.25. Oysters, sandwiches and coffee were served free to the delight of all.

Mr. V. S. Turner, on behalf of the friends presented the Pastor the cash purse with a few brief remarks to which Rev. Phillips responded, confessing his surprise and appreciation.



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### FROM PEORIA, ILL.

Rev. T. W. J. Tobias, D. D., Field Secretary and Financial Agent of the Enterprise Institute of Chicago was in the city last week on business.

The John Brown Progressive Club will hold a big mass meeting on next Monday evening. All voters of the Third Ward and other Wards are cordially invited to attend. Ladies especially invited.

Mr. Robert C. Marshall of the Ill. Traction System will leave for California on Feb. 22 with the Vice-President of the road. They will be gone about two months.

The Central Illinois Republican Club, at its regular meeting held last Wednesday evening, passed a resolution and it was presented by the Hon. Chas. S. Stubble, upon the death of the Hon. James D. Putnam, late representative of the Fiftieth General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

Rev. H. W. Jameson, presiding elder of Peoria District of the A. M. E. church, was home from Lincoln, Ill., where he has been holding quarterly meeting.

The Maceo Lodge No. 10, K. of P., gave a grand mask Masquerade Ball at the Company "K" Hall on last Thursday evening.

The Woman's Aid Club is still doing things. Last Friday night there was a Grand Douglass Memorial held at the Company "K" armory under the auspices of the club.

On the 26th, 27th and 28th of February the different clubs of the City are going to give a grand bazaar at the Ward Chapel A. M. E. church for the benefit of the church.

The Art Club was entertained by Mrs. P. Walburg at her residence 520 Greenleaf St. last week.

Mr. A. Hughes has returned from the bedside of his sick Sister, leaving her very much improved.

Mrs. Thomas Winn is seriously ill and was taken to the St. Francis Hospital for an operation last week.

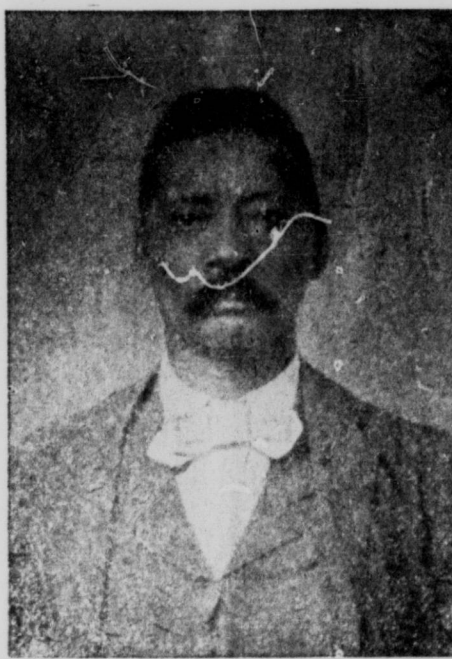
### MR. TAPP H. ROYAL,

Milwaukee's Most Popular Tailor,  
Visiting in Atlanta, Ga.

On account of the illness of his mother Mr. Royal left last Monday for his old home, Atlanta, Ga. His many friends will be glad to welcome him on his return and to know that he has made good in the Northwest. His business is in charge of Blanton. His patronage consists of the best of Milwaukee citizen. While in Georgia he will be at 220 Auburn Ave. with his mother and two children. On his return he will spend a few days in Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Chicago.

### DO YOU KNOW HIM?

We would like to find the whereabouts of Edwin Carmichael. He left Atlanta, Ga., about 17 years ago. We are informed that he is in or around Detroit, Mich. Any information will be gladly received and appreciated.  
The Wisconsin Blade,  
Madison, Wis.



REV. Z. P. SMITH, D. D.,  
Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist  
Church, Madison, Wis.

He is during untold good for the race, and attracting many friends to his cause. He is planning with the

aid of his officers to launch a campaign to raise \$300.00 to commence the work on their new edifice. It is characteristic of Rev. Dr. Smith to make himself conspicuous only when and wherever duty demands.



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JURISDICTION.

Who urges every Lodge and Household through their jurisdiction to celebrate Ogden day in keeping with the General laws of the order.

