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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, May 30, will be observed as a state-wide tribute to the American war dead. Last Tuesday Governor Small issued a proclamation calling upon all communities of the state to observe Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies. The proclamation: "It is our great privilege at an appointed time each year to join in a national tribute of gratitude and affection to our soldier and sailor dead. The blue-clad heroes of the Civil War, soldiers and sailors of the war with Spain and men of the great armies of the American Expeditionary Force lie in honored graves at home and abroad. They gave their services and their lives for a united country, for humanity, for civilization. We mourn the valiant dead and deplore the great crisis in our national life which required of them the last full measure of devotion; but we have a great national pride in their bravery and patriotism which have preserved to us intact the heritage of free institutions handed down by our fathers to be held as a sacred trust for our children and their children. Their gallant deeds on land and sea have ever maintained unsullied the honor of our great American nation. Their hands have borne aloft and raised high in the heavens our stately banner of freedom as a symbol of courage, purity and justice, and as a promise of liberty to the oppressed people of the earth."

"Whereas, the laws of Illinois provide for the observance of the 30th day of May as a holiday:

"Now, therefore, I, Len Small, governor of Illinois, do hereby appoint and designate Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1922, to be celebrated throughout the state as Memorial Day, and I ask the co-operation of the people of Illinois with the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their allied organizations in an appropriate observance of the day by garlanding with flowers and decorating with flags the graves of soldiers and sailors; and I further ask that in all communities there be held public memorial services and patriotic exercises in honor of our heroic dead."

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES OF THE TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

The writer has been honored with an invitation by the officials of the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, to attend the Forty-first Anniversary exercises of that far famed institution which began on Monday, May 21, and continued each day up until Thursday evening, May 25.

Dr. Hamilton Holt of New York City preached the commencement sermon and President John M. Gandy, Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, Petersburg, Va., delivered the annual commencement address.

MISS BAXTER VISITS FRIENDS

Miss Alice Baxter, 420 E. 48th Place, spent several days during the past week with friends at Lake Forest, Ill., as well as several other Chicagoans who attended the two days' message sale at the First Baptist Church.

ZONING FACTS BOILED DOWN

Zoning is not retroactive. Only time can wipe out the mistakes of the past caused by neglecting to plan the city's growth.

Zoning, to the joy of the child, substitutes green grass for the roofs and cement paving.

Zoning demonstrates in rapidly developing areas the economic advantage of preserving open spaces for the future.

Zoning works both ways; it conserves the good in civic growth and restrains the bad.

Zoning prevents the evils of congestion in the crowded old portions of cities from projecting themselves into the newer and more remote quarters as these are built up.

Zoning recognizes the evils of today and avoids repeating them tomorrow.

Zoning, in a city growing up without planning, affords a starting point for the arrangement of terminals, for the design of streets, for suitable provision for recreation and for other elements of city planning.

Until zoning came, the new parts of a city, under uniform building laws, became as congested as the old; now with graded requirements, the new demonstrates to every observer that the old crowded parts are not fit to live in.

EYESIGHT IS PRECIOUS

Who that hath lost his sight would not give a million dollars, if he had so much money, to have his vision restored? And yet, much of the blindness in this country is due to ignorance and neglect.

Many people whose sight is poor and who have ailing eyes neglect to have them given proper medical attention until it is too late for medical skill to save them from becoming blind. It happens not infrequently that eye trouble is not in the eye itself, but is due to other ailments. And again poor eyesight may be the cause of illness in other parts of the body. As is well known, many headaches are due to eyestrain and in all such cases a physician or the oculist should be consulted without delay.

But most important of all, perhaps, is the proper care and conservation of the eyes. This in brief means that we should avoid overtaxing the eyes and that we should not work, read or study in a poor or improperly arranged light. Another important point to be remembered is that the light, whether natural or artificial, should not be bright, dazzling or glaring. In fact too much light is as harmful as too little.

Proper care of the eyes means that they should not be overtaxed; that they should not be used in a dim or failing light, nor subjected to a continuous glare, and that, when they become painful, or seem to be weak, watery or inflamed, a skilled physician should be consulted without delay.

What do you contribute to your community that will help to make it a desirable place in which to live? To what extent do you help to make and keep it clean, tidy and attractive and do you co-operate with your neighbors in every movement that has for its purpose, the betterment of neighborhood conditions? Get in touch with the spirit of the times and do your part in making your community a better place to live in this year than it was last.

LILY WHITES IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Another attempt to form a "Lilly White" Republican Party in Florida is being made here by the circulation of petitions, on which is printed a "Declaration of Principles." The new party is to be known as the Independent Republican Party of Florida. The preamble to the "Declaration" reads as follows:

"Whereas, the basic theory of our government is predicated upon the existence of two or more active political parties, each differing from the other only in the ways and means for securing the greatest good to the greatest number of people, and

"Whereas, the present political conditions in Florida render it impossible for the existing political parties to function in the manner intended by the framers of the Constitution, and

"Whereas, it is believed that these conditions can be remedied through the formation of an Independent Republican Party, which, while adhering to the great principles of Republicanism and conceding to all people their full rights under the Constitution, will declare its unalterable opposition to the election, or selection, of any person to public office, or position of public trust, in the State of Florida, who is not a white American citizen."

After these "whereas" follows the "therefore" that the undersigned voters associate themselves to form the Independent Republican Party of Florida.



HON. JOSEPH HIGGINS SMITH

One of the Head Wheel Horses of the City Council from the 14th Ward Who May Be Induced by His Many Friends to Enter the Race for City Treasurer of Chicago in 1923.

HAMPTON WILL GRANT COLLEGE DEGREES

Hampton, Va.—Hampton Institute in its present organization offers programs of studies in four schools of normal and college grade and in two schools of secondary grade.

For the completion of the Agricultural School standard, four-year college course (thirty-six months), Hampton Institute will grant the degree of bachelor of science in agricultural education and for the completion of the Normal School standard, four-year college course, it will grant the degree of bachelor of arts in education.

Appropriate diplomas will be awarded to students who complete all other courses.

Warren K. Blodgett, director of the Agricultural School, says: "The aim of the college course is to give young men an opportunity to develop within themselves industry, intellectual power, initiative, and ideals to fit themselves to meet the problems of present-day rural life. Today the teacher of agriculture and the county farm-demonstration agent have a strong influence on the development of rural life. This course aims to prepare a man to become an agricultural teacher, a rural school principal, or a county farm-demonstration agent. It also offers a broad scientific and technical education for one who wishes to farm in a modern, progressive way."

"It is not a course in one special branch of technical agriculture or science. More than one-half of the work is not in strictly agricultural subjects, but is in such subjects as Eng-

lish and social science, including economics. The plan is to prepare agricultural teachers through a broad acquaintance with the whole rural-life problem."

Director Blodgett and his associates have arranged courses in six subject groups—English, social sciences, science, mathematics, physics and rural engineering, agriculture and agricultural education.

The Agricultural School equipment at Hampton Institute now includes an agricultural library and study-room with more than 350 of the newest reference books and a number of scientific and farm magazines; the Whipple Farm of 70 acres with modern dairy barn, creamery, greenhouses, horse barn, poultry plant, and poultry-breeding station, and a horticultural department devoted to growing vegetables and fruits; the Shellbanks Farm of 850 acres, easily accessible to agricultural classes, with a dairy herd of ninety Holstein and Guernsey cows, two pure-bred bulls, three silos, twenty-eight horses and mules, tractors and modern farm machinery, and over 150 pure-bred Duroc-Jersey and Berkshire hogs.

THE ANNUAL BALL GIVEN BY THE ELKS WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

Monday evening the Elks of Chicago gave their annual ball at the Eighth Regiment Armory, and it was largely attended by the cream of Elkdom, both ladies and gentlemen. Hon. George E. Wibcan of Brooklyn, N. Y., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks of the World, who delivered the main

PROMINENT MASONS MET AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

The first of last week a special Pullman sleeper filled with Scottish Rite Masons left the C. & W. depot headed for St. Paul, Minn., to attend the annual session of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. Dr. Sumner A. Furniss the M. P. S. G. Commander and other officers were with the Chicago delegation of 22 members. They returned Thursday morning and report a very grand session. Twelve Sublime Princes from Chicago were elevated to the 33rd degree. Many new regulations were adopted. Western Consistory of Chicago is the largest Consistory in the Jurisdiction. A new home is to be erected in Philadelphia, Pa., in the near future; plans having been perfected for the same at St. Paul session. Western Consistory will celebrate Pentecost day, June 4th at one of the churches of this city, and many of the new Inspectors General will be seen for the first time.

Sir Knight James E. Bish, who is one of the biggest masons in the United States, attended the sessions of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction.

While in this city, Mr. Wibcan was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Watkins, 3657 South Michigan Avenue.



HON. MICHAEL ZIMMER

Ex-Sheriff of Cook County, the Present Popular Warden of the Cook County Hospital, Who is Being Groomed by His Many Warm Friends for Mayor of Chicago in 1923.

COL. WHITE JACK TIPPER, THE LEADING LIGHT COLORED REPUBLICAN BOSS OF THE SECOND WARD, AND HIS HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED WIFE, MRS. STELLA TIPPER, HAVE BOTH BEEN SERVING ON THE CITY HALL PAYROLL AT THE SAME TIME.

There are mighty few colored men in this city who are as smooth as Col. White Jack Tipper, who is the light colored Republican leader of the colored folks in the Second Ward.

Col. Tipper first started out about eight or ten years ago to rake in a big bunch of real easy money and to fool or hoodwink the colored people by throwing salt and black pepper in their eyes.

At that time he was the prime mover in starting a big grocery store on State Street, near 36th. It was a stock company affair and Col. Tipper and his associates sold thousands of dollars' worth of stock. After running the grocery store for a short time she closed down tighter than a steel trap and the suckers who put up ten dollars per share for their stock came out at the small end of the horn. But some of the boys contend that in the final windup of the big one hundred thousand dollar grocery store that Co. Tipper was wise enough to feather his own nest.

Not so long after that time, Col. Tipper unsuccessfully engaged in the tea and coffee business; then he branched out in the real estate business, and later on he became one of the high officials of the Douglas League which spread out all over this city and the money rolled into its coffers for dues from its thousands of members residing in all parts of this city.

HEALTH WORK IS THE THING

Evidence of the real value of health work is shown by recent mortality figures in the April bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. This company has more than 1,600,000 colored policy-holders in its industrial department in almost every state of the Union.

"In 1911, the mortality of colored policy-holders was 17.5 per 1000. In 1921, the provisional death rate of these insured Negroes had declined to 13.2 per 1000, which represents a drop of 25 per cent in this period."

This decline is most marked in the death rate from tuberculosis; pneumonia, heart disease, Bright's disease, malaria, typhoid fever, and pellagra. This improvement is traceable to the better economic status during the war period, and to increased development of health activities of public authorities, social agencies, and also the insurance companies managed by colored people.

It should be remembered that insurance policy-holders reach a certain standard of health otherwise they would have been rejected by the insurance companies. Therefore, the mortality figures are lower among them than the normal. The changes in rates however, would naturally be in the same direction in both policy-holders and non-policy-holders, since the same environmental influences are at work on both. It is safe to assume therefore that the general mortality rate for the colored population has declined in the ten year period.

FROM PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

Petersburg, Va.—All Petersburg as well as the surrounding counties in Virginia are making great and elaborate preparations for the coming of the commencement exercises of the various schools and institutions as well as the annual and biennial meetings of the Alumni Associations of the Institutions. Special preparations are under way at the V. N. & I. I. for the commencement exercises to be held on Friday afternoon, June 9. The address before the graduates will be delivered by Dr. Robert R. Moton, president of the Tuskegee Normal & Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

The greatest meeting in the history of the Alumni Association of the school is to take place on June 8 and 9 at the school. M. T. Bailey of Chicago has served for 18 years as president of the association.

Among the many interesting features on the program will be the unveiling of a bronze tablet by the association to the memory of the late James Hugh Johnston, president, on Thursday morning at 10:30.

Among those to speak before the association meeting will be Mrs. Ora Brown-Stokes of Richmond, Va.; Hon. Arthur G. Froe, recorder of deeds, Washington, D. C.; Hon. John T. Oatsneal, Justice of Peace, Washington Courthouse, Ohio; Mrs. Susie

The latter part of February, or the first of March, 1919, the old Eighth Regiment of Illinois returned home to this city from the battlefields of France and as the parade in its honor wended its way north on Michigan Avenue, and while it was passing the reviewing stand in front of the Chicago Art Institute, Col. White Jack Tipper rushed to the front of the Colored Citizens Committee and as it passed the reviewing stand he removed his hat and waved it at Mayor William Hale Thompson as much as to say: "Behold me, for I tote the votes of all the colored people in Chicago around in my big hip pocket."

Col. Tipper has for some years had a hungry taste for easy money and for a long time he has been on the City Hall payroll drawing down well onto two hundred dollars per month and practically doing nothing to earn it, his salary coming out of the pockets of all the small taxpayers residing in Chicago.

Col. Tipper has not been content to pull in all the easy money he possibly can from the small taxpayers but up until recently Mrs. Stella Tipper, his highly accomplished wife, has also been engaged in signing her name to the City Hall payroll and she has been pulling down \$1,320 per year in dead easy money which has come out of the pockets of the small white and colored taxpayers.

V. Pollard, V. N. & I. I.; Dr. S. A. Brown, Petersburg; and M. T. Bailey, president.

COLORED BOY, 15, TORTURED AND BURNED BY GEORGIANS

Davisboro, Ga.—Charles Atkins, 15 colored, one of four taken into custody here in connection with the killing of Mrs. Elizabeth Kitchens, 20, was burned at the stake. The lynching occurred at the scene of the murder and followed an alleged confession. The boy was tortured over a slow fire for fifteen minutes and then, shrieking with pain, was questioned concerning his accomplices. Atkins was said to have implicated another colored boy, but to have exonerated his own brother.

Members of the mob, comprising nearly 2,000 people, then raised the body again, fastened it to a pine tree with trace chains and relighted the fire. More than 200 shots were fired into the charred body. Then the mob started out on a search for the alleged accomplice.

Mrs. Kitchens, who served as a rural mail carrier, was robbed and murdered about four miles from Davisboro.

TWO LYNCHED IN TEXAS; TOTAL IS 8 IN TWO WEEKS

Houston, Tex.—Two colored men, one 60 and the other 25 years old, were lynched in Texas towns for attacks on young white girls, making eight lynched for the crime in the last two weeks in this state and Arkansas.

Mose Bozler, 60, was hanged by a mob of 300 near Alleyton. Joe Winters was burned at the stake in the court house yard at Conroe, while thousands of persons, including women and children, looked on. He admitted assaulting a 14 year old girl.

LYNCH YOUTH IN GEORGIA; AGED WOMAN HIS VICTIM

Macon, Ga.—Jim Denson, 20, colored, convicted and sentenced to hang on a charge of having attacked a 75-year-old woman last January, was taken from the jail at Irvington, Ga., by a mob and lynched, according to reports reaching here.

CHIPS

Mrs. David M. Manson, 4422 Vincennes Avenue, continues to make preparations to spend a pleasant extended vacation at Idlewild, Mich., this summer.

Mrs. James H. Johnson, 3650 Prairie Avenue, is working very hard to make the Memorial Tree Celebration on Giles Avenue, south of 35th Street, a huge success.