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## NEGRO BANKER SETS EXAMPLE IN TOLERANCE COLORED MAN LEAVES \$100,000 TO ALMA MATER

### JESSE BINGA HELPS SOUTHERN SCHOOL THROUGH RADIO APPEAL

#### INTER-RACIAL MEET BARS PRESS, NEGRO LABOR MEMBERS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The National Inter-Racial Conference that held a three-day session in this city is accused by the American Negro Labor Congress of having barred representatives of Negro labor organizations from its sessions, denying them the right to send delegates. The A. N. L. C. contends that as a result of this action the labor viewpoint was presented by a reactionary representative only of the bureaucracy of the A. F. of L.

That the Negro press was barred also is the accusation of the Pittsburgh Courier, which, in its issue of December 29, reports that the sessions "were held behind closed doors, with the press barred. So completely was the fourth estate kept out, that an examination of the 'guest' list fails to disclose one member of the press."

#### ASSOCIATE EDITOR HAS INTERESTING TRIP TO EAST

Arriving in Chicago on Saturday evening over the Oriental Limited, Mrs. E. D. Cannady was met at the depot by Mrs. L. H. Preston, a time-honored friend, and was driven to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bentley, on South Michigan Ave., where she made her home while in the Windy City.

On Sunday, Mrs. Cannady worshipped at St. Marks Church, where she attended Sunday School a number of years ago while a student at Chicago University, and voice pupil of D. A. Clippinger, at Kimball Hall.

Mrs. Cannady was introduced to the Sunday School and was requested to address the young folks, which she did. That evening she was the dinner guest of Mrs. Preston and the Crolley family.

On Christmas Day, she was a guest of honor at dinner at the home of her brother-in-law and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin Stamps. Mr. Stamps is agent-manager of the Victory Life Insurance Co. of Chicago. Christmas night, she attended a surprise birthday party, honoring Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, at the Mason apartments.

Wednesday and Thursday were  
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### AIDS WHITE AND BLACK THE SAME

New York, Jan. 4.—Objection to the location of a combined school for the colored race in Tennessee, on the part of whites, was met by a lesson in tolerance by Jesse Binga, Chicago banker, according to the N. A. A. C. P., quoting from an article in the current "American Missionary."

It appears that at the very time opposition to this colored school was being manifest, an appeal was going out over the radio for funds for a school for white students in the same State of Tennessee. One of the silent listeners to the appeal was Jesse Binga—who promptly sent his check. The gift brought a reply from the Chancellor of the Tennessee school, which said:

"When one reaches your plane of thought and feeling, he is of necessity raised above racial or religious consciousness and merged into what may be designated as the cosmic man—broad, sympathetic, tolerant and, as Lincoln expressed it, 'with malice toward none and charity for all.'"

This Chicago banker, a Catholic in religion, contributes to Catholic schools, Negro churches, Jewish Y. M.'s A., Congregational Institutions, the Y. M. C. A., the United Charities and two independent schools in the South—one Colored and the other white.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Russel, of 1281 E. 13th St. N., extend their sincere thanks and best wishes to the Daughter Elks for the gift of a basket of groceries for Christmas.

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### PERRY HOWARD'S ACQUITTAL A CREDIT TO MISSISSIPPI

(By William Pickens)

Never in our life have we heard of anything more honorable to a Southern State than is the acquittal of Mr. Perry Howard, to Mississippi. Twelve white Southerners in a Southern court that was about all white, as are all courts in Mississippi, said "No" when the false Northern friends of a promi-



Mr. Pickens

nent black man tried to spring a political deadfall upon him.

Those white jurors were perhaps all Democrats, or at least the court as a whole was most decidedly Democratic—in other words, they were political opponents of Perry Howard. He had not been helping them all these years, but he had been helping those who were trying to kill him—and these white Southerners among whom he had lived and whose political ambitions and traditions he had often thwarted, were his defenders against the treachery of his "friends."

Now, when Mississippi has done wrong to the Negro, as Mississippi often has, we have never "bit our tongue" in saying what we thought of Mississippi's conduct. We have not feared to blame Mississippi; neither will we fear to praise her.

In acquitting this Negro leader, the white people of Mississippi have upset a whole string of preconceived ideas as to "how the South will always act." It has been supposed by a lot of people that the South was still, to a man, or to a white man at least, in that stage of social barbarity that would cause them immediately to tear to pieces any prominent black man whom they got a chance to destroy; that they would destroy him most assuredly if he was prominent in politics; and most damnable of all, if he had been a successful rival against white people.

It has also been supposed that any Negro who had grown somewhat bigger than his Southern environment and had come to be a national figure and to spend much time, say in New York or Washington, would be sacrificed with the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles, if ever the Southern gentlemen got him into their net, by fair or foul means. And it has been firmly believed that always and everywhere a Negro who is economically independent or a fair financial success, would be destroyed economically and reputably, if not corporally and "bodaciously," as soon as his Southern neighbors got him "cor-

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### TO CROWN "MISS OHIO" AT N. A. A. C. P. MEET

New York, Jan. 4.—A "Miss Ohio" contest is being held by the branches in that State of the N. A. A. C. P., the winner to be crowned in Cleveland next June, during the Twentieth Anniversary Conference of the N. A. A. C. P. The contestants and their friends are raising money thru memberships, donations and "Crisis" subscriptions.

Other branches thruout the country are conducting "On-to-Cleveland" contests or baby contests. The first prize for the "On-to-Cleveland" contest is a trip to the Conference as one of the delegates of the branch.

Contests are now pending in the following States and cities: Illinois—Bloomington and Danville; Indiana—Terre Haute; Michigan—Grand Rapids and Saginaw; Mississippi—Jackson; New Mexico—Las Cruces; North Carolina—Charlotte; Ohio—Akron and Cleveland; Pennsylvania—Harrisburg; West Virginia—Charleston and Logan County; Wisconsin—Beloit and Milwaukee.

### Marion Anderson to Give First New York Recital

New York, Jan. 4.—Marion Anderson, well known as a contralto, who has had a successful European tour, is to give her first New York recital of the season in Carnegie Hall, on Sunday evening.

### K. OF P. HOLDS ITS ANNUAL ELECTION

Friday night of last week, Syracuse Lodge, K. of P., elected officers as follows: Lee C. Anderson (re-elected) C. C.; Wilbur Marshall, V. C.; Sam Smith, Prelate; L. A. Ashford, M. F.; W. W. Brown, K. of R. & S.; Nimrod Jackson (re-elected for the fiftieth time), Master of Exchequer. The following Trustees were elected: W. C. Holliday and Robert Gilmer. Clarence White, M. A.; E. D. Cannady, M. W.

The Inner and Outer Guards will be appointed by the C. C. at the next meeting, at which time, the installation of officers will be held.

The election was one of the most peaceful and harmonious that has been held in the lodge for a long time.

Every member has pledged himself to work for the increase of the membership for 1929.

### Gladys Catchings to Attend Cleveland Meeting Jan. 6

New York, Jan. 4.—Miss Gladys Catchings, the colored nurse at the Feerman Hospital in Washington, who was ousted because of her color from a special training course at the Sloane Maternity Hospital in New York, will be present and will speak at the annual mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 6, of the N. A. A. C. P.

### RUMOR SAYS HAYS PAYS \$35,000

Miss Crystal Byrd Said to Have Collected Sum After Threatening of Suit.

NEW YORK—That Roland Hayes, the internationally famous tenor, has settled out of court for \$35,000 a threatened breach of promise suit by Miss Crystal Byrd, former Y. W. C. A. secretary, is the widely circulated rumor persisting among the close friends of the couple according to the Kansas City Call.

At any rate, Miss Byrd has gone to Europe for two years study, sailing recently.

Her close friends are responsible for the story that their many-year-old engagement beginning in the obscure, poor days of both in Boston, has been broken. Many of them declare that the huge settlement was paid by Mr. Hayes out of the goodness of his heart, feeling as he does that he is responsible for her long spinsterhood. Another says that it is confirmation of the reputed marriage of Hayes to an Austrian Countess. Another says that Miss Byrd's departure for Europe is for the purpose of ultimately marrying Hayes and safeguarding the famous singer against the wiles of designing European admirers. Miss Byrd is said however, on good authority, to have declared before leaving that their engagement was finally broken.

### WOMAN HONORED

First Colored Woman to Receive This Official Registration.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Frances Carpenter McShann, a dietician at Tuskegee Institute, has recently been appointed American Red Cross dietician, following an examination taken at the headquarters in Washington, D. C. She is the first colored woman to receive official registration for this work.

The appointment authorizes her to teach nutrition and food selection to Red Cross units. The Red Cross grants a certificate for this work.

Mrs. McShann is a graduate of the Howard University and she formerly served as a dietician at Freedman's Hospital.

Mrs. E. D. Cannady returned home on Monday evening from a business trip in the East.

### FRANK HUGHES PASSES

Frank Hughes, a man about town, who worked as a porter in the Stage Terminal Building on Yamhill St., was found dead on Tuesday morning in his room at 95 1/2 Russell St. It is believed that heart trouble was the cause of his death.

### "ARROW TIPS" By Kits Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane, and logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kits and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

I wonder when kings and cardinals will learn that the common man feels he has a divine right to "think out" his own God? That if the scientists demonstrate the necessity for a new conception of the idea of the Father other than that settled upon by the theologians of several centuries ago, that the new idea is none the less reverent. Just think of the days when kings and cardinals thought the best way to teach a person the truth about God was to stretch the unfortunate man or woman on the rack and turn the screws until his bones were broken. Of course, they don't do that now. There are new ways of teaching truth even in religion. Does it not say somewhere in the Bible "Let there be light?" It may be shocking to sundry cardinals that light is now being turned on some of the old ideas. I am not afraid of new ideas about God as long as the old ideas are not destroyed—that God is love, justice, mercy and brotherhood. And these, no scientist has as yet destroyed.

I wonder where we will be when the Legislature gets through with the income tax measure, which the Tax Commission will submit to it? There is only one way to look at the recommendations of the sub-committee which the newspapers have given us as to the prosperity offset. It looks to me simply as a measure proposed in the interest of my landlord and other larger property holders, leaving us renters and workmen to pay the tax. Now then, the way I understand it is in this fashion: If my landlord pays \$250 property tax, and his income tax amounts to \$250, and the property tax offset is placed at 100 per cent of the income tax, the landlord pays no income tax at all. His property tax exempts him. But I, his renter, owning no property, pay an income tax just the same. So, my friends, who pays the income taxes? We poor devils who cannot, even now, save enough to buy a

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### FIRST BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE RECIPIENT LEAVES A HUGE SUM TO UNIVERSITY

Many Houses, Stocks and Bonds, Comprise Gift to Fisk.

NASVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 2.—(AP)—James Dallas Burrus, 82, first negro to take a bachelor of art degree in a college south of the Mason-Dixon line, who died of a heart attack on a street car here December 5, left approximately \$100,000 to Fisk university.

The estate, which includes 85 houses in Nashville and stocks and bonds, will be used for an endowment of teaching and for the erection of a faculty apartment house on the Fisk campus.

Burrus was graduated at Fisk college, a negro institution here.

### "CAL" LORDS IT OVER NEGRO WORKERS

Sea Island, Ga., Jan. 4.—"Lording" it over 256 underpaid Negro workers on the great Sapelo estate on Sapelo Island, off the coast of Georgia, President Coolidge whiled away his Xmas vacation he awarded himself only a few months after his summer vacation. On Saturdays, Coffin's Negro workers were ordered to amuse Mr. Coolidge with a rodeo. On Sunday he stamped his presidential seal on one of the ancient legends, dedicating a memorial tablet to hang on the tree which is said to have grown from an acorn that grew on the tree from which the keel and ribs of the frigate Constitution were hewn.

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