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SECTION I.

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## MINISTERS ARE TABOO IN PORTLAND NAACP HAITIAN MASSES STAND FIRMLY FOR RIGHTS

### PREACHERS ARE OUSTED FROM EX. BOARD

### ABOUT TWENTY FIVE OF SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

Sunday afternoon, the Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its annual election of officers. Only about 25 of the more than 600 members were present to do their duty. Irvine Flowers was re-elected president; Virgil E. Keene, vice-president; Mrs. Alice M. Ingersoll, secretary; L. A. Ashford, Treasurer. Mrs. Lena A. Bowers, Mrs. Lenora Henderson and Messrs. G. V. Grayson, W. B. Brown and Clarence E. Ivey were elected to associate with the other officers of the branch to form the executive committee.

For some time it had been rumored that some of the members were desirous of removing from the executive

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### WHITE MINISTER TAKES FIRM STAND

### PASTOR QUILTS WHEN CHURCH BARS NEGROES

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18.—Because the church council refused to admit Negroes to the membership, Rev. A. J. Helm, white, resigned as pastor of the Bethel Evangelical Church of Detroit, according to an announcement made here Sunday.

A colored man and woman had attended the church for several years and recently had applied for membership. The pastor recommended that they be accepted, but the church council steadfastly refused on grounds of color.

Discussing the affair, Dr. Helm declared: "To refuse church membership to anyone not of the same race is to deny the most obvious teaching of Jesus and to give the ethical sanctions of Christianity to race prejudice."

### Robinson Is Grateful

In a letter addressed to the editor of the Advocate, Bob Robinson, U. of O. football star, expresses his gratitude to all those, especially the hotel men, who assisted to make his trip to Texas, his home, possible. Mr. Robinson addressed the letter en route on the Empire Builder.

The Advocate wishes  
its readers  
**A MERRY XMAS**  
and  
**Happy New Year**

### 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.

"Several men betrayed Jesus, but not one woman."

The quotations that have been appearing at the head of this column are taken from "The Scourage of Christ" by Paul Richards and have been quoted in the Crisis.

The more I think of religion, the less I think of the churches. The more the churches spend on architecture, useless spires, fine carpets, finer organs and elaborate lighting systems the less significant becomes the message preached from the pulpits. Nowadays unless one attends church and "worships" in the regular orthodox and accepted was prescribed by the

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### DOG IS LIQUOR TOTER

Washington, Dec. 19.—(CNS)—District bootleggers have gone to the dogs!

At least Orin Whiting, 48 years old did, figuratively speaking, by using his hound to make deliveries of pint bottles of liquor, according to police.

Whiting was taken in a raid which netted a gallon of whiskey. As the legal question of disposing of a canine transporter of liquor has not been settled by the courts, the hound, which was captured with the bottle strapped in a pocket on its side was released.

### BULLET BARELY MISSES

### BEN DAVIS ASSAULTED; BLAMES ELKS' FEUD

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—(CNS)—Benjamin J. Davis, editor of the Atlanta Independent, and formerly Republican National Committeeman from Georgia claims that a disgruntled faction in the Atlanta Lodge of Elks is to blame for an attempt upon his life late Tuesday night when he returned to his home at 230 Boulevard, Northeast from a lodge meeting.

According to his story, as given to police next day, he had returned from the lodge meeting and was entering his home when one of two men loitering at a nearby signboard, shot at him with a revolver. The bullet crashed through a window, narrowly missing Davis.

Davis, who is exalted ruler of the lodge, recently triumphed with his supporters in elections of the organization.

### Knights of Pythians to Elect Officers

The members of Syracuse Lodge, K. of P. will hold their semi-annual election of officers December 27. From present indications, there is promise of much rivalry for the most important offices. It is thought that the majority of the lodge's eighty-four members will be on hand to cast ballots for their favorite candidates.

### PETITION SIGNED TO UNFROCK A. J. CAREY

Chicago, Ill. Dec.—(CNS)—Bishop H. B. Parks, senior Bishop of the A.M.E. church has received a petition signed by hundreds of members of the A.M.E. church, which urges the unfrocking of Bishop A. J. Carey, of the Episcopal District of the A. M. E. church, and a member of the Civil Service Commission of Chicago.

They charge that the gossip which has been connected with Bishop Carey for months is extremely embarrassing to loyal church members.

### Will Occupy Their New Modern Home

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson, are domiciled in their beautiful new home on East 79th and Beech streets—one block south of Sandy Boulevard. A group of close friends have been invited by Dr. and Mrs. Anderson to inspect their home this evening. It was constructed at a cost of seven or eight thousand dollars and is modern in every detail.

### TOPEKA PLAINDEALER OFFERED FOR SALE

Mrs. Thelma Chiles-Taylor, daughter of the late veteran editor of the Topeka Plaindealer, Topeka, Kansas, is offering the paper, with all its modern equipment, for sale. The Plaindealer is the oldest publication among colored newspapers in Kansas and was founded and edited for thirty years by Nick Chiles who lately passed on.

### MANY ARRESTED UNDER CURFEW REGULATION

### SEVERAL LEADERS ARE RELEASED FROM JAIL

Port Au Prince, Dec. 18.—(CNS)—With hundreds of heavily armed marines and gendarmes parading strategic points, and arrests being made indiscriminately of suspected revolutionists, the marine headquarters report "all quiet on the Haitian front."

Fifteen persons were arrested last night under the curfew regulations of the marines, which order all persons to be in doors by 9 P. M. Many of these arrested previously are still being held, while a few have been released with orders to leave the capital.

In the meantime, the heroic struggle of the Haitian masses has forced the release of four of the principal leaders of the revolt: Gaston Woel, Jean Brierre, Schiller Nicholas, and Max Vieuz.

### URGES NEGRO ON HAITIAN COMMISSION

Washington, Dec. 18.—Simultaneous with the report that President Hoover had requested that a commission be appointed to investigate the Haitian situation, a country-wide appeal was made for the appointment of a Negro on this commission.

Among those urged for the post is Dr. George Cleveland Hall, prominent physician and surgeon and civic leader of Chicago, and John R. Hawkins of Washington.

### URGED TO ASK CHICAGO VOTE

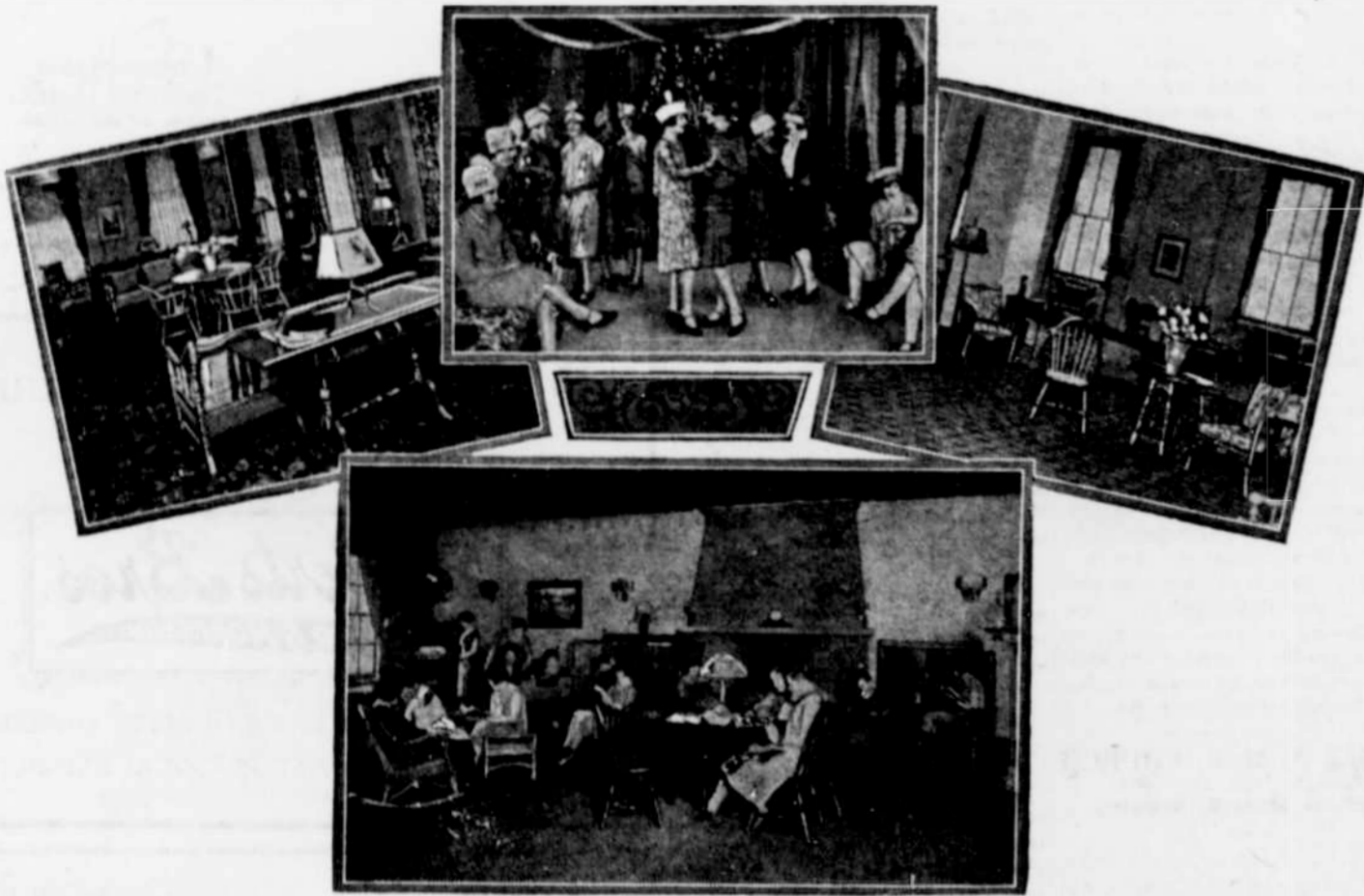
### Pickens Scoffs at Roscoe R. C. Simmons' Candidacy Against Oscar DePriest

New York City.—If Simmons wants to be New York City from Chicago, our advice is, that he try to satisfy the Negroes of America, especially those of the North, and more particularly those in the First Congressional District of Illinois. It was those Chicago Negroes who sent De Priest to Congress, and those Negroes will determine De Priest's successor.

Roscoe Priest's successor is simply hunting in the wrong woods, when he is seeking an office from the hands of Chicago Negroes by running down South and trying to make good first with "our white folks". The Montgomery Advertiser (Simmons' political support) has always stood for denying the Negro even the right to vote let alone the right to go to Congress. Every boost Simmons can get from a source like that ought to be a kick for him when the campaign gets going in Chicago, next year. If he wants to go to Congress from Chicago, he had better run on back there and tell Chicago about it.

J. R. Charleston, of 931 Rodney Avenue was stricken last Thursday with paralysis while at work on his car and had to be brought home. The doctor ordered him to remain in bed for some time. The stroke paralyzed his left limbs. He is quite cheerful although confined to his home.

## Pleasant Rest and Recreation Rooms Provided For Telephone Switchboard Operators' Benefit



A Group of Typical Rest and Recreation Rooms of the Bell System—Upper Center Picture Shows Christmas Party in Progress.

By RICHARD STORRS COME

WHAT to do after lunch until it's time to go back to work, is one of the minor problems of business life. Some stroll aimlessly through stores or "window-shop" if the weather is good; others take the opportunity to write a letter or snatch a few minutes of reading, provided a quiet place can be found.

For telephone operators, however, the problem practically solves itself. In all the buildings operated by the large telephone companies throughout the country some space is provided for the personal use of the operators. Pleasant sitting-rooms are made available where they may spend their time after lunch and during the fifteen-minute rest periods which they enjoy twice a day.

Telephone service, of course, has to be continuous, so the girls take their lunches and rest periods in groups, only a part of the operators being off duty at any given time. The sitting rooms, therefore, are in

use by one group after another for a large part of the day. Any one girl is there for only a short while, but the room is in service most of the time. At night, too, and in stormy weather these rooms are especially appreciated as a cozy spot for operators off duty.

Cozy they are, indeed, with their inviting atmosphere—attractively furnished with comfortable settees, chairs and lounges, gay curtains in the windows, shaded lamps and tasteful carpets or rugs. Pictures hang on the walls and there are desks and tables where one may scribble a note and telephone convenient for use.

In many of the sitting-rooms phonographs or pianos are provided and dancing is a popular pastime. Magazines are generally available and often books as well. The telephone companies frequently arrange to have a branch of the local public library established in the operators' sitting-rooms, so that the supply of books is changed at intervals, and the books may be borrowed and taken home as well as read on the premises. And nothing, perhaps, adds a more home-like

touch to a room than a well stocked bookcase. All the furnishings and equipment in these rooms are supplied by the telephone companies, including facilities for games which are much enjoyed.

In the larger buildings personnel assistants, under the supervision of the head of the telephone traffic force, are in charge of the sitting-rooms. They introduce the girls to one another, direct the new girls where to leave their hats and coats, and help to make them feel that the room is theirs and that they are welcome to make use of it whenever they are off duty.

Locker-rooms are also provided, in which each girl has an individual compartment where she can keep her hat, purse, etc. Coats are hung in larger compartments which are shared by several operators. Umbrella racks in which the umbrellas can be locked up are also furnished, and of course mirrors are an indispensable necessity. The telephone head-sets that the girls wear at the switchboards are also kept in individual compartments in a rack near the door of

the room where the switchboard is. Each operator has her individual head-set.

In the larger telephone buildings quiet rooms are also provided for any who may become indisposed and wish to rest in quieter surroundings than are obtainable in the general sitting-rooms. These quiet rooms are equipped with simple medical supplies.

But it is the sociable sitting-rooms that form the gathering place for operators during the rest intervals and they are the center for what might be called the social life of the central office. At no time, probably, are these pleasant surroundings more keenly appreciated than at the Christmas season, when holly and mistletoe and perhaps a tree give a sparkling background to the Christmas dance. Then, and at the other operators' parties throughout the year, many of the telephone girls come to feel that in business life as well as in school and college life, some of the most lasting satisfactions grow out of the human relations that are established and the friendships that are formed.

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