

J. Finley Wilson, who was reelected Grand Exalted Ruler by acclamation of the Order of the Elks of the World at its annual national convention held recently in Atlantic City, N. J. James E. Kelley was elected secretary; Edward W. Henry, treasurer;

and Wm Houston, commissioner of education, all re-elected by acclamation. Abbie Johnson, Grand Daughter Ruler was reelected. Catto Lodge won prize for best dressed lodge and the Quaker City Marching club for best marching club.



WALKER MANSION

IRVINGTON - ON - HUDSON, N. Y. —(CNS)—Villa LeWara, the \$250,000 Georgian mansion of 8-acre estate of the late Madam Walker, was opened September 4 as the national home of the Companions of the Forest of America and will be used as a home for aged and tired mothers. The organization purchased the property which was one of the show places of the exclusive section through its financial secretary, Mrs. Annie Poth, at a private sale last spring following the death of Madam Walker's daughter, Mrs. A'Lelia Walker-Kennedy. The amount paid for the property was \$47,500 the amount of the indebtedness on the place at that time. The mansion has been remodeled to meet the needs of its new role and the \$25,000 organ which was installed by Madam Walker, has been renovated. Opening receptions were held on September 4 and 5 and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was among those invited to speak.



THE LATE MME. C. J. WALKER, the beautiful — t ETAIO OOA who erected the magnificent "Villa" so that her race might have a fine, luxurious home to point to and enjoy, with pride. The Madam was a wizard in the beauty and hair culture line. Her only daughter, Mme. A'Lelia Walker-Kennedy died a year ago in New York.



FORMER PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE who says he will support the Republican Administration and the candidacy of President Herbert Hoover for reelection in the present political campaign which terminates on November 8.



NINA MAE MCKINNEY, who along with Jack Osterman, Harry Carroll and Roy Sedley, is scheduled to appear in the revised version of "Folies Bergere", which will go into rehearsal soon.



DR. HENRY ALLEN BOYD, son of the founder, who appeared before the National Baptist Convention recently held in Houston, Texas and gave facts and figures of the nation's largest printing, publishing and religious manufacturing institution.



THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS CONDEMNED TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR BY ALABAMA SUPREME Court. They will die unless the United States Supreme Court reverses the decision. The International Labor Defense is making a national appeal for funds with which to handle the case and is calling upon every citizen to aid the worthy cause. The boys are generally believed to be the victims of southern frame-up charges. (See Story on front page)



(Top) LANGSTON HUGHES, noted Negro poet, now in the Soviet Russia; (Center), EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY, America's foremost woman poet and author; (Bottom) CLAUDE MCKAY, revolutionary Negro poet and author, who, with a great long list of prominent writers are working for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys who they believe to be guiltless.

From Country's Highest Telephone You May Call the Rest of the World



Atop Pike's Peak, Colo., 14,109 feet high, is the highest telephone on the North American continent. Since it is a standard Bell System telephone, linked with the central office at Colorado Springs a few miles away, from it one may call 92 per cent of the world's telephones on this and four other continents. Bottom picture shows Pike's Peak, taken from main street of Colorado Springs; at upper right is shelter house at summit; and in circle is the telephone in actual use.



WILLIAM PICKENS, who writes from Paris, France that it makes no difference to the Negro which one of the Presidential candidates, Hoover or Roosevelt, is elected so far as the Negro citizen is concerned. "If either one of those fellows is worse than the other, faith an' it must be both of 'em!"



CONGRESSMAN OSCAR DePRIEST, of Chicago who says he will not go in for the Non-Portisan racket but is going to stick by the Grand Old Party.

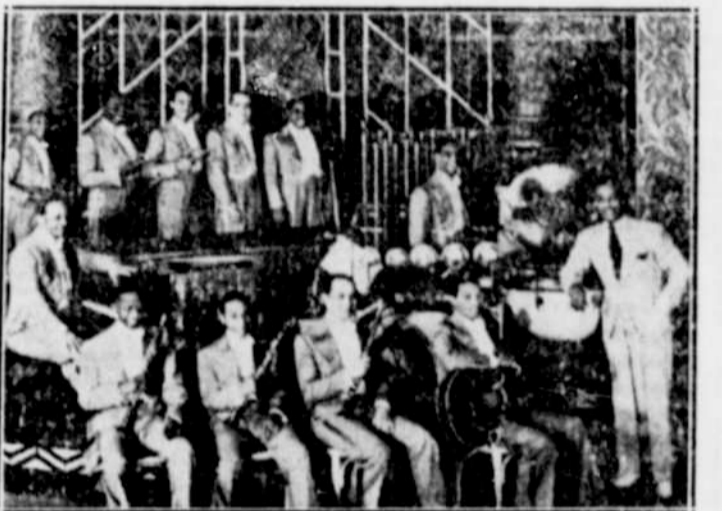
The pretty girl next to Daniel Haynes is Miss Gwendolyn Hooker, of 1608 E. Halsey street, Portland, Oregon, president of the Allen Christian Endeavor Society of the Bethel African Methodist Church. Miss Hooker recently attended the annual conference of her church held in the state of Washington. She is also an elocutionist of no mean ability.



IRVINGMILLS BLUE RYTHM BAND one of the finest aggregations of musicians that ever graced the public stage. They have rythm, and HOW! Alexander's Band never had anything on these boys.



"THE GREEN PASTURES", the greatest of all plays of Negro life, began its 1,927 performance here Monday at the Colonial Theatre, when it opened for a third season of continuous performance. Except for brief periods of vacation, the cast has continuously presented Marc Connelly's Biblical play to large audiences all over the United States. The play has netted millions of dollars to the authors, the producers and the cast. Over 600 of the performances were given in New York City. With one exception, the cast, headed by Richard B. Harrison as the Lord, is intact at the start of the third season. Wesley Hill, who created the role of Gabriel, was killed by an automobile during the New York run. His successor, Samuel Davis, died last winter of heart disease. Doc Doe Green is now playing the part.



DUKE ELLINGTON, the "King of Jazz" and his famous musical aggregation who have made music history throughout the country, East, West, North and South.



DANIEL HAYNES Adam in "The Green Pastures" play



Hymns Replace "Number, Please?" as Telephone Building Becomes Church



This former telephone building in Kansas City, Mo., has been bought by the congregation of the Brookside Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Right: Rev. R. B. Kimbrell, pastor.

At North Conway, N. H., a few years ago, a church building which had outlived its span of usefulness as a religious edifice was purchased by the Carroll County Telephone Company and converted into a telephone central office. Now, in Kansas City, Mo., an opposite transformation has taken place. The congregation of the Brookside Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Kansas City, has purchased the telephone central office building known as the Jackson Exchange, from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and is remodeling the structure so that it may serve as its church. Thus cables are to yield to hymns, and where, until a short time ago, "Number please?" was heard millions of times a year, the Rev. R. B. Kimbrell will now be heard instead, as he delivers his regular Sunday morning sermon. The operating room, once lined with switchboards, provides an adequate auditorium.

The Jackson Exchange building has an interesting history. Several years ago, when Seventy-first street in Kansas City was widened as Gregory Boulevard, an end to the exchange building impended, since it stood in the path of that widening. But the building was moved south out of the path of the street widening and enlarged by the telephone company. At the time this was done, it was said to be the largest telephone exchange building that ever had been moved in this country without interruption of service. A short time ago, it became necessary to abandon the Jackson Exchange, when telephones serving that section of the city were changed from manual to dial operation. It was not feasible to convert the building to the new type of operation, and so dial telephone service in that locality is now being provided in a new building constructed especially for that type of operation.