SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Howard Univ. Has Repaid Government $30,000

Sum Involved in P.W.A. Misapplication May Reach $30,000 Mark. Query Is, Whether University Is Floating Loan. U.S. Report May Not Be Made Public Until Congress Convenes.

BY SPECIAL CORESPONDENT

WASHINGTON.—Though the report of the Federal investigators has not yet been made public, some of the contents have been leaking out. Before the sluggish trustees hold their meeting, the public may learn the whole truth through these columns. No one is going to be spared.

It is generally understood that much of the report concerns itself with the misapplication of funds appropriated by the Federal government for specific purposes. It seems to be the aim of the university administration to make good the money misapplied.

Paid Back $20,000

Within the past two weeks, Howard University has paid back to the government over $20,000 and is hustling to make good an even greater amount before Congress convenes.

Either the president of the university, or the president of board of trustees is challenged to deny that at least $20,000 has been paid to reimburse the Federal government for irregularities discovered.

Naturally, the question is raised as to the source of the money that is making such restitution. The university is self-confessed as "poverty-stricken." A humorous report has already appeared in print, advising how the university has balanced its budget by cutting the teaching force.

Where Does It Come From?

Such a report reads like fiction. But let us grant that the university is so hard up that it has to reduce the force that perhaps was never needed and has to pay clerks such a pittance that they can hardly exist on such an income. Where is this most urgent money coming from?

If the administration diverted certain funds to unauthorized activities, surely such funds can never be recovered. The amount being returned for misapplied funds represents an expenditure in addition to the "troublesome" money. Will the financial experts of Howard University explain this source of the inexhaustible funds of the university?

Is Loan Being Floated?

A safe guess is that the officials of the board of trustees are borrowing money to make good the blunders of the double-headed administration. As has been pointed out in a previous article, the dilemma of Howard University is derived from the double-headed administration, composed of inexperience and will power.

With all the expensive audits of the university, not to mention the so-called "finance committee," how in the world could the administration stumble into such blunders costing the university some $30,000? What could have been done with such a vast sum under the eye of competency?

It looks like the same old story. While the administration spent recklessly on its own comforts, it will now have to mortgage itself up to its neck to get out of trouble.

May Total $30,000

It is very obvious that the Federal officials are not going to permit any further expenditure of PWA funds until Howard University pays back what has already been squandered. The funds remain impounded. It is not definitely known, at this time, how much Howard will have to pay back. Some had been returned before this information leaked. At least $30,000 will have to be returned.

May Blame Clerks

The situation is most unfortunate for the university, especially since the trustees seem bent on record as indulging the blunders that have caused the embarrassment. The latest effort is to explain away the embarrassment by accusing the clerical force as being responsible for the discovered blunders.

The secrecy which the trustees are trying to maintain is pathetic, if not stupid. As soon as Congress convenes, members of that body will want to read the report. The information cannot be hidden from any member of Congress.

Congress May Look In

The gravest danger lies in the inspiration that may come to some member of Congress to block further appropriations for the university. No person who respects business practices is likely to vote for appropriations that may be so treated that the administrators of them will subsequently be compelled to make them good because of misapplians.

The longer the trustees pussyfoot with this matter, the nearer Howard University will approach the sunset of its existence. The institution cannot live without the aid of Congress. It is doubtful whether Congress can justify further appropriations for such a bungling administration.

If the trustees are really contemplating continuing the present administration, their oddity beggars description. Such a foolhardy plan, however, will be consistent with their policy. The self-perpetuating trustees of Howard University are responsible for their acts to themselves only, and it is really problematical whether they understand themselves.

Financial Officers

No matter what the university must do to recover the confidence of the Federal officials, the most palpable feature of the embarrassment is the incompetency of the financial officers of the university, who, alone, control the expenditure of appropriations. It has been made clear that these officials apparently lack the proper attitude relative to this function in this respect.

Their acts betray their philosophy. When the university was in need of funds to meet expenses, they authorized $1,000 for the president's vacation, spent in the summer home of a trustee. When funds could not be stretched for salaries, this same officer was voted sums for his family's comforts, ranging from a $1500 playroom to a $1.32 wash-boiler.

Allowed as Salary

Perhaps the most censurable act has been their division of the president's appropriation for entertainment and maintenance into monthly sums which they included in his salary check. Any group of men who have such strange attitudes toward the handling of funds are likely to fall into loose habits of misapplying appropriations.

No Dishonesty Suspected

Let no reader suspect that the Howard financial mess breeds the slightest suspicions of dishonesty. The situation is just another indication of that irrepressible ego that lodges in persons who consider themselves above the restraints meant for ordinary people.

Expensive Training

Government appropriations are clothed in such specific language that the person misunderstanding what is meant is rare. Only the person who considers himself beyond restraint falters. The cost of some $30,000 is rather expensive for the training of Howard's highly paid officials, who manage to keep the university in the press on account of their unfavorable acts.

Let the trustees wince. Let them deny their knowledge of affairs. Let them hold up the inevitable day, but the administraiton must go.

Campaign to Repeal Anti J. C. Law Follows Chicago School Strike

CHICAGO, Ill. — (CNA) — Evidence that a small group of segregationists in Morgan Park, a swanky residential section of Chicago's far South Side, are preparing an underground campaign to repeal the Illinois statute making jim-crowism in the schools a felony, has given rise to a renewed drive on the part of members of the Young Communist League against the removal of colored students from Morgan Park High School.

Quiet, on the surface, for a few weeks following a recent student strike, in which a number of white students protested against the assignment of students from nearby Beverely Hills, which has a considerable colored population, the Morgan Park segregation fight has flared anew.

There exists in Chicago a statute passed shortly after the Civil War, which makes jim crowism a felony. Schools receive specific mention in this statute. It is against this statute that the reactionaries are waging a determined campaign.

Led by the pastor of one of Morgan Park's most snobbish white churches and a small clique dominated by members of the Beverly Hills Post of the American Legion, this group is organizing to bring about a repeal of the anti-jim crow law.

Mitchell Will Speak at Public Meeting of Sigma Conclave

WASHINGTON. — The program of the twentieth Phi Beta Sigma conclave, in session here and presided over by Arthur W. Mitchell, newly-elected Congressman, will include a business session at Howard University on Friday morning.

Entertainment for members and visitors will be furnished in the evening when the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at a dance which it will sponsor.

Saturday morning there will be a second business session, and an inter-fraternal smoker in the evening.

A public meeting will be held Sunday at 2 p.m., in the Howard University chapel. Congressman-elect Arthur W. Mitchell will be the main speaker.

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority will furnish the entertainment for the evening. At 12:01, there will be a dawn dance in honor of the delegates.

T.B. Expert

DR. CLARENCE H. PAYNE member of Provident Hospital Staff, Chicago, whose studies in tuberculosis at the Municipal Tuberculosis sanitarium at Chicago, where he is the first of the group to do clinical and research work, have embraced the latest scientific methods of treating consumption.

Schools Must Fit Society's Demand, Avers Murchison

PITTSBURGH—That the colored schools cannot be oblivious to the necessities of society, but must intelligently deal with changing obligations and provide intelligent leadership, was the opinion expressed by John P. Murchison, associate adviser to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, at a panel discussion at the Pittsburgh YMCA, Sunday.

The question now is," the speaker said, "how are our schools to provide the needed and political leadership? We cannot obtain the results desired by their present tactics of giving graduate students of economics a number of courses in political science and vice versa.

There is positive need of a new and joint approach by departments of economics and of government to the problem. From time to time, the entire curriculum of these departments of our graduate schools must be organized around common objectives and their research organized to discover the means to attain these objectives. Collectively, they should observe and test the results of political and economic experiments which are made in practice. After due deliberation, they should announce their approval or disapproval of plans and ventures by so-called leaders and organizations."

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Dr. Wright, at 70, Gives Recipe for a Long Life

Save Some Strength, Time and Money for Unforseen Evens, He Says; Good Humor Comes when Life Is Not Taken Too Seriously.

PHILADELPHIA. — Dr. R. R. Wright, active in civic life and as president of the Citizens' and Southern Bank and Trust Company at the age of 70, has written a recipe for a long, energetic life, based well upon the importance of economy in time, money and energy.

Dr. Wright, whose life, aside from being long, has been conspicuously broad and energetic, when asked, as a boy, by General O. O. Howard, on a visit to the South what message he should take to the people up North, said: "Tell them we are rising." His recipe for long life follows:

Energy and Vision Needed

"I confess that my own life has been rather long; but I am not altogether satisfied that I have been sufficiently energetic. I sometimes think that I am quite lazy, and that I might have accomplished a great deal more in life if I had been just a little bit more energetic.

"Energy wants upon good appetite, good health, and a clear conscience, as well as a will to usefulness and endeavor. The man who does not really understand the human program will not be willing to put out energy enough to carry him over and into success.

"Vision, broad vision, and sympathy with the race of mankind, with the knowledge that other people can be made happy and useful by your own efforts seem to be some of the elements which make for success.

"Of course, all success in life depends upon ability not only to use time, health, heart, mind, soul and strength in a thrifty way but to remember that 'many mickles will an mukle.' Saving time and saving energy for investment in larger and better things makes a man happy.

Triple Economy Urged

"I have always trained myself to study carefully how to economize in time, money and energy, so that I might have something left over—a surplus which would enable me to take care of the unforeseen forces that may spring up suddenly, and make it possible for me to start the new day with some sort of asset.

"Life must not be taken too seriously; it is only a brief span. I saw sometime ago in Westminster Abbey in London, an epitaph written on the sarcophagus of a poet. It read as follows:

"'Life is a jest,
All things show it;
I thought so once,
But now I know it.'"

Don't Be Too Serious

"I do not go quite that far. I do not regard life as a jest; but I still believe that the best idea is to take life not too seriously—to remember that it is human to err, that people will make mistakes, and that people will talk adversely about other people.

"They will talk about you, and they will talk about anybody. Let them talk. One hundred years from now you will not remember what they have said and, of course, you will not be hurt by it. So just set yourself ahead one hundred years, and forget about it.

Cuss Only by Thought

"Sometimes, especially since I have been in the banking business, I have felt like using my religion to give some people a good, thorough cussing; but I just think it and do not cuss them. You cannot blame a man for thinking.

"I have no doubt that many people have thought about cussing me out. I should be happy if I could know just what they think about it; but, unfortunately, they do not stop at that. They will do

DR. R. P. WRIGHT, Sr.

their cussing where I can hear of it, if not hear it directly.

"What does it matter? If it gives joy to them to cuss me, why, let them cuss. It is my mission to proceed on my journey, working out my problems. When one knows the plan of human nature, why not work to the plan? Why not be fervent in spirit, diligent in business, and serve humanity?"

Samuel B. Coles Sails for Liberia

NEW YORK (ANP.) — Samuel B. Coles sailed Friday for Liberia to have charge of extension and educational services at the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute at Kakata, fifty miles from Monrovia.

He took with him a considerable amount of machinery for building and agricultural operations.

Mr. Coles was born in Alabama, attended Snow Hill Institute and is a graduate of Talladega College. For ten years he rendered notable service as a missionary educator with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and was stationed at Anoa, West Africa.

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Talk It Up!

Charlotte H. Brown Moves 1500 White Students at Berea

BEREA, Ky. — Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of Palmer Memorial Institute of Sedalia, N.C., addressed more than fifteen hundred white students of Berea College recently, on the subject, "What the Colored Youth Expects of the White Youth in their Tomorrow."

Dr. Brown declared that the whites exhibit weakness when they substitute mob law for the civil law, and asked for the following things:

1. An opportunity for colored youth to enjoy and all vocations for which they show an aptitude.

2. Equal educational opportunities.

3. A proper evaluation of human personality, regardless of color. She stated that the South has this brought about lynching and flagrant violations of people they regard as not fully-created human beings.

4. The abolition of purely racial jobs and an open door to earn a living with equal wages for equal work.

5. The same respect for members of the colored race that white people feel entitled to from the colored race.

Don't Want Intermarriage

Dr. Brown emphatically stated that the colored man does not want to be white, because "it not seeking intermarriage." "Marriage is hard enough complicated enough as it is, without adding the extra burden of racial mixture; further, most of these departments of our graduate schools must be organized around common objectives and their research organized to discover the means to attain these objectives. Collectively, they should observe and test the results of political and economic experiments which are made in practice. After due deliberation, they should announce their approval or disapproval of plans and ventures by so-called leaders and organizations."

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Shaw Dramatic Group Presents Four Plays

RALEIGH, N.C. — Kreymborg's "Mannikin - Minikin," O'Neill's "Dreamy Kid," Bailey's "Closy" and Morley's "Thursday Evening" were presented here by the Shaw University Players.

The Eva Jessye choir, which had appeared at the city auditorium, offered several musical numbers between the acts.

Students taking part in the plays included:

James Lassiter, Geneva Torrence, James Walker, M Frances Carr, Irene Theora Weaver, Celly Ann, Olivia Glenacoe, Robert Garrett, Marie Cooke, Frazier Creecy, Parthenia Cooper, Carl Easterling, Florence Rice and Louise Hinton. Mrs. Loretta Bailey directed the group.

College Aid Body Formed in Atlanta

ATLANTA — (ANP) — Educators from all over the South are in attendance at a meeting here this week, at which it is proposed to launch an "Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Colored Youth in the Southern States."

The new organization, reported to have the approval and financial support of various foundations interested in the education of the group, will probably be fashioned somewhat upon the pattern of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States. The latter organization, which is composed of the white colleges of the region, has undertaken to aid colored schools during the year ahead through giving them a rating.

Whether or not this new body will take the task of rating the schools of the colored race was not learned during the early phases of the meeting. The schools represented are those which have been accredited according to recent ratings.

Among those in attendance are:

Dean Rufus Clement of the Louisville Municipal College; Dr. Floyd W. Reeves, TVA director of personnel; J. P. Whittaker, registrar at Atlanta; A. Ta-lor, dean of Fisk; H. L. Trigg, high school inspector of North Carolina.

W. J. Davenport, principal of Chattanooga; T. E. Kinney, dean of Johnson C. Smith, and Dr. L. Carruthers, dean of the school of education, University of Michigan.

H.U. Junior Sails for Anti-War Meet

NEW YORK.—Lyonel C. Florant, junior at Howard University, sailed on Friday, for Brussels, Belgium, to represent the Liberal Student Club of Howard University at the International Student Congress Against War and Fascism which will convene on December 29.

Mr. Florant is a member of the American student delegation which comprises representatives from all parts of the United States.

The funds necessary to finance his trip to the congress were collected by the Liberal Student Club of Howard University from persons interested in having colored students represented at the students' conclave. The following persons contributed to the fund: Mrs. Elmhirst's committee, New York; Mrs. Motty Ellinson, New York; A. E. O. Munsell, New York; Oswald Garrison Villard, New York; J. E. Spingarn, New York; Arthur Spingarn, New York; Mrs. Margaret Lamont, New York;

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune Daytona Beach, Fla.; Miss Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Sedalia, N.C.; Mrs. Harold B. Slaiby, Washington; Prof. Rutherford Logan, Atlanta, Ga.

APPROVE MORRISTOWN H.S.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn.—The high school Department of Morristown Normal and Industrial College became the seventh approved high school to be so approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, when it was approved on December 5.

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Langston Made Virginians Forget the Color Line

Son of Slave Girl and White Master Became Minister to Haiti and Acting President of Howard. Speech Earned Him Louisa Dinner.

By the Rev. GEO. F. BRAGG, JR.

It can scarcely be doubted that John M. Langston, with whom the writer, as a youth and young man, was personally acquainted, was one of the best educated men that ever came to birth on the soil of Virginia, and no colored American in his day, exercised a wider influence among all classes and conditions of men than he.

Mr. Langston was born in Louisa County, Virginia, on the 14th of December, 1829. His father was Ralph Quarles, a distinguished white Virginian, and his mother Jane Langston, of African and Indian descent, his father's favorite slave.

Freedom Was Bequest

Upon the death of Mr. Quarles, all of his slaves, by will, were emancipated and sent to Ohio. John M. Langston was brought up in the family of President Finney, of Oberlin College. From Oberlin he graduated, both from the college and law departments, and was admitted to the Ohio bar, where he practiced a while.

For eleven years Mr. Langston was a member of the board of education at Oberlin, and upon his retirement from this position, on the formation of General O. O. Howard, he became general inspector of education under the Bureau of Refugees. This was in 1867, and for three years he visited prominent cities in the South, addressing large assemblies wherever he went.

Formed H.U. Law School

In October, 1868, the law department of Howard University was organized by Mr. Langston, he having been chosen as dean. For a while, Mr. Langston was the acting president of the university.

For seven years, from 1870, he was a member of the board of health of the District of Columbia, appointed by President Hayes, and was the law-officer of the board.

For a full term he represented the government in the Republic of Haiti. Mr. Langston was the only colored man ever elected to Congress from the state of Virginia. He also was the first president of what is now the Virginia State College.

Had Power and Magnetism

Illustrating the power and magnetism of John M. Langston as a public speaker, the Washington Star, a few years after the Civil War, related an incident worthy of note.

Dr. Rankin, who afterwards became the president of Howard University, at the time was representative of the United States Government in Orange and Louisa Counties, Virginia. Dr. Rankin invited Mr. Langston to pay his native county and address the people on the court green.

Seemingly, Dr. Rankin failed to arouse any interest on the part of the white people to attend and hear Mr. Langston. What happened is told in the words of Dr. Rankin, printed at great length in the Washington Star. Says Dr. Rankin:

Won Audience Tactfully

"In a few minutes he had the mastery of every one within his voice. He pictured the greatness of the state in its early days, referred to its distinguished men and its history and national influence, spoke touchingly of its present temporary depression and distress, and most hopefully and glowingly of its future promise and possibilities as a free state.

"Then, with admirable tact and tact, he fell naturally into a discussion of the living question of the day, avoiding all irritating points and expressions.

"In a little while N. looked about me and saw the platform and all available space near it packed with white people. The blacks, accustomed to yielding precedence, had given up all the best places and a white man was wedged into every one.

Audience Spellbound

"More eager interest I never saw in the faces of any audience. There was General Gordon crowding near Mr. Langston with an irrepressible confession of admiration shining from his eyes and pouring down his cheeks, while the beautiful periods, paying homage to old Virginia, fell from the orator's lips.

"The address continued for two hours with unflagging interest on the part of the audience, and closed with an admirable peroration.

"Then followed a scene of spontaneous enthusiasm that is seldom witnessed. It was my purpose to introduce several white citizens at the close of his speech, but the excitement among them was too great. They crowded upon him, as many as could get near, and fairly overwhelmed him with the warmth and energy of their uncontrained greetings and compliments.

Honored at Dinner

"He was borne by the pressure into the dining room of the hotel, and a grand dinner was forthwith ordered in his honor, at which General Gordon presided, and many of the best citizens sat at the board.

"He was at once the guest of the town, and no attention or honor seemed too great for its good people to bestow upon him. All prejudice was totally extinguished.

Invited by Women

"After dinner the white women seated

Houston Finishes Four Weeks' Tour for Law School

H. U. Vice-Dean Talks to Students of Ten Southern Schools.

OPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE STRESSED

Youths Urged to Study Law and Sociology.

WASHINGTON.—Dr. Charles H. Houston, vice-dean of the Howard Law School, has just completed a four weeks' trip through North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, in the interest of the school.

He visited St. Augustine's College and Shaw University at Raleigh; North Carolina State College at Durham; State Agricultural and Technical College and Bennett College for Women at Greensboro; Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte; South Carolina State College at Orangeburg; Allen University and Benedict College at Columbia, S.C., and Paine College at Augusta, Ga. In each college he addressed the students and, in several colleges met the classes in sociology and government.

The purpose of the trip was to acquaint college students with the opportunities and obstacles confronting the colored lawyer in practice in the South. Dr. Houston pointed out the great commercial field for the colored lawyer was in the South where social and political questions affecting the race are most acute. He reported that the southern students are showing an increasing interest in the study of law and social problems.

Dr. Kelly Miller Recalls B. K. Bruce as U.S. Senator

Smalls, Murray, Miller, Langston, O'Hara, White Were Congressmen in His Day.

WASHINGTON.—Memories of the Congressional careers of Senator Blanche K. Bruce, Congressmen Robert Smalls, George W. Murray, and other early-day members of the lower house were recalled this week in an article by Kelly Miller, dean emeritus of Howard University, as he related the trends in American political history in their relation to the current situation.

Dean Miller writes:

"Among my last recollection of my hometown, Winnsboro, S.C., was a red shirt parade which broke up a Republican meeting in the interest of the campaign of Garfield and Arthur, in the fall of 1880.

"These mounted knights of misrule escorted the speaker to the depot and gave him a red-hot send-off. A few days later, I took the train for Howard University, Washington, where I arrived on the first of November.

"On the night of my arrival, the students were holding a bon-fire celebration of the Republican victory. Although I have never fostered political ambitions of any kind, I have always maintained an alert interest in straight, clean, manly politics, as becomes every right-minded American citizen.

Many Were Interested

"In those early days, politics engaged the chief energies of most colored minds. Several of my ambitious schoolmates were hastening through school to return home and engage in politics with a view of returning to Congress. They died without fulfillment of the hope, but they were certainly on the way.

"The reconstruction regime had been overthrown in 1876 but there was universal hope and expectation of regaining the blissful seats from which the colored members had been recently cast out. The colored vote, though intimidated, was still allowed to function at a reduced rate of speed.

"Just then the disfranchisement movement swept over the South, and by revised constitutional provision, deprived the colored race of the last vestige of practical power. This movement sprang up and culminated in the early and middle nineties.

Senator Bruce Recalled

"The colored man in high official life flourished for fully a decade after the overthrow of the reconstruction regime. I used to see B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, as he moved in dignified and potential silence in and out of the United States Senate.

"I can recall John R. Lynch as a member of Congress from Mississippi. Robert Smalls, George W. Murray and Thomas Miller, from South Carolina; John M. Langston, of Virginia, and O'Hara and George White, of North Carolina, fell under my eye as duly elected and seated members of the lower House of Congress. I also remember a number of colored contestants who failed to be seat a committee to wait on him, to invite him to address them at the principal church in the evening. He accepted the invitation and the auditorium was more than crowded by the people of the place. Even the windows and doorways were packed. General Gordon escorted him to the pulpit, and introduced him to the audience.

"The best room in the hotel was now open to him, and the next morning, carriages were provided and, in company with a numerous escort of gentlemen, he was taken out to visit the homestead and tomb of his father, and he did not forget the humble grave of his dark-hued mother, who is said to have been a woman of uncommon beauty and good qualities."

At Downingtown

DOWNINGTOWN, Pa.—La Musique Vocale Ensemble, a group of young people from Saints Memorial Baptist Church in Bryn Mawr, Pa., under the direction of Jepper Hester, rendered "The Shepherd King" by J. Lincoln Hall, at Downingtown Industrial School, last Wednesday.

The occasion was the annual Christmas party at the school, sponsored by the players under Mrs. Lillian T. Mitchell.

Waters College Glee Club in First Recital

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The Glee Club of Edward Waters College, gave its first recital in the Lee Auditorium, last Sunday.

War Vet Gets Purple Heart ▾ Maggie Walker Dies ▲ 107 At Afro Xmas Dinner

GOOD TALKERS GET DIPLOMAS—Carlyle Johnson, one of sixteen Baltimore high school boys graduating from class in general salesmanship, conducted by Southern Life Institute, says "thank you." Edward S. Lewis, Urban League secretary, is making the award at Y.M.C.A.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD—Enjoying good health and happiness, 18-month-old Scottie Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil T. Lewis, Baltimore, in turn, says, "Happy Noo Year" for AFRO's art department.

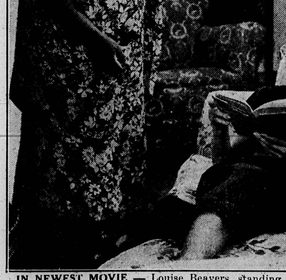
DID THEY HAVE FUN?—Kiddies at Bond Street Nursery, Baltimore, who made their own decorations for the Christmas tree. The nursery is conducted under the BERC for children under school age, and is located at Jefferson and Bond Streets. Mrs. Grace Parrott is in charge.

GAY NORTHEASTERNERS HOLD CHARITY BALL—Philadelphians who aided Welfare drive. Left to right, Misses aMrion Bivens, Louise Warrick,, Mrs. Douglass Stubbs and Miss Grace Lotton.

MAYBE THE BOSS FELT LIKE THE OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A SHOE—With 107 AFRO employees seated at the 1934 Christmas dinner last Saturday. It was the usual thing, turkey and bonus checks. Washington and Philly employees also attended.

HOW LATE MAGGIE WALKER LOOKED IN 1928—Center photo shows signs of strain when she attended Women's National Federation.

JUDGE CROWNS QUEEN—Edward W. Henry acts at benefit festival in Philadelphia for Tindley Temple. Miss Gladys Nickelby is the queen.



IN NEWEST MOVIE — Louise Beavers, standing, and Fredi Washington, as they appeared in the most dramatic sequences of "Imitation of Life," a problem film which tells of the struggle of a near-white girl to find a place in the world.

BALTIMORE'S IMPRESARIOS—Left to rjght, Ralph Matthews, Sheldon Hoskins and Rivers Chambers, who have successfully staged three amateur musical comedies of their own creation.

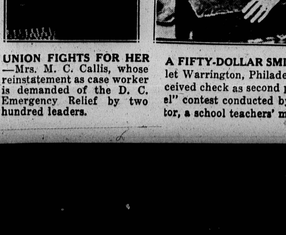
GETS PURPLE HEART — George Lane, decorated by Gen. Paul Malone, white, for War Department, for wounds received during World War.

ONE OF HER LAST PHOTOS—Taken in 1931 at N.A.A.C.P. Convention, late Maggie Walker looks better. Mrs. Walker, bank head, died in Richmond.

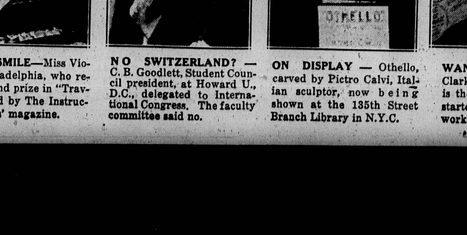
UNION FIGHTS FOR HER—Mrs. M. C. Callis, whose reinstatement as case worker is demanded of the D. C. Emergency Relief by two hundred leaders.

A FIFTY-DOLLAR SMILE—Miss Violet Warrington, Philadelphia, who received check as second prize in "Travel" contest conducted by The Instructor, a school teachers' magazine.

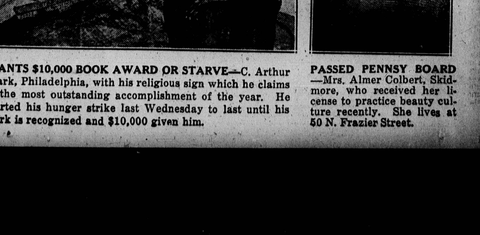
NO SWITZERLAND? — C. B. Goodlett, Student Council president, at Howard U., D.C., delegated to International Congress. The faculty committee said no.



ON DISPLAY — Othello, carved by Pietro Calvi, Italian sculptor, now being shown at the 135th Street Branch Library in N.Y.C.



WANTS $10,000 BOOK AWARD OR STARVE—C. Arthur Clark, Philadelphia, with his religious sign which he claims is the most outstanding accomplishment of the year. He started his hunger strike last Wednesday to last until his work is recognized and $10,000 given him.



PASSED PENNSY BOARD—Mrs. Almer Colbert. Skidmore, who received her license to practice beauty culture recently. She lives at 50 N. Frazier Street.

Taft Nipped Hopes

"The story today reads like a chapter in forgotten history. All of these belonged to the Republican household of faith. When Grover Cleveland was elected to the presidency in 1884, great havoc prevailed within the ranks of political Afro-Americandom.

"The South was swept clean, as if with a broom. Restoration of Republicanism under Harrison, Roosevelt and Taft restored the colored regime only in part. Taft set the policy that fixed the fate of colored officialdom in the South.

North Was Better, Too

"I can also remember the time when distinguished colored men in the North were elected to representative positions by white votes. John P. Green, Harry Smith and George W. Williams were sent to the legislature in Ohio on this basis. There were not enough colored voters in any political unit to sustain them.

"Massachusetts, Michigan and other Northern states had a number of such representatives. But reactionary wave that swept over the South had repercussions in the city council, state legislature or national Congress must needs rest wholly or mainly on colored votes.

26 Years from White to DePriest

"There was a long hiatus in which the colored race was all but wholly eliminated from elective positions, North and South. For fully a decade there was to be found not a single colored man in Congress, in the legislature or city council.

"Twenty-six years spanned the gap between George W. White, the last colored Congressman, of the old regime, and the coming of DePriest on the basis of colored suffrage in the North. The Northern migration has shifted the center of political gravity from the South to the North.

"There are no longer any colored office-holders in or from the South. Percy W. Howard was the only Southern colored man who functioned in the last election, and he confined his activities wholly to the North.

"Politicians have no use for disfranchised citizens, whether they be the blacks in the South or whites and blacks in the District of Columbia.

Party Drift Significant

"The recent Congressional election emphasizes two important tendencies in the colored political history which are the most significant and far-reaching of all my political observations and recollections. First, the shift of emphasis from the South to the North, and, second, the drift of colored voters from the Republican to the Democratic party.

Annual Zeta Bouie to Be in Two States

CHICAGO, (ANP)— Delegates from forty-one chapters are expected to attend the Fifteenth Annual Bouie of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, Ky., on December 27.