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which is to cost \$305,000 without mechanical equipment is to be built under the immediate supervision of R. E. Pharrow, chief engineer and manager of the Service Engineering and Construction Co., of Atlanta. Mr. Pharrow is a native of Georgia and his life has been a difficult climb upward to the success which now is his. He was born in 1868 of parents just out of slavery and lost his father when but 7 years old. For ten years thereafter he attended school three months and worked the remaining nine months of the year. Then he went to Augusta to serve an apprenticeship in brick masonry. Two years later he moved to Atlanta where he plyed his trade by day but kept on working at night, as was his custom, at mathematics and civil engineering. Finally, by 22 years of sheer, unremitting labor, he became one of the largest colored contractors of the South and his work was known all over Georgia and in several adjoining states. Recently he was asked to become general manager of the Service Engineering and Construction Co. of which Heman E. Perry is president. His successful bid for the new school marks the high spot of his career.

¶ J. Welfred Holmes, the first Negro lawyer to be admitted to the bar in Allegheny County, Pa., was born in Augusta, Ga., and educated in the public schools of Washington, D. C., and at Wayland Seminary. In 1890 he was graduated from the Law School of Howard University. He practiced in Pittsburgh for 31 years and was at one time a member of the State Board of Presidential Electors. Mr. Holmes was a member of the Elks, Masons, Knights of Pythias and the Order of Calanthe. He

died December 12th, 1922, aged 65, and is survived by his wife, Alice Waring Holmes and his son, J. Welfred Holmes Jr.

¶ The death of Mattie A. Jackson a long life devoted to the needs and development of youth. For 32 years, this gracious presence was known and felt in the Chattanooga High School of Chattanooga, Tenn. Her work was in Latin and mathematics and she had been amply equipped for this training in her native town at Oberlin College whence she was graduated at the age of 20. Miss Jackson was especially active in church and civic interests.

¶ The following record speaks for itself. It is the account of the long, honorable and faithful service of 1st Sgt. William W. Robinson, Company B, 24th Infantry, who has recently been placed on the retired list. 1st Sgt. Robinson's record of service is as follows:

Company "G," 24th Infantry, from Sept. 5th, 1898, to Feb. 2nd, 1899. Discharged as Pvt., Character Good.

Company "B," 24th Infantry, from March 22nd, 1899, to March 21st, 1902. Discharged as Corporal with Character Excellent.

Company "B," 24th Infantry, from March 22nd, 1902, to March 21st, 1905. Discharged as Corporal with Character Excellent.

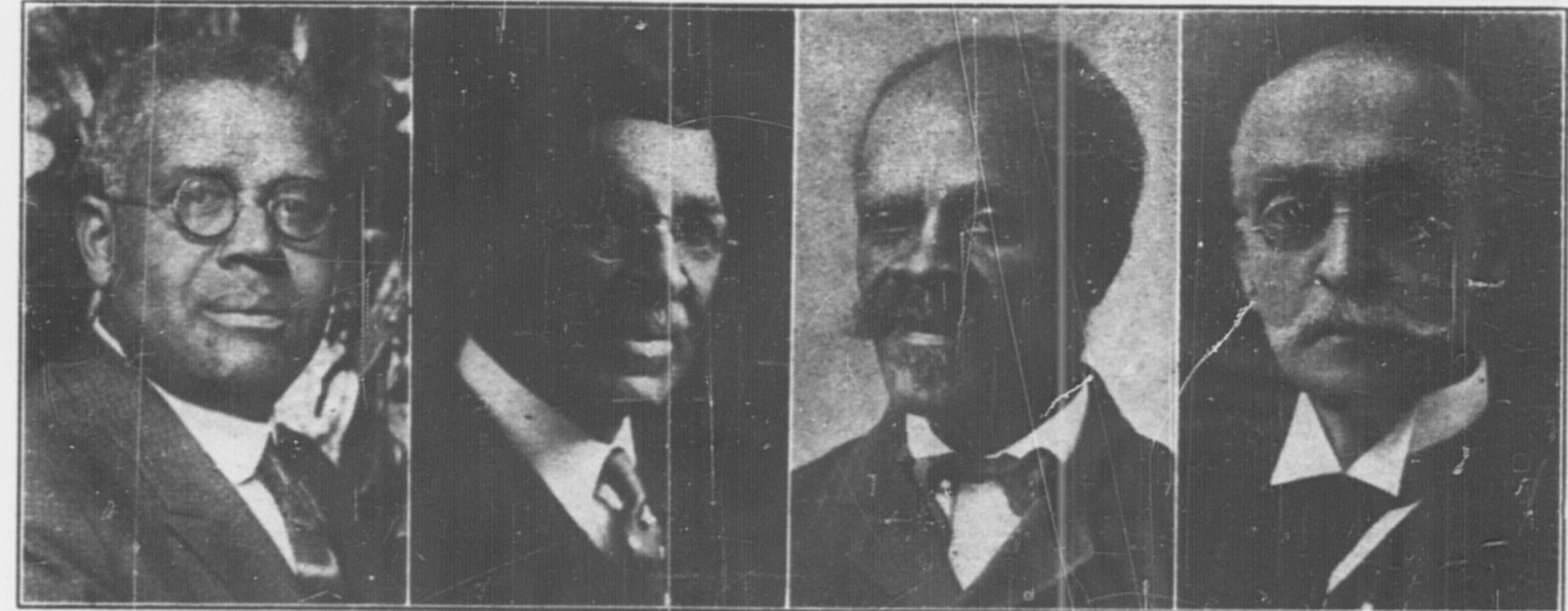
Company "B," 24th Infantry, from March 22nd, 1905, to Nov. 17th, 1905. Discharged as Corporal with Character Excellent.

Company "B," 24th Infantry, from Nov. 18th, 1905, to Nov. 17th, 1908. Discharged as 1st Sgt., with Character Excellent.

Company "B," 24th Infantry, from Nov. 18th, 1908, to Nov. 17th, 1911. Discharged as 1st Sgt., with Character Excellent.

Company "B," 24th Infantry, from Nov. 18th, 1911, to Nov. 17th, 1914. Discharged as 1st Sgt., with Character Excellent.

Company "B," 24th Infantry, from Nov. 18th, 1914, to Oct. 14th, 1917. Discharged



S. H. Lark

E. C. Berry

C. H. Carter

E. M. Brawley

as 1st Sgt., with Character Excellent.

1st Lieutenant, 317th Engineers and 367th Infantry from Oct. 15th, 1917, to March 24th, 1919.

Company "B," 24th Infantry, from April 1st, 1919, to March 31st, 1922. Discharged as 1st Sgt., with Character Excellent.

He participated in engagements during the Philippine Insurrection: Cabanatuan, Dec. 24-25, 1900, and various other skirmishes on the Island of Luzon; campaign against Pulajanes on the Islands of Leyte and Samar, 1906-07; Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916-17; overseas with the American Expeditionary Force in France, 1918-1919. He participated in the following engagements in France: San Dié Sector, Vosges, Aug. 23-Sept. 20, 1918; Meuse-Argonne Offensive, Sept. 26-Oct. 6, 1918; various minor engagements in the Marbache Sector, Oct. 10 to Nov. 9th, 1918; Corny, Nov. 10, 11, 1918.

He later participated with the 24th in the skirmish at Juarez, Mexico, June 15, 16, 1919.

First Sgt. Robinson served over 23 years as a non-commissioned officer, 16 years of this time he was 1st Sergeant.

During the World War he served as a 1st Lieutenant, National Army.

He is now 1st Lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

¶ Another son of Georgia, is the new Assistant District Attorney of Brooklyn, N. Y., Sumner H. Lark, who although born in South Carolina in 1874, was raised in Augusta. He was educated there at Haines Institute and later received the degree of A. B. from Howard. Twenty-two years ago, Mr. Lark came to Brooklyn where he has devoted himself to various interests. First he operated a job-printing office, then published a weekly paper, the *Eye*. Later he bought and managed the Putnam Theatre and disposed of it to a great advantage, investing his profits in two large

apartment houses. He has since purchased a large tract of land near Peekskill which he and his wife, Mrs. Virginia Jones Lark, hope to develop into a race community. These interests, however, have been only secondary. His real interests lie in law and politics. In 1916 he was graduated with the degree of LL.B from the Brooklyn Law School, and long ago he allied himself with Tammany and has worked consistently under Democratic leaders. His industry and success have given his 7 children an inspiring start in life.

¶ In October, 1921, a patent for an automatic fish-cleaner was granted Charles H. Carter of Farmers Fork, Va. Mr. Carter has also invented an automatic wood-skinner for the manufacture of pulp. He has been interested in tools and machinery all his life with a strong leaning toward the higher mathematics and physics, but these have been side issues for he has spent his last 40 years in teaching, a profession which he still enjoys. He started teaching as a mere youth but resigned for three or four years to accept government commissions as lighthouse keeper on a lightship at York Spit, Chesapeake Bay; as keeper of a screw-pile lighthouse in the same bay, and at Cape Charles lighthouse. He also served as assessor of U. S. Internal Revenue, 1st Division, 1st Collection Division of Virginia in the counties of Northampton and Accomac. In 1895 he was commissioner from the County of Richmond, Va., to the Cotton States and to the International Exposition held at Atlanta. Mr. Carter was born in 1852 in Washington, D. C., and his father was a slave up to the second year of the Civil War. He was educated in the public schools of his native city.