W. J. Hale

¶ The first steps were taken in the reestablishment of the Shaw University Law School early in November when night classes in law lectures were set in operation.

¶ Beginning its 46th annual session, Paine College, co-educational institution, located at Augusta, Ga., recently opened with an enrollment of 100 in the college department and 237 in the high school.

THE BORDER STATES

¶ The ninth annual State Interracial Conference for Kentucky was held recently in Louisville with interesting programs, including discussions of better salaries for Negro teachers, equitable division of public bonds, better school buildings and facilities, provision for college training, library facilities for Negroes, health education, etc.

¶ The cornerstone for the new colored high school at Frankfort, Ky., which cost $75,000, and has eleven classrooms, a gymnasium, auditorium, and two restrooms, was laid on November 11.

¶ W. J. Hale, President of the Tennessee A. & I. State College, was born in a backwoods community. Sixteen years ago, he induced the state of Tennessee to establish a Negro State College. The college has 200 acres of land with eleven large buildings, and expends $250,000 a year.

THE MIDDLE WEST.

¶ Extension of the activities of the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago, heretofore chiefly concerned with the building of Negro rural schools to include support of medical services to people of moderate means, was announced recently by Edwin R. Embree, president of the Fund.

¶ When William J. Warfield was elected to the Illinois general assembly in the recent election, the Negro minority in the State Legislature was swelled by one. Others elected were Harris Gaines, George Blackwell, William King and George Kersey.

¶ Perry Jackson, young Negro attorney of Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected to the State Assembly.

¶ The Cleveland branch of the N. A. A. C. P. opposed the recent $2,500,000 welfare bond program of that city, charging that no colored nurses or internes are permitted at the City Hospital and that a quota system is in use at the Boys' farm and Girls' farm where incorrigibles are kept. Dudley S. Blossom, head of the welfare department, in his correspondence with the N. A. A. C. P. took an adamant stand against the demands of the N. A. A. C. P. for the removal of all racial bars in local public welfare institutions.

¶ Alonzo Grace, a white man, supervisor of adult education in Cleveland, has instituted a class on the American Negro for the benefit of teachers who deal with colored children. The class meets weekly under the leadership of Mr. Grace and has a membership of fifty.

¶ The white property owners in a certain section of Englewood, Illinois, recently held a mass meeting under the auspices of the Englewood Property Restriction Association, for the purpose of arranging a pact which will prevent the ownership or occupancy of property in that section by other than members of the Nordic races.

¶ Harry J. Walker is the first Negro to secure appointment as deputy clerk in the Municipal Court of Cleveland, Ohio.

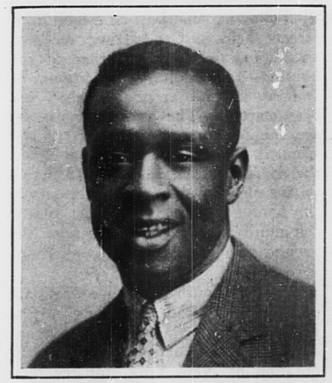
¶ The publication of Indiana University giving the scholarship status of all the fraternities and sororities during the past semester, places the Kappa Alpha Psi, Negro fraternity, at the head of the list.

¶ An unusual form of segregation was discovered in Cleveland, Ohio, recently, in connection with the sales of the Singer Sewing Machine Company to housewives under an agreement to give them a course in sewing at schools maintained by the company. When machines are sold to Negro housewives, they are directed to attend one particular school, regardless of their home location, while the white housewives are directed to attend another.

¶ The Gaudeamus Charity Club of Chicago, has awarded a four year scholarship in Commercial Art, which amounts to $200 a year, to Miss Malinda Christmas. Miss Christmas was graduated from the Wendell Phillips High School in June, 1927, finishing the four year course in three years. She was valedictorian of her class, and had the highest average in Chicago at that time.

¶ After twenty-seven years, the Negro race is to have one of its members in the United States Congress. Illinois' wealthiest congressional district is to be represented by Oscar DePriest. DePriest was born 57 years ago in Florence, Ala., and has lived for 30 years in Chicago. He was educated in the common schools and a business college in Florence and worked as a painter when he first came to Chicago. He was a county commissioner from 1904 to 1908 and served as alderman from 1915 to 1917.

Hale Hall. A. & I. State College, Tennessee



Georges Brashear

¶ Russell Davis has been appointed principal of night classes at the Bolton School, Cleveland, Ohio. This is the first time in the record of the Cleveland school system that a colored man has had such a position.

TRANS MISSISSIPPI

¶ John W. Wright, a colored man of Wichita, Kansas, has been appointed as county treasurer.

¶ On November 2, the National Benefit Life Insurance Company officially opened the Iowa Territory at Des Moines with the appointment of Charles P. Howard as General Agent.

¶ There will be two Negroes in the next Missouri State Legislature. Walthan Moore was re-elected for the fourth term, while G. M. Allen will begin his first term.

¶ Fort Scott, Kansas, lost its suit to oust Dr. J. W. Brown from his home and veterinary hospital. In response to petitions signed by neighbors, the City Council passed an ordinance making it unlawful for anyone to keep infected animals for treatment within 100 feet of a private dwelling. The discriminatory nature of the ordinance was shown when a neighboring white veterinarian in the same block was allowed to continue practising unmolested while Dr. Brown was arrested.

LOUISIANA AND THE SOUTHEAST

¶ At the annual meeting of the Texas State Interracial Committee held recently in Dallas, the major objectives set for the coming year were: a crusade against lynching; investigation of transportation facilities; the betterment of educational conditions; an appropriation for the erection of a school for delinquent colored girls; and support of public health work.

¶ William H. Bell, who received the M. A. degree in Economics at Northwestern University at the close of the summer session, 1928, has been appointed as chairman of the Department of Social Science at the Agricultural and Normal University, Langston, Okla.

¶ G. W. Jackson, who was born in Lee County, Alabama, went to Corsicana when he was a young man and began to teach in the rural schools of Navarro County. He attended summer Normal schools for teachers during the years of his rural teaching, and afterwards attended Fisk University, from which he was graduated. Mr. Jackson was elected principal of the Frederick Douglass High School in Corsicana in 1882 in which he taught for 39 years. Since the burning of the original building, a modern one has been built in its place and renamed the G. W. Jackson High School.

THE PACIFIC AND MOUNTAIN STATES

¶ In the fall competition for membership in Rad Rune of the American College Quill Club at the University of Denver, seven manuscripts were selected from fifty-two submitted. J. Alpheus Butler, a colored student, and a senior at the University, was second in the list of successful candidates.

¶ Frederick M. Roberts of Los Angeles, Calif., was elected to represent the Seventy-fourth Assembly District in the recent election.

¶ It has been reported that several secret meetings have been held by white people of Pasadena, Calif., for the purpose of having the colored students of the Grover Cleveland School removed to a separate building.

¶ John A. Lee, colored steward of the Billings, Mont., Commercial Club for over 25 years, died recently in that city at the age of 81 years. Mr. Lee was born in Charleston, S. C., in slavery and lived there until he was a young man when he entered the military service. He served in the army for 13 years and soon after his discharge, he migrated to Billings where he lived until his death. The funeral services for Mr. Lee were held at the Commercial Club and nearly the entire Negro population of the city was in attendance, as well as most of the members of the club and many of the pioneer residents of the city.

SOUTH AMERICA

¶ Brigadier-General Sir Gordon Guggisberg, the former Governor of the Gold Coast, has taken up his new post as Governor of British Guiana.

EUROPE

¶ After more than two years in attendance at the Uppsvenska (Medical) Gymnastiska Institute, Georges Brashear, a colored American, has received the degree of Medical Gymnast. This degree is issued only by the government of Sweden.

LIBERIA

¶ President King of Liberia delivered his annual message to the Legislature in October at the Hall of Representatives to the House, the Cabinet, the Foreign Diplomatic Corps and representatives from all parts of the Republic. President King spoke of the friendly relations existing between Liberia and the foreign powers; of the financial progress of Liberia during the past year; and of the progress in the Departments of Public Works and Education. He also said The Firestone plantations are rapidly developing; large tracts of land have been cleared, many miles of good roads constructed and bungalows built.

WEST AFRICA

¶ Speaking to the Congo Labour Commission on the question of the alleged lack of discipline among the natives of the Congo, Colonial Minister Jasper said that the natives were not in a state of latent revolt. The Colonial Office at Brussels, is studying the question of penalities to be imposed in cases of indiscipline and is thinking of reintroducing corporal punishment.

¶ The Colonial Office is considering proposals for a new constitution for Achimota College, the chief feature being control by a council representing both races: four members to be ap-

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