

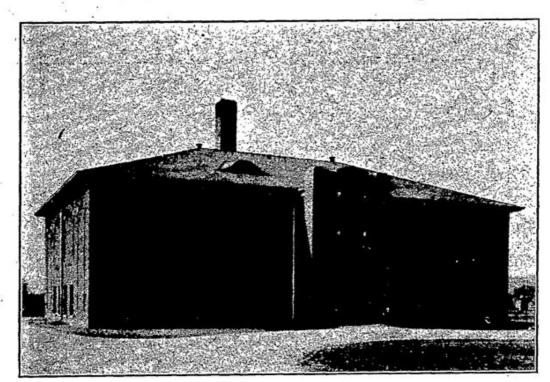
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# Editorial Comments

### HOMES

Homes may be secured by writing in advance. Write as early as possible in order to get the best accommodations. Most teachers have stopping places but those who desire may secure homes through the K. N. E. A. office. Rates will be one dollar per night for sleeping, 35 cents for breakfast, and 40 cents for dinner. Make your arrangements at the outset to avoid any misunderstanding. Cafeterias near our meeting will furnish meals at reasonable rates.

### ENROLL BY MAIL

Principals and organizations are enrolling their teachers in groups. All such 100 per cent advance enrollments are placed on the K. N. E. A. Honor Roll. This Honor Roll will be published in our various Kentucky weeklies, and a special record to be shown at the 1931 meeting. Certificates of Honor will be sent to all 100 per cent schools. A dollar from every teacher is expected whether they attend the meeting at Louisville or not. Do your part. Help maintain the K. N. E. A.

### RAILROAD CERTIFICATES

Identification Certificates insuring reduced rates to the K. N. E. A. meeting in April may be obtained from the secretary. Secure certificates early. None will be sent you unless you request same. Your 1931 membership card along with your certificate, is a guarantee of reduced rates. Do not wait. Enroll now.

### SECTIONAL MEETINGS

Each teacher should plan to visit a Departmental Meeting of the K. N. E. A. The first meetings will be on Thursday afternoon of the K. N. E. A. convention. The sectional meetings have been arranged in the afternoons for the convenience of all. Eight departments will have programs. On each program there will be one or more outstanding speakers. The K. N. E. A. is paying the speakers' expenses to Louisville for some of these speakers in order to make sectional meetings more attractive. Read the program of these departments and attend the one which you feel will benefit you in your work. For professional improvement attend a sectional program.

### OUR MEETING PLACE.

We shall hold the general sessions of the K. N. E. A. at the C. M. E. Church on Chestnut Street, between Eighth and Ninth. This is very near the Central High School where sectional meetings are to be held

and will be very convenient. Moreover this church will seat a larger number than our former meeting places and the K. N. E. A. should hold very successfull sessions in our new meeting place. Do not forget, the headquarters of the K. N. E. A. will be at the C. M. E. Church and not at Quinn Chapel as heretofore. Meet all of your friends in and about the C. M. E. Church.

### THE SPELLING BEE

The Annual State Spelling Bee will be on Friday morning of the K. N. E. A. meeting in the Elementary School Department. Twelve prizes will be awarded, the first four being prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00, \$3.00, and \$2.00, and the remainder being dictionaries. The Louisville Courier-Journal has agreed to donate ten dollars and eight dictionaries for prizes in the K. N. E. A. Spelling Bee. From all indications this will be the largest spelling bee in the history of the K. N. E. A. Local elimination contests have been held throughout the State and the winners will be in Louisville for the finals.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The district organizations of the K. N. E. A. will serve as the nominating committee of the K. N. E. A. as heretofore. Miss M. S. Brown of the First District will serve as chairman of the committee and will report 1931 nominations to the association at the general morning session, Thursday, April 16, 1931. Election will be by ballot on Friday, April 17 and will be conducted according to the constitution (the plan used in 1929). Each teacher should, therefore, bring his membership card to the meeting. The terms of two directors expire this year. These directors, Prof. F. A. Taylor of Louisville, and Prof. S. L. Barker of Owensboro, will be up for re-election.

It is customary for a K. N. E. A. president to serve two years and a new president will therefore be elected this year, Prof. W. H. Humphrey retiring.

All other officers of the Association may succeed themselves if they so desire. All of them, including the present secretary-treasurer, will seek re-election.

The election will be under the direction of an election committee to be appointed by the president of the K. N. E. A.

### INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS

Teachers are urged to plan industrial and other types of exhibits in accordance with the plans outlined in the December K. N. E. A. Journal. There will be plenty of space in the Central High School gymnasium. Teachers are urged to arrange exhibit items on Wednesday afternoon and early Thursday morning for inspection by 9:00 a. m. on Thursday, April 16. Ribbons will be awarded by competent judges on Thursday, April 16, at 1:00 p. m., and the prizes will be given out Saturday, April 18, at 10 a. m., by the secretary of the K. N. E. A. at the general session.

### Sidelights on 1931 K. N. E. A. Program

### Central Theme:

"Guidance in Negro Education."

### Wednesday, April 15, 1931

- 9:30 A. M. Registration of Teachers, C. M. E. Church, 807 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.
- 10:00 A. M. Arrangement of literary and industrial exhibit items at the Central High School gymnasium.
- 12:30 P. M. Inspection of the new Kentucky Municipal College for Negroes at Seventh and Kentucky streets.
- 3:15 P. M. Principals' Confrence—R. D. Roman, Chairman (at the C. M. E. Church and open to all local and visiting teachers).
- 7:15 P. M. Program of the State Music Association, R. L. Carpenter, Directress Special feature: Cosmopolitan Quartette, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 8:15 P. M. C. M. E. Church, First General Session of the K. N. E. A.
- 8:25 P. M. Welcome Address-Marguerite Parks, Louisville.
- 8:35 P. M. Response to Welcome-H. E. Goodloe, Russellville.
- 8:35 P. M. Address-W. H. Humphrey, President of K. N. E. A.
- 9:15 P. M. Address—Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., A. B., The University of Chicago, A. M., Columbia University, of Lynchburg, Va.
- 10:00 P. M. Awarding of K. N. E. A. District enrollment Trophy by A. S. Wilson, Secretary of K. N. E. A.

### Thursday, April 16, 1931

- 9:00 A. M. Opening of Second General Session, C. M. E. Church.
- 9:30 A. M. Report of Legislative Committee, J. Max Bond.
- 10:00 A. M. Address: Dr. John Rufi, Professor of Secondary Education, the University of Missouri.
- 10:45 A. M. Nomination of K. N. E. A. presidents.
- 11:15 A. M. Address—Dr. Thomas D. Wood, professor of Health Education, Columbia University.
- 11:45 A. M. Special Talking Picture, Palace Theater, Eleventh and Walnut Streets. Free to members of the K. N. E. A. wearing badges.
- 2:30 P. M. Sectional meetings of various departments at the C. M. M. E. Church, Central High School, Y. M. C. A. and Western Branch Library.
- 7:15 P. M. Music program at C. M. E. Church, R. L. Carpenter, Directress.
- 8:15 P. M. Opening of Third General Session of K. N. E. A.

- 8:30 P. M. Address—"Fact and Myth Along the Color Line," Dr. W. O. Brown, Professor of Sociology, the University of Cincinnati.
- 9:15 P. M. Address—Fannie C. Williams, President of the N. A. T. C. S., New Orleans, Louisiana.

### Friday, April 17, 1931

- 8:30 A. M. Sectional meetings continued from Thursday afternoon.
- 9:00 A. M. Inter-Racial meeting of State Educators at C. M. E. Church Sunday School room under the supervision of J. Max Bond.
- 10:30 A. M. State Spelling Contest—Auspices of the Elementary School Department, Mrs. L. H. Smith, Chairman.
  - 2:15 P. M. Opening of Fourth General Session at C. M. E. Church.
- 2:30 P. M. Address—Rufus Clement, Ph. D., Dean of the Louisville Municipal College for Negroes
- 3:30 P. M. State Declamatory Contest.
  - (Each legislative district my have one representative.)
- 7:00 P. M. Physical exhibition begins at Armory.
- 7:15 P. M. Elementary school pupils at organized play at Armory.
- 8:00 P. M. High school girls in calesthenic exercises at Armory.
- 8:30 P. M. Junior high school track events at Armory.
- 9:00 P. M. Senior high school track events at Armory.
- 10:00 P. M. Social period begins at Armory.

### Saturday, April 18.

### (General Business Session at C. M. E. Church.)

- 9:00 A. M. Community singing led by R. L. Carpenter.
- 9:15 A. M. Report of the Election Committee and the installation of new K. N. E. A. officers.
- 10:00 A. M. Report of Special K. N. E. A. Committees and directors of departments.
- 11:00 A. M. Secretary's annual report and awarding of exhibit prizes.
- 11:30 A. M. New business and adjournment.

(Special music numbers throughout program.)

### DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS OF K. N. E. A.

# Thursday, April 16, at 2:30 P. M., and Friday, April 17, at 8:30 A. M. Department Place

Athletic Chestnut Street Y. M. C. A.
Commercial Room 104, Central High School
Elementary School The C. M. E. Church
High School and College Room 201, Central High School
Industrial Arts Room 203, Central High School
Music Central High School Chapel
Primary Western Branch Library
Principals' Conference Sunday School Room of C. M. E. Church
Rural Room 202, Central High School

# Announcements For 1931 K. N. E. A. Convention

Prof. C. L. Timberlake, of Greenville, Ky., has announced that he is a candidate for the presidency of the K. N. E. A. Prof. Timberlake is well known throughout the state of Kentucky and for a number of years has been a loyal worker for the K. N. E. A. He is, at present, in charge of the County Training School at Greenville and is reported to be doing a very good educational service in his county. He deserves the consideration of Kentucky teachers for the office which he His name will, therefore appear on the official K. N. E A. ballot.

The election of officers of the K. N. E. A. will be held on Friday, April 17, and the nominations of K. N. E. A. presidents will be made at the Thursday morning session. From 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. on Friday, April 17, teachers may vote by ballot for the various candidates by presenting their membership cards as evidence of eligibility to vote.

The general sessions of the K. N. E. A. will be held at the C. M. E. Church on Chestnut Street between Eighth and Ninth, in Louisville. Kentucky.

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The Eleventh Annual Exhibition will be held at the Armory on Friday night, April 17th and the usual social period from 10 to 12 p.m. will be a feature of the program. Special orchestra music and re

freshments will tend to make this a most pleasant evening for all visiting teachers.

At the night sessions of the K. N. E. A., members of the K. N. E. A. are to be given preference with regard to seating. It is possible that those not members of the K. N. E. A. will be charged a fee of 25c unless they have been given tickets by some member of the K. N. E. A. Such a procedure will prevent teachers from having to stand during the programs while those who do not bear the expense of the program are permitted to take seats.

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Mr. J. Max Bond will have a special conference on Education in Kentucky" on Friday morning, April 17, at 8:30 a. m. in the Sunday school room of the C. M. E. Church. The colored principals of the state, the heads of our Negro institutions, teachers interested in the higher education of the Negro are invited to this conference. will also be invited to this conference various superintendents of the state and officials interested in the education of the Negro.

Colored teachers who are interested in the commercial exhibits of the K. E. A. will be permitted to attend such exhibits in the Columbia Auditorium. It is suggested that teachers arrange to inspect such exhibits in the afternoon from 5 to 7 p. m.

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A talking picture will be presented to the enrolled members of the K. N. E. A. on Thursday morning, April 16, at 11:30 a. m. at the Palace Theater. This picture is given at the expense of the K. N. E. A. treasury and is free to teachers who wear badges. It is hoped that our visiting teachers as well as our local teachers will take advantage of this entertainment offered by the K. N. E. A.

It is expected that at least 5,000 patrons will attend the Armory on Friday night. Every teacher should plan to be present to meet his friends to spend a pleasant evening.

The Primary Department will hold its sectional meeting at the Western Branch Library at Tenth and Chestnut Streets.

Advance sale of tickets to the Armory will be 35c, if purchased before Friday, April 17.

The State Parent-Teacher Association is to meet in Louisville at the Western Branch Library, Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14, 1931. Mrs. Essie D. Mack, the president, is planning a very splendid program and desires every P.-T. A. in Kentucky to send delegates.

Teachers are urged to write the Secretary as soon as possible if they desire him to secure them stopping places while in Louisville to attend the April meeting.

One of the best addresses of our program will be that of Prof. W. O. Brown, of the University of Cincinnati, on the Thursday night program.

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One of the best features of the Thursday night program of the K. N. E. A. will be music to be furnished by the glee club of the Kentucky State Industrial College under the direction of Miss Other organizations Wheatley. that have agreed to furnish music numbers on the K. N. E. A. program consists of Madison and Jackson Junior High Schools, of Louisville, a chorus consisting of pupils of the Jefferson County schools, the Central High school glee club, the Louisville Normal school glee club, the Kappa Alpha Psi quartet, Lincoln Institute glee club, the Jefferson County Children's Home chorus, Kentucky School for the Blind band, and the State Music Teachers Association.

Miss Emma Lewis, of Hampton Institute, has been engaged to give demonstrations in the Elementary School Department at the C. M. E. Church during the K. N. E. A. convention.

Teachers who desire lunches at reasonable rates during the K. N. E. A. convention may secure same at the C. M. E. Church, Bright's Pharmacy, Page's Confectionery, and White's Pharmacy.

National Negro Health Week will be April 5 to 12, 1931. Kentucky taechers are urged to plan health programs throughout the week and cooperate to improve our general health situation.

### President of N. A. T. C. S. On Program

On the program of the 1931 convention of the K. N. E. A. there will appear Miss Fannie C. Williams, the president of the National Association of Teachers in Colored schools, an organization 45,000 representing Colored teachers throughout the United States. She is to speak on Thursday, April 16, in Louisville, Kentucky at our 55th Annual Session. Miss Williams is the principal of of the large elementary schools of New Orleans and is nationally known because of her studies in Negro education. ranks among our leading women of America and honors the teachers of Kentucky by her appearance on the program. In speaking of her desires for 1931 she writes as follows:

"There are three institutions which have for their sole purpose the care, nurture, development and growth of the young. institutions are the home, the church and the school. All are vital essentials of the community, the state, the national commonwealth. Each institution has its special work to do-instilling, guiding and giving children a chance to grow in health, intellect, spirit and emotional attitudes.

"My wish to my country and its citizens is threefold: First, I wish for every boy and every girl, every adolescent, a home where love, sympathy, knowledge and Christian ideals are found; a home from which the mother sends out each day the adults and children physically and mentally prepared to do the day's task; a home that

provides wholesome amusements for its children and that supervises the recreation beyond its doors; a home where parents cooperate with all wholesome influences of child life; a home that fits children to live the creative life.

"Second, that each church according to its faith and rules would so provide within its walls for health work, play and recreation, study periods, story hours during the week and on Sunday thus giving to the children a modern, systematized church school. This would insure each child spiritual guidance through the activities of daily living.

"Third. for a school where t e a c h e r s understand children, their needs and their varying abilities, so that John Doe, who loves to do with his hands, will not be forced to use only memory and Mary Roe, who wants to make jingles and rhymes will not be considered a nuisance; a school that provides vocational guidance so that each child shall be reached through his individual interest: a school that teaches children how to work and live together: a school that is a center to the community and provides for the play life and efficient citizenship of its children.

"Thus, through the consummation of these wishes a community would evolve. Here the children would be considered the assets of the community. This can only be accomplished through providing wholesome environment for every child. "President Hoover has said:
'Civilization marches on the feet
of little children' Then all three
wishes must surely mean that

health, happiness, Christian guidance at home, school, church and wholesome recreation are asked for our children during 1931."

### **Present Secretary For Re-Election**

As announced in the December K. N. E. A. Journal, the present secretary, Atwood S. Wilson, will be a candidate for re-election at the 1931 session of the K. N. E. A. He will ask for a vote of confidence on the part of teachers out of consideration of his achievements as secretary of the K. N. E. A.

Some of these achievements are as follows:

- 1. Through the promotion of annual exhibitions at the Louisville Armory, a K. N. E. A. Scholarship Fund has been established, students in some of the leading universities having already received loans, thus indicaing its successful operation.
- 2. A teachers' agency has been established through which several teachers have been placed and cooperation given various Kentucky Superintendents in the selection of teachers.
- 3. The membership of the K. N. E. A. has been increased over 30 per cent, and to the highest rank in per cent of teachers enrolled, of any Colored teachers association in the United States.
- 4. The K. N. E. A. has been kept out of debt, established a surplus in the treasury, and kept the money in Colored banks.
- 5. The K. N. E. A. Journal has has been published regularly and on time, containing at least thirty-



A. S. WILSON Secretary K. N. E. A.

two pages pages per issue. This publication was started by the secretary this year and has already received the indorsement of the State Department of Education and the praise of the General Education Board.

6. The industrial exhibits have been placed in the hands of the industrial education department where they rightly belong and an allotment of two hundred dollars for state prizes has been made.

- 7. He secures speakers for the general program of national importance and he plans to make this procedure a definite policy. He states, that when teachers go to the expense of coming to Louisville that they should hear the best of our race whether they live in Kentucky or not. It is his plan to continue to secure for the programs such people of the class of Mrs. Mary McLord Bethune: Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Miss Nannie Burroughs, Mrs. Fannie C. Williams, Dr. Mordecia Johnson, Dr. R. R. Moton, Dr. John Hope, President John W. Davis, Prof. Charles Satchell Morris, Dr. Carter Woodson, President Thomas E. Jones (Fisk University), Dr. C. H. Parrish Dr. Rufus Clement, etc. addition other state educators shall continue to contribute to departmental programs and often be on general programs as heretofore.
- 8. He plans to continue to bring specialists to each of our departments of education. He expresses as his aim, the desire to have teachers receive the advice and inspiration of experts at the annual meeting as far as possible. Last year the K. N. E. A. began such a practice by having Miss Minnie Lewis, of Hampton Institute, to address the Elementary Educational Department.
- 9. The principles which were outlined by Prof. Wilson in his objectives of the K. N. E. A. have been very successfully inaugurated and shall act as a basis of future activity. These objectives include, longer school terms, better salaries, better buildings and

more consolidation and transportation. He has visited the counties and made talks and recommendations along the line of consolidation and transportation. The pictures of our new schools have been placed in the outside and inside of the K. N. E. A. Journals to encourage other boards of education to furnish colored youth better buildings.

- 10. Advertisements to finance the publications have been secured by the secretary and a continuous effort along this line will be made to add to the revenue and make it possible not to tax the teachers except for the annual fee of one dollar. Certain large gifts have been received annually and an effort will be made to increase the number.
- 11. The secretary plans to continue to make visits with the legislative committee to Frankfort and to pay the expenses of this committee as he has already done.
- 12. Co-operation with the K. E. A. will be continued. Evidence of this has been the securing of K. E. A. speakers on our program, the securing of the privilege for 1931 for colored teachers to attend some of the sessions of the K. N. E. A. and to observe their commercial exhibits.

Mr. Wilson only seeks re-election as a result of his achievement. He does not seek re-election on promises only. He has served the organization faithfully, and loves the work. He has tried to represent the teachers of the state intelligently, by constantly keeping obreast with the new phases of educational activity and by continuing to study at the University of Chicago, even

though he holds degrees from both Fisk University and the University of Chicago. As secretary of the K. N. E. A. Mr. Wilson rightfully represents the educational forces of Kentucky.

Where there is union there is strength. Let every one interested in the welfare of the K. N. E. A. in its effort to further educational advancement, vote for Prof. Wilson at the 1931 meeting. As it is, the organization will undergo several official changes and it is known that at

least one person in control must stick to keep the association on the sound basis.

Think it over and talk it over. Compare tabulated results and think for yourself and decide for yourself that Prof. A. S. Wilson, is the only man for the place.

### Committee:

Prof. W. H. Perry, Jr., Miss M. S. Brown, Mr. Lee L. Brown, Miss Gladys Foust, Chairman.

# Fisk Given Class "A" Rating By Association of Colleges First Survey of Its Kind In South

Fisk has been granted "A" class rating by the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States at its annual meeting held in Atlanta, Ga., December 2. Six other Negro Colleges were granted "B" class rating. Dr. Arthur Wright, head of the Department of Education at Dartmouth College, was the representative appointed by the committee of the Association to conduct the survey.

This is the first time a survey of the Negro colleges of the South has been made by that Association and Fisk is the first and only Negro college to receive its "A" class rating.

Last year when the association held its meeting in Lexington, Ky. President Jones attended the session and worked with the committee to get the Association to survey the Negro colleges. He was successful and in October, Dr. Wright, the representative, spent a week on the campus and gave the Association a very fine report of Fisk University.

Schools receiving "B" class rating were Talladega College, Morehouse College, and Johnson C. Smith University. This does not mean that their bachelors will not be recognized, but it does mean that they are deficient in not more than one phase of their organization or equipment.

### Additional Announcements for 1931 K. N. E. A.

Visit the exhibits at Central High gymnasium. The Louisville schools will have a special exhibits of health education charts and art work.

Ribbons will be awarded exhibit items on Thursday, April 16, at 1 p. m. The prizes will be awarded at the Saturday morning session.

### **President Humphrey Greets Teachers**

Dear Fellow Teachers:

At this time I wish to call upon every Kentucky teacher to make plans to attend the 1931 convention of the K. N. E. A. efforts have been put forth to have one of the best programs in our history for the meeting in Louisville, April 15 to 18, 1931. Outstanding educators of the United States have been secured, both on the general programs and on sectional programs. Special attention has been given to exhibits in industrial education and demonstration work in the various departments. These features will be especially beneficial to the class room teacher. A music program being arranged includes choice musicial selections of the highest type and by the best artists which we have in Kentucky. Miss R. L. Carpenter has worked very diligently on this part of the pro-Through the co-operation of Messrs. L. N. Taylor and J. Max Bond, the interracial work of the K. N. E. A. continues to improve, as indicated by several announcements elsewhere in this Journal.

Our theme for the 1931 session is, "Guidance in Negro Educacation." It is quite necessary that we who are leaders in education inspire Negro boys and girls to get the right type of education and use the education which they obtain along the right lines. More emphasis should be placed on vocational education and our boys and girls should be watched more carefully in order that we might



W. H. HUMPHREY President of K. N. E. A.

see that they are led to the best occupations in keeping with their abilities. Throughout the program these ideas will be emphasized at the 1931 session by the various speakers.

Through the secretary of this Association, we have sent all teachers enrolled in the K. N. E. A., the K. N. E. A. Journal which publication has received praise of educators throughout the country and it is hoped that every teacher will continue to support the K. N. E. A. by paying his annual dues in order that this excellent publication might be continued. It would be very worthwhile if this

Journal could be published monthly. In order to do so, however, it seems necessary that at least fifty cents be added to the present enrollment fee. This is a procedure of the Kentucky Educational Association and is worth considering by this Association. One of the main accomplishments of the K. N. E. A. Journal has been the display of new school buildings in Kentucky, which, undoubtedly, will influence other boards of education to give to the Negro youth of Kentucky the best possible along the line of school buildings.

As president of your Association. I have endeavored to fulfill my pre-election promises. the assistance of the brains and energy of our most capable secretary. Atwood S. Wilson, the following pre-election promises have been fulfilled: (1) The creation of a K. N. E. A. and K. E. A. joint committee for the purpose of bringing stronger relations betwo associations in tween the Kentucky engaged in educational work. As indicated elsewhere in this Journal, this committee has done good work along this line; (2) the creation of a scholarship fund, same having actually functioned during my administration; (3) the meeting of the legislative committee at Frankfort on several occasions and the taking of such steps as thought best to aid Negro education in the state; (4) the

raising of vocational education to a higher plane—this being somewhat accomplished through the annual programs at which industrial education and vocational guidance have been stressed; (5) inspiring boards and education to take a more progressive attitude towards the needs of Negro children. We have attempted to urge better buildings and higher salaries. While it has been difficult to accomplish in a period of two years all things that are desirable, I have, nevertheless, made attempts along the lines which I pledged to work before my election.

I wish to thank the teachers of Kentucky for the very splendid co-operation given me during the two years of my serving you as Fresident of the K. N. E. A. I wish for this' Association continued progress and forecast that its future development will exceed our expectations if the teachers of Kentucky continue to rally to the support of the K. N. E. A. in the same degree that has been in evidence the last few years. May all of us gather in Louisville for our fifty-fifth session and receive that inspiration and encouragement so much needed by those leading and molding the lives of the future Negro citizens in Kentucky.

> Yours for education, W. H. HUMPHREY, President of K. N. E. A.

# Have You Enrolled for 1931? IF NOT—DO SO NOW! SEND ONE DOLLAR

to

A. S. WILSON, Secretary of K. N. E. A.

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### K. N. E. A. Honor Roll

(One Hundred Percent Enrollment Units to March 15, 1931.)

### City Schools

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Adairville Lynch

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### THE AIM OF EDUCATION

The aim and office of instruction, say many people, is to make a man a good citizen, or a good Christian, or a gentleman; or it is to fit him to get on in the world, or it is to enable him to do his duty in that state of life to which

he is called. It is none of these, and the modern spirit more and more discerns it to be none of these. These are at best secondary and indirect aims of instruction; its prime direct aim is to enable a man to know himself and the world.—Matthew Arnold.

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### The Music Teachers' Association

The State Music Teachers' Association has for the past eight years sponsored a one-hour musical program on Wednesdays and Thursday evening during the week of the K. N. E. A. These programs have been interesting as well as beneficial. We have been able to bring before the public musical talent which might otherwise have been unknown. In fact, the public looks forward to these programs from year to year.

We are making an effort this year to furnish the best program and to reorganize the Association in order that we may be able to place more persons on the programs in the future.

In order that we may have more time for this work we have called a conference for music teachers Tuesday, April 14, at which time we may discuss some questions of vital importance.

Mrs. Lillian LeMon, of Indianapolis, president of the National Association of Negro Musicians, will be present. She will bring a quartet from Indianapolis whom we shall present in concert Tuesday night.

Mrs. LeMon comes to us not only as president of the National Association of Negro Musicians, but also as president of the Cosmopolitan School of Music o fwhich she is organizer. She is a member of the Music Promoters of Indianapolis and is well known to musicians all over the country. Her coming will mean a great deal to us.

### Outline of Program

Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 a. m.— Conference—Jones Temple.

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Tuesday, April 14, 8:00 p. m.— Concert—C. M. E. Church.

Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p. m. — Students' Concert.

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 p. m.— Artists' Concert.

We wish to extend to all musicians and music lovers an invitation to attend the conference on Tuesday. In fact, we wish to urge you to come.

### Music Department-K. N. E. A.

Because of the fact that the Music Department of the K. N. E. A. is emphasizing instrumental music we have planned to have demonstrations with the piano classes and other instrumental classes.

We trust that each teacher will not only attend these meetings but will urge their friends to attend. Give us the inspiration of your presence.

> R. Lillian Carpenter, Chairman, Music Department

Any person, not a teacher, may enroll as an Associate Member of the K. N. E. A. They may pay One Dollar and attend all sessions free, and receive the K. N. E.A.Journal.

### The Advantages of Class Piano

### By R. L. Carpenter, Louisville Public Schools.

Public School Music is focusing from a vocal to an instrumental basis. Educators have discovered that pupils who play the piano, learn to play other instruments more easily; that the piano is the foundation not only for other instruments but for ear-training; that children are manipulistic-they have motion as well as emotion.

No study has so much general educational value as the study of music. Since the piano is the universal musical instrument, all children should be given an opportunity to study it; and since music appeals to all normal children, they have a right to instruction in it.

For a number of years only a small number of children could study piano because of the expense of private lessons. In many cases the talented children have been neglected because their parents were not financially able to have them study. We can readily see that private instructions are too expensive for the masses.

Piano Class work is about twenty-five years old. It is proving its own worth. There are at present eight hundred and seventy-three cities with piano classes in their school system.

By teaching a group of ten or twelve children the teacher is able to put the fee for each lesson within the reach of the masses. At the same time the teacher is able to increase her own wages which in many cases have been too low. Class instruction, then, has an economic value worthy of consideration.

Children get a great deal of enjoyment from class instruction because the former music lesson becomes a socialized activity. The stronger pupils aid the weaker ones; there is created a friendly rivalry—so essential to real progress; and boys become interested.

Modern inventions have so lessened the duties and responsibilities of children in the home that there has developed a leisure time problem. If the masses of children were allowed to take advantages of class instruction in piano, this problem would be partially solved. Children would be taken from the streets because of their interest in the piano. Class instruction will create more interest in this type of child than individual instructions.

This is also a medium through which parents may discover the musical ability of their children without a great deal of expense. It lays a foundation for more extensive study for the child who to become professional. Today a large number of musicians are engaged in music as a business. The profession is becoming more remunerative. Business men have become interested and are giving their influence to the great project through newspapers, the radio, graphophone, and player piano.

Probably, the greatest advantage in group teaching is that ten

or twelve children may be taught to play the piano in one class as successfully as any other subject can be taught. This is because group interest begets individual interest; because mass enthusiasm kindles individual enthusiasm. The children learn from each other by observation and imitation. Application and practice are stimulated by friendly competition. Timid children soon acquire confidence by playing before their class mates. Playing for others becomes a habit.

Ensemble playing so vital to true musicianship, is the regular procedure, not the exception in piano classes.

Many children who never before have taken lessons before have learned within ten lessons to play many pieces using both clefs and have learned also to transpose the same pieces to several other keys. They learn not only the fundamentals of playing the piano, but also the fundamentals of rhythm, harmony and form as well.

Educationally as well as economically class instruction in the fundamentals is bound to supercede individual instruction. Private teachers will benefit eventually because as the pupil in class advance they will require private instruction in the finer phases of

the art, the advanced technic and musicianship required of the artist performers.

Finally, class piano aims not only to make performers people who learn to understand music-intelligent listeners; not to simply teach pieces but to train the child; to put music on a serious basis, to assist the child himself express musically through the medium of the piano. To this end the instructors endeavor to develop a discrimination between an artistic and an inartistic performance, hance the pleasure of appreciation through active participation, to lay a foundation for harmony, and to stimulate a desire for further study. piano class The should bring to the study of the piano the advantages of modern educational research and effect a correlation of the piano work with the other musical activities in the curriculum.

There are approximately one hundred children in the piano classes of the Coiored Schools of Louisville, Kentucky. Teachers of these classes meet once a week to study the course used. They have found it very interesting. A demonstration of this work will be given in the Music Department of the K. N. E. A. at the 1931 convention.

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### The Value of Athletics To Our Schools

(By H. S. Wilson, Louisville.)

Since the dawn of history athletics, no doubt, have held an important place in the life of nations. The play instinct, deeply seated in the human family. has caused athletics to flourish and peace to be established among nations. The first athletic events of importance were held in the Peloponesus, on the banks of the Alphaeus River, in honor of Zeus and Heracles, who turned the Alphaeus River to clean the Augean Stables. The events consisted of plays, javelin throws, wrestling, jumping, running and other forms of athletics. All Hellenistic people were invited celebrate these festivals and were bound on peace terms during Sparta and Athens these events. continually at war, but. when time came to celebrate these events a truce was made and every one came to pay homage to Zeus and Heracles. These games were finally called Olympic Games because all Greeks of the known world were eligible to contend.

The Olympic Games became national in its scope and was one of the great promoters of peace in the world. The present Olympic Games promote peace and harmony among the people of the world today, understandings are brought about among the youth of the races of the world. Peace and harmony are brought about in the sports that have become national pastimes, and people learn the art of co-operation and good will on the athletic field. The

youth learn to know each other and to understand the value of life among their fellowmen.

have setbacks, Athletics may but after a short time illumine the horizon with its value to the races of men. Great advancements have been made in athletics for better health and if for no other purpose should hold a substantial position in our schools. athletic interest tends to The stimulate better school attendance and a better scholarship than would ordinarily be displayed if the various teams did not exist. Too much stress however, should not be put on athletics to the neglect of other subjects of cultural value. Coaches and teachers must come to some definite understanding of classroom stimulation and by means of encouragement produce superior scholarship and athletics at the same time.

The introduction of athletics into the school curricula has been a savior of the young boys, who would drop out of school if athletics did not exist. Before the wide spread interest in athletics was developed it seemed that the young women would furnish the cultural background of the future while the young men would be undeveloped for any tasks educationally. The formation of teams has greatly offset this tendency. and more boys are attending and remaining in school than ever before. This means a better race when both sexes are equally balanced culturally. Better schools, better methods of sanitation, and better citizens are the result of better trained individuals.

The value of athletics is far reaching and has left its influence among the people of the world for peace, health, co-operation and citizenship. No better means could have been devised to stimulate education among the youth, and with their development along cultural and athletic lines, a better citizenry will be in the making and hence a better means of attacking world problems sanely.

### K. N. E. A. Kullings

Prof. P. W. Williams, of Lynch, Kentucky, reports that his school has recently been accredited the class "B" high school. Prof. Williams, with the cooperation of his teachers and fellow citizens, has worked very hard to get his school on the accredited list. The K. N. E. A. takes pleasure in adding his school to the list of accredited high schools.

Miss R. L. Carpenter, the special teacher of music in the colored schools of Louisville, has recently been given copyrights for musical arrangements of two Negro spirituals: "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" and "Everytime I Feel The Spirit." Miss Carpenter has received a contract for royalties when the publications are off the press.

Mrs. Fannie C. Williams, of New Orleans, is to address the K. N. E. A. on Thursday, April 16. While in Louisville she is to be the guest of Mrs. Mayme Morris, on West Walnut Street.

Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., will be the major speaker on the program of Wednesday, April 15. Prof. Morris is one of the most noted orators and educators of our

race. HHe will be introduced by Miss M. S. Brown of Mayfield.

The superintendents of various county systems of Kentucky schools have responded in a most unusual way with regard to enrolling their teachers one hundred percent in the K. N. E. A. for 1931.

Prof. C. W. Merriweather, of Hopkinsville, a loyal K. N. E. A. supporter was the first among our friends of education to enroll in the K. N. E. A. for 1931.

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The Louisville Municipal College for Negroes had a splendid opening under the direction of Dr. Rufus E. Clement. About seven teachers have been already employed and more will be added as the enrollment increases. Dr. Clement is to appear on the K. N. E. A. program Friday, April 17.

President B. E. Robison, of Lincoln Institute, is vitally interested in the activities of the K. N. E. A. His faculty was among the first to enroll in the K. N. E. A. for 1931. Lincoln Institute will be represented on our program with musical numbers on the afternoon of Friday, April 17.

### The Booker T. Washington School At Ashland

The city of Ashland is situated in the northest corner of Kentucky which forms part of the Tri-State section of the Ohio valley including Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. One situation that exists in that city is one which is seldom found in other southern cities of this size, is that out of a population of 30,000 people only 1,000 Negroes. Out of a school population of 7,200 children only 180 are Negroes. This city is a second class city and its educational system and organization of a Superintendent, consists Business Director, and Secretary of the Board of Education, and Departments Supervisors, of namely: Supervisor of Music-Department, Primary Intermediate Department, Art Department, Department of Band and Orchestra and a visiting school nurse. Each of these school officials is interested in the future development and welfare of the Booker T. Washington School. Their visits are often and their conferences are most helpful. Each of them is kind and courte-

The Booker T. Washington School has the following enrollment: grades 1 to 4, 81; grades 5 to 8, 72; grades 9 to 12, 33; a total of 186 children.

In spite of handicaps, the high school department is steadily growing into a four-year accredited high school. Extra curricular activities include a Girl Reserve Club, Boys' Hi-Y Club, and a complete athletic program for boys, including a football and basketball team. The football team has made a very outstanding record during the past season. Plans are being made to add new class rooms and an auditorium to the building at an early date with the co-operation of the Julius Rosenwald fund.

The school has a most progressive principal in the person of Prof. C. B. Nuckolls, who is most energetic in promoting additional activities in the school and in the community. Recently he sponsored the Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Kentucky Association, it gro Educational having convened in Ashland November 13 to 15, 1930. Prof. Nuckols reported an up-to-date program. On his program were some of the state leaders in education, they having been in the city to appear on the program of the Eastern Kentucky Education-The Association. Teacher Association also had an active part in the proceedings of the convention. Mrs. Thomas sponsored the P. T. A. Teachers in the school program. include the following: Cooper, Emma B. Horton, G. B. Richmond, R. W. Ross, and S. M. Thomas. All these teachers along with their principal are doing a good piece of work among the colored citizens in Ashland.

### D. H. Anderson To Run for K. N. E. A. President

D. H. Anderson, president of Kentucky Industrial the West College at Paducah, will be a candidate for the presidency of the K. N. E. A. at the 1931 ses-On two previous occasions sion. President Anderson has made a very close race. His friends over the state are enthusiastic in again sponsoring him for the next president of the K. N. E. A. In announcing his candidacy, he wrote Secretary A. S. Wilson as follows: Dear Secretary:

"In response to the requests of friends in the field of education, I here, by this note, announce my candidacy for president of the K. N. E. A., to elected at the next session, which convenes April 15 to 18, 1931, at Louisville, Ky.

"If elected, I shall do all in my power to execute the will of the Association."

> Yours truly, D. H. Anderson

The teachers of Kentucky will therefore have the opportunity of considering and voting on the name D. H. Anderson for the next president of the K. N. E. A. President Anderson deserves the consideration of every Kentucky teacher because of his efforts in building the College at Paducah and his interest in the education of the Negro Youth of Kentucky.

### ENERGY AND THE PUPIL

By George W. Blount,

Field Secretary, Cheney Training School, Cheney. Pa.

Energy is capacity for performing work and accomplishing results.

Some pupils in schools, some men of great ability in the world, often fail to make progress because they lack energy. Plainly speaking they are lazy.

Laziness is not always voluntary. It may be caused by ill health, improper diet, or heredity.

A pupil or a man of great natural energy is a self-starter, whereas one of low energy or low gear has to be kicked or cranked into action. He may lack ambition, vision and keen perception, but he lacks will power and that inner drive. Usually he knows that he should reform, but he seldom does snap out of low gear into high of his own volition.

Parents and teachers should not scold children if they seem to exhaust with constant bouncing in and out of doors. If they possess energy they are very lucky and we should feel very much relieved. We should use our own intelligence to steer their seemingly misdirected energy into channels where it may intelligently be used. Such a combination will help make them successful in whatever they attempt in life.

Intelligence is the measure of one's ability to adjust himself or herself to new situations in terms of past experiences.

### The Racial Situation In America

### By Will W. Alexander

### Director Commission on Interracial Co-operation

It should not be supposed that prejudice and antagonism constitute the universal American attitude toward the Negro. Thoughtful Americans, North and South, are not swayed by these sentiments. In America's experience with Negroes they see nothing to justify hysteria or pessimism as to the ultimate outcome. On the contrary, they see much to encourage the hope that racial dif-

ferences will yet be found to encourage the hope that racial difmenace to civilization, but a means for its enrichment; not a cause of conflict, but an opportunity for fellowship in the common tasks of human welfare.

During their stay in America, Negroes have made progress favorably comparable to that of any other racial group in history. James Bryce, Britain's great ambassador at Washington, has said, indeed, that no other group has ever done so well in so short a time. The tabular exhibit below tells part of the story.

### NEGRO PROGRESS IN AMERICA SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

Line of Progress	1866	1926
ECONOMIC—		
Homes Owned	12,000	650,000
Farms Operated	20,000	1,000,000
Business Conducted	2,100	60,000
Wealth Accumulated	\$20,000,000	\$2,000,000,000
EDUCATIONAL—		
Per cent Literate	10	80
Colleges and Normal Schools	15	500
Students in Public Schools	100,000	2,000,000
Teachers in All Schools	600	44,000
Property for Higher Education	\$60,000	\$30,000,000
Annual Expenditures for Education	\$700,000	\$28,000,000
Raised by Negroes for this purpose	80,000	\$2,000,000
RELIGIOUS—		
Number of Churches	700	45,000
Number of Communicants	600,000	4,800,000
Number of Sunday Schools	1,000	46,000
Sunday School Pupils	50,000	2,250,000
Value of Church Property	\$1,500,000	\$90,000,000

This indicates that in the American Negro there is good human material; that his response to the forces that uplift is the normal human response; that any inertia

evident among the masses seems to be the normal human lag and inertia; and that the American Negro has shown his ability to make good.

The educational processes have not been in operation long enough or with sufficient thoroughness to indicate finally what special capacities American Negroes may possess. However, they have shown an inclination to the arts that has already enriched our national life. This has had its most promising expression in music and poetry. There have been significant outcroppings also in painting, sculptur and dramatics. With almost no opportunity Negroes have done conspicuous work in science. Prof. George Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, has startled the world with his original and valuable contributions to the science of agricultura! chemistry. Other contributions may be expected in this field as opportunities open.

Not the least encouraging aspect of Negro life in America is the emphasis placed by Negro leaders on education and religion as the forces which can contribute most to the advancement of the The great reduction of ilrace. literacy since emancipation is explained by the fact that education has been preached everywhere by Negro leaders and Negro par-Even the poorest families, handicapped in every conceivable way, have thrown themselves into the struggle. School administrators testify that Negroes as a rule seem more eager for education than the under-privileged whites.

It would be easy to point to the shortcomings of the Negro church. It is but fair to say, however, that in almost every instance we find a parallel in white churches. The Negro ministry is becoming better educated. The program of the church is being enriched. Build-

ings are being improved, services are more orderly and dignified, and denominational exclusiveness is beginning to wane. A people who turn to education and religion as the best means for their advancement are not likely to become a menace to civilization. Indeed, an ignorant native white population wuld be a greater menace to America than an educated Negro population.

The Negro is an integral part of America. He has been here from the beginning. Remove him from the story, and it is no longer story of America. As far back as Thomas Jefferson there were those who looked with alarm upon the menace of the Negro to institutions. Slavery American undoubtedly was a menace, but the menace was in slavery itself and not in the color of the slaves. The Negro as a freedman has been held up by politicians and alarmists as a menace to America. It has not worked out that way. Negro freedmen were illiterate; the menace was in their illiteracy and not in their race. Methods of suppression have been applied to Negroes; such methods are a menace to democracy. The masses of Negroes are easily misled by designing politicians; but this is not racial; so are ignorant whites. Does not the greater blame rest on the political leadership that stoops to exploit ignorance? For every political blunder that American Negroes have made one might safely undertake to find a group of white Americans who are responsible. An ignorant Negro vote is a menace, not because it is Negro, but because ignorance is easily manipulated by

designing men. This is not a race question. It can be solved not by looking with alarm upon the Negro, but by building more and better schools and by repudiating unworthy political methods.

The Negro has contributed much to American progress. His hands have been busy laying the material foundations of our civilization. In the construction of railroads, the opening of mines, the erection of buildings, the cultivation of the soil, Negro labor has been a very large factor. just conception of the social value of labor would accord the race a much higher standing than we have yet been willing to give it.

But manual labor has not been the Negro's only contribution. His songs have already been men-Less well known is his record of patriotism. The first American to fall in the struggle for American independence was Crispus Attucks, a Negro. the endof he Revolution, Negroes fought and died for American liberty. In every war since, they have willingly and with honor taken their places in military service. Andrew Jackson publicly commended the part played by Negro soldiers in the Battle of New Orleans. Their record in the Civil War was creditable from whichever side it may be viewed. The loyalty of the slave to his Southern "white folks" during that trying period was one of the marvels of history. In the World War the spirit shown by the Negroes, both at home and abroad, was above reproach. German propaganda was powerless against

them. In proportion to their means they gave as freely as any other group. Of those who went overseas—and there was some 200,000 of them—General Pershing said:

"The only regret expressed by colored troops is that they are not given more dangerous work to do. I cannot commend too highly the spirit shown among the colored combat troops, who exhibit fine capacity for quick training, and eagerness for the most dangerous work."

Probably there will come a civilization that will attribute less value to military service. At present, however, it is counted the surest evidence of loyalty and patriotism. By this accredited standard the American Negro, in national  $\mathbf{of}$ crisis. proved himself not a menace, but a loyal, self-sacrificing American citizen.

While the condition of Negroes in America is steadily improving, the race still labors under not a few burdensome handicaps and disabilities. Though provisons for Negro education are increasing rapidly, the ratio of public outlay per child still averages four or five times as much for white children as for higher education Negroes must depend largely upon institutions supported by benevolent boards and individuals.

Public utilities, such as parks, playgrounds, pools, libraries, are provided but sparingly for city-dwelling Negroes in the South. The streets in colored sections are not infrequently found unpaved, ill-lighted and without sewers. Perhaps in not many communities

have Negroes an equal chance before the law, where, if anywhere in the world, men ought to be Indiscriminate arrests. ready police clubs, and petit courts where men are esteemed guilty until they prove themselves innocent, are the means by which injustices innumerable are inflict-Mob violence and lynching. though all too common still, never the less appear to be waning rapidly before an awakened public conscience.

Segregation in many still holds general sway, particularly in the South-separation in schools, places of entertainment public recreation, common carriers, hotels, etc. Residental segregation is common, in most cases by tacit understanding, in others by city ordinances, which are now being tested legally and which in two recent cases have been declared unconstitutional by the courts. Public sentiment not infrequently operates also to exclude Negroes from certain professions and trades, makes access to the means of culture difficult for them, and denies them participation in many forms of public service.

Advocates of segregation defend it on the ground that artificial barriers are necessary for the maintenance of racial integ-There are others who hold that in so far as segregation is made a badge of inferiority, it defeats the very purpose it professes to serve, in that it breaks down respect for the Negro's personality, retards the development self-respect, and makes inevitably for illicit amalgamation. One can explain on no other ground the large measure of intermingling of blood that has already taken place. It is pointed out also that in the West Indies, where enforced segregation does not exist, racial intermixture through marriage and otherwise is no greater than here.

So much for the darker aspects of America's race problem. are numerous enough and dark enough, beyond question. when one considers the historical background and the slowness with which great social changes take place, they are quite comprehensible. Happily there are many gleams of light. Progress is being made at a rate that is most encouraging to anyone who has a sense of perspective Church councils are all demanding that the principles of Jesus be applied these questions. Thousands of church groups are seeking to understand and to realize this ideal. Multitudes of college students, destined to be the leaders of the next generation, are dropping off age-long accretions of prejudice and looking at this question intelligently and honestly. Negro leaders are being listened to with profound interest. newspapers, almost without exception, are voicing the plea for justice. Interracial committees throughout the country are working together for mutual understanding and helpfulness.

The goal is yet a long way ahead. There are vast barriers of ignorance, misconception and prejudice still blocking the path. Yet in the light of present trends it is possible for the eye of faith to look forward to a day when understanding, justice and good will shall prevail between the white and colored races in America.

### The Cosmopolitan School Quartette



Lillian Morris LeMon, Directress and Accompanist Virginia C. Lane, First Soprano Eunice R. Richardson, 2n Soprano Lucye M. Beachem, First Alto Hazel D. Farmer, Second Alto

The above quartet is to appear on the K. N. E. A. program of Wednesday, April 15 at the 7:00 p. m. musical program sponsored by Miss R. L. Carpenter and also on the program of the night session. Because of the extra expense in bringing this quartet to Louisville, a fee of 25c will be charged to non-members of the K. N. E. A. This will permit K. N. E. A. members to have first consideration in seating. By all means every Kentucky teacher should be in Louisville for the splendid program which is being planned by the above quartet.

# Lillian M. LeMon On Musical Program

Mrs. Lillian M. LeMon is president and founder of the Cosmopolitan School of Music and Fine Arts and head of the Piano Department. As a teacher LeMon's work has always been characterized by the most intense earnestness and seriousness of purpose and high aim. personality, disposition and persistent work have won for her an enviable esteem within the community and music circles. LeMon graduated from the College of Musical Art under Dr. Oliver Williard Pierce, did post graduate work in Music Appreciation, History of the Opera and Public School Music in Indiana University with John L. Geiger, studied Harmony under Arthur G. Monninger at the Metropolitan School of Music-affiliated with Butler College. Mrs. LeMon is a member of the Alpha Mu Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Solority, and President of The National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc.

Mrs. LeMon is to be the chief speaker on the Music Association program on Tuesday, April 14, at



MRS. LILLIAN M. LEMON

the C. M. E. Church. She is also sponsoring the Cosmopolitan School of Music Quartette, which is to render a special musical program at the Wednesday evening session of the K. N. E. A. The quartette, under her direction, is to come from Indianapolis on this occasion.

# Columbia Professor on Program

Dr. Thomas D. Wood, professor of health education at Columbia University is to make the K. N. E. A. an address on Thursday morning, April 16, at the general session. In accepting our invitation, Dr. Wood makes the following comment to the secretary:

"I am very greatly interested in the education, and especially the health phases of education for the members of your race, and I have had splendid help and cooperation from the members of the sub-committee on Negro Schools, organized under the Committee on the School Child, of which I am chairman, in the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, that I shall have, let me say again, very special interest and pleasure in an opportunity to meet with you and your organization."

### Myth Along the Color Line

On Thursday night, April 16, W. O. Brown, professor of Sociology, the University of Cincinnati, will address the Kentucky Negro Educational Association on Myth Along the Color Line.

Prof. W. O. Brown has taught at the University of Cincinnati for four years. He is a native of Texas, having received his A. B. Degree from the University of Texas in the year, 1924. From there he enrolled in the University of Chicago, receiving his Ph. D. Degree, June, 1930.

His academic interests lie along

the line of race, race prejudices, race conflicts, race problems and problems of minority groups.

Even though he is quite a young man, he has written many articles and book reviews, on the problem of races. In answer to inquiries concerning this problem, he made the following statement: "In spite of my Southern background, I think that you will find me 'emancipated,' on problems of race and race contacts."

Any person failing to hear Professor W. O. Brown, will most assuredly miss a rare treat.

### **Special Exhibit In Primary Department**

The Primary Department, under the direction of Mrs. Blanche Elliott of Greenville, is preparing a very unusual program. of the primary pupils of the Louisville Public Schools will furnish special music and several of the schools will display self-made charts, devices or projects used in primary instruction. Several of the Louisville schools have already agreed to furnish unusual types of exhibits. Several publishers have also agreed to exhibit or distribute materials that would be valuable to primary teachers.

Mrs. Elliott states that her program is far removed from the abstract theoretical type and everything is to be made as practical as possible. Miss B. C. Howard, a Supervisor of Primary Education in the Louisville schools, is to be one of the chief speakers on the program and there will be others to appear who are specialists in primary education. This department will hold its meetings at the Western Branch Library at Tenth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky during the K. N. E. A.

# EVERY SPECIAL TEACHER SHOULD KNOW

- Children, like metals, react to weather.
- 2. No two are alike in temperament on approach.
- Sympathy and kindness, though trying, are logical weapons.
- 4. Keeping them occupied is a time-energy-and worry-saver.
- 5. It is better to interest them through their natural urge.

### P. T. A. President Announces Convention

To Our Parent-Teacher Associations of Kentucky:

I am very happy to send you a word at this time. I am quite sure your local is functioning and making itself felt as a big factor in your community. If you have held your meetings regularly, you have found much to do and I know, you have done it. We must keep striving and going on. April 14 and 15 will be dates of the meeting of the Kentucky Board and of the N. C. P. T. A. at the Western Branch Library, Tenth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Ky. Arrange now to have your P.-T. A. become a member and send representatives for the meeting. An outline of our program follows:

### Tuesday, April 14, 1931

- 10:00 A. M. Pre-convention Executive Board.
- 11:00 A. M. Opening of morning session.
  - 2:30 P. M. Opening of afternoon session.
  - 7:30 P. M. Evening session.

### Wednesday, April 15, 1931

- 9:30 A. M. Morning Session.
- 2:00 P. M. Afternoon Session.
- 4:30 P. M. Post-convention Executive Board.

All local presidents and delegates are eligible to attend Executive Board meetings and are urged to be present.

As your State President, I am urging the following:

- That any Association will send a member in song for our program—a solo or a chorus.
- 2. That every Association will enter the contest for the best State Song—Best motto or best yell.
- Each Association is asked to be in the contest for the best poster made by a member.
- 4. Bring a piece of work to put on exhibition.

I am especially anxious that our state will be organized into district associations just as our K. N. E. A. has its educational association for each congressional district. You are asked to come and recommend a chairman for your district.

Our National Congress is growing and at our last meeting in Petersburg, Va., we had nearly half of the states in our Union enrolled. The representation was fine and the enthusiasm and interest was wonderful. Kentucky held her own as she was represented by Mrs. M. B. Lewis and your State President of Louisville. Mrs. Lewis is our National chairman on Juvenile protection and appeared on program. Our next meeting will be in Washington, D. C., July, 1931. I hope some of our local presidents will plan to attend our National Congress.

Now my dear locals don't forget your per capita of 10c for our State meeting and we will have money enough to do some of the things we desire to do. Let me hear from you.

Best wishes and yours for the work.

ESSIE DORTCH MACK. President, Ky. P.-T. A.

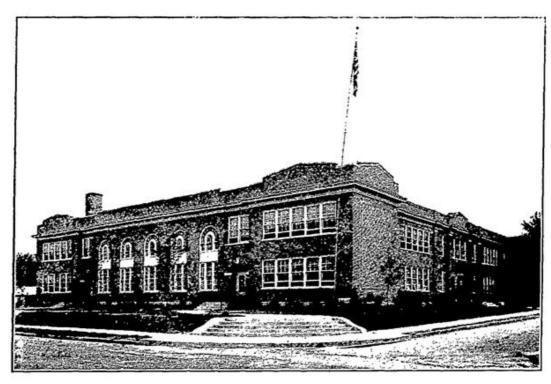
### Some School Law Questions

By L. N. TAYLOR.

- 1. How many districts are there in a county school system?
- Ans. The entire county school system is only one district, generally divided into a number of subdistricts.
  - 2. Must there be a subdistrict for each school?
- Ans. No. Half the schools of the county may be in one subdistrict if the County Board of Education so orders.
  - 3. Can a subdistrict be changed or abolished without consent of the subdistrict trustee or a vote of the people?
- Ans. Yes. The county board has full authority to change or abolish any subdistrict in the county without asking anybody's consent.
  - 4. Has a county two sets of subdistricts, white subdistricts and colored subdistricts?
- Ans. No. Each subdistrict includes all children, both white and colored, that live within its boundaries, and all the taxpayers and voters.
  - 5. Must schools be maintained in all subdistricts?
- Ans. Not necessarily. The county board may send any or all the children to schools in other subdistricts, but must provide definitely for every child somewhere.
  - 6. Must schools be provided for fewer than twenty-five children?
- Ans. No subdistrict organization can be maintained for fewer than twenty-five children actually listed in the official census, but every child must be provided for. This applies to elementary school and high school, too.
  - 7. Is a half term enough for fewer than twenty-five?
- Ans. No. School authorities that respect the law will not cut off any children with a half term.
  - 8. May a subdistrict tax apply to some taxpayers and exclude others?
- Ans. To do this is in violation of law. In some places colored taxpayers have been exempted as an excuse for denying any of the benefits to colored children. This is unfair and in violation of our constitution and law.
  - 9. May a school be discontinued if the attendance is under twenty-five per cent?
- Ans. No. The teacher may be dismissed if the fault is shown to be hers, but the school must go on with another teacher or the children sent to other schools.
- 10. Does the law provide for visitors for colored schools?
- Ans. There was such a law in effect at one time, but not within the last ten years. Some people are ten years behind in observing the law.
- 11. May transportation to school be established without a popular vote? May it without a subdistrict tax?
- Ans. The answer to both of these questions is, yes.

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