

## APPOINTED



**MRS. ALICE DUNBAR-NELSON**

At a recent meeting of the American interracial peace committee, Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson, nationally noted author and social worker, was appointed executive secretary. The committee with headquarters at 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa., is the joint effort of representative American citizens to promote the cause of peace and harmony, the spirit of understanding and co-operation between the races in America, as the basic principle of Christianity. It teaches the fundamental equality of all races and joins hands with all those organizations that are aiming to make war impossible. Leslie Pinckney Hill is chairman and Wilbur K. Thomas, treasurer. The membership of this organization, which is made up of forward thinking citizens of both races, is steadily growing.

# ROCKEFELLER OPENS HARLEM BANK TO PUBLIC

## To Aid Home Owners and Business

New York, Sept. 21.—The Dunbar National bank, organized by John D. Rockefeller Jr. and his associates to provide banking facilities for the residents of Harlem, opened Monday morning for business at 150th St. and Eighth Ave., using the ground floor of the Dunbar apartment building, erected by the Rockefeller interests. The financial institution has \$500,000 capital and \$540,000 surplus and undivided profits.

The bank decorations and surroundings are both beautiful and neat. Throughout the bank on the opening morning were floral designs sent by well-wishers. Many of the city's prominent citizens were present to congratulate President Joseph G. Higgins (white), former vice president of the American Exchange-Irving Trust company, and Vice President Arthur H. Tilden (white), who was also formerly connected with the American Exchange company, and George C. Loomis (white), former assistant auditor of the Federal Reserve bank of New York, who is cashier. Roscoe C. Bruce, manager of the building in which the bank is housed, was warmly praised for the fine prospects of the concern.

### Bankers Send Delegation

A delegation of three representatives of the National Bankers' association, appointed by that body at its recent convention held in Louisville, Ky., were on hand to extend greetings from the association. The delegation consisted of Maj. R. R. Wright Sr., president of the Citizens' Southern bank of Philadelphia; C. C. Spaulding, president of the Farmers and Mechanics bank of Durham, N. C., and Henry Allen Boyd, president of the Citizens' Savings bank of Nashville, Tenn. Richard McDougal of Mr. Spaulding's bank came to New York to make a deposit for the North Carolina institution.

"One of the primary reasons for Mr. Rockefeller's establishing the bank is to bring about more pleasant relations between the races," "While this bank is open to all races, it is particularly for the residents of Harlem. Patrons here will be treated with all the courtesy that is accorded to the most influential depositors at downtown banks.

### To Give Fair Rates

"This is not the sole object of the bank by any means. We are looking toward the making of better business in Harlem by various means.

"For instance, at present Harlemites finding it necessary to raise mortgages on property for some reason or other are frequently compelled to pay exorbitant bonuses, sometimes amounting to 25 per cent. When our mortgage department is in operation we will be prepared to mortgage up to 50 per cent of the value of the property without bonuses of any sort.

"The loans will be restricted to five years, as usual; but if the holder of the property should desire to renew this mortgage we will do it for just what it costs us, and these charges are small."

### Competent Personnel

The personnel of the bank consists of Miss Mae Catherine Hawes, thrift teller, formerly engaged in social work at the Emma Ransom Y. W. C. A.; Mrs. Bernice Wolfe-Greene, stenographer and general secretary, formerly of Boston, Mass., for the past 10 years secretary to Dr. B. C. Waller, with entire charge of the offices of the National Association of Head Masters; Garnett Russell Waller, paying teller, employed for the past 10 years by Harry O. Wilson, banker of Baltimore, Md.; Cyril A. Wilson, receiving teller, employed for the past six years by the Seaboard National bank of New York; John Pearson Quander Jr., bookkeeper; Joshua H. Williams, vault keeper; Lieut. John A. McDonald, officer, attached to the 360th Infantry and connected with the Dunbar apartments; William B. Smith, night watchman, and Ira J. Williams, messenger.

John D. Rockefeller III, a 22-year-old student at Princeton university, has been made a member of the board of directors by his father. Other board members are: J. Howard Audrey, vice president National Bank of Commerce; Charles O. Heydt, president Empire Mortgage company; Edward L. Ballard, chairman of the board of Merchants Fire Assurance corporation; Joseph D. Higga, president; R. C. Bruce, resident manager Dunbar apartments; Robert C. Hill, chairman of the board of Consolidated Coal company; Everett Colby, lawyer; Charles C. Huitt, president of the Ampere National bank, Orange, N. J.; William R. Conklin, lawyer; William Travers

Jerome Jr. of James B. Colgate & Co.; Henry E. Cooper, vice president Equitable Trust company; George Leask, retired banker; Bertram Cutler, trustee Equitable Life Assurance society; Herbert L. Pratt, chairman of the board Standard Oil company of New York; Frank A. Birmingham, president South Porto Rico Sugar company, and Arthur H. Tilden.