

# Put Wreath on Grave of Irene Goins

## Mrs. Irene Gaines Pays Respect to Dead

The memory of Mrs. Irene Goins, who passed away one year ago, was beautifully refreshed Saturday, June 21, at the Mount Glenwood cemetery, where her remains rest. A fitting ceremony was observed by the Colored Women's Republican Club of Illinois, Inc., which she founded seven years ago, on the occasion of the first annual pilgrimage to be made by this organization. A group of the best-known women workers in the city was present, together with Henry S. Goins, the husband. A wreath was placed on the grave followed by a silent prayer.

Mrs. Irene Gaines, president of the club, delivered an appropriate address. She said: "We have gathered here today, friends, in loving tribute to our founder, Mrs. Irene Goins. Her sterling qualities of leadership, her loving sacrifice and unselfish service will ever inspire us to carry on the work she so notably began. And once a year we shall make a pilgrimage to this lovely spot, which shall ever be sacred to the loyal members of this organization. On behalf of the officers and members of the Republican Women's club of Illinois I place this wreath upon the grave of our departed friend and leader. Friends, in silent meditation of her, let us consider her noble service and sacrifice. She gave not only her time and labor, but she gave herself. The lives of all with whom she came in contact are better because she has lived."

Mrs. Harriet Howard, executive director of the Mount Glenwood foundation, who knew Mrs. Goins intimately and had worked with her on the inter-racial committee, spoke briefly, laying particular stress upon Mrs. Goins' service as an organizer, lamenting the fact that so noble a character had passed on.

Continuing, Mrs. Howard said, "Mrs. Goins was the source of the inspiration that led to the creation of the Mount Glenwood foundation. In a report prepared by her for the department of women and children in industry of the council of national defense in 1918, Mrs. Goins presented the needs of the Colored people in Chicago for decent homes in a manner all the more effective because of her marvelous restraint. The main purpose of the foundation is to contribute to the attainment of better housing conditions for the worthy, but less fortunate members of the Race."

Among others attending the ceremonies were Mrs. Ethel McCracken Cleaves, president of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Maud Johnstone, corresponding secretary of Republican Women's club; Mrs. Lucy Miller, Mrs. Ada McKinley, Mrs. Tom Ella Butler, Mrs. Mayme E. Clark, Mrs. Irene B. Moore, Miss Harriet Gaines, Miss Nancy E. Booker, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Mary E. Booker, Mrs. Alice Scott, Mrs. Marcia Cannon and Mrs. Sadie Parrish.

The delegation was escorted to the grave by Wilson H. Daveler, son of the president of Mt. Glenwood cemetery. Motion pictures of the ceremony were taken and will be shown at an early meeting of the club.