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CHURCH WOMEN'S INTERRACIAL SURVEY

Uncover Des Moines Racial Bias

News Briefs From Far and Near

NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL WINS FIGHT AGAINST SKATING RINK BIAS

Bridgeport, Conn. — The Youth Council of the Bridgeport-Stratford branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People claimed an overwhelming victory in its fight to break down Jim Crow in a local roller skating rink this week when Judge Philip J. Sullivan of Criminal Court of Common Pleas fined the rink proprietor \$100 and sentenced him to five days in jail for practicing racial discrimination.

JO BAKER CO-PARTNER OF PARIS NITE CLUB

Paris, (Atlas) — Josephine Baker is the new partner of the Club Des Champs Elysees, a recently opened night spot. She is also the hostess and main attraction, and though nite life here in Paris has been in a slump, the Champs Elysees, is doing a land office business.

STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AT HOTEL FT. DES MOINES MAY 7

The State Young Democratic convention will be held here on May 7 at Hotel Fort Des Moines. This convention will be one of the most important ones in the history of the Iowa Young Democrats. Alanson K. Egar, state president, announced. One-half of the convention time will be devoted to an organization and campaign school with emphasis on the 1950 campaign.

WINS AWARD IN STATE PRESS WOMEN'S CONTEST

Miss Marie Ross won an award in the Iowa Press Women's annual contest, presented last Saturday at the organization's spring conference held at Iowa State college, Ames. Her contest entry, from the 1948 pages of the Bystander, won first place in the woman's department of weekly papers.

HOLD RITES FOR MRS. KATHERINE GRAVES

Services were held Saturday afternoon at Kyles AME Zion church for Mrs. Katherine Graves, 71, of 625 S. E. Fifteenth court. Burial was at Glendale cemetery.

Mrs. Graves died Wednesday, April 27, at her home after a five-month illness. Born in Fayette, Mo., she had lived here 31 years. She was a member of the Kyles church. Surviving are her husband, John; a daughter, Mrs. Guida Brodus, Milwaukee, Wis.; one son, Burks Strortter, Des Moines; two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Hern and Miss Rosetta Ashcraft, Fayette; and one brother, Will Ashcraft, Fayette.

FRED JONES CHIEF ENGINEER AT U. S. THERMO CONTROL CO., MINNEAPOLIS

Philadelphia — Fred Jones learned to roll with the punches when he was a young man. He had to learn, because he was an ambitious colored youth trying to get ahead. Today he is enjoying a good life as chief engineer of the United States Thermo Control Company, of Minneapolis, the foward for his determination and genius for making balky machines run smoothly.

Fred Jones' story is told by Associate Editor Steven M. Spencer in "Born Handy," in the current (May 4) Saturday Evening Post. In it, Mr. Spencer calls Mr. Jones "an outstanding figure in the science of refrigeration, and certainly one of the top engineers of his race." Mr. Jones is a self-taught scientist, his formal education having ended in the sixth grade. He has a surprising number of patents to his credit and is largely responsible for the gasoline-powered automatic refrigerators that now keep thousands of tons of food fresh on long truck hauls from farm to packing house.

'Home of The Brave' Heralds New Era for Negro in Hollywood

New York — The most important booking news of the season — the signing of the Victoria Theatre for the world premiere of the Screen Plays-United Artists new film sensation, "Home of the Brave," was announced by Gradwell L. Sears, UA president.

The Victoria, New York's newest showshop for distinguished motion pictures, inaugurated its prestige film policy with "Joan of Arc," now following with "Home of the Brave," the first motion picture of its kind. A guarantee of \$100,000 has been put up by the theatre in the face of what is expected to be an extremely long run.

"Home of the Brave" is a dramatic, action-packed story of a GI mission in the South Pacific, involving five men — one of them a Negro. Produced by Stanley Kramer, head of Screen Plays, it made Hollywood history in three categories:

Based on Arthur Laurence's prize play, it switched its central theme to a drama of anti-Negro hate, the first motion picture on this theme ever to come out of Hollywood.

It was filmed in secrecy, an unprecedented feat in gossip-minded Hollywood, and it was the first motion picture production to go from start to finish in eight weeks.

to consumer. Yet he did not entirely escape the knocks and rebuffs usually encountered by members of his race on the road upward.

Judge W. C. Hueston At Corinthian May 11

Judge W. C. Hueston of Washington, D. C., commissioner of education of the Elk Lodge and in charge of adult Negro education for the United States, will speak at Corinthian Baptist church, Wednesday evening, May 11, under the auspices of the Hawkeye Elks lodge No. 160.

Judge Hueston, who conducts the Elks oratorical contests, the subject being always The Constitution of the United States, will be in Cedar Rapids on Friday night for the Iowa Elks state contest and then he returns to Des Moines to await the May 11 meeting.

MISS CARTER TO SING SUNDAY NIGHT AT MAPLE

The Ladies Chorus of Maple Street Baptist church will present Miss Florence Carter of Detroit, Mich. in a recital Sunday night, at 8 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Nancy White is president of the chorus.

Georgia Grandmother Goes To Trial for Throwing Hot Water in Face of Planter

Atlanta, (NNPA) — An aged Henry County woman, Mrs. Julia Johnson went on trial in the Henry County Superior Court last Monday, charged with throwing boiling hot water into the face of a Locust Grove planter who allegedly tried to force her to nurse his baby.

The 61-year old grandmother has been held in jail at McDonough, Georgia, for three months, pending trial of the case which was widely discussed last fall. She had been taken into custody, it was learned, from the Scottdale home to which agents of the Georgia Citizens Defense Committee had moved her family, after she had made a desperate and dramatic run for freedom following an alleged argument with W. W. Cleveland, Jr., at her isolated sharecropper shack on his plantation.

The elderly woman, at the time of the reported incident, was living with her daughters' family in one of the isolated farm shanties which Wofford Cleveland, Sr., provides for

his tenants on the plantation located in Henry County.

Mrs. Johnson, whose youngest daughter formerly lived in Atlanta, told her pathetic story to the Georgia Citizens Defense Committee, of which the Rev. William Holmes Borders is chairman, after she had gained temporary freedom from the authorities.

She said that she had been helping her daughter, Clara, and the children pick cotton all day and was dead tired when the younger Cleveland came to the house and asked her to "come mind the baby" while he made a trip to Atlanta. She refused.

Mother of Fourteen

Later, she said, Cleveland came back and demanded in a gruff tone that she accompany him. "Mr. Cleveland got real mad," the mother of fourteen children and grandmother of five, told the Defense Committee. (SEE PAGE TWO)

DRAKE RELAYS OFFICIALS CHECK RESULTS



For the first time in the history of Drake Relays, two Negroes served as officials in the meets which were held at Drake stadium during the week end. One of them, Walter (Hauge) Thompson (right) is seen serving as a high jump judge in one of the final events Saturday afternoon. He checks his information with Frank Diehl, another official.

Thompson, juvenile court probation officer, who competed in the former relays as a runner from East High school of Des Moines and later as a Drake university runner, was named head judge of the high jump. This was a sportsmanlike gesture of the senior clerk and judge who deferred to Thompson so that he

could get the recognition. The other official who served was Frank Robinson, public relations officer of the Olympian Athletic club and former Red Cross swimming and first aid instructor, who was judge Friday and Saturday mornings in all preliminary field and running events. (BILL ASHBY PHOTO).

Rev. McAllister Is Selma University's Graduation Speaker

Selma, Ala. — The sixty-sixth annual commencement of Selma university, here began on April 22 and will continue through May 25 when the commencement address will be delivered by the Rev. C. L. McAllister, dean of the theological department of Selma university.

WALLEYE PIKE SEASON OPENS MAY 15

May 15 adds walleye pike, sauger, perch, silver and yellow bass, and northern pike to the list of other fishes already open to fishing in all inland waters.

The nesting species of game fish on which the season does not open until June 1, includes large and smallmouth bass, warmouth bass, sunfish, bluegill, and rock bass.

The frog season opens May 12, with daily bag and possession limit twelve.

Trusteeship, now headed by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche.

Questioned as to whether a trusteeship administered by the British would be satisfactory, the Somali said they considered British rule "as bad as the Italian."

RACIAL RELATIONS ADVISER APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Washington, D. C. — Appointment of James C. Evans, racial relations adviser to the Secretary of the Army, as civilian assistant to the Secretary of Defense was announced by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

Mr. Evans will work closely with the Personnel Policy Board of the National Military Establishment for uniform procedures and practices in the three military departments to assure equality of treatment and opportunity for all military personnel. He also will be available to advise with army, navy and air force officials on personnel problems peculiar to the individual departments.

In addition to his services in the Department of the army, Mr. Evans had been acting as racial relations adviser to the Secretary of Defense since October, 1947. He will bring with him to the Office of the Secretary of Defense Lt. Col. James H. Robinson, his executive officer.

The appointment of Mr. Evans as civilian assistant to the Secretary of Defense follows closely Secretary Johnson's memorandum of April 20 requesting the army, navy and air force to examine their current personnel practices with regard to equality of treatment and opportunity.

List Most Noticeable Racial Discriminations Against Negro Citizens in Report

An inter-racial survey concluding that Negroes are not treated as American citizens in Des Moines, was revealed here Thursday.

Results of the survey, made by the Council of Church Women of Des Moines, were explained at a Conference on Human Relations at Hotel Fort Des Moines.

250 Delegates

The conference is sponsored by the adult education department of the Des Moines public schools and the Des Moines office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mrs. F. J. Weertz, chairman of the church women's experiment committee, told the 250 delegates attending the one-day conference, that the most noticeable discrimination found in Des Moines is against Negroes.

She said other minority groups in the city include Japanese, Chinese, Mexicans, Italians and Jews.

Members from 78 Protestant churches in the city participate in the church women's council. The Des Moines women prepared the survey at the request of the National Council of Church Women.

Mrs. Weertz said the survey was made by members of each church denomination, a Japanese, several Negroes, a leader of Christians, Jews and members of such organizations as the Salvation Army and the Girl Scouts.

In Public Schools

She said that to find out how Negroes were treated as persons in

vestigation was broken into several parts.

In the field of education there was found to be no discrimination in the public schools or in Drake university Mrs. Weertz said.

Most business and commercial schools are closed to Negroes, she said, with the exception of one which offers night courses twice weekly.

Two of the hospitals are open to Negroes for medical or nurses training, the report showed.

As far as occupations are concerned discrimination was very pronounced in some fields and was not found in others.

Little or no discrimination was found in state welfare and secretarial work, the post office, city library water works and police department.

Firms Cited

Mrs. Weertz said the Iowa Power & Light Co. hires no Negro skilled workers; Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. hires Negroes only for elevator service and menial work "on account of the union."

She said the Des Moines Railway Co. employs one Negro for manual labor, and the city fire department employs no Negroes. She said Negroes cannot belong to the painters, carpenters or bricklayers unions but and builders unions.

Mrs. Weertz said there are no clerking positions open in city stores but that Negroes often are employed as nurses aids in hospitals, as maids, (SEE EDITORIAL PAGE)

CITY MANAGER PLAN WINS ELECTION; BECOMES EFFECTIVE NEXT APRIL

In the largest turnout in any city election, 40,561 Des Moines citizens went to the polls last Saturday. By a margin of 809 votes, the city manager government won over the commission government.

The unofficial vote was 20,685 "yes" and 19,876 "no."

The committee Sunday called for all citizens in Des Moines to support the city manager form of government, which goes into effect in April, 1950.

Name NAACP Volunteer Workers; Out to Get Fifteen Hundred Members

The Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held the kickoff for its annual membership drive on Monday night, May 2, at Crocker YMCA. This year's quota is 1,500.

All volunteer workers will meet Monday, May 9, at 8 o'clock at Crocker YMCA, to make their reports to Fred O. Morrow, Sr., membership chairman.

The Rev. I. E. Metcalf, Iowa executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, addressed the opening meeting of the drive. He pointed out race relationships as the most serious problem before the United States today.

Urging generous support of the drive on the part of the people of Des Moines, the Rev. Mr. Metcalf said:

"Nothing else in our national life is more important than this problem because this is a human wrong of the worst kind."

He praised the NAACP—in which whites and Negroes work together—for its efforts in opening up avenues "in which Negroes may participate with equality and dignity with other people in the community."

He said the NAACP has spearheaded movements that are bringing the Negro equal opportunities in education and work.

NAACP WORKERS

Division I

La Mar T. Ellis of Crocker YMCA

Division II

A. P. Trotter of the Community Luncheonette, 1202 Center street, is major over Division II. Captains are Mesdames Ethel Bannister, Willie Davidson, Vera Morrow, Messrs. Buster Randall and Buddy Carter.

Lieutenants are Mesdames Eunice Bates, Agnes Matthews, John Munns, Lucy Wellington, Eugenia Wolfskill, Lucille Carlock, Georgia Add, Henrietta Coates, Nellie Green, B. J. Roach, Birdie Winn, Helen Allen, Catherine Miller, Mayola Stewart, Marcelline Estes, Beatrice Wallace, Catherine Wolfskill.

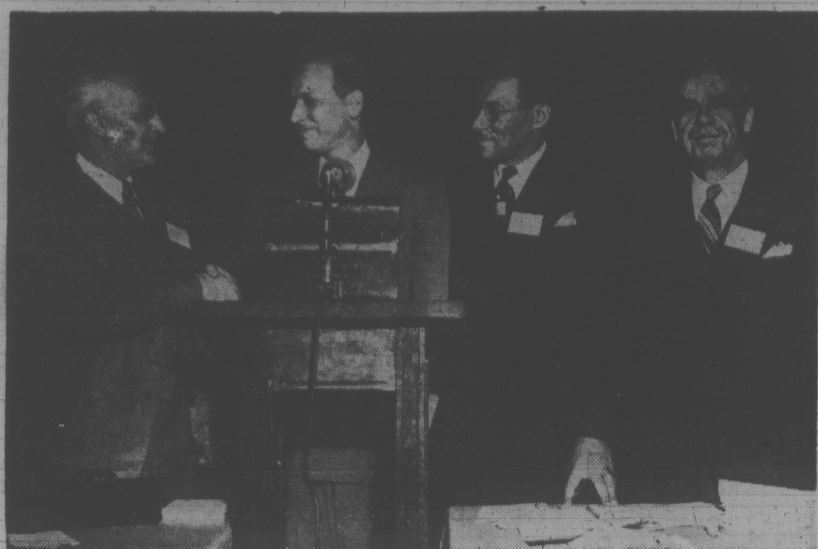
Messrs. Arnold Bannister, N. E. Tillman, George Robinson, Robert Boggess, Marcus McCraven, Dolphus Lawson, Rev. Luther H. Smith and Rev. T. L. Lighon.

Division III

Mrs. James B. Morris, Sr., of 955 17th street, is major over Division III. Her captains are Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Guy E. Greene, Mr. George Jackson, Jr.

Lieutenants and volunteer workers are: Miss Vera Underwood, Mesdames Calvin Pruitt, Murlene Tay (SEE PAGE SIX)

ADDRESSES DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS



Members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association for the first time heard a representative of the Negro press address their annual convention when Thomas W. Young, president of the Journal and Guide and of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, spoke to a general session of the ANPA Wednesday morning, April 27, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City.

FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. M. L. BRADLEY

Funeral services were held Monday in the Maple Street Baptist church for Mrs. Margaret Lucy Bradley, 64, of 751 Eleventh street. Burial was at Glendale cemetery.

Mrs. Bradley died April 28 at Broadlawn General hospital after a four-year illness. She had been a Des Moines resident 50 years and was a member of Maple Street Baptist church.

Surviving is a step-daughter, Mrs. Margaret Crawford, Des Moines.

GEORGIA WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR THROWING BOILING WATER

(SEE FRONT PAGE)

When the farm overseer returned a third time, he "carried both an axe and a gun." At the time Mrs. Johnson was scalding a pot with boiling hot water, the stove being located between herself and the door.

"He began cursing me and I threw hot water into his face and ran as fast as I could across the fields to the highway, she recalled.

A three-year old grandchild ran crying after her, and when Mrs. Johnson was captured in McDonough she was in stocking feet and held the child in her arms.

But for the help of Deputy Ira Jones, Mary Johnson, the Atlanta daughter, who is at present keeping the children at Scottdale, believes her mother may have become the victim of mob violence.

Accepts Bond

Deputy Jones, described as a man friendly to the oppressed colored people of the county, took it upon himself to accept bond papers from an Atlanta company and release Mrs. Johnson just as darkness fell, and after the sheriff had refused to accept the papers all day.

Deputy Jones had warned the Atlanta daughter, who went to McDonough to get her mother, "not to get in the dark but to stand in the light of the filling station until the Atlanta bus comes along."

The Georgia Citizens Defense Committee voted funds for Mrs. Johnson's temporary welfare and sent a representative with a transfer truck to remove her family's belongings—all but five pigs which Cleveland refused to permit the representative to take, he said, for a debt, Mrs. Johnson and her family were resettled in Scottdale. That was last November.

For some undisclosed reason, and unreported to the Defense Committee until last week, Mrs. Johnson was rearrested and lodged in the Henry County jail where she has been according to her daughter, for three months.

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UNION WAGE SCALES IN THE BUILDING TRADES

Union wage scales in 7 key building trades advanced in 6 of the 25 cities studied in the North Central Region since January, 1948. Negotiations are currently in progress in many of the cities as contract traditionally expire in April, May or June. Twelve of the nineteen wage scale changes which took place between January and April, 1949 were 10 to 12 1/2 cents per hour.

Union wage statistics for 7 trades are collected quarterly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The attached table shows the union rates in effect on April 1, 1949 in 85 major cities throughout the country.

MURRAY WOLDER

Murray Wolder, 1426 Maryland avenue, has been holding the position of bookkeeper and meter machine operator in the post office of the Iowa State Capital building for nearly ten years. He keeps the postage accounts for sixty-seven departments of the state.

He is the father of five children, the oldest of whom, a son is serving in the United States army.

of Incorporation provide:
1. The name of said corporation is Grand Avenue Apartments and its principal place of business Des Moines, Iowa.
2. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the owning, purchasing, encumbering and selling of real estate and personal property, the acquiring, owning, maintaining, managing and operating of apartment buildings, and the acquiring, owning, maintaining and operating of garages for the storage, servicing and repairing of automobiles. The corporation may borrow money and issue its notes or bonds therefor and secure payment by mortgages or deeds of trust on property owned by it. It may purchase capital stock or bonds, securing payment by executing mortgages or deeds of trust. It shall have the power to purchase and sell its own stock and bonds. It shall have all the powers authorized by Section 491.3, Code of Iowa 1946, to be had, enjoyed and exercised by corporations organized for pecuniary profit, and power to do all and every act convenient, proper or necessary in carrying out and exercising all rights, privileges and powers authorized.

3. The authorized capital stock is \$200,000, divided into 2,000 shares of common stock of \$100.00 each. 16804 shares of said stock has been issued and fully paid for and the balance of authorized capital stock may be issued only when fully paid for, as provided by the laws of the State of Iowa, and at such times and in such amounts as the Board of Directors shall authorize.
4. Said corporation is now engaged in said business, having commenced its corporate existence on June 11, 1929, with right to endure for twenty years thereafter, and on April 11, 1949, was renewed for a further period of twenty years from and after June 11, 1949, that is to say, until June 11, 1969.

5. The affairs of the corporation are to be conducted by a Board of five Directors. In said Renewal, Amended and Substituted Articles of Incorporation, O. B. Emerson and A. A. McLaughlin are designated as Directors to serve from June 11, 1949, until the annual meeting of the stockholders in 1951. At the expiration of the term of said Directors, their successors will be elected by the stockholders for terms of three years. The Board of Directors have full authority to elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other agents as may be necessary to conduct the business of the corporation. Until the annual meeting of the corporation in 1949, said Renewal, Amended and Substituted Articles of Incorporation named Elizabeth Hyde as President and Treasurer.

6. Private property of stockholders shall be exempt from liability for corporate debts.
Dated April 27, 1949.
ELIZABETH HYDE,
President
A. A. McLAUGHLIN,
Secretary
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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF THE ADVERTISERS PRESS

Notice is hereby given that The Advertisers Press, an Iowa corporation, was dissolved on the 31st day of March, 1949, by the unanimous action of the holders of all of the outstanding capital stock of said corporation, said action taken at a special meeting of the stockholders of said corporation called for such purposes and held on said date at the offices of the corporation in Des Moines, Iowa.

By George S. Murphy, President
By Miles W. Murphy, Secretary
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NOTICE IN PROBATE

To Whom It May Concern:
Will of Bert A. Harris, deceased.
You are hereby notified to appear at the Court House in Polk County, Iowa, on the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1949, at 9 o'clock A. M., to attend the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Bert A. Harris, deceased, late of Polk County, Iowa, at which time and place you will appear and show cause, if any, why said will should not be admitted to probate.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27th day of April, A. D. 1949.
MICHAEL H. DOYLE, JR.,
Clerk District Court.
CLYDE FAIRGRAVE,
Deputy
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL, AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GRAND AVENUE APARTMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Incorporation of the Grand Avenue Apartments, a corporation for pecuniary profit, organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, with its principal place of business in Des Moines, Iowa, was on the 11th day of April, 1929, renewed by a majority of the stock of said corporation then outstanding, renewed under the laws of the State of Iowa for a period of twenty years from and after the 11th day of June, 1949, that is to say, from June 11, 1949, the date of expiration of its original charter, to June 11, 1969, under and pursuant to said amended and substituted Articles of Incorporation duly adopted in said adjourned session of said annual meeting of said corporation by unanimous vote of all stockholders present at said meeting representing more than a majority of all the capital stock of said corporation then outstanding; that said Renewal, Amended and Substituted Articles

Kansas City Call, and Vice president of the NNPA, and Cranston Williams, general manager of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

An official of the ANPA will address the Negro publishers annual convention in Washington, D. C., June 16, 17, and 18.

REGISTRATION REFUSED 35 NEGROES AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY

Austin, Tex. (NNPA)—Registration at the University of Texas was refused last Thursday to thirty-five young colored persons, who sought the educational advantages offered at the state-supported institution.

After rejection of their applications, a group of about seventy-five young colored persons carried the issue of equal educational opportunities for colored students in Texas to the Texas Legislature and Governor Beauford Jester.

In the group that paraded to the State Capitol were nine white students from the University of Texas. Nine of the group of colored students saw Governor Jester.

Sheffie Quarles, of Palestine, Texas, a student at Bishop College, and David Williams acted as spokesmen.

Williams told Governor Jester they were "not looking for sympathy, but as citizens of the United States and as native Texans, do ask what is rightfully ours."

Governor Jester said he understood that. He said their petition for educational facilities, which had been left earlier, would be turned over to the proper authorities.

Austin, Tex.—In the first large-scale attempt to break the barriers of segregation in higher education, 34 young Negro men and women were turned down by the University of Texas when they sought admission to the University's professional and graduate schools.

Sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, members of the group applied on April 27 for admission to the University's medical, dental and other graduate schools. Max Fitch-tenbaum, assistant registrar, rejected their applications and referred them to the Jim Crow Texas State University at Houston.

Accompanying the applicants were Donald Jones, regional NAACP field secretary; U. Simpson Tate, regional special counsel; and J. H. Morton, former president of the Austin NAACP branch. The applicants and the NAACP leaders are considering plans for follow-up steps in the drive to open the University to colored students.

JAP PICTURE CODE DUE

Tokyo, (Atlas)—Japanese motion picture industry's first production code, which is patterned somewhat after the Johnson office code in America, is now being formulated by a committee of the Japan Motion Picture Association, and will probably be adopted very soon.

The code will set up standards of moral taste and propriety and will give the local industry its first self-regulating machinery.

GROUP TO CEDAR RAPIDS FOR ELKS STATE CONTEST

Mrs. Beatrice Wallace and Mrs. Gertrude North, state and local education directors of the Elks oratorical contests, and Miss Jackie Perkins, winner of the recent local contest, will leave Friday morning for Cedar Rapids, where Miss Perkins will compete in the state oratorical contest.

Judge Wm. C. Hueston of Washington, D. C., Elk commissioner of education, will attend the state contest. Accompanying the local group will be Mrs. B. J. Roach, daughter ruler of Rose Temple No. 33, Mrs. Musette Brown, mother of Miss Perkins; and Miss Dorothy Chapman, runner-up in the local contest, with her mother, Mrs. Compton Chapman.

CARD OF THANKS

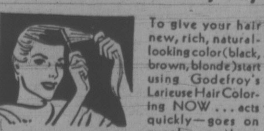
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott wish to thank their many friends for the lovely cards sent during Mrs. Scott's present illness. They are greatly appreciated.



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W.C.T.U. TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The Frances Harper chapter of the W.C.T.U. will meet at the residence of Mrs. Emma Evans, 1086 14th street, on Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

TOMMY DORSEY AT KRNT MAY 22

Tommy Dorsey, his orchestra and his trombone, teamed with some of the great names of entertainment including Hollywood stars Ilona Massey and Jack Norton, will play one performance at the KRNT Theater, Des Moines, Sunday night, May 22.

CARD OF THANKS

The children and relatives of the late Mr. Charles E. Blanks wish to acknowledge the floral, condolences and many other acts of kindness received from their many friends during the long days of heartache and sorrow.

Mr. Orville E. Blanks, Marshalltown, Iowa.

ORIGINAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

CLIFTON ELLIOTT, Plaintiff,
ROSIE ELLIOTT, Defendant.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause, claiming of you an absolute divorce on the grounds of cruel inhuman treatment. For further particulars see the petition now on file and unless you appear thereto and defend before said court at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa on or before the 20th day of June, 1949, your default will be entered and judgment or decree will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition or as provided by law. Take due notice and govern your self accordingly.
Dated this 3d day of May, 1949.
V. LAWRENCE CLYDE, JR.,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
416 6th Ave. E., Ph. 2-9179
Des Moines, Iowa.
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at 11 a. m. B. T. U. at 8 p. m. Prayer
meeting Tuesday at 7 p. m.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES

Last Sunday was quarterly meet-
ing. Presiding Elder W. H. Ogles-
ton delivered sermons at the morn-
ing and evening services. Among the
out-of-town visitors at the morning
service were Evangelist D. Pride of
Elgin, Ill.; Mesdames Jeanne Walker
and Evelyn Smith of Cedar Rapids;
Percy Lee of Kansas City, and L. P.
Grant of St. Louis, Mo.

At the 3 o'clock service the Rev.
L. L. Barnes from the First C. M. E.
church brought the message and his
choir furnished the music.

On Monday evening Presiding Elder
Ogleton held his third quarterly
conference for the conference year
at which reports were received from
all departments and auxiliaries of
the church.

On next Sunday at 3 p. m. the
mixed chorus from the St. Joseph
Negro High school will give a re-
cital in the auditorium for the bene-
fit of Burns Methodist church. Direc-
ting will be Prof. A. R. Whaley,
brother of the Rev. Whaley who for-
merly pastored at Burns, for which
there will be no admission fee charged.
The general public is invited to attend.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. H. R. Fields preached
last Sunday and Pastor George Par-
ish held baptism. Revival services
started Sunday for ten days. Mis-
sion Circle will meet Friday after-
noon, May 6, in the home of Mrs.
Clara Houston. The P. H. T. Need
will have a social in the home of
Corinne Nichols, 1331 Center street.
The Tribe of Simeon will have din-
ner on May 14. Sunday evening,

president of the young people's de-
partment of Central District, were
visitors. Miss Burrell was house
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazier
of 328 E. Creston.

MOTHER'S DAY SERMON AT BROWN CHAPEL

Rev. C. A. Sanders will deliver a
Mother's Day message Sunday, May
8, at 3 p. m. at Brown's Chapel
church, 15th and Walker street.

BURNS CHURCH MEN IN MUSICAL MAY 12

The men of Burns Methodist
church will sponsor a musical pro-
gram at the church on Thursday
evening, May 12, at 8 p. m. Fred
D. Allen is chairman of the program.

S. S. WORKERS TO OBSERVE FAMILY NIGHT MAY 10

The Des Moines Sunday School
Workers council will observe Na-
tional Family Week by holding fam-
ily night at St. Paul A.M.E. church,
Tuesday evening, May 10, from 6:30
to 8:30 p. m. All Sunday School fam-
ilies are invited.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The Sunday School is having a
Mother-Daughter silver tea at the
church Friday, May 6, 8 p. m. Mrs.
Lillian Edmonds and Mrs. Pearl
Burks will be speakers. Music will
be played.

Sunday morning the Household of
Ruth lodge will be guest at a Moth-
er's Day program. The choir will
serve dinner. Rev. L. L. Barnes will
speak at 3 p. m.

Persian Gulf's Sea Life Surveyed by Scientist

A collection of more than 5,000
fishes and other sea animals of the
Persian gulf has been brought back
to the U. S. National museum by
Donald S. Erdman of the staff of
the Smithsonian institution.

Mr. Erdman carried out a survey
of the sea life of this region under
the sponsorship of the Arabian-
American Oil company. The gulf is
of particular interest to biologists
because it is probably the hottest
body of salt water in the world. Wa-
ter temperatures in mid-summer
reach over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
The gulf might be considered an
arm of the Indian ocean. It is ex-
ceptionally shallow, however, and
is connected with the great sea by a
narrow channel.

One result of this is that its water
remains much hotter than that of
the ocean in general. Consequently
its sea life, so far as number of
species is concerned, is much spar-
ser. The species which have been
able to adapt themselves to the
warm water, however, often are
very numerous as individuals.

Notable among the fishes brought
back by Mr. Erdman are "sea
moths." They are little brown crea-
tures with large fins, which spend
most of their lives on the surface
and look like large moths which
have settled on the water. Presum-
ably they live chiefly on small
aquatic Crustacea.

Notable also are the "fool fishes,"
so stupid and sluggish that they
make no effort to escape, even when
a bright light is shone on them at
night.

Life Insurance Bought In 1948 Breaks Record

Life insurance in the United States
has made greater gains in recent
years than in any comparable pe-
riod of its history. More new life
insurance was purchased here in
1947 than the total owned at the end
of the year in the United Kingdom,
which ranks second to the United
States in the amount of such insur-
ance held throughout the world.
New life insurance purchased in 1948
in this country amounted to \$22.7
billion, bringing the total owned at
the end of the year to \$201 billion,
the highest ever reported and more
than the aggregate estimated to be
owned in 1940 throughout the world.
The total is still less, however, than
the annual national income in re-
cent years. United States surpluses
bought about as much life insurance
in 1948 as the total in force here in
1915.

The number of policies owned in
the United States now exceeds 189
million, and the amount of insur-
ance per family averages nearly
\$5,000, almost twice the 1924 level.

MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS HERE SUNDAY



Burns Methodist church is sponsor-
ing a choral group of 45 voices from
Bartlett High school, St. Joseph, Mo.,
at St. Paul A.M.E. church on Sun-
day, May 8, 3 p. m.

The group is under the direction
of A. R. Whaley, formerly of Des
Moines, who received his master's

degree in music education from
Drake university last summer.
This group has appeared at radio
station KFEQ, St. Joseph, Mo.

traveled extensively throughout Kan-
sas and Missouri and received excel-
lent and superior awards at the State
Music Festival in Jefferson City, Mo.
There is no admission charge. An
offering will be taken.

Rev. P. Mode arrived May 2 to
conduct a ten-day revival. Song ser-
vice will be held each evening and
meetings begin at 8 p. m. until 9
p. m. Mrs. Wm. Crawford is re-
porter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEST DES MOINES

Visitors last Sunday were Gladys
and Mildred Wesley, and Mrs. Mosey
Raines. The reporter, Mrs. Irene
Seigh, is visiting her mother and
other relatives in Texas. Victor Cole-
man left the city to reside in Minne-
apolis, Minn. Among the sick are:
Mrs. G. Reed, Mrs. E. McCrum, Mrs.
H. A. Hickman, Mr. Robert Love at
Veteran's hospital, Mr. Henry Hub-
bard at Broadlawn hospital.

COMMUNITY SANCTIFIED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The pastor, M. J. Cranshaw deliv-
ered last Sunday morning's sermon.
Rev. Harry Clarke was a visitor.
Bishop D. H. Cranshaw preached
Sunday night.

Sunday, May 8, the young people
will be in charge. Three services
will be held. Dorcas Charity club
will meet at the home of Myra
Graves, 631 S. E. 28th street Thurs-
day night. Vergie Allen, who was
ill for several weeks, was out to
services Sunday.

ALL-BAPTIST UNION HEARS DR. UDOH

The All-Baptist union sponsored
an interracial meeting at Corinthian
Baptist church, May 1, with Dr.
Benton A. Udoh, a native of Nigera,
Africa, as guest speaker. He is a
student at Iowa State college at
Ames.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES OF THE WEEK

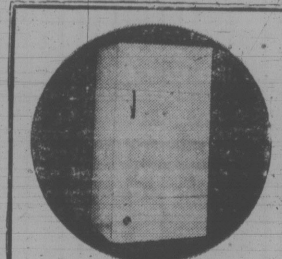
The Household group will attend
the 11 o'clock services, Sunday morn-
ing, May 8, at the Union Baptist
church. The church choir will serve
dinner. Rev. L. L. Barnes and his
choir will be guests at 3 p. m.

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for cards, telegrams and kindnesses
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Walter White Talks on 'Lincoln's Unfinished Business' at Conference

The third annual Conference of Human Relations, which stressed "Reducing Inter-Racial Tensions" in Des Moines, co-sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the department of adult education of the Des Moines public schools in cooperation with 28 other community organizations, brought out a crowd of persons to the one-day session held at Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, chose as his subject for the evening meeting, "Lincoln's Unfinished Business."

Speaking at the third annual Conference on Human Relations in Hotel Fort Des Moines, White declared he has noticed the "rising winds of doubt" about U. S. policies since early in World War II.

He said people all over the world asked him, "How serious is the United States about freedom and democracy when she doesn't even practice it at home or in her own armed forces?"

White told the audience of more than 700 that he first noticed this trend when the Germans and Japanese were dropping leaflets showing pictures of race riots in the U. S. and claiming America wants to bring the same evil practices to all dark-skinned peoples in the world.

The speaker said only the inherent cruelty of the two nations, prevented their propaganda from taking greater effect.

Communist Propaganda

White said the same propaganda lines are being carried on by the Communists and that it is effective.

He cited as an example the "envy" murder of a southern Negro by the Klu Klux Klan because the man had attained a certain degree of success.

"When the guilty klansmen were freed, Radio Moscow went on the air within three hours and broadcast all the sordid details to Asia, Africa and Europe," he said.

"The broadcasts made the point that if the American system were allowed to become dominant in the world, the same things would happen to all colored persons."

White said the Communists are using America's race problems to campaign against the North Atlantic pact.

Russian Broadcasts

"Because of Russian broadcasts many people in Asia, Africa and Europe believe the Atlantic pact is only an American method of keeping the old colonial empire system in which the brown and black races were exploited in favor of the whites," he said.

Turning to the actual racial problem in the United States, White said he could see a great improvement in the last 30 years.

He said he has noted this improvement in the increased interest in solving racial problems by churches, students, labor and other groups. He mentioned the report of the president's committee on human rights and the rulings of courts.

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WALTER WHITE

against educational discrimination in the south.

Civil Rights Fight

He noted at the same time, however, that there are many things the country "can be ashamed of."

In this connection, the speaker cited the fight against civil rights in the U. S. senate by use of the "shameful filibuster by Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans."

White urged his audience to "bombard your senators"—whose records, he said, are "very bad"—with letters and petitions to enact civil rights legislation.

In a question period, White listed two reasons for the question, "Why are there bigots?"

The first, he said, is sheer ignorance—the bigot doesn't know his neighbors as persons. Second, he said, is fear and insecurity—in a world where there is a cut-throat economy and a fear of war and ultimate survival.

At the morning session, John Simmons, chairman of the Minnesota Fair Employment Practices Council and candidate for mayor of Minneapolis, talked on "A Neighboring City Tackles Its Problems." He spoke again at a noon luncheon.

Crocker Branch YMCA News

The Crocker Branch YMCA will again participate in the Annual World Service campaign. Heading the team this year for the second time will be Luther H. Smith. The team this year will represent the Country India in the drive. The total campaign goal is \$5000. Working with Mr. Smith will be Oscar L. Glass, Fred O. Morrow, Sr., A. P. Trotter, Charles P. Howard, William Bell, and La Mar T. Ellis, and Dr. William J. Ritchey. The Crocker branch goal is \$150. The campaign will close around May 15.

Group Inductions Held

On last Sunday, April 24, at Kyles AME Zion church two groups of the Crocker Branch YMCA held formal induction services for its members. These clubs, the Crocker School Gra-Y club and the Crocker Branch Tri-Hi-Y club were part of a program that launched the first of four such programs sponsored by the Religious Committee of the Branch.

Other highlights of the program were a speech on "Why Children Misbehave" by Mr. S. C. Benman of the Juvenile Court, and a Bible story contest between Floyd Shepherd of Crocker Gra-Y and James Thomas, with James Thomas emerging the victor. Those inducted into the Gra-Y which is a club fellowship for grade school boys were Franklin Irvin, Arthur Black, Floyd Shepherd, Theodore G. Hughes, James Thomas, Marvin Campbell, Larry Lane, and Lance Weston. Hobart D. Williams, boys worker at the Crocker Branch and the club leader of the Gra-Y activities presided over this induction. Those inducted into the Hi-Y fellowship of the Tri-Hi-Y Auxiliary were Gloria Brown, Barbara Bonner, Willa Mae Kemp, Jackie Solomon, Jackie Meador, Bernadine Redd, Betty Carson, Katherine Bailey, Thelma Hawkins, Gloria Anderson, Barbara Shepherd, Delores Wells, Francis Carl, Merion Grant, Mamie Simmons, Margaret Langford, and Shirlee Brown.

La Mar T. Ellis presided over this induction. Rev. Luther H. Smith is chairman of the Religious Committee. The induction services were held in the Palm Room of Ft. Des Moines hotel.

IOWA FARM MOTHER AND 16th CHILD



Daniel Maurice Smith, photographed here when he was 2 days old, lies in the arms of his mother, Mrs. James Smith, and studies the interior of the bedroom where he was born at the Smith farm home near Orlabor, five miles north of Des Moines, on April 6. Daniel Maurice is the sixteenth child—the tenth boy—born to the couple. (Photo Courtesy of Des Moines Register).

tee and presided over the program and Rev. Blanks, pastor of Kyles AME Zion church—rendered appropriate remarks. The second in a series of meetings sponsored by this committee will be held at Union Baptist church, Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. when the Logan Gra-Y group and the Junior Tri-Hi-Y will hold induction services.

Mr. and Miss Keen Teen

The Teen Canteen Council of the Crocker Branch YMCA announces that it will sponsor a "Mr. and Miss Keen Teen" contest, a contest designed to determine who is the keenest teen. The contest will be open to any teen-ager who is a member of the canteen. The only other prerequisite is that the contestant be in school. Clubs, groups, or individuals may enter contestants. On Wednesday, May 11, all interested candidates must appear before the council for final selection for which 10 shall be selected. Election shall be by popular vote which the candi-

dates will sell. The contest will run approximately five weeks and the Mr. and Miss



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Keen Teen will be crowned at the Canteen's closing formal for this season on June 24. The four runners-up to the queen will be designated part of the queen's court. Prizes symbolic of each office will be awarded. All persons must appear in person on Wednesday, May 11 for final selection if they wish to be in this contest. For further information you may contact the Crocker Branch YMCA.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The Mission met at the home of Mrs. Frances Turner. Mrs. Leroy Covis and children were visitors Sunday. The Red Circle girls gave a written report on "Disorderly Conduct." Fern Wagner is president.

The Red Circle Girls will have a Mother's Day program Sunday at 2 p. m.

PAGEANT AT BETHEL CHURCH MAY 20

"Pageant of Fruits" will be presented at Bethel AME church, Friday night, May 20, by Mrs. Ina Pugh—Carter of Richmond, chairman of state missions for

National Baptist Convention Training school. Miss Corena King, Bethel Captain, is chairman of the program.

HOLD RITES FOR MRS. IDA MAY ERNEST

Funeral rites were held Saturday in the L. Fowler and Sons Funeral home for Mrs. Ida May Ernest, 59, of 1108½ Center street. Burial was at Glendale cemetery.

Mrs. Ernest died on April 28 at Polk County home hospital after an illness of two years.

She had been a Des Moines resident more than 40 years. There are no immediate survivors.

VISITOR FROM CHICAGO

Mr. Joseph Wiley, Jr., of Chicago spent the week end visiting his mother, Mrs. Mildred Wiley, of 955 17th street. Mr. Wiley is a student of Loyola University in Chicago.

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MISS DESLEET WEDS IN HOME CEREMONY



MR. AND MRS. ELBUREN STEELE

Miss Freida M. DeSleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris L. DeSleet of 3106 Bowdoin street, became the bride of Mr. Elburen Steele, Jr., in a single ring ceremony held at the home of the bride's parents, at 8 o'clock, Saturday, April 23.

The ceremony was read by the Rev. A. J. Irvine in the presence of approximately 150 relatives and friends, as the couple stood before an altar which was decorated with candles and flowering heather.

Wedding—Music, recorded, was played for the ceremony.

The bride, on the arm of her father, was attired in a black and white figured crepe dress. She wore a shoulder corsage of white carnations and carried a small white Bible. A wreath of white carnations adorned her hair.

Mrs. Hugh Semple, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were another sister, Miss Marguerite DeSleet, and Miss Harriet Curley. Mr. Nevin Bruce was best man.

The reception followed immediately with the following serving as hostesses: Mesdames George Robinson, Jack Cushingberry, William Wap, William Wells, Clifford Watkins, Eustace Ware, Carol Heath, Wallace

MONARCH CLUB HOLDS SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The Monarch club entertained 100 guests at a formal silver anniversary dinner held on Sunday, April 24, at the Sepia Night club. James Rhodes acted as master of ceremonies. The history of the club, given by Mr. W. C. Adams, revealed that the group was organized in the home of Mr. Charles Winn with five char-

ter members. Surviving charter members honored at the dinner were Messrs. Adams and Winn.

Table decorations were flowers and candles. Dinner was preceded by a cocktail hour. Dancing followed to the music of Eddie Barber's orchestra.

Officers presented were: Mr. Har-

bon Merritt, president; Mr. Howard R. Kelso, vice president; Mr. Adam B. Johnson, Jr., secretary; Mr. Edward Bayles, financial secretary; Mr. W. C. Buice, treasurer; Mr. Hershal Hubbard, chairman of entertainment committee; Mr. R. Har-daway, chairman of charities. (L. Howard Photo).

HARBON MERRITT AGAIN HEADS MONARCH CLUB

The Monarch club held election of officers on Monday night at Willif House. Re-elected were: Harbon Merritt, president; Howard R. Kelso, vice president; Edward Bayles, financial secretary; Adam B. Johnson, Jr., recording secretary; W. C. Buice, treasurer; Williams Weathers, sergeant-at-arms; Murray Williams, reporter.

JOLLY 12 CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. CAMP

The Jolly Twelve club met April 28 with Mrs. Armantha Anderson, 529 43rd street. Mr. Bred Appleton of Montgomery City, Mo., received the groceries on April 30. Mrs. Ann Camp, 753 11th street, was awarded a blouse from the club. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Camp.

MODERNISTIC CLUB TO MEET MAY 10

The Modernistic club will meet Thursday, May 10, with Mrs. Thelma Reeves, 1100 School.

The course ended an hour before time to attend the annual dinner. Press women donned their dinner and evening attire and rushed downtown to Sheldon-Munn hotel. All were anxiously awaiting the main event of the evening, the announcement of the winners in the Iowa Press Women's annual contest. Robert P. Crossley, director of Family Life Department of Better Home and gardens, was toastmaster.

Mrs. Ester Dixon, state contest chairman, discussed "Contests of the Future," and then began to call names of winners of the awards for the best news stories, editorials, features, column, in Iowa daily and weekly papers; and—when she got to woman's department in weekly paper, Mrs. Dixon announced "first place to one of our new members, Marie Ross, Des Moines." There was an applause—and Marie Ross was quite happy to receive the certificate which will be framed.

The new member just got into the Iowa Association last December so material submitted was not especially prepared for competition. But, there were so many weddings in 1948 that it was not too difficult to select a page or so with wedding pictures, and this, that and the other—for a woman's department.

Awards were given also for poetry, special editions, advertising and newspaper published or edited by a woman.

Returned to Ames again Sunday to see Mrs. Margaret Rankin of Eagle Grove retire as president and present her gavel to Mrs. Dixon, new president; and listened to business sessions and selection of delegates to the National Press Women's convention, June 2 to 5 in Kansas City, Mo.

Rode back to Des Moines in the rain with Wilma Collins of Grimes, corresponding secretary, who filled her car with Grace Browne of Indianapolis and Sandra Ames of Van Meter.

Mother's Day will be a happy one for Mrs. Lulu Parsons of 938 12th street, for it will be her first Sunday back home since February when she fractured an ankle in a fall on

PIANO RECITAL AT SHILOH BAPTIST—FRIDAY NIGHT

Piano pupils of Mae Merritt-Hellberg will be presented in a public recital at Shiloh Baptist church, Friday evening, May 13, at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the junior choir of which Mrs. Luella Gillenwater is director.

Participating in the recital are: Richard Anderson, Joyce Sanders, Josephine Boston, Norma Jackson, Noreen Mitchell, Clara Ward, Darlene Butts, Emmett Butts, Rose Ann Clay, Mary Elizabeth Fowler, Ruth Forrester, Sylvester Forrester, Frances Potts, Adeline Jenkins, Mrs. Hellberg will appear in duets with students. The recital is open to the public.

G. W. T. CLUB MEETS

The G. W. T. club met April 28 with Mrs. Eva Roper, 1420 Buchanan street, hostess. All members were present. The next meeting will be with Elizabeth Smith, 1331 Park street, reporter.

ATTEND STATE DENTAL SOCIETY'S MEETING

Drs. Wm. J. Ritchey and Lewis A. James of Des Moines and Curtis Bush of Sioux City, attended the Iowa State Dental society's annual three-day session held here at Hotel Ft. Des Moines this week.

Julian Mason, a dental student from Iowa State university was here for the sessions.

MRS. ARNOLD HOSTESS TO OMEGA DRILL TEAM

The Omega Drill Team No. 1 of the Sisterhood, Inc., held a business meeting on April 27 with Mrs. O. Arnold, 911 12th street. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. J. Powell, 1146 9th street.

slippery streets. She has been recovering at the home of a daughter, and now with the aid of crutches, she is busy these balmy days—getting her spring chores done.

Monarch Charity Committee Style Show, May 31. Adm. 40c.—ADV.

YWCA NEWS

May 9 through May 15

Adult Activities—News: Monday, May 9: 5:30 p.m. Tennis class (beginning session). 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Marriage series, Mr. McIntyre (last session). 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Adult Inter-group council.

Tuesday, May 10: 8:00 to 8:40 a.m. Y-Teen club, Washington Irving. Leader: Miss M. Waite. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Young Matrons club. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fitness class. 6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the YWCA dinner. Speaker: Dr. Clifford Bacon.

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tri-F-business girls. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Y-Teen Clubs, East, Tech. and Lincoln YWCA. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Star (business girls). 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Y's Wives (movie).

Wednesday, May 11: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Interior Decorating. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Y-Teen club, Lincoln Junior high. Leader: Mrs. L. Hull. 5:30 to 5:30 p.m. Y-Teen club, Warren Harding Junior high. Leaders: Mrs. Mary Marexm, Mrs. J. W. Hill, Mrs. Homer Schneider. 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. Peasant painting. 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fencing. 8:15 to 11:15 p.m. Mid-

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C. S.—I read your column every week, I finished elementary school in 1943. My grandfather was unable to send me any further in school, so I have been sitting down here at home quite a while and now I want to go to work. I can't seem to find a job. Do you think I will?

Ans: Jobs are available but you will have to exert some effort if you find one. Buy your local newspaper and read the want ads—answer them every day and in the course of a week or so you should have a job. Run an ad under "Situations Wanted" if you cannot seem to make a contact and get your friends to help you. Once you land a job you won't be able to "sit down"—you're going to have to work.

M. G. S.—The last time I wrote you my husband and I was not together. We have gone back together now and we are doing fine. He has a good job and I am out of work.

MARY B. TALBERT CLUB MEETS MAY 11

The Mary B. Talbert club will meet May 11 at the home of Mrs. Pearl Burns, 1319 Ascension street.

MRS. BULLOCK HOSTESS TO DILETTANTE CLUB

Mrs. Joan Bullock was hostess last Saturday to the social and executive committee of the Dilettante club, which met for the purpose of planning future programs. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Margaret Lowery at the J. L. Dammer residence, 1127 Eleventh street.

TO SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. Murray Williams left the city during the week end for a three-weeks' vacation in San Francisco, Calif.

Week recreation for young adults (orchestra dance).

Thursday, May 12: 8:00 to 8:40 a.m. Y-Teen Club, Callanan. Leader: Mrs. Logue, Miss Noerenberg. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Hands of Love (sewing group) 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Yettes club meeting (sewing class). 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fitness class. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Volley Ball and Badminton. Friday, May 13: 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Calico club.

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PERSONAL TOUCH

By
Marie
Ross



I boarded a bus early Saturday morning for Iowa State College at Ames where the Iowa Press Women's Association held its annual two-day spring meeting. Rode fifty minutes and was on the campus which was colored with flowers, trees and shrubs—and buzzing with student activity.

Waiting with a warm welcome at Memorial Union were members of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism fraternity, who conducted the visiting women through the publishing offices and printing plant of College Press building and then entertained them at a noon luncheon in the Pine Room of Memorial Union. There, W. S. Rupe, publisher of Ames Daily Tribune, extended a welcome and John Henry, secretary, Iowa Columnists, Des Moines Register and Tribune, talked on "Women and Columns."

The short course for the Iowa press women, designed by the State College's Department of Technical Journalism, headed by Ken Marvin, got under way and—the press women went back to their student days.

Members of the Iowa State College staff lectured. James Schwartz began with "It Pays to Know Some Press Law." Katherine Goeppinger, Candace Hurley, Helen Pundt and Frances A. Vernon conducted a writer's clinic. Rodney Fox's subject was "Good Pictures Make Your Pages Live."

After time out for coffee, the course resumed with Harry Heath discussing "Editing For Easier Reading." Frances A. Vernon, "What About Style?" and Rodney Fox, "Journalism Has Its Literature."

MRS. HELEN BELL IS BREAKFAST HOSTESS TO CALIFORNIANS

A waffle breakfast was given on Sunday, May 1, by Mrs. Helen Bell at her home, 1420 Buchanan street, in honor of Mrs. Katherine Vandever Turner and Mrs. Ruth Holley of Los Angeles, Calif.

Sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames Edith Ann Spates, Vera Fulton, Geraldine Williams and Miss Velma Roper.

MRS. MELVIN RAMSEY HONORS HUSBAND AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Melvin Ramsey, 1007 School street, honored her husband with a birthday party Saturday night. Guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wedgeworth of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clayton of Omaha, Neb., and Mr. T. H. Kelley, Sr.

MRS. RACHEL JONES OF CALIFORNIA HERE

Mrs. Rachel Jones of Los Angeles, Calif., is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. G. W. Scott, who is ill. Mrs. Jones will remain here indefinitely.

ELEGANT EIGHT CLUB PLANS PARTY

The Elegant Eight club met at the home of Mrs. Delores Bailey April 27, instead of with Pauline Yeager who was called out of town. Plans were made for a cocktail party. The May 4 meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Yeager. Mrs. Bailey is reporter.

TEN KEY CLUB

The Ten Keys met at 827 13th street with Inice Carter, hostess. Games were played and refreshments served. The next meeting will be with Agnes Eppright, 1143 Enos. Mrs. Carter is reporter.

Y. W. A. MEETS MAY 9

The Y. W. A. of Corinthian Baptist church will meet Monday, May 9, at 1059 Ninth street, with Mrs. Mary Katherine Monroe, hostess.

Monarch Charity Committee Style Show, Jewish Center, May 31.—ADV.

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LET'S MAKE THE
MANAGER PLAN WORK

The citizens of Des Moines voted last week to change the government from commission to the manager plan.

A record crowd went to the polls, and although the margin was not great, it represented a full decided change in the sentiment of the people from that of the first election several years ago.

Now that the election is over, all the voters should look forward to and help make the new system work. Undoubtedly there is merit to the city manager plan but no system can and will work without the co-operation of the citizens as a whole.

There was one feature about the campaign which, to the Bystander, appears unwise for any community and that was the program of arraying one class of citizens against another. That was born out glaringly by speakers; it was further shown in that most of the opposition was from precincts 24 east while those for the plan was from 24 west.

European governments have fallen apart for this very reason. The United States must maintain unity among its various groups, and projects of this kind are good places to begin. Business, labor and minority, religious and racial groups must pull together for the good of each other.

LET'S NOT WEAR OUT
THE RACE ISSUE

Last week, a rather unfortunate situation arose between Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants ball team and an unruly fan, Fred Boysen. This fan—and it pretty well appears that he is a Negro, spent a lot of time chiding and razzing Durocher which wound up in the fan being injured rather seriously.

Undoubtedly, Durocher lost his head and his conduct was such as to merit some punishment. And even though he was found not guilty and reinstated, from the stories that appeared in the newspapers, the evidence in his behalf was exceedingly weak.

However, Negroes must not get in the position of defending every fellow who has trouble with a member of another race. If he gets justice in whatever proceedings are had and is not mishandled because of his race, that is about as far as outsiders could go.

It is apparent that the fan, clearly out of line, got himself into a difficult position and naturally should take his own medicine. Let's not raise the race question when the fact doesn't merit it.

DON'T MAKE CIVIL
RIGHTS A JOKE

Civil rights legislation in Congress is in bad shape. Both parties are playing politics to the extent that votes taken on the question don't mean much.

Amendments to the housing and education bills barring discrimination, while meritorious and desirable, have beclouded the issues and thus placed a lot of legislators, otherwise friendly to the cause, in a rather uncomfortable position.

It has become apparent that neither party, as such, is going to pass a civil rights bill alone. The friends of such legislation must get together, decide what program should be followed and work for its adoption.

CHURCH GROUP
MAKES SURVEY

(SEE FRONT PAGE)
elevator operators, stockroom help, janitors, cooks, waiters and waitresses. She said there is some discrimination against Negro waiters and waitresses.

In general, the report pointed out, "vocational and occupational oppor-

tunities are not equal. Negro wages are lower in many instances."

Many of the common fields of recreation are closed to Negroes, Mrs. Weertz said. Among units that do not discriminate are the theaters, Salvation Army and Scout camps and the YMCA and YWCA.

Housing Situation

Discrimination in housing is very widespread, the report showed.

"Good locations are restricted to Negro people by customs of the Real Estate board," the report said. "Poor houses are the only ones offered for living quarters and because of low wages they often cannot be repaired."

The report said only one bank in town is willing to lend money to improve property in Negro locations. The committee found, Mrs. Weertz said, that Negroes having good jobs have well-kept homes.

No discrimination was found in the religious or public health fields. Negro patients and doctors have access to all Des Moines hospitals. The 16,000 Negroes in Des Moines also were found to be active in religious work, with churches located in many sections of the city.

One of the most rigidly restricted areas was found to be the eating places of Des Moines, Mrs. Weertz said.

Cafes, restaurants, tea-rooms and lunch counters are almost 100 per cent segregated. "Negroes are given no service—merely ignored," she said.

In a group discussion period that followed, various members of the audience offered "suggested next steps" to pursue in the fight against discrimination.

Among suggestions were to work for a local fair employment practices commission, start a "hire by merit" drive, commend good practices by firms and other organizations, and to form inter-racial groups.

Mrs. Weertz's report referred to "16,000 Negroes" in Des Moines. According to the last official government census, the Negro population of Des Moines was listed at 6,360.

Compared with the entire city's growth from 159,000 in 1940 to 209,000, the Negro population of the city is believed to be somewhere around 8,000. A government census is now on.

NAACP DRIVE

(See FRONT PAGE)

Link, Hiawatha King, Lillian Edmunds, Florine Carr, Bernice Carter, Adelaide Brinker, Ethel Jeffers, Clifford Bayles, Florence White, Dorothy Hamilton, L. M. Lewis, Musette Brown, Robert Childs, Hortense Cranshaw, Corene Adams, W. J. Ritchey, George Jackson, Vivian Brent, Miss Corene King, Messrs. Sam Singleton, Eddie Watkins and Atty. Charles P. Howard.

Division IV

Mrs. Dolores Beard, 1262 Dixon street, is major over Division IV. Her captains are Mesdames Celestine Jones, Julia Cannon, Ruby Noble, Marie Williams and Mr. George Wells.

Lieutenants are: Mesdames Hazel Murray, Evelyn Bettis, Bertha Addison, Frances Hall, Misses Lenora Brown, Viola Howard, Mary Gandy, Mattie P. Burke, Mesdames Mary Dixon, Myrtle Paige, Fisher Peters, Ollie Holmes, Mary Ratton, Alberta Miller, Dorothy Simms, Josephine Williams, Veltra Thompson, Marie Robinson, Messrs. George Bagsby, Floyd Pruitt, John Estes, Rev. I. Thomas, Rev. E. A. Gainters.

Division V

Atty S. Joe Brown, 1058 Fifth avenue, heads Division V. His captains are: Mesdames Sarah E. Jett, Dorris Wilson, Goldie T. Fant, Jeanne Morris.

Lieutenants are: Mesdames Vera

PREJUDICE

Prejudice is an interesting thing. Take a little girl I stayed with a while back. She was going to a summer camp and she wondered if there would be any Negroes. Told there probably would be, she said, "Will they sleep with us in our tents?" The answer to this also was "yes." "I don't want to sleep with any Negroes—at least none except my girl friend." "Why?" I asked. "They're not nice." When asked who told her this, she replied, "Janet." Logical. She knew only one Negro well and this Negro was her girl friend, yet Janet, who knew no Negroes well was able to convince her that all Negroes are not nice, all except her girl friends, that is.

All of us have certain prejudices. What brand of soap do you use? Did you try every brand on the market before deciding? If not, you chose it with a certain amount of prejudice.

Many people vote on a candidate for office purely on prejudice. They think he "looks honest" or comes from a good family.

Many people even marry on prejudice. They want a tall, dark and handsome man or a beautiful blond girl. Some of these "love at first sight" marriages turn into true love and sometimes they end in a divorce court.

We begin to learn our prejudices when we are very young, long before people think we can understand. Jokes which adults think are funny, about cheating Jews for example, make their imprint.

Prejudice alone can be the end of our modern civilization for prejudice causes wars. Don't make up your mind on what Janet said. (By Joy Smith, 2108 44th street, in Callanan Crier)

HEALTH FOR ALL

YOU CANNOT "INHERIT" TUBERCULOSIS

Visitors to this country have accused us of being a nation of gamblers. Whether or not one agrees with the overall implication, we shall have to admit that too many of us gamble with our health.

This foolish attitude can be doubly dangerous when we gamble with a serious disease like tuberculosis. It is safer to assume that such a gamble is a losing game, with the odds against anybody who indulges.

Sometimes this gamble is based on a too-popular fallacy. Many people feel that tuberculosis will never touch them because "there has never been any in the family." They believe tuberculosis is "inherited" and so there is no chance of their getting it.

No one "inherits" tuberculosis. The disease is a highly contagious one, spread by people who are sick with it to people who are well. You may find that no matter how far back you may go in your family history, there has never been a trace of the disease. But this gives you no guarantee against tuberculosis, because you can pick up the germs anytime, anywhere, and you may become a victim of the disease.

Tuberculosis is spread by close contact with a person who has the disease. If tuberculosis seems to "run in the family," it is because one member of the family catches it from another.

The false notion that tuberculosis is inherited can be dangerous in another way. Sometimes people who have had tuberculosis in the family adopt a defeatist attitude and either fail to take proper precautions to protect themselves from the disease, or, if they get it, assume that they cannot be cured and refuse treat-

ment. But tuberculosis can be cured, although it is easiest to cure when detected in an early stage.

Since tuberculosis is a disease spread from person to person, rather than inherited, any one of us can get it, whether there is a "history of TB" in the family, or not. Consequently, we should all make it a point to get regular physical examinations, including chest X-rays.

This is one of the best ways of checking up on our health and gaining the assurance that we are keeping healthy.

But even if the doctor does discover tuberculosis, there is the satisfaction of knowing that sensible steps were taken to detect the disease in an early and curable stage—the satisfaction that we have not needlessly gambled away our health and perhaps our lives.

This column is sponsored, in the interest of better health by Polk County Tuberculosis Association.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

BIFLE WINS BROAD
JUMP AT DRAKE

Denver university sent a one man team to the fortieth Drake Relays, and the guy did better than some ten or twenty man squads could do.

This is what Horace Bifle of Denver did to stamp himself one of the most versatile track athletes to appear at Drake since the days of Willis Ward of Michigan: won the broad jump with a leap of twenty-three feet, eleven inches, tied for third in the high jump at six feet five, and came within inches of nosing out Tulane's Paul Benz for first in the hundred yard dash.

In the balloting for the most outstanding athlete of the meet, Bifle came within two votes of getting that honor which went to a mile runner Gherman of Wisconsin.

In the century, Bifle never did catch the flying white boy from Tulane, and the two just ran away from the rest of the field. Northwestern's Jim Holland, a football player, also ran in the hundred, but was shut out.

Kemp, Thelma Reeves, Louis Gilbert, Maggie Lowe, Roy Connors, Veronica McElroy, Lora Darby, Dorothy Bush, Nora Norfleet, Pearl Jeffers, Estella Powers, R. S. Sims, Cora Moore, A. A. Alexander, Messrs. Virgil Dixon, Ike Smalls, E. P. Jackson, Charles Johnson, Irwin White.

Walter G. Bryant, student of dramatics at Drake university, will be speaker Monday night, May 9, at the report meeting.

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NEGRO MOTHER

By OLIVE ALLEN

Sun comes up and shines all day,
Then slowly sinks in the west;
Two lean, brown hands toil all day long,
Seeming never to pause for rest.
Clothes to wash and clothes to press;
Children who must be fed;
Then lean, brown fingers intertwine
While little ones' prayers are said.
Last in bed, but first to 'rise,

anchor his team to victory in the college two mile relay. Williams also came up with a red hot quarter in the college mile relay, but his team could finish only third. Compton college with Fred Thompson and Don Davis finished second in this race behind Lyola of Chicago.

It just wasn't the day for Negroes in the high school events. Try as they would, the boys just couldn't quite make it to the victory stand. They ran on teams that chased white boys across the line all afternoon, and that was just what it amounted to in this section. A kid from Fort Madison was the only Negro winner, and he had to run his heart out to get his team home in the mile relay.

Two Judges

For the first time in the history of the meet, two Negroes served in official capacity in the persons of Walter Thompson and Frank Robinson.

Walter Thompson, juvenile court probation officer, who competed in the relays as a runner from East High of Des Moines and later as a Drake runner, was named head judge of the high jump. This was due to a sportsmanlike gesture of the senior clerk and judge who deferred to Thompson so he could get the recognition. Thompson served in his job like a veteran, and made one more argument for those who say that all Negroes need is a chance to prove that they can do anything. Later, when we asked him how he felt about it, the fellow spent most of his time complaining because he couldn't see the races! But, it was great to see the little fellow out there and watch him work at a thing that he knew as much about, as any official there.

Robinson was judge both Friday and Saturday mornings in all preliminary field and running events.

The locals had a rather tough time of it. In the high jump, Gate-

wood and Fields of East went out, and Paul Johnson of North finished in a tie with about ninety-two other guys for third.

Don Murray and Fred King gave East a lead in the two mile relay, and it was just a question of the Scarlet and Black anchor man holding it to finish out in front. Don Barber and Ray Kaiser, another of those running Kaisers, put East out ahead by a big margin in the sprint medley, but the other two runners couldn't hold the big lead and the team finished fourth. Barber helped East get fifth in the mile relay on Saturday. In this race long John Jones of North lit out as if he had heard the dinner bell when he got the baton for his leg. By the time he came off the back stretch, he was running as if he had eaten all of the dinner, and could barely walk. But his race attracted the attention of the sports announcer of WOW who said that all the big fellow needed was to learn pacing to become a great quarter miler. Don't know where North finished in this race.

MOTHER

Child, amidst the flowers at play,
While the red light fades away,—
Mother, with thine earnest eye,
Every following silently,—
Father, by the breeze of eve
Called thy harvest work to leave,
Pray; ere yet the dark hours be,
Lift the heart and bend the knee!
(Selected)

the Billy Cornwell benefit show. When Morton Graves retired, the title was given to Cornwell, and this bout was designated as the title scuffle. They really robbed Jackie Parks of his middleweight honors by handing the duke to Bob Rossie of Iowa City after Parks had punched him from here to yonder. Dolphus Edwards also got a gyp by having his bout called a draw when he too had punched the daylight out of his opponent. Then there was the exhibition between Ezzard Charles who fights Joe Walcott in June for the heavyweight crown vacated by Joe Louis, and Hubert Hood of Chicago, former Golden Gloves champ. Those who saw it were disappointed with Charles, but the guys who know boxing say the big fellow showed enough to rate him a favorite over Walcott at least around these parts.

Golf

The Des Moines Negro Open golf tournament will be held the last of this month. Spec Howard, president of the Valley Club tells us that he expects to have at least fifty out of town golfers here and is planning a big day for them. More about this later.

Boxing

Bobby Carew became the lightweight boxing champ of Iowa by flattening a challenger from Council Bluffs as one of the feature bouts of

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