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NAACP Silver Anniversary Program Friday

IN THE NEWS

Writes Your Senator About Lynch Bill, Says White

New York—"We're going to have a tough fight to pass the Anti-Lynching bill in the Senate. Whether or not we will win this fight depends almost entirely on the pressure that can be exerted, and exerted at once by the people back home."

This was the statement made by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as a forecast of what is to happen to the Gavagan-Fish Anti-lynching bill

which passed the House on Wednesday, January 10, by a vote of 252 to 131, and has been sent to the Senate.

Mr. White urged individuals and organizations interested in pushing the passage of the bill through to

"Write to your Senator and tell him that you want hearings to be held at once, and that you want him to exert his influence to bring this about, and that urge him to vote for cloture (limitation of debate) if a filibuster is started against the bill."

Des Moines Citizens to Hear Kathryn Johnson Of Chicago, Organizer

Back in January 1915—when Hon. George W. Clark was inaugurated governor of Iowa, when Des Moines citizens were voting for the street car franchise issue, when women were donning taffeta tea jackets to brew their tea on oven-top stoves, straightening combs were coming in vogue and John L. Thompson was editor of the Bystander—Atty. S. Joe Brown called a meeting at his home, and founded the Des Moines Branch of the NAACP.

The Blue Triangle YWCA and will open at 3 p. m. The annual public meeting at which Miss Johnson will be guest speaker will begin at 8 p. m. at Corinthian church. The meeting is free of charge and as a special souvenir booklets bearing the history of the Des Moines branch will be given to the spectators.

Spingarn Is Nat'l Head Of NAACP

New York—Arthur B. Spingarn, prominent New York attorney, was elected president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by the board of directors at the annual meeting here January 2nd.

Associated intimately with the work of the N. A. A. C. P. for more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Spingarn for 23 years has been chairman of the Association's national legal committee. He succeeds his brother, the late Joel E. Spingarn, who died last July 26.

Mr. Spingarn is the third person to head the organization since it was founded thirty years ago in New York on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1909. The two former presidents were: Moorfield Storey, famous Massachusetts lawyer, one time head of the American Bar Association and secretary to Congressman Charles Sumner during the Civil

War, who served from 1911 to his death in 1929; and Joel E. Spingarn, former professor of English Literature at Columbia University, who served from 1930 until July 26, 1939. In accepting the presidency Mr. Spingarn said:

"I have accepted the Presidency of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with mixed feelings of humility and pride; humility at the thought of the impossibility of measuring up to the high standards set by my two illustrious predecessors, Moorfield Storey and Colonel J. E. Spingarn and pride at succeeding such great champions of human justice and at being given the opportunity of heading what I conceive to be one of the most constructive forces in American life today. The treatment which America accords to its minority groups is the real test of democracy in a world in which democracy is being seriously endangered."

"I trust that so long as I shall be its president, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will never, in the slightest degree, swerve from its courageous, militant and intelligent struggle to obtain for the Negroes of the country their full manhood rights and each and every privilege awarded to all Americans by the Constitution of the United States."

NAACP to Turn Guns on Senate to Fight Lynch Bill

Washington, (By A. E. White for ANP)—Painting the Southern Negro as the "most desperate character in the world when he seeks out white women," the "gentleman" (designated as such by the Speaker of the House) from Mississippi, one John E. Rankin, representing the first district of his state, takes first place as the champion Negro phobe of the United States House of Representatives after his speech before a crowded legislative body here Wednesday against the Gavagan Anti-Lynching bill which passed 254 to 132.

Repeatedly using the term "nigger" in his trade against passage of the bill, Rankin asserted:

"If they ever send another nigger to congress from New York, and I hope they never do, I pray that he will be so black that charcoal will make a white mark on him."

Lashing out at Rep. Gavagan, who had made a brilliant, scholarly defense of his bill earlier in the morning, southerner after southerner pleaded for the defeat of the bill.

"We know how to handle these folks, they are our folk and we can do more with and for them than you folks up North."

"When they go bad for us, we send them to Harlem. That's where all the bad niggers are," Rankin said. One speaker had a threatening tone in his voice as he declared, "Pass this bill and every peace officer in the South will be absent when a nigger commits a crime."

So deeply imbedded is the crime of rape in the opponents of the bill, it

seems as if this crime is the most prevalent in the South, for no arguments against the bill's constitutionality were offered, although Rep. Sam Hobbs, Alabama, made an impassioned speech crying out against the "injustice" of the bill, aimed as he said, at one section of the country. Claiming the bill a "purely political move," the southerners, who represent only the whites of their districts, attempted every known trick in seeking to starve out defeat. But trick met trick and Gavagan on one side and Hamilton Fish on the other generalised their forces masterfully to give the bill a passage.

Packed galleries listened intently as orator after orator besmirched the character of Negroes and exalted the white womanhood of the South. Into the Congressional Record went story after story in sordid details emphasizing the "brutal Negro rapists" who, according to the representatives from those districts, prowl the southland.

Speaking of Rep. Gavagan's address, it was openly admired as one of the clearest and most logical presentations on the constitutionality of the bill and left no doubt in the minds of his hearers as to how the measure would stack up when put to a test. Having thus far won its fight in the house after a battle which began in 1922, the N. A. A. C. P. now turns its guns on the stubborn senate where a more bitter fight is expected when the measure comes before that body under the sponsorship of Senator Wagner.

This organization now twenty-five years old is celebrating on Friday, Jan. 19, its silver anniversary and presenting as its anniversary speaker Miss Kathryn Johnson of Chicago, organizer of the branch, who was a national field secretary of the organization then.

The anniversary program will be featured by the first Iowa State Conference at which representatives from NAACP branches in Iowa will discuss problems of vital interest to them.

The following branches have been invited: Marshalltown, Mason City, Cedar Rapids, Keokuk, Waterloo, Sioux City, Ottumwa.

This conference will be held at

'Don't Use Religion as Spare Tire'

REV. OVERTON SPEAKS AT BURN'S ANNIVERSARY

"Don't use religion as emergency brake or a spare tire." The Rev. H. E. Overton of Kansas City, Kansas, former pastor Burn's Methodist Church, spoke on Thursday evening, Jan. 11, at the church's seventy-fourth anniversary program.

"When you get into a crisis you call on God to come and help you out," the minister added.

"The big thing is cooperation with God while we live. That is the thing we need in the church."

"If we are going to be successful in our everyday life we do need the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. We just can't do it by ourselves," the Rev. Mr. Overton spoke.

The minister used as his theme "Life's Investment and What It Pays."

He praised the H. L. Overton club, named for him, for its successful work in the church and commended the Rev. John C. Bain, pastor, for his broadness character, which was responsible for the minister who successfully purchased the present Burn's structure, to return each year during the anniversary celebration.

The Rev. Mr. Overton commended Attorney S. Joe Brown, for his outstanding work in the city, which has been responsible for his being named for the Tribune award.

During his stay in Des Moines, the Rev. Mr. Overton, pastor of the Mason Memorial Methodist church of Kansas City, Kansas, was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen.

The anniversary celebration closed on Sunday night with a special sermon by the Rev. Mr. a Bin.

During the week ministers of the city churches brought their choirs and assisted with the celebration. Among them were the Revs. A. R. Brent, P. M. Marshall, G. W. Robinson, and L. A. Garrett.

NAACP ANNIVERSARY PAGE THIS WEEK

See the special anniversary page, contributed to the work of the Des Moines Branch of the NAACP, which was made possible by business and professional persons as well as friends of the organization. Turn to back page.

Y. W. Dinner To Be Jan. 25

The committee of management of the Blue Triangle Branch YWCA announces its annual meeting of the members of the branch to be held Jan. 25, 6 p. m.

The dinner served promptly at 6:15 p. m. will be followed by an interesting program, with Miss Betsy Ann Faulkner, guest speaker, using as her subject, "The World Youth Conference at Amsterdam."

Miss Faulkner will tell of her experiences in Europe.

The returns of the election for the committee of management and nominating committee for 1940 will be announced. Reservations must be made by 6 p. m., Jan. 24.

Ike Smalls Visits 6,000 Sick in '39

Ike Smalls, founder, of the Smalls Medical Aid Fund, Inc., during the year of 1939 visited 6,000 sick persons and reported that ninety-five percent of them are fighting to live. The other five percent hoped death would end their agony.

During 1940 Mr. Smalls has resolved to double his visits to the sick. Mr. Smalls was awarded the Tribune's Community Service Award by popular vote here a few years ago and broadcasted during the past year over on "We the People" program over a national hookup. His interest in the unfortunate sick of the city dates back to a number of years and came to public attention when he offered to pay blood donors five dollars for contributions that would aid in treatment of diseases as well as for transfusion.

THREE NEGROES IN OHIO HIGHWAY PATROL

Toledo, Ohio—Three jobs have been provided for Negroes Col. Robert S. Beightler, director, Ohio department of highways, in the headquarters of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, through a readjustment of personnel. This is the first time Negroes have ever been made members of the highway patrol.

Racial Group Names Staff

Rev. George W. Robinson, pastor of the Corinthian Baptist Church, was elected chairman of the Des Moines Interracial Commission at the annual election of officers last Tuesday evening at North High School.

The new head of the Commission, succeeding Mrs. Horace S. Hollingsworth, has been a member of the organization since its founding 15 years ago and during the past year has been a member of the church cooperation committee.

Willard L. Johnson, religious education director of the Plymouth Congregational Church and former dean of men of Drake University, was elected vice chairman. Other officers chosen are: Marjorie McCoy, secretary-treasurer, and Clara Webb, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The following were named to the executive board: Casper Schenck, Quentin R. Mease, Adria Titterton, Dr. C. R. Bradford, Helen D. Beshears and S. E. Thompson.

"The fate of a race lies in the passage of this bill," Mr. Mitchell began. Then he went on to tell of his own personal experiences in the South, in Alabama and in Georgia and what he had seen and heard while living there and what he had seen and heard since being away from the South.

Mr. Mitchell pleaded with his Democratic colleagues for their support in this instance as an assurance to the loyal Negroes of the South.

"When our fathers went to fight in the civil war, these same Negroes were loyal and didn't betray you. They are still loyal and won't betray you now," he said.

RUST COLLEGE TO BE REBUILT

Holly Springs, Miss. (ANP)—Plans for rebuilding Rust college, destroyed last Monday by fire with a loss of \$100,000, were discussed by the school's committee Friday night.

President L. M. McCoy said a temporary mess hall and barracks for male students will be constructed at once. Girl students will be cared for in the Elizabeth L. Rust hall.

Sports Fans Await Big Carnival of Fists Next Wednesday, Says Ashby

With the stage practically set for the big carnival of fists which gets under way next Wednesday, we had a long chat with George Bourland, manager of the Nu Life Athletic club, last year's team winner.

Bourland, by the way, rather objected to our statement that his place wasn't big enough or hardy enough to accommodate all the boys who wanted to use it.

Reminded us that we used to walk several miles to train and so on.

Bourland expects to see five winners come through from his club, but he expects at least one of them to be a white boy. We also expect a few boys to come through, but we don't like to put the boys on the spot by making predictions but we like the chances of a few of them; Don Turner to retain his heavyweight crown. Either Jesse Owens or Wayland Heath in the light heavy division. Ozzie Lewis may come through in the welterweight class, but he will have hard sledding. Morton Grady is a good bet in the featherweights, as is Eddie Robinson in the flyweights.

One good feature of the boxers this year is the putting of novices against each other in the early rounds. Thus a beginner finds himself in a long one to end the game and self facing a boy of equal experience before he goes against the seasoned.



BY ALLEN ASHBY

Jesse Owens, the Wyoming lightweight who gave the fans some real thrills last year is bringing a brother who will compete as a middleweight in this meet. Owens expects his brother to go quite a distance in his division. There was some talk of an all-Negro team from Minneapolis competing, but as yet we have no definite word.

Jim Bowman and Bob White made the headlines last week as North beat East in a wild game. White dropped in four baskets and Bowman tossed in a long one to end the game and Joe Howard got a lot of time also. Those four boys working out together

daily and playing together from the main part of a tough team. If they stick together, it won't be many years before they are taking on the toughest around here.

White informs us that Martin Wyatt isn't playing with East; that the Wyatt we see is a white boy.

Art McCune and Jim McGuire play on the second team at North and do pretty well. McCune is the better basket shooter, but McGuire makes the most points. Figure it out.

Most of our local basketball clubs are having their difficulties with the fast teams around the city. We all do alright against each other, but we don't have much luck against anyone else. The Little Pens were the only team able to win an outside game, at East High last week. They dusted the Cowers Barbecue boys 28-29. The Negro Community Center spotted their opponents a 23-4 lead at the half and then couldn't catch them, losing 27-19.

If Neal Howard's Coal isn't any warmer than his basketball team was last week, he will have a lot of complaints. The Coalers took on the Mitchellville Merchants and never did get started, dropping a 33-25 game in which they trailed all the way. In fact, they looked so bad that a couple of the boys sneaked out on us.



MRS. MORRIS

Mrs. Georgine C. Morris who heads Des Moines Branch of the NAACP which is celebrating its silver anniversary on Friday, Jan. 19, at the first conference of the Iowa Branches and a public meeting, 8 p. m. at Corinthian Baptist Church, at which Miss Kathryn Johnson of Chicago, organizer of the branch, will be guest speaker. She is the wife of Atty. J. B. Morris.



DR. F. D. PATTERSON

Tuskegee Institute, Fla.—Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, announced that Peter J. Cusack, executive secretary of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, New York City, was scheduled to the Institute to participate in the ground breaking exercises, in connection with the reaction of the Infantile Paralysis Center.



CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL

Washington, (ANP)—One of the highlights of Tuesday's lengthy debate was a 34 minute speech by Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell of Chicago, who not only urged support of the bill but took a dig at Republican general and one leader in the South, believed to be Emmett J. Brown, although no names were called.

Friend of the Negroes, Emmett J. Brown, although no names were called.

EDITORIALS

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DES MOINES BRANCH ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years ago, a few Des Moines citizens, white and black, interested in the problem and realizing that a very definite program was necessary...

fight is being made against those communities only which permit these brutal crimes to go unpunished.

And it is well to note that all members of the Iowa delegation voted for the measure except Representative Harrington who was absent and not voting—conveniently so.

BIBLE THOUGHT

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt receive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me." Psalms 138:7.

Crocker Y

The first full week of the season's cage schedule found twenty two of the teams on the firing front with interest, of course, centering on the senior loop and the two team race in the intermediate league between the H. I. B. Club and the Hawkeyes.

HOUSE PASSES ANTI-LYNCH BILL

Last week the house of representatives passed the anti-lynching bill. As has been the custom heretofore, southern representatives aided by one northern from New York opposed the measure with every ounce of their energy and voted against it as a body.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Table with columns for date, team, and score. Includes Monday at West High, Wednesday at West High, Thursday at East High, Friday at West High.

Health Hints

By Dr. C. B. Bradford

PNEUMONIA

Pneumonia is a disease of the lungs that has a sudden onset, usually with a chill, stabbing pleurisy pain and a shortness of the breath. It is one of the most serious of all infectious diseases.

Looking Over the Hawkeyes

With almost a foot of snow falling during the last few days, life is almost at a standstill on this campus this week.

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ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH Rev. H. C. Boyd, Pastor 12th and Crocker Sunday school 9:30 A. M., morning worship, 10:45 A. M.; Evening worship, 7:45 P. M.; A. C. E. League, 6:30 P. M.; Lucy Davis, president. Mrs. S. Joe Brown, superintendent of the church school. Official Board Monday evening, 7:30 P. M. Midweek prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Choir rehearsal, Friday evening, 8:00 P. M.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MID-WEST CAP COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of stockholders of the Mid-West Cap Company, held at the office of Lappen-Carlson & Clark, 1111 Southern Surety Building, Des Moines, Iowa, on the 27th day of December, 1933, notice of time and place of said meeting, as provided by the Articles...

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ARTICLE IV The President and Secretary were duly authorized and directed to sign, acknowledge, record, publish and do all things which are by law required to execute, complete and carry into effect the said Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of said company, dated and done at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, this 27th day of January, A. D. 1934.

MID-WEST HAT CO. By Sam Manners President

ATTEST: Sam Manners Secretary Printed and published in the Iowa Bystander, January 11, 13, 25 and February 1, 1934.

MRS. MILDRED PAGE IN SONG RECITAL SUNDAY Mrs. Mildred Page, contralto, will be presented in a song recital Sunday afternoon, at 3:15 o'clock sponsored by the Bethel Junior church.

THOUSANDS OF CROPPERS FACE EVICTION IN COLD Sikeston, Mo., (CNA)—More than 1,000 sharecroppers end tenant farmer families, approximately 5,000 persons, faced eviction this week as big landowners posted eviction notices in seven counties of this state.

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UNION BAPTIST CHURCH East Sixteenth and University Ave. Rev. Jordan W. Tait, Pastor. Morning worship at 11:00. Sunday school at 12:30. Y. P. U. at 8:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:45. Mid-week prayer service at 7:15. Choir rehearsal Friday evening at 8:00. Dr. L. R. Willis, director.

CHURCH OF GOD AND SAINTS OF CHRIST 928 West 12th Street Evangelist E. Williams ORDER OF SERVICES /Sunday night at 7:30 P. M.; Wednesday night at 7:30 P. M.; Friday night at 7:30 P. M.; all day Sabbath, commonly called Saturday; all are welcome.

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CLEVELAND AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1704 Cleveland Ave. Elder S. Jackson, Pastor. The order of services at the church: Sunday School 9 a. m. with Earle Fountain as superintendent. Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock. Y. P. U. at 8:30 p. m. with Vera Ferchman, leader. Sunday night service at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday night Bible Band from 7:30 to 8:30. Weekly services Tuesday and Friday nights, 8 p. m.

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DEATHS

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH Funeral services for Mrs. Taylor Taylor, 72, 1557 Railroad avenue were held Saturday afternoon at the Mt. Olive Baptist church. Burial was in Glendale cemetery.

MRS. NUCKLES DIES Funeral rites for Mrs. Polly Ann Spears Nuckles, 59, of 1841 Des Moines street, were held Monday from the L. Fowler and Son Funeral home. Burial was in Glendale cemetery.

ROBERT DUKE DEAD Funeral services for Robert Duke, 1219 East Seventeenth street, will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Burn's Methodist church.

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DINNER ARE EIGHT

SOCIETY



IN THE SHADOW OF THE STARS By Abbe Wallace



NOTE—Your question will be answered FREE in this column ONLY when a clipping of this column enclosed with your question, your name, birthdate, and correct address. For private reply send twenty-five cents in coin or money order and a self-addressed envelope for my New Questions. Do Not Send Stamps. Send all mail to Abbe Wallace care of the Iowa Bystander, 302 Chemical Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

MY NEW 1940 ASTROLOGY

READINGS ARE READY

M. E. D.—Should I go to Memphis and finish the beauty course or go to Chicago? I am a follower of your column and enjoy it so much.

Ans: It would be to your advantage to go to Chicago. You could get a job of some other type and finish this course at night if you wished to. You would also be much nearer your mother and people if you chose Chicago and you would certainly be satisfied there.

*B. R. G.—I own some property located in a rural district. Should I sell all or part of this property and buy a home in the city?

Ans: Don't be in too big a hurry to sell the farm land. Wait until you are more definite in your plans as to just what you wish to do in regards to your future. At this time you really don't know just where you wish to make your home. When you are sure . . . sell only enough of the farm land to pay for your home.

R. E.—How on earth can I make my life different and more happy? Ans: By taking unto yourself that which is the God-given birthright of all womankind. That is MOTHERHOOD. It would be to your advantage to call on your family physician and talk this subject over with him.

M. B. G.—Will my husband and I ever get along any better than at the present time?

Ans: That is entirely up to you. You CANNOT as long as you try to hold the love of TWO MEN at the same time. When you are willing to forsake all others for your husband, then you two will be able to agree and come to a peaceful understanding about your home affairs.

M. M. A.—Why can't I get a job and hold it? I seem to have about the toughest luck of anyone.

Ans: The jobs that you get do not appeal to you and you don't put forth your best efforts . . . therefore you are fired. Decide on the type of work that you think you would like best and get work along the line of your choice. I might add also that you work a little harder than you are accustomed to on your next job and you will stand a better chance of holding it.

W. E. M.—I am quite sure that my friend loves me but he is terribly jealous. What should I do? Also may I write you privately?

Ans: The boy does love you . . . but for some reason he doesn't trust you. Take yourself out of his life. Yes, you may write me privately. Send a quarter for my new 1940 Astrology Reading and I will be glad to send my free opinion on three questions for you.

S. M.—Will I be able to leave this town? Also tell me if it would be a good idea to make a change at this time.

Ans: There is no reason for you to feel compelled to live in the locality where you are if you find it unpleasant. You are at liberty to leave an time and I believe too that it would be a good idea. I would advise that you go farther east.

R. R.—I have become engaged twice to the same woman and each time she breaks off the engagement and before we become engaged again she wants another diamond ring which will be three. What should I do? Ans: Tell her a few things . . . let her know if she doesn't marry you now . . . without another diamond ring . . . that she won't have the opportunity to ever call you her husband. She seems to be pulling your leg.

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'Pa Alexander Dreams of Flowers, Fish and Food-- Man of Hobbies



MR. PRICE ALEXANDER

By Marie Ross

One man in Des Moines—who has sown seeds of kindness, faithfulness, thriftiness and is now able to be at ease in his comfortable home and enjoy his reward—the fruit of his love and his labor—is seventy-four-year Price Alexander, 3635 Cornell street.

Retired employe of the old Iowa National Banking firm, Mr. Alexander has been for the past seven years spending his life—his time, doing the things that he likes best.

At his home this week your reporter found him seated before his fireplace—reading—browsing over flower books and catalogs, dreaming of his favorite hobby—his flower gardens, his fish ponds, his lawn.

Likes the Soil He looks forward to spring when he can get out into the soil and dig and plant.

"I spend from sun up till sundown working with my flowers," he smiled and added that "whenever I run out of something to do I'll dig up a plant and replant it."

Out in his yard of his home place where his family of eight children have grown, the distinguished old gentleman of good health finds much work as well as pleasure.

"I raise all kinds of flowers—anything that will bloom," Mr. Alexander said, explaining that he had no particular kinds as long as they bloomed.

From tulip time to the Thanksgiving chrysanthemums, this flower lover can depend upon beautiful blooms—to make bouquets to give to his many friends for that is another pleasure of his.

In his backyard he has a grape arbor which each year produces enough fruit to permit him to make several gallons of what his friends say "most delicious wine" as well as grape jelly.

Calling attention to his wine and jelly Mr. Alexander revealed another hobby of his, second best to raising flowers and tending his lawn—that of making jellies and preserves.

FLUER DE LES MEET The La Fleur De Les met January 12, at the home of Naomi Flynn.

MRS. EDMUNDS SPEAKS AT CROCKER PTA Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, director of the Negro Community Center, was guest speaker at the Crocker PTA last Wednesday.

MARY CHURCH TERRELL The Mary Church Terrell club met Monday night with Mrs. Nellie Esters, at the La Marguerita Hotel.

ENTERTAIN VISITOR FROM CHICAGO Mrs. Emma Caldwell Jackson of Chicago was in the city a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. Matilda Caldwell who is ill, and a sister, Lillian Caldwell, at their home on Garfield.

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PROCTOR HONORS CALIFORNIAN AT TEA

Complimenting Mrs. Marie Clark Los Angeles, who formerly lived in Des Moines, Mrs. Stanley Proctor, seventh street, entertained a group of friends at a Sunday afternoon tea, Jan. 14, at her home.

A beautifully appointed table Geraldine Burke poured tea. Following guests were in attendance: Mrs. Cornelia Parker, of Mrs. Clark; Mrs. Katherine, of Mrs. Clark; Mrs. J. Crowder, of Gwendolyn Fowler, of Mrs. C. B. Woods, Margaret Nellie Esters, Helen D. Bevington Mackay Williams, Martin, Maude Proctor, Geraldine, Mrs. Webb, Miss Margaret, Mrs. Ruby Kitchen, Miss Proctor, Miss Marie Ross, Fannie Mae Williams, Brewton, Alice Sloan, Hattie Livie Neal, Anna Ware, Jackson, S. L. Evans, F. J. A. Wilson, Alcyonetta Fannie Tomlin, Elizabeth Caradee Wellington, McGree Verda Spangler, Minnie McHazel P. Oliver, Beatrice Adelaide Brinker, J. B. Mitchell.

Clark has been visiting in Chicago since Dec. 23, with her sister, Mrs. Parker, and sister, Mrs. Barbi, at 1926 Easton boulevard, examining plans to leave the city for California sometime this month.

BURKE HONORS CALIFORNIAN AT BRIDGE

1939 Mrs. Marie Clark of Los Angeles, Mrs. Geraldine Burke, had a take-ends at bridge on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 16, at her home at 1041 E. 14th street.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Mary Jackson, first; Mrs. Helen Marckand; Mrs. Verda Spangler, second; Mrs. Clark, guest prize. In attendance were: Mesdames Mildred Duke, Lenora Johnson, Lee Burns, Francis Wells and Proctor.

Clark left the city Wednesday morning for California.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Parent Education Demonstration of the East Side Community Center, will hold its commencement exercises for the students who will enter kindergarten next semester, Wednesday afternoon, January 24. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

SURPRISE PARTY

Mrs. Edward Butler, 1620 Walker street, was hostess at a surprise birthday party honoring her husband, Mr. Edward Butler, Saturday evening, January 13.

Those sharing the courtesy were Mesdames Isella Robinson, Josephine Berry, Goldie Pant, Charles Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Bennings, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Simmons, Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Boyd, Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Marshall, Rev. H. J. Parker, Messrs. Charles Tolson and Cleve Smith.

MOTHER CLUB MEETS

The Mothers Clinic club met on January 9, at the home of Lucille Rise. Bingo prizes were won by Reba Green and Myra Jackson. The next hostess will be Martha Wheels.

SOCIAL ART CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Social Art club met on January 11, at the home of Mrs. Rosalind Hardaway, 1128 11th street. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Pochatanas Ware, president; Mrs. Mary Jones Tillman, vice president; Mrs. Rosalind Hardaway, secretary; Mrs. Vera Williams, assistant secretary; Mrs. Virginia Smith, treasurer; and Mrs. Anna Ware, flower fund.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Viola Mays, 1515 Buchanan street, January 25.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

The Negro Community Center defeated the South Side Center in a table tennis match 4 to 1 Tuesday, January 9.

James Foster, William Owens, Thadon Brown and Thomas Morrow spinners in the first matches. doubles, Melvin Marshall and as won from the Charles Geop and Thomas Morrow.

Friday evening the Center defeated 4 to 1. Donald Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, Mrs. Sparks, William Owens, T. Marshall and Arthur Ed were winners in the matches.

Negro Center will have a table tennis tournament starting February 15, and both men and women champions.

ENTRENOUS

Snow! Snow! Snow! and more Snow! . . . It has a strange effect on all the "cats" . . . M. R. (Ace Reporter) finds that a snowfall at 2 a. m. is the most beautiful scenery one could ever see . . . (Of course the beauty depends on whom you are with) "If the snow and moon get together, boy that's really something to look at. Take my advice and go out and see the moon and snow on a snowy night (or early morning) . . . Seen twice enjoying the fleecy snowfall was Louise B. and C. R. Brookins . . . What place does M. Brewer hold in this picture? . . . I understand she's the girl friend . . . T. (God's Gift to a Maiden) A. and F. (King, Prince Charming, Napoleon, etc.) M. have decided that traveling separately in different directions gives one a better chance in this 1940 rush . . . That's why you see one so often without the other . . . One of the things health authorities advise is exercise to keep your figure trim, and there's no better way to get it than at the basketball and roller skating classes at the Central "Y" on Saturday nights . . . George R. has a way of teaching basketball that is superb and surpasses all others . . . Constance Jeanne is the three of four weeks old heir in the Dorothea and Eugene Frazier household, and while we are on the subject—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Madison—They are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy . . . Johnny tripped into Trotters Luncheonette and placed himself on the radiator . . . When the customers asked about the odor that punctuated the atmosphere Johnny vanished from the radiator.

—The Sepia Tattler

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The executive committee of the Des Moines Branch of the NAACP is composed of the following as shown in the picture from left to right (seated) Mrs. Azalia Mitchell, secretary; Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, president; Mrs. John M. Estes, Miss Clara Webb, Mrs. Sarah Jett, assistant secretary. Back row—from left to right—Atty. S. Joe Brown, founder and first president; F. O. Morrow, A. P. Trotter, Noble Gray, Atty. J. B. Morris, Ike Smalls and Atty. W. Lawrence Oliver, first vice president. Other members of this committee not shown in the picture are: Atty. Casper Schenk, Mrs. Robert Root, Mrs. Gladys Carr.

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HISTORY

Some time during the Christmas Holidays in 1912 the writer met at Topeka, Kans., Miss Kathryn Johnson, a former public school teacher who called his attention to the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and promised to have some literature sent to him from National headquarters.

About two years later, in the fall of 1914 he received further consignment of literature and a letter from Miss Mary Childs Neary, then National Secretary suggesting that he call together a group of members of both races whom he thought might be interested in establishing a Branch of the movement in Des Moines; and informing him that Dr. Joel E. Spingarn, then chairman of the National Board, would be thru Des Moines in January, 1915 and that if it were desired he might stop off and address the group.

The committee was formed and plans completed for the organization of the Branch upon the visit of Dr. Spingarn on Jan. 20th; but early in January a letter was received from Miss Kathryn M. Johnson, the first National Field Secretary stating that she would arrive in Des Moines a few days prior to Dr. Spingarn to perfect the organization so that all things might be in readiness for the visit of Dr. Spingarn, who was making a transcontinental tour in the effort of the National Board, hence the date of organization was moved forward to Jan. 18th at which time Miss Johnson was present and perfected

the organization as Branch No. 25 with thirty three members and the following officers:

On Jan. 20th, Dr. Spingarn arrived and addressed our first public meeting which was held at the Corinthian Baptist Church, at which time he was introduced by the then Governor, Geo. W. Clarke and as a result of which meeting our membership soon grew to 225.

Hardly had the Branch been organized before it was called upon to lead a fight against a "Jim Crow" marriage bill that was introduced in our State Legislature, which it won as it did another ten years later; both with the able assistance of Atty. Casper Schenk, who was then and is now a member of our executive committee.

In the spring of 1916 upon orders from National headquarters we staged a legal battle against the production in Des Moines, of the pernicious moving picture "The Birth of a Nation."

After having procured a resolution from the City Council condemning the film and directing the Corporation Council to use every effort to prevent its being shown, we filed information upon which warrants were issued and the operators arrested and prosecuted in a trial which lasted for several days; but the court held that the picture did not violate any ordinance of our city, so we were unsuccessful but were highly complimented by the attorneys for the producers, who declared we had given them the hardest fight they had experienced in any city up to that time, in which they had been unsuccessfully opposed.

In Nov. 1917, Atty. Brown, after three years' service retired as president, and

Mr. E. R. Hall, who had been continuously on the executive committee from the founding of the Branch was elected to succeed him.

His election brought to the support of the Branch a large group of younger people, who organized themselves into a dramatic club, which attained such notoriety that their portraits were published, not only in our local papers but also in the Crisis, thus giving the Branch national prominence.

During Mr. Hall's administration, which also continued for three years, the membership was increased to 425 and the Branch sent Mrs. S. Joe Brown to the first National Anti-Lynching Conference held in New York City and in June 1919 sent the president as our first delegate to a National Conference of the Association held at Cleveland, Ohio and later sent him to another at Atlanta, Ga.

In 1920, Mr. Hall, following the precedent set by his predecessor, retired and was succeeded by Atty. Jas. B. Morris, who also served three years.

Atty. S. Joe Brown, President; A. A. Alexander, Vice President; Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, Secretary; Wade H. McCree, Treasurer; and the following additional members of the Executive Committee: Dr. A. J. Booker, E. R. Hall, Jesse A. Graves, Mrs. E. Joe Brown, Mrs. John L. Thompson, Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, Atty. Casper Schenk, Hon. Harvey Ingham and Rev. E. G. Jackson.

During this administration the Branch successfully prosecuted the residential segregation case brought by Miss Dorothy

Quail; secured the passage of the resolution of the City Council against segregation at the bathing beaches; secured an amendment to our State Civil Rights Law and established its first Junior Department, with Mrs. S. Joe Brown as its head, who so attracted the attention of the National office that she was invited to appear upon the National Conference Program in Kansas City, Mo. and outline a program for junior work.

Atty. Morris was succeeded by Dr. J. A. Jefferson, who served but one year and was followed by Atty. Chas. P. Howard, who also served but one year; but under whose administration the Branch secured the first conviction under our amended Civil Rights Law; defeated another proposed "Jim Crow" bill in our State Legislature and contributed \$125 to the fund for the defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet and his associates at Detroit, Mich.

Atty. Howard was succeeded in 1925 by our first woman president, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, who during her first year placed the Branch back on the Honor Roll at National Headquarters; secured a second conviction under our Civil Rights Law and represented the Branch at the National Conference at Chicago where she presided and introduced Col. Theodore Roosevelt at one of the largest mass meetings of that session.

During her second year, she staged a membership contest which increased the membership to 514 and sent herself, Mr. A. P. Trotter and Mrs. Sophia Nichols as representatives to the National Conference held in Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Brown served us for five years and toward the close of her administration plan-

ned and presided over an N. A. A. C. P. exhibit in the Educational Building of the State Fair for which we were awarded second place in the adult education section, the first year and the following year under the administration of her successor Mr. A. A. Alexander, she repeated the exhibit and secured first place.

At the expiration of two years service Mr. Alexander was succeeded by Mr. A. P. Trotter and he, after two years by the Rev. Dr. S. M. Riley, who was transferred out of the city shortly after his election and the interest and membership list declined so that upon the election of his successor Mr. F. O. Morrow in Nov. 1935 we had only about forty members enrolled and no money in our treasury.

Mr. Morrow re-established the custom of giving a free trip to the National Conference to the person bringing in the largest number of members in our annual drive and this honor was won for three successive years by Mrs. J. B. Morris, who ably represented us in the National Conferences of 1936, 1937 and 1938; but in 1939 she was surpassed in the membership contest by Mrs. Gladys Carr who was ably assisted by her husband Mr. Claude Carr, hence the Branch sent all three of them to the National Conference at Richmond, Va. where Mrs. Morris presided over one of the sessions.

In Nov. 1939, Mr. Morrow retired leaving a membership roll of 382 and nearly \$300 in our treasury and Mrs. J. B. Morris was elected our second woman president; and she has begun her work by inviting to Des Moines the representatives of all the Branches in the State to join with us in the celebration of our Silver Anniversary on Jan. 18th, 1940 at which time a State Conference of Branches may be launched.