

Happenings and the People

By: D. L. H. W.

That the Negro is the end product of gruesome exploitation by all groups, is a known fact. Inferior food stuffs at top prices, long hours, low pay, exorbitant rents, and dark, filthy, unsanitary housing. Employment that is usually rejected by other groups, such as: in the slaughter house, up to knees in water with hip boots on; in the cooler at the stock yards where thousands of cattle are stored and on the scavenger truck.

Negroes can not live outside the area which has been created by the antagonism of real estate interests, and as the Negro population has been increasing, the result has been that the number of Negroes in the area has far exceeded the housing facilities available.

A careful check shows that the present housing crisis here in Des Moines, has arisen from various factors which have come into force since 1928 and have intensified the already serious situation. A careful check has not revealed a single instance where any amount of capital has gone into the creation of new living units since the depression. On the other hand, a number of buildings have been torn down or allowed to fall into decay. This has often been done to avoid taxation as property values are high, and the rentals have not compensated the owners for the maintenance of buildings. It was found in one block that since 1928 available living units in this block have decreased 20%. Deterioration of this area has had two effects; first, it has decreased the already limited supply of the houses in the community; and second, it forced large numbers of Negroes who resided there into already limited facilities of the other sections.

We met a man in a nearby town—a preacher by avocation—whose philosophy of life, to us, seemed a bit peculiar. He was the pastor of a flock which seemed to worship him, but seemed to have little care for themselves, or the welfare of those dependent upon them. He said they lived according to his teachings and were "going down to Jordan" to have all their sins and troubles washed away. To have one's sins and troubles washed away would be a mighty blessed experience, but we do not believe that this self-styled shepherd and his worshipping flock will ever enjoy such an experience through continuance of their present program of ignoring the real responsibilities of life, and their duty to humanity.

To attempt to run away from life, we think, is both silly and cowardly. The man or woman who takes no cognizance of his or her responsibilities, and so shapes his daily life as to help and inspire—to others because of an illusion that they can escape these responsibilities by "going down to Jordan" will, more than likely, find themselves standing upon the banks of the dead sea, instead of upon the banks of a purifying Jordan. For as the poet said, "Life is earnest, and the grace is not its goal." We can't, try as we may, get away from the fact that life is real. We are born into the human family for the purpose of occupying places of activity and importance in it. The present decadence of human society is a result of the failure of human beings to live up to and acknowledge their responsibilities in life.

The minister who teaches his flock to think only of "going down to Jordan" and to ignore their lives of responsibility to themselves and to their fellowmen, cannot have had a true interpretation of the gospel preached by the Apostle Paul who admonished us to be "diligent in business." Of this sort of teachers the race has had far too many. We need men who will exhort us to toil up Pisgah's height from which we may obtain a view of our future as a group that seeks to fill its mission in life. We must ascend Pisgah before we prepare to go down to Jordan. We must perform our duties with a singleness of heart and a diligence of purpose that will redound as a blessing of each of our fellowmen in a cooperative effort to lift up others as we ourselves climb.

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CANDIDATES ANNOUNCE FOR OFFICES

Sheriff Vane B. "Pip" Overturf announced he will be a candidate for republican nomination for re-election. The announcement was made in a statement which Overturf read to his deputies before they went to work Wednesday. The statement: "I shall be a 'Pip' Overturf candidate for renomination to the office of sheriff of Polk county on the republican ticket. During my present term of office and through the co-operation of the reorganized staff, it has been possible, without increasing the appropriation for this office, to render much additional service.

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Radio Service

"We have installed emergency ambulance service and radios in patrol cars and are now able better than ever before to join hands with the down, city and state officers in law enforcement. With the assistance of school authorities, there has been established throughout the county a school patrol for the protection of school children and motorists. "The new squad car patrols, especially the night patrol in the rural communities, has been very effective in the quick apprehension of criminals and the reduction of crime. A greater volume of business has been handled through the civil division of this office without increasing the expense of that department."

Once Supervisor

Overturf is serving his first term as sheriff. Previously he was, for two terms, a member of the county board of supervisors. He is married, has two children and owns his home at 3249 Easton boulevard. Overturf is a member of Unity Lutheran church, the American Legion, Forty and Eight, Veterans of Rainbow Veterans, Masons, Shrine, Elks, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Moose lodges. He is a former widely known East High school athlete.

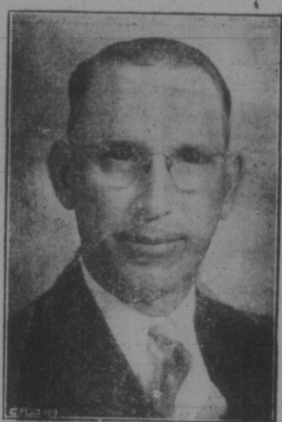
Negro Stars Will Come to Drake Relays

BY ALLEN ASHBY

Among the earliest Drake Relay entrants is Xavier University of New Orleans. Last year Xavier sent up a team that placed in first about everything they entered and promises to do that again. Heading the Xavier group will be Libun Williams who will be back to defend his shot put laurels.

Lincoln University of Jefferson City with Plummer, who is said to be quite a sprinter, will be around. Last year the Lincoln boys were disqualified, because they arrived too late to register. Along with western University, Prairie View, and possibly Tuskegee, we will have reason to feel proud as the athletes from

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John O. Rasmussen

John O. Rasmussen, who announces his candidacy for Republican nomination as a member of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, representing Lee Township, is completing a term of very fine service in that office. Rasmussen, who is 45 years of age, was appointed November 30, 1938 to fill the unexpired term of Vane B. Overturf. Although it was his first experience in public office, he has by intelligent cooperation with other members of the Board earned an enviable record and rendered outstanding service to the people of his district.

A resident of Lee Township since birth, a taxpayer and home-owner, Rasmussen lives at 243 Astor Street with his wife and two children, Doana Jane and John Jr. He attends the First Church of Christ and is a member of several civic and fraternal organizations, including East Des Moines Club, Grand View Golf Club, Home Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Moose, Scandinavian Fraternity of America and N. A. A. C. P.

Earned Own Way

Rasmussen's earned his own living while attending high school and completing a course in Capital City Commercial College. Having known the problems resulting from limited means, John Rasmussen has taken a kindly interest in needy persons with whom he has come in contact as Chairman of the County Relief Committee. By diligent and constructive effort he has done much to secure not only temporary aid, but permanent improvement in the condition of many needy persons. The particular zeal and undertaking care with which he has guarded the welfare

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Seven State Branches to Represent

The first Conference of Iowa Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held at the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A. Friday evening April 26 at 8 o'clock according to a call sent out by Mesdames Georgine Morris and Sarah Jett, president and secretary of the temporary organization which was named here on January 19.

All branches through the state have been invited to send representatives. The object of the new organization will be to coordinate the activities of the state units thus providing a more unified effort in behalf of the aims they hope to accomplish. All members of the state NAACP branch are invited to come.

Select NAACP Delegate

At a special meeting of the Des Moines Branch, NAACP, at the Negro Community center Wednesday evening the following delegates were chosen to represent the branch at the first Conference of Iowa Branches which will be held in Des Moines Friday evening, April 26:

Mesdames Georgine Morris, Gladys Carr and Azalia Mitchell, and Messrs. Ike Smalls, S. Joe Brown, F. O. Morrow, A. P. Trotter, W. Lawrence Oliver, Thomas J. Guthrie and Casper Schenk. Alternates, Mesdames Lula Turner, Sarah Jett, William Neal, J. Smith and Robert Root and Messrs. Elmer Tolson, D. E. King, Dr. T. A. Burchum, Miss Evelyn Brooks and Rev. J. L. Lucas

NEW MOVE TO OUST JOHNSON FROM HOWARD FAILS

Washington, April 17 (ANP)—President Mordecai W. Johnson still is the president of Howard university, despite the efforts of a group of former officials and employes and alumni of the institution to remove him.

Petitioning the board of trustees to oust Dr. Johnson when they met here Tuesday, the protest was signed by a group headed by James A. Cobb, former judge of the municipal court and former professor of law at the Howard-law school.

Business League and U.S. Chamber Officials Confer

Washington, April 15 (ANP)—Officers of the National Negro Business League and officials of the United States Chamber of Commerce held a conference here last Friday at the chamber's national headquarters, which many believe will be epochal in the history of Negro business. The meeting which lasted all afternoon was designed to acquaint the U. S. Chamber leaders with some of the problems facing Negro business and to pave the way for Negro business men and women to receive some of the benefits of the vast array of information and service which the chamber has available.

Officers Speak

Delos L. James, agricultural expert for the chamber and Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, president of the National Negro Business league, took turns in presiding. Dr. Walker, after a preliminary statement by Secretary A. J. Halsey, presented C. C. Spaulding who described the banking business as conducted by the 12 Negro banks now existent in the country; M. S. Stuart of Universal Life who gave a portrayal of the insurance business as conducted by Negroes; F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee who developed the unemployment problem and its relation to living and purchasing power; Claude A. Barnett who described the function of the Negro newspaper and pointed out the serviceableness of these mediums in effecting greater distribution through advertising and J. A. Jackson of the Standard Oil company who presented an address on the integration of Negroes into white business organizations.

Grateful for Opinions

The chamber of commerce members expressed themselves as being grateful for the opinions presented and the first hand information they had received. They indicated that was the first picture of the situation that had been presented them and asked for one of the papers read at the discussion.

Entirely unaware of the functioning of the Negro newspapers, the members solicitedly asked Mr. Barnett that they be furnished with copies of various Negro publications that they might become more familiar with these papers.

"I regard this as one of the most profitable conferences I have ever attended," said President J. E. Walker. "I am glad to have observed this

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Campaign to Be Aided by Department of Justice

New York, April 17—A campaign along all fronts, using every resource of the courts, the federal department of justice, and public opinion, is being launched actively by the NAACP to guarantee Negro voters in the South the right to the franchise, it was announced here today.

The N. A. A. C. P. campaign, now out in the open, is a result of the activities of many of its branches in the southern states dating back a year ago and includes the spectacular fights in Miami, Fla., and Greenville, S. C., in which the Ku Klux Klan was defied. The association's Birmingham, Ala., branch has also been active together with numerous units in the State of Texas.

Department of Justice To Help

The N. A. A. C. P. barrage will include action by the Department of Justice, which has been consulted almost continuously since last July. The N. A. A. C. P. legal staff has forwarded steadily a stream of memoranda, briefs and affidavits to the FBI on violations of the Negro's right to vote in the South and has cited both to the FBI and to the attorney general's office the federal statutes which have been violated.

That the drum-fire of the association on these cases will most likely result in action was indicated at a conference last week between N. A. A. C. P. attorneys and O. John Rogge, assistant attorney general, in Washington.

Start Prosecution Soon

In addition to urging action by the attorney general's office, the N. A. A. C. P. plans to bring criminal and civil suits in the federal courts, and the groundwork for several of these already has been laid in Texas and will be instituted in the next thirty days.

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the N. A. A. C. P., will leave New York shortly for investigation and consultation on primary cases in the states of Texas, Alabama and Louisiana.

To back up its campaign, the N. A. A. C. P. legal staff is completing research for a memorandum on procedure for instituting both criminal and civil cases wherever Negroes' rights have been violated.

In Miami, the Klan burned crosses in the Negro neighborhood, and in Greenville, the president of the N. A. A. C. P. youth chapter, who was leading the fight for registration of voters, was twice arrested. An attempt to intimidate the president of the Greenville adult chapter was made by arresting him for carrying concealed weapons. His defense was that he needed a pistol because of threats against him for his activity in behalf of the colored people.

Full Force of NAACP

"We are determined to use the full force of our association and all the legal talent we can muster to see that Negroes are not deprived of their right to vote this year," the N. A. A. C. P. statement said. "The issues in the 1940 election are the most crucial in many years, affecting the welfare and very lives of Negro Americans. They must be protected in their right to have a voice in choosing the men who are to run the government. No stone will be left unturned within the financial resources of the N. A. A. C. P. to secure the results desired."

Extravaganza Show at Jewish Center

Eastside Center Set For Big Frolic April 25

The annual 1940 Eastside Community Extravaganza to be held at the Jewish Community Center April 25 at 8:15 promises to be the outstanding affair of the season according to indications gained from reading the program which is now about completed.

Skits, jesterbugs, dramatics and song birds will be among the many presentations. Social and civic groups of all types have already lined up behind this gigantic affair.

Mrs. M. Patten, Center director said this week that there is more interest this year than there has ever been in arousing citywide support for a real 1940 extravaganza.

During the years of the Center's existence, it has been a haven of refuge for East Des Moines youth. Its educational program under capable social workers has been developed especially under its present director, Mrs. Patten.

Admission to this gala affair is open to all. You may get your tickets now, by calling 6-5242, to avoid the rush.

Broadcast on Anti-Lynch Bill April 29

Washington, D. C., April 17 — A nationwide broadcast urging passage of the federal anti-lynching bill will be made Monday, April 29, by Senators Robert F. Wagner of New York, Matthew M. Neely of Virginia, and Arthur Capper of Kansas, it was announced here today.

The broadcast has been arranged through the National Broadcasting Company over its network from 10:30 to 11 p. m., eastern daylight saving time.

The three senators, who are staunch supporters of the bill, will insist that it be taken up before Congress adjourns and that it be given a chance to be voted on, on its merits. They will denounce in advance any attempt at a filibuster. It is their contention that the filibuster is undemocratic because it permits a very small minority of the Senate to block the will of the majority, not only of the Senate, but of the American public. It is expected that they will advocate the imposition of cloture (limitation of debate) in the event a filibuster should develop.

Ask Listening Parties

In connection with the radio broadcast on April 29, Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. secretary, issued a statement urging branches of the N. A. A. C. P. throughout the country and other groups and organizations to organize neighborhood listening parties and that immediately after the

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Negro Congress Demands Investigation by F.B.I. of Bombing of Negro Homes

Washington, April 15 — Reacting quickly to an outrageous act of attempted murder against a Negro home owner in a white neighborhood here this week, the National Negro Congress demanded of United States Attorney General Robert H. Jackson an immediate FBI investigation of the bombing of the home of Miss Edna Holland, Negro high school teacher.

Miss Holland's home was dynamited and 200 other homes had their windows shattered when unidentified

persons placed a dynamite bomb under her front porch at 1324 Harvard Street in this city last Friday night. It developed that a group of 51 white home owners in the block had been trying to for some time to force Miss Holland to sell out her property, because they objected to Negro resident in the block.

In a telegram sent the Attorney General, John P. Davis, national secretary of the Congress stated, "In the nation's capital last night a person or persons, inflamed by efforts of a so-called white citizens conven-

ant committee to oust a Negro home owner from her property, dynamited her home and wrecked the homes adjacent thereto. The National Negro Congress demands an immediate investigation by the FBI of this dastardly conspiracy to deprive a citizen of her constitutional rights. We demand that every member of this so-called white citizens committee be apprehended and charged with a conspiracy to deprive this Negro citizen of her constitutional rights. We await your reply by wire.

EDITORIALS FEATUERS SPORTS

THIS NEWSPAPER, IOWA'S OLDEST NEGRO WEEKLY IS AN INSTITUTION DEVELOPED FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE OF IOWA AND THE MIDDLEWEST TO PRESENT THE NEWS OF THE DAY, FOSTER BETTER RACE RELATIONS, LEAD PUBLIC OPINION AND TO CONTEND FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES.

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NAZI ACTIVITIES

Anyone who has followed events leading up to the occupation of Norway by Germany must be amazed at the treachery, deception and cleverness used by the Nazis to accomplish the job. That ships sailed into Norwegian harbors without being molested, landed troops who took possession of strategic points and marched through scooped up territory without encountering any resistance at all; that the head of a proposed cabinet had been selected in advance ALL show that Hitler does have a well-oiled machine and knows just how, where and when to use it.

With a knowledge that the same process of saturation with Nazi methods has made it comparatively easy to scoop up or overrun small nations of Europe, it is reasonable to assume that that same preparation is being made on the remaining neutrals. It only remains for the day to come when Hitler can find an excuse to annihilate them also.

All of this is bound to make loyal Americans stand up and take notice. We have been exceedingly liberal in permitting all sorts of subversive propaganda to be spread in the name of free speech; we have tolerated entirely too many sinister groups laughing them off as foolish or ignorant when at the same time they were and are generating racial and religious intolerance which strike at the very foundation of our country.

Expressing anxiety over the future of mankind in Philadelphia Tuesday former President Hoover named "hate" as "perhaps the outstanding destroyer of mankind in the last quarter century." Further he said, "Our first duty is to reckon with the domestic hates sown over our own people. By the conduct of our country we must ally these hates."

Mr. Hoover is right for he knows that Hitler is sowing his venom of hate in America today and it behooves all groups, races and religions to get a lot closer for this German treachery we may be forced to deal with before this war is over.

A CHEER FOR FARLEY

Most people who know American history as it really is—not as written in most text books used in our public schools and Des Moines is no exception to the rule—recognize the late Booker T. Washington as one of America's truly great men. We have many ways of reminding people of our great men—one of which is the practice of placing their picture on postage stamps.

Postmaster General Farley has a way of doing many fine things that make him friends as well as serve very lofty purposes. Booker T. Washington's photo on the ten cent stamp is one. No other postmaster general has so recognized the Negro race—so Mr. Farley a real cheer goes up for you.

SUPREME LIBERTY GETS A RATING

Chicago, April 16 (ANP)—The Supreme Liberty Life insurance company of Chicago was given an "A" rating and recommended as being worthy of the highest confidence, in a report on the company released this week by Dunne's Insurance Report, the largest policy holders reporting service in the world.

SCHOOLS AT FAULT ON SHORTAGE OF PHYSICIANS?

Tuskegee Institute, April 16 (ANP)—Failure of Howard and Meharry medical schools to graduate more than a few dozen of those who apply for study is the result of either "rotten teaching" or "the wrong choice of students," it was tentatively decided at a special round table discussion on the shortage of Negro physicians and dentists, particularly internes, and what could be done to remedy the situation held Tuesday afternoon in connection with the annual John A. Andrew Clinical society meeting at Tuskegee last week. Dr. William McKinley Thomas of Leavenworth, Kan., chairman of the executive committee of the National Medical Association, is to prepare a special report on this matter to be turned over to the clinical society.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity launches its seventh annual campaign of education for citizenship and its twentieth annual GO-TO-HIGH-SCHOOL, GO-TO-COLLEGE. Campaign during the week April 29—May 5. Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Director of Educational Activities, states—that there is more interest this year than there has ever been in arousing a desire for effective participation in the suffrage. At the same time the Fraternity is offering to its members scholarships and fellowships in the amount of \$1,200.00 and \$750.00 respectively. The fellowships are awarded for research work, creative work and as grant-in-aid of publication.

U. S. HAS MOST TELEPHONES

About one-half of the world's total 41,000,347 telephones are in the United States, yet this country has only about one-sixteenth of the world's population. Outside the United States, on the average, only every 100th person has a telephone, while within the United States there is about one telephone for every six people—15.4 telephones for every 100 of the population. In the United States telephone calls average 223 per person per year and in the rest of the world the average is about 16 calls.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL APPROVED BY LAW EXAMINERS

The Missouri State Board of Law Examiners has approved the Lincoln University School of Law. Under the rules of the State Supreme Court, graduates of law schools approved by the State Board of Bar Examiners are eligible to take the bar examination. When the present students of the Lincoln Law School finish their legal training, they will, therefore, be eligible for examination for admission to the bar.

The members of the staff are James C. Bush, Virgil H. Lucas, Sevel Richardson, Wm. E. Taylor, Dean, formerly of Des Moines; Constance M. Barbour, Librarian, and Alda P. Young, Secretary.

PERRY HOWARD'S SON A SUICIDE

Washington, April 16 (ANP)—Edward Lucas Howard, 25, youngest son of Perry Howard, National Republican committeeman from Mississippi, committed suicide at the home of his parents around eight o'clock Wednesday evening.

Health Hints

By Dr. C. R. Bradford

URTICARIA (Hives or Nettle Rash)

Urticaria in infants and children Urticaria in infants and children may occur in acute form, in which instance it is similar to that in adults. When present in chronic form it is usually of lichen urticaria type, a form peculiar to young individuals. Acute Urticaria is characterized by wheals which are edematous-looking pink, red or white elevations of the size of a pea or larger. The lesions appear irregularly in general distribution, not commonly appearing in crops. Dermographism (ability to write on the skin) is often an accompanying symptom. Subjective symptoms consist chiefly of itching. The disorder may begin with mild constitutional symptoms, consisting chiefly of itching. The disorder may begin with mild constitutional symptoms, consisting of inappetence, malaise and fever. Lesions may appear on mucous membranes. Acute Urticaria is usually due to some ingested material, food or drug including antitoxin, serums and vaccines to which the individual is hypersensitive. Urticarial lesions are also produced by the bites or stings of insects, by nettle and in rare instances by physical agents such as cold, heat and light. Removal of the cause, if it can be ascertained, is of first importance. Elimination by way of the bowels and kidneys should be promoted. Acute cases usually respond favorably within one to three or four days.

BUSINESS LEAGUE AND U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page 1) day and to be a part of what I believe is a forward step for Negro business," said C. C. Spaulding. Reports on the meeting are to be submitted at the League session in Detroit next August.

Rasmussen

(Continued from page 1) of the unfortunate children, entrusted to him as Chairman of the Juvenile Committee, is especially commendable. The report of the 1939 Grand Jury covering the operation of the Juvenile Home during that year, is one of the finest reports ever made on any Polk County institution.

Stands On Record In announcing his candidacy Rasmussen said: "I believe, in choosing a supervisor to represent them, the people of Lee Township should give the same careful consideration to the qualifications of the candidates as they would to the qualifications of applicants for a position in private employment, into whose hands they must entrust their finances and general welfare. I am willing to stand upon my past record in office. I have done my best to deal fairly with all of the people in my district, neither discriminating against nor extending special privileges to anyone. In expending the taxpayers' funds, I have exercised the same care I would if I were spending money which came out of my own pocket. If elected, I pledge to render the same courteous, fair and impartial service that I have given in the past."

Boxing Group To Plan Summer Shows

Some new ideas in connection with the promotion of the outdoor boxing shows at the 'Y' this summer will be

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Complete rules and regulations, final entry date and schedule openings were all determined in meetings held during the past week by team representatives and committee members of the physical department.

Leagues in Church baseball, and senior and junior softball will be operated by the department the coming outdoor season. Four teams are entered in the baseball loop, with a fifth team being a possibility. A new playing site will be the scene of the baseball warfare this summer as a result of opinions expressed by most of the pilots. The managers have all expressed themselves in favor of abandoning the diamond at First and university Avenue because of the poor playing condition of the field. Either the diamond at Birdland Park or one of the locations at the Fairgrounds will be used with the former being the favorite.

The Birdland field is considered one of the choice locations in the city but, because of its popularity, is difficult to secure for more than one evening a week. The number 1 and 2 diamonds at the Fairgrounds are usually available but the distance from the heart of the city is a handicap for most of the players and spectators.

The senior softball league will be limited to eight teams this season. Six organizations have indicated they will enter, leaving only two more places to be filled. The games will again be played from 6:15 to 7:30 p. m. at West High stadium on two days of the week, and at Amos Hiatt field on the other evening.

If more than six teams enter the junior league, two divisions will be organized and separate schedules played by each group. These games will be played in the afternoons after school and on Saturday mornings. Entry blanks and players' contracts will be mailed to team managers this week and must be returned to the 'Y' office no later than Tuesday, April 30th. The softball leagues will open their schedules the week of May 6th, while the baseball loop will probably swing into action the following week.

Board of Management Meeting

The board of Management of the branch will hold its April meeting Saturday, April 20th at 8 p. m. This is the final meeting of the present board and plans and arrangements for the annual membership and election dinner meeting will be made known and discussed. A. P. Trotter, chairman, requests each member to be present.

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NEGRO SCHOOL AT DRAKE RELAYS

all these Negro schools mingle with the best white athletes and Negro boys from different Colleges among whom will be Archie Harris of Indiana here for the first time and Ed Smith of Wisconsin.

EAST WINS VALLEY RELAYS

The local high schools furnished a preview of the Drake Relays as East High won the Valley Relays last week. Bill Mash dominated the sprint events and helped East set a new quarter mile relay mark. For North, Joe Johnson ran second in the sprints and Del Morrison helped North win their only relay. Looks like the pink and green is trying to find a spot for Joe Howard. He is running and entered in every event but the money counting.

Over at Iowa City, Bill Garrett of Daveport and Ferguson of McKinley, Cedar Rapids, staged a two man track duel worth going to see. They will probably tangle again later in the season, and you will be hearing about them.

JONES, CLAYBORN WIN

We watched Henry Jones pound Graham, a local heavyweight who is supposed to be pretty fair. Jones showed plenty of class and let the brouhaha before the boxing and camp committees in a joint meeting of the two groups Wednesday evening. The programs are sponsored for the purpose of providing assistance for boys needing aid on their camp fees. Tentative plans call for the opening show to be staged on June 5th.

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fans know that he is of main event caliber by stopping Graham in the fifth round of a scheduled six rounder. Jones has the backing of a couple of local bell hops who think nothing is too good for their boy and who are really proud of him.

Earl Clayborn scored a kayo win over Don Milligan in a fight that we expected him to lose any time. After absorbing a terrific pounding and getting pretty well marked up, Clayborn finally stopped the boy in the fourth round. Wild Bill Hendox, whose chief claim to glory is the fact that he takes all the other boys can toss at him was in there with Jess Ackleman who finally got him stopped.

GRAVES RETURNS

We haven't talked to Morton Graves who went to Boston for the A. A. U. boxing meet and then completed in Philadelphia in the junior A. A. U. meet. Our information is all second hand, but Morton is credited with saying that the National meet is the biggest racket he ever ran into. The decisions were home town ones and while he was said to be overweight, Morton was scheduled to fight the son of one of the officials. They had been letting fellows go as high as two pounds over but they grabbed Morton right now. Morton still thinks he could have won the thing if he had not been kicked out. According to our information it was equally as bad in Philadelphia. He really got a wonderful trip out of it and learned a lot that wasn't just about fighting.

SENATORS TO URGE PASSAGE OF ANTI-LYNCHING BILL ON RADIO NETWORK APRIL 29

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broadcast, listeners write or telephone individually to Senator Alben W. Barkley, majority leader, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., asking him to set a definite date for the taking up of the anti-lynching bill.

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veterans of the World war was handed down by the United States court of appeals last week when it ruled that veterans who were drafted, but were discharged after a short period of service because of physical disability without receiving formal honorable discharges, are ineligible for free hospitalization under the veterans' administration.

N.A.A.C.P. AMENDS COMPLAINT IN CASE AGAINST MISSOURI U

Jefferson City, Mo., April 15—Charles H. Houston and Sidney R. Redmond, attorneys for Miss Lucile Bluford in her suit to secure damages for being refused entrance to the school of journalism of the University of Missouri, filed this week an amended complaint in the U. S. district court.

The court last week rendered a memorandum opinion in which it said that the motion to dismiss the suit, made by attorneys for S. W. Canada, registrar at the university, "will be sustained by proper order unless, on or before ten days from the date hereof, the plaintiff's petition is amended." The amendment ordered in the memorandum opinion is that the plaintiff allege that Miss Bluford applied to Lincoln university (the Negro state institution) and Lincoln did not offer graduate work in journalism and was not preparing to offer it.

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SOCIETY



MR. PRINCE ROBERTS AND MISS MAYBERRY ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE FEBRUARY 12

Before her marriage to Mr. Robert P. Roberts was Miss Marie Mayberry. She is the executive secretary of the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A. and was formally a teacher in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Roberts is the son of Mrs. C. L. Bogan, 833 E. 24th street. Since his return from New York City two years ago he has been employed at the F. W. Hubbell estate.

The couple are at home at 955 17th street.



Mrs. Robert P. Roberts

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Community Center Garden Club met at the Center Friday evening April 5 at 8 p. m. Plans were made for a bird hike under the leadership of Mrs. Toni Wendleberg in April. It was also planned to visit the spring gardens of Mrs. Alcott on Broad Street. Mrs. Guy Green is chairman of the committee to plan the annual garden club school for June. There will be a antique exhibit in May. Mrs. Adah Johnson and Pauline Wilson serving on that committee. The next meeting will be Friday evening May 3 at the Community Center.

The Community Center will hold its April Bi-Monthly Teen Age dance at the Center Monday, April 22. Kermit Wilson's orchestra will play. All young people are invited to attend.

The two Parent Education groups had a joint meeting April 17 followed by a dinner. The guest speaker was Dr. Dr. C. R. Bradford whose topic was Sex Education.

The Senior Federation will meet at the Community Center Friday, April 19.

The La Parisees club met at the home of Felice Stevenson, 1419 Maryland. The evening was spent playing bridge. The winner of first prize was Dorothy Cranshaw; second prize, Geraldine Carr; Anna Mae Lawson, third prize. The next meeting will be with Obeneas sundies.

The Elegant Eight Bridge club met with Deloris Bailey, 1042 10th street. The evening was spent playing bridge. Winners of prizes were: Deloris Bailey, 1st; Dorothy Cranshaw, 2nd; and Bessie Calloway, 3rd.

Mrs. Joburness-Kelso was hostess to the Mary Church Terrell club Monday, April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Esters will entertain the Fortnightly club, Saturday April 20.

The W. Y. L. T. K. Club held its first open meeting at the home of Mrs. Sadie Thomas, 1418 Maryland. The evening was spent listening to a musical lecture on educational form by Ralph Jones. Mrs. Oneda Stone and Mrs. Ralph Jones sang solo's.

The Mother's Club met April 9 with Reba Green as hostess. Bingo was the diversion of the evening. Prizes were won by Myra Jackson and Martha Wheels. The next hostess will be Myra Jackson.

The La Fleur De Lis Club met April 12 with Dorothy Vaughn as hostess. Reports were made on the dance given last week. Nellie Fry as "Mammy Yokum" won the prize for the best costume. Cards were won by Gladys Brown and Marguerite Thomas. Lucille Weston will be the next hostess.

Dr. E. T. Scales will be the speaker for the health program for the Mary McLeod Bethune club. Monday, April 22, at the home of Mrs. Mary M. Scott, 1423 Center street.

Three Elite Society met at the Y. W. C. A. Sunday, April 14th with Miss Clarice Stewart acting as chairman. An election of officers was held. President, Naomi Gilmore; Vice President, Ruth Bailey; Secretary, Anna Morris; Assistant Secretary, Barbara Burton; Treasurer, Olga Bibbs; Historian, Marion Simmons; Reporter, Hester Gilmore.

Other members of the society are Misses Mary Bonwell, Clarice Stewart, Louise Boston. The girls are planning a party to celebrate their election of officers.

Miss Hester Gilmore

The Ten Keys will meet upon the 18th, instead of in front of Christine Martin 1069 16th street.

LUTHER GLANTON HEADS THE DRAKE KEYS

Luther Glanton, a graduate of Tennessee State College, now studying law at Drake, was elected as president of the Drake Keys of Drake University. Mr. Glanton has had a great deal of experience as head of various organizations at Tennessee State. He was the president of the class of 1939; Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity and president of the History Study Club.

Other officers elected were: Jack Chushingberry, vice president; Winifred Brooks, secretary-treasurer; Harold Robinson, business manager; and Perry Harris decoration chairman.

The meeting was held at the home of Miss Winifred Brooks. A delicious repast was served.

The Drake Keys are completing plans for their spring formal relay dance given in honor of the visiting athletes to be held at the Billiken Ballroom April 27, 1940. Strictly Private.

DRIBBLES

By "THE DRIP"

I wonder how Chas. Boston felt when five chicks came to see him. Each not expecting to find the other one there. Some one had to be salty, was it H. S. ALLIE, R. M., C. N. or N. G. T.

Bill Caldwell has gone back to his old used to be, Theresa H. What-to-matter Georgine H. did you slip?

Since it just has to be a Bob, I am curious to know who rates the most with Mary Floyd-Bob Craddock or Bob White.

Strange things to see: Kenny H. Drapes without cuffs. Teke Madison without Margaret W. Edith. Gray without curls on the top of her hair. Flora Mae C. without Johnny.

Congratulations to Mrs. Prince Roberts—(former Miss Marie Mayberry of Blue Triangle Y). Also for the first anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Burris. The second anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Russell and the fifth of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent (Sonny) Wilson.

Eurastus W. escorted the Misses Naomi Gilmore and Midge Bailey to the show Wednesday evening. He must believe in the more the merrier. Noticed Carl Taylor and Nadine Jackson have decided to make up and forget.

Five young ladies went to Omaha. Upon arrival the hostess wasn't there—So they scouted around until they found the key—entered and dressed and went out again. Upon the return home, one discovers she forgot to pack a sleeper, so she used the uniform which she finds behind a door—Katy V. do you know anything about this?

J. S. has a secret love for C. F. but his brother J. F. asks about J. S. as he has a love for her.

Barbara did you have some one call Jim S. for you as you get tongue-tied when you tried to talk?

Frances C. makes a daily trip to the community center to see a certain gentleman. Paul Wms. you hold the young lady's hand so tight when teaching her the correct way to hold the ping-pong paddle?

M. A. W. made a long distance call from Omaha here to Mel M.

A. C. why do you and Bill B. park upon the 18th, instead of in front of the house? Clarice S. and Perry H. were playing

ing kissing games at the Crewse kids party Monday nite.

Well folks that's all Taint no more—see you next week.

The Drip.

The Busy Bee Sewing Circle of St. Paul's A. M. E. church resumed their regular meetings at the church Thursday, April 11th, after meeting in homes of the members during the winter season. The vice president, Mrs. Emma Jackson presided. The circle decided to close their annual Quilt Contract Contest May 23rd. All contestants please take notice. They also met Thursday April 18. Mrs. Lelia Walker, president, Mrs. Lula V. Mitchell publicity chairman.

The St. Paul Ladies Usher Board had their tea Sunday April 7, at the home of Mrs. Minnie McGuire. The tea was carried out in their club colors pink and green. All the members wore formals.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEET

The Negro Republican Women's Club will meet April 22 at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Sadie Hammitt, 1126 11th street. The public is invited. Guest speaker will be W. H. Cotton, who will talk on the Townsend Plan and Rev. J. W. Tutt will also be a guest speaker. Mrs. Mattie R. Drew is president.

Y.W.C.A.

Education Committee Sponsors 'Spring Musical'

The Education Committee composed of the following persons, Miss Roberta Maupin, chairman, Mesdames Adah Johnson, Ora Browne, Adelle McGuire, Helen Martin, Josie Bain, Mary Hardaway, Beatrice Rhodes and Idele Skanes is making preparation for a musical program in observance of National Music Week. The program is to be presented May 25th and will be styled an "Evening With Negro Composers." Some of the best talent of the city will be presented. The committee in charge is Mesdames Beatrice Rhodes, chairman, Josie Bain and Helen Martin.

Chairman of Committees Announce Members for 1940

The members of the committee of management have announced the 1940 committees as follows: (1) Publicity: Miss Leona Palmer, chairman, Mesdames Flossie Bourland, Madeline Berry, Martha Dixon, Felice Stevenson and Miss Esther Lucas; House: Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler, chairman, Mesdames Agnes Matthews, Bernice Angles and Mable Brooks; Finance: Mesdames Korinne Jackson, chairman, and M. C. Carson. Girl Reserve: Mesdames Beatrice Robinson, chairman, Marie Frazer, Myrtle Oscars, Jesserean Dixon, Willabell James and Alberta Bradford. Membership: Mesdames Georgine Mason, chairman, Mattie B. Scott, Louise Glass, Gladys Overton, Misses Hester Gilmore and Winifred Brooks. Personnel: Mrs. Florence White, chairman, and Mrs. Hazel Dixon; Camp Committee: Mrs. Adelaide Bowman, chairman, Mrs. Ethel Blagburn, Misses Octavio Roane and Doraleva Mackay.

Mrs. E. T. Scales Enjoying Eastern Trip

Cards have been received from Mrs. E. T. Scales, chairman of the committee of management reporting an interesting and enjoyable trip in the East while attending the National Y. W. C. A. Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Youth Council Plans For Youth Forum

Members of the Youth Council are making plans for the Youth Forum at the Branch on Friday, April 26 with Cleatie DeVine of the Polk County Juvenile Court as guest speaker. Members are Charles P. Howard, Jr., Ellen Strother, Hester Gilmore, Charles Johnson, Jr., Misses Marie Mayberry, Roberta Maupin, Messrs. Quentin Mease and John Lewis.

Thoro-Bred Club In Health Program

In a program last week observing National Negro Health Week, the Thoro-Bred Club had as their guest speaker Dr. W. J. Ritchey, prominent dentist, who spoke on the subject of "Good Health in Relation to the Care of Teeth." Dr. Ritchey outlined some good points for daily care of the teeth for use in our daily living.

'Hippodrome' And Dish Towel Shower Coming Event at the Branch

On May 2, 1940 the committees of the Branch will interpret their objectives to the membership in Skits. The affair is styled a "Hippodrome". In connection with the "Hippodrome" will be a dish towel shower.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Spaulding also named Gwendolyn Harris as assistant to Ruth U. Carson, hospital librarian supervisor and head of the Stations Division.

The following change in station schedule hours will be effective April 15, as follows:

Roadside Settlement House, S. E. 7th and Scott Sts. 1-6 p. m. Wednesday and Friday; Negro Community Center, 907 15th St. 3-8 p. m. Monday 3-6 p. m. Wednesday East Des Moines Community Center, 1438 Buchanan 3-8 p. m. Thursday; Harding Road, 1653 Harding Road, 1-9 p. m. Wednesday, 1-6 p. m. Saturday.

NEW 'HEAVEN' OPENED IN YONKERS

Yonkers, N. Y., April 17 (ANP)—A new "heaven" in Father Divine's ever growing orbit was opened here Saturday with a parade of 700 of his colored and white followers on foot and in automobiles, and open-house at the twenty-room mansion at 369 Park Hill avenue. The house was officially dedicated Sunday afternoon by Father Divine, who presided.

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IN THE SHADOW OF THE STARS

By Abbe Wallace



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S. J. M.—Tell me if I went to my aunts would she allow me to stay with her and if not, what in the world can I do?

Ans: Before leaving your home you had better talk your troubles over with this aunt of yours. Visit her and explain your problem and she will get in touch with your mother and decide something definite to do regarding your case. Cooperate with your mother and aunt. They will work out your problem.

B. F. C.—My heart is broken. I was calling on a boy and we had a quarrel. I wrote him a letter. He answered and said he got it and signed his name. Should I try to visit with him again?

Ans: No, of course you shouldn't. He doesn't care for you and forced the argument to make you sore with him. Your heart isn't broken. It will heal. In a few weeks time you will forget him entirely and will be courting another fellow.

C. C.—Why do some of the children at school make fun of me?

Ans: Every since there were schools certain children have

been ridiculed by other youngsters. For some unknown reason youngsters have a way of picking out a few (who can't take teasing) and rub them the wrong way just to see them get angry. Don't give them the satisfaction of knowing that they worry you, and they will stop.

X. C. X.—I have been offered a position in a particular college as secretary to a certain official. Should I take it?

Ans: There's nothing personal connected with this offer, but you won't be able to take the job before the next college term or a month or so before. Take the job.

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