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## Congressman Mitchell Fights 'Jim Crow' Car Evil

### Happenings and the People

By: D. L. H. W.

The announcement just made that John L. Lewis, white, chairman of the C.I.O., will address the opening session of the NAACP national convention in June has some political significance.

Mr. Lewis is expected to invite the NAACP to join his group in a third party movement. He addressed the Negro congress two weeks ago and secured their endorsement.

But the NAACP is not a political organization and does not definitely endorse parties and candidates, and its invitation to John L. Lewis is not significant in that it indicates a semi-official endorsement of the C.I.O. leader.

All that it does mean is that Lewis will be given the opportunity to "win and influence" NAACP delegates, and with the obstacles encountered from both democrats and republicans we see no harm in seeking new political friends. It certainly is not bad strategy.

Marian Anderson gave a concert at Carnegie Hall, New York, on May 26, for the benefit of the NAACP and the Urban League, the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. and the International Committee on African Affairs.

This was a first rate idea and the wonder is that it hasn't been done by more of our celebrities.

They, no doubt, have their private charities. But it would be a tremendous lift if once a year these leaders in their field set the public example of giving largely of their time or their means to national welfare organizations—all vital agencies we must keep alive.

### Program by Women of Burns June 2

The women of Burns Methodist church will hold their annual services Sunday, June 2, featuring two guest speakers and a musical program during the day.

At the 11 o'clock services Mrs. Gertrude Rush, well-known attorney here, will be speaker. Mrs. G. Bibbs will preside.

Featuring the 3 o'clock program will be many musicians of the city who will offer favorite selections. Mrs. Cottie Lucas will be mistress of ceremonies.

Guest speaker at the evening services will be Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, director of the Negro Community Center. Mrs. Gladys Settles will preside.

A special women's chair will be under the direction of Mrs. Stella Cason.

The committee in charge of the Women's Day services is composed of Mesdames Vencil Cropp, Cottie Lucas and Gladys Settles. The Rev. John C. Bain is pastor.

### JOHN L. LEWIS SPEECH TO OPEN NAACP CONFERENCE

New York—A speech by John L. Lewis, chairman of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, will be a feature of the opening mass meeting of the 31st annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Philadelphia, Pa., Tuesday night, June 18.

### TO GET MEDAL



George Washington Carver

### Scientist to Be Honored at NY Lunch

New York (ANP)—Outstanding leaders in the field of science, technology, education and public life will witness the award of a specially designed plaque to Professor George Washington Carver at the Fifth Annual Convention of the International Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians to be held at New York's Hotel Pennsylvania on May 21, through June 2. The award will be presented at a special luncheon on June 2 at 2:00 p. m. at Hotel Pennsylvania.

Professor Carver, who heads the department of agricultural chemistry at Tuskegee institute, has achieved international renown for his brilliant researches and discoveries of hundreds of industrial by-products of the peanut, sweet potato and cotton plants. He has been the recipient of numerous honors and citations. The plaque which the IAECT plans to award Dr. Carver will be presented professor emeritus of anthropology to the scientist by Dr. Franz Boas, at Columbia university and dean of American anthropologists. Professor Albert Einstein, of Princeton school of graduate mathematics and world famous mathematician and scientist, and Prof. Harold C. Urey of the department of chemistry of Columbia university are expected at the convention dinner to honor Professor Carver.

On the same program with the C. I. O. chief will be Arthur B. Spingarn, president of the N. A. A. C. P., who will deliver the keynote address of the conference outlining the policy of the association. President Spingarn, who for twenty-seven years was chairman of the national legal committee of the association, will be making his first appearance as president.

N. A. A. C. P. officials had no comment on the third party movement advocated by John L. Lewis. The head of the C. I. O. is expected to invite the N. A. A. C. P. to cooperate with his group in a third party movement.

In the event the anti-lynching bill is sidetracked in the Senate, the issue is expected to be carried to the voters of the country; with the N. A. A. C. P. conference sounding the battle cry.

### MRS. SPRIGG RECOVERING

Mrs. John Sprigg, 1000 Fourteenth street, has been ill at her home. She was reported recovering.

### Chicago's Jones Brothers Offer \$500,000 Compromise

Washington, D. C.—Indications that federal action against three brothers, Edward, George and McKisack Jones of Chicago might be drawing to a close, was seen Saturday when it was revealed the defendants had offered to settle tax evasion litigation for a sum reported at \$500,000.

Caught in the government investigation of income tax delinquents, the brothers described at Chicago's policy barons, were named several months ago in a case involving a civil claim for \$2,067,026.

The amount, according to United States investigators, represented unpaid income taxes dating back to 1931.

### Brotherhood Holds Series of Meetings

To expand their "Community Spirit Program" the Brotherhood, Inc., and Sisters are in the midst of a series of mass meetings which opened on Monday evening, May 22, at the St. Paul A. M. E. church. Another will be held on Friday evening, May 31, at 8:15 o'clock at the Kyles A. M. E. Zion church, 709 S. E. Fifteenth street.

A third and closing meeting will be held at the Union Baptist church, East Sixteenth street and University avenue, June 4.

These fraternal groups feel that a worthwhile investment in wholesome recreation and play for children will pay large dividends in better boys and girls. These groups have exceeded more than \$500 for band instruments for a drum and bugle corps, which provides pleasure for thirty boys.

### FORMER D. M. CHURCH LEADER DIES IN CHICAGO

Chicago—Funeral rites for one of Chicago's highly esteemed civic leaders, Mrs. Belle Graves Fountain, were conducted from the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church, May 7.

### MAKES PLEA



CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL

### GRADUATE STUDY OFFERED AT L. U. SUMMER SESSION

Jefferson City, Mo.

According to the bulletin for the summer session issued by Lincoln University last week, when the session opens June 10 students will be able to enroll for graduate study for the first time. The program for graduate study is designed to offer opportunities for further professional study to High School Principals, High School Teachers, Elementary School Principals, and Elementary School Teachers.

Courses are offered leading to the degree of Master of Arts with a major in Education, and minors are offered in the fields of English, History, and Sociology. A graduate Council has been set up to direct the graduate program.

### NAACP CAPTAINS REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Des Moines branch of the NAACP met Tuesday night at the Community Center with Mrs. Gertrude Morris, president, presiding. Captains in the membership drive made reports.

At the meeting next Tuesday night delegates will be chosen to attend the national convention which meets in Philadelphia in June.

### Three Federal Judges Hear Argument for Abatement of 'Jim Crow' by Railroads

Chicago—Appearing before three federal judges, sitting en banc in the United States Circuit Court here Monday, Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell made an effective plea for the abatement of the "Jim Crow" car evil on American railroads as he argued for the upsetting of the adverse Interstate Commerce decision handed down in March, 1939.

The case originated on a complaint by Mr. Mitchell when a conductor of the Rock Island R. R. Co. forced him from a Pullman car into a "Jim Crow" coach on a trip between Memphis, Tenn., and Hot Springs, Ark.

Backed by his counsel, Atty. Richard Westbrook of Chicago, who supplemented the congressman's opening statement, Mr. Mitchell told Judge Evan A. Evans, Michael Igoe and Charles Woodward, all three of whom were hearing the case, that he had not made his complaint because he was interested in riding with white people, but because he was an American citizen and entitled to equal accommodations under the law. The court took the case under advisement and ordered the attorneys to file briefs.

"I have sat in the congress of the United States for six years," Mr. Mitchell said. "I have watched and helped in the formation of laws which govern the economic and social behavior of the citizens and corporations of this country," he continued.

### Latent Prejudices

"I know that when a black man appears to court, he must face the latent prejudices which exist in ev-

ery white man and that he has two strikes upon him before he comes to bat. In these troublous days, when democracy is being threatened throughout the work, I am ashamed for the great government which I represent; as I see an assistant attorney general of the United States, rise in this court to help fasten the chains of inequality and segregation around a fellow citizen, a member of a race which has been loyal to this country, which has performed its labor and shed its blood for its preservation," Mitchell said.

Argument before the court by the latter of eight lawyers representing the Rock Island and the other defendants, the Illinois Central R. R., the Pullman Co., and the United States attorneys representing the Interstate Commerce Commission, showed that Mr. Mitchell, on April 20, 1937, had purchased a first class railroad ticket from Chicago to Hot Springs.

He was sold a Pullman berth to Memphis but compelled to ride from Memphis, Tenn., to Hot Springs, Ark., in a coach which the railroad sets aside for colored passengers and which requires only second class fare.

The Interstate Commerce Commission dismissed the complaint, claiming that the present (Jim Crow) coach met the requirements of the law. Mitchell appealed to the federal circuit court to set aside the commission's decision and the hearing Monday was for that purpose.

Judge Evan A. Evans, famed federal jurist, as well as Judge Michael Igoe, asked frequent questions.

### Young People from Four States to Meet Next Month

Approximately 150 delegates are expected in the city on June 11 for the annual conventions of the Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U., which will convene at the Corinthian Baptist church with the Rev. G. W. Robinson, moderator, as pastor-host.

Presiding will be H. Dudley, Des Moines, president of the Sunday School convention, and Miss Willa Mae Harston, Ottumwa, president of

The theme of the conventions will be "Youth in the Transformation of the Church."

Among the features of the meetings will be a contest on Wednesday night, June 12, sponsored by Mrs. Jessie Bell Davis, who will have charge of piano, voice, declamations and oratorical contests; and, on Thursday night, June 13, a reception for the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. delegates with Miss Fay Southers, chairman.

### Dr. Willis Is New Y Board Chairman

Dr. L. R. Willis, prominent local dentist, was elected chairman of the Board of Management of the Crocker Street Y. M. C. A. at the election of officers Saturday evening at the 'Y'. The new chairman, who succeeds A. P. Trotter in this post, has been a resident of Des Moines for more than twenty years, member of the local branch during this time and has served on the board for the past three years. An active member and worker in Union Baptist Church, Dr. Willis has taken a leading part in many of the community and civic

movements of the city. His wife Mrs. Ella Willis, is a well-known social worker.

Dr. C. R. Bradford, physician, and a member of the board for seven years, was elected vice chairman succeeding Atty. W. Lawrence Oliver. Re-elected to offices were Leland W. Green, recording secretary, and F. O. Morrow, treasurer.

### COLUMBUS WARE IS PAROLED

Columbus Ware, 23, arrested in connection with a series of robberies, was paroled in the district court Tuesday from a five-year term in Anamosa reformatory.

He was paroled by District Judge Frank S. Shankland on a plea of guilty of assault with intent to rob. Four other indictments, each charging robbery, against Ware were dismissed by the court.

Ware was placed under parole to the Rev. G. W. Robinson.

### WOMEN'S CLUB HEARS SHERIFF OVERTURFF



Yan (Pip) Overturff spoke to the East Des Moines Women's Republican club Tuesday night, May 21, and was greeted warmly at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Wilson, 1029 Fifteenth street.

Sheriff Overturff told the women of the many improvements his office

had made and he impressed the group when he referred to a Negro being in charge of the Bureau of Identification. He spoke of his "open door" policy which makes citizens feel free to come to his office to discuss matters of importance to them.

The club is headed by Mrs. Eva

Roper, seated in center. Others in the picture are: Mesdames M. Barker, Jessie Smith, E. Barber, V. Thompson, Lettie Mash, A. Wellington, Anna Herd, C. Hollins, Williams, D. Simms, H. Tott, B. Volmeier, R. White, P. Ware, M. Wilson, N. White and Ella Herd. (Ashby Photo).

# Where to Attend Church in Des Moines

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
1151 West Third Street  
ORDER OF SERVICES  
Sabbath School (Saturday) 10:00 A. M.; Morning Service, 11:30 A. M.; evening service, one hour before sundown. Sunday evening service, 8:00 P. M.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
S. E. 13th and Scott Sts.  
Rev. J. L. Lucas, Pastor  
506 Sheridan Ave. H. P. Ph. 4-3840  
Order of services: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11:00 o'clock. Evening service at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

**MAPLE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner East 16th and Maple Streets  
A. Ross Brent, Pastor  
Order of service: Morning service, 11 A. M.; Sunday School, 1 P. M.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30; Evening service, 8 P. M.; Prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30; Choir rehearsal, Friday, 8 P. M.

**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.

**BURNS M. E. CHURCH**  
811 Crocker Street  
Rev. John C. Bain, Pastor  
Order of service: Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Morning Service, 11 A. M.; Epworth League, 6:30 P. M.; Evening Service, 8:00 P. M. Prayer and class meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M. Choir rehearsal, Friday, 8 P. M. A cordial welcome awaits you at Burns.

**Old Time Revival Meeting**  
AT 8 P. M. EVERY NIGHT  
Get right with God  
Gospel Tabernacle  
of U. S. A. Inc.  
1116 Second Street Place  
Rev. R. M. Powell, Evangelist

**CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HOLY CHURCH**  
1521 E. University Ave. Ph. 6-3308  
Elder A. B. Brewer, Pastor  
Order of service: Sunday School 12:30 P. M., Sunday worship 2:30 P. M., Y. P. B. L. 6:30 P. M., Sunday night 7:30 P. M., Tuesday Prayer service and Bible Study 8 P. M., Friday Worship 8 P. M.

**INAUGURATE HARRISON AS LANGSTON UNIVERSITY'S NEW PRESIDENT**  
Langston, Okla., (By Lena Brown Work for ANP)—In a colorful ceremony on the veranda of Sanford hall, Sunday afternoon, Dr. G. Lamar Harrison was formally inaugurated as president of the Colored Agricultural and Normal university while easily more than 2,000 persons representing all sections and groups of Oklahoma citizenry looked on the unseen audience as the program was broadcast by Station WKY whose studios are in Oklahoma City.

The back of the platform was decorated with orange and blue bunting, the school colors. On the platform sat Gov. Phillips of Oklahoma, representatives of the guest speaker of the occasion, President John W. Davis of West Virginia State colleges in Oklahoma and schools throughout the nation, and the presiding officer, W. E. Anderson, Principal Dunbar High school, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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

Annie Sales, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Oscar Sales, Defendant  
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk County, the petition of the plaintiff claiming an absolute divorce from you on the grounds of desertion. For further particulars see said petition. And unless you appear thereto and defend, before noon of the 2nd day of the next term of Court, being the July term, 1940, thereof, which will convene at the Court House in the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the 1st day of July, 1940, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon. Dated at Des Moines, Iowa this 14th day of May 1940.

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

Bea R. Sevy, defendant  
vs.  
Bessie R. Sevy, 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 of action, asking for an absolute divorce from you on the ground of desertion. For further particulars see the petition now on file. And unless you appear thereto and defend on or before noon of the second day of the next term of Court, being the July 1940 Term of this Court, which will convene at the Court House in the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the 1st day of July, 1940, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon. Dated this 6th day of May, 1940, at Des Moines, Iowa.

**CLEVELAND AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
1794 Cleveland Ave.  
Elder S. Jackson, Pastor  
The order of services at the church: Sunday School A. M. with Euric Fountain as superintendent. Sunday morning services at 12 o'clock. Y. P. W. W. at 6:30 P. M. with Vera Perchman, leader Sunday night services at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday night Bible Band from 7:30 to 8:30. Weekly services Tuesday and Friday nights, 8 P. M.

**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.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
East Sixteenth and University Ave.  
Rev. Jordan W. Tutt, Pastor  
Morning worship at 11:00. Sunday school at 9:30. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 P. M. Evening worship at 7:45. Midweek prayer service at 7:45. Choir rehearsal Friday evening at 8:00. Dr. L. R. Willis, director.

**ST. SIMON EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1227 School  
Father A. O. Birenough in charge of services on the first and third Sundays. Services at 10:45 A. M. Church school 9:45 every Sunday morning.

**WASHINGTON, IOWA**  
Washington, Iowa—Walter Williams, cousin, Marjorie, of Chicago, has been visiting the past two weeks with friends and relatives here and in Albia.

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Earl Grifton, Attorney for Plaintiff  
419 Teahout Bldg.  
Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander, May 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1940.

To Omaha To Attend State Meeting

Elder Joe Lenley of the Church of God in Christ, 851 Tenth Street, and the overseer, Elder W. D. Smith of Waterloo, left the city Tuesday morning to attend an annual Ministers and Workers meeting of the church, held at the Church of God in Christ in Omaha, for several days. The meeting will conclude on June 2. The Rev. E. M. Barker is entertaining pastor and overseer.

**ELKS ORATORICAL CONTEST JUNE 13**

The local oratorical contest sponsored by the Elks lodge will be held Thursday evening, June 13, at the St. Paul A. M. E. church. The winners are to go to Waterloo, June 16, to enter the state contest.

Miss Huberta Gater, a contestant, has chosen as her subject, "The Negro and the Constitution," and Harold Maupin has selected "Booker T. Washington and the Constitution."

**GROUP GIVES PROGRAM AT SOLDIERS' HOME**

Miss Sarah Steele, instructor of music at the East Side Community Center, took a group of her music students to Knoxville, Iowa, last Sunday afternoon, where the group entertained the veterans.

Music students were the Misses Wanda Hubbard, Quanda Jeanne McElroy, William Eaves, Alice Kinney, Dana Herndon.

Others from Des Moines appearing on the program were: Mrs. C. G. Nichols, Mrs. Maude Woods, Miss Blanche Manuel, Mrs. Josephine Williams. Mrs. Olivia Hayes of the American Legion Auxiliary was chairman of the program.

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# OTTUMWA, IOWA, NEWS SECTION

WILLA MAE HARTSON, EDITOR

Phone your news before Monday at 3897J.

Ottumwa, Iowa.—Mrs. Guy Thomas and Miss Sally Rowland were in Kirksville, Mo., for Memorial day visiting with relatives and friends.

Kermit Thomas is a graduate of Central Catholic high school, finishing early in June. Franklin Lintz was in St. Joseph, Mo., last week. Jackie Nichols was dinner guest of David George-Williams Sunday, May 19, in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins, 510 Meadow street. Men's club entertained friends at a The Royal Entertainers Young skating party at the "Skate-More" rink Wednesday evening, May 22.

**HOLD NAACP MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM IN MARSHALLTOWN**

Marshalltown, Iowa.—The annual membership drive of the Marshalltown branch of the NAACP will close on June 1.

In the interest of the campaign a program was held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, May 26, at which time Mrs. Georgine Morris of Des Moines, president of the Iowa Association of the NAACP, was guest speaker.

Members of the junior NAACP group gave musical numbers. Presiding was Mrs. Bannon, president of the local branch.

**EVANGELIST WILLIAMS RETURNS FROM VISIT**

Evangelist E. Williams returned home last Thursday from a month's visit in the east. From Richmond, Ind., Mrs. Williams went to visit a sister-in-law in Blackstone, Va., and then went to Boston, Mass., to spend some time with a brother.

**REV. H. C. BOYD RETURNS FROM DETROIT**

Rev. H. C. Boyd, pastor of the St. Paul A. M. E. church, was in his pulpit last Sunday after having spent a couple of weeks in Detroit attending the General conference of the A. M. E. church. He and his wife returned to the city late last week.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Second Baptist church will sponsor a banquet Monday, May 27, in the church dining room. The group having the highest average will be honored at the banquet. Mrs. Helen Wilson is president.

**WASHINGTON, IOWA**

Washington, Iowa.—A birthday party was given at the home of Donald Howard in honor of his recent birthday. A number were present.

Church services were held Sunday with the pastor present and in charge. Pains are being made for the coming quarterly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watts, two children, Wilma and Harriet, of Eldon, Mrs. Baker of Milwaukee, and Mr. Moore of Springfield, Ill., visited at Mr. H. R. Crayton's home, and also at other homes Sunday evening.

Rev. A. L. Preston was in Washington this week. Norman Majors of Fairfield stopped in Washington last week on business. Mrs. Majors and Miss Theima Dabner also of Fairfield stopped in Washington last Thursday evening. Jim Redd is still on the sick list.

N. L. Black accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Shedrick Stephens to their home in Indianapolis, Ind., for an indefinite stay. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens having made a short visit at N. L. Black's home last week.

**BURLINGTON, IOWA**

Burlington, Iowa.—"The Church Life Emphasis Week" proved to be a success. Those who appeared on the program were the following: Tuesday night, Sunday School night, Rev. B. H. Hunter of Davenport, Ia., and moderator of the Eastern district, delivered the sermon to the young people. His topic, "The World's Greatest Teacher" brought out many timely points. Wednesday night, Junior Missionary night with the group in charge, Rev. C. W. Cater, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church of Keokuk, Ia., delivered a message to the Junior Missionary. His topic was "How to Become a Christian."

Friday night—closing night of the week. The topic for discussion was "The Art of Music in the Life of the Church." Rev. J. L. Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, delivered the message. "Music in the Life of the Home" was discussed by Mrs. Hazel Woods; "Music in the Life of the Community," by Mrs. Lois Windsor. The important event of the occasion was marked by the coming of Rev. J. L. Lucas, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, Des Moines, and forty-four of his members, including his choir. They came on a goodwill tour and presented the church a goodwill offering of \$10, aside from giving in the general offering and helping to raise the total to \$37.18 for the close of the week. Mrs. Frances Miller, 833 Columbia street, is church reporter; Rev. G. E. Sanders, pastor.

The following committee served in the kitchen: Mesdames L. B. Thompson, Mary Kipper, Blanch Brown, J. Jeffers, E. Chinn, Ruth Gibson, M. Brooks. The Brotherhood was in charge of the refreshments. Among the visitors was Mrs. Gladys Robinson, the daughter of the pastor. She gave timely remarks.

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Reasonable terms. Large home suited for apartments, good location. Call 3-2822.

## DEATHS

**Mrs. A. Pergerson**  
Mrs. Arvne Pergerson, 46, 950 Twelfth street, died at the Broadlawn General hospital Monday, Monday, May 27.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Church of God in Christ. Burial was in Glendale with Estes funeral director in charge.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Matilda Crawford of Galesburg, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Piggie of Des Moines; a sister, Mrs. Albert L. Slater of Pasadena, Cal.; and a brother, Horace Crawford of Galesburg.

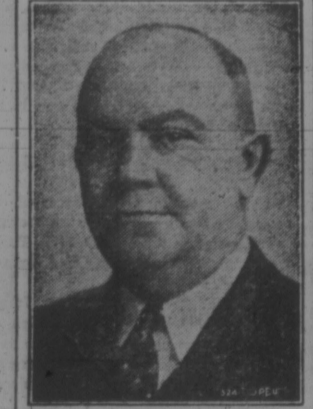
**Mrs. Mildred Glover**  
Funeral rites for Mrs. Mildred Glover, 53, 1228 McCormick street, were set for Friday, 2 p. m., at Mt. Olive Baptist church.

Mrs. Glover died at the Broadlawn General hospital, Monday, May 27. She is survived by a brother, George R. Woodford of Des Moines.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Mrs. Sally Ann Gater wishes to thank their many friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses shown during the illness and death of their beloved wife and and loved one. Especially are we grateful for the donations of cars, the beautiful floral offerings, the kind remarks by the Rev. H. C. Boyd and Atty. S. J. Brown, the Princess Oziel Chapter No. 9 of the O. E. S., the beautiful solo by Mrs. Mildred Page and the efficient services by the Estes Funeral Home.

Signed Mr. Albert Gater, husband, and family.

**POLITICAL ADVERTISING**



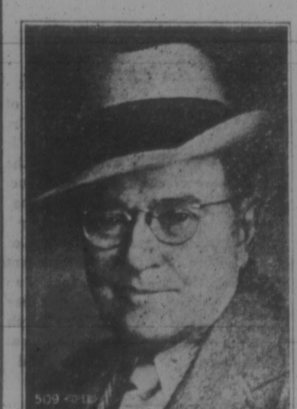
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Republican Candidate  
**FOR**  
**State Representative**

**POLITICAL ADVERTISING**



**DIO S. McGINNIS OF LEON**  
CANDIDATE FOR THE  
Republican Nomination for  
**Commerce Commissioner**  
His long experience as an employee in the railway industry, as a practicing attorney and County Attorney of DeCATUR county fits him admirably for this post.  
Nominate him at the Primaries June 3

**Economical Administration Will Reduce Taxes**  
**MAYOR GARVER AND ALL GARVERS**  
Have been your friend. Why not have a friend as  
**SUPERVISOR** by Voting for GARVER



**JOHN A. GARVER**  
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Political Advertisement**

It has been a pleasure to serve as  
**County Recorder**  
MAY I CONTINUE  
**JENE HAMMILL**  
Republican Primaries June 3, 1940  
Mrs. Frances Hall has been a regular employee in this office during all my term.

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IN THE SHADOW OF THE STARS By Abbe Wallace



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SPRING MUSICAL AT YWCA DRAWS APPRECIATIVE CROWD

A capacity crowd at the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A. listened and applauded guest artists Sunday afternoon, May 26, who presented "An Evening With Negro Composers," sponsored by the Y's education committee.

The spring musical was opened by Mrs. Korinne Jackson, mezzo soprano; Mrs. Mildred Page, contralto, followed.

In a brief lecture on the subject "Negro Music and Musicians," John S. Coleman, who has acquired a vast knowledge of the history of Negro music, traced its source back to the continent of Africa.

Negro Music "Negro music is essentially spontaneous," Mr. Coleman spoke. In Africa it came to life at the war dance, at funerals and wedding ceremonies. It was upon this African foundation that America's folk song was laid—but under different environment—slavery. These primitive people brought here against their will came America her only folk song.

All the great musicians have borrowed from the songs of the common people. These songs are pathetic, passionate, melancholy solemn, religious, bold, merry, gay, gracious—in fact most of the greatest symphonic arrangements are built around these folk songs.

Mr. Coleman touched upon Negro rhythm which he said "follows the natural pulse of a regular metrical beat."

"Many people speak of the Negro folk song as being in the minor key or mode. This is incorrect—it sounds minor because it is in the old Doric mode—the oldest used in folk song—one that is based on the dominant of the scale," the speaker informed.

In discussing the many Negro composers, Mr. Coleman traced the first record of serious composers back to

George Polgreen Bridgetower, called the Abyssinian Prince. He was born in Violo, Poland, 1782, and died in 1860. Chief among his compositions is the "Henry Ballad" dedicated to Her Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales.

"The greatest modern composer was Samuel Taylor Coleridge, born in London, England, Aug. 15, 1875, and died Sept. 1, 1912.

"What Brahms has done for the Hungarian folk music, Dvorak for the Bohemian, Grieg for the Norwegian, Taylor did for the Negro," Mr. Coleman stressed.

Changing the trend of his lecture, in closing remarks, Mr. Coleman directed his remarks to his listeners in stressing a higher appreciation of music.

"Whenever a person plays or sings—listen," Mr. Coleman pointed out that it was an "insult" to the performer to do otherwise.

Have Pianos Tuned "Whenever a piano is out of tune—don't ask a person to play it. It is not fair to a person who has devoted hours of study or his life to music to be invited to play—and then you give him a tin can to play upon.

"Church pianos are in the worst condition," Mr. Coleman lamented.

Following the speaker, vocal numbers continued with the following artists appearing: Calvin Dacus, baritone; Everett Mays, baritone, featuring in his group one of his own compositions; Miss Sarah Steele, soprano.

Miss Barbara Jean Matthews and M. DeLaves, fields offered piano selections. Closing the instrumental groups were viola selections by Calvin Dacus.

Miss Roberta Maupin, adult education instructor was chairman of the program and mistress of ceremonies. Members of the committee served tea with Miss Bernice Angles presiding at a beautifully appointed table. Members of the committee assisted her.

DRIBBLES

By the Drip Evidently Wednesday must have been corsage day as Kenny H—graye Clemintine N—(Gardenias and sweet-peas). Ralston Patten and Gene Rich gave Hestor and Naomi Gilmore one also.

What young lady from the South-Side of Town went home from the T. O. B's party with another boy in her ex-boy friend's car—and then on the following evening attended the baseball game with another gent—and refused to ride home with her boy friend—as he had a load of baseball boys. Little Smith—who was the girl friend you saw riding around in Archie Lucas' car and wished the car would turn over and break her leg? Elizabeth Sneed—who was the charming young man talking to you Sunday?

While Mr. West is up and out at 6, Douglas West and Bill G. keep bankers hours (they sleep until noon).

Noticed Gloria Hughes and Jack Howard strolling 15th St. Monday afternoon. Naomi must have found her "Romeo" in Orville Emanuel, Nannie Mae L. tried her best to make Willibie Lyghtner jealous at the Savoy the other night—did you succeed?

Alice S.—where did you and Earl Miller go Sunday? Ruth Anderson—what is it that interests you so much on the West Side lately? The bad weather must be the result of your going to the Billiken Night club. They say the place is over run with you young chics and "young" gents.

Wonder why Viola Gray never goes out anywhere. While Margaret W. sat in the Paramount alone—Teke Madison attended an outdoor supper with Jean Morris.

What gent on 23rd st. got up and walked out of the when his girl friend came in? Veronica Garland—who were the three gentlemen you were riding around with Saturday night? John Lewis—what kick do you get out of trawling all the chics and trying to hand them a line of jive that is as stale as Old Man time?

Sue E. said she still has her rings—so any other ones of hers are bogus. Coralea B. is your grandmother's meeting place for you and young Colbert?

The NYA girls are planning a summer formal—if you act right you may be invited.

Mrs. Arthur Props (Verlepa Reeves) is visiting in the city for a couple of months. John Alfred Wms. and Harry S. are spending the holidays in Alton, Ill. and Keokuk, Ia. Until another Saturday. I bid you adieu.

The Drip

MRS. ADAMS TO GET DEGREE FROM A. & I.

Graduation invitations have been received here this week by friends of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Adams, widow of Dr. Adams, who is receiving a B.S. degree at Tennessee A. & I. college.

Mrs. Adams formerly headed the music department at Georgia State College, having received her degree in music some years ago from Fisk university.

LA FLEUR DE LES CLUB

The La Fleur De Les club met Friday, May 24, with Gladys Brown. Pokeno was the diversion of the evening, prizes being won by Dorothy Vaughn and Juanita Jacobs. The next meeting will be at the home of Reba Green.

HERE FROM MASON CITY FOR CONCERT

Fred Mitchell of Mason City arrived in the city Wednesday to attend the Wings Over Jordan concert Thursday and to visit with his sister, Mrs. Maude Brewton, who is convalescing here.

Mrs. Danforth Entertains

Mrs. Fannie Danforth entertained the Mary McLeod club Monday, May 27, at the La Marguerita hotel.

Is Hostess

Mrs. Gertrude North was hostess to the Mary Church Terrell club Saturday evening at the Community Center.

To Entertain

Mrs. J. A. Esters will be hostess to the Contract Bridge club Friday, May 31.

Fortnightly To Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Benning will entertain the Fortnightly club Saturday evening, June 1.

BABY DEES CLUB

ENDS SEASON

The Baby Dees club met Monday night, May 27, in the closing meeting of the spring season, at the home of Mrs. C. P. Howard, 1136 Fourteenth street. Final reports were made revealing that thirteen layettes had been given away during the club year. Mrs. Melvin Carl, president, presided.

DAUGHTER TO HAYTERS

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hayter, 830 Youth street, are the parents of a baby girl, born May 12 at their home. The baby was named Gretchen.

HOME FOR SUMMER

George Edgar Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hall, 837 S. E. Twenty-seventh street, will be home this week from Tuskegee Institute to spend his summer vacation.

ATTEND ANNUAL SPRING PARTY IN MARSHALLTOWN

A group from Des Moines went to Marshalltown last Wednesday night to attend the annual spring party given by the Rams club. In the party were: Messrs. A. P. Trotter, Luther Blanton and Jim Morrow, and Mrs. Helen D. Beshears and Miss Roberta Maupin.

BLUE BIRD GROUP

The Blue Bird Camp Fire group participated in a city party at Union park Saturday, May 25, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Beatie Payne.

GIRL RESERVES ON THEATER PARTY

The True Blue Girl Reserve club of the Y. W. C. A. had a theater party Sunday afternoon. Myrtle Oscars was sponsor. Climaxing the season the girls will hold their annual dinner party Friday night at the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A.

CLUB SPONSORS TOUR OF STORAGE PLANT

The Mary Church Terrell club sponsored a tour of the White Line Transfer and Storage plant, 120 S. W. Fifth street, Thursday afternoon, May 16, at which time fifty-two women and a few men were escorted through the seven floors of the company.

RETURNS TO WATERLOO

Mrs. Lella Bell, who completed her beauty course at the Crescent School of Beauty Culture, left the city Saturday to return to her home in Waterloo.

DINNER GUESTS

Mrs. Margaret Joseph, 729 Boyd street, had as luncheon guest Monday afternoon Miss Marie Ross of The Bystander.

Miss Juanita Jenkins of Topeka, Kan., spent several days last week visiting Miss Mabel Mann and a sister here.

SEWING CLASS EXHIBIT



The adult sewing class under the direction of Mrs. Georgine Morris closed another successful season, Friday night, May 24, at which time many of the members of the class displayed garments they had made during the year. Pictured above are many valuable articles which formed an interesting exhibit at the annual exhibition and tea held at the Community Center. Seen in the picture are: (left side of picture) Mesdames Beatrice Green, Danlee Carter, Dorothy Bush, Georgine Morris (instructor); (right row) Miss Kovenia King, Miss Anna Bush, Mesdames Alice Sloan, Janie Morrow and Louise Glass.

Y. W. C. A.

Des Moines music lovers were generous in their expressions of appreciation after listening to an impressive musical on Sunday, May 26, at the Blue Triangle Branch YWCA when some of the best Negro artists of the city were heard and praised by highly appreciative audience.

The various committees of the YWCA gave their last reports of the season at the May meeting recently at the Branch building. Mrs. E. T. Seales is chairman and Mrs. Beatrice Robinson is secretary of the committee of management.

The events and happenings of interest at the Blue Triangle Branch will be compiled by the publicity committee and placed in a scrap book for future reference. All printed programs and circulars of events will be included in the scrap book. The members of the publicity committee are: Miss Leona Palmer, chairman; Mrs. Floeste Bourland, Miss Esther Lucas, Mrs. Martha Dixon, Mrs. Madeline Berry and Mrs. Felice Stevenson.

It comes but once a year, this chance for the various clubs of the city to help some worthy girl enjoy one of the loveliest spots in Iowa, Des Moines Y. W. C. A. Camp. Many clubs have cooperated in the past by sending some girl to the camp and the

chance to contribute to this worthy cause again is at hand for 1940. All clubs will note carefully the request for camp fee contributions as requested by the letters mailed them.

Book Lovers' Club suggest a book for your list: "No More Gas," by Norliff and Hall. This is a tale the reader will laugh over and remember, for it is written from knowledge and love of a group of people who may South-Sea Islanders but are so like people everyone knows.

DR. AND MRS. SMITH OF HUTCHINSON HERE

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith and son, J. S. Smith, Jr., of Hutchinson, Kans., were guests Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Seales, 721-Boyd street. Mrs. Smith is a sister to Mrs. Seales.

A. A. ALEXANDER SPEAKS AT BOONE

Mr. A. A. Alexander was guest speaker last Saturday at the annual outing held by the Men's club of the Plymouth Congregational church, at the Y. M. C. A. camp at Boone, Iowa. He lectured to approximately 100 men on the subject "Interracial Relationships." Dr. Stoddard Lane is pastor of the church.

MOTOR TO OMAHA

Helen Roper and Katherine Vandenero motored to Omaha last week. They were guests of Miss Hazel Roper.

RE-ELECT

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Republican Candidate For County Coroner

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MISS FERN BUFORD OF TOPEKA HERE

Miss Fern Buford of Topeka, Kan., stopped in the city one day last week, the guest of Miss Mabel Mann. MISS JUANITA JENKINS VISITS

M. T. STRONG, VENDOR KING, STOPS HERE

M. T. Strong, known as the "Vendor King" in Minneapolis, was in the city last Friday, the guest of Mr. George McDavis of the Bystander.

MELODIC TAPPERS ENTERTAIN

The Melodic Tappers: Bernice Duke, Leona Wesley, Rosemarie Meeks and Vondelee Carr, appeared in the eleventh annual dance recital by the Highland Dance studio at the Western League ball park, May 18. They also entertained at the Veteran's hospital, May 21.

MRS. BREWTON RECOVERING HERE

Mrs. Maude Brewton of Mason City is ill at the home of her son, Cecil Brewton, 1132 Laurel street, where she has been confined for three weeks. Her condition was reported "recovering" this week.

Mrs. Brewton is a past grand matron of the O. E. S., a past grand conciliar of the Court of Calanthe and until recently was matron at the Federation's Home for Girls at Iowa City.

LA PARISIENNE CLUB

La Parisienne club met with Dor-Mrs. Cottie Lucas will be mistress ethy Madison. Games were played. Winners were: First, Maxine Smith; second, Anna Mae Lawson; third, Mary Ruth Simmons. The next meeting will be with Miss Lawson, 903 Tenth street.

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MRS. JONES ENTERTAINS CALIFORNIA COUPLE

Mrs. J. P. Jones, 1232 Dixon, entertained at dinner Sunday afternoon, May 26, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hawkins of Los Angeles. Covers were laid for eight.

The Hawkins have been in the city two weeks visiting Mrs. Hawkins' sister, Mrs. A. J. Claybrooks and Mr. Claybrooks, 1551 Buchanan. They will leave the city on June 2 to return to California.

HOME FOR SUMMER VACATION

Among the students returning home this week from Iowa State University are the following: Misses Lucy Mae Johnson, Lucy Davis and Hazel Craddock, and the Messrs. James B. Morris, Jr., Emanuel Davis and Luther Smith.

COMMUNITY CENTER HOLDS ANTIQUE SHOW

The Negro Community Center held its annual Antique Show last week with a selection of valuable articles entered by many of the housewives in the city.

The most outstanding articles on exhibit were the following: Needle points, seventy-five years old; old fashioned tinctures; a Bible over a hundred years old; individual salt shakers; old fashion napkin rings; china dishes over one-hundred years old; china dolls; antique glassware and silverware over one hundred years old.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Lottie Ross entertained the club at a birthday party Sunday, May 27, at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gavins, Mr. Beazier Banks and Mr. Ed Ross were guests. Olga was the diversion of the evening being won by Francis Bonnell, Mrs. Gavins and Lucille Rife.

DES GARDEN CLUB SCHOOL

Annual Garden club school will meet at the Community Center, Monday and 14 at the Community Polk. Noted Speakers are to entertain.

SORORITY ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

Beta Gamma Kappa Sorority of Drake University entertained 100 children from the Community Center May 23, at the University Church of Christ.

BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 59

The Boy Scout troop No. 59 participated in the West District one-day Camporee at the waterworks, Friday, May 24.

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### VOTE MONDAY

Iowa goes to the polls Monday to nominate candidates for national, state, county and township offices. In a great many instances some officers are unopposed while in others the customary fight is in progress. This has been a quiet campaign due in part to the fact that the depression is with us still and also the horrible conditions brought about by the war in Europe. Important as these things are, it is highly necessary that we realize that we keep our house in order at home; that our national government can be strong only in proportion that our local units are strong.

And one of the best methods of strengthening local government is to elect men to office who are qualified, and have the interest of all the voters in mind rather than that of themselves only or a selfish few. As a matter of fact there is entirely too much selfishness in the world today of the sort that keeps nations, races and creeds fighting each other.

Voting is one of the privileges as well as duties of good citizenship; it is evidence that the voter is interested in his nation, his community, his home. Let no one be too busy or too careless to do his duty Monday but cast a vote for his choice of men and measures.

### APPROVE THE HOSPITAL

Here in Polk county, the voters are being asked to authorize the construction of a new general hospital. Anyone who has seen the present structure knows that the necessity for a new hospital is so obvious that time need not be taken to urge it.

The burden of public health is increasing every day not only because of the depression but also because a more intelligent effort is being made to give everybody proper medical aid. And this is a good investment.

The hospital proposal should be voted one hundred per cent.

### MEMORIAL DAY

May 30 is set aside in America as Memorial day when we give special honor to the soldiers and sailors who gave their lives in defense of their country. There are few families that do not have a very personal interest in this day because America has fought a good many wars involving millions of men.

But every American does have a general interest in these fallen foes for it was their lives which paid the price for our independence, our preserved union, our demand for humanity toward all men, our system of free institutions.

However, it is not enough to memorialize the dead. They finished their job. Our job is still

in the making for events in Europe demonstrate that the price of maintaining free institutions is high and the defenders must ever be on the alert that that defense be made.

Let us memorialize every fallen hero; let us carry on where they left off. For unless this be our attitude Memorial day becomes a mockery. Certainly we ought not to do these things in any other way.

## WHO AM I?

### A FAMOUS SAILOR

- (1) I lived with my family on an island off the coast of Massachusetts, as a child.
- (2) Was told exciting tales of the sea, by passing sailors.
- (3) Taught arithmetic and navigation by a tutor.
- (4) Begun the life of a sailor at the age of sixteen. And first went on a whaling voyage as a common seaman.
- (5) Bought a large boat called the "Ranger," and as captain put out to sea with a crew of ten sailors.
- (6) Established a trade with the people of Virginia, who were agreeable, but surprised to see a Negro captain with a full crew of Negro sailors.
- (7) At twenty-five, married a beautiful Indian girl, bought a large farm, and built a school on the farm.
- (8) Became very rich, and made plans to return all free Negroes to Africa. After the first trip was made, became very ill and died at the age of fifty-nine. At the time of death there were more than two thousand colored people waiting to be taken to Africa.

### WHO AM I?

The identity of the No. 2 "Who Am I?" appearing in the May 23 issue of the Bystander is Ira Aldridge, a famous Negro actor who was the grandson of an American prince.

### NEW BOOKS

#### ANOTHER REVIEW OF WRIGHT'S "NATIVE SON"

(By Louise Glass)  
One of the very first requirements of a first class author is to get and to hold the interest of the reader. In this respect Richard Wright rates A-plus. He starts off with a bang. On the first page you join right in with Bigger Thomas as he runs down a rat in his rat-infested one-room so-called apartment. And you just have to keep running with him from one exciting situation to another. You go so hard and so fast you don't have time to anticipate what may happen the next minute. You breathe hard and fast. Your heart pounds wildly, maybe skips a few beats. Suddenly you get ice cold. Suddenly you feel as if you are inside a boiler. You get gooseflesh!  
In his twenty years Bigger crammed an awful lot of devilment—ranging from petty larceny to cold-blooded murder. There is no intimation that he ever had the least intention of doing anybody a kindness. You agree with him when he says "I ain't got no soul." You agree with his mother,

## Health Hints

By Dr. C. R. Bradford

### ROCK MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

Rock Mountain Spotted Fever—commonly known as tick fever, is conveyed to man by the bite of an infected woodtick. The ticks are very common here in Iowa, especially during the months of March to June. The germ is transmitted from one generation of ticks to another, that is to say, an infected female may produce thousands of infected young ticks.

It will take from four to eight days to develop the disease after having been bitten by an infected tick. The symptom may come on gradually with a feeling of malaise, loss of appetite, headache and chilliness, but the real onset is sudden with a chill and high fever.

There are muscle and joint pains particularly in the back and legs, with intense headache, and the third to the fifth day of the disease a rash appears, first upon the wrists, ankles and back, later extending over the arms, legs, chest and abdomen. Patients become very ill with this disease and a few cases prove fatal.

Persons going on picnics or fishing in those areas where ticks are present should examine their entire body at least every four to six hours to see if a tick might be present. The tick after getting on the body usually crawls around four to six hours before imbedding itself into the skin to suck the blood. Careful examination of the body should be made after returning home from wooded areas for the tick.

Treatment is not very satisfactory. Immunization has proved successful but expensive. A word of warning to those making frequent forays to areas where the tick is present, examine the body regularly and thoroughly, and avoid the bite of a tick.

too, when she says, "that boy just ain't got no sense."

Yes, Richard Wright deserves all the praise he gets for his vivid descriptions, his phrasing, his strength and beauty of expression, in short his artistry.

But, frankly, I am still at a loss to know why he created such a character as Bigger. The world, especially the United States, has been hearing about his kind a long, long time.

Does he mean to establish as fact, that all of Bigger's troubles were caused by his poverty and that if he had sufficient money he would never have been a criminal? Does he infer that Communists are the only people who, so far, can and will give a Negro what he deserved? Of course, Mr. Wright has a right to these views but he offers no convincing evidence to establish them.

Does he believe that this presentation of the tragic career of a poor black boy will arouse the compassion and tolerance of American white people? We hope it does. But we don't believe it will. We can't imagine the average white man seeing, or even thinking of, a Negro cutting off a white girl's head, stuffing her body into a fiery furnace (after stopping just this side of raping her), and not feeling a strong impulse to twist his neck, no matter how eloquently and brilliantly his lawyer may plead.

After the showing of "The Birth of a Nation," race prejudice swept the north like wildfire. Maybe, this was co-incidental. Or, maybe, I just don't know my white folks. (To be continued.)

## Y. M. C. A.

### 200 Athletes To Compete in 'Y' Invitation Meet

More than 200 track and field athletes are all geared for the approaching Crocker "Y" Inter-Community House Track and Field Meet scheduled for next Thursday afternoon, June 6 in the Drake Stadium. At least ten organizations including Central Y. M. C. A., Jewish Community Center, Carbondale School, Woodside School, West Des Moines Community Center and Westminster Church Center are slated to enter large squads in the meet, and several more organizations are expected to file entries before the deadline on Saturday, June 1.

Twenty one events will be run off on the afternoon's program in the three divisions—Class A, 16 to 19 years of age; Class B, 13 through 15 years; and Class C, under 13 years old. Major interest, of course, will center in the older section, Class A, where ten of the twenty one events will be contested. A number of the city's crack high school athletes are represented on the various competing teams and some—highly creditable performances are sure to be turned in. A hot fight for team honors should materialize with Roadside Settlement, East Des Moines Center and the two Y. M. C. A. squads doped to fight it out for the top position. Roadside captured last year's Decoration Day meet while the Central "Y" walked off with the last Inter-Community House meet in 1934.

The staff of officials will be headed by Franklin "Pitch" Johnson, Drake University track coach and director of the Drake Relays, who will be the Strater; Joe Moore, Director Everett Wadsworth of Crocker Y. M. C. A., of course; Allen Ashby, Bystander sports editor, Chief Judge, and Lou Williams, physical director of the Jewish Community Center, Field Judge. The meet will start promptly at 1:00 p. m. on June 6.

### Group Launches Drive for Boxing Shows

More than 25 businessmen, former camp leaders, and members of the boxing committee, are busy working

in a campaign to sell advance season tickets for the boxing shows to be held at the Y. M. C. A. during the summer. The boxing programs, which are staged for the purpose of raising funds to help worthy boys on their camp fees, will again be under the direction of George Bourland, manager of the Nulife A. C. Gym, whose boxing teams have dominated amateur boxing tournaments throughout the state for the past two years. The first fight card of the season is scheduled tentatively for June 5.

### Week's Ball Schedule

Church Baseball League—  
Monday—Union Baptist vs. Burns M. E. at Birdland.  
Senior Softball League—  
Tuesday—West Des Moines Center vs. Tucker's Paint & Body Co. at West High Stadium.  
Thursday—East Des Moines Center vs. Corinthian Baptist at Amos Hiatt.  
Friday—Negro Community Center vs. Second Street Eagles at West High Stadium.

### LINCOLN POST

By L. P. Bird

The two boys that the state department of the American Legion accepted were at the last meeting. The Post has been advised that Allen McQuerry of East High is an outstanding student; and that Ozzie Morrow of North High is a banner student. Boys' state is wonderful training. Jimmie McGuire has been selected to attend Boys' State.

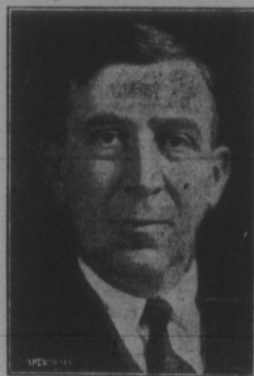
Andrew DeMarco from the new South Side Post was at the last meeting. The regulars out were: Dr. Feike, Sherrin Davis and George Faul. Taps have been sounded for the departed comrades and the graves have been cared for.

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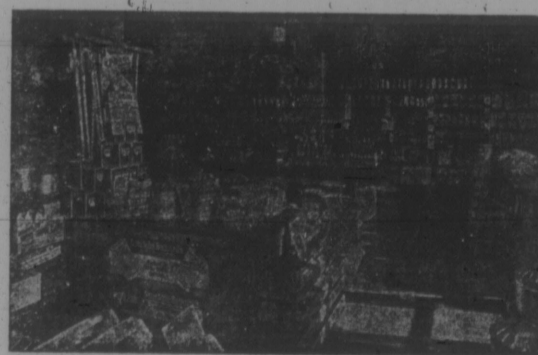
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BY ALLEN ASHBY

### East Wins State Track Title

There wasn't much to it but East High in the state track meet as the Scarlet and Black swept to their fourth state track title in five years. Bill Mash gained revenge over Bill Garrett of Davenport who led him to the tape twice this year in the Drake Relays. Mash clicked off the hundred in 9:09, which is pretty fair time in anybody's meet. He also ran on winning relay teams, having himself quite a time during the day. Spriggs placed in the high jump and the rest of the gang did their share. Out of town boys did alright by themselves. Garrett ran second in the century, and ran on relay teams; Ferguson of McKinley of Cedar Rapids set a new high hurdle record, and forced the boy who ran the lows to set a new mark. James Tyson of East Waterloo, who was expected to run along with Mash and Garrett, was scratched in the dash events so he could run in the relays, and the Waterloo boys got some points that they otherwise might not have gained. In the city meet next week, it is merely a question of whether the other schools combined will score half a many points as East will.

### Negroes Star in College Meets

Dusky track and field artists had quite a day all around the country last week. Archie Harris nearly threw the discus out of the stadium in the Big Ten meet, creating a new mark to eclipse the new one made by Will Watson of Michigan last year. The Hoosier star tossed the platter

one hundred and sixty-five feet. Then the Indiana pass snatcher went out and won the shot put with a good toss. Ed Smith of Wisconsin took charge of things in the high hurdles, and etopped all opposition. On the Pacific coast in their conference meet, Negroes were prominent, U.C.L.A. put a trio of broad jumpers in the field, and they finished in the first three places, with Jackie Robinson of gridiron fame leading them with a twenty-five foot hop. Robinson had been playing baseball all spring before the meet, or he might have placed in other events. People on the coast say that Jackie is the most versatile athlete to appear around those parts for many a year. He may become a twelve letter man before he leaves the West Side school. He is a brother of Mack Robinson, who made a hit in the Olympics of '36, and made quite a social killing here when he came to the Drake Relays.

Shelton of Marquette, who appeared here in the Relays, showed his heels to Bob Saggau of Notre Dame in their recent duel meet, and won both the short dashes. Saggau is considered no mean sprinter, so Shelton rates some nods.

### Lynch, Jones To Fight

The bad luck that seemed to camp on the trail of our pair of box fighters, Cyclone Lynch and Frank Jones, seems to have taken up living quarters elsewhere. Jones gets his fight with Big Ed Murray at Waterloo, and Lynch gets his crack at Eddie Simms here on June 3. It was rather funny. When the fight card scheduled for May 27 was called off, it was announced shortly afterward that the card would be held June 3. Then it was announced that they were looking for an opponent for Simms. An awful howl went up from the manager of Cyclone Lynch. If the Cyclone was good enough to fight the Simms boy on May 27th, how come he wasn't good enough a week later? It didn't really make sense, so it looks as if Pinkie George went into a huddle with himself and brought up the right answer. Jones' fight with Murray headlines a Waterloo show, and we hope Frank takes the big boy. If that Jones boy would get himself into tip-top condition, we might lose a few nickels on him against Lee Savold, if he happened to get his whiskers in the way of one of the Norwegian's lethal swats.

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