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Harold Crutcher on Trial for Shooting Youth

Jury Hears Edward Patten, Victim, and Witnesses; Case to Resume Monday

Harold Crutcher, 46-year-old coal miner who formerly roomed at 815 Fourteenth street at the home of Mrs. Earla Williams and her five children, took the witness stand Wednesday afternoon, November 27, in the court of District Judge Frank S. Shanklan, and denied that he shot his next door neighbor's son 18-year-old Edward Patten, with the intent to commit murder.

Crutcher related in giving details leading up to the shooting that Patten had threatened to take his life after a struggle in the kitchen of Mrs. Williams where Patten choked him that his throat was so sore he "could not eat pancakes at the police station the next morning."

Crutcher admitted that he fired one shot at Patten, after telling the boy to stop. He alleged the boy was "coming towards me with a stick."

Patten was wounded in the right arm with a 12 gauge Winchester shot gun. His arm was so badly injured that it had to be amputated at Broadlawn General hospital that night.

The state, with County attorney Francis Kuble and W. S. Selvy, presented as witnesses, the two older daughters of Mrs. Williams, Hazel Mayberry, 17, and Mildred Mayberry, 15; Mr. John M. Estes, funeral director, upon whose porch young Patten was administered first aid treatment; two police officers and an interne from Broadlawn general hospital.

The incidents leading up to the shooting were related by Patten, who went to the Williams home with Mildred about 6 o'clock on the evening of September 30. Hazel, the oldest daughter was curling the hair of the youngest daughter, Doris, for a talent show that night. Another neighbor girl, who was to be in the talent show that night. Another neighbor got her hair curled when Crutcher, who had been in the front part of the house, raised an objection to using the gas for the neighbor girl.

Crutcher turned off the gas saying that Hazel was "wasting it and that he had to pay the bills here." Hazel attempted to relight it when witnesses said Crutcher struck her and started beating her.

"I grabbed Crutcher and held my arms around him," Patten said, and the girls fled from the house. Hazel's nose was bleeding.

"Then I let him go and he said 'get out' and I went out of the front door," the boy stated.

In the meantime the girls had run to the home of Mr. Estes where they called the police and then they returned home, they stated. They met Patten and Hazel testified that she asked Patten to go back into the house with her to wash the blood from her face.

Patten and the girls testified that they got to the front door of the house and saw Crutcher with a shotgun in his hand. A shot was fired after the girls and Patten ran from the home.

Fleeing, Patten said he stumbled on a plank in the yard and was in the act of getting up from his knees and hands when Crutcher shot him. Then he ran to the home of Mr. Estes.

Patten was taken to the hospital. Crutcher, who left the yard by the alley, met the police officers on Center street, and turned over his gun and shells to them, telling them he had shot a man, he said.

Mrs. Earla Williams, mother of the Mayberry children, cried on the witness stand, as she testified in behalf of Crutcher Wednesday afternoon. She said she had been called to Texas on September 20, after receiving word of the death of her mother and serious illness of her mother.

The case will resume Monday morning.

FORMER LODGE HEAD DIES



FRANK J. HARRIS

Funeral rites were held Wednesday afternoon from the Corinthian Baptist church for Frank J. Harris, 72-year-old former district grand master of the Odd Fellows lodge No. 30 of Iowa.

Services were conducted by the Rev. G. W. Robinson.

Mr. Harris who had been a staunch member of the Corinthian church, died Saturday night at the Broadlawn General hospital.

A native of Virginia, he moved to Iowa more than fifty years ago. Prior to coming to Des Moines he had been a coal miner in Michaknock, Iowa. Coming to Des Moines later he got employment with the street department.

Joe Louis Is In Kentucky Auto Wreck

Frankfort, Ky., (ANP) — As hundreds of students of the Kentucky State college waited impatiently for the expected visit November 20 of Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion of the world, the car in which he was riding smashed into one of the stone pillars of the college gate. Shaken, but still as calm and imperturbable as usual, the champion was quickly transferred to the car of President R. B. Atwood and continued on his way to greet the students and have breakfast at the home of Mrs. Hunter just off the campus.

In the car at the time of the accident were the champion, his trainer, Jack Blackburn, Jackson Robb of Frankfort and Freddie Guinyard Louis' secretary and the driver of the car. The accident happened when the fighter's green convertible sedan approached the entrance to the college before the driver realized it. In turning into the rather steep drive way, Guinyard momentarily lost control of the car and it struck the right hand pillar. The entire right front end of the car was demolished, bumper, fender, and headlight. All four occupants of the car were shaken up, but no one was injured.

Joe Louis appeared before the assembled students for the porch of the Hunter home with his usual calm and collected manner, unchanged by his experience of 10 minutes before.

Joe Louis was in Kentucky to look over some Franklin county horses with the idea of adding to his stable of fine riding animals.

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE GOES OVER TOP WITH \$334,109

Des Moines added another triumph to its unbroken record of "going over the top" on Community Chest campaigns, when the 24th annual drive brought to a close last Friday. Chest officials expressed their gratitude to citizens and workers alike, when they announced that the total subscriptions this year amounted to \$334,109. The quota had been set at \$330,209.

As the campaign ended one day ahead of schedule, S. F. McGinn, general chairman of the drive; Cecil Young, chairman of the executive committee; Charles I. Madison, executive director of the Chest, voiced the thanks of all connected with the organization for the successful campaign.

COUNCIL HEARS

TROLLEY LINE REPORT

A report recommending that the Fort De Moines-Urbandale street car line remain as it is now was heard by the city council Monday.

A petition, signed by 427 persons was received November 4 asking that the line which was formerly two lines be divided again.

The report stated streetcar service would not be improved but impaired, by the proposed change.

IN RIOT



LANGSTON HUGHES

THANKSGIVING DAY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Thanksgiving Day worshippers attended religious services Thursday morning at St. Paul A. M. E. church where the congregations of Burn's Methodist and Corinthian Baptist churches assembled to hear the Rev. John C. Bain as guest speaker.

On the east side members of Maple Street and Union Baptist church

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Court Says Negroes Were Excluded From Jury Duty

Washington, D. C. — The conviction of a Houston, Texas, Negro for assaulting a white woman was reversed by the supreme court Monday on a finding that Negroes had been barred from grand juries in the county where he was indicted.

"It is part of the established tradition in the use of juries as instruments of public justice that the jury be a body truly representative of the community," said the unanimous decision, delivered by Justice Black.

The court found that although Negroes constitute more than one-fifth of the population of Harris County, Texas, and "a minimum of from three to six thousand of them measure-up" to statutory qualifications, only five had served on grand juries from 1931 through 1938, when the defendant was indicted, and none had served in 1937 or 1938.

The defendant, Edgar Smith, 18, had been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The decision apparently had the effect of freeing him completely. George W. Bacus, assistant state attorney general, told the court the time limit for obtaining a new indictment had expired and that thus he could not be retried.

Black, in an opinion last Lincoln's birthday, upset the conviction of a Florida Negro who was subjected to a "third degree." In Monday's opinion, he said Smith's conviction could not stand if there had been discrimination, however it was accomplished.

Brigadier General Says Army Can Dodge Jim Crow Clause in Conscription Bill

Washington, D. C. — "The act (Conscription Bill) says there is to be no discrimination, but the act also says that no man may come into the Army who is not acceptable to the Army. The Navy, of course, is worse, and the Marines will not accept Negro applicants. I regret this state but unfortunately the Army gets the final say."

This was the statement made by Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service Administration, to eight representatives of Negro and white organizations who interviewed him in his office here Friday, November 15, on the question of discrimination against the Negro Youth in the operation of the draft law.

Members of the delegation who interviewed Hershey included: Madison Jones, Jr., recently appointed Youth director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Joseph C. Carter, African Youth Congress; Louis Burham, National Negro Congress; Ben Coles-Christian Student Union; James

Williams, Modern Trend Youth Group, of Harlem; and Misses Elmets Hampton and Jessie Scott, of the Brooklyn, Y. W. C. A.

In addition to Hershey the delegation interviewed the following officials: Social Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt; Major Campbell C. Johnson, assistant to Draft Administrator Clarence Dykstra; to the advisory commission to the council of national defense; and William H. Hastie, civilian aide to Secretary of War Stimson.

Answering the problem of getting Negro youth into defense training programs, where they have been denied admission in many cases, with the statement that private industry will not accept them after they are trained, Social Security Administrator McNutt admitted to the delegation that it was "a vicious circle."

Answering a question pertaining to training schools for Negro officers General Hershey said:

"No specific arrangements have been made. The War Department will provide training for Negro of-

ficers, if proper progress of such individuals is shown." On the question of separate battalions for Negroes, he answered:

"The Selective Service system has nothing to do with where the man goes. We are purchasing agents. What they do later is of no interest to us. None of us will get anywhere without discussion. Even though the act provides against discrimination the army has the right to introduce the question of acceptability."

Going into further detail about the matter of separate army units for Negroes, Major Campbell C. Johnson said "Even in New York they have established the principle of separate Negro regiments in the National Guard. You have this principle scattered throughout the country." However, Major Johnson said he felt that progress was being made despite these conditions. "Neither Judge Hastie nor myself would be here if we did not feel we could make progress and we have made some progress in recent weeks," he said.

Riot Incited Against Poet L. Hughes in California

Los Angeles, (ANP) — Sister Aimee Semple McPherson — she who went down to sea more than a decade ago and turned up in the desert with a tall tale of kidnaping and who has waged many a free-for-all battle with all manner of men, women and devils, including her own mother and daughter — turned the full force of her fury on mild mannered Poet Langston Hughes last Friday and as usual staged a comedy of errors that again plastered her name in the headlines.

Casualties of Aimee's devilkreig were:

1. More than 600 guests at a Pasadena literary luncheon who had gathered to hear Hughes and a half a dozen other writers chat about their books.
2. Two of her own followers who were tossed in the hogswog for violation of Pasadena ordinances.
3. Poet Hughes who was forced to leave the ritzy Vista Del Arroyo hotel without eating his lunch but who is reported on reliable authority to have stayed his stomach at a not-so-ritzy Central avenue eatery sometime later.

Many years ago, it seems, Hughes wrote a poem in which he referred to Sister Aimee and assorted other religious leaders in none too complimentary language. Last week he was invited to a literary luncheon to say a few words about his recent best selling autobiography, "The Big Sea."

Somehow or other word got to sister Aimee that he would speak at Pasadena's swank Hotel Vista Del Arroyo and she warned her followers that the devil has been appearing in strange guises for untold centuries while telling them of Hughes' scheduled talk. Her followers took the hint if it was a hint and if it wasn't a hint they took it anyhow.

Hughes had a little more than seated himself in the hotel luncheon room and eyed the tasty viands before the hotel manager appeared and told him that a crowd was gathering with sounds wagons, signs and the other badges of picketing. A hasty conference between Hughes, the manager, and the chairman of the luncheon produced a decision that he would not speak.

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News Briefs From Far and Near

PLEADS TO WORK; SHOT

New Orleans, La. — The plea of a Negro workman that he be allowed to make a day's work after having braved the freezing weather to report for work is said to have enraged "Slim" Dorsey, white foreman for the Atlas Construction company, to the extent that he attempted to murder the workman, Jess Williams, and his brother, James, by shooting them down with a shotgun, last Saturday.

According to R. J. Anderson in the New Orleans Sentinel, the shooting occurred 18 miles out of Bogalusa, La., where a spillway is being built by the Atlas Construction company.

5,000 HEAR SINGERS

Birmingham, (By Robert Durr for ANP) — Five thousand Negroes jammed the municipal auditorium here Sunday afternoon to hear singers from Fisk university, Alabama State Teachers' college, Alabama A. & M. college, Miles college and NYA choruses from all sections of the state as the Negro Exposition of Progress was started. At no time in the history of Birmingham has such a crowd turned out to a purely educational and cultural program. A large group of whites was in attendance.

At his invitation as chairman of the Exposition Executive committee, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune flew to Birmingham to deliver the keynote address. Altho Mrs. Bethune intimated she would only bring greetings before going to the auditorium, when she saw that great mob of people she was so moved that she made the most masterful address ever delivered by a Negro woman in Birmingham.

PAUL ROBESON, JIM CROWED

San Francisco, (ANP) — Paul Robeson, eminent actor and singer, last Monday took legal action to protect his civil rights when he, and eight other persons five of whom are white, filed suit for \$22,500 damages here in Superior court against Vanessi, Inc., operators of a fashionable restaurant at 498 Broadway. Joe Vanessi is manager of the place.

In the complaint, Robeson and friend charge that last Thursday night, following Robeson's brilliant concert at the Opera House, they were denied seats at the cafe. Each of the nine persons in the party asks \$2,500 damages under Section 52 of the Civil Code. Colored members of the Robeson party were John Pittman, foreign editor of the People's World; Revels Clayton, secretary-treasurer of the Bay Area District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific and Lawrence Brown, Robeson's accompanist.

GREATER MONARCHS MINSTRELS DEC. 4-5

The stage is all set for the curtain to rise next Wed. and Thursday nights on the 1940 presentations of the Monarch's Greater Minstrels, at the Jewish Community Center.

Because of the large attendance at the minstrels in previous years the Monarch club is presenting the minstrel's two nights this year for the accommodation of their patrons.

The ticket price is 25 cents for adults and fifteen cents for children. Featured this year will be many brand new songs, dances, skits and jokes.

Africa Has Big Supply Of Valuable Chemicals

The chemical industry is beginning to play an important part in the industrial life of Africa, Dr. W. S. Landis, New York chemical company official, says in a report to the American Chemical Society.

"Africa possesses unlimited chemical raw materials and the gold mines of Johannesburg and other mining industries are enormous consumers of supplies of all kinds," Dr. Landis points out.

"South Africa produces about 15,000,000 ounces of gold per year. By far the larger proportion is obtained by treatment of the ore with cyanide, followed by precipitation and refining. Approximately 85 per cent of this production comes from the Rand from mines located in a narrow belt about 80 miles long. This is probably the most concentrated chemical industry in the world with respect to value of production."

The mining problems in the deep mines are complex, first because of enormous rock pressures, and secondly on account of high temperatures encountered so far underground, Dr. Landis explains.

"Probably the greatest copper deposits in the world are located in Cape Province, Northern Transvaal, and on the Northern Rhodesia-Belgian Congo border," Dr. Landis continues. "The reserves in the Rhodesian mines, of which three are now in operation and a fourth under construction, are enormous."

"The Transvaal is an important producer of manganese ore, shipping 750,000 tons annually, and extending from the Transvaal into Southern Rhodesia are literally mountains of chrome ore. Adjacent thereto in Southern Rhodesia are great asbestos deposits producing the highest grade fiber known."

"Northern Rhodesia and the Congo both possess lead and zinc mines. The Congo produces tin, gold, vanadium, and cobalt. Cobalt is associated with certain of the copper ores, both in the Congo and in Northern Rhodesia."

"The great diamond fields extend eastward from the mouth of the Orange river, across the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. Mines have been opened at two points—Kimberly and Pretoria. The Kimberly pit is the largest man-made hole in the world, although there is evidence of a prehistoric copper mine in the northern Transvaal which may have been even larger."

Family With Six Pilots Lays Claim to Record

In any contest for the title of "flying family," the Youngs of Fort Morgan, Colo., are prepared to match their record against all comers. There are six certificated pilots in the immediate Young family, which has its own 80-acre airport five miles north of its home town.

The entire family received its instruction from one of its own members, Paul, who has been flying for five years and holds a commercial pilot's and instructor's certificate. All the Youngs, who range in age from Hersey W. Young, Paul's father, who is 59 years old, down to Cora Mae, his sister, who is 17,

voled on the same plane, a Piper Cub, owned by Paul and his brother, Harold. Dorothy, another sister, has been a pilot for three years, but the others, including Mrs. Young, qualified only in the last 18 months.

The Youngs have made Fort Morgan air-minded and it now is among the leaders, per capita, in piloting.

Painting Plaster Cracks

Painting over plaster that is lined with "map" or "hair line" cracks requires a special knowledge of paints, for if ordinary paint is applied, the oils are drawn into the cracks, thus changing the color and producing a streaked job. Painting authorities recommend bridging the cracks through sealing with some pigmented sealer or flat paint with varnish added. Either of these materials used should be brushed into and over the cracks thoroughly without tinning. When thinned their efficacy will be reduced. After the first coat is dry any good flat paint may be applied and the cracks will no longer be visible.

Fishing With Piety

The picturesque fishermen of the Mississippi Gulf coast fish with religious fervor—literally. Hardy, two-fisted men who love a working schooner, they take heaven in partnership with their ventures. Before departing for the shrimping grounds at the beginning of the season each August, they gather in the still waters of a quiet cove, near a white cross commemorating the landing of d'Iberville and his first settlers in 1699. There they anchor their boats to assist at the solemn ritual of the Roman Catholic church. A priest steps from boat to boat to bless each craft and its occupants.

Ox Teams Still Used At Vermont Sawmill

Ox teams are still in use in some parts of New England, notably in Ripton, Vt., where the animals are used to haul logs to the sawmill.

Ripton once possessed as many as 40 such ox teams, according to a resident whose father used to shoe them in his blacksmith shop. Sixty or 70 years ago Ripton was a thriving, active town, inhabited by farmers, lumbermen and dairy men.

But the railroad failed to take in the village in its course, and without progressive transportation the community began to dwindle, as men's eyes began to look longingly at the more fertile land out west and the easier, warmer climate to the south and to the greater comfort of city living.

Ripton, like many mountain localities, became almost a deserted village. The winter population decreased to less than 200. Where there used to be five schoolhouses, now only one is needed. Two big churches united to form one tiny congregation.

Human Body Mechanism

Every physical action exemplifies a mechanical principle and of all machines the human body is the most intricate. The average man eats and drinks about 5 1/2 pounds of solids and liquids daily, totaling approximately one ton a year. All this goes into a stomach of about five pints' capacity, but which daily develops about nine pounds of gastric juices to digest the load. The human heart, normally, weighs from 8 to 12 ounces and makes approximately 100,000 beats each day. Functioning with the heart are the lungs, with a capacity of about 320 cubic inches, but which take in and let out scarcely a pint of air at each breath in ordinary breathing. The heart circulates the blood and blood equal to the whole amount in the body passes the heart every minute. The human frame or skeleton is made up of more than 200 distinct bones and the body functions by means of no less than 500 separate muscles, with a like number of nerves and blood vessels. The skin contains more than 2,000,000 vents for an equal number of perspiration ducts, each of which is about one-fourth inch long, but whose combined length is approximately eight miles.

Archers' Paradise

Arizona has announced the creation of an "Archers' Paradise." It will consist of approximately 100 square miles in the mountain area of the state where archers will be allowed to use bows and arrows in the killing of everything from prairie dogs to bears.

Visiting Nelson's Flagship

Visitors may see Nelson's flagship, "The Victory," at Portsmouth, in a dry dock built in 1856, oldest dry-dock in the world. Nearby is the Victory museum, with many memorials of Nelson, Napoleon, the Battle of Trafalgar and the Napoleonic wars.

Knowledge Is Effective Weapon Against Cancer

Knowledge is the most effective weapon against the disease of cancer, Dr. I. Millan of Mexico City, writes, in an article in *Sintesis*, and ignorance and isolated facts about the dreaded disease confirm in the public mind certain superstitions that have no reason for existing. The most common fallacies regarding cancer are that no one knows what causes it, the doctor states. "But we do know what cancer is, and we also know what causes the development of certain forms," Dr. Millan says.

Cancer is a term used to designate a large number of afflictions whose common characteristic is the growth of unlimited cells that perform no useful function to the rest of the organism. In almost all of the known cancerous conditions, the direct cause has been a prolonged irritation.

The disease can be caused by defective or decayed teeth and cancer of the lips is frequently found in people who smoke pipes or cigarettes. Persons who handle dyes or chemically treated lubricating greases and farm laborers frequently develop cancer.

Medical science, according to Dr. Millan, has burst the fallacy that cancer is contagious. It is possible to avoid cancer by removing the cause of irritation, and second, if cancer develops in a definite locality, it is not difficult to remove the growth by surgery.

'Jay Walkers' Are Not Same as 'Jayhawkers'

Jayhawkers and jay walkers are not synonymous terms. There is not, in fact, the remotest association, even of ideas, in their etymology. The term "Jayhawker" attained widespread recognition during the controversy over the admission of Kansas to the Union, begun in 1854. It was applied by Kansans to those who advocated that Kansas be admitted as a free state and who aroused the antagonism of the proslavery group. Prior to this date, however, the name was in use and had quite another significance as applied to a group of young adventurers who left Galesburg, Ill., in the spring of 1849 for the California gold fields.

Later, in the region now included in Death Valley National Monument, these gold-seekers were for a while traveling companions of Lewis Manley. The expedition but for his courage would have perished in the desert. Indiscriminately all those who attempted the journey in 1849 were called for years afterward "Jayhawkers."

Women Top Film Editors

One more proof that women have as much sense as men, if not more, as is probably the case, is seen in the fact that top film editors at Paramount, Twentieth Century-Fox, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Columbia and Cecil De Mille plants are all feminine. The reason for this is that a woman may have not only the same accurate idea of dramatic values as a man, but, in addition, a more emotional nature. This is invaluable in building up the sentimental side of the picture.

As soon as the photography on a new picture is completed, the miles of celluloid are turned over to the film editor. The latter is necessarily one who has a wide knowledge of drama, literature, music and comedy, a feeling for rhythm and a sense of entertainment values. So the film editor takes the celluloid and cuts it down to the proper length. He must decide how much of each scene is to go into the finished picture and also the proper sequence of scenes. It is he who glues the pieces together into the play's final form.

A lot of the success of any release depends upon the film editor, and women are more than holding their own in that difficult field.

Salary for Wives?

The demand for adequate remuneration for wives has been made often, and has always met with contempt—especially from husbands. Perhaps at first glance it does seem illogical to ask for more money for women who already have too much. But, apart from the vague idea of "personal freedom," it is the idea of self-earned money which fascinates women.

Why not? This country, which made money its yardstick of personal worth, and why should wives be the only people excluded from trying to measure their value by it? A woman should be paid by her husband in proportion to her competence, and to the amount of work and responsibility she assumes. In most cases 25 per cent of her husband's income would be fair.

This arrangement would offer a fair chance to all those misunderstood women who feel that early marriage and lack of self-expression have denied them business careers. It would also give them a chance to decide how much they wanted to pay for their own laziness, or their desire for excessive entertainment. They would certainly not be forced to do work for which they genuinely had no talent.

Astronomers Do 'Looking' With Camera, Says Doctor

This is going to break the hearts of all the amateur astronomers who ever dreamed of gazing an eye to the largest telescope in the world and ferreting out comets, stars, suns and nebulae without number.

For it seems the scholarly gentlemen who work around the Mount Wilson, Calif., telescope, whose 100-inch mirror is tops at present, turn knobs and twist screws and fiddle with gadgets—but practically never look through their huge instrument. That is the disillusioning word Dr. Paul W. Merrill, member of the Mount Wilson observatory research staff, brings to the 1940 conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held at the University of Washington.

"We don't spend any more time looking at the stars than the chemist does looking at the bottles on his shelf," the astronomer said. "In fact, the visitors to the observatory do more looking than we do." The observatory staff, Dr. Merrill explained, does most of its "looking" with the aid of cameras, because better work can be done and because the film can "see" farther into space than a human eye.

To tell the truth the observatory isn't more than passingly interested in discovering new stars. They have enough trouble trying to find out about the ones they have now. At the Mount Wilson station alone, more than 30,000 spectrograms of stars have been made with cameras.

Light from a single star is passed through a prism to make a spectrogram, Dr. Merrill explained. And, once a spectrogram has been made, the observers have a star by the tail, Dr. Merrill explained. By studying the film, they know the chemical makeup of the star, its direction and speed.

Benjamin Franklin Not So Honest, Says Teacher

Prof. Thomas P. Abernethy, in one of his volumes dealing with technical topics explodes a belief that men like Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, Robert Morris and George Washington were as honest as we would like to believe they were. These men had deep interest in the financial returns they expected to earn from speculations in western lands. Washington, he states, was the "Peer Gynt" of that period. Morris often used his official position to further advance his private interest, he points out. "The idea that Morris financed the Revolution out of his own pocket is purely mythological," Professor Abernethy writes.

In dealing with the versatile Benjamin Franklin, the professor is distinctly an iconoclast. First of all he indicates the early interests of Franklin in the ill-fated land companies of that day. Franklin established a close relationship with Silas Dean, an active intriguer and also employed as his secretary, Dr. Edward Bancroft, one of his associates in the land promotion schemes. Dr. Bancroft was known at that time to be active as a British spy.

Self-Milking Cow

The first self-milking cow has been produced by a research scientist of the American Husbandry council. Dr. Jafton Barottome devised the technique, which is based on the fundamental discoveries of the Russian physiologist Pavlov, on the formation of conditioned reflexes.

In training a cow to be a self-milker, Dr. Barottome places the milk pail in the appropriate position and simultaneously injects under the skin of the animal's back a potent substance which has the effect of relaxing the sphincter muscles, thus causing the milk to flow from all four teats at once, says the Rocky Mountain Herald. This procedure is repeated three times daily, the dosage being slowly diminished to zero.

Eventually a new habit, or conditioned reflex, is established, so that the mere placing of the milk pail causes an immediate evacuation of the udder. The nature of the substance injected has not been divulged, as further research is being done in the attempt to find a selective relaxant which will act on the udder sphincters alone and not on the other sphincters.

Hardened Lenses Protect Workers

Hardened lenses are finding wider use in safety goggles to protect the eyes of workers engaged in occupations with unusual visual hazards, reports the Better Vision Institute. The hardened glass in such lenses has remarkable resistance to breaking and shattering. In a recent demonstration a steel ball weighing 16 grams was dropped on the center of such a lens 50,000 times from a distance of 1 1/4 inches, without causing a breakage of the lens. The impacts on the glass represent a total of 2,295 foot-pounds of energy.

With the new hardened glass it is possible to drive a nail into a pine plank, using the spectacles as a hammer.

Pre-Civil War Buildings Rated as America's Best

The general excellence of American architecture reached its highest point during the 40 years just prior to the Civil war, says Talbot F. Hamlin, librarian at Columbia University.

The character of American towns from the Atlantic to the Great Lakes and the Mississippi was formed by the architecture of this period. Mr. Hamlin points out in a report published by the Columbia University Press.

"This was an era of big and small houses," Mr. Hamlin continues, "but, excepting certain areas of the largest cities, and certain shacks and cabins of the purely shiftless, it was not a period of rich and poor houses. Squalidness is so rare as to be violently noticeable."

"Never, before or since, has there been a period when the general level of excellence was so high in American architecture, when the ideal was so constant and its varying expressions so harmonious, when the towns and villages, large and small, had in them so much of unostentatious unity and loveliness. Walking through these towns one falls at once under the influence of this spirit and feels that these buildings were designed by, and built for, a people who had a new, vivid, almost overmastering aesthetic sensitiveness and love of beauty in form and line."

This period of outstanding architectural development in the United States was the result of the revival of Greek architecture in this country, according to Hamlin.

Although this movement was as much a Western culture, its American expression was especially significant, and unique in its character because of the special conditions which surrounded the North American colonies. For the American Revolution brought a cultural as well as a political liberation. If England was now no longer the cultural inspiration, a more real inspiration came to take its place—that great fecundating inspiration that had set wave after wave of influences across the surface of Western life—the inspiration of the ancient classic world of Greece and Rome. The whole country became at last architecturally independent and architecturally "classic." The colonial attitude was dead."

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EVEN YOUR BEST FRIEND WON'T TELL YOU

You yourself might easily have halitosis (bad breath) without ever suspecting it for it's often due to food fermentation in the mouth. And the subject is so delicate that even your best friend wouldn't tell you.

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NEWSPAPERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Newspapers come out but seldom do most people understand the things that must be done to produce a finished product. In America, we have thousands of newspapers many of which are operated by Negroes. A few of these papers are well-paying business institutions due in a great measure to the fact that they are located in large centers of Negro population. This makes distribution easier; larger Negro business institutions; more business concerns operated by Negroes and whites are concentrated in these locations which draw most of the trade from Negroes and of course, naturally, they advertise almost exclusively in Negro papers.

On the other hand there are many smaller papers that are just as important to their communities, but find it difficult to keep their heads above the water because they lack the natural advantages of the large papers. These papers provide a means of expression of the Negro's viewpoint, and keep the public informed of social, religious and other activities, most of which fail to find their way into any other class of newspaper.

The Bystander has been printed in Des Moines for more than forty years. Not only has it done the job a newspaper is called upon to perform, but it has also aided in increasing employment among Negroes; it has hired a staff of Negroes and maintains a larger one now than ever before. This, we have been able to do not only because of our own efforts but also because many friends of the paper, who have recognized its worth, have been of great assistance.

While our advertising space is increasing, it is far from what it should be. Yet Negroes spend thousands of dollars every month buying food, clothes, furniture, automobiles, coal and other necessities from firms that don't advertise in the Bystander or any other Negro paper nor in many cases do they spend any money employing Negroes. And yet the Bystander must get most of its revenue from institutions that sell these things. As a matter of fact, practically every firm in the city is called upon by our salesman, some respond as our advertising columns indicate; some not only refuse but look upon advertising in Negro papers as a joke. This, the Bystander resents; it is in just such cases that we need the help of our friends.

In order to find out whether your merchant is cooperating, the Bystander wants every reader and his friends to ask

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If this is done you will have rendered a big service to your paper, and will do much to increase the reader value as well. As an experiment, the Bystander would appreciate phone calls or letters from friends telling what response they have received from their merchants.

Frankly, we believe the effort is worth trying.

Encouraging Art Appreciation

Most people belong to clubs but most clubs are just clubs with no real benefit to anyone but their members—even that is sometimes doubtful.

Last week one of our Des Moines clubs—the Dilletante—sponsored its thirteenth annual art exhibit at the public library. Years ago this club recognized the importance of stimulating art among the Negro group in Des Moines and giving the public a chance to see that art on display.

Each year brings a high type of exhibition. In fact, many visitors have been surprised at the exhibit, for the displays indicate that not only has much work gone into their preparation but also that the club has done a fine job getting them before the public in such artistic fashion.

Each year the attendance gets larger because Des Moines is appreciating art more and more and because somebody has taken it upon himself to make a creditable exhibit available. As an additional feature the club gave a scholarship to a student at the University who has exhibited his paintings at these affairs for many years. The Bystander congratulates the club on its fine community service.

Appreciate Our Status

It is not easy for everybody to be thankful for his status in life even though not the best, because in this country we are not locked horns with another nation in war. And, yet if everyone could visualize the plight of most of the people in Europe we just don't believe that anyone would be other than thankful that he is not subjected to their friends across the ocean, the hear aches and horrors of the Bystander thinks that we should give thanks for the power and determination to continue at peace.

WHO AM I?

(By H. N. Wilton) A GOOD CITIZEN

Very early during the Civil war I enlisted with the Union soldiers. At the conclusion of the war I came to Iowa with Col. Milo P. Smith, and lived in Clinton for number of years.

Col Smith was with General Sherman on the march to the sea. He became attracted to a horse and a cow that he had, and shipped them to New York by sea, and then by freight to me at Clinton, Iowa.

I was among the first of my race in the hotel business in the state, and became one of its favorably known citizens.

Senator John H. Gear took a personal interest in my welfare, and remembered me in the hours of my affliction.

One of my sons, Frank, was twice elected market master of

Health Hints

By Dr. C. R. Bradford

PSITTACOSIS

(Parrot Fever) Psittacosis is a specific infectious disease of parrots, parakeets, love bird and other member of the parrot family. The malady is highly communicable to man. Man usually contracts the disease from members of the parrot family. Canaries and finches occasionally have the disease and have been known to serve as the source of infection for human beings. Transmission of the disease from man to man occurs but not frequently. The germ which causes the disease has not yet been identified.

The incubation period is about fourteen days. The disease begins abruptly with malaise, loss of appetite, headache, insomnia and sometimes delirium. The non-productive cough is usually present. The disease manifests itself in the form of bronchial pneumonia. The cure of the disease is somewhat irregular and the duration may vary from ten to fifteen days.

Individuals of both sexes and of all age groups are susceptible. Infants and children, however, appear to be less susceptible than adults.

The diagnosis is difficult unless the association with a sick or dead parrot or parakeet is known. It might easily be confused with pneumonia, influenza or typhoid fever.

The treatment is symptomatic as there is no valid evidence that serum from individuals convalescing from the disease possesses prophylactic or curative properties.

An ideal Christmas gift—a year's subscription to the Bystander.

Y. M. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL LEAGUES OPEN DEC. 11

Wednesday, December 11, the lid comes off in full blast, heralding the opening of the 1940-41 Crocker Y. M. C. A. basketball league. This begins a three month period of intensive play, hard fought battles, thrilling games, sensational shots, last minute victories, heart-breaking defeats and all that go to make a successful cage season.

The games will be played Wednesday and Friday evenings at the West High gym and Thursday nights at East High. The basketball committee met last week and several new rules and regulations were drafted and adopted.

All clubs and organizations are

BIBLE THOUGHT

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Cor 9:15.

Des Moines, he later became a recorder of deeds at Washington, D. C.

Tracy, the second son, was head clerk in the city engineer's office under Mr. Budd and Mr. Dobson of Des Moines. Tracy became an excellent draughtsman and a well post man in the duties of his office.

He became a good liver and a good citizen in Des Moines, owning much property and in general a creditable asset to his race.

WHO AM I? Answer: Thomas Blackburn

LINCOLN POST

LeRoy Bird

With Thanksgiving gone it means that the Post must prepare for the holiday entertaining. Besides having a number of affairs at the club house, the Post will give cheer to the aged and children. When the comrades and ladies are called upon to help or donate, give with a smile, because after all you are helping those that can't help themselves.

On December 2, the Post Uniform club will have a dance at the Billiken ball room, at which time that automatic radio will be given away. This is the postponed Armistice day dance and the radio is still on display at the drug store.

The membership chairmen are having very good luck bringing in the comrades dues. Memberships are accepted the year round. Many from the east side are coming in.

The Post-Uniform club have nice entertainments on Sunday nights. The Post has a large parking space in the yard so plenty of room for your car.

When asked to assist with the Xmas program, kindly say "yes".

asked to get in readiness and to drill hard during these two weeks of preparation. Practice sessions have already started at West on Wednesday and Friday.

For information on entries, leagues, schedules, etc., call or write the Crocker Y. M. C. A., 12th and Crocker, phone 3-5611.

Table Tennis Teams Win

Table tennis teams from the Crocker Y. M. C. A. were victorious in inter-team competition twice last week. Defeating the Jewish Community center mixed singles and doubles group Thursday, under the direction of Dolph Lawson, W. P. A. supervisor, the Crocker 'Y' squad trimmed the Central 'Y' club Saturday afternoon, winning six matches to three, in charge of Everett Wadsworth, W. P. A. recreational leader.

Boys making the J. C. C. trip were: Theydon Brown, Delbert Morrison, Arthur McCune, Joe Roland, Bob White and Melvin Marshall. The same boys played at the Central 'Y' with the exception of Roland and White who were replaced by William Owens and Harold Carr.

Gym Classes Started

Gym classes at West High gym have started. Every Monday evening, from 7 till 10 o'clock, men will play volleyball, indoor softball, take boxing and wrestling workouts, calisthenics, etc. All adults are welcome to come and join. This session will not be used for basketball practice.

Father - Son Banquet

Preparations for the Crocker Y. M. C. A. annual Father and Son dinner to be served Friday evening, December 6 at the St. Paul A. M. E. church have stepped up to a rapid clip this week so that the guests will be assured of interesting entertainment that this affair is noted for.

T. M. Kelly, chairman of arrangements, has distributed tickets to several members of the 'Y' or they may be obtained at the office of the Crocker 'Y'. A program of well-known personalities is planned and a complete and satisfactory dinner is promised by the Y. M. C. A. social committee who is serving the banquet.

Boy's Work Committee

The Boy's Work committee is planning to stage a mammoth Christmas party for club boys and former 'Y' campers on Thursday evening, December 19. Gifts, candy and entertainment will be provided for the young guests.

About 130 boys attended the November "Roundup" of movies, contests and "eats".

THANKSGIVING DAY CREED

by Dr Charles Steisel

In religion, Thanksgiving is just as important as Faith. "With Thanksgiving — let your requests be made known to God," the apostle wrote. We ask and receive not, because we have failed to thank God for what He has already given. We are like careless children who grab what is offered them without saying, "Thank-you."

If you were to study the Bible in connection with the subject of prayer you would find that thanksgiving is one of the essentials of receiving. This is not so because God wishes to humiliate us but because He has chosen to develop our characters by being grateful.

Ingratitude is always a sign of smallness or immaturity of character. A really big man is always ready to acknowledge his indebtedness to the humblest person who may have assisted him. To be thankful, therefore, is an indication of supremacy rather than one of inferiority.

"I am debtor both to the Greek and to the barbarian," said the apostle Paul. This showed that he was grateful to men. But he was chiefly thankful to God for these men, and for his associates. "I thank my God for you all," he wrote to the Romans.

Paul was also grateful for what God had done for others, and this was a sign of still greater gratitude than merely thanking God for what had been done for himself. This was shown when he said:

"I thank my God on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing you are enriched by Him."

Here then is an outline of what might be built into a Thanksgiving creed:

I thank all men for what they have done for me.

I thank God for what He has done for me.

I thank God for what He has done for my fellowmen.

TO HAVE LARGE COOP

New York, (ANP) — The 400,000 Negro consumers in Harlem will soon be able to buy in the country's largest cooperative store if plans broached in a resolution adopted at the Second All-Harlem Consumers Council conference are followed out. The conference was held at the Harlem YWCA this past week.

The resolution to set up and maintain the first extensive cooperative store in Harlem, continue promotional activities, voted to take in churches, credit unions, consumer groups and individual members. A committee which has already been set up was instructed to proceed and incorporate under the laws of the state of New York.

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BY ALLEN ASHBY

HAYES TRIMS BLAGBURN

The billiard tournament moves right along. By the time you read this the first round will have been completed and the drawings made for the second round under Buck Scott's self styled "Knockout System." Last week's matches were full of fireworks. In the feature match of the week Bob Hayes, who was one of the best when your writer couldn't get into billiard parlors, set down Norman Blagburn, another veteran, 100-78. Blagburn had sworn by the board of the prophet that he was going to take Bob or hang up his cue. Well now the prophet has no beard, and Norman's cue should collect a lot of dust or whatever old cues do collect.

Hayes turned in the best game of the meet to date, shooting consistently, getting one run of 12 and two of 10, along with just too many of 5 or 6. He was always shooting either to get the balls together or to leave Blagburn a hard shot, and he succeeded admirably well in doing both.

Norman might have done better in spite of Bob's leads but he just wasn't lucky. He was constantly getting the extra roll of the balls that makes the difference between a hard shot and a set-up. Sometimes just one turn of the ball was enough to turn an easy play into a nearly impossible one, and Norm got all those. But to his credit it must be said that he was out shot and out lucked, but certainly not out fought for the guy really went down swinging.

About seven years ago Ronzo Hayes knocked Earl Newcomb out of this same meet by a one point win. Everett Newcomb oiled up the family rifle and went fueding, and he literally shot the legs out from under Ronzo at 90-51. Hayes never had a chance as Everett shot most of the best billiards of his career and used plenty of oil so his opponent couldn't get strated.

Owen Watkins substituted for Earl Johnson who was sick. Owen had trouble with tiny T. Diggs. Just about half of Owen's game consists of talking to his opponent along lines not too complimentary until the latter would rather whip Watkins than play his game. Well, Buck got his no talking rule off the shelf and with his best weapon spiked Owen had to use nothing but his cue and he finished second 90-80. In the last match of the week, Australia Grace started off hot against A. Solomon leading him to the first 50. But Solomon finally got right and dusted him 100-79.

Football
We are still trying to catch our breath from the dizzy pace of last weeks games. Two of our favorite really got snowed under. Charley Anderson of Ohio State had to play in the rout with Michigan and Jackie Robinson of U. C. L. A. had a sad day against a tough Washington

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team. Harris of Indiana was injured, but saw action against Purdue, and Walker of Iowa went the distance as the Hawkeyes celebrated their last game by setting down Illinois. Jim Smith of North Western caught a few passes and missed one goal kick as the purple shellacked Notre Dame.

By the way Anderson and Harris have made two second all conference teams and Harris was chosen on Iowa's all opponent team. The season of all American teams is here again, and we might as well look back a few years. The first All American Negro we can recall is Fritz Pollard of Brown. Fritz was the father of Fritz Junior who raised so much Cain at North Dakota a few years back. There was also Paul Robeson of Rutgers, now Famous singer, Duke Slater of Iowa, made a lot of All American teams, but not the official one. Charley West of Washington and Jefferson was another, and if there were any more we can't recall them. Ozzie Simmons of Iowa and Horace Bell of Minnesota and Willis Ward of Michigan all made all conference teams or all western click, but the big honor passed them up. This year's team seems to have just about picked it self with no Negroes within yelling distance.

Our two number one Negro teams are all even now. Wilberforce was tied last week and Mogan College got back into the win column. What a pasting Lincoln U. of Pennsylvania handed Howard in their annual classic 63-0.

High School
Our local high school teams turn to basketball now. At North it looks as if they will have a good club for the first semester at least. Joe Howard and Bob White were a couple of the main cogs in last year's club will be gone then. Bootsie Holt will be left and Art McCune along with Jim McGuire will be brought up from the second team to see if they can fill the gap. The pink and green will miss Jim Bowman who saved several games last year with long shots. Jim is an Iowa state freshman this year.

At East high to the best of our knowledge there will be Jesse Hill star football end who came along last year and we don't know who else. When this comes out North will have played their opening game November 30.

"THANKS A MILLION"
The Bystander, this week received a letter from Jesse A. Graves, former resident, who is a member of the Council Screen Actors Guild in Hollywood, California. He wrote:
"Enclosed find two dollars in payment for my subscription. Thanks a million. I enjoy reading the news from my old home town. I also note a great improvement in your paper. With very best wishes, Jesse A. Graves, 1145 E. Twenty-fourth street, Los Angeles, Calif."

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thing to do with the rainfall we are having this summer," he said. "To prove this is not true we only have to look at the record, which shows plainly that there is nothing particularly unusual about this year's weather. During April, May and half of June, 1940, the war months, we had a total of 14.53 inches of rain. In the same months of 1920 we had 19.33 inches. In the peaceful April, May and June of 1922 we had 23.08 inches. In 1935 the total for the three months was 15.92 inches. So you see we still are far from setting any new precipitation record."

First Grade Pupils Know
 First grade pupils know an average of 23,750 words, according to tests made by Katherine Smith, a graduate student at Northwestern university. She tested vocabularies in three schools and in 12 grades and used the new vocabulary test devised by Dr. Robert H. Seashore, professor of psychology at the university. Dr. Seashore announced recently that his test indicated that the average adult had a vocabulary of 155,000 words. "The variability of scores within one grade is one of the striking characteristics of my results," she said. "In each school, the first and second graders knew more basic words than did the poorest student in every other grade level up to and including the eleventh grade."

Snake Charmers Use Most Dangerous Snakes
 There is in Burma, at a little place called Pops, a strange family of snake charmers. They scorn all ordinary snakes and use only the fiercest and most dangerous snake in the world, the Hamadryad, or King Cobra. This snake is probably the only snake in the world which does not fear man. It attacks on sight and owing to its great size and strength, cannot easily be killed or evaded. Its bite, like that of all the cobras, is certain death; and yet this intrepid band of snake charmers scorn to remove the fangs or poison bags from their charges. A modern Pops snake charmer, before he goes on a hunting expedition has to propitiate the Nats (Gods) and solemnly promise that the captured snake will be freed after six, nine or 12 months, as the case may be. When a snake hunt is on, the leader goes to a place where snakes abound, taking with him four or five men. They search for the most suitable snake for their purpose, and on finding such, they all surround it, the leader being opposite the head. If by chance the leader is bitten, he will probably live, for he possesses powerful antidotes against snake poison.

Not the War
 War does not have anything to do with the weather, Dr. J. L. Cline, United States weather bureau forecaster, has declared. "A great many people seem to think that the firing of guns in Europe has ad-

RALLY AT BURN'S ENDS
 The fourth Sunday rally at Burn's Methodist church reached \$150 when the captains reported. Mrs. Herschel Hubbard had the highest total of the workers in the drive, reporting \$43.85.

Silting of Reservoirs Buries Big Investment
 When a stream is dammed to form a storage reservoir it represents an investment for service in irrigation, power, municipal water supply, flood control, or recreation—or a combination of these. When the gates of the dam are closed the reservoir begins to fill with water—and also with sand or silt that settles and reduces the storage of serviceable water. The silt deposit is the result of soil erosion. This is where the soil conservation service workers come in. As publicly employed specialists they are interested in both ends of the silt movement—in keeping the silt on the land and keeping it out of the reservoirs. Since 1934 the staff has been gathering definite information as to the rate at which reservoirs are being silted. They know of examples of completely filled reservoirs in which original investments have been wiped out by silting. By balancing the injury to farms from loss of soil, against damage to reservoirs from silting, these specialists are getting the facts on which to base control policies, to suggest fair apportionment of the expense of keeping the soil in place and so preventing filling of reservoirs. Carl B. Brown, in charge of the reservoir investigations, points out that as a practical matter the effect of reservoir silting is likely to be even worse than the destruction of the original investment in the storage plant. As a rule such reservoir is located at the most favorable point for economical storage. If the service to the community requires a replacement, the substitute is likely to cost more than the original and the value of preventing silting can fairly be reckoned on the basis of the replacement cost.

Jefferson Disliked Idea of 'Third Term'
 Thomas Jefferson set forth his reasons for declining to run for a third term as President—principally because he believed the presidency might "degenerate into an inheritance"—in a letter to the general assembly of North Carolina. This letter is now owned by Charles J. Whalen, of Chicago. Helmut D. Mildeberger, Chicago book and manuscript expert who purchased the letter for Whalen from the W. R. Hearst collection for \$775, has displayed photostatic copies of the original recently. The letter was dated January 10, 1808. Jefferson set forth that he wouldn't run for a third term because "that I should lay down my charge at a proper period is as much a duty as to have borne it faithfully. "Believing that a representative government responsible at short periods of election is that which produces the greatest sum of happiness to mankind, I feel it a duty to do no act which shall essentially impair that principle, and I should unwillingly be the person who, disregarding the sound precedent set by an illustrious predecessor, should furnish the first example of prolongation beyond the second term of office."

World War Angels
 After the Battle of Mons, fought in Belgium during the World war, a number of stories were published to the effect that a host of angels appeared and saved the British forces from annihilation. The origin of this legend was later traced to a story contributed to an evening paper by Arthur Machen, entitled "The Bowmen." In it the British troops are at the point of agony and despair, hopelessly outnumbered, when one of the soldiers invokes the help of St. George, the patron saint of England, whereupon the sol-

Blind Spot Discovery
 A French clergyman, Marriotte, discovered the blind spot in the human eye. Pursuing studies in anatomy in the Seventeenth century, he dissected animal eyes and, noting the spot where the optic nerve enters at the back of the eye, thought that vision should be sharpest at that point. Experiments disclosed that the opposite was true, and that there is no sight at that spot on the eye's retina. Marriotte was invited by Charles II of France to demonstrate his remarkable discovery. He placed two courtiers of the same stature before the king. Charles looked at the left-hand man with the right eye and because of the eye's blind spot, saw the right-hand man with out a head.

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ST. PAUL CHURCH IS MISSION STATION ON "TRIP AROUND WORLD"
 On last Friday at 1 p. m. and continuing until 10:30 p. m. under the general direction of Mrs. Anna Williams, an officer of the Des Moines Women's Interdenominational Missionary Council, there was conducted a "Trip Around the World", with stopped at eleven churches. Each church represented a foreign mission station. Among these St. Paul A. M. E. Church was the only Negro church, this one representing Africa, having set up by Mrs. S. Joe Brown, an officer of the Council and being in charge of Mrs. Matie Boyd, wife of the pastor, who is president not only of the Missionary Society of the church but also of the annual conference branch. During the afternoon and evening, this station was hostess to about two hundred fifty guest comprising not only the missionary women but also the pastors of a number of the more than a hundred churches of the city who made the tour in an auto caravan. Among those assisting Mrs. Boyd in receiving the guests were Messdames Mrs. Sophia M. Nichols, Anna Ringo, Maude Wyatt, Thelma Reeves, Zorah Ewing, Elsie Morrison, Madelyn Berry, Mrs. Helen D. Beshears, and Miss Laurine Jones and the Rev. H. C. Boyd, who also placed his car at the disposal of the women and made two trips of the entire circuit carrying members of the St. Paul group to visit the other ten stations. Other members of our group who were among the guests of the afternoon were: Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Ogletree of Bethel A. M. E., Mrs. Pearl Jeffers of Maple St. Baptist and Mrs. Myrtle Cranshaw of the Chester. Field Church of God in Christ.

Canyon Rim Festival
 Two canyons of barbaric picturesque are included in Canyon de Chelly National Monument in Arizona. One is the deep chasm which gives the place its name; the other, sinister Canyon del Muerto. Both canyons rise in sheer cliffs to heights of 1,000 feet above the floor. This varies from a width of 10 to 30 yards. There a few hundred Navahos have their homes. The warm sun reflected from the red cliffs helps to ripen the fruit of their tiny peach orchards and their melons and corn. Each October the Navahos hold a fire dance up on the canyon rim. Whites are admitted to the rite, which attracts spectators from miles around.

Humor Becomes History
 During the dark days of the World war, H. L. Mencken felt the urge to dispel the gloom with a bit of humor. Accordingly, he wrote an imaginary story of the invention of the bathtub. As the Mencken fiction ran, it was the brainchild of one Adam Thompson of Cincinnati, incased in Nicaraguan mahogany, metal lined and weighed 1,700 pounds. He invited guests to try the new experience. The daily papers reported the event and the "first bathtub" was denounced by doctors, ministers and public officials. Laws were passed to regulate its use and heavy taxes imposed. Much to Mencken's horror and amazement, the story was accepted as history in spite of its obvious impossibilities. He hastened to explain, disavow and repudiate, all to no purpose. He admitted that the story was wholly a fabrication only to amuse, but—it goes marching on. It is immured in the Congressional Record, has wormed its way into learned journals and into standard works of reference. This particular piece of humor insists on becoming history.

Device Locates Forest Fires
 A range finder for use in locating forest fires and distant objects and which automatically points to the exact location of the fire without reference to maps has been developed by a government employee, according to a patent issued to Donald P. Bennett of Washington. The range finder includes a table on which is mounted a circular perspective photograph of the surrounding field of view. Rotatably mounted on the table is an alidade, a sighting device. On the alidade, in turn, is mounted a horizontal beam on which slides a splattered silver mirror mounted at 45 degrees and from which hangs a pointer. In locating a distant forest fire or object, the forest ranger sights his alidade toward the spot and then slides the mirror along the horizontal beam until the image of the real object in the mirror and of the photograph coincide in the eye of the ranger. The pointer will then indicate on the photograph the exact location of the object.

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Billy Goat's Popularity Is Increasing in South
 No longer can the popular conception of a billy goat be that of a straggly-haired, dirty, long-whiskered animal that spends its days nuzzling through garbage piles. The goat has become respectable. In fact, said Dr. J. L. Wright of the Memphis, Tennessee, Small Animal clinic, the goat has obtained such respectability that at least 100 home owners in Memphis keep one or more of them in backyards. Home owners in other cities also are becoming goat herdsman, Dr. Wright revealed. There are several reasons, he said, why goats are becoming popular with city dwellers. One is the new operation known as goat debating. A general or local anesthetic is given to the animal and the neck is pierced through the thyroid space of the larynx. A V-shaped piece is taken out of each vocal cord, which prevents the goat from bleating and keeps irritable neighbors from complaining to police that they can't sleep. Another reason for the sudden popularity of goats as a domestic animal in cities is because of the nutritious, easily assimilable quality of the milk—which is good for children and invalids.

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**IN THE SHADOW
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**MISS AVANT TO BE WED
TO MR. TAYLOR NOV. 30**

In a formal church wedding at 8 o'clock Saturday night, November 30, Miss Dorothy Avant, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Avant, 1021 Eleventh street, will become the bride of Mr. William Taylor, son of Mr. William Taylor, 1632 Dixon street.

The ceremonies will be performed by the Rev. John C. Bain.

Miss Avant will be attended by the Misses Louise White, Ellaree Avant and Dorothy Clayborne, bridesmaids; Margaret Anderson, flower girl. Estelle Anderson will be ring bearer.

She will be given away by her brother, Mr. Thomas Avant. Harry Saunders will be the best man.

Music for the wedding will be played by Mrs. Joburness Kelso with Mrs. Esther Wadsworth offering as a solo, "I Love You Truly."

Messrs. Fred Morrow and Ralph Crowder will be ushers.

Miss Avant is a native of Lawton, Oklahoma. She attended public schools here graduating from North high. She is a member of Burn's Methodist church and the HQB club.

Mr. Taylor who also attended school here is a coal miner.

**MISSOURIANS SPEND
EARLY THANKSGIVING
WITH RELATIVES HERE**

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Chinn and Miss Grace English of Higginsville, Missouri, motored to the city last week end to spend their Thanksgiving celebration with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, 1162 Thirteenth street.

While they were extended many courtesies. Among them were: breakfast Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Blaine Thompson, breakfast Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baskins, dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Maec Carson, dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones.

A few friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown and shared moving pictures shown by Mr. Horace Brown and other hospitalities of the Brown home.

Mrs. Chinn is a sister of Mrs. Brown and Miss English is a school teacher in Higginsville. The visitors left the city Sunday night.

CHICAGOAN HERE

Miss Willa Burns of Chicago, the niece of Mrs. Nellie Frazier, is visiting in the home of Mrs. Alma Berry, 1316 E. 16th street. She will be here indefinitely.

**MR. AND MRS. J. P.
JONES ENTERTAINS**

Mr and Mrs. J. P. Jones, 1232 Dixon street, were hosts at a 8 o'clock dinner Sunday, Nov. 24, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Chinn and Miss Grace English of Higginsville, Mo. Sharing the courtesy were Rev. and Mrs. A. Rose Brent, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. S. Cason and Mr. Fieldon Drafton.

**MRS. GIBSON HAS
THANKSGIVING GUESTS**

Mr. Wallace Gibson was hostess on Thanksgiving Day to eight guests who attended a dinner at her newly remodeled home, 621 E. Eleventh st. Special guests were Mrs. C. P. Cole, her mother; Miss Luvonia Miller, Mr. Joseph Kelly and Mrs. Blanch Nolan.

**TEEN AGE GIRLS GIVE
DANCE FOR CHEST DRIVE**

The Loyal Quindecim, a group of fifteen teen-age girls who meet at the East Side Community Center, contributed four dollars to the Community Chest campaign last week. With Miss Joyce Smith, as president, the girls gave a three-cent benefit dance which was attended by 117 persons to raise the money for the campaign. Mrs. Bell Williams is advisor of the group.

RECOVERING

Miss Annabell Payne is reported "doing nicely" at Mercy hospital where she underwent an operation last Saturday.

AT MERCY HOSPITAL

Mr. Robert P. Roberts, 955 Seventeenth street, is recovering at Mercy hospital where he underwent an operation last Saturday.

**J. R. OLIVER OF
ST. LAKE CITY HERE**

Mr. J. R. Oliver of Salt Lake City arrived here last Saturday to visit his son and family, Atty. L. Oliver, and Mrs. Oliver and family.

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CLUBS

**YOUTH COUNCIL TO
SPONSOR PANEL
DISCUSSION DEC. 1**

The Youth Council of the NAACP will meet Sunday, December 1, at the Negro Community center.

A panel discussion of "What the Youth Today Needs," will be led by Mrs. Helen D. Beshears. Other speakers will be Misses Carolyn Brown, Barbara Crawford and Mr. Paul Williams.

All members are requested to be present. Guy Smith is president; Mrs. Gladys Carr is supervisor.

THREE PURPOSE MEET

The Three Purpose club met with Mrs. Laura Gilbert, 1431 Maryland, Wednesday evening, November 20.

I. W. T'S MEET

The I. W. T. club held a poker party Saturday evening, November 16, at the home of Ellen Bell, 1011 11th street.

Cephus Simpson held the lucky number for a ton of coal. The club will meet December 11, at the home of the president, Isabel Lewis, 1450 E. 17th Street.

VARIETY CLUB MEETS

The Variety club met Tuesday afternoon, November 26, at the home of Mesdames Mamye and Helen Parkey. The social hour was spent playing whist.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Maxine Thomas.

**HAWKEYE BAND
HAS CARNIVAL**

The Hawkeye band of the East Des Moines Community Center gave a carnival at the center last Friday and Saturday.

The tax for each stunt, game, and the variety of refreshments was three cents each.

**HONOR RECENT BRIDE
AT HANDCRAFT SHOWER**

The Arts and Crafts club of the East Des Moines community center under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Morris gave a miscellaneous hand-craft shower for Mrs. Alvin Manuel at the center Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Manuel, a recent bride, is the former Miss Carrie Williams.

**CHARLES BOSTON WINS SCHOLARSHIP
FOR \$50 AT NEGRO ART EXHIBIT**

The Dilettante club of the Community Center climaxed its thirteenth annual Negro Art Exhibit at the city library Sunday afternoon with the awarding of its first scholarship, \$50, for study in art, to Chas. Boston.

Mr. Boston, who has won prizes for many years in the club's annual exhibits, is now a pupil at the Cumming School of Art. He studied for two years at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

This year the young artist received first place in pencil sketching and oil painting.

The award, along with other prizes, was presented Sunday afternoon at the annual tea which was held on the rotunda.

Mrs. Herbert Chapman, chairman of the awards committee, with the assistance of Mrs. Everett Clay, presented the awards.

Presiding at the presentations was Mrs. Henry Hammit, president of the Dilettante club.

Mrs. Charles Winn and her committee were in charge of the tea.

Prize Winners

Other prize winners were: Community Center, first in needle point; Mrs. E. B. Clayter, first, crocheted spread and afghan; Mrs. Temple Collier, second, crocheted picture; Mrs. Herbert Chapman, first cut work; Mrs. Mabel Crowder, second applique pillow cover; Mr. Everett Clay, first, wood carving; Mrs. Olivia Devan, first in crocheted picture; Mrs. Flossie Miller, first, crocheted picture, first in dollies, and first in pocket book and second in cross stitched card.

Mrs. Alice Perry, first wood fibre flowers; Mr. Harry Saunders first in clay statue; Thyraberle Johnson, first in child's dress; Mrs. Korinne Jackson, first novelty scrap book; Mrs. Ella Mitchell, first in braided rug, first in shaggy rug and first

WINS GARDEN PRIZE



Mrs. Irene Anderson (above), put up 2,003 quarts of garden produce to win first prize in the Des Moines Junior Chamber of Commerce thrift garden contest. She is shown receiving check at her home, 502 S. E. Twenty-seventh Street, court, for \$19 from Frank Davis, junior chamber president. Carl Cacciatori (center) is chairman of the Junior Chamber thrift garden committee. The fruit and vegetables canned by Mrs. Anderson were raised on two acres of land, secured by the chamber and tended during the spring and summer by Mrs. Anderson's husband, Tim. The seed was furnished and the garden supervised by the Junior Chamber in cooperation with the WPA, the Polk county board of supervisors and the community chest. This year 1,037 persons tended such thrift gardens. (Courtesy Register-Tribune.)

**CHILD'S ARM MANGLED
HELPING WITH WASHING**

Mary Jane Collier, 6, 1122 E. Seventeenth street court, decided to help her mother, Mrs. Clyde Collier, with the washing Saturday night.

While Mrs. Collier was busy with the electric washer, Mary Jane attempted to run some clothes through the wringer.

Her left hand caught in the clothes and was pulled into the wringer. Physicians at Broadlawn General said her hand was mangled badly.

**REPRESENTS SCHOOL
AT OMAHA**

Mr. Edwin Patten, son of Mrs. Margaret M. Patten, and Mr. R. E. Patten, represented the Eppingham OC Camp at the cooks and bakers school in Omaha. Mr. Patten has been at the training school for three months. He is one of the four colored in attendance.

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In piece quilt; Mrs. Gertrude Sparks, first novelty picture; second, needle point bag; second novelty scrap book; Mrs. Myrtle Butler, first crocheted table cover.

Mrs. A. J. Esters, first knitted sweater; Mrs. Mildred Duke, second in crocheted table cover, second in crocheted bed spread, first in applied quilt; Mrs. Gertrude Elmore, second in piece quilt; Mrs. Gertrude Gomez, first in tapestry hanging; Mrs. Frank Robinson, second in shaggy rug; Mr. Bunta, first embroidered table cover.

In the picture group Luther Fox won first place with his poster; Charles Johnson, first in water color and plaster; James Boston, first in watercolor and second in still life and oil painting; Charles Boston, first in oil painting, pencil sketching and frame motto, and second in pencil drawing.

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**HITLER USING 'STRATEGY
OF CONFUSION' - JOHNSON**

Rev. Willard Johnson, area secretary of the Iowa-Nebraska Conference of Christians and Jews, addressed the November meeting of the Des Moines Interracial Commission Tuesday night, speaking on what the organization was doing today in the line of national defense.

He pointed out that Hitler was using propaganda to attack America now, "to divide us, to confuse us, to set up contradiction so that we won't know our own minds."

With this "strategy of confusion" the speaker depicted how Hitler's army "rode into France on bicycles and sent the French army fleeing."

"If you are confused, don't admit it,"

Rev. Johnson cited charges against racial and religious groups "that are rife here in Iowa."

"We must build positive appreciation and positive respect by understanding the everyday problems, thoughts and lives of those groups, he said. "That is the program necessary to meet this confusion — our first line of defense."

The next meeting of the commission will be Tuesday, December 10, at North high school.

New members voted in the commission were: Miss Marjorie Smith, Dr. L. R. Willis and J. G. Browne.

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Y. W. C. A.

SETTING UP CONFERENCE

The annual Setting Up Conference will be held Tuesday, December 3. The Goals of 1940-1941 will be presented for discussion.

Public Affairs, chairman: Mrs. Adah Johnson; Girl Reserve, chairman: Mrs. Beatrice Robinson; house, chairman: Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler; Finance, chairman: Mrs. Korinne Jackson; Young Women's, chairman: Mrs. Mary Ritchey; Personnel, chairman: Mrs. Florence White; camp, chairman: Mrs. Adelaide Bowman; membership, chairman: Miss Georgine Mason; publicity, chairman: Miss Leona Palmer; education, chairman: Mrs. Roberta Maupin.

Mr. E. T. Scales, chairman of the committee of Management will preside.

Fun Night

Good Wholesome fun - good music - special feature - prize awarded: Come out and have an enjoyable evening.

Social Dancing

The class meets every Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00 p. m. Miss Maxine Van Lisell is the instructor. She has had wide experience in teaching dancing and all are welcome to come and improve their ball room dancing. You probably can get some good pointers on how to be a better dancer as well as the development of poise and grace.

Basket Ball

Classes are at Central Y. W. C. A. every Wednesday from 9:00 - 10:00 p. m. Come out! George Robinson is the coach.

Book Lovers' Club

On Friday November 29, Mrs. Ora Browne gave the Opening at the Book Lovers' Club. Mrs. Ollie Redmond reviewed "Show Me a Land" by Clark McMeekin. On December 6, Mrs. Lillian Scales will review "All This and Heaven, Too". Mrs. Marie Roberts will give the opening.

Young Matrons' Club

Keep fit to music! Join the weight control class. Have an attractive figure as well as making you feel like a "million". Come to Young Matrons' Keep Fit Class Friday, 1:30 - 3:30 p. m. Also enjoy crafts and get some new recipes for your family meals.

Dates To Remember

December 3, Setting Up Conference
December 22, Christmas Vesper.

NEW 'Y' GROUPS

Among the new groups recently organized at the 'Y', one is a Young Mother's discussion club of grade school children which meets on Tuesday afternoon. Another adult group of married women in "Dramatics" meeting on Wednesday mornings. These are in charge of Mrs. Gertrude North, W. P. A. dramatic supervisor.

Another recently organized adult Class is one in "Crafts" under the auspices of Mrs. Gertrude Sparks W.

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B. C.—I am getting too old to work and don't know what to do?

Ans. Try to get old age assistance. It is indicated to me that you are eligible and it might be well to get some of your friends to help you along this line.

G. B.—Please Sir let me know if I may get an Astrology Reading for next year and will I get the Lucky Day chart too?

Ans. Write for your 1941 Astrology Reading now. Send a quarter for yours along with your birthdate, correct address and I will give you my free opinion on three questions. I will also send you MY LUCKY DAY CHART for next year too.

M. S.—I go with a girl and don't get a chance to see her much. Does she love me enough to prove her love the way I asked her and if so when will she do it?

Ans. Sure she does . . . but you will have to have a marriage ceremony first. She isn't going to let any one rope her into doing something that isn't right . . . not even the boy she loves. Dealing with her isn't like your association with some of the girls you have gone with in the past . . . she's a smart gal and a decent one too.

M. A. Y.—Is my friend's brother fixed and if so will he overcome this before it is too late?

Ans. This boy needs MEDICAL ATTENTION . . . and he should have it immediately. He has not been fixed and his case shouldn't be taken so lightly.

C. B.—The job that I now have doesn't pay very well and I am wondering if it would be to my advantage for me to quit and look for work elsewhere?

Ans. A piece of a job is better than no job at this season of the year. It won't be necessary for you to quit your job to look for other work . . . you will find work just as quick while holding down a job

SPEAK AT KYLES STEWARD BOARD
Dr. C. R. Bradford and Mrs. Margaret M. Patten were guest speakers last Thursday night at a program given by the Steward Board of Kyles A. M. E. Zion church. Dr. Bradford spoke on "Being a Good Citizen," while Mrs. Patten chose "The Thanks Custom in Different Countries."

P. A. Recreational Leader. They are at present making Xmas Cards and Novelties

A. M. Y.—Please advise if my family and I should move in with this party as planned?

Ans. Yes . . . it would be a good move for your family. Make up your minds from the beginning that there will be no fussing or misunderstanding and everything will go along smoothly. You should be able to save some money.

As. You can get the job if you get out and try to find one, but you won't ever get the man you have in mind. He is married and has a couple of kids . . . there isn't any money left when he pays his home expenses. Register at the agencies and get you a job and don't depend on anyone supporting you.

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OPEN EVENINGS

OTTUMWA, IOWA

Willa Mae Harston, Ottumwa, Correspondent
615 Grant Street

Ottumwa, Iowa — The community inspirational services conducted by the Second Baptist church and the Mt. Zion A. M. E. church last week was a success. The meeting closed November 22. The Rev. A. J. Irvine and Rev. W. M. Shaw, pastors of the Mt. Zion A. M. E. and Second Baptist churches, respectively, were in charge of the services.

Union Thanksgiving services were enjoyed by the A. M. E. congregation and the Second Baptist congregation November 28 at the Second Baptist church. The Rev. A. J. Irvine, pastor of the A. M. E. church, delivered the sermon.

The senior missionary will sponsor and "old folks concert" in the church auditorium, Thursday, December 5. Friday, December 13, the Young Women's club of the Second Baptist church will sponsor a bazaar in the church dining room. Refreshments will be served.

The Rev. Wm. Shaw, pastor of the Second Baptist church, attended the Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota Baptist executive board which convened in Mason City at the St. John's Baptist church, Tuesday November 26.

Mr. and Mrs. James Black had as their guest, Mr. Black's sister, Mrs. Fannie Findley of Colorado Springs, Colorado, for several days last week.

Mrs. Findley concluded her visit here Monday, November 18.

Miss Willa Mae Harston was in Kansas City, Missouri, several days last week visiting with her sister Miss Eva Neal Harston, student nurse at General hospital No. 2, and also visiting in the home of an uncle, Mr. W. E. Buckman and Mrs. Buckman and family in Independence, Missouri. The two Misses Harston spent Thanksgiving together and were dinner guests in the Buckman home in Independence, Mo.

Funeral services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Jackson, 502 E. Woodland avenue were held November 20 at the Lester Jay Funeral home. Rev. Wm. Shaw was in charge. Burial was in Ottumwa cemetery. The baby died at 9:30 a. m. November 20 at the St. Joseph hospital, a few hours after birth. Other than the parents, the child is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson Sr. and James Pitts, all of Ottumwa.

Mr. Milton Graves who is a patient at the hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, underwent an operation there Monday November 18. He is reported improving now. Mr. William Allen, a patient at Sunnyslope is improving.

Fort Dodge, Iowa

Henry Earl Wells, Correspondent
411 Third Avenue, South

Fort Dodge, Iowa — Mr. Harrison Arnett has returned from the government hospital in Des Moines.

The Lucky Seven club met at the home of Ms. Ada Meyers Tuesday night.

Mrs. Charles Banks and Miss Su-

die Wells were on the sick list last week.

Mr. Billy Jones entertained the Jolly Fellows club last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Woods were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Wells Sunday afternoon.

MASON CITY, IOWA

Imogene McGinty, Mason City, Correspondent
608 4th Street., N. E.

Mason City, Iowa — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams from Hampton, Mo., Mrs. Anna L. Patton, and Mrs. Penny were guests of Mrs. Marie Maddox and Mrs. Nannie Smith.

Class No. 3 sponsored an early morning class meeting from eight o'clock to nine and from nine to eleven o'clock a waffle breakfast was served on Sunday morning.

Master Johnnie Amos and Miss Esther Walls are two leading colored students in the Roosevelt Jr. High School. Mr. Amos was elected class president and Miss Walls was elected class counselor.

A United Service was held Sunday at 3:00 at the Union Memorial church. Rev. Neal of the Holiness church was the main speaker, and the St. John Baptist church furnished the

Music. Imogene McGinty was given a principal part in the school operetta. She was considered quite a sensation and received some very beautiful flowers.

Mr. P. I. Scott was the guest speaker for the Business Womens Club in Charles City, Tuesday. His subject was "The Functions of the National Association of Colored People and Its Relation To The Race."

The Top Hatters club of ambitious young people, have now organized a girls' basket ball team, called the "Bomerettes." The officials are as follows, manager, Mr. Ted Brewton; coach, Mr. Hubert Cabell and Captain, Miss Jane Banks. The girls are all athletes and the uniforms are white shirts with letters on them, blue shorts, and blue anklets.

clean and in good working order. Tight-fitting lids keep flavors and heat from escaping. Handles shaped to fit the hand are stubbornly resistant to heat. Flat bottoms and straight sides utilize every bit of heat on all kinds of ranges while smooth, seamless joinings do away with food-catching rims and make washing an easy detail.

X utensils are soaked in soapy water immediately after the food has been removed, cleaning them seldom requires exertion. Cold water is best for eggs, milk, or doughy substances. Hot water acts more quickly on greasy foods. A live lather of suds will ordinarily remove food and grease in a jiffy. If burned or dried particles are inclined to be stubborn, place the utensil on the stove, add more soap, and bring the water slowly to a boil. A quick rub with soap or some other cleanser adds the final polish. After a scalding rinse and thorough-drying with clean dish towels the pots and pans are ready for their special compartment in the kitchen cabinet or their hooks on the wall.

Robert Ingersoll's Funeral. Col. Robert Ingersoll died at his home at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., on July 21, 1899. His funeral, four days later, was private. The body was laid on a bier with neither casket nor shroud. The services were extremely simple and consisted of three readings from Mr. Ingersoll's works, "The Declaration of the Free," read by Prof. John Clark Ridpath; "My Religion," by Maj. Orlando J. Smith, and "A Tribute to E. C. Ingersoll," by Dr. John Loveley Elliott. This last was the oration which Mr. Ingersoll delivered over his brother, who died some years before him. He was cremated at Fresh Pond crematory, Long Island, and in May, 1932, the ashes were interred in Arlington National cemetery.

Are Dreams Real? When you dream that a big, bad man is chasing you, do you really

see the man? Some scientists say that you do, holding that visual images can originate in the brain, says the Better Vision Institute. In hours of wakefulness people normally see by light waves falling upon the eye, which telegraphs to the brain through the optic nerve that it is being bombarded by light waves. Upon receipt of such a message the brain creates an appropriate visual image. In dreams there is no message that light waves are falling upon the eye, but the brain creates a picture from memory of past events. Thus the people and things in dreams would be real, although faint visual pictures in the brain.

Oil Wood Stain

Scatched and scoured chair and table legs, bumped drawers and other casualties of everyday living that furniture is sure to suffer may be even more evident after housecleaning. There is an oil wood stain on the market, to obliterate marks, that comes in a variety of colors—dark or light mahogany, oak, maple, walnut and cherry. Equip yourself with a can of the color most usable for your furniture, a pad made from old stockings, and a piece of soft lintless cloth for polishing. Oil stain restores the raw wood but can be easily wiped from the varnish or wax along side, so that one need not be an artist to apply it. Because it has an oil base, it is fine to use occasionally as a polish.

2,700-Year-Old Horn

Still Turns Out Music. An ancient signal horn, or Lur, cast some 2,700 years ago by Danish Vikings of the Bronze age, is now on exhibition in the New York American Museum of Natural History as a loan from the Danish National Museum of Copenhagen. The Lurs represent the oldest metal musical instruments of Europe, dating from about 1000 B. C. This particular specimen and others have been found in swamps or peat-bogs which formerly were lakes and they were doubtlessly sunk into the water as sacrifices to some Nordic divinity.

Perhaps the most remarkable fact about the Lur as a musical instrument is that it can be played today as well as it was thousands of years ago. The tone is soft and deeply resonant and experiments have shown that the Lur is capable of a wide range of notes, with 12 over-tones in 3/4 octaves, besides 10 undertones. As these instruments are usually found two together and tuned in the same key, there is no doubt that they must have been played in pairs. Anthropologists believe they were used to summon the people to battle and to worship their gods of sun, fire, water and other elements of the mighty natural forces of nature.

Technical research has demonstrated the fact that in Bronze age Denmark the art of brass founding had reached an extraordinarily high stage. Even today with highly developed knowledge, it has proved an exceedingly difficult matter to make a copy of an antique Lur of the required fitness and exactness. The Lur was made of cast bronze in the ancient "lost wax" process. The walls of the tube are as thin as paper and in spite of its total length of about six feet, five inches, does not weigh much more than six pounds. The instrument was carried on a chain which was linked into eyes near the mouthpiece and under the sound plate. The mouthpiece is deep and funnel shaped and surrounding the sound opening is a broad ornamental disk.

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Electron Experiments

Are Useful in Physics. The experimental demonstration of the wave nature of electrons in 1923 was a matter of far-reaching importance in modern physics. Unlike so many of the developments or discoveries in physics, however, the possibility of using this discovery as a practical research tool was realized almost immediately. The similarity between electron and X-ray diffraction suggested that electrons might be as useful as

X-rays in studying crystalline solids. Since 1930 electron diffraction methods have been applied to a wide variety of problems by investigators in this country, Europe and Japan, writes H. R. Nelson in the Journal of Applied Physics. Of the several hundreds of papers which have appeared during this period, nearly half have treated rather fundamental if not altogether practical problems of metallurgical interest. Most of this work has been done in university laboratories often, however, with the assistance and co-operation of interested metallurgists. At present there are at least three metallurgical laboratories in this country in which electron diffraction is in continual use as a research tool.

Trees Control Sand Dune

An excellent example of sand-dune control by forest planting is reported by the forest service, United States department of agriculture. At Saugatuck, Mich., Old Bald Head mountain, 300 feet high and with an eroding area of about four acres, is one of the largest and best-known dunes in the state. For some time it had been encroaching on the channel of the Kalamazoo river and threatening cottages near its base. The dune was planted to trees in April, 1931. Black locust, honey locust, and ponderosa, white, Norway, jack, and pitch pines were planted, along with large-sized willow and poplar cuttings. Carloads of brush were hauled up by cable and spread over the sand between the seedling trees. The city again planted trees in 1932. A high percentage of the trees survived, natural weed growth has sprung up, and the dune is now considered under control.

Buffalo Population. How many buffaloes there were before the white man began a rapid reduction of the animals, no one knows. It is known, however, that

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Helen Hartford, Plaintiff
vs.
Seaman Hartford, Defendant.

To the above named Defendant: You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa the petition of the plaintiff claiming of you absolute divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

For further particulars see the petition. Now unless you appear, defend and defend on or before noon of the second day of the next term of the above Court the same being the January 1941 Term thereof which commences and is held at the District Court House in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the 6th day of January 1941 default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon.

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the number was almost beyond the imagination. For instance, Colonel Dodge of the United States army reported that in three years from 1872 4,000,000 buffalo were killed for their hides alone. It has been estimated that in 13 years 1 1/2 million dollars were paid in the state of Kansas for buffalo hides. This represents the skeletons of around 31,000,000 animals. A conservative estimate of the number originally in this country places the figure at 60,000,000. Today, there are slightly more than 4,000 left in the entire United States.

Opera Hat Spring. A century ago a Frenchman, Antoine Gibus, contributed the opera hat spring. This is the only successful mechanical device in the hat business and the inventor's family receives royalties from it. High hats are made by hand.

Roman Sandwiches. The earl of Sandwich, who usually gets credit as the inventor of the sandwich, merely revived interest in this food and gave it a modern name. "The Romans ate sandwiches," according to the National Geographic society, "centuries before the time of the English lord. They knew the delicacy under the name of offula, the diminutive form of offa, meaning a bit or morsel. Historians believe that the food form was introduced into England at the time of the Roman conquest."

Tri-State Theatres

TRI-STATES CALENDAR

DES MOINES-ROOSEVELT
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Through November 25, "They Drive By Night," starring George Raft and co-hit "Sporting Blood."

HIGHLAND
Through November 23, "He Stayed For Breakfast" plus "Sing Dance Plenty Hot," November 24-25, "When Daltons Rode" plus "Golden Fleecing."

GARDEN
Through November 25, "The Road to Singapore" plus "Lucky Cisco Kid."

IOWA
Through November 23, "Gold Rush Maizie" plus "Pioneers of the West," November 24-25, "Tom Brown's Schooldays" plus "The Show Down."

UPTOWN
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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Cedar Rapids, Iowa — The Mt. Zion church club had a dinner which went "over the top." Mrs. W. H. Larvell is still ill. Her son and daughter-in-law are here from New York. Mr. John Jackson is improving slowly at 1241 Tenth street. Mrs. Hicks fell and injured her hand. Mrs. Leocadia Black continues ill. Henry Reasby and brother, Lewis Reasby, are better. He had a stroke on his job. Mrs. Granville Chipley bought a house on the west side. The family will move soon.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON SPECIAL EXECUTION

District Court of Polk County, Iowa
State of Iowa, Polk County vs.
Bankers Life Company, Plaintiff
Chlotilde Mattes; F. P. Mattes, also known as Frank P. Mattes and Frank Paul Mattes; Estate of Minnie Y. Mattes, deceased; Frank Mattes and Helen Mattes, Executors of the Estate of Minnie Y. Mattes, Deceased; Polk County, Iowa; John A. Eddy, trustee in bankruptcy of the Estate of Frank Paul Mattes, Defendants.

Public notice is hereby given, that: By virtue of a special execution to me Court of Polk County, Iowa, in favor of directed, issued by the Clerk of the District Bankers Life Company, and against Estate of Minnie Y. Mattes, Deceased, Executors named Executors of said Estate in personam and in rem against all said Defendants, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 25th day of November A. D. 1940, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment to wit:

The North One-half of Lot Two (2), Block Four (4) in Bird's Addition, now included in the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa; Now, Therefore, public notice is hereby given that unless the said defendants appear at my office in Des Moines, on or before the 3rd day of January A. D. 1941, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at which time said above described property is hereby advertised to be sold, and pay off the amount of said execution, with interest and costs, I will sell said property, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said Execution, with interest and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the Court House, in Des Moines, Iowa, for cash in hand to pay off said Execution.

Vane B. Overturff
Sheriff of Polk County, Iowa
By H. F. Wood
Deputy
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Blue Stamp Plan Helps Sale of Farm Products

"One important agricultural aspect of the food stamp plan deserves emphasis," says Secretary Wallace. "By making the blue stamps good only for the 12 or 15 surplus commodities which are in the worst price position from a farmer's point of view, an extraordinarily high consumption of those products is brought about, considering the income of the families using the stamps. This would not be the case if the blue stamps were good for all of the several hundred items in a grocery store. A leading poultry publication recently made a survey of egg consumption under the stamp plan in Springfield, Ill. It found that the consumption of eggs, among families using the stamps, increased 560 per cent after the program was inaugurated. This is about the same percentage indicated by our own studies. Such an astounding result is possible because the blue stamps narrow purchases to the relatively few surplus products which are most burdensome from a farmer's standpoint. Those using the stamps, however, have a much more adequate and a much more varied diet than it was possible to make available through distribution from commodity depots. The effect of such an increase in consumption upon farm income will become apparent as the program expands."

ARMSTER-MAY, COAL MINER, IS BURIED

Armer May, 63-year-old coal miner, was buried Tuesday afternoon in Glendale cemetery with the L. Fowles and Sons funeral directors in charge of the body. The services were held from the Cleveland Avenue Church of God in Christ with Elder W. Strothers officiating.

May, a native of Brazil, Indiana, died Saturday morning, November 23, at his home at 1631 Buchanan street, following an illness for nearly a week.

He had been a resident here for over thirty years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bluffie May of the home address; five sons, Roy, Rudolph, Melvin, Arnold and William, all of the city; two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Gatewood and Miss Maxine May, of the city; and other relatives.

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