

News Briefs From Far and Near

ROCHESTER'S WORRY

Hollywood, (ANP) Clad in a raincoat overcoat, Eddie Anderson, screen and radio comedian better known as Jack Benny's man, Rochester, emerged from a trap-door on a Hal Roach set. He was dripping wet. Eddie was supposed to be coming out of the set and before each take of the scene the coat was soaked in water. "Let's get it this time," said Roy De Ruth, director. "We don't want to ruin that coat". "Don't worry about the coat," Eddie said. "Worry about me. You never heard of a racon carrying an umbrella."

TELLS OWN STORY

New York, N. Y. — In a special article in the current True Story magazine titled "She Shall Make Music," Dorothy Maynor whose magnificent voice thrills thousands, tells her own story. Daughter of a Methodist minister in Norfolk, Virginia, she attended Hampton Institute where she planned to teach domestic arts. As a student there she joined the Hampton Choir and toured with the group between studies.

Natchez, Miss. (ANP) The Safety Research Institute, reporting on the fire losses throughout the nation during 1940, declared last week that the worst holocaust of the year was the dance hall fire in which 207 Negroes were burned to death here last April. Total fire losses in the country were more than 300 million. No figure has been announced on the monetary loss in the Natchez fire. Most of the victims were not covered by insurance.

Entertainments

MASON CITY, IA.—Mrs. C. Reeler entertained the young people of the Sunday School class Tuesday a waffle dinner. The girls entertained themselves and the guests were Mrs. Esther and Madelyn Margaret Donegan, Mary Brown, Phyllis Cabell, Wilma and Imogene McGinty.

Mrs. Mary Ewing entertained young people with a party in the recreation room of her new home at 1015 S. 10th St. Mrs. Margaret M. Patten will honor her nephew, Mr. Randall of Marshalltown, Iowa, in the panel at the home of Mrs. Mary D. W. Tuttle, New Year's Day, and a large number of guests.

Mrs. Gertrude North, Mrs. Cecil Taylor is president of the federation. All club members are requested to present.

CITY FEDERATION PANEL DISCUSSION JAN. 17

The City Federation will meet Friday evening, January 17, at the Negro Community Center, 907 15th st., with the Mary Church Terrell club hostesses, Mrs. Nellie Esters is president.

The subject of the panel discussion will be "If the American Woman Filling Her Place in the World of Today." Mrs. Margaret M. Patten will honor the discussion. Other members in the panel are Mrs. W. F. Ogden, Mrs. Gertrude North, Mrs. W. Tuttle, program chairman and Mrs. Cecil Taylor is president of the federation.

All club members are requested to present.

JUDGE JORDAN DELIVERS EMANCIPATION SPEECH

Celebrating "Emancipation Day," the Des Moines branch of the NAACP held its annual program, Jan. 1, at Burn's Methodist church, featuring as its guest speaker, Judge Russell Jordan, district judge of the judicial division.

Prior to the judge's address, the Emancipation Proclamation was read by Charles Johnson. "In the midst of a great war Abraham Lincoln put into effect the Proclamation which established the freedom of the Negro," the speaker commented and added further that "since that time, 78 years have passed and we stop to think of the progress that the Negro has made."

"It should be a source of gratification to us," he said. Judge Jordan stressed two definite directions that the Negro should strive for more progress: in gaining economic security and in the education of himself and his family.

"Those two things go hand in hand," he added. Dr. T. S. Williams, program chairman of the local branch, presided at the meeting and presented Atty. S. Joe Brown, who introduced the speaker of the evening.

Guest musicians were Benjamin and Calvin Dacus who featured "Bois Epsis" (Lully) with the latter as soloist.

Mrs. Georgine Morris, president of the local branch, made closing remarks.

WE DO JOB PRINTING

Wins Pass Cash

One of the fortunate winners of the \$25 Weekly Pass cash which is given by the Des Moines Railway Co. was William Wells, 1745 Walker avenue, who won the award given on the night of December 30. Mr. Wells is an East High school graduate in the class of June,



LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND GREEN CONVENTIONS

By J. B. Morris, Jr.

Kansas City, Mo.—Three national Negro Greek letter organizations met simultaneously under the same roof Dec. 21 to 31, to carry out the greatest annual meeting ever held.

Convening in the Municipal auditorium were Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities. The sessions were held separately.

On the opening night an open dance was held honoring the delegates. Later in the week, private parties and affairs were held by each organization.

Des Moines people in attendance were: Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchey, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander, Atty. and Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler, Miss Geneva A. Morrow and J. B. Morris, Jr.

Other Iowans in attendance were Dr. Harry Harper of Ft. Madison and Richard A. Dobson, Jr., of Sioux City.

Greek Letter Groups End Mid-Year Meet at K. C.

SCOTT HEADS KAPPAS FOR THIRD TERM

Kansas City, Mo. (ANP) James Scott of Washington, grand president of the Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity, was elected to serve his third term at the 23rd annual Kappa Kappa Psi convention held here last week. With more than 200 members of the fraternity present to enjoy the unexcelled hospitality with which Kansas City greeted its guests, the Kappas, the Alphas and the AKAs, various expressions indicated the belief that this was one of the best conventions the fraternity has ever held.

The huge Kansas City Municipal auditorium, with its perfect appointments for large meetings, had been turned over to the Greeks for the week. As a visitor entered the lobby, a large information booth with staff of a dozen young women on duty was ready to serve. Elevators fully staffed were ready to whisk members of the various fraternities to the floors where their headquarters were or where meetings were scheduled.

Lionel F. Aris of Indianapolis was the recipient of the Kappa laurel wreath this year.

Other officers elected were Louie Orr, St. Louis, senior vice grand president; Orville Jones, University of Nebraska, junior vice grand president; J. Ernest Wick, Chicago, grand keeper of records and executive; Donald L. Hildreth, Lane college, Jackson, Tenn., grand strategist; J. Louis Hesse, University of Kansas, grand lieutenant strategist; Girard I. Bryant, Kansas City, grand historian.

Members of the board of directors in addition to the officers, are: Gloucester Current, West Virginia state college; James Anderson, Wichita, and Victor Hickens, Detroit.

AKA'S HOLD LARGEST BOULE Kansas City, Mo. (ANP) More than 500 members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority registered during the 23rd annual boulevards of that organization, held at the municipal auditorium here Christmas week, to roll up what is perhaps the largest attendance record any feminine Greek letter organization of color has ever enjoyed.

'WHAT THE MATTER?' YOUTH WRITES

In an article this week in the By-stander, Irene Swink, 19-year-old correspondent and resident in West Des Moines, gives a local picture of the Negro youth and the question of getting an education. It is entitled "What's the Matter?"

"I went to school in West Des Moines for eight years and during that time 50 some odd Negroes enrolled in school. The Negro cries 'I want an education.' But what does he try to do to get one?"

"In those eight years, out of the 50 some enrollees, only about 16 Negroes finished school through graduation, but still they want an education. It's no sense in trying to put up a front any longer. The truth is that the American Negro in some parts of the country wants to be in the background all his life. What did that other 34 do? Went out and secured dishwashing jobs — minus an education; — some married without an education; the majority are working on relief making 26 dollars every two weeks. It's a sympathetic story but still every word is true.

"I am a Negro and I finished my schooling. I have a job — not what I want — but it's what I must take. I'm capable. I know shorthand right and left. I type at 70 words a minute. I know the adding machine. I'm good at figuring — in fact I was the best in school — in my classroom. But what good did it do me? I can't put it to use here in Iowa but I can keep it — for the time when I can use my knowledge. Education is great for all men, out I'm primarily concerned with it among the Negroes."

"Give me and the thousands of other Negro youth a chance for self expression in the line of work we want — to let us know that our education isn't in vain, but on the other hand let us as Negroes get this free education. It's here for us; let's not let it slip away."

Irene Swink, a 1940 graduate of West Des Moines high school, is employed as a maid at the American Institute of Business here. The writer will appreciate written comments on her article.

K. C. Minister Offered \$1,000 to Debate

New York City—Dr. Harten states that "Powell will be given a reward of one thousand dollars in cash, if he can preat out the thief, or a single man or woman holding high office in the National Baptist Convention who is stealing from the denomination, or has knowledge of the fact, but whose character is such that he is a victim of 'lockjaw' which he referred to on Sunday."

The Rev. Mr. Harten stated: "If Adam Powell accepts, he will send him the names of twenty thousand people who will pack the Madison Square Garden or the Golden Gate Auditorium for the debate. The loser of the debate will pay for the Madison Square Garden or Auditorium."

It appeared in one of New York's weeklies and other papers that Powell stated in his sermon, Dec. 15th, "I know when the next President of the National Baptist Convention in September takes office, I will have him so scared that I bet he won't do any stealing for the first three or four months at least. There are certain ministers who are up-

holding dishonesty in high places. The reason they can't speak against these things is that their own character and integrity are not unquestionable. I have the goods on them," he shouted. "I have the goods on them from down in Texas to New York City. The ministers who are calling me intemperate and unchristian are just talking. They are afraid to do anything else."

"Likening those who have attacked him to 'Rats' Powell boasted, "I will have them scurrying back to the holes from whence they came, before I am through with them."

VISITOR



MISS RENETTA MARTIN, Miss Renetta Martin, teacher in the public schools of Kansas City, Mo., spent part of the holidays visiting with relatives in Mason City, Ia.

Smothers, Kansas City, corresponding secretary; Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of Philadelphia, honorary president and treasurer; Edna Over Gray, assistant treasurer; Laura 'Fife' Lovelace, Cincinnati, parliamentarian. Regional directors: Dr. Mary Wright, Boston, North Atlantic; Margurite Adams, Charlotte, N. C., South Atlantic; Manila Hickman, Tulsa, mid-western; Juanita Davis, Great Lakes; Blanche Patterson, St. Louis, Central; Essie L. Tucker, Santa Monica, Calif., far western and Olivette Jones Morgan, Galveston, South Central. The sorority will be entertained by the three chapters in Philadelphia.

Highlights of the meeting were the banquets held at the new Summer High school Kansas City, Kans. Monday night and the Artists reception held Saturday night.

AKA artists for the occasion were Rita Moten, mezzo-soprano and Doris Relta Novel, pianist; for Alpha Phi Alpha, Nicholas Gerrin, violinist and Lorenzo Euler, bass; for Kappa Kappa Psi, William Allen, clarinetist, and William Allen, saxophonist.

Most of the girls are working in Mrs. Ann's kitchen for four dollars a week and odd clothes.

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The rule of putting the kettle on to boil, then going out to pick the corn is a good one to follow, if you can do it, for the longer the time that elapses between picking and eating, the less delicious the corn.

After you've picked out your green ears, strip back the husk and examine the kernels. They should be just firm enough to resist a slight pressure, and when you prick them should exude a milky juice.

The husk on the corn acts like the cellulose film used for modern packaging — seals in flavor and moisture and keeps out dust — so don't husk the corn until you're ready to pop it into the 'kettle'.

We usually speak of 'boiled' corn on the cob, but it's really best to just simmer it, because boiling may make the kernels tough. Put enough water in the kettle to cover the corn, bring it to the boiling point and drop in the ears.

The addition of a cup of milk and two teaspoons of sugar improves the flavor. Keep the water at a simmering temperature for 10 to 15 minutes. The shorter time is used for garden fresh corn, the longer for that you buy in the market.

Says NAACP

During 1940 Negro Proved to Be Surest Standard for Testing 'Justice to All' in the United States

New York—During 1940, the American Negro proved to be the surest standard for testing, in terms of concrete action, our government's oft-repeated assertion that American democracy gives full justice to all citizens of the United States, according to a report made by Walter White at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held here Monday, January 6.

Four Supreme Court Victories On the circuit since the N. A. A. C. P. secretary pointed to four decisions won before the United States Supreme Court, affecting the rights of Negro citizens. The first of these decisions, read by Justice Hugo L. Black, last February 12, denied the right of Florida courts to obtain confessions from four Negro youths, through torture, and termed conviction after such action, unconstitutional. The cases of Dave Canty, in Alabama, and Bob White in Texas, were also reversed on similar grounds. The fourth decision denied the right to persons to bar Negroes from buying or living on property in areas of a city restricted by agreement among property owners.

The association also won a notable case in its six-year fight to equalize the salaries of Negro and white teachers in southern and border states, when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to review a Circuit Court of Appeals decision denying the right of the Norfolk, Va., school-board to pay lower salaries to Negro teachers solely on the basis of color. This victory added \$129,000 to the salaries of Negro teachers in Norfolk.

Pointing out that 1940 marked the most crucial period in our country's history, the N.A.A.C.P. executive secretary said it was nevertheless true that the Administration offered a great opportunity to prove how democracy can work in times of stress to preserve civil liberties for 14,000,000 American Negroes who have suffered more than any other group in our country from the denial of even basic citizenship rights.

Chief among the happenings Mr. White listed was the failure of Congress to pass a federal anti-lynching law at a time when the majority of American citizens in the South as well as the North believe such a law should be passed. He declared this demonstrated that there are men in our Congress who are willing for Hitler to show us all that he has learned from this American crime, before taking action to curb it.

During this period the Association was the first to report the adoption of a new technique adopted by vigilante mobs for covering up lynchings. The NAACP made public a report by one of its investigators, "Lynching Goes Underground."

Columbus Saw Bahamas First The Old world's first contact with the Western hemisphere occurred in the Bahamas, for it was on October 12, 1492, that Columbus, after a terrifying voyage of 70 days, saw the first land in the New World. It was the Island of Guanahani, one of the Bahamas, which the explorer renamed San Salvador. The landfall of Columbus is now known as Watling's Island.

On October 15 Columbus took possession in the name of the king of Spain of the island he called Santa Maria de la Concepcion, now called Rum Cay, and on the same day he visited another island which he called Fernadina, known now as Long Island. A few days later he named another island Isabella after the queen of Spain. This island is today known as Crooked Island.

Whether a yeast dough is kneaded with palms, knuckles, or the "heel" of the hand, or mixed in a dough mixer or mixing machine, matters little! What matters—and much—is that it be kneaded enough to make it the excellent gas retaining structure a good dough made from wheat flour should be! Dough properly smoothed and resilient. It is not sticky, although it may be quite soft. A general rule says that the dough is kneaded enough when it does not stick to the palm if the hand is held up the surface of the dough during a count of thirty.

TO NAACP BOARD



S. JOE BROWN Veteran Des Moines attorney who was elected this week as a member of the National Board of Directors nominated by Ike Smalls.

DINNER AT EIGHT

SOCIETY



LARK SEWING CLUB ENTERTAINS DURING HOLIDAYS

The Lark's sewing club entertained their husbands at its annual Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Payton Reeves, 1029 10th street, December 18.

Guests and members present were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lillian Sioane, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crowder, Mrs. and Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans, Mrs. Mamie Jettens, Mrs. Maude Woods, Mrs. Armenta Madison and Mrs. Josephine Brooks.

HELD IN MASON CITY

A Tom Thumb wedding was presented at the Union Memorial church Friday evening under the direction of Mrs. Emma P. Stratton.

The bride was attired in a white net over satin gown with a long veil reaching the floor and forming a train. She carried a white brides bouquet. Her attendants were in yellow, blue, pink, and lavender.

The church was decorated in pink and white with a large wedding cake at the front of the church.

The bride, groom and their attendants were as follows: bride, Cynthia Martin; groom, Tyler Stewart, Jr.; best man, Roger Saunders; usher, Philip Saunders; maid of honor, Bonnie Brewton; flower girls, Claudette Brewton, and Greta Lou Saunders. Brides maids were June Moore, Harriet McGruder, Peggy McGruder, Vera Jean Kipper, Javanese Ewing, ring bearer, Anthony Martin, pages, Peter Martin and Lawrence McGruder, mother and father of bride, Henriette Moore and Robert Banks. The preacher, Teddy Brewton.

Special guests were the Misses Jane Banks, Madelyn Walls and the soloists were the Misses Esther Waus, Betty Banks, Frances McGinty and Imogene McGinty.

The pianists were: Mrs. Marie Maadox and Mrs. Jeanette Walls.

There was a large crowd and the prize for selling the most tickets went to Miss Frances McGinty.

ENTERTAIN HUSBANDS

The members of the Three Purpose club entertained their husbands with a New Year's Eve party at the home of Mrs. Gladys Carr, 1134 14th st. The evening was spent playing games.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Williams, Mr. Nelson Thompson and Mr. Nathaniel Caloway of Chicago, Illinois.

OLIVE BRANCH ELECTS OFFICERS

The Olive Branch Chapter, No. 32 O. E. S. met Monday evening, December 23 and elected the following officers for 1941.

Mrs. Helen Ewing, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Minnie McGuire, Associate Matron; Mr. J. Will Johnson, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Myrtle Butler, treasurer; and Mrs. Orea Buice, Secretary.

Mrs. Charles Simmons gave a luncheon in honor of Mrs. James Adams Dec. 30. Those sharing the courtesy were: Mrs. Doris Anderson of Minneapolis; Mrs. Dorothy Madison, Mrs. Bonnie Wood, Mrs. Marietta Mays, Mrs. Mildred Collier.

VISITS IN TOPEKA

Bill Weathers spent Dec. 28 and 29 in Topeka, Kan., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Jenkins.

PRINCESS ZORAH CHAPTER INSTALLS

The Princess Zorah chapter No. 10 of the O.E.S. held installation with the Masons Dec. 27. Officers installed were: Jessie Newsome, Matron; Mattie Warrick, associate matron; James B. Mitchell, patron; Alice Seymour, treasurer; Gertrude North, secretary; Minnie Walker, warden; Herbert Jacobs, Mattie Woods, Adah; Fannie Tomlin, Ruth; Elvira Shephard, Esther; Josephine Franklin, Martha; Flossie Emanuel elector.

VISITS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crowder of Sioux Falls, S. D., spent the holidays visiting Mr. Crowder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crowder, 1112 Day street. They returned to their home December 27.

G. T. S. CLUB

The G. T. S. club held their Christmas dinner December 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McQuitty.

R. D. B.'S MEET

The R. D. B.'s met at the home of Miss Phyllis Noah, 1555 Buchanan street, Monday evening, January 6.

DELUXE CLUB

The Deluxe club met with Marie Carson on Jan. 2 and on Jan. 9 with Mildred Jackson.

Mrs. Reba Deah spent the holidays

visiting in Kansas City. She returned to Des Moines this week.

HOSTS AT PRE-NEW YEARS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker, 1064 24th street, entertained Sunday, December 29, at a pre-New Year's dinner.

Guests sharing the courtesy were Miss Joan Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cropp, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mason. Mrs. Fletcher assisted the hostess.

ENTERTAINS WITH DINNER

A birthday dinner was given honoring Mrs. Gladys Redmond at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers, 842 9th street.

Guests present were Miss Fredia Haynes, Mr. Ules Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kokos, and Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson.

ALLIANCE GIVES HOLIDAY DINNER

The Ministerial Alliance held its annual holiday dinner last Monday night at the Blue Triangle branch Y. W. C. A. honoring as its guests, the ministers' wives.

TWENTIETH CENTURY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Twentieth Century club met Jan. 2 at the Community Center. The election of officers was held as follows: president, Pinkie Buford; vice president, Birdie Hayter; secretary, Nannie Lillard; assistant, Grace Smith.

MISS ENOLA THOMPSON NEW YEAR'S DAY GUEST

Miss Enola Thompson, teacher at Northeast Junior high school, Kansas City, Kan., came to the city New Year's day to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Thompson, 1159 Fourteenth street. She left Sunday to resume her school work.

TO-CHICAGO

J. Nelson Thompson, Jr. spent several days in Chicago last week. He returned to the city Monday.

WILBURNS ENTERTAIN VISITORS FROM CHICAGO

Messrs. Joseph Miles and Weston of Chicago were guests Monday, Jan. 6, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilburn, 1715 Walker. At a dinner honoring the visitors, Mrs. Bert Harris was a guest.

ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Giggins entertained a group of friends at a Christmas dinner, Out of town guest was Rev. Frank Walker of Quincy, Ill.

MISS WEBB HOSTESS AT HOLIDAY PARTY

Miss Clara Webb, 1022 Pleasant street, entertained with a holiday party at her home December 24. Games were played, Christmas carols were sung and the guests were presented gifts.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brown, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Bradford, Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Williams, Atty. and Mrs. Buster Williams; Mesdames Helen Beshears, Ardell McCarrell; Misses Winifred Brooks, Marguerite Newcomb, Robert Maupin, Sarah Steele, Ruby Kitchen, Arnetta Sloan and Messrs. James Morrow, Leroy Franklin, G. B. Tucker, Robert Green, Robert Phillips Wellington Howard, Luther Glanton and Lawrence Chapman.

HONORED AT BOULE



ETTA MOTEN

One of the Alpha Kappa Alpha star, was honored at the 23rd annual formal banquet at which time she during the holidays for the boulevards which convened there. Miss Etta Moten, famed radio, stage and screen star, was honored at the 23rd annual formal banquet at which time she during the holidays for the boulevards which convened there. Miss Etta Moten, famed radio, stage and screen

WEST DES MOINES HI-LITES BY IRENE ROSS SWINK

West Des Moines, Ia.—Friday, January 10, will find another Negro girl graduating from Valley High School. It is not officially known as to whether or not she will receive second place in scholarship or not, but if the grading percentage is recorded correctly she should get second. The graduate is Miss Wynonna Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffin, 116 Ninth street. They have a son who graduated last year at mid-season.

Mr. Ewing Ross, Jr., will sing at the semi-annual J.-Sr. banquet at West Des Moines, the banquet will be held at one of the larger hotels in Des Moines.

Mr. Charles Swink was again elected vice-secretary of the Sunday School Council for 1941.

The Mt. Hebron Mission met at the home of Mrs. Helen Ross, December 27, and was served refreshments by their hostess and her daughter, Mrs. Charles Swink.

FRIENDS GATHER AT HUBBARD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Hubbard held a Christmas tree party Dec. 24 at their home, 1435 Maryland. Gifts were exchanged by friends. Those sharing the courtesy were: Mr. and Mrs. Rosenting Hardaway, Mr. and Mrs. Fraction, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tenney, Mrs. Mary Tillman, Mr. Virgil Thomas, Mrs. Beatrice Banfield, Mrs. Anna Tucker and Mrs. Wilson.

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Mrs. Laura White of Sedalia, Mo., visited among relatives here during the holidays, classmates who attended school at George R. Smith College, Mr. Herschel Hubbard, Mrs.

Y. W. C. A.

Y. W. C. A. TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 16

The Committee of Management of the Blue Triangle Branch Y. W. C. A. will hold its annual meeting of 1941 Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6:15 p.m. at which time a dinner will be served. Reservations must be made by January 15.

An interesting program will depict various activities of the Branch. Miss Alice Whipple, secretary of the Council of Social Agencies, will be the guest speaker.

Returns of the election for Committee of Management and Nominating Committee for 1941 will be announced. To vote, 1941 membership must be paid.

IOWA CLUB

Members of the Iowa Des Moines club and persons with tickets for the special event Jan. 14, are urged to attend the regular meeting on that night at the Community Center, 7:30 p.m. J. A. Wilson is president.

HONORED AT PARTY

Miss Theresa Hubbard was honored on Dec. 28 at a birthday party. Thirty guests attended. She received many gifts.

Robert Hayes and Mrs. Harriet Rhoades. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard honored the visitor and the classmates at a breakfast Dec. 28. Others sharing in the courtesy were: Mr. Robert Hayes, Mrs. Mary Hardaway and Mrs. Anna Mae Carter, sister of Mrs. White, with whom she was visiting.

Plan Hybrid Vigor Probe

The Rockefeller Foundation of New York city has granted Iowa State college \$21,000 to be used over a three-year period on two basic genetic research problems, Dr. E. Lindstrom, head of the genetics department, announced. One of the problems will be to probe the "real basis" of hybrid vigor—still one of nature's greatest mysteries. The other will be to determine the causes for changes in virulence of disease bacteria in relation to the host. Two diseases—bacterial wilt or corn and mouse typhoid—will be studied. Dr. J. W. Gowen of the genetics department will direct the mouse typhoid problem and the hybrid vigor experiment.

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The mighty Cab Calloway and his entire Cotton Club Show, complete as presented in New York City, arrived in Des Moines Friday, Jan. 10, at the Paramount Theater for a six day stay, which means six days of boogie woogie music. The rpg cutters of Des

Moines will want to blow their tops; and Cab is a guarantee of music that will be a solid sender. So if you don't know or hadn't

planned to, put in on your "must list" Cab Calloway, his orchestra and a fast-stepping, smart-swinging floor show, that is bound to

be a cure all, for the blues, the wilies and the Jonahs get hep to the jive, and get in the groove. Cab and his sizzling band is in town.

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8507—Please Mister Johnson Blues By Louis Jordan and His Tympany Five

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.
By Mrs. Mary Reasby
1223 10th St. S. E.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Mr. William H. Hicks and Mrs. Naomi Hicks, 1224 Tenth street, S. E. Cedar Rapids, were joined in matrimony, Sunday night. Mr. Ishmail Phillips was best man. Mr. John W. Harrison gave his mother away. Mrs. Sidney Gates and Mrs. Estella Williams were witnesses. Other guests were: Mrs. Gertrude Harrison, Mrs. S. J. Caulder, Mrs. Hazel Phillips played the wedding march. A luncheon was served. Rev. S. J. Caulder officiated.
Friday evening, Dec. 27, a dinner party was served in the home of Mrs. S. J. Caulder in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright of Milwaukee, Wis. Local guests were Mrs. Sidney Tate's sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Green, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hicks, Mrs. Queen Brown. The Wrights left for home Saturday.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

The Phyllis Wheatley club met Monday at the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Evelyn Wilder presided and plans were made to entertain their husbands. Mrs. Arphelia Taylor was appointed advisor of the We Modern club. The Civic and Social Service club met Thursday with Mrs. Roxana Brown. Mrs. Mayne Gardner presided. Fifteen members of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar club enjoyed a Yuletide Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Corrine Gilmore Wednesday.
Rev. G. E. Kendrick held regular service Sunday at the Baptist church. A financial drive has been launched

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Entertainments

MASON CITY, IA.—Mrs. Carrie N. Reeler entertained the young girls of the Sunday School class Tuesday with a waffle dinner. The girls enjoyed themselves and the guests were: the Misses Esther and Madelyn Walls, Margaret Donegan, Mary Rose Brown, Phyllis Cabell, Wilma Banks and Imogene McGinty.

Mrs. Mary Ewing entertained the young people with a party in the recreation room of her new home, in honor of her nephew, Mr. Ralph Longue, of Marshalltown, Iowa.

Class No. 1 sponsored Open House at the home of Mrs. Mary Davis on New Year's Day and a large crowd attended. Music was furnished throughout the afternoon and evening by Miss Esther Walls, Mrs. J. C. McGinty, Mrs. Eldist Walls, Mrs. Marie Maddox, Miss Bernice Davis, Miss Jane Banks and Imogene McGinty. Mrs. Berline Martin gave a short but interesting talk on Christmas in Mexico, Finland and Italy. Mrs. P. L. Scott is the class leader.

The Masons Club of Mason City served hot dinners during the day Saturday clearing a marvelous profit. A \$25.00 prize was given away. It was won by Mr. Patterson.

The Rhem Family had as dinner guests during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hieby, Mrs. Oliver Jackman, Mrs. Leroy Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rhem, Mr. J. C. Kohl, Mr. Tom Jackson, Mrs. F. A. Austin, Miss Colline Solsy and Mr. Jesse Solva.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hieby entertained their friends on New Year's with the guests as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, Mr. H. Johnson, The Phem family, Mr. James Kohl, Mr. Hubs, Mrs. Leroy Stevens and Miss Leo Barnett.

Visitors and Vacations
Miss Florence Little was the holiday guest of her great grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Calhoun.
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Mr. Althouse points out that before giving attention to exercises to improve the tones of your voice and develop clean-cut articulation and proper modulation, it is necessary to get a mental image of what your voice really is like.

"If possible, have a record made," the tenor goes on. "If that isn't possible, force yourself to analyze your own speaking voice without use of a record. It can be done. If you can get a friend or member of your family to act as critic, so much the better."

"The first essential of vocal control is repose. Nervous, tense, tired people invariably talk in high-pitched, unsteady voices—not in pleasant, evenly modulated tones."

And—for the good of your voice as well as your nerves—relax your jaw and put the tip of your tongue against lower teeth instead of holding it tensely against the roof of your mouth.

OTTUMWA, IOWA

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Ottumwa, Ia.—Bernard Black, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black was one of the post office eligibles serving as carrier here during the Christmas rush. Young Mr. Black is a '38 Parson college graduate. This year was reported as the largest year at the local postoffice.

Students Home

Miss Doris McCall or Wilberforce spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McCall, sister Marjorie and brother, Lawrence, at the home, 1021 Plum street.

Norman Lintz of the Iowa State college, Ames, Iowa, and Franklin Lintz of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, were home for the Christmas holiday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Rice Lintz, 901 Elm street.

Miss Charlee Harston of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, spent the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harston.

John C. Williams of Iowa University, Iowa City, Iowa, was home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Williams and brother, Robert.

Holiday Visitors

Mrs. Eva McKee, daughter Janet and son, Walter of Davenport, Ia., came Dec. 26, for a visit here in the home of Mrs. McKee's sister, Mrs. Alice Johnson and family. While here Mrs. McKee visited with her sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinson, Mrs. Rebecca Robinson and Mrs. Mary Jackson. Mr. McKee motored here Sunday, Dec. 29 and was accompanied by Mrs. McKee and children on his return home.

Maynard Black spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black and brother, Bernard, arriving here Dec. 24, returning Dec. 26 to Chicago, Ill., where he is employed.

Clarence Patton of Chicago came Dec. 24 for Christmas with his father, Isaac Patton and brothers, Melvin and Richard and a sister, Mrs. Pauline Green returning to Chicago December 27.

Miss Betty Jean Ross of Marshalltown, arrived here Dec. 24 to spend the holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Jr., and son, Terrance.

Miss Lavonne Derrick and niece Jacqueline Higgins of Des Moines were Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. Lucille Schoolen. They were

makers use mahogany most veneer, although some expensive pieces are of solid mahogany. Walnut goes by the name of American walnut or black walnut. Black walnut is somewhat misleading, for it varies in color from light to dark chocolate brown. It has a distinctive but not too conspicuous figure.

Oak is on the list of important furniture woods. Oak trees grow in nearly every part of the United States, but most of the oak used for furniture grows east of the Great Plains. Walnut and mahogany are sometimes more fashionable woods, but oak never really goes out of style. It is always plentiful, attractive, hard, strong, and takes many different finishes.

Many Synthetic Things

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The tremendous drop in price of melamine makes it interesting as a starting material for many synthetics, Dr. P. P. McClellan declares. Two years ago the American Cyanamid company began pilot plant production and development of melamine because of its resin possibilities. Full scale commercial manufacture is now under way, with melamine assuming a dominant place in the great field of resins. "Melamine is one of the most recent additions to the field of important industrial chemicals," Dr. McClellan says. "It has shown great promise in the field of amino plastics owing to its remarkable stability to heat and light; its reactions lead to the belief that it will become an increasingly useful, basic material for synthesis."

"In 1834 Justus Baron von Liebig in Germany heated a mixture of potassium thiocyanate and ammonium chloride together. He obtained from his fusion mixture a residue which he called 'melam.'"

"By heating this residue with a dilute solution of caustic for several days, he obtained a material that crystallized out when the solution was cooled. He decided to call this new base 'melamine' because he concluded that it had been formed by the action of alkali on melam, but this was not true; the melamine was present before the treatment

the niece and great niece of Mrs. Schoolen.

Mrs. R. H. Dargen spent Christmas at home with his wife, Mrs. Aurora Darden returning to Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28. Mrs. Aurora Darden gave a Christmas exchange party in her home Christmas eve. Fourteen guests were present. Many presents were exchanged.

Miss Florine Gooch spent the Christmas holidays visiting in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Moore and daughters, Mary Louise and Joe Anne, spent Christmas with Mrs. Moore's father, Mr. Johnson in Keokuk, Iowa.

Mrs. Ella Bohannon had as guests during the holiday, her nephew, Julius Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson, her great nephew, Mr. Kenneth Miller, all of East Chicago, Ind. Christmas they had dinner with Mrs. Bohannon; Dec. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Johnson, Mr. Kenneth Miller and

with caustic."

Making Steaks Tender

The common, lowly, drowsy weed has risen to a more lofty position in the field of agriculture and now it will have a place in the sun, if the scientific experiments of two California doctors are correct. The doctors, Dr. David M. Greenberg and Dr. Theodore Winnick, University of California researchers, claim they have found that the extract from the sap of the weed will destroy tapeworms and other living parasites in the digestive system. The seeds and sap, they say, will make the toughest round steak as tender as a choice sirloin. It also helps speed up the commercial processing of meats or other protein substances, accelerate the curing of hides for tanning and the treatment of digestive disorders. The substance can be found, they claim, in any of a variety of weeds known as the horse nettle, the bull nettle, silver leaved nightshade and trompillo, and can be found flourishing in most sections of the United States.

Saluting Flag

The correct way to salute the American flag, according to army authorities, is as follows:

A girl scout in uniform salutes with her official scout salute; women salute by placing their right hand over their heart; Boy Scouts in uniform salute with three fingers of their right hand; Color bearer does not salute because he is holding the flag; man in uniform, like a policeman, gives the official right-hand salute; civilian without a hat shows respect by standing at attention, hands at his side and the civilian with a hat removes his hat with his right hand and places it over his heart.

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Mrs. Ella Bohannon motored to Kirksville, Mo., spending the day with Mrs. Bohannon's sister and Mrs. Johnson's aunt, Mrs. Lucy Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Miller returned to their home Dec. 27.

Mrs. Bessie Pertrum Miller has been suffering from a throat ailment but she is now able to be out again. Miss Betty Rose Price, a patient at Sunnyslope, is convalescing nicely following an operation at Iowa U. hospital.

Mrs. Amanda Melvinia Williams

Woodford, 96 years old, died Dec. 20. A well known citizen, having come here from Dalton, Mo., over 40 years ago, Mrs. Woodford had been ill for many years but had been confined to her bed for ten days prior to her death.

The funeral services were held at the Lester Jay Funeral home Dec. 22 conducted by Rev. Wm. Shaw, pastor of the Second Baptist church of which Mrs. Woodford was a member. Assisting him was the Rev. A. J. Irvine. Mrs. Ida Thompson gave

two solos and organ music was played. Burial was at Ottumwa cemetery. Among the survivors were: her husband, Benjamin Woodford; a son, H. E. Williams, a sister, Mrs. Susan Jane Tisdale of Dalton, Mo.; a number of grand children and other relatives.

Attending the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shith and daughter of Keokuk; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Wade Craddock of Omaha, Neb.



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NEGRO OFFICERS

The Bystander published a story last week — and we think it found its way into many Negro papers because it was released by the Associated Negro Press — which stated that Negro soldiers in Fort Riley, Kansas, did not want Brigadier General B. O. Davis as a commander — in fact they did not want Negro officers in their regiments.

To those unacquainted with the situation, the revelation was startling; to those who know the history, it was no surprise. As a matter of fact to the latter group, the only regret came by further acquainting the public with the fact that Negro leadership is attempted to be discredited.

The editor of The Bystander was one of the first men enrolled in the Seventh Provisional (officer) Regiment at Fort Des Moines in 1917, was commissioned a lieutenant and assigned to the 366th Infantry at Camp Dodge. He went to France with his regiment, attended a corps school, served at the front as a company officer and battalion intelligence and staff officer. During all this time he served with a large number of former noncommissioned officers of the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry who had service records of from 10 to 30 years, many of whom were commissioned officers. Most of the complaints now come from high ranking non commissioned officers who have had from 10 to 20 years service in the regular army.

We cite this history to acquaint the reader with our intimate knowledge of this rather startling revelation.

From experience, we find that all of this complaint is not leveled at the Negro officer as such; it is leveled at all officers who are not products of West Point. Brigadier General Davis is not a West Point man. The regular army is ruled by West Point men and any officer who comes up from the ranks does not fare so well and that sentiment is passed on to the enlisted men.

Then, too, our regular army is opposed to Negro officers. That opposition is based upon the fact that the rank places the Negro on the same plane with white men; it gives him too much pay; it tends to establish social equality; the jobs are too good for Negroes. Then, too, the army is pretty well dominated by southerners and they never lose a chance to help push the Negro down.

Generally speaking the army does not get a very highly educated enlisted personnel in peace time. Jealous officers know that. In the Negro regiments, many officers carry on a campaign against Negro officers and because of their position, influence Negro soldiers against Negro officers. It is the so called Uncle Tom Negro who from plantation days thrived on dissension among the group and does their bidding. We found it in 1917 and 1918. The dirty work has not ceased.

This opposition to Negro officers by some white people is bad enough; it is far worse when it comes from the Negro race. However, we shall continue to have traitors among us, so it remains for those who know what is fair and what can be done successfully to insist that the decisions on questions of policy for the Negro group be based on the testimony of his friends rather than his enemies. And the Bystander knows that they are few and far between in the official staffs of our standing army.

HELP DEFEND SHORES

Question of giving every aid in short of war is drawing the debate in America. Con- have much to say about is to see done.
Grant Roosevelt's first

side chat, he told us what we already knew: that he wanted to do everything possible for Britain. The majority of the American people agree with this; it is our view. Not that Britain deserves it because we cannot shut our eyes to the attitude England has taken toward some of her colonies for in many instances natives in them are being treated no better than Germany has treated the Jews. We favor that help because it is our first line of defense.

But the Bystander cannot believe that President Roosevelt's plan to loan equipment to Britain is the best method of doing the job. England owes America lots of money. We have a law in the statute book which prevents America from loaning England any money as long as she is in default on her obligations or selling her any goods except for cash. As long as the law is on the statute books it should be obeyed. And it makes no difference whether the loans are in the form of cash or goods.

We cannot too strongly urge help to defeat Hitler and his crowd, but we believe that help should be given in a legal and orderly fashion. And the President need have no fear that the majority of the people will stand up for a program of this kind.

WHO AM I?

By Henry N. Wilcots

A DEMANDER

Born in Springfield, O., April 7, 1872. The son of a father who served in the war between the states as 2nd Lieutenant with the 68th Mass. Vol. Inf.

In 1895 I received my A. B. from Harvard, after maintaining a higher scholastic average than any other colored student graduating from that school.

In 1901 I founded the Boston Guardian and became corresponding secretary of the National Independent Equal Rights League. I interested myself in the economic, political and social activities of my people, thereby, attracting much attention throughout the country.

I challenged the indifference of the Republican party to the oppression of the colored people in the south. I condemned the action of President Theodore Roosevelt for steps taken in connection with the colored soldiers at Brownsville, Texas, and opposed William H. Taft in 1908 for his participation in the same affair.

I took issue with Booker T. Washington, and his Uncle Tom methods, policies and philosophy affecting the cause of the Negro. I joined with William DuBois and campaign of 1912—but fought with the port of Woodrow Wilson during the his crusade with his Crisis in supple- chended fist and teeth, when he (Pres. Wilson) allowed segregation to creep through the portals of Washington, into its dining halls and other places of entertainment to the degradation and humiliation of colored people in the service of the government.

Who Am I?—Answer: William Monroe Trotter.

B. B.—Am I making a mistake? Married and with my husband but love a man. In misery with my husband and know only joy with this other man.

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HEALTH HINTS

BY DR. C. R. BRADFORD

VITAMIN-A DEFICIENCY

(Xerophthalmia or Night Blindness)

The first specific disease traced to lack of vitamin-A derives its name from the Greek, Xeros, dry, and optalmos, eye, for "dry eyes." The secretion of the tear and other glands of the eyelid ceases owing to indammation of the membrane of the eye. Infection of the cornea ensues with ulceration, perforation, loss of aqueous humor (watery substance) and blindness.

The earlier manifestation of Vitamin-A deficiency must be recognized and treated because ocular lesions develop so rapidly even with prompt diagnosis, the child's vision may be damaged irreparably.

Mild manifestations of Vitamin-A deficiency are thoroughly common among supposedly healthy infants and children although marked manifestations are comparatively infrequent in this country. Xerophthalmia, the extreme form of Vitamin-A deficiency, prevails Asia, Matador, and South America, where dietary habits, poverty, famine and war deprive children of the "A" factor. A major epidemic of Xerophthalmia occurred in Denmark during the World War because butter was exported and the children were maintained on fat-poor diet. The incubation period is variable depending on the degree of deficiency, previous intake of the Vitamin and age of the patient.

The symptoms of Vitamin A deficiency respond rapidly to the administration to Vitamin-A in the form of fish oils, A-concentrates of carotene; night-blindness clears promptly with the rapid return to adaption within two weeks.

BOOK REVIEW

(By Louise Glass)

"IT'S OUR COUNTRY TOO"

(Written by Walter White in Saturday Evening Post, Dec. 14, 1940.)

This article, "It's Our Country Too," has been featured as a news item in Negro journals throughout the country. No doubt millions have read it or read about it. We hope that several million white people will read it — and think about it. Strange as it may seem, there are a good many well informed white people who are almost totally ignorant of the discriminatory practices of their native United States.

Those familiar with Mr. White's writing know what he can do with words — especially when he gets to telling white people what he thinks of the American brand of democracy.

Most of us are quite familiar with some of the difficulties faced by the race as a whole, in getting jobs. But conditions, exposed in this article, seem almost incredible.

Some might say, well, if they prefer to let Hitler and his gang shoot them down, let them go ahead. We can stay home and manage to enjoy life.

But this matter can not be so simplified. "It's our country too" and if we don't bear our share of the burdens and responsibilities we can't expect to enjoy the freedom and the opportunities found here. Because after all, we have plenty to defend — a lot more than we would have under Hitler.

This article should open the eyes of its readers to the hypocrisy and the inconsistency of fighting for democracy and at the same time refusing certain individuals, because of race, the right to earn good wages and above all, the right to help protect and defend those things that make life worth while.

Even though this article cuts like a two edged sword it is said that it had to be revised several times before the publishers would take it. The original must have been pure TNT.

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SPORTS

By Allen Ashby

A Glimpse into the Future
What will the next twelve months have in store for our 1940 local champions? It is a bit early to look in to the next year and see what is going on, but here goes:

The Little Bennis are right now having the fight of their lives to stay in the running for a chance to defend their basketball title. Our guess is that they will become ex-champs when this basketball year is history.

We don't think Trotter's Lunch soft ball team will be able to weather another year of wear and tear. The St. Paul-Basketball team will likely repeat because baseball players are scarcer than fms on chickens.

Joe Howard, who won a lot of laurels—and two tennis titles last year will forfeit one, and the boys will likely see to it that he drops his men's single crown. Paul Williams wants him like a baby wants Castoria and Chet Williamson, nine year champion, has some evil thoughts lurking in his tennis ideas for 1941. Williamson and your writer should lose our doubles crown if the youngsters play for it.

Miss Marie Ross may find herself facing one of last year's beginners in her bid for 1941 honors and she may finish second, MAYBE!

Sandy Hughes will have one heel of a time defending his swimming laurels.

Our Golden Gloves champions have been declared ex-champions by the committee and some of them will probably fight in other divisions. They will likely find the sledding very rough, maybe too rough.

Who will be the high school football player of the year? We don't know. It could be just any one of a half dozen youngsters.

Basketball

Basketball in our athletic setup is developing some players to be proud of. Burns M. E. first with a short passing game never lost a game all year. Then Union Baptist with not a high school player on its roster, brought up a well rounded passing attack and was undefeated two years, losing one game the third year.

About then our Crocker "Y" teams came along with an organized offense and defense and it was long before they lost a game. People held a victory celebration when they finally got beat. They were unbeaten during three seasons as St. Paul and even when they lost they still won titles.

Now, even the poorest teams in the league, when playing each other, will give a good exhibition of the game.

Boxing

Henry Armstrong, minus scar tissue over his eyes, will attempt to win back his welterweight crown from Fritz Zivic. Maybe he will do it. The experts seem to think so, and we really hope they are right. Then, to our way of thinking, Henry ought to call it quits while he can enjoy some of the money he has made.

Joe Louis swings into action again this month. Joe has the most energetic and ambitious program a heavy-weight title holder ever had, and here's wishing him luck we don't think he will need. The Ring Magazine in rating it's boxers for 1940 simply said what most of you have said all along. Joe Louis is in a class by himself; no challenger can come close to him. And that is that.

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At about 1600 a new religion was growing up in England. The Puritans had started out to improve the Church of England, but in time they broke into revolt. Their leader, Oliver Cromwell, led his forces to victory on the battlefield. King Charles was captured and put to death.

The king's son, also named Charles, fled to France. Later he sailed to Scotland and with an army of 10,000 Scots tried an invasion of England. The attempt failed, and Charles fled once more. This time he had narrow escapes from capture by the Puritans while obtaining a vessel to go to France.

After Cromwell died Charles was asked to come back to England to rule as king. He accepted and held the throne until his death 25 years later. In that period the great plague visited London, and much of the city was destroyed in a great fire.

The changes of power in Great Britain had a great deal to do with early American history. While Cromwell was in control of England, thousands of Cavaliers, members of "the king's party," moved to Virginia and settled there.

Later the return of Charles — thousands of Puritans to flee the Atlantic. They settled England and helped build colonies of Massachusetts Island and Connecticut.

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