

News Briefs From Far and Near

SOUTHERNAIRES OFFERED AID IN JIM CROW

Washington, D. C.—The District of Columbia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has pledged to aid the famed radio quartet, The Southernaires, in any action the group may take against the Washington airport for its refusal to serve them with white patrons in the airport dining room last week.

The singers had just returned from Williamsburg, Va., where they were guests of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and were en route to Cincinnati, Ohio. According to the manager, the airport is operated by the Air Terminal Services, Inc., of Virginia.

The Southernaires were served at the Williamsburg, Va., Inn along with other guests.

NAACP PROBES KILLING OVERSEER

Angleton, Tex.—The release of C. V. Barnes, white farm overseer on a \$10,000 bond after he shot and killed 13-year-old Dorothy Godley near here last month is being investigated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Barnes was charged with murder with malice.

JIM CROWISM RAPPED BY BOSTON STUDENTS

Boston (ANP)—A conference composed of students from colleges in Boston and vicinity packed the main assembly hall and entire seventh floor of Boston Y. M. C. A. here, Sunday, Nov. 30 to voice their protests against intolerance and jim-crowism. The meeting was the occasion of the discussion of "Demands of the Present Crisis." Only five Negroes were present at the meeting.

TO STAGE "GREEN PASTURES" ON DEC. 14

San Francisco (ANP)—A cast and chorus of Negro convicts will present the classic "Green Pastures" on Dec. 14 before the San Quentin inmates and invited guests, under the direction of Charles McCarthy, white convict who will get his parole on Dec. 15.

McCarthy, who took over the prison drama group, traveled the dramatic industry from end to end before he entered San Quentin in October, 1940. His experience includes the Broadway stage and movies. He directed two prison plays in 1940 and four in 1941.

TUSKEGEE STUDENT SLAIN OVER COED

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—Robert James, 17-year-old Tuskegee high school student, was slain Tuesday night on the campus. Taken into custody following the fatal shooting was John B. Thompson, of West Palm Beach, Fla., a college sophomore. The altercation was said to be over an unnamed young woman student.

CHRISTMAS SEAL DRIVE OPENS

According to W. W. Waymack, chairman, the 1941 Christmas seal drive is proceeding satisfactorily. However, the campaign as a whole cannot be figured by results at this time. "Our community has never failed to distinguish itself in upholding a worthy cause and if each one does his share the 1941 quota of \$10,000 will be reached."

PARKEY HOME BURNED BY FIRE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parkey, 1509 Stewart, was gutted by fire Saturday evening, Dec. 5. Furniture and clothing were destroyed. None of the five children was injured but Mrs. Parkey suffered burns on the legs and arms.

News next week due in office, Dec. 16.

OFFICERS HERE SAY

'No Army Vacancies For Negroes'

Louis Armstrong to Play at Shrine For Dance Friday

Louis "Satchimo" Armstrong, the International Trumpet King of Swing with beautiful Ann Baker song stylist, and Sonny Woods, the romantic tenor and his full and complete sensational orchestra, will play a pre-Christmas dance in Des Moines at the Shrine Auditorium, Friday, Dec. 19, under the sponsorship of Lincoln Post No. 126 of the American Legion.

The world's greatest trumpet player with his celebrated gold instrument which cost him \$1,500, recently played in Des Moines for a charity ball at \$10.07 per couple. He now returns at moderate admission prices.

Having played twelve command performances before the king and queen of England and many other royalties throughout the world, and having recorded nearly 2,000 records under his name and others, and having appeared in many four-star movies with outstanding stars such as Dick Powell, Bing Crosby, it will be almost impossible for dance fans to resist the opportunity to listen to the music of the "king of the trumpet" and his band.

One of the favorite numbers will be Louis and his band's arrangement of "Yes Indeed," featuring Ann Baker and Sonny Woods.

Mail orders will be filled at \$1.10 each. Address 1014 Thirteenth street, Don Parker, Des Moines.

PROTEST OCCUPANCY OF NEGRO UNITS BY WHITES

Tarkana, Tex. (ANP)—A wave of protest on the part of Negro citizens here was registered when Tarkana Housing authority announced recently that white people will take over and use the Stevens court housing project, which was built for Negroes. The 124-unit housing project was constructed on federal funds and is in the heart of a huge Negro district, being surrounded by Negroes on the west, north and south.

Fear of race friction is held by local citizens in the event that Negroes are not permitted to occupy the new housing project. Bowie court federal housing project for white people is two blocks away from the Stevens court homes. According to close observers, the situation dates back to objections raised by colored citizens to the new homes being managed by a white man.

When this proposal was made, the Negro advisory committee of the housing authority protested and insisted that a Negro be given the reigns of management. The matter was taken to the district office at Fort Worth and the national office at Washington. Falling to secure the management of the project for a white man, angry white people then laid plans to have Negroes excluded entirely from Stevens court, resulting in the announcement that white people would occupy the homes.

TO INSTALL MAPLE ST. PASTOR SUNDAY

The Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, pastor of the Maple Street Baptist church, will be installed Sunday afternoon in special services at the church which begins at 3 o'clock.

The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Clement Richardson, president of Western Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. Other ministers to participate will be the Revs. J. W. Tutt, L. G. Garrett, C. R. Roman, C. A. Record, J. C. Bain, G. W. Robison.

Installation banquet will be held Monday night at the church with Mrs. Gertrude Brown as chairman.

IOWA DEFENSE DAY SUNDAY. "To the end that the people generally shall have opportunity to personally manifest their loyalty and to renew their pledge to uphold the right of self government, I, George A. Wilson, Governor, do hereby designate and proclaim Iowa Defense Day, Sunday, Dec. 14, 1941."

Andrew Jackson's Praise For Negro Soldiers Recalled

Raleigh, N. C. (ANP)—A historical reference in the radio address delivered from this, the capital city of North Carolina, last week by President James E. Shepard, of the North Carolina College for Negroes who is also grand master of the Masons of the state, has attracted wide attention. President Shepard said:

"There was a great Democrat who thought well of the Negro as a soldier, and I use him now to show what Andrew Jackson saw so clearly, if in part, prophetically. Before the battle of New Orleans, he issued the following circular:

"To the Men of Color: Soldiers—From the shores of Mobile, I called you to arms. I invited you to share in the perils and to divide the glory with your white countrymen. I expected much from you, for I was not

To Hear Civil Rights Case Dec. 16

Mrs. Josephine Jones, 947 Sixteenth street, filed charges last Friday against Dempster D. Chaffee, manager of the F. & W. Grand store, 507 Walnut street for violation of civil rights.

Mrs. Jones, in the company of a visiting relative, went to one of the tables to get service when employees of the store refused to serve her.

Chaffee was arraigned before Judge C. S. Cooter. He was released to appear Dec. 16 for a hearing.

S. E. THOMPSON AGAIN HEADS COMMISSION

Present officers and the executive board were re-elected at a meeting of the Des Moines Interracial Commission at North High School Tuesday evening.

Officers renamed are: Prof. S. E. Thompson, principal of North High school, chairman; Mrs. Helen D. Beasleys, Juvenile Court officer, vice chairman; and Quentin R. Mease, executive secretary of the Crocker street Y. M. C. A., secretary-treasurer.

Executive board members are: Miss Ruth Lumbard, Mrs. Georgine Morris, Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, Ike Smalls, A. A. Alexander, Dr. C. R. Bradford and Prof. A. L. Severson.

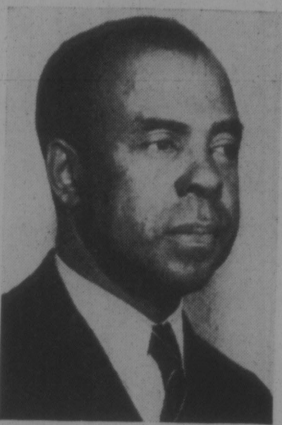
Miss Georgine Mason, local artist, gave a talk, illustrated with exhibits of her work on the Index of American Design project.

REV. BAIN TO SPEAK AT GRACE METHODIST

The Rev. John C. Bain, pastor of Burns Methodist church, will be guest speaker Sunday evening, Dec. 14, at the Grace Methodist church, as one of a series of speakers discussing "Great Religious Contributions." He will discuss "Major Negro Religious Contributions to America." The Rev. Mr. Briggs is pastor.

Speaking at the Burns Methodist church at that time will be Mr. A. J. Draper, field man at Simpson college.

PLEDGES SUPPORT



ARTHUR P. TROTTER

The Des Moines Negro Chamber of Commerce Monday noon passed a resolution pledging "undivided loyalty and support to America." Arthur P. Trotter, president of the Negro Chamber, said the group desired to express "wholehearted" support of the president and congress in the declaration of war against Japan.

"We are aware of the injustices to which we are constantly subjected and the difficulties we encounter in our efforts to do our part in this emergency," a resolution the group passed said.

"Nevertheless, these facts do not diminish our patriotism nor cause us to subscribe to the sentiment that 'the average Negro does not feel that America is worth defending,'" the resolution said.

The statement the resolution referred to was made by W. L. Oliver, attorney, before the Iowa Civil Liberties Union in a meeting Saturday night at the city library.

YW Membership Drive Goes Over Quota for \$100

With a quota of \$100 the Blue Triangle branch Y. W. C. A. went over the top and reached its quota Wednesday, in the annual drive for members. Mrs. Marie Roberts announced. It is the first time for the branch to raise that amount for memberships since its organization, she added.

Miss Georgine E. Mason is chairman of the membership committee and is responsible for the organization of the membership drive at the branch. She, also, is a member of the membership committee of the Des Moines Association Committee at the Central Y. W. C. A.

The workers assisting Miss Mason were Miss Edith Ann Gray, Miss Winifred Brooks, Mrs. Zella C. Brown, Mrs. Helen Bogan, Mrs. Maybelle Owens, and the entire committee of management: Beatrice Robinson, Leona Palmer, Gwendolyn Fowler, Helen Beasleys, Korinne Jackson, Roberta Maupin, Adah Johnson, Clara Webb Gladys Carr and Lillian Scales.

All new members will be honored at a recognition service held at the Central Y. W. C. A., Sunday, Dec. 14, Thursday, Dec. 18, will be a membership party at the branch.

Brotherhood Has Pep Meeting

A crowd of members and friends of the Brotherhood Inc., gathered at the Blue Triangle Branch Y. W. C. A. last Friday night for a pep meeting at which speeches, contests, prizes and refreshments were the features of the evening.

With R. E. Patten presiding the general theme of the meeting was "Cooperation—in Action." Speakers bringing messages of unity and stressing the objectives of the organization were: Atty. Roy Ferguson, Mrs. Cottie Lucas, John S. Coleman, Manson L. James, Atty. W. L. Oliver, Mrs. Leota Slater and Noble Gray head of the organization.

HOLD RITES FOR MRS. HOLT

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Bethel A. M. E. church for Mrs. Fannie Holt, 80, who died at the Polk county home Friday morning, Dec. 5.

She had been a resident of Des Moines for 40 years. No immediate relatives survive.

Recruiting Official Urges Negro Volunteers to Make Application and Wait

Though President Roosevelt—in a worldwide radio address—said Tuesday in his message to the people since the war with Japan began—"every single man, woman and child is a partner in the most tremendous undertaking of our history," Negro men attempting to volunteer to serve their country were told here this week at Des Moines recruiting offices—"we have no place for you."

Filed with an anxiety to serve his country Robert P. Roberts, 955 Seventeenth street, water works employee, went to the army recruiting station where dozens of white volunteers were being examined Wednesday noon.

Told to Return

In the army branch of the offices, Roberts talked with an Officer Reesor who "turned his back on me as he said, 'we have no place for you—we have no orders—come back in a few days,'" Roberts related to the press.

To the navy offices Roberts went and was informed that he could be accepted as a cook or a mess attendant. Roberts told the officer he could "stay here and cook."

Disturbed because he could not be accepted to serve his country, Roberts made a plea to the Bystander who sought further information from the recruiting officers about their

present policies regarding Negro volunteers.

Back to the army offices with Roberts, a reporter interviewed Captain W. C. Hoffman, in charge, who said he had received no official word from Washington in regard to accepting colored volunteers—and at the present time there was no vacancy in this particular district.

Captain Hoffman asked colored volunteers to make application "at the army offices. These applications will be placed on file until further orders are received from Washington," he said. He gave Roberts an application blank.

Aviation Training

Colored men between the ages of 20 to 27 may apply for Aviation Cadet Training, he said, providing they have had two years college training or pass a required test. Subjects required are: English, grammar and composition, arithmetic, algebra, plane geometry, plane trigonometry.

Back to the U. S. Coast Guard offices with Mr. Roberts, the reporter interviewed Samuel M. Surratt, C. M. M., who said "we have vacancies only for mess attendants, officers stewards and cooks." He informed that one colored boy, Craig Brown of Des Moines, had enlisted Tuesday.

Mr. Roberts went back home to await further orders from President Roosevelt.

D. M. NAACP Install Officers; Name Committees

The Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held installation services for the newly elected officers at a pre-Christmas meeting and tea Tuesday night at the Negro Community Center.

About thirty members assembled and listened to the out-going president, Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, "clean the slate," and turn over to the 1942 official body a membership of over 270, a treasury of over \$115 and her continued support.

Before the official business was opened Ike Smalls, the new president, held a brief memorial for Mrs. S. Joe Brown, a past president of the organization. Mrs. Helen Beasleys read one of the deceased leader's favorite poems, "The Builder," during the silence.

Time was allotted during the meeting to hear President Roosevelt address the nation.

New committees appointed included a labor committee headed by John Coleman; and an employment committee with F. O. Murrow as chairman.

The officers and committees are: president, Mr. Smalls; vice president, Mrs. William Neal; second vice, Mrs. Adria Titterton; secretary, Quentin Mease; treasurer, A. P. Trotter. Board members are: Atty. S. Joe Brown, Mrs. H. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Georgine Morris, Freddie Hawkins, Mrs. Julia Proctor, Rev. John C. Bain, Mrs. Helen Beasleys, Mrs. Sara Jett, Mrs. J. W. Mitchell.

Committees Appointed

Legal redress—J. B. Morris, chairman; with Casper Schenk and Mrs. Gertrude E. Rush. Meeting and program—Mrs. G. C. Morris, chairman and Rev. G. W. Robinson and Mrs.

Helen Beasleys. Educational committee—Mrs. Horace Hollingsworth, chairman, with Atty. Brown and S. E. Thompson. Labor and industrial—John C. Coleman, chairman; W. Lawrence Oliver and Mrs. M. Roberts. Membership—Mr. F. O. Morrow, chairman; Mrs. William Neal and Mrs. Julia Proctor. Youth Council—Freddie Hawkins, chairman; Roy Ferguson, Mrs. Gladys Carr. Finance Committee—A. P. Trotter, chairman; Rev. John C. Bain, Rev. H. C. Boyd. Entertainment—Mrs. Azalla Mitchell, chairman; Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, Miss Clara Webb. Hospital committee—Ike Smalls, chairman; Mrs. G. C. Morris, Mr. A. P. Trotter. Press-publicity—Quentin C. Mease, chairman and Mrs. Margaret Patten. Employment—F. O. Morrow, chairman; Mrs. Marri Johnson and Mrs. Mabel Mason.

The new president honored the members and officials. Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table with Christmas appointments. Messames Proctor and Titterton presided.

Announcement was made of the Emancipation Celebration program which will be Jan. 1.

Other business included sending a delegate to the fiftieth anniversary of the Interstate Literary Association of Kansas and the West which convenes in Topeka, Dec. 26 and 27. Atty. S. Joe Brown, one of the officers of the organization, will attend the meeting. Members of the Youth committee under Mr. Hawkins were introduced.

MR. WILSON IMPROVING

Mr. Harry Wilson is reported improved this week at the Veterans' hospital. He is expected to return to his home this week end.





# SOCIETY



ADOLE WALLACE

## MID-YEAR EAST HIGH GIRLS GIVE LUNCHEON

The January 1942 senior colored girls entertained at a noon luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the cafeteria in the East High building. The table presented a beautiful sight with its centerpiece of small Christmas trees with red berries and placecards of pick candy with bells and Christmas green attached bearing the guest's name.

The girls under the supervision of Miss Helmreich, East high girls advisor, planned, prepared and served the luncheon. Miss Alva Hammer, also on the staff at East high was a guest. Quasjanice McElroy, acting as mistress of ceremony, introduced Mrs. Helen Beshears, of Polk County Juvenile court, who gave a talk on "Careers" for girls; Mrs. Gertrude North of WPA recreational staff at Blue Triangle Branch Y. W. C. A., who spoke on "Personality." Miss Hammer made remarks. Anna Lee Brewer, in behalf of the senior girls, presented her with a poinsettia plant. The girl graduates are: Anna Lee Brewer, Quasjanice McElroy, Mary Chapman, Elisa Mae Graves, Margaret Jewett, Shirley Manuel, Marnette Miller, Joyce Smith and Frances Johnson.

## MISS STEELE HONORED AT GIFT SHOWER

Members of the Modernistic club honored Miss Sarah Steele at a miscellaneous gift shower Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Meredith Carl, 1117 Thirteenth street.

The home was beautifully decorated with wedding bells. A five-tier cake with designs of bells and the bride couple centered the dining table.

Miss Steele, who will be married on Jan. 1 to Mr. G. B. Tucker, received many beautiful gifts. Among the members and guests attending were: Messdames Laverne Brooks, Julia Proctor, Osceola Simms, Thelma Reeves, Viola Morrow, Helen Beshears, Fannie Williams, Mabel Watkins, Minnie Robinson, Cecil Taylor, Muriel Deslet, Mabel Mann, Gertrude Carl; Misses Beatrice Yeager, Leona Palmer, Roberta Maupin and Marie Ross. Mrs. DeSleet is president of the club.

## RETURNS FROM SOUTH

Mrs. Mabel Mann, 1825 Washington, returned last week from a ten day visit at Tuskegee Institute, and Montgomery, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn.

## MUSICIANS APPEAR AT TEA

Forrest Spaulding, librarian and staff, entertained the Des Moines Fine Arts association at tea last Sunday in the art gallery of the public library. In the receiving line was Miss Louise Orwig, John De Jong, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunt and Mrs. J. S. Carpenter.

The program included instrumental music by the Misses Alberta Bates and Carlyn Brown, both of Drake university, piano interludes by Mrs. Dorothy Collier and vocal numbers by Mrs. Wanda Wadsworth and Mrs. Korinne Jackson. Mrs. Collier was accompanist.

## OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS AT MRS. BROWN'S RITES

Among the distinguished out-of-town attendants of the funeral of Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Dec. 2 were: Mrs. Christine Smith, of Detroit, Mich., vice president of the National Association of Colored Women; Mrs. Eval L. Abbey of Minneapolis, Minn., treasurer of the International Conference of the O. E. S.; Mrs. Corrie N. Reeler, past grand matron of O. E. S.; Mrs. Julia E. Reid, worthy grand matron of O. E. S., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Miss Jessie E. Walker of Marshalltown, president of the Iowa Association of Colored Women.

## A DAUGHTER TO C. WILLIAMSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williamson, announce the birth of a daughter, Vesta Clara, born Nov. 14, at Mercy hospital. Mother and daughter are home at 1432 Illinois.

## CRAFT CLASS TO HOLD EXHIBITION DEC. 16

The ten weeks art and crafts class for adult education taught by Mrs. Maurine Stanton, art teacher of the public school, will exhibit its work of paintings, pictures, beads, brass, pewter and leather work, also stitchery and other crafts in connection with their Christmas party, Dec. 16, 7:30 p. m., at the Negro Community center, 907 15th street. The public is cordially invited.

## MR. WARFIELD IMPROVES

Mr. William Warfield is much improved this week at Broadlawn General hospital, where he underwent an operation recently.

## GOES OVER TOP



**MRS. ROBERTS**  
Executive secretary of the Blue Triangle Branch Y. W. C. A. reported the teams of the branch's membership drive went over the top this week with a quota of \$100. Miss Georgine Mason was chairman of the branch's teams.

## CLUBS

### MRS. JOHNSON IS DILLETANTE HEAD

The Dillettante club held election of officers at the home of Mrs. Pauline Wilson. Mrs. Adah Johnson is president; Mrs. Virginia Martin, vice president; Mrs. Adel McGuire, secretary; Mrs. Orea Bulce, assistant secretary; Mrs. Joan Bullock, treasurer.

### NEGRO WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Negro Women's Republican club met December 8, with Mrs. Helen Beshears as hostess. The club laid plans for a potluck luncheon to be at the home of the president, Mrs. Mabel Mason on Dec. 15, at 1:30 p. m. Atty. J. B. Morris was guest speaker at the November meeting.

### COMMUNITY CENTER BAZAAR DEC. 18-19

The Negro Community Center will hold its annual bazaar Dec. 18 and 19 with the Three Purpose Club in charge. It will include a variety of gift articles and clothing.

### DELUXE CLUB

The Deluxe club held its election of officers Dec. 4 at the residence of Margaret Witt. Those elected were: president, Mae Mays; vice president, Margaret Witt; secretary, Elizabeth White; assistant secretary, Mildred Tymony; treasurer, Helen Eubanks; critic, Lucille Brooks; reporter, Thelma Duncan. The club met Dec. 11 with Beatrice Wallace.

### SEWING CLASSES TWO DAYS

Sewing classes are held two days weekly at the East Side Community Center. Call Mrs. Margaret Patten or Mrs. Pearl Jefferson for further information at the East Center.

### BUSY BEE CLUB

The Busy Bee Sewing Circle held its regular meeting on Dec. 4 with a large membership present. The women are busy getting orders ready for the holiday season. Reports were made on the sale of aprons and miscellaneous articles. Mrs. Lillian Sims is in charge of the quilt committee. Mrs. Lella Walker is president; Mrs. Lulu V. Mitchell, publicity chairman.

Dance with Louis Armstrong Dec. 19.—Adv.

## ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE OF MR. AND MRS. CONRAD JAMES

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ashford of Garner, Ia., announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Conrad James of Des Moines, which took place Thursday, Dec. 4, in Des Moines. The Rev. H. C. Boyd officiated.

After the ceremony the couple returned to the country home of their parents in Garner where several showers were given in their honor. Sunday, Dec. 7, Mr. and Mrs. Ashford entertained relatives and friends in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James. Those from Des Moines were: Mr. and Mrs.

Hayes Bell, Mrs. Josephine Franklin, Mrs. Jessye Bell Davis, Mr. and Mrs. V. Ashford and family, and Mr. L. A. Garland; Mr. and Mrs. William Boldridge, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. William Boldridge, Jr., air daughter, Mary Janice of Bode, Ia.; Misses Lavone Knoll, Mildred Kahler and Edyth Snater of Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad James left Garner Sunday night for their home in Des Moines at 127 Reigar street, where they will be to their friends after January 1.

## COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Negro Community Center is planning a Children's Christmas party, Dec. 29.

Three C's held their carnival Wednesday night.

Boy Scouts Troop 59, headed by Irwin White, was represented at the Scouts Annual dinner at Savery hotel, Dec. 11.

Junior Leaders Entertain: Several members of the Junior Leaders' club of the Center assisted by Betty Jo Estes and Betty Ross gave a short musical program at Younkers Tea Room, Dec. 1. Patsy Jackson, Gloria Nelson, Delona Martin, Fay Martin, Venesse Boyd and Florence Carter gave a patriotic tap drill. Jeanette Marshall and Betty Estes sang, and a trio composed of Patsy Jackson, Betty Ross and Delona Martin sang. Mrs. J. Kelso was the accompanist.

The girls basketball team practices Tuesday evening at the Y. W. C. A. gym. Persons interested may register at the Center. The team is available for games in addition to the South Side Community House league.

Women's Civic Club met Dec. 4 at the Center. Mrs. Heard was speaker. Mrs. Mabel Mason is chairman of program committee; Mrs. Jessie Davis, president.

Women's gym class has been organized for girls 18 and over at Amos Hiatt gym on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9.

## ROYAL FLUSH CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Royal Flush club held its annual election Dec. 4. Mr. William Vaughn was re-elected president; Mr. Robert Childs, vice president; Levell Little, secretary; John Williams, sergeant at arms; Carl Greer, re-elected treasurer.

## LINCOLN POST AUXILIARY

By Mrs. Festus Stone  
The Lincoln Unit 126 of the American Legion will present a program and party at the Y. W. C. A. Dec. 16 at 8 p. m. at which time each member will bring a donation for the Christmas baskets which the Auxiliary gives away at Christmas time. Refreshments will be served. In keeping with the theme for December which is Rehabilitation month and Christmas activities, Mrs. Samuel S. Roane, chairman, will preside. Mrs. Z. Carr, vice chairman, who will be the speaker. Those assisting are: Messdames C. Chapman, Frances Hall, L. Williams. Mrs. L. McGuire, junior activity chairman and her girls will present a play. Mrs. Roane presented boys at the veterans' hospital improving.

The Red Cross sewing units meet each Thursday at the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Mrs. C. P. Howard and Mrs. Harry Clay assisted Mrs. Adam Johnson last week.

## XMAS VESPERS SUNDAY AT CENTRAL Y. W. C. A.

The Annual Christmas Vespers of the Young Women's Christian Association will be presented Sunday afternoon, December 14, at 5 p. m. at the Association building, 9th and High. The program this year will also include a recognition of Y. W. C. A. members. The public is cordially invited to attend this service of music and worship.

Special music will be furnished by the PTA Mother Singers, directed by Mrs. Percy Potter and accompanied by Mrs. Earl Colfield. Mrs. B. Frank Noyes will be the reader, and Mrs. R. W. White will be the center of the Living Picture of the Madonna; she will be assisted by girls of the Amicitia Club. Miss Dolores Reynolds, of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Y. W. C. A. will give an interpretation of the purpose of the Y. W. C. A.

There will be special Christmas numbers on the vibraharp by Margaret Ellsworth and on the cello by George Mason.

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A. T.—I want to know if you can fix the woman I am going with so she will marry me? If so, let me know if you can and what it will cost me because I have put out so much money on her and if you do not do that kind of work tell me who I can get to do it?

Ans.: This woman will continue to put you off as long as you dish out dollars to her on pay day. Don't give her another red cent for I believe her primary interest in you is in your money. Love cannot be bought with dollars and cents, nor will "fixing" do a bit of good. Shut off on her spending money and she will make up her mind right quick what she wants to do.

H. L. E.—I am a girl 17 years old and just finishing Junior High School this term. Our family income is very small, my mother is in position to work and has applied for some work. If my mother gets work I am sure this will be a great help to me. I need a great many things for myself.

Ans.: You are old enough now to be thinking of shouldering your share of the family responsibility. If you need money to buy clothes and the other necessities in every girl's life, why not give a little thought to earning this money yourself. You could look after children, or do any number of part time jobs to earn this extra money. I think you are being unfair and a selfish in expecting mother to earn the money to buy your clothes now that you are old enough to earn your own way in life.

M. A.—I'm writing this time about my daughter. She won't stay at home and I don't know what to do about it. Give me some help or consolation please.

Ans.: Your daughter just feels more contented out on her own and

since she is working and doing all right, do not insist that she live at home. Show her that you are very anxious for her to be with you—but as long as she lives a good, clean, Christian life—it is all right for her to continue on as she is now. You can't force a girl her age to do things she doesn't want to do. Make the best of your situation.

W. C.—This letter concerning my son who is of fine character, many friends, loves his home and surroundings, interested in business affairs, farm life, agriculture and community affairs. He registered a year ago and passed examination. He is in Class 1A. I have worried so much about his going to camp that it has become a burden on my heart. Advise me what to do?

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S. L. M.—I'm worried over a certain thing that I said. Could it be that this in-law repeated what I said? Ans.: Let this be a lesson to you my friend, that gossip of any kind doesn't pay. It is most embarrassing to have to admit that you said something that you were ashamed to have repeated. If the in-law does repeat this statement admit your wrong doing and ask that you be forgiven. Refrain from repeating incidents in the future when you feel it may hurt someone.

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### Strong Local Groups the Answer

Recently a representative of the Fair Employment Committee of the Office of Production Management in Washington, D. C., was in Des Moines investigating discrimination against Negroes in training and work in national defense. Most of his efforts were directed at the ordinance plant, such firms as Boyt Co., Brady, Brown and others who hold defense orders. A close study of the activities discloses that the F. E. P. can do little without the aid of a very live local group charged with the responsibility of seeing that the Negro gets a square deal. It can investigate and possibly chastise the firms who refuse to comply with President Roosevelt's order against discrimination. His order does not have the force of law.

True, the plant is half completed but the United States Rubber Co., which will operate it upon completion, is already planning the personnel; the firms mentioned are receiving increasingly large orders. We must have a fair share of this work. We can get it; we will if intelligent plans are laid and carried out.

The Bystander thinks we must form a committee here of not more than five people representing a few strategic organizations, viz.: NAACP, American Legion, Interracial Commission, Chamber of Commerce, and Ministerial Alliance. All efforts should be directed through and by this group. One member with a reasonable amount of time available should handle the details.

We would further suggest that every man working in national defense and who is not a member, join the Des Moines Branch NAACP so that items of reasonable expense could be paid without difficulty. This system would create a defense fund so that the work may proceed efficiently.

We believe this statement outlines generally about what we should do to assure a fair share of the national defense work. No time must be lost to perfect such an arrangement.

We Back the Government One

### Hundred Percent

America is at war with Japan—a reality which many people have predicted for many years. Naturally most people have been surprised; evidently our government was not since precautions have been talked about for months to meet just such a surprise thus indicate that diplomatic discussions have been of the most serious nature.

But we feel that our armed forces have been caught napping.

Prior to this sudden thrust by Japan, many people have disagreed with some of President Roosevelt's foreign policy. This was natural in a democracy for the very essence of our form of government is the right to criticize even foreign policies during the formative stage of a policy. This is as it should be; it must remain so.

But things have changed. We have been attacked and at a time when an effort was being made to arrive at a peaceful settlement with Japan. The attack was a stab in the back. Nothing else.

The Bystander, of course, takes the unqualified position that every American should stand back of the government one hundred percent. Everybody should stand ready to do whatever is called for to carry this war through to a successful conclusion.

And we say this mindful of the fact

## HEALTH HINTS

BY DR. C. R. BRADFORD

### FROST BITE

that our government has not been fair to the Negro by any means. In fact, it has treated the Japanese better than it has treated the Negro. America has taken the Japs in its schools, its homes, its army, its navy on an equal basis. On the other hand it has not Jim Crowed, segregated or otherwise embarrassed them. All these things have and are being done to the Negro even in this great crisis. But at that we are with America in this crisis and at the same time we are going to insist without a let up that the government accord the Negro better treatment for better treatment is a matter sheer justice.

### WHO AM I?

By Henry N. Wilcots

### DREW UP CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

My chance of acquiring an education in Ohio was very slim back in 1829, the year that I was born. But it so happened, one bright day in 1848, that the Rev. Hiram S. Gilmore (white) opened a high school and permitted colored boys to enter, otherwise, this story would never have been told.

On leaving that school I took up apprenticeship at stereotyping—an unusual trade for a colored boy to have taken under a white man in those days, but, the reason for such noble and open-mindedness on the part of that prominent citizen was, that I had advanced \$200.00 in his business and that his wife, Mrs. Varney, was a correspondent of the New York Tribune, a paper edited by the able and independent Horace Greeley. However, by the time I had learned the work of a stereotyper, my employer sold out and went to California, and of course, his successor in the business had little or no use for a colored boy.

When the state legislature passed a law allowing colored people to organize schools, I was among the first to be engaged as a teacher. But I soon found myself out of a position on account of my religious views that I had acquired under my old teacher (Rev. Gilmore). I then entered the field of clerking, editing and publishing. In 1857 I left the staff of Fred Douglass' paper and took my old profession of teaching again.

After holding principalship of a high school for a period of thirty years and faithfully supporting the Republican party for the same length of time, I denounced the party for its unfair practice and treatment toward my people and, went to the aid of the Democrats in both the county and state elections in 1882. Naturally, I suffered by the hands of my colored brethren on account of my political views. However, in the following state legislature, I was instrumental in the drawing and submitting a "Civil Rights Bill" that was passed and signed by the governor.

During my life as a student, a teacher and editor, I had seen almost one and one-half generations of Republican rule, beginning with John Brough and ending with Charles

Frost bite is similar in many of its qualities to the lesion produced by burns. The most frequent location for it to occur are the ears, tip of the nose, cheeks, nose and fingers, and it is particularly common in the last two sites if tight shoes or gloves are worn. During the exposure to cold there is a local destruction of tissue. If badly frozen area is suddenly brought into a warm temperature moist gangrene is more likely to follow than dry gangrene. Prevention is of much greater value than cure. The parts should be kept dry and covered from exposure to low temperature, but the covering should not be of tight nature.

### Y.M.C.A.

### CROCKER BASKETBALL LEAGUE OPENS

Opening guns of the 1941-42 Crocker Y. M. C. A. basketball league season will be fired Monday evening, Dec. 15, on the West High gym floor. Four cage encounters will feature the initial night of competition, from 6:45 till 10:00 p. m.

All teams will not see action on the opening night as the schedule will be interrupted after next weekend for the holiday vacation resuming on January 5. The games will be played on Monday and Wednesday of next week; after the first of the year, Thursday nights' contests will be staged at East High.

John Este, who successfully sponsored three prize winning fives to championship honors last winter, will enter another group of defending titlists; the senior, intermediate and Western junior division crowns went to the H. I. B. crews.

The Hawkeyes, a formidable contender of veterans from Lee township, will again be battling in the top bracket for the trophy. The Roadside Eagles are primed for a crack at the title in the senior loop as well as the clever East Des Moines Celtics outfit. Both of these organizations will also be represented by intermediates.

Forster, no Governor of that party every suggested the propriety of repealing those drastic and inhuman laws directed against my people, Ohio was too busy in its alleged fight against wrongs done to the Negro in the South, to give attention to the "Political and Civic" inequality to some of her own citizens.

Very few Ohioians will ever forget that proclamation of 1883: "The existing legal discriminations on account of color are not based on character of conduct and have no relation to mental or moral fitness for civil usefulness, but are rather relics of prejudice which had its origin in slavery. I recommend their repeal." That was Governor George Hoadly.

Who am I?  
Answer: Prof. Peter Humphries Clark.

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## SPROTS

By Allen Ashy

### War

Now that the war has really caught up with us, we sort of take stock and look around us. How many of our fine young men will soon be wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam in various capacities? How many of our defending champions of last year will be on some foreign battlefield; how will they return? The job at hand is so much more important than a few local championships or games that nothing else really is of great consequence. Those who are fortunate enough to get back unscratched will have learned some valuable lessons about team work and discipline, something that too few of them know now.

### High School Basketball

Jess Hill, Ed Palmer, Lonnie Howard took over things as East set down Newton. Jess led the defense and dropped in a couple of baskets. Howard grabbed a few points and made himself useful in many ways. Ed Palmer up from last year's second team, dumped in five baskets to lead his teams scoring.

Art McCune got into the North High lineup last week and his presence made a different team out of them. Art didn't collect many points but his defensive play helped out a lot.

### Boxing

Golden Glove time is just around the corner. There are several boys here who could make the WHO team and upset the plans of some of the boys who would like to see a couple of favorites come through. Claud Elliston has just about everything he

### Negro Center

Negro Community Center will be on hand with squads in the senior, intermediate and junior class. Corinthian Baptist is emerging forth this year as "dark horse" threats with two aggregations that may score some surprising results. Harold Carr's Specials have lined up a strong quintet that may upset many promising leaders.

The younger boys will present a large array of clubs in their division. Uneedor Panthers, last year's Eastern league winners and East D. M. Little Kings have graduated to faster competition in the Western section while the other group may include the Little Tigers, Corinthian, Roadside, N. C. C., East D. M. and many others.

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needs to take the light heavyweight honors. Claude is a pretty fair boxer and can punch. He can also take a pretty good punch. But Claude can't wait until the week before the bouts and start training if he is to have any luck. The same thing holds true of Bob Jackson who could be lightweight champ and Clarence Strothers also a lightweight contender. The boys wait too long to get in shape and are never ready when the test comes.

The chief stumbling blocks in the way of these two divisions are Vance Bosser, light heavyweight champ and Bob Anderson, lightweight champ. These boys are being groomed to make another trip to Chicago in the hope that one of them may come through and set a certain boxing syndicate up on its feet. Claude and Bob Jackson could upset the dope, but it will take a lot of hand work to do it.

There is quite a furor about the proposed benefit bout between Joe Louis and Buddy Baer with the Louis crown on the line. There is no denying that there has never been a bigger risk taken by a titleholder for a benefit. But now with things as they are it is silly to argue about risking championships when men are risking their necks and lives for a much bigger benefit. We may all be playing in this benefit show much sooner than we expect.

### IN MEMORIAM

Fourteen years today (December 11) Our dear husband and father passed away  
Sleep on dear one and rest  
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Signed by Mrs. Marguerite Ashy and Family.

### MRS. COTHORN ILL

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## BOOK REVIEW

### "DOWN PAYMENT ON EMPIRE"

By Frank Gervasi

In Colliers, Feb. 1, 1941  
Altho it has been several months since this article was published it is still "current" because the status of these islands has not materially changed. And they have just about the same news value that they had a year or so ago.

The islands of the Caribbean Sea, lately acquired by the United States from England, for use as air, naval and military bases, has quite a mixed population—Chinese, East Indian, Negro and a few thousand white people. All these races have intermingled to a great extent. But generally speaking, the population is overwhelmingly Negro.

The author traces briefly and lucidly the history of these people, their social and economic problems.

The few white people who live there are the "bosses." The darker races do the rough work. Right now the bosses and the bossed seem to be in the same boat—hard up. The war having closed European markets and a high tariff on American goods cutting off trade with the United States, these islanders are in a bad way financially.

They are looking forward to the day that the Americans take charge. The workers have heard of American high wages and the landowners hope to soak the Americans when they come to buy land for the bases—and hot dog stands. However the author believes that all are going to be disappointed. He gives good reasons for his belief.

Just what these islands will mean to Uncle Sam during the ninety-nine years of the lease, is not predictable today. But the author does not look upon them as a grand investment.

The standard of living—including health, housing, sanitation—is so low that for years and years to come there is no hope of much beyond their military value.

The white landlords say that if the Negroes were paid big wages they would blow it all in on "big time" and the families would be just as destitute.

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tute as ever. Of course the Negroes have quite a different story. All tremble at the thought of a German victory.  
This article is well worth the time it would take to read it.  
There are a number of interesting points not touched in this review.—  
Louise Glass.

### LIBRARY TO END JUBILEE DEC. 14

The Des Moines Public Library will conclude its Diamond Jubilee (75th Anniversary celebration) with an open house at the main library building on Sunday, December 14 from 3 to 7 p. m. All departments of the library will be open and the public is invited.

Dr. Sigmund Skard, who in peacetime was Librarian of the Royal Norwegian Academy at Trondheim, will speak at 4 p. m. Dr. Skard will bring librarians of the occupied countries and speak on the subject, "Norway Still Fights."

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