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News Briefs From Far and Near

NEGROES ASKED TO SUPPORT MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE

New York—The eleventh annual appeal for funds with which to carry on the fight against infantile paralysis will be conducted between January 14 and 31, Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced this week. Negroes along with all other Americans and friends are asked to contribute in the March of Dimes. Climax of the drive comes with the nationwide celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday.

In response to O'Connor's request for the use of his birthday in fighting the children's enemy, President said: "There can be no armistice with the Crippler. Surrender of disease on the home front must be unconditional."

FLIES 2,000 MILES ROCHESTER VISITS TAAF

Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama—Coming as a belated surprise Christmas gift to the men of this post, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, noted movie star and laugh purveyor deluxe of Jack Benny's radio program, paid a long-planned visit by plane to Tuskegee Army Air Field Wednesday, December 29th, when he was accompanied by Leon Rene, well known composer of hit tunes.

FIRST NEGRO TO HEAD COUNTY GRAND JURY

New York, N. Y.—County Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, Monday appointed a Negro social worker foreman of the January Kings county grand jury with the statement that it was the first time in the nation's history a man of the Negro race had been named to head a county court grand jury. The foreman is Herbert T. Miller, 45.

TINY BRADSHAW BOUND FOR COAST

New York (IPS)—Tiny Bradshaw, the Prince of Jump Rhythm, creator of the dance tune "The Jersey Bounce," is booked for an extended tour that will carry him to the Coast for the first time. According to schedule, "The Redhead" will open at the Orpheum theatre, Los Angeles for a week's run beginning January 12, and follow through with an engagement extraordinary at the Club Plantation.

Dates also call for disc making and a shot at pics. Lil Green, featured vocalist with the band, will not make the trip, however, for she has earned a much-needed vacation.

YMCA Is 100 Years Old

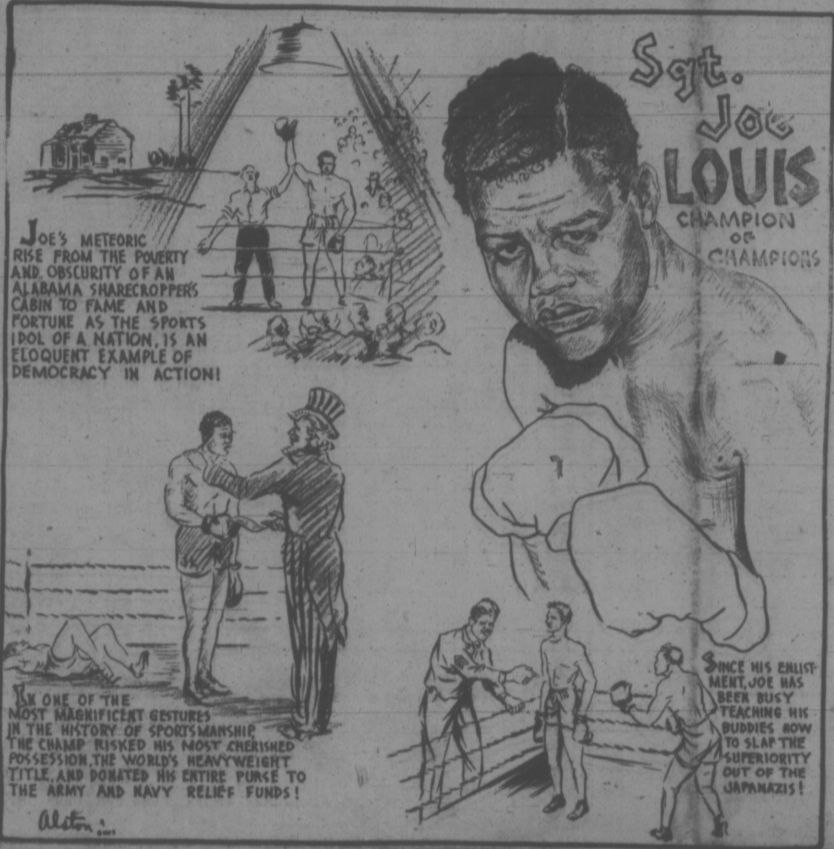
New York—One hundred years of service to youth around the world will be completed by the Young Men's Christian Association in 1944 and observed throughout the year all over the United States and in 67 other countries.

The Y.M.C.A. was founded June 6, 1844 in London England, by George Williams, a farm boy who became a dry goods clerk. Formed as a society "for the improvement of the spiritual condition of young men engaged in the drapery trade," the Y.M.C.A. soon broadened its program to include educational and athletic activities and spread from the little shop in London to 68 countries, growing from its 12 original members to many millions.

Observance of the Y.M.C.A. centennial in the northwest began January 1 and continues through the year with the focal point in most communities June 6 Centennial Day.

FIRST NEGRO

Parachute Unit Formed at Ft. Benning



JOE'S METEORIC RISE FROM THE POVERTY AND OBSCURITY OF AN ALABAMA SHARECROPPER'S CABIN TO FAME AND FORTUNE AS THE SPORTS IDOL OF A NATION, IS AN ELOQUENT EXAMPLE OF DEMOCRACY IN ACTION!

IN ONE OF THE MOST MAGNIFICENT GESTURES IN THE HISTORY OF SPORTSMANSHIP THE CHAMP RISKED HIS MOST CRISHERED POSSESSION, THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE, AND DONATED HIS ENTIRE PURSE TO THE ARMY AND NAVY RELIEF FUNDS!

FDR Names Committee

Washington—President Roosevelt on Monday, Jan. 3, appointed a committee of three to investigate the impasse between the Fair Employment Practice committee and the railroad and railway labor organizations which have defied that agency's order to stop discriminating against Negroes.

The President appointed Judge Walter P. Stacy of Raleigh, N. C., as chairman, Judge William H. Holly of the U. S. District Court of Chicago and Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland, Ohio, to probe into the situation and make a report to him.

In announcing the appointments, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early emphasized that the new group does not supersede the FEPC but that the three men named will serve as the personal representatives of President Roosevelt.

The FEPC on Dec. 27 certified the cases of 14 railroad and terminal companies and seven unions to the President following receipt on Dec. 13 of a joint reply from the railroads saying that they would not comply with FEPC directives regarding the hiring and promoting of Negro railroad workers.

Army Completes Plans for Unit to Be Designated as 555th Parachute Infantry

Washington—Plans for the first Negro parachute unit in the American Army have been completed, and the unit, designated as the 555th Parachute Infantry Company will be activated at Fort Benning, Georgia, the War Department announced Dec. 30.

Brigadier General Leo Donovan, Commanding General of the Airborne Command, under whom the unit will serve, has been authorized to appoint a field officer and a medical officer to select volunteers for an enlisted cadre from the 92nd Infantry Division at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Other personnel necessary for the cadre will be furnished by the Third Army, and the balance of the company's strength will be provided later from qualified volunteers.

In taking its place under the Airborne Command, the 555th Parachute Infantry Company is joining an element of the Army that is comparatively new, but has already made a spectacular contribution to the war effort, both in this country and overseas.

Volunteers accepted for the new unit will receive the same training at the Parachute School, Fort Benning, which every soldier must undergo in order to become qualified for duty with parachutes.

First, there will be a four-week training course for each man to learn the fundamentals of parachuting and controlled descents to their first jump. They also will be given the details of proper care and maintenance of their parachutes. The details of their equipment and weapons will be covered in every other phase of their training.

After the first month, parachutists will be assigned to a unit, and will receive the 450 additional pay each month to which every parachute soldier is entitled.

With other new parachute units in process of formation, the War Department emphasizes that application for this type of duty are still being accepted. To qualify, soldiers must be between the ages of 18 and 35, must not be over 5'8" in height, and must not weigh more than 175 pounds.

Candidates will have a physical examination, including a parachute duty physical examination, instituting their company orderly rooms.

Units Used in Africa

Parachute units have been successfully used in combat in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and the Southwest Pacific. Recently in an important demonstration of this nation's striking power from the sky, and entire airborne division was landed in a single night-and-day operation during maneuvers near Camp MacKall, North Carolina.

Burns Church to Initiate Pipe Organ

Burns Methodist Episcopal church, taking another step forward in the music circles of the city, has purchased and installed a two-manual pipe organ which will be initiated in services beginning Sunday morning, Jan. 9, the Rev. E. M. Whaley, pastor, announced this week.

The Rev. Mr. Whaley will launch a series of sermons on the "Lord's Prayer," using as his theme, "Our Father."

Sunday morning a Japanese artist, Kazuo Sekeja, fine arts student who is majoring in the pipe organ at Drake University, will be guest at the organ.

At the Sunday evening Vesper hour at 7 o'clock, the Rev. Walter M. Briggs, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, will be the guest speaker. A sextet and an organist from Grace church, will present the musical program.

REV. H. C. BOYD ILL

The Rev. H. C. Boyd, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. church, is reported ill at his home at 1014 Seventeenth street. He was absent from his pulpit Sunday, Jan. 2.

gro was willing to shed a drop of sweat," Mr. Alexander paused and added, "the new Negro of today is willing to shed a drop of blood."

"Keep on this fight," he pleaded to organizations like the NAACP, to the Negro press—urging that it be " militant," to the Negro church—which can be "great wielders of effort and force."

"Every individual is going to have to do something—as America still stands for the symbol of freedom."

John Coleman, president of the NAACP branch, presided. Soloists for the evening were: Mrs. Eunice Bates and Miss Betty Ashford. Guitars and mandolin solos were played by Frank Jett and Wm. Potts. Mrs. Sara Jett was program chairman. A special committee served refreshments.

America Still 'Symbol of Freedom' Says Alexander

"America still stands as a symbol of freedom," spoke A. A. Alexander to a crowd who attended the Emancipation Day celebration, of the Des Moines branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New Year's night, at the Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A.

Following the reading "by Miss Frances Carter of the Emancipation Proclamation, the great document issued by President Abraham Lincoln Jan. 1, 1863, the speaker opened his address referring to the millions of freed people "who started out and have carved themselves a place in the American life."

Sketching the progress of the race by the accumulated wealth, schools, the thousands of college graduates in the past ten years, Mr. Alexander commented that "there is no place in this civilization to exceed the material progress we have made."

Not until the twentieth century did the Negro seem to get himself together to build—to traverse this road of human freedom, he said.

"Organizations like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, led by Walter White, Randolph of the Brotherhood and the March on Washington Movement, "are meaning much to this march of human progress."

Six months before Pearl Harbor, Randolph and White met with President Roosevelt—and later the Fair Employment Practice Committee was organized, the President's executive order was issued; Judge William Hastie was appointed as civilian aide to the War Department, Negroes were permitted to become flyers, a flying school was set up at Tuskegee, and training started in the air corps.

he listed as he revealed records favorable and unfavorable regarding the groups that were pioneering in the new fields of opportunity.

Educational Progress

"Along educational lines the NAACP has encouraged Negroes to attempt to enter white professional schools," he informed as he pointed out the closing up of the separate schools of law and journalism at Jefferson City, Mo.

"When the dominant group in America find out what it costs to maintain these separate entities they will finally give them up. Some day Negroes will be going to the University of Missouri."

Regarding the Negro schools in the southland he informed of movements on foot to make regional schools—to establish a great medical center where Negroes can get their training. He added that "as long as we are willing to accept a dual system these are coming to the front."

As a board member of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., he touched upon the existence of the institute, the financial support of other Negro schools in the south, informing that 52 of these schools are supported by private philanthropies. He was certain that something will have to be done because "the white man doesn't have or has very little to give to schools now and the Negro hasn't learned to give yet."

Mr. Alexander urged state support of these schools and added that some southern counties were accepting their responsibilities.

"As we go down this road of human progress we should learn to be philanthropic. If we don't give, how



A. A. ALEXANDER

do we expect the other fellow to give to us," he pleaded.

Having spent a year in the nation's capital at Washington where the Alexander & Repass construction company built a million dollar government project—the Tidal Basin bridge across the Potomac river, Mr. Alexander had the opportunity to observe Negroes in civil service there.

He revealed that Negroes received ten percent of the payroll and were in every department and had every kind of job that can be secured in Washington.

While in Washington he met what is called the "Black Cabinet," made up of Negroes who sit and "listen to the pulse of things." Mr. Alexander gave the cabinet credit for many of the prominent government appointments that Negroes have been receiving and the alleviation of the Negro housing situation there.

"Even though there are barriers along the road of progress," the speaker was hopeful that "Negroes are beginning to think for themselves; that there is an awakening of racial consciousness in the Negro today."

"Someone has said that 'the old Ne-

Iowa Soldier Gets 'Good Conduct' Medal in Sicily

Somewhere in Sicily, in an impressive ceremony held right at the foot of one of Sicily's steep, needle-point and rocky mountains that rises above the Tyrrhenian Sea, twenty-five (25) enlisted men of the inevitable 69th Ordnance Company which participated in the North African and Sicilian campaign received the Good

Conduct Medal, presented to them by the battalion commanding officer Lt. Col. S. E. Hall.

Each of the men has had more than one (1) year of service and was praised highly by Col. Hall for exemplary behavior, and for having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and efficient performance of duty.

Those receiving the awards were.

First Sergeant: John C. Matthews, Chicago, Ill.

Technical Sergeants: Lloyd C. Fields, New Orleans, La.; Joseph Hall, Chicago, Ill. and Fiffer McIntyre, Muskegon Heights, Mich.

Staff Sergeants: Grover Allen, Newark, N. J.; and Richard M. Holland, Chicago, Ill.

Sergeants: James L. Hamiter, Richard Lamb and William J. Cropper, New York; Hubert D. Brown, Cofferville, Miss.; Howard Fuller, Col. Ill.; Milton Gates, Griffin, Ga.; Albert E. Oliver, Newark, N. J.; Council Stevens, Newark, N. J.

Corporals: Jessie Edlock, Memphis, Tenn.; William F. Nalreston, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Charles L. Shepard, St.

Louis, Mo.; Arthur F. Smith, Pueblo, Colo.; Miles L. Brown, Des Moines, Iowa; Garnie, Edwards, Jackson, N. C. and Angus Stewart, Sallis, Miss. Privates First Class: John D. Houston, Burlington, N. J.; George W. Trent, Sunny Side, Va.; Melvin T. Miller, Charleston, S. C., and Lev-erette B. Moon, Hugoton, Kansas.

Because of his being transferred a few days before the official presentation, Master Sergeant Nelson F. Calloway, Washington, D. C. returned to

the company to receive his award. The organization is commanded by the youthful Captain M. Popovich, of Portland, Oregon, who has been the recipient of the Legion of Merit Medal, for having supervised a superior ammunition dump at North Africa.

ST. PAUL CHURCH ELECTS TRUSTEES

St. Paul A.M.E. church re-elected Dec. 31 the following trustees: Q. L.

Giam, G. D. Redmon, S. Joe Brown, Mrs. Alice McDowell, Charles Croft, Lester Benning, Floyd Dixon.

CONVOCATION AT CHURCH OF GOD

The annual convocation of the Church of God and Saints of Christ, is being held this week at the church at 928 W. Twelfth street. Evangelist E. Williams is preaching. Services are held daily.



SOCIETY



HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

TOLSON FAMILY HOLDS TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S DAY REUNION

Observing a New Year's Day custom which was originated by their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Colonel Green Tolson, at Albion, Ia., six-ty-two years ago, the Tolson family here celebrated at an annual family reunion with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tolson, 421 S. E. Fifth street.

Members of the immediate family attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butler, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. James Darby, Mr. Arthur Tolson, Mrs. Maggie Hoy, Mrs. Elsie Robinson of Chicago, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tolson, Mrs. Vera Roland, Mrs. Wilmetta Bell, Mrs. Hazel Crawford, Mr. Charles Crawford, Mr. Theodore Daniels.

Children of the immediate families were: Jackie, Arla and James Allen Tolson, Peggy and Joanne Bell and the four small children of Mrs. Vera Roland; Misses Wanda and Gloria Simmons and Frances Robinson. Telegrams came from other children, Pvt. Henry Simmons, Jr., of Ft. Knox, Ky., and Mrs. Marie Grant of Los Angeles.

Guests present were: Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Kendrick, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Mitchell, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Record, Mr. and Mrs. James Vollner, Mrs. French Brown, Mr. "Pud" Turner, Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Mrs. Dora Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nichols and son, Charles, Mrs. Mattie Woods, Mrs. Fannie Danforth, Mrs. Pearl Simmons, Mr. L. Owens of St. Louis, Mrs. Mary Brown, Misses Wanda Hubbard and Ruby Turner.



MISS EVANS

Miss Maurice Evans, Girl Reserve secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Omaha, Neb., spent the holidays here visiting her parents, the Rev. and Mrs.



MRS. ALFRED WILLIAMS

Mrs. Alfred Williams, the former George Edmunds, was a holiday visitor here with her mother, Mrs. Lillian Edmunds. She is employed as a

IOWANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTER BUSY VACATION

Mrs. Virginia Stewart, assistant head of the military deferment unit of the War Production Board in Washington, D. C., will leave the city Sunday after having spent three weeks at home with her mother, Mrs. Laura B. Stewart, and sister, Miss Beattie Stewart, 847 Fifteenth street.

Among the many courtesies extended Mrs. Stewart during her holiday visit were: a dinner on Dec. 30 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, which was shared by Mrs. Stewart's mother and sister; New Year's eve party at the Sepia Supper club, the guest of Mrs. Beattie Payne; guest of Mrs. Pauline Humphrey at a Crescent School breakfast Sunday morning; guest of Mesdames Lola Hardwick and Lillian Edmunds Friday evening at a dinner shared by Mesdames Beatrice Caldwell, Joburness Keso, Olive Redmond and Laura B. Stewart.

Mrs. Kelo honored Mrs. Stewart at a supper on Dec. 28. Mrs. Cora Moore honored her daughter, Mrs. Mary Moore of Washington, and Mrs. Stewart at a dinner on Christmas eve. Other guests were Mrs. Bernice Williams, Jessie Brown and Mr. L. Wyatt.

Mrs. Moore who is a clerk in the Record Control department of the War Production Board, and Mrs. Stewart will end their holiday vacation this week end when they will leave on Sunday to return to Washington.

OLD SOCIAL CLUB HAS NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER

The Old Social Club celebrated their annual New Year's Day dinner, Sunday, January 2, at the home of Mrs. Erlene Hall, 1302 E. 17th court.

A three course dinner was served and presents were exchanged by the members. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Elmore, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Goodlow, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burns, Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Seales, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Piggee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Figgee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jeffers, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris, Mrs. Ruth Moore and Mrs. Mary Winslow.

MRS. DREW WILLIAMS BACK FROM CHICAGO

Mrs. Drew Williams returned to the city Monday from Chicago, where she spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Mitchell, and Mr. Mitchell, and uncle, Mr. Will Robinson and Mrs. Robinson.

Among the many courtesies extended her, Mrs. Williams was entertained by Mrs. Melanee Williams, former resident of Des Moines; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Teyorers.

S. SMITH AND MR. LITTLE ARE WED

Mrs. Minta Miles announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Miles Smith, to Mr. Leville Little. They were married at Kansas City, Kans. They are now residing with friends at 918 15th.

THE WILLIAMS HOSTS AT FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Williams, 646 S. E. 24th, were hosts at a family dinner New Year's day. Those of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Daniels, Misses Corinne Cavil and Audrey Williams. The children present were: Vernon Don Daniels, Granville Williams, Jr., and Ronald Williams.

The evening was spent in listening to sacred recordings. Mr. Leonard Cavil came later.

MISS BROWN GIVES HOLIDAY PARTY

Miss Florence Brown entertained many of her school mates and other friends at a holiday party, Dec. 30, at the Westside Community Center.

Mesdames Zella Chapman, Rose Rhodes, J. W. Franklin assisted in serving refreshments. Mr. T. L. Howard chaperoned. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

What a pleasant feeling it is at the beginning of the new year—when regular subscribers surprise you with new patrons, new customers—new subscribers for the paper, and then renew their own subscriptions.

Mrs. Mabel Mason was number one of the new year but she did not have time to talk—for she was too busily engaged in listening to her radio—to be ready to catch the "fortune" that might come her way—should her phone ring and should the announcer ask her the amount of the award at the moment.

Then Mrs. Fannie Danforth phoned—she had a new subscriber—and each year she is adding a new reader, or taking out a paper for one of her sons now in the military services, so that they can keep up with the "doings" in Des Moines.

Subscription business is booming—just at a time when there is a paper shortage and many publications are being forced to limit their subscription lists.

Nylon hose business was booming this week at one of the downtown delicatessen stores when one of the clerks was "taking orders" for them. He could quote no price—"they may be a dollar then they may cost \$8 per pair. He could not tell when they would be delivered until—after the duration.

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MRS. SPRIGGS VISITS IN AURORA, ILL.

Mrs. J. H. Spriggs returned this week from Aurora, Ill., where she spent the holidays with relatives. She was accompanied on the trip by a daughter.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB CELEBRATES AT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Three Purpose club celebrate New Year's eve with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spangler, Lenore and Harry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shephard, Mr. and Mrs. John Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bates, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Morrison, Mrs. Frances Wells and Mrs. Laura Gilbert.

Guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Speck Redd, Mr. and Mrs. Art Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Fraction, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wolder, Miss Maggie Fields, Mr. Raymond Johnson, Mr. J. J. Johnson, of Marshalltown, Mrs. Pauline Walker of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. Joseph Jones of Milwaukee.

MRS. WILSON IS BREAKFAST HOSTESS

Mrs. Doris Wilson, 1164 Fourteenth street, honored at breakfast Sunday morning, Miss Theo Nix, instructor at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo. Others sharing the courtesy were Mesdames Verda Spangler, John Winters and T. S. Williams.

Miss Nix left the city Sunday afternoon after a visit during the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. Williams.

BAILEY SISTERS GIVE PARTY

Kathleen Ann and Burton Bailey, 825 10th, entertained at a party given by them in honor of their house guest, Lynn Long of Omaha. Those present were: Myrtle Robinson, Vivian Crockett, Lois Frazier, Edward Frazier, Crystal Thomas, Charlene Wright, Melvin Brooks and George Brewer, Jr. Games were the diversion of the evening. Miss Long returned home December 30.

RETURN FROM EAST

Mrs. Claudine Redman and son, Stanley, 945 14th St. Pl., spent the holidays visiting Mrs. Genevieve Spears in Milwaukee, Wis. They returned January 3.

THE WILSONS ARE DINNER HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. Gentle Wilson, 921 Laurel, entertained their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson, and grandson, Mart Bruce, at a Christmas day dinner.

LEONARD BROWN BACK FROM CHICAGO

Mr. Leonard Brown, 754 11th, spent the holidays in Chicago, visiting his father, Charlie Brown. He also visited friends in Milwaukee before returning home.

MRS. WILLIAMS HONORS OMAHAN

Mrs. Fannie Williams entertained Mrs. Myrtle Bolden of Omaha at a luncheon Wednesday.—Sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames E. M. Whaley, Dorothy Wallace, Ione Hubbard and Lydia Merritt.

MRS. KEYS OF DENVER HERE

Mrs. Clarice Keys of Denver, Colo. is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. E. Woods and family. With her is Miss Claudine Shipman also of Denver.

SGT. AND MRS. RALPH CROWDER HERE

Sgt. Ralph Crowder arrived in the city during the week end to spend a furlough with his wife, Mrs. Allie Crowder, and mother, Mrs. Mabel Crowder. His wife came to the city from Fayette, Ia., to join him here.

MRS. BERTHA NOEL BACK FROM K. C.

Mrs. Bertha Noel, housekeeper at the Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A., returned to the city Monday after having spent the holidays in Kansas City visiting her relatives.

NEW YEAR'S GUESTS AT MRS. HARMON'S

Mrs. Bertha Harmon, 1825 Racoon, entertained guests at a New Year's day dinner. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Roman, and their daughter, Elsie, Mr. Tom Isabel and Mrs. Lucile Franklin.

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J. E.—Sometime ago we rented this place for \$1.50 per week. The man left and his wife said he told they had to have \$2 per week rent. His wife is now gone too with her husband. We received a letter telling us they would have to have \$2 a week rent. Did she write the letter or did she not? Should we pay the \$2 or move?

Ans.: Pay the \$2 and keep the landlady happy. In the meantime you can look around and see what you can find in the way of a better place to live. If you find something good you can move out, if not—everything will be satisfactory between you and the folks who own the place.

A FOOLISH GIRL—I am a 20 year old girl in love with a 20 year old soldier. I've known him about 5 years. We never went steady but he came to see me once in a while and walked home with me from the movies. I began writing him after he was in camp. He began writing that he missed me and just realized how much he really cared. He had a 3 day furlough this week. The first night we stayed at home. The second night we went to the movies. The third night he didn't come though he said he was. Coming home from the movies the second night he kind of mentioned that we had never done a certain thing. I said "I know we haven't." Neither of us said any more about it. Did that little incident cause him to change his feelings toward me?

Ans.: Slightly. He has more respect for you now. Now that he is back in camp write him. You have made a very deep impression upon this young soldier so follow your lead up with affectionate letters. His family, especially his sister, likes you too—a little visiting during the holiday season may smooth things over.

M. A. R.—I am a regular reader of "Problems of Humanity." I read it every week. My mother is worrying wanting me to come back soon. I feel it would be better for us both to move in with my brother who lives in Mississippi. She says she won't do that. Would it be wise to let her figure out her own affair. I want her but don't believe we could get along she is so contrary. Will be sending for a new Reading soon. Lord help this great man.

Ans.: Your mother is no more dissatisfied than you are why not make a change? You are making no progress at all living with people you distrust and can't get along with. A change will buoy your spirits and help you off to a fresh start. You have no one to regret leaving behind so why not pack up and leave. Your mother will not object to moving to Mississippi. She just doesn't want to barge in on your brother and his little family. And—she's not too hard to get along with if you stroke her right.

L. R.—I am in the middle age of life and am planning on buying a home at a small price. Would this be a wise step for me to take? Should I let my cow and hog stay in the country or should I bring them in town to the new place? Would they be misery to me?

Ans.: Buy the place. It's convenient to your work and the price is within reason. You are making a permanent change to the city and you will be better satisfied in a home of your own. Leave the cow and hog in the country. Arrange to have someone raise the hog on halves—and keep your cow for the milk she will yield if you do not wish to sell her right now.

VISIT IN OMAHA

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clinton, 807 S. E. 10th, visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown, in Omaha, new years day.

MRS. CROWDER VISITS IN FORT DODGE

Mrs. Mabel Crowder spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Buckner, at Ft. Dodge, Ia.

ENTERTAIN AT NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Walker, 1064 14th street, entertained a few friends at a buffet dinner, New Year's day.

Reddy Kilowatt Says LET'S MAKE THEM LAST!

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MONOGRAM CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Paul Monogram club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Evangelist Estela Coates...



MARIAN ANDERSON

Marian Anderson, celebrated contralto, will be guest soloist, Monday night, Jan. 10, on the Telephone Hour program...

ELEGANT EIGHT CLUB GIVES PRIZES

The Elegant Eight club met Dec. 22 with Obenetta Green as hostess. Prizes were awarded, Anna Mae Lawson, Marilyn Freeman, Virginia Forrester...

PRO-COMMUNITY CENTERS

Two teams have entered the Junior Community Center basketball league which started play on Jan. 1...

YWCA

BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH

Blue Triangle Branch will have its annual dinner meeting Thursday evening, January 13th at the branch building...

MRS. MORRIS TO UNCLE'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Jeanne Morris, 1046 W. 17th, went to Canton, Mo., Friday, December 24, to bury her uncle, Wardell Payton...

WIDOWS CLUB HOLDS 13TH CELEBRATION

The Widows club celebrated its thirteenth year, Jan. 1 at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Wyatt, 1046 Seventeenth street...

MRS. TROTTER HEADS CHURCH TERRELL CLUB

The Mary Church Terrell club met Monday night, Jan. 3, with Mrs. Joan Bullock, out-going president. Officers were elected as follows:

MRS. MILES IMPROVING

Mrs. Mable Miles, 940 W. 16th, who has been in the hospital for about a month is recuperating at home. Her condition is reported much improved.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Tina Berry has returned home from Mercy hospital where she underwent an operation.

SGT. TAYLOR BACK TO CAMP

Sgt. Harry Taylor, who escorted the body of his brother-in-law, Pvt. Lowell Bush, from Mintersfield, Bakersfield, Calif., left the city to return to camp in California. He spent the remainder of the holidays here with his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Taylor, 1544 Buchanan.

MRS. GREEN VISITS CHILDREN HERE

Mrs. Ruby Cooper, 1435 2nd place, entertained dinner guests, December 26, honoring Mrs. Ruth Green of Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Green also visited her children who are in the custody of Mrs. Cooper. They are William and Eugene Green, Melvin and Priscilla May Weston.

DINNER GUESTS AT BAILEY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey, 831 10th, entertained guests at a family dinner, December 26. Those sharing the courtesies were: Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Mrs. Katherine McFarland, Mrs. Travis Bailey, Jr. and children, Mrs. Alice Harris and Lynn Long of Omaha.

Home from Washington

Pfc. John Evans Bailey of Seattle, Washington, is here on a 14-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey, 825 10th. He is also being entertained by his many friends. This is his first furlough since his induction last May.

THE SICK

Mr. Arthur Taylor, the brother of Mrs. Margaret Yaeger, 1826 Racoon is reported ill at the Broadlawns General hospital. Mr. Charles Tolson, 421 S. E. 5th, is reported ill at his home. Mrs. Ruth McGregor, 710 S. E. 16th, is reported ill at her home. Mr. James Jackson, 508 Allen, is reported ill at his home. Mrs. Julia Johnson, S. E. 20th, is reported ill at her home.

Located on the Black river, which crosses the entire country from northeast to northwest, the dam eventually will house four generators delivering a total of 121,600 kilowatts. The project is expected to develop expansion of industry elsewhere in the nation and electrification of rural areas. It will also provide flood control, irrigation for farm lands, and navigation for delivering farm and ranch products to market, and manufactured goods to sparsely populated districts.

Instructions Given for Cleaning Sewing Machine

"How do you clean a sewing machine?" is one of the "fifty-dollar" questions women are asking. Naturally, some implements are necessary in beginning with a pair of pliers and some screwdrivers. A half-inch paint brush is handy, although a feather could be substituted. Among the other useful items are tweezers and a crochet hook to pull out lint, an old tooth brush for cleaning the teeth of the feed dog, an adjustable wrench, an ice pick, razor blade, a shallow tin bread pan, an oil can with a long spout and some good gum-free oil.

A quart and a half of gasoline kerosene and some soft cloths and newspapers should complete the tools for the job. Most of these can be found in any home. It is advisable to clean a machine on a table of comfortable height and beneath a good light. Some papers should be placed beneath the machine to absorb oil. The bread pan, containing kerosene, is used for soaking the parts that need cleaning, and this solvent works miraculously. By placing the parts in line as they are removed from the machine, one can clean and reassemble the mechanism with a minimum of difficulty.

American Engineers to Complete Uruguay's Dam

With American engineering replacing German, a dam which will more than double Uruguay's power supply is expected to begin delivering power in 1945, following installation of a 30,400-kilowatt waterwheel generator.

Gasoline

A Coupons (new), for 3 gals. each, No. 9, valid through Jan. 21, 1944. B and C Coupons (issued prior to Dec. 1) good for 2 gals. each. B2 and C2 coupons (issued after Dec. 1) good for 5 gals. each. (Steel plate License No. must be written on the face of EACH COUPON.)

Fuel Oil

Period No. 1 Coupons (10 gals. each unit), valid through Jan. 3, 1944. Period No. 2 Coupons (10 gals. each unit), valid through Feb. 7, 1944. Period No. 3 Coupons (10 gals. each unit), valid through Mar. 13, 1944.

Sugar

Coupon No. 29, Book 4 (5 lbs.) valid through Jan. 15, 1944. D, E and F green stamps, Book 4, valid through Jan. 20, 1944. G, H and J green stamps, Book 4, valid Jan. 1 through Feb. 20, 1944. Meats, Fats, Cheese, Canned Fish L, M, N, P and Q brown stamps, Book 3, valid through Jan. 1, 1944. R brown stamp, Book 3, valid Dec. 26 through Jan. 29, 1944. S brown stamp, Book 3, valid Jan. 2 through Jan. 29, 1944.

If You Suffer 'PERIODIC' FEMALE PAIN

With Its Weak, Cranky, Nervous Feelings. It is at such times you, like so many women and girls suffer from cramps, headaches, backache, distress of "irregularities", periods of the blues - due to functional monthly disturbances.

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine that goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ-laden phlegm and aid nature in her essential mucous membranes.

When contracts for the project were awarded in 1934 most of them went to a group of German manufacturers and the dam proper was nearly completed at the site chosen - Rincon del Bonete, in the department of Tacuarembó-when the war brought work to a standstill.

Honor Nurse

An army general hospital in Chicago, Ill., has been named the Ruth M. Gardiner General hospital in memory of the first army nurse confirmed as killed in a theater of operations in this war, the war department announced.

Second Lieutenant Gardiner, a member of the army nurse corps attached to a medical squadron of the army air forces, was killed in a plane crash in July, 1942, at Nanke, Alaska, while serving as an air evacuation nurse.

EXCELLENT WAGES

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Transportation - Advanced from your home. Fine food and comfortable housing FREE!

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Do You Subscribe For THE IOWA BYSTANDER. You Can't Know What the Negro Is Doing in WAR, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, LABOR AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES Unless You Do!

Man in the Armed Forces

If you have a man in the armed forces subscribe for him... They know all that is going on at home.

You Women Who Suffer From HOT FLASHES then CHILLY FEELINGS

If you - like so many women between the ages of 30 and 50 - suffer from hot flashes, weak, dizzy, nervous feelings, distress of "irregularities", are blue at times - due to the functional middle age period in a woman's life - try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once. It's the best known medicine you can buy that's made especially for women.

If You Suffer Distress From Monthly FEMALE WEAKNESS

And Want to Build Up Red Blood! If at such times you suffer from cramps, backache, distress of "irregularities", periods of the blues - due to functional monthly disturbances - Start at once - try Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound - (with added iron). They not only help relieve monthly pain but also accomplish the functional monthly disturbances of this nature. This is due to their soothing effect on one of woman's most important organs.

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Marilyn Freeman. Guests were Pauline Bell, Ada Jefferson, Gladys Barker and was reported ill.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

115 Ridge. Furnished Apt. 3 rooms. Utilities furnished. \$6.25 per week. See manager, Apt. 3. 1023 17th Street. 1 room. Utilities furnished. \$4.50 per week. See manager, Apt. 1.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY. GALDYS H. BROWN, Plaintiff vs. JOSEPH C. BROWN, Defendant. To the Above Named Defendant or Defendants: You are hereby notified that a petition of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled action is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named Court, and a copy of which petition is hereto attached and which petition prays for an absolute divorce from you on the grounds of desertion.

You are also hereby notified to appear before said court at Des Moines, Iowa, County, Iowa, within twenty days after the date of this notice upon you, and that unless you so appear, your default will be entered and judgment or decree will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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MRS. COOPER HEADS HELP IN TIME CLUB

The Present Help in Time of Need club elected officers for the new year December 17. They are: President, Mrs. Ruby Cooper; vice president, Mrs. Bertha Anderson; secretary, Mrs. Ada Jefferson; treasurer, Mrs. Ollie Holmes; chaplain, Mrs. Louise Smith.

JOLLY SIX CLUB HAS LUNCHEON

The Jolly Six club had a pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ellen Bell, 1041 11th, January 1. Presents were exchanged by the members.

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Members of the attending the reunion

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Guests present

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Washington, D. C., Sunday after having weeks at home with Laura B. Stewart, Bossie Stewart, 847 day visit were: by Mr. and Mrs. which was shared by mother and sister; party at the Sepia guest of Mrs. Bessie Mrs. Pauline Hunscent School breakfast; guest of Mrs. Wick and Lillian E. evening at a dinner, Mrs. Beatrice Cal Keso, Olive Redmond Stewart.

Mrs. Kelson honored

Mrs. Kelson honored at a supper on Dec. Moore honored her Mary Moore of Wash Stewart at a dinner eve. Other guests were Williams, Jessie Bro Wyatt.

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SOCIETY



HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

TOLSON FAMILY HOLDS TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S DAY REUNION

Observing a New Year's Day custom which was originated by their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Colonel Green Tolson, at Albia, Ia., sixty-two years ago, the Tolson family here celebrated at an annual family reunion with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tolson, 421 S. E. Fifth street.

Members of the immediate family attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butler, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. James Darby, Mr. Arthur Tolson, Mrs. Maggie Roy, Mrs. Elsie Robinson of Chicago, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tolson, Mrs. Vera Roland, Mrs. Wilmetta Bell, Mrs. Hazel Crawford, Mr. Charles Crawford, Mr. Theodore Daniels.

Children of the immediate families were: Jackie, Arla and James Allen Tolson, Peggy and Joanne Bell and the four small children of Mrs. Vera Roland; Misses Wanda and Gloria Simmons and Frances Robinson. Telegrams came from other children, Pvt. Henry Simmons, Jr., of Ft. Knox, Ky., and Mrs. Marie Grant of Los Angeles.

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MISS EVANS

Miss Maurice Evans, Girl Reserve secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Omaha, Neb., spent the holidays here visiting her parents, the Rev. and Mrs.



MRS. ALFRED WILLIAMS

Mrs. Alfred Williams, the former George Edmunds, was a holiday visitor here with her mother, Mrs. Lillian Edmunds. She is employed as a

IOWANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTER BUSY VACATION

Mrs. Virginia Stewart, assistant head of the military deferment unit of the War Production Board in Washington, D. C., will leave the city Sunday after having spent three weeks at home with her mother, Mrs. Laura B. Stewart, and sister, Miss Beattie Stewart, 847 Fifteenth street.

Among the many courtesies extended Mrs. Stewart during her holiday visit were: a dinner on Dec. 30 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, which was shared by Mrs. Stewart's mother and sister; New Year's eve party at the Sepia Supper club, the guest of Mrs. Beattie Payne; guest of Mrs. Pauline Humphrey at a Crescent School breakfast Sunday morning; guest of Mesdames Lola Hardwick and Lillian Edmunds Friday evening at a dinner shared by Mesdames Beatrice Caldwell, Joburness Keso, Olive Redmond and Laura B. Stewart.

Mrs. Kelo honored Mrs. Stewart at a supper on Dec. 28. Mrs. Cora Moore honored her daughter, Mrs. Mary Moore of Washington, and Mrs. Stewart at a dinner on Christmas eve. Other guests were Mrs. Bernice Williams, Jessie Brown and Mr. L. Wyatt.

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Among the many courtesies extended her, Mrs. Williams was entertained by Mrs. Melonee Williams, former resident of Des Moines; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Teyorers.

S. SMITH AND MR. LITTLE ARE WED

Mrs. Minta Miles announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Miles Smith, to Mr. Leville Little. They were married at Kansas City, Kans. They are now residing with friends at 918 15th.

THE WILLIAMS HOSTS AT FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Williams, 646 S. E. 24th, were hosts at a family dinner New Year's day. Those of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Daniels, Misses Corrine Cavil and Audrey Williams. The children present were: Vernon Don Daniels, Granville Williams, Jr., and Ronald Williams.

The evening was spent in listening to sacred recordings. Mr. Leonard Cavil came later.

MISS BROWN GIVES HOLIDAY PARTY

Miss Florence Brown entertained many of her school mates and other friends at a holiday party, Dec. 30, at the Westside Community Center.

Mesdames Zella Chapman, Rose Rhodes, J. W. Franklin assisted in serving refreshments. Mr. T. L. Howard chaperoned. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

What a pleasant feeling it is at the beginning of the new year—when regular subscribers surprise you with new patrons, new customers.—new subscribers for the paper, and then renew their own subscriptions.

Mrs. Mabel Mason was number one of the new year but she did not have time to talk—for she was too busily engaged in listening to her radio—to be ready to catch the "fortune" that might come her way—should her phone ring and should the announcer ask her the amount of the award at the moment.

Then Mrs. Fannie Danforth phoned—she had a new subscriber—and each year she is adding a new reader, or taking out a paper for one of her sons now in the military services, so that they can keep up with the "doings" in Des Moines.

Subscription business is booming—just at a time when there is a paper shortage and many publications are being forced to limit their subscription lists.

Nylon hose business was booming this week at one of the downtown delicatessen stores when one of the clerks was "taking orders" for them. He could quote no price—"they may be a dollar then they may cost \$8 per pair. He could not tell when they would be delivered until—after the duration.

But at the moment—our product is different. The price is only one dollar and seventy-five cents per year—and the paper comes in the mail—each week.

MRS. SPRIGGS VISITS IN AURORA, ILL.

Mrs. J. H. Spriggs returned this week from Aurora, Ill., where she spent the holidays with relatives. She was accompanied on the trip by a daughter.

THREE PURPOSE CLUB CELEBRATES AT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Three Purpose club celebrate New Year's eve with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spangler, Lenore and Harry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shephard, Mr. and Mrs. John Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bates, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Morrison, Mrs. Frances Wells and Mrs. Laura Gilbert.

Guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Speck Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Art Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Fraction, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wolder, Miss Maggie Fields, Mr. Raymond Johnson, Mr. J. J. Johnson, of Marshalltown, Mrs. Pauline Walker of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. Joseph Jones of Milwaukee.

MRS. WILSON IS BREAKFAST HOSTESS

Mrs. Doris Wilson, 1164 Fourteenth street, honored at breakfast Sunday morning, Miss Theo Nix, instructor at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo. Others sharing the courtesy were Mesdames Verda Spangler, John Winters and T. S. Williams.

Miss Nix left the city Sunday afternoon after a visit during the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. Williams.

BAILEY SISTERS GIVE PARTY

Katherine Ann and Burton Bailey, 825 10th, entertained at a party given by them in honor of their house guest, Lynn Long of Omaha. Those present were: Myrtle Robinson, Vivian Crockett, Lois Frazier, Edward Frazier, Crystal Thomas, Charlene Wright, Melvin Brooks and George Brewer, Jr. Games were the diversion of the evening. Miss Long returned home December 30.

RETURN FROM EAST

Mrs. Claudine Redman and son, Stanley, 945 14th St. Pl., spent the holidays visiting Mrs. Genevieve Spears in Milwaukee, Wis. They returned January 3.

THE WILSONS ARE DINNER HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. Gentle Wilson, 921 Laurel, entertained their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson, and grandson, Mart Bruce, at a Christmas day dinner.

LEONARD BROWN BACK FROM CHICAGO

Mr. Leonard Brown, 754 11th, spent the holidays in Chicago, visiting his father, Charlie Brown. He also visited friends in Milwaukee before returning home.

MRS. WILLIAMS HONORS OMAHA

Mrs. Fannie Williams entertained Mrs. Myrtle Bolden of Omaha at a luncheon Wednesday. Sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames E. M. Whaley, Dorothy Wallace, Ione Hubbard and Lydia Merritt.

MRS. KEYS OF DENVER HERE

Mrs. Clarice Keys of Denver, Colo. is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. E. Woods and family. With her is Miss Claudine Shipman also of Denver.

SGT. AND MRS. RALPH CROWDER HERE

Sgt. Ralph Crowder arrived in the city during the week end to spend a furlough with his wife, Mrs. Alice Crowder, and mother, Mrs. Mabel Crowder. His wife came to the city from Fayette, Ia., to join him here.

MRS. BERTHA NOEL BACK FROM K. C.

Mrs. Bertha Noel, housekeeper at the Blue Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A., returned to the city Monday after having spent the holidays in Kansas City visiting her relatives.

NEW YEAR'S GUESTS AT MRS. HARMON'S

Mrs. Bertha Harmon, 1825 Racoon, entertained guests at a New Year's day dinner. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Roman, and their daughter, Elsie, Mr. Tom Isabel and Mrs. Lucile Franklin.

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MRS. CREWS HONORS SISTER AT PARTY

Mrs. Thelma Crews was hostess during the holidays at a birthday party honoring her sister, Mrs. Natalie Evans at the home of Mrs. Gus Thomas, 1418 Maryland avenue. The guest of honor received many beautiful gifts.

Sharing the courtesy were: Mr. and Mrs. Tilson Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Crews, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Manuel, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Cason.

MRS. CROWDER VISITS IN FORT DODGE

Mrs. Mabel Crowder spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Buckner, at Ft. Dodge, Ia.

ENTERTAIN AT NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Walker, 1064 14th street, entertained a few friends at a buffet dinner, New Year's day.

Advice ON THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE
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NOTICE TO READERS. You may have your own human relation problem analyzed FREE in this column. Please include a clipping of this column with your letter.
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J. E.—Sometime ago we rented this place for \$1.50 per week. The man left and his wife said he had to have \$2 per week—rent. His wife is now gone too with her husband. We received a letter telling us they would have to have \$2 a week rent. Did she write the letter or did she not? Should we pay the \$2 or move?

Ans.: Pay the \$2 and keep the landlady happy. In the meantime you can look around and see what you can find in the way of a better place to live. If you find something good you can move out, if not—everything will be satisfactory between you and the folks who own the place.

A FOOLISH GIRL—I am a 20 year old girl in love with a 20 year old soldier. I've known him about 5 years. We never went steady but he came to see me once in a while and watched home with me from the movies. I began writing him after he was in camp. He began writing that he missed me and just realized how much he really cared. He had a 3 day furlough this week. The first night we stayed at home. The second night we went to the movies. The third night he didn't come though he said he was. Coming home from the movies the second night he kind of mentioned that we had never done a certain thing. I said "I know we haven't." Neither of us said anything more about it. Did that little incident cause him to change his feelings toward me?

Ans.: Slightly. He has more respect for you now. Now that he is back in camp write him. You have made a very deep impression upon this young soldier so follow your lead up with affectionate letters. His family, especially his sister, likes you too—a little visiting during the holiday season may smooth things over.

M. A. R.—I am a regular reader of "Problems of Humanity." I read it every week. My mother is worrying wanting me to come back soon. I feel it would be better for us both to move in with my brother who lives in Mississippi. She says she won't do that. Would it be wise to let her figure out her own affair. I wait her but don't believe we could get along she is so contrary. Will be sending for a new Reading soon. Lord help this great man.

Ans.: Your mother is no more dissatisfied than you are why not make a change? You are making no progress at all living with people you distrust and can't get along with. A change will buoy your spirits and help you off to a fresh start. You have no one to regret leaving behind so why not pack up and leave. Your mother will not object to moving to Mississippi. She just doesn't want to barge in on your brother and his little family. And—she's not too hard to get along with if you stroke her right.

L. R.—I am in the middle age of life and am planning on buying a home at a small price. Would this be a wise step-for-me to take? Should I let my cow and hog stay in the country or should I bring them in town to the new place? Would they be misery to me?

Ans.: Buy the place. It's convenient to your work and the price is within reason. You are making a permanent change to the city and you will be better satisfied in a home of your own. Leave the cow and hog in the country. Arrange to have someone raise the hog on halves—and keep your cow for the milk she will yield if you do not wish to sell her right now.

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UNDUE SHIFTING OF RESPONSIBILITY

President Roosevelt has selected a committee to which he has referred the dispute between the FEPC and the southern railroads and the unions in an effort to determine what steps, if any, should be taken with regard to a directive issued following a hearing before the committee, that they cease discrimination in the hiring of Negro firemen. Following the decision of the committee the railroads announced that they would ignore the directive.

In order to quiet the fears of the committee and its friends, the word was passed on that the president had not lost faith in it or intended to weaken the authority of the group, but simply desired further information from a neutral source. Unfortunately, this has been the practice of Mr. Roosevelt whenever a dispute arises. Even though these committees, boards and authorities are set up to handle specific problems, their decisions don't ever seem to be final. That was true in the coal mine dispute and the railway wage dispute. It always works out in the end that President Roosevelt must make the final decision.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MERITS PRAISE

Last week, Lieut. Col. Robert E. Fulton, assistant director, Iowa Selective Headquarters, praised Negro inductees for their fine cooperation and the manner in which they have volunteered with a result that there is a shortage in men to meet the January quota.

He summed up his praise by saying, "It is very creditable that most of the chaps were patriotic enough to volunteer early in the program; though most of them professed religious principles, not one has been very agreeable working with them. They have all been swell."

The conduct of these young men is in line with the record the Negro has made in every war this country has had. He has joined up wherever permitted; he has been forced to fight for an opportunity to serve his country. But these stumbling blocks have not deterred him.

It was announced this week that a Negro regiment of paratroopers had been formed—the first since we began preparation for war. The Marine Corps, the Navy, Coast Guard and Air Corps have been opened to him for service during this time also. Many people were opposed to these advancements. They fought the effort of Negro newspapers and other forces who saw the wisdom of full participation in all branches of our forces that the record might continue

to show that this, the largest minority group in America, had never been slackers. The Bystander feels that Colonel Fulton has done much to lift the morale of the Negroes in Iowa for they have seen and heard all too little about the activities of their sons and daughters and brothers and sisters in this great undertaking, by stating his views publicly.

ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS

A New York judge has named a Negro foreman of the grand jury; the first instance about which we have heard. That is commendable. This move is just another bright spot showing the Negro is fully capable of fulfilling his duties as a citizen. After all, what the Negro needs is an opportunity to show his worth. More people seem willing to make that opportunity; the public generally approves them. It's just a question of having the courage to act as we speak.

Care Should Be Taken With Hides and Pelts

Because of the urgent wartime demand for leather, farmers and ranchers and sportsmen are urged to take proper care of hides and pelts from cattle, sheep, deer and elk, and then see that they are marketed while still in good condition. Many hides and pelts are spoiled or damaged to the extent that they are unfit for leather because of careless and improper handling. Here are suggestions for handling hides and pelts: 1. Prevent blood from getting in the hair or wool; 2. Do not cut or score the hide when skinning. Very little knife work is necessary on a lamb; 3. Remove all fat and meat from skinned hide; 4. Spread hide flesh side up to cool. Do not wash it. Don't let it dry out; 5. Salt liberally—twice as much as may seem necessary; 6. Fold edges in to center, flesh side together. Fold again and again until the hide can be tied in a bundle; 7. Deliver and sell to a hide dealer as soon as possible—before the hide freezes or dries out.

Bitter Flavor

Pasteurization, high temperature separation of milk and cream, and care in preventing alternates warming and cooling of raw milk help prevent bitter flavor of milk products caused by action of lipase on the butterfat. Bitter flavors in milk and cream may be caused by strong feed, and by bacteria, but the substance called lipase, present in most milk, may also cause a bitter flavor under certain conditions. Lipase attacks the butterfat globules and breaks them down to produce fatty acids, which cause a bitter flavor much like that of rancid butter, though seldom as strong. Extremely bitter milk may even irritate the throat enough to cause slight coughing. Nearly all samples of raw milk contain enough lipase to cause the bitter flavor, but the lipase does not always break down some of the butterfat in whole milk or in cream. Skim milk never develops the off flavor, as it contains no fat to be decomposed.

Skinning Game

The hunter should place his shot so that it will damage the least amount of meat.

After knocking the animal down, cut its throat immediately and let it bleed out thoroughly. Attach the proper license tag. Then remove all of the internal organs and spread the sides of the body cavity wide open with a stick. If possible hang the carcass up to cool out before it is moved. If the carcass cannot be hung up, roll it on two poles or rocks with the belly down.

Should it be necessary to load a hot carcass into a truck or onto a car, be sure to place the belly toward the floor of the truck or side of the car. Unless this is done the warm meat may sour. At the first opportunity hang the carcass by the hind legs. Skin out and hang in cooler for aging as soon as possible after returning home. If it is necessary to remove particles of dirt from the carcass, wipe with a damp cloth rather than washing it.

Would Develop River System

Two groups of western states, one involving eight states and the other three, are moving this year for the uniform development of the Missouri river system and the Republican river basin, the latter in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. General conferences were held for the first time this year by the Missouri River States' committee, organized by Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming to secure power development, irrigation, flood control, navigation and related improvements through the valley-wide development of the entire Missouri river system.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY 1944

What will 1944 offer in the way of athletics for Negroes? In Des Moines the picture looks very dark indeed. The organized activities are just about gone by the boards with the strong possibility that the Y secretary himself may go. The fellows who made up the only organized teams of any sort, the two Community Center soft ball teams are either in service or will be when another softball season rolls around. All the boxers are gone or going, and there is every possibility that one of the best of the tennis players will be on his way ere June gets here. Only golfers will be able to carry on, but for the rest of the athletics it looks like women, girls and whatever is left after Uncle Sam has his goal.

The national picture looks pretty fair if enough of the boys are left. There doesn't seem to be any danger of Negro boxers losing their domination over the various classes in spite of a lot of them going away. The desperate search for manpower may cause Negroes to get a chance to play in the major league. There has been a lot of agitation for that and now is the best chance we've ever had to make it.

The Big Ten basketball coaches still continue their silly bar agams, -negroes, but by the end of this year some coach may find himself facing either giving up the cage sport or using Negroes. That might even happen to Drake.

Negro golfers made their appearance in the Tam O'Shanter meet in Chicago, and this year other meets may find themselves so short of star talent that Negroes may have to be called in.

Tommy Walker made history by winning the Idaho State Tennis championship and it might be that some of the other meets might let a few of the boys in.

Pro football needs a lot of men talent. If Negroes are good enough to play on top-notch service teams, Great Lakes and Ft. Knox, then surely some members of the pro league ought to see their way clear to bolster their fading talent.

From where we sit, it looks like the year of great possibilities for Negro athletes. A lot of things could happen. A lot will happen before bells and horns signify the end of 1944.

Y.M.C.A.

Crocker 'Y' basketball leagues will begin January 10 at the North and the 11th at East. Plans have been tentatively made to play senior games at East on Tuesdays and juniors and intermediates at North on Mondays. Schedules will be in Sunday's paper. Following senior teams have entered, Club 100, East Des Moines Center, Negro Community Center, Roadside and Crocker 'Y'.

Heading the 8 bout card in the Crocker 'Y' boxing show at Service Club No. 2 at Fort Des Moines will be the match between Fred (Big Boy) Irvin and Lloyd Callister Thursday evening, January 13. A grudge battle will be settled between Melvin Brooks and Harold Lewis. The remainder of the card: Jack Copeland vs. Johnny Jones; Leonard Pevy vs. Lawrence Jackson; Watson Turner vs. Marvin Jackson; Donald Spears vs. Stanley Williams; Charles Nichols vs. Earl Richardson and a battle royal.

BURLINGTON, IA.

By MRS. ED WILLIAMS Burlington, Ia.—Mrs. Blanche Brown has returned home from Canton, Mo., where she spent the holidays with relatives. Mrs. Shaw's mother, Mrs. Wright, has been confined at her home with an attack of the flu. Mrs. Goldie Irving spent the holidays visiting relatives in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. James Bowles and Mrs. Matt Ross were guests at Christmas dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson. Miss Telma Dabner spent the holidays visiting relatives in Fairfield, Ia., also in Chleburg, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Griffin of Chicago visited relatives here during the holidays. Mrs. Evelyn Moore visited her mother, Mrs. Ida Coles and her sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Carter of Chicago. Watch meeting was held at St. John's A.M.E. church with Rev. W. A. Simpson the speaker. Mrs. Alice Beckly has improved.

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LINCOLN POST

By W. T. BURNS

Comrades—start the new year off by attending all Post and important Legion meetings held in Des Moines. On Jan. 21, the American Legion service association will hold a smoker at Argonne Post at 7 p. m. Lincoln Post is a part of this association and Post members are expected to attend 100 percent.

All discharged veterans of World War 2 are invited to join the American Legion, if you are a holder of any of the following discharges from the army: No. 55 Honorable Discharge; No. 175 Honorable Discharge Enlisted Reserve; active status must be shown; No. 280, certificate of service.

From Navy: No. 660, Honorable Discharge; No. 661, Certificate of Discharge from Navy or Naval Reserve, active status must be shown; No. 213, Certificate of Discharge, Naval Reserve; status must be shown.

From the Marine Corps: Honorable Discharge; Honorable Discharge, Marine Reserve Corps; or both; active status must be shown. From U. S. Coast Guard: No. 2510, No. 2510-A and No. 2733; active status must be shown.

All of the above discharges from army, navy, marine corps and coast guard are white and will admit you to join the Legion; blue or yellow discharges are not any good. They show that you are not a good citizen.

Visit the Post and hear the Department Commander, Charles K. Logan, speak on Feb. 1 at 8 p. m. Watch this paper for more details on the commander's visit. W. T. Burns, Post Adjutant; phone 4-2946.

Keo-Way USO

The Keo-Way USO club acted as hostess to 66 members of the 30th Aviation Corps and Quartermaster group of Sioux Falls, S. D., December 29-31. Several of the group came into the club, Friday night at 6:00 p. m., checked blankets, oags, had showers, and received room assignments.

Coffee hour and open house was held Sunday, from 4:00 to 6:00 p. m., for the visiting soldiers and the WACs and civilians of Des Moines. Dorelva M. Moore sang and played popular numbers requested by the fellows. Informal dancing in their fatigue outfits, quick sandwiches, soft drinks and homemade cookies were served before the men parted. About forty WACs bid the boys good bye.

Soldiers from Ottumwa, Iowa, Hastings, Nebraska, and soldiers from ASTAP school at Grinnell were visitors at Keo-Way over the New Year week end.

Looking over a Keo-Way bulletin for January 2-9, one finds the services offered by this club are varied and interesting. Snack bar facilities, photo supplies, library facilities, U.S. stationery, art and craft supplies, recreation, information of all types, showers, a sewing machine, iron and ironing board and a good selection of musical albums, are just some features the club would like to mention.

OLD AGE PENSION GROUP MEETS JAN. 11

Preparing for the special session of the legislature, the Pension Alliance will meet at the city library Jan. 11, 7:30 p. m. to make plans for a series of old age pension meetings in different parts of the city. Frank VerHuel, chairman, announced this week.

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POST EXCHANGE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICE (By Marie Ross)

Lt. and Mrs. Cyrus Cassell Spend Holidays Here

Lt. and Mrs. Cyrus Cassell of Camp Sutton, N. C. ended Thursday a fifteen-day furlough here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cassell, 931-Twenty-third street.

Commissioned on June 9, 1943, at the Engineers' school at Ft. Belvoir, Va., Lieut. Cassell has been in the army two years. He was inducted at Chicago, Feb. 28, 1942, where he was working for one of the railroad companies.

Before going to Chicago in 1938 he had attended the Roosevelt high school and was a member of Corinthian Baptist church. His wife, the former Miss Virginia Skyes of Chicago, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Skyes. They were married Nov. 8, 1942.

Weavers Hear from Son

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weaver, 820 S. E. 28th, received a V-mail letter from their son, Pvt. Manuel Weaver in which he stated he will be glad to get back to the United States and enjoy one more good winter.

Cpl. Robinson Stops Here During Holidays

Cpl. Owen Richardson, heading for a new base at MacDill Field, Tampa, La., stopped in the city this week enroute to Florida by way of New York City. He had come from Camp Crowder, Mo.

Pvt. Williamson Home

Pvt. Chester Williamson of Camp McCain, Miss., arrived in the city this week to spend a short visit with his wife, Mrs. Emma Williamson, a daughter, and his mother, Mrs. Vest Williamson, 1022 Woodland.

V-Mail Greetings from Iowans in South Pacific

Season's greetings from two Iowans serving with the 511th Aviation Engineers in the South Pacific were received before the new year from Sgt. Albert Hollingsworth and Pfc. Ernest H. Wright who sent a "merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Bystander."

They signed the V-mail picturesque cards, "Just one of the home town boys in the South Pacific."

Martins in Evanston Entertain Cadet Matthews

Evanston, Ill.—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Martin and son were hosts to Cadet Robert D. Matthews, formerly of Des Moines, now of the Army Specialized Training Unit at Hampton Institute. Upon his return to the Institute he will enter the second term of instruction in Engineering. His furlough terminates on Jan. 9.

Pvt. Skillman Back Home on 15-Day Furlough

Pvt. Mason Skillman is here on a 15-day furlough visiting his wife, Mrs. Mary Skillman, 1826 Racoon. Pvt. Skillman is a member of the Shiloh Baptist church. He related in his remarks to the church that he was glad to be back on the first of the year to see the church progressing and the new year in. He said that only a soldier who has spent over a year in service "can fully appreciate the goodness of the Lord."

Pfc. Turner Back Home from Service Overseas

Pfc. Eddie Turner is here on a furlough visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Fountain, 812 S. E. 28th. This was his first furlough in over one year. He has been serving overseas.

Iowan Meets Soldier Who Helped Build Great Alcan Highway and Airports in Alaska

"This is one of those letters that is begun with nothing special in mind to write about," wrote Pvt. Curt Ewing, stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., to his little friend, Miss Mildred Randle, recently. Since the writing of the letter the private has had chance to come back to his home in Boone, Ia., spend the holidays with his parents, and then spend some time here with the little lady.

"Well, since I last wrote a decent letter many things have taken place. Week before last we spent three days on the range. First time I fired that thing, there was a mixed emotion of anxiety and the mark of coward, fear. Ain't scared now. That thing kicked me in the mouth about three times and about three nice big bumps raised their nasty heads on me upper. Tain't funny, McGee."

More Good Men

"Last Saturday we got more good men in the company. These men came from a camp in North Carolina. They also came from Alaska. "In every picture you see of the Alaskan Highway there are never any Negroes to be seen. We have the best first hand evidence of their presence. "Today I was talking to one of them and I mean they worked those fellows something terrible. Here is a typical day's work. In the morning at 6:30 they had breakfast; at 7:15 they had begun a day's work; 12:30 luncheon and one o'clock, back to work; 5:30 supper and back to work at seven and worked anywhere from 11 p. m. until 5:30 o'clock in the morning. Not one day and not two days but every day, including Sunday.

"Some of those fellows said they hadn't even seen a colored woman for seventeen or eighteen months. "The men say there was no way to escape from it. Some helped build airports. Others helped to build the Great Alcan Highway. The average American will probably never know about that. "When the people of the Joedy world work 48 hours and squawk for overtime these men were working a hundred and hundred ten, twenty and even forty hours a week. "While the

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