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## News Briefs From Far and Near

### CHAMPION'S WIFE ENTERTAINS SQUADRON AT GRENIER FIELD

Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire—The vivacious Marva Louis, wife of Staff Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow, and recently acclaimed singing star, made an appearance at Grenier Field recently as guest of the Aviation Squadron. It was her initial visit to an Army post in the East.

Accompanied by her niece, Miss Faye Trotter, Mrs. Louis (Barrow) attended a tea at the Red Cross recreation hall and inspected the wards of the station hospital with Captain William Kotler, executive officer of the hospital.

During the tour of the wards, she spoke words of encouragement to the confined "G. I.'s," and then proceeded to the Service Club where she entertained members of the Negro squadron, has officers, and hostesses from Haverhill, Massachusetts, who also were guests of the Aviation Squadron for the day.

The base orchestra furnished the background for the musical accompaniment of the singing star.

### FRESHMEN ENROLL AT IOWA U JUNE 9

Iowa City—First meeting of freshmen who plan to enroll in the University of Iowa for the summer semester will occur June 9, according to Registrar H. G. Barnes. When preliminary steps have been completed, groups will be separated by colleges and will continue registration under direction of selected advisers.

Four programs are available in liberal arts, two in engineering, and one in pharmacy. Classes run from June 12 to Sept. 2.

### LESCOT TAKES OFFICE FOR 7 MORE YEARS

Port-Au Prince, Haiti (ANP)—President Elie Lescot took the oath of office for a new seven year term on Monday, May 15, following recent amendment of the Haitian constitution changing the term of office and allowing a concession to women to hold public office.

Four weeks ago the national assembly, which is a meeting of the two houses of government, met and amended the constitution embodying the changes. Lescot had been elected in 1941 for a five year term to have expired in 1946. The changes effected terminated his present term with two years to go, and permitted him to continue in office for his first full-term of seven years.

Before the change, he would have been free to hold a second term of five years. The change still permits him to hold another term, but should be run for re-election in 1951 and succeed, it will mean that Lescot will have served as president for 17 years.

For the first time, women will be permitted to hold public office, although they do not enjoy suffrage.

### REV. HOWARD W. THURMAN L. U. COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Jefferson City, Mo.—The annual commencement convocation of the 78th anniversary of Lincoln University (Mo.) will be held at 10:00 a. m. June 5. The processional will leave the historic hilltop and proceed to the prepared outdoor stage from which the commencement service program will be presented. The address for the occasion will be given by Rev. Howard W. Thurman, Dean of Chapel, School of Religion, Howard University. Forty-three students are expected to receive degrees.

Rev. A. B. Jackson, pastor of First Presbyterian church here, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon from the subject "Crumbling Walls" on Sunday afternoon, June 4, at three o'clock.

### MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Remember the Memorial Day holiday, Tuesday, May 30, when you send your news for the issue of June 1. Get your items in early.

Big 50th Anniversary Edition June 8th.

# France's Negro Gov. General Dies



## To Hold Armed Services Day

New York—Already counting 70,000 new NAACP members toward a goal of 500,000, a two-point program actively directed to reach every Negro American involved in winning the total victory on every shore for democracy will be launched for special observance in June.

The first of these, Armed Services Day, June 11, will place special emphasis on memberships or gift subscriptions for every man and woman either preparing, or actually engaged in the conflict.

Family Day, June 18, workers will concentrate on collective group memberships, ranging from the youngest to the oldest adult in every family. For both observances, rounding up the total effort for all-inclusiveness, large church, radio, fraternal, and organizational machinery has already been geared and set in motion.

## To Memorialize Hero Dorie Miller

By ARTHUR W. WOMACK  
St. Louis (ANP)—Dorie Miller, hero of Pearl Harbor who has been officially listed as missing in action by the navy department, will be memorialized during the annual meeting of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America here on May 30 and June 1.

A winner of the Navy cross for his heroic deed of rescuing a wounded ship captain and shooting down four Jap planes during the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, Dorie was reported missing sometime ago after a fierce battle in Pacific waters when his ship went down.

Aside from the program to memorialize Dorie Miller officials and members of the Fraternal Council will hear a report by Bishop John A. Gregg, who recently returned from a tour of army camps and war fronts where Negro soldiers are stationed, on what he found during his tour. Dr. J. L. Horace will speak on Negro soldiers in American camps. Government officials, representing the agricultural and treasury departments, will speak.

"The treatment of Negro soldiers in the American camps, sailors and the attitude of officers toward them at home and on some foreign fronts is greatly affecting the thinking of the Negro church leaders as never before," said Bishop James A. Bray, president of the Fraternal Council. Leaders of the Negro churches are becoming vocal in their opinions regarding the many forms of discriminations and undemocratic actions shown toward the Negro in civil, military social, economic and educational life in many sections of our American nation," Bishop Bray declared.

## AME CHURCH MERGES TWO MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Philadelphia (ANP)—A merger of two missionary societies—the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the American Home and Foreign Missionary Society—was effected last week as the 32nd quadrennial conference effected the consolidation.

Merger of the two societies ended a feud which has been hanging fire for many years and united two age old groups. The 70-year-old Parent Mite Missionary Society made a courageous fight to retain its identity which was lost by a conference vote.

The name of the consolidated organization is the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and Mrs. Lucy Hughes, of Texas, a missionary dynamo, was elected new head. Other officers include—Mrs. Christine S. Smith, Detroit, general secretary; Mrs. Anna E. Heath, Florida, first vice president; Mrs. Joseph Gomez Cleveland, second vice, president; Mrs. Edith T. Stewart, Illinois, third vice president; Mrs. C. E. Bennett, Waycross, Ga., fourth vice president.

A fight for complete women's suffrage was lost at the same conference when a hot battle was waged for the recognition of women ministers. A resolution calling for a set classification of women eligible for ordination with rigid educational requirements stilled the convention.

## Free French Movement Admits Loss in Death of Adolphe F. S. Eboué

Cairo, Egypt (ANP)—France's first Negro colonial governor, Adolphe Felix Sylvester Eboué, died here last Wednesday in a French hospital, according to an announcement in Algiers this week by Rene Pleven, commissioner of colonies of the French Committee for National Liberation.

Born and educated in the tradition of democratic France, M. Eboué's passing marks the end of a career devoted to the service of his country. He was the first of his race to ever hold the rank of governor general of a French colony. Born in 1884 in Cayenne, French Guinea, he graduated with honors from the high schools and college in that French colonial city attended school in Bordeaux, and received a master's degree from the Paris Law school.

Eboué was given the title of a colonial administrator after preparation at the Colonial Institute in Paris. As a colonial administrator, he was sent to Cubangu-Chari, a territory of French Equatorial Africa, where he stayed until 1930. One of his outstanding contributions to that area is said to be his promotion of cotton crops, which brought prosperity for the natives. Between 1930 and 1939, Eboué was in the Sudan, in Martinique and Guadeloupe.

## Appointed Governor

He was appointed governor of the Chad territory in January, 1939.

When he broke with the Vichy government the following year, Eboué became the first of the French colonial administrators to rally to the cause of free France. Spurred by his leadership, he locked up French Equatorial Africa for the allies which resulted in Ethiopia's freedom.

At that time his three children were in Nazi-occupied France, trapped there by the Nazi invasion while they were attending school in Paris.

When the news of his break from the Vichy regime reached high officials of Nazi-controlled France, an attempt was made to repudiate his declaration by holding his children as hostages.

"What can little 'French Africa' do," said a telegram sent him by a Vichy government official. "Think of your children."

Fully aware that his decision might endanger the lives of his children, Eboué ignored the threatening telegram and dispatched the following wire to Gen. de Gaulle:

"In the spirit of the highest discipline, I recognize no other authority than yours."

## Dismissed

The Vichy regime dismissed him from his post and deprived him of his rank as an officer of the Legion of Honor but Gen. de Gaulle immediately confirmed him in civil control of Equatorial Africa in October, 1940. DeGaulle appointed him a member of the Council of Defense of the Free French Empire in the Free French organization.

The Lake Chad region, under Eboué's governorship, served as a base from which Free French forces struck at the flank of the German and Italian forces during the fighting in Libya and from which they made their final invasion of Algeria. He rallied the natives to France's cause.

M. Eboué is survived by a widow, Madame Eboué, and three children. No information regarding the nature of Eboué's illness nor funeral ceremonies has been announced by Free French government officials.

The Fighting French cite the life of Felix Eboué when they utter: "liberte, egalite, fraternite."

## MOVIE STAR



Hollywood, Calif.—Jesse Graves makes acceptance speech, following presentation to the actor of an honor scroll commending his performance in the Columbia Picture, "None Shall Escape." Presentation was made at the Second Baptist church by the Committee for Unity in Motion Pictures, under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Junior Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, during the First Annual Motion Picture Unity Award Assembly. Mr. Graves is a former resident of Des Moines.

## Girl Is Guilty of Manslaughter

June Munnell, Indian and French girl, was found guilty of manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of Harold Harrold, musician, by an all-woman jury in District Judge O. S. Franklin's court Friday night, May 19. The jury deliberated four and a half hours.

Miss Munnell, who first gave her age as 23 but later said she is 19, remained calm when the verdict was returned, but was reported hysterical when returned to the county jail.

The jury selected the verdict of manslaughter, which carries a sentence not to exceed eight years in the women's reformatory at Rockwell City, Ia., from a possibility of five verdicts, ranging from first degree murder with the death penalty to a verdict of innocent.

She was convicted of the stabbing of Harrold, 26, last Feb. 25 at a room which they shared at 1211 Center street.

Miss Munnell admitted stabbing Harrold with a pen knife but contended it was accidental. She testified she and Harrold had been drinking most of the night and quarreled after she told him she wanted to return to Omaha, Nebr.

Harrold struck at her, she contended, and the stabbing took place when she pushed her hand toward him.

Her hand had been closed over the pen knife in her pocket, she said.

Assistant County Attorney Ed S. Thayer, who prosecuted the first degree murder charge, had called the stabbing "cold-blooded murder."

Judge Franklin set 9 a. m. May 27 for the time of sentencing Miss Munnell. Charles Howard, defense attorney, said he would file a motion for a new trial.

## NAACP COUNTS 70,000 TOWARD NEW GOAL

New York—Reports from more than 200 branches participating in the NAACP nationwide campaign, indicate a total of 70,000 new members toward a goal of 500,000 has been reached since May 1.

Adding their names to the list of such illustrious folk as Marian Anderson, Duke Ellington, W. C. Handy, Dean Pickens, Dr. C. B. Powell, newspaper publisher, and first Negro Boxing Commissioner in New York; Mr. Charles Buchanan, prominent New York business man, Dr. Charles Henry, Jr., Dover, Delaware, and Stephen T. Brooks, Stroudsburg, Pa., gave checks for \$500 Life Memberships in appreciation for the outstanding work of the Association, in the past; and its new objective to assure the returning Negro soldier full constitutional rights and first class citizenship.

## MINISTERS TO SHOW TALENTS AT BURNS JUNE 1

The ministers of the city will display their talents in literary and musical numbers on Thursday evening, June 1, at 8 o'clock at the Burns Methodist church. Each minister will be supported by members of his church. Mrs. Estella Allen is chairman of the program committee; Rev. E. M. Whaley, is pastor.

## INDUCTION AIDE



Col. Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to Selective Service Director Major General Lewis B. Hershey, spent Tuesday in Des Moines and at Camp Dodge, Ia. Checking on the policies governing the drafting and induction of minority groups into the armed services.

In an interview at Hotel Ft. Des Moines where he stopped, he revealed that Iowa was a "very normal state" in the carrying out of its selective service laws.

"There seems to be no great problem here," he discovered on his first field trip to Iowa, after investigating the operation of the selective service laws in search of discrimination against racial groups, which included the Negro, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, Filipino, and Indian.

Of the 16,694 Negroes in the state of Iowa listed in the 1940 census, Iowa has 2,900 Negroes registered with selective service. Colonel Johnson informed, "Iowa has inducted over 1,000 Negroes since the beginning of the war, and over 1,200 are in the armed forces," he added.

Veteran of World War I, Colonel Johnson received his training and was commissioned an officer at Ft. Des Moines. He was appointed a captain before the war ended, transferred from command of the 350th Field Artillery, to professor of military science and tactics at Howard University.

Since 1940 he has been in the selective service work, traveling about the country. He left Des Moines Wednesday for Omaha, Nebr.

## MISSIONARY PROGRAM

The East Side Missionary society will hold its Sunday services, May 28, with the Mt. Zion Baptist church in Orlabor, Iowa.

## Worst Flood in Des Moines History; Issue Health Rules

With rain continuing in Des Moines on Thursday morning, the city continued to face one of its worst floods in its history, flood officials reported.

Families in the flooded areas have been evacuating homes since Sunday. On Wednesday the Raccoon river had reached its crest, 16.1 feet at the Eighteenth street bridge. The Des Moines river reached a crest of 24.46 feet at the Second avenue bridge on Tuesday night.

About 100 men, volunteers and county road crews, were still working on Wednesday to hold a two-mile levee southeast of Des Moines below the Iowa Power and Light Co. plant. Riverview and Birdland parks remained under water. On some of the West Des Moines streets water reached a second crest.

Fifteen hundred persons remained homeless in and around Ottumwa as the river reached a level of 17.6 feet late Wednesday.

Much of the flooding in the southeast Des Moines was due to water that backed up through storm sewers. Many families around were given relief at Roadside Settlement and Riverside Community house by the Red Cross.

suffrage was lost at the same conference when a hot battle was waged for the recognition of women ministers. A resolution calling for a set classification of women eligible for ordination with rigid educational requirements stilled the convention.

## REV. GOODMAN TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING HERE

Rev. W. M. Goodman, superintendent of the Eastern district of the state of Iowa of the Church of God

## FLOOD WARNING! PREVENT DISEASE

The Iowa State Department of Health has released methods by which residents living in the flooded areas may prevent diseases, as the result of contaminated food and water.

Safeguard drinking water by using public water whenever and wherever possible. Boil for two minutes all drinking water that may have been contaminated by the flood.

Safeguard against contaminated food by throwing away food containers which show signs of leakage, carefully washing all food containers with soap and hot water before opening. Thoroughly cook all root vegetables. Wash hands carefully with soap and water after handling contaminated articles.

## MRS. BIRDSID, 90, DIES AT HOME

Mrs. Medora Birdsid, 91, of 1603 Buchanan street, died Wednesday at her daughter's home after a year's illness. She was a resident of Des Moines for 19 years and a member of the Consithian Baptist church.

In Christ, will hold his quarterly district meeting at the church, here which is located at 630 S. E. Twenty-eighth street, with the Rev. George Ward, pastor-host, beginning June 5 through June 11.

Rev. Mr. Goodman, a former Des Moines boy, was employed at the Rock Island railroad shops before entering the ministry. He has two charges, one in Davenport, Ia., where he has built an edifice, and another in Marshalltown, Ia.

Other ministers will participate in the services. Gospel singing will be a feature of the meetings.

# Where to Attend Church in Des Moines



## MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Maple and East 16th Street, Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, D.D., pastor; parsonage, 1657 Walker street.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.; morning worship 10:50 a. m.; Baptist Training Union 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer services on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Missionary Society each Friday at 2 p. m. Choir rehearsal Friday at 8 p. m. You are invited to attend our services.

## SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. A. Record, pastor; 1213 Scott street; Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11:00 a. m. E. Y. P. U. 8:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Senior Choir rehearsal. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Midweek Prayer service. Friday 7:30 p. m. Junior Choir rehearsal. You are welcome to our services.

## KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

15th and Shaw streets, Rev. H. A. Simmons, pastor.

Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; Verick C. E. Society, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock. Mid-week prayer Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal Friday, 8 p. m.

## BURNS METHODIST CHURCH

811 Crocker Street

Rev. E. M. Whaley, pastor; order of service as follows: Church school 9:45 a. m.; morning service 11:00 a. m.; Methodist Youth Fellowship 6:00 p. m.; Vesper hour 7:00 p. m. Prayer and class meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Friday, 8:00 p. m. A cordial welcome awaits you at Burns.

## BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

1524 E. University Ave.

Rev. W. F. Ogleton, Pastor

Order of Services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. A.C.E. League 6:30 p. m. Gloria White, president; Mrs. G. T. Fant, superintendent. Evening worship 7:45 p. m. Official Board, Monday evening, 7:30 p. m. Midweek Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir Rehearsal, Friday evening, 8 p. m. Day School teachers meet Friday, 7:30 p. m. and Senior Choir meets Friday at 8 p. m. The church phone is 3-4073.

## CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

East Seventeenth and University

Elder F. T. Taylor, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 12 o'clock (noon). Y. P. W. W. at 6:30 p. m. Regular services Tuesdays and Friday nights at 8 p. m. Elder Richard Bogie, assistant pastor. You are welcome to our services.

## ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH

12th and Crocker Streets

Rev. H. C. Boyd, pastor; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 o'clock; A. C. E. League, 6:30 p. m.; Evening Worship, 7:45 o'clock. Official Board Monday, 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Friday, 8:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

## CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

9th & School Street, Phone 3-4073.

Rev. George W. Robinson, pastor; residence, 1009 12th. Phone 3-4075.

Order of Services: Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 11 a. m.; B.T.U., 6:30; Evening worship, 7:45; Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.; Senior choir practice, Friday night; Junior choir practice, Sunday afternoon.

## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

1600 E. University Ave.

Rev. H. R. Fields, pastor; residence, 1607 Buchanan. Order of Services: Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m. Sunday evening service at 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Missionary society each Thursday 2 to 4 p. m. Choir rehearsal Friday at 8 p. m.

The church extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

## FIRST C.M.E. CHURCH

S.E. 28th and Maury

Rev. J. T. Johnson, pastor, 1183 W. 14th Street, Phone 3-0403; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Young Peoples Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. Bible study on Wednesday night.

## PENTECOSTAL OPEN DOOR MISSION

Affiliated with the Pentecostal Assembly of the World, Inc., with Elder W. H. Spivie, pastor, now located at 1818 Easton Blvd. Sunday services as follows: Sunday school at 2 p. m. Services at 3 p. m. Young People's meeting at 7 p. m. General services at 8 p. m. Meeting nights are Tuesday and Friday. Elder Spivie still resides at 728 S. E. Fourteenth Court, former location of mission.

## WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

14th and Keo-Way

J. J. Hawkins, pastor

Sunday Services—Bible School 9:45 a. m.; Worship service 11 a. m.; Children's Story Hour 4 to 5 p. m.

## BROWNS CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION

Rev. A. M. Mitchell, pastor, 1448 Walker

Order of service: Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.; A. C. E. League, 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship, 8:00 p. m.; mid-week service and choir rehearsal 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Everybody is welcome.

## MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. R. Roman, Pastor

511 S. E. 4th street; residence, 603 S. E. Fifth street. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Evelyn Brooks, superintendent; morning worship, 11 a. m.; B. T. U. 6 p. m.; Myrtle Robinson, president. Evening worship at 7:45 p. m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

West Des Moines, Rev. L. G. Garrett, pastor.

Sunday school opens at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. services at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7 o'clock. Prayer services Wednesday 8 p. m. Choir rehearsal Tuesday 8 p. m.

## CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

851 Tenth street, Rev. E. G. Carter, Pastor. Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Morning worship, 12 o'clock (noon); Y. P. W. W., 6:30 p. m.; Sunday evening, 8 o'clock service. Services are held on Thursdays, 8 p. m.

## ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

633 S. E. 28th St.

Rev. J. Caldwell, pastor; residence 1621 DeWolf street; Order of services: Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Supt. C. H. Cavil; Morning worship, 11:00 o'clock; Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock; Mid-week Prayer service, 7:30. Wednesdays; Mission Circle, Thursday, 2:00 p. m. president, Mrs. Gertrude McCann.

## CHRISTIAN REDEMPTION SPIRITUAL TEMPLE OF CHRIST

(Formerly David Spiritual Temple; now affiliated with Bishop E. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.) 1742 Garfield; Rev. Edith Cole, pastor. Services every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights, 7:45 o'clock. Sunday services, 11:00 a. m.; Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Special healing Wednesday from 12 o'clock (noon) to 5 p. m. Public is welcome.

## THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD

615 S. E. 15th St.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 o'clock; evening worship, 7:45 o'clock. Bible Band, Thursdays, 7:35 p. m.

## DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHURCH MISSION

1239 Stewart

Mother Mary Walker, evangelist; services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; and on Tuesday and Thursday night. Everybody welcome.

## ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

DALE STAUFFER, Plaintiff

vs.

GERTIE DE STAUFFER, Defendant

3d GERTIE DE STAUFFER, Plaintiff

vs.

DALE STAUFFER, Defendant

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk County, the petition of Dale Stauffer, plaintiff in the above entitled action, requesting that he be granted an absolute divorce from you and that he have such other relief as may be just in the premises. The said petition alleges that you have been and are guilty of such inhuman treatment as to endanger the life of plaintiff without fault on his part. For further particulars see said petition on file.

Now unless you appear and defend against the said petition in the District Court of Iowa, in and for Polk County, in the Polk County Courthouse, Sixth and Mulberry Streets, Des Moines, Iowa, on or before the 30th day of June 1944, your default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered against you as prayed in plaintiff's petition.

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of May, 1944.

HARVEY ROSENBERG, Attorney for Plaintiff

192 1/2 11th Street, Des Moines, Iowa

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## CANDIDATES

### DR. SHAW CANDIDATE FOR CORONER POST

Dr. A. E. Shaw, has announced his candidacy for Republican renomination as Polk County Coroner.

In the statement to the voters he said, "I have been a Republican all my life, I have not shifted from one party to the other for every convenience, but have stood by my convictions that the Republican party was sound."

"As Coroner, I have served the public to the best of my ability and if renominated and re-elected I shall continue that same course."

### EDMUND SCARPINO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Edmund Scarpino, popular Des Moines attorney has announced his candidacy for State Republican representative for Polk County. A graduate of Drake University's school of law in 1924, Scarpino is experienced as an attorney.

He is a veteran of World War I and thus knows the problems of post-war activities in which all families are vitally interested. He is also concerned with the state teachers' problems and is interested in old age pension betterment.

Your vote will be appreciated at the primaries, June 5.

### MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Sunday School and the B.T.U. are making preparations for the coming of the Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota Sunday School and B.T.U. convention which will open at the Union Baptist church, Monday, June 12. From all indications this

### NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

LOAN OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION, Plaintiff

vs.

CLARICE LADD, et al., Defendants

To Whom It May Concern:

You and each of you are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named court, the final report of Frank M. Dunham, Receiver, and that by order of court said final report will come on for hearing before the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, at the Polk County District Court House in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 31st day of May, 1944, at 9:00 A. M. at which time and place you may appear and show cause, if any there be, why said final report should not be approved.

FRANK M. DUNHAM, Receiver

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### (Political Advertisement)

### RE-ELECT

**Jene Hammial**

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE for COUNTY RECORDER

EXPERIENCED EFFICIENT

### REV. M. W. GOODMAN

Superintendent of Eastern District of the Church of God in Christ of the State of Iowa, will hold

### Quarterly Disrict Meeting

at 630 S. E. 28th St. in Des Moines

### JUNE 5 THROUGH 11TH

WITH REV. GEORGE WARD, PASTOR HOST

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## Choirs Appear In 'Cavalcade'

Negro and white choirs and choral groups turned out in large numbers on Wednesday evening, May 17, at the Jewish Community Center, for the "Choral Cavalcade" which was sponsored by the Burns Methodist church.

With Mrs. Gertrude Bibbs presiding, the program was presented as follows: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Bischoff) by Epworth Methodist choir, directed by Miss Beverly Pomhave; "Steal Away" (N. Clark Smith) by St. Paul A. M. E. choir, with Mrs. Joburness Kelso directing; "He'll Be With Me in My Dying Hour" (Morris) by Union Baptist choir, directed by Dr. L. R. Willis; "Send Out Thy Light" (Gounod) by Union Park Methodist choir with Mrs. George Gaylord directing; "Mighty Rock Road" by Maple Street Baptist choir with Mr. Charles Brown directing; Crocker Street Y.M.C.A. quartet singing "Good Lord" and "Wasn't It a Mighty Day."

Burns Methodist church choir directed by Rev. Emnis Whaley, sang "Plenty Good Room." Guest soloists were Miss Kazue Sekiva who played "Prelude" (Gershwin); and, Miss Alberta Bates whose piano selection was "Concert Etude" (McDowell).

Sponsored to benefit the organ fund of Burns church, the general collection was \$68.91 which, added to a special gift of \$250, presented by Mrs. Minerva McCowan, 2500 Grand avenue, made a total of \$318.91.

The Rev. E. M. Whaley, pastor of Burns church, made closing remarks, followed by the benediction by the Rev. W. H. Wheeler, retired minister of the church.

session will be the most largely attended that we have had in several years.

Children's day will be observed on the second Sunday in June. A good program is being arranged for the day. All exercises will be sponsored by the Sunday School.

Mr. Twifty who has been visiting

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### (Political Advertisement)

### in West Virginia has returned to the city.

The Pastor's Aid Club and the Willing and Ready Club will give a dinner on Friday, June 9.

Miss Lenora Brown and Miss Lilian Cooper were the winners of the oratorical contest Sunday night at Maple Street. The judges were: Dr. Stringfellow of Drake University and Atty. S. Joe Brown.

A special patriotic committee will have charge of the services Sunday night, June 4. Additional stars will be added to old stars and stars will be placed on a new flag.

Rev. C. Lopez McAllister attended the Western Association last week which was held with the Paradise Baptist church of Omaha, Nebraska. He delivered the morning conventional sermon on Thursday. He was the house guest of Sargeant Biens of Lake street.

Ben Campbell of McCormick street remains about the same.

Mrs. S. B. Boyers is making a record as a captain in the NAACP drive. Each church should lend its support to the carnival at the East Side Community Center on May 31, June 1 and 2. It is for the purpose of helping the Boy Scout Troop 5 to go to camp.

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# SOCIETY



## MRS. BEVERLY HONORED AT FAREWELL DINNER

Mary B. Tolbert club honored Mrs. Mollie Beverly, its chaplain, at a farewell dinner party last Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Cecil Lewis, 1548 Des Moines street. Mrs. Beverly left the city Sunday for Burlington, where her husband has accepted a charge.

Guests were: Mrs. Jessie Carey of Kansas City, Mesdames Mary Hardaway, Myrtle Butler, Clarice Rogers, Martha Wheeler, Jessie Bell-Davis, Capitola Jones.

Members are: Mesdames Willa Bell Sloan, president; Maybell Jefferson, Fannie Danforth, Helen Anderson, Vera Williams, A. Gaines, Ruth Moore, Cecil Lewis, Beatrice Lewis Olivia Hayes.

The club presented Mrs. Beverly a yellow and white table cloth and two pottery vases to match.

## MISS LIGON AND MR. R. H. BANKS WED IN KANSAS CITY

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ligon, 2631 Des Moines street, announced the marriage this week of their daughter, Miss Katherine M. Ligon, May 9, to Mr. Robert H. Banks of Saginaw, Michigan. Mr. Banks is the son of Rev. and Mrs. K. P. Byrd of Chillicothe, Mo. The couple was married May 9 by the Rev. A. W. Spiller in Kansas City, Kansas. They will reside in Kansas City, Mo.

## MRS. SLATER A VISITOR

Mrs. Missouri Slater of Clinton, Ia., was house-guest of Mrs. Emma Evans last week.

## ELEGANT EIGHT CLUB MEETS

The Elegant Eight club met at the home of Mrs. Gladys Barker, 1176 14th street. The evening was spent playing cards. Quarterly prizes were won by Virginia Forrester, Deloris Bailey and Marilyn Freeman. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bernice Carter, 911 W. 16th street.

## MRS. SMITH SPENDS WEEK END IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Luther Smith, 901 Twenty-third street, spent the week end in Chicago, the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Mabel Haggins and Mrs. Lucille Hogan and son, Robert Hogan. While there Mrs. Smith visited interesting places in the city and was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rudd, aunt and uncle of Frank Kaiser, who is son-in-law of Mrs. Smith.

## PVT. SPRIGGS LEAVES FOR SHEPARD FIELD

Pvt. Thurman Edward Spriggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Spriggs, 1615 DeWolf street, returned to Shepard Field, Texas, on May 19, from where he is being transferred to an air corps division in Stockton, Calif. He arrived home on May 6.

While here he visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. John Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Smith, Mr. Cousin, a host of friends and his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Spriggs, 1060 W. Fourteenth street.

## MRS. JACKSON OF CHICAGO A VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jackson, 1155 Enos, had as house guest recently their niece, Mrs. Bessie Jackson of Chicago, Illinois.

## PVT. RHONE HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. (c.) Dave Rhone was here on a 18-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rhone, 1416 Maryland, and other relatives in the city. He also visited relatives in Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Brewton, Mr. O. Bufford his uncle and Mr. E. Rhone.

## MRS. KING OF CHICAGO HERE

Mrs. H. King of Chicago, Ill., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bufford, 906 23rd street place. Mrs. King left for Los Angeles, California, with her nephew, Pfc. Rhone.

## MRS. LEE BACK FROM MICHIGAN

Mrs. Blanche Lee, 1024 17th street had as house guest for two weeks Mrs. H. L. Barnes of Muscatine, Ia. Mrs. Blanche Lee and daughter, who were visiting at Detroit, Michigan, were called home because of the serious illness of Mr. Nora Lee, 1024 17th street.

## MRS. McDAY HOME

Mrs. Laurie McDay who has been ill at Mercy hospital is now convalescing at her mother's home, 1043 Buchanan street.

## TO NEW JOB



## MISS BENNING

Miss Lucille Benning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Benning, 1157 Eleventh street, has been appointed junior Public Health Field Representative in the U. S. Public Health Service. She will be located in Birmingham, Ala. Prior to her appointment, Miss Benning had been working in the War Production Board as a statistical clerk in Washington.

## LA FLEUR DE LES CLUB MEETS

La Fleur De Les club spent Sunday evening at one of the night clubs Sunday, May 21. Those in attendance were: Mesdames Wilma Hunt, Naomi Flynn, Nancy Jackson, Dorothy Vaughn, Opal Logan, Deamora Terrill, Bertha Clark, Thelma Perry, Stella Greer and Marguerite Thomas.

Mrs. Lucille Weston and Mrs. Selma Williams are still convalescing. President is Wilma Hunt; acting reporter is Marguerite Thomas.

## MISS HAYES TO NEW YORK

Miss Fay Hayes, 1215 Park street, left Tuesday for Brooklyn, N. Y., to visit her sister, Miss Edith Jackson.



## PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

"Old Man, River" in and around Des Moines has been flowing peacefully for many a year without much attention. Since the heavy rains recently the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers have stretched out their banks and daily among the first question any resident will ask is—"How is the river today?"

Many pilgrimages are being made to the rivers and the flooded areas of Des Moines by citizens who point with amazement to the river. Downtown shoppers have crowded the bridges—just looking at the Des Moines river whose banks have moved up to the steps behind the main library building. Just standing at one of the windows inside of the main post office and looking east—gives one the appearance of stepping right out on a watery carpet.

With Riverview park now under water, many a child will be disappointed because he will miss the merry-go-round and other rides. One of the little newboys, Kenneth Kemp, commented that "I started not to go last Sunday—but Robbie, and I had one grand time."

Some of the tennis players are lamenting the fact that the Birdland tennis courts, now under water, will be out of commission for some time. Bill Ashby shudders at the sight of the courts under water.

Down on the Southeast side of town, many of the residents have been forced from their homes—the Harold Keyes, Louis Washingtons, Roy Browns, John Willoughbys, Charles Finney, the Haydens, Patersons and Thomases, have moved out to other quarters, neighbors reported.

The McQueen McDonalds on Harriet street, have had to detour to get back and forth from their home, but "we are still here," she commented Wednesday and added that they were praying that they would not have to leave.

With the rain still falling on Thursday, one of the members of the staff is shaking her head. Office Secretary Odella Daniels who lives on S. E. Eleventh street, has been measuring the distance of the water from her door since Monday. Now she is shaking her head like she has a case for the doctor. "Wade in De Water" will be more than a song her choir has been rehearsing this week.

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## THE G. A. KENDRICKS CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Kendrick of the Mt. Zion Baptist church of Orador and the Second Baptist church in Marshalltown, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Monday night, May 22 at the club Triangle Branch Y.W.C.A.

In an atmosphere of spring flowers, hostesses in colorful evening attire assisted the couple in entertaining many guests. Mrs. Ed Frazier presided as mistress of ceremony.

As a special request number, "Take the Name of Jesus" was sung by the guests, prior to the entrance of the honored couple into the parlor. Mrs. Leslie Downey of Ottumwa, sister of Mrs. Kendrick, played the Mendelssohn Wedding March. The anniversary prayer was delivered by the Rev. C. L. McAllister. Miss Esther Lucas sang "Memories" (Alsteyne.)

Mrs. Kendrick was attractively gowned in a white chiffon organdie, with a corsage of sweet peas and roses. An ornament of white rosettes crowned her head. She wore a string of pearls and silver slippers.

Active in religious affairs of the state, Mrs. Kendrick is state chorister of the Central District of the Baptist Association of which the Rev.

Mr. Kendrick is moderator. The Kendricks who were married in Kansas City, Mo., have resided in Des Moines for six years, living now at 2143 Grand.

Hostesses for the evening were: Mrs. Mae Howard, chairman of the dining room; Mrs. Laura Darby and Mrs. Elizabeth Vinson, in charge of the gifts; Mrs. Gladys M. Ross, who registered the guests; Mesdames Ruth Doyle and Iva Ligon and Mrs. Zola Mae King, in the receiving line.

Among the guests were: Rev. J. H. Parker of Ottumwa, Mrs. Grayce Downing of Centerville, Mrs. Earline King of Ankeny, Mrs. James Smith of Ankeny; Messrs. J. G. Browne, A. J. Claybrook, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Warden, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frazier, Mrs. J. L. Lucas and daughter, Mesdames James Darby, M. Ogleton, Opal Jaco, Minnette Scott, Maggie Miller, Louis Brown, Maggie Roy, Lorene Birbright, Florence Estey, Charles Tolson, Nellie Lewis, Arleta Robinson, Beulah Downey, Ruth Doyle and Iva Ligon and Miss L. Hayden of Denver, Colo., and Rev. C. L. McAllister.

The couple received many beautiful gifts.

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## MRS. MINERVA McCOWAN

Believing in the "joy of giving," Mrs. Minerva McCowan, wife of Mr. Herschell McCowan, 2500 Grand avenue, made a presentation of \$250 last Wednesday night at the "Choral Cavalcade" program sponsored by her church, Burns' Methodist, for the benefit of the church's organ fund. The money was a birthday gift to Mrs. McCowan for her church from her employer, Dante M. Pierce. The McCowans have been staunch members of Burns' church since 1931.

### Community Centers

Calendar

Monday, May 29, Political meeting at East Center, Mrs. S. B. Boyer, chairman.

Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Wednesday, May 31, May Festival, West Center, Girl Scout Troop 17 are sponsors.

Thursday, June 1, 38th Anniversary Dinner of Mary Church Terrell Club, West Center, 6:30 p. m.

Friday, June 2, Boy Scout Troop 5, Carnival at East Center. Garden Club meeting West Center.

## MONOGRAM CLUB ANNUAL SERMON SUNDAY AT 3 P. M.

The Monogram club will hold its annual sermon Sunday, May 28, at 3 o'clock at the St. Paul A. M. E. church. The Rev. E. M. Whaley, pastor of Burns' Methodist church, will be the guest speaker. His choir will sing. Mrs. Fannie Danforth is president of the club.

## MARY CHURCH TERRELL CLUB CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY JUNE 1

The Mary Church Terrell club will celebrate its 38th anniversary Thursday evening, June 1, at 6 p. m. with a dinner and program at the Negro Community Center. The principal speaker will be Mr. Forrest W. Seymour, associate editor of The Register and Tribune.

The Mary Church Terrell club which has a limit of 15 members, is the oldest club federated in the city. Until recently its annual minstrel was looked forward to as an outstanding event. It has sponsored community and intellectual programs, the most outstanding being the visit to the city in 1920 of the noted lecturer Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C. The Mary Church Terrell Club No. 2 which formerly operated as the second Junior club organized in the Junior Federation in the state was sponsored by this club. The president now is Mrs. Goletha Trotter. The anniversary celebration chairman is Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, who heads the finance committee.

## MAY FESTIVAL

Wednesday, May 31, Girl Scout Troop 17 under the direction of Mrs. Korrine Jackson will stage a May Festiva on the lawn of the West Center at 4:30 p. m. The public is invited. The Troop is being assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Colliers who is in charge of the music.

## DINNER PARTY FOR SGT. A. L. BAGBY

A dinner party was given by George O. Bagby Saturday, May 20, in honor of his brother, T/Sgt. Arthur L. Bagby at the home of Mrs. Geraldine Carr and Mrs. Alma Parsons of 1029 W. Seventeenth street.

## TROOP COMMITTEE MEMBERS ENTERTAIN

Troop three Girl Scouts committee members in Highland Park entertained troop leaders Friday evening, May 9, at a barbecue party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dacus, 3110 Bowdoin street.

## MERCREDE CLUB ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Pearl Thompson was hostess to La Mercrede club on Wednesday at her country home Pine Knoll.

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## YWCA BLUE TRIANGLE BRANCH

The Public Affairs committee presented the last of its series of Town Hall meetings for this season at the Branch Sunday afternoon, May 21. Slides of Des Moines parks were shown.

The Town Hall meetings of the season have included outstanding Des Moines Negro and white citizens. These meetings will be resumed this fall.

The Branch Committee will meet June 1 at 8 p. m. Committee changes will report on objectives accomplished during the year and the objective for the ensuing season.

The Booklovers club will hold its annual breakfast Friday, June 2, at Union park.

## GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Community Garden club will meet at the West Center Friday, June 2. Mrs. Adah Johnson will be in charge of the program, which will feature flower arrangements and table setting. Members and friends are urged to bring flowers and arrange them. There will be prizes for the arrangements and for the tables.

## HONORED AT BREAKFAST

Mrs. Adah Johnson entertained at breakfast last Friday morning at the La Marguette hotel, 1st Lieut. Robert N. Hyde and Private Oscar Glasé.

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E. M. L.—We were married in December '42. Shortly after we were married, my wife lost her health. She was sick one year. I spent every penny I made trying to get her well and I made one hundred dollars a week. I love her terribly but she doesn't love me now. While caring for her and waiting on her like she was a helpless baby for one year made me feel like I should always be with her as long as we both live. I am ashamed to tell that she has left me. I hope you will understand and tell me how to go about making my life happy.

Ans.: Physically she is apparently normal again but the long siege of illness she experienced depressed her and made her unsure of herself. The excitement of getting away for awhile may tend to clarify matters in her own mind. Lead her to believe that you consider the separation as a vacation and that you are eagerly awaiting her return. Your wife is still your responsibility and you must refrain from unnecessary worry and grief if you expect to be efficient and hold your job.

C. A. J.—Here is my problem. My mother thinks more of all the other children than she does of me. She makes me work all of the time and I can't please her. She doesn't let me go anywhere often and when she does, she gets mad and beats about it. She doesn't believe anything I say. If things are messy, I'm to blame and I just can't help but cry. Should I leave home?

Ans.: Your mother has a house full of little children and the responsibility and care is too much for one pair of shoulders so she is forced to shift part of the burden on you, the oldest. You are taking the wrong attitude. It isn't that she is condemning you for what you do or don't do—but she holds you responsible for the behavior of the children. Adopt a more cheerful disposition and be more sympathetic with your mother and she will make things more pleasant for you. Your place is there at home.

Thompson, is under quarantine with scarlet fever. Mr. Orange is ill in St. Francis hospital having suffered a stroke.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler of Des Moines visited Mrs. Ben Wheeler recently while campaigning for Robert D. Blue, one of the Republican candidates for governor.

Mr. Nathaniel Farham has opened a restaurant on South Fourth street. \* Rev. A. L. Preston, pastor of St. John's A.M.E. church, speaks every Friday afternoon over radio station KBUR at 4 o'clock. This hour on the radio is sponsored by the Ministers' Association of which Rev. Preston is a member.

Pvt. Harold Buckner is home on furlough visiting his wife, also his new daughter and family.

## CORRECTION

Thirty names were added to the Community Service flag at the dedication held at Kyles A.M.E. Zion church, instead of the American Legion flag.

## ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. PAYTON

Mrs. Lillie Payton of Canton, Mo., left the city Saturday night after attending the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna R. Payton. Others from out-of-town were Wayne Platter, grandson; from Camp May, N. J., Leslie Payton, Edina, Mo., Mrs. Estell Houghton-Bell of Waterloo, Ia.

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### TIME TO TAKE SENSIBLE VIEW

Most states have a system of compulsory education. All of the elementary schools are supported wholly or in part by funds received from taxation. And this is as it should be for the education of its citizens is a problem for the state—not individuals.

Here in Iowa we have a splendid school system. Our leading schools of higher education are supported by tax funds. And while part of the operating costs is derived from fees paid by students, the capital investment was made, is improved and maintained by taxation.

A part of that capital investment consists of dormitories for men and women. Both the state college and the university maintain some very beautiful well equipped dormitories, many live in the so-called cooperative dormitories both of which are provided by and supervised by the university authorities; many students live in private homes.

However, no Negro students live in the dormitories. Some live in private homes; at times some fraternities have maintained houses; the Iowa Association of Colored Women has maintained a home for girls for several years. None of these projects have been satisfactory because of lack of funds. The situation has become even more desperate since private charity has become less able to make the contributions it has made heretofore.

And after all why should it? Those people who heretofore have made large contributions to such charities as Negro schools have been hard hit by the income tax.

Recognizing the difficulty faced by Negro girls in their attempt to gain an education, several years ago, the Iowa Negro club women conceived the idea of establishing a home where Negro girls might find living quarters at reasonable expense. The public responded nobly to appeals for funds enabling the purchase and improvement of a home.

The income from room rent is insufficient to pay operating expenses and since the university has no financial responsibility, the public has been asked to donate the difference each year. And as has been the case with movements dependent upon haphazard charitable donations, it has been closed at times, poorly operated at times.

The Bystander has said on more than one occasion that it is unfortunate that it should be necessary to maintain a home for Negro girls at Iowa University. But since it is in operation and since it is not the responsibility of charity, but of the state to pay the difference between the cost of operation and income, the home should be turned over to the university as a cooperative dormitory.

We do not say the home has been a failure. Some good has come out of it. Just as 27 of the leading Negro colleges have combined in a business-like project to raise the difference between costs and income, so should the Iowa Association of Colored Women take a sensible view and let Iowa University assume—and it is the school's job—the responsibility for housing Negro girls many of whose parents pay taxes to make possible that great school.

### THEY DIED; WHAT HAVE WE GAINED?

Thursday we celebrate Memorial day. Originally recognized as a day set apart to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice in the war be-

tween the states, we have broadened it in recent years to include those of all wars in which the United States has engaged.

Today, we are engaged in the greatest of all wars fighting abroad for the same things for which our fathers have fought and died. In other words, periodically we do the job over and over again because our idea of victory has been the cessation of fighting after exhausting the enemy. We have never changed his heart, his mind, his head.

Today, we are engaged in a war at home trying to convince those people who hate their neighbors because they belong to a different race, church or society, that all men are created free and equal; have certain inalienable rights; are entitled to an opportunity to earn a living; are entitled to the protection of the law.

And it is just as big a job as the one at the front for unless we win both battles, we simply postpone the date of another war. And just so long as we fail or refuse to settle once for all the great problem of human rights, our dead shall have died in vain. At least that is the score up to now.

### TWENTY-SIX INCORPORATED WELFARE AGENCIES

The Community Chest office has just completed a survey to ascertain the number of Welfare Agencies which are incorporated. The survey reveals the fact that of the twenty-seven active organizations, twenty-six are incorporated. The Community Chest itself is incorporated.

The other organizations which are incorporated are: Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire Girls, Catholic Charities, Child Guidance Center, Christ Child Home, Cooperative Thrift Shop, Family Society, Girl Scouts, Health Center, Iowa Children's Home Society, Iowa Home for Sightless Women, Iowa Humane Society, Iowa Society for the Friendless, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Social Service, Junior League Convalescent Home, Negro Community Center, Public Health Nursing Association, Roadside Settlement, St. Monica's School, Salvation Army, Society for Hard of Hearing, South Side Community House, U. S. O. Travelers Aid, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

George J. Pfanz, Jr., president of the Community Chest, pointed out that there are definite advantages in Welfare Agencies being incorporated. He said a few of these advantages are that:

It provides continuity of existence and service of the organization.  
It places responsibility on Organization as a Corporate unit rather than upon individual board members.

### Keo-Way USO

WACs, soldiers, sailors and civilian hostesses and hosts enjoyed celebrating the birthdays of those service people born in May on Saturday, May 20. A number of service people home on furlough came in during the evening. Among them were First Lieutenant Robert N. Hyde, First Sgt. Harold Morrow, Staff Sgt. Orsel Morrow and Pvt. O. L. Glass and Pvt. J. Slaughter.

The Service Men's Wives met at Keo-Way USO on Friday and the Blue Triangle Y.W.C.A. on the following Wednesday. Plans are getting under way for summer activities.

The WAC Council held its regular meeting at the club on May 17. Recreation for month of June was planned. Recreation officers and a representative WAC from each company and chairmen of the hostess groups of Keo-Way make up this council.

Summer means swimming, tennis and all kinds of out of doors. In keeping with this Keo-Way is offering a service of picnic lunches for service people who wish to have them packed at a nominal sum. Arrangements may also be made for small or larger picnics in Des Moines' Public Parks.

### SCOUT CARNIVAL AT EAST CENTER

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, May 31, June 1 and 2 the Troop Committee of Boy Scout Troop 5 are having a carnival at the East Center. There will be contests of all kinds, prizes and refreshments for sale.

There will be a prize given to the Boy Scout selling the largest number of tickets. Members of the Committee who are in charge are Rev. C. Lopez McAllister, chairman, Rev. W. F. Ogleton, Messrs. Henry Manuel, Walter Thompson, Bonnie Herndon, A. J. Claybrook, and L. F. Fowler.

## SPORTS

### NEGRO BASEBALL AND THE MAJOR LEAGUE VARIETY

By ALLEN ASHBY  
Your humble scribbler has seen what Negro baseball has to offer and has had a chance to compare the same with the major league variety. We have heard arguments to the effect that there is a vast field of talent awaiting guse by the majors in the Negro baseball league.

We haven't seen all of the Negro teams play, but have looked in on a few, two to be exact. Those we have seen play just about as much inside baseball as the major league teams, the Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates played when we saw them. The pitching left a little to be desired on the part of both leagues. The shortstops of all four teams made some stops and throws that anybody who loves baseball would pay good money to see. The outfielding was about on a par with some of the Negroes going back to the fence and grabbing off some flies, as well as some of the white boys, and some of them making some rather ludicrous errors in their attempts to gather the horse hide. Hitting was about like that we see every day, but the styles of the two leagues did vary some. Most of the Negroes stepped into the ball and tried for long hits, while several of the major leaguers simply tried to hit the ball into a definite place. Both leagues laid down some beautiful bunts, and it took some fast fielding and good throws to nail the runners.

In our estimation, the Negroes were more daring on the base paths. It wasn't uncommon for the boys in our leagues to try to score from second on an infield out, or to try to round second to third on a bunt. A couple of times this paid off in runs, and then a couple of times it resulted in outs. But it made the brand of ball played by the Negroes worth seeing, and, personally, your humble reporter would rather pay the extra admission to see this type of ball as it is played than to watch the safer, more business like game as played by the big-leaguers.

Some of the Negroes could play for anybody, but most of them would find it hard to make the grade because they have developed playing habits that would trip them in their attempts to hit and run against the better catching and throwing of the majors. We didn't see any throws by the Negroes to match two that we saw in the game between the Cubs and Pirates. Maybe it was because there wasn't any occasion to do so, but even in practice, when they were horsin' around, there weren't any throws that compared with the major league brand.

T. J. Brown, a former local boy who used to play some football and baseball around Des Moines, is playing shortstop for the Chicago Union Giants, and his play compared favorably with that of the big league teams. In fact, we would hazard a guess that if Brown could hit major league pitching at all, he would be a good man to have on anybody's club. One outfielder, named Davenport, covered as much ground and made as many sensational catches for the Union Giants as any other outfielder we saw anywhere. This guy could possibly make the grade, of course, if he too, could hit the pitching of the other fellows, which wasn't too hot as we viewed it. As we saw it, and this is strictly our personal opinion, the biggest handicap that Negro players would face in the major leagues would be the fact that most

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### POST EXCHANGE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

(By Marie Ross)

Cpl. Sherman Wilcotts Finds England 'Most Beautiful Country'

"Upon the date of May 1, received a Bystander from mother," wrote Cpl. Sherman L. Wilcotts, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wilcotts, in a letter from England to the editor this week.

"I noticed some of the articles in the paper telling of the places and condition of the boys from home. I was very glad to see the whereabouts of the boys.

"It seems only yesterday that some of us were going to school, playing and going to social gatherings; I really miss it all.

"I am writing this letter on behalf of Pvt. Milford Brewer, who is sharing this overseas life with me. We are the only two soldiers in this regiment from Des Moines. I know you will be glad to know where we are and how we are getting along. We both are in England and are quite well and contented. We couldn't ask for any better condition for an overseas soldier.

"England is the most beautiful country I have ever witnessed and the people here in England have treated us very nice. Nevertheless, we both would rather be at home. I imagine the boys today are getting the greatest experience of their lives and I only hope and pray that we return home safely."

of them want to kill the ball, and take a step into it in such a way that they would have difficulty hitting a fast ball pitcher, and would probably be fooled after about one swing around the circuit.

For these major leaguers make baseball strictly business, and don't fool around about it. The Negro players seem to really enjoy the games that they play and like to go in for sensational chances, sometimes making easy chances look hard. That doesn't go in the big stuff, and might read unfavorably against one who tried it and lost an important game. But we do think that there are just a lot of players in our national league who could make a good living in the class AA and class A leagues. A few would star in the majors, and a few more would just barely hold their jobs and the rest of them would be in the minors.

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Cpl. Sumner Marian Writes to His "Mom" from South Pacific

"Just a line to let you know I am well," wrote Cpl. Sumner I. Marian, from the South Pacific recently to his mother, Mrs. Maude Moss, 748 Tenth street.

"Here's some news—had a real thrill today. I got to see some colored women. They are in the Red Cross and one of them is from New York. It was nice to see some of my own women once more. Tell Sis I liked her letter—all three parts. They were real news. Met a soldier from home; forgot his name. But he lives in Highland Park.

"We have a nice camp now—lights and all, but it just isn't home. I am not worrying. I know I'll be back someday. Tell all I said hello. Art still praying."

Mrs. White Gets Gift From Italy

Mrs. Helen White is the proud owner of a beautiful cocktail set in blue satin and pink lace, sent to her by her husband, T-4 Daniel White who is somewhere in Italy.

Announce Marriage of Cpl. Owen Robinson and Miss Collette Robinson

News has been received of the marriage of Cpl. Owen Robinson, son of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Robinson, and Ruth Collette Robinson of New York City. The two met in Joplin, Mo. Mrs. Robinson's native home, while he was stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Cpl. Simmons Home on Eight-Day Furlough

Cpl. Henry L. Simmons, Jr. is home on a 8-day furlough visiting his wife, Mrs. Theresa Simmons and his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Simmons, 1609 Walker. Cpl. Simmons is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

Maurice Esters Now a First Lieutenant

Headquarters, 12th Fighter Command—Announcement of his promotion to 1st Lieutenant has been re-

ceived by 2nd Lieutenant Maurice V. Esters, Box 17, Webster City, Iowa, who is attached to an All-Negro Fighter Group serving as a part of the 12th Fighter Command, the AAF component of the Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force.

Lt. Esters is the son of Charles H. Esters, of 736 Wooley Avenue, Richmond, Calif. He was a student at Webster City Junior College before entry into the army.

The group to which he is assigned is the first All-Negro Fighter Group to be formed and is now engaged in convoy and coastal patrol, a vital part of the vast activities of the Army Air Forces.

Carter B. Holt Is Promoted to Sergeant

Headquarters, 12th Fighter Command—Announcement of his promotion to Sergeant has been received by Corporal Carter B. Holt, 411 S. Governor street, Iowa City, Iowa, who is attached to an All-Negro Fighter Group serving with the 12th Fighter Command, AAF component of Mediterranean Coastal Air Force.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By BESSYE L. GREENE  
The month of May is Poppy and Memorial. Mrs. Oval Carter is chairman for May. She is past president of the Auxiliary, having served for four years. She served as historian for the Des Moines Council of American Legion Auxiliaries.

Memorial Service

Lincoln Unit 126 will hold their Memorial service Sunday evening, May 28, at Corinthian Baptist church. They will be guest of the Corinthian Usher board. Rev. G. W. Robinson will deliver the memorial address and Mrs. Carter will preside over the program. Musical numbers will be rendered. Auxiliary women will sit in a body.

The Auxiliary will not distribute Poppies this year. 1945 will be Poppy year. Election of officers will be held June 6. Meeting will be at the club rooms at 8 p. m.

Mrs. H. A. Manuel, education chairman and Mrs. Guy E. Greene represent-

ing the Auxiliary Tuesday, attending the Des Moines Council of Adult Education, at Bishop's cafeteria. W. F. Riley presided and Mrs. Alice V. Myers had charge of the plans.

OBITUARIES—CARD OF THANKS—IN MEMORIAM  
(All obituaries, cards of thanks and in memoriams are payable in advance at regular advertising rates. Phone 3-2822—not later than Wednesday each week.)

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindnesses shown us during the illness and at the passing of our mother, Mrs. Anna R. Payton; also the Estes Funeral home for their courteous, efficient service; Rev. H. C. Boyd, Rev. G. W. Robinson, Evangelist Estella Coates and Mrs. Joubert Kelson.

Signed, Mrs. Jeanne Morris, Mrs. Marie Platter, Mrs. Flossie Boyd, daughters.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Nora Lee, 1024-17th street, wishes to thank his many friends for their kindnesses during his recent illness.

FLAG PRESENTATION AT COMMUNITY CENTER  
The Negro-Community Center accepted a flag from the Aunt Becky Tent No. 6 of the Daughters of the Union Veterans at the Center on Monday, May 22. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Maude Pardee, who is the Patriotic instructor for the group. Remarks were made by the President, Mrs. Nellie Buckley. Mrs. Edna Frick gave a beautiful tribute to the flag. Mrs. Korrine Jackson, board member and leader of the Scout Troop accepted the flag for the agency. Music was furnished by the Girl Scout Troop 17 and Beverly Carson and Thelma Woods sang a duet. The program closed by all repeating the allegiance to the flag and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

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