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Police Baffled in Jones Kidnapping Case

News Briefs From Far and Near

WOMAN'S MAGAZINE CIRCUIT PUBLISHED MONTHLY IN CHICAGO

Chicago — A monthly periodical, "A Smart Woman's Magazine," named Circuit, is being edited monthly by two Negro women who started with an idea and a pamphlet.

This idea caught fire at once and out of it grew Circuit magazine, which is about the size of Time, on enamelled paper, bound in covers designed by the art director, Leroy Winbush, who is famous for his impressionistic paintings.

Circuit magazine is carefully planned and the composition of each page is appropriate to the information it features. Circuit magazine features illustrations of the beautiful homes of colored people. The pages devoted to fashions and cosmetics are attuned to meet the needs peculiar to Negro women. Circuit is still concerned with community problems and brings to its readers timely articles by thinkers in this field. Mrs. Alene Freeman, is editor, and Mrs. Mildred Proctor, associate.

WOMEN'S DAY SUNDAY AT MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Women's Day services will be held Sunday, May 19, at the Maple Street Baptist church with Mrs. James B. Morris as guest speaker at the 11 a. m. worship. Music for this service will be furnished by the women's chorus, Miss Delores Fields, soloist. Mrs. Louise Wellington will be master of ceremonies.

"Four Important Phases of Woman's Life," will be the subject of the discussion which will feature the 3 p. m. program with the following speakers, Mesdames Margaret Chamblee, Robert Frazier, Mildred Fields, Corinne Jackson. The St. Paul A.M.E. Ladies chorus, the Four Friends quartet and Miss Lillian Cooper, soloist, will offer the music. Mrs. Orzola Dudley will preside.

Evangelist Estella Coates will direct "Outcast of the Streets," a religious drama at the Sunday evening hour with music by the Maple Ladies chorus and choir, Four "B" quartet. Mrs. Ollie Holmes is in charge of this service.

Fill Out Blank for Clean-Up Drive

An entry blank for the annual Clean-Up and Beautify Campaign which is sponsored by the Community Garden club, the NAACP and the Iowa Bystander, is published in this issue of the Bystander.

If you plan to enter the contest, clip the blank, fill it out and mail to the office of the Bystander at 221 1/2 Locust street before the deadline of May 30. More blanks may be obtained at the office of the Bystander.

Individuals or groups may enter homes, buildings and gardens which will be classified accordingly, in the contest for cash prizes. Entries may be made—just to show improvements that has been made—for none prizes.

A separate prize will be given to the business place that makes the most improvements. The contest will continue through July 12.

NAACP MEETS MAY 28

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Branch of the NAACP will be May 28 at the West Side Community Center. The membership meeting will be held at 8:30 p. m. At the last report workers turned in 513 members.

The membership drive has been continued for another week until May 22.

VISITS MOTHER

Mr. J. W. Mitchell spent Mother's Day week end in Chicago visiting his mother.

Hastie Leaves Washington For Inauguration in Virgin I.



WILLIAM H. HASTIE

Washington, D. C. (NNPA) — Accompanied by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug, William H. Hastie left Washington by plane for his inauguration as governor of the Virgin Islands which will take place in Charlotte Amalie on the island of St. Thomas Friday.

This is the first visit Mr. Krug has made to a United States possession since his appointment as head of the department.

Mr. Hastie is the fourth civilian to serve as governor of the Virgin Islands. Prior to 1931 the islands were governed by naval possessions. The first civilian to be appointed governor was Paul Pearson, who was succeeded by Lawrence Cramer. Cramer was succeeded by Charles Harwood, who is being replaced by Hastie.

A number of invitations to important persons to attend the inaugural ceremonies were sent out by the Interior Department, but it was not known how many would attend.

'American Mother,' Mrs. E. C. Clement, Accepts Honor

New York (NNPA)—Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement, of Louisville, Kentucky, 71-year-old granddaughter of a slave, was installed last Friday as "American Mother of 1946."

Ceremonies at the Waldorf-Astoria attended by leaders of many religious and welfare organizations, ushered in four days of public appearances at which New York will honor the first woman to be selected by the American Mothers Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation in its eleven-year-old gallery of notable mothers.

Mrs. Clement, describing herself as "very humble and very proud," accepted the honors, she said, as an opportunity to "do more for others," especially the starving peoples of Europe and Africa.

"I accept," she said, "in the name of the millions of Negroes in the United States who will be very proud that one of the humblest of their number has been so honored. I do not accept for Negro mothers only."

Victim of Threats In Civil Rights Davenport Case

By W. T. McKEE
Davenport, Ia.—Police Friday were conducting an investigation of a report that Robert Jones, 2026 Jefferson avenue, Negro youth and student of the Davenport high school, who was the complaining witness in a civil rights case Thursday morning, May 9, has been threatened.

Jones reported to the police at 2 a. m. Friday that he had received two threatening telephone calls from different parties and that the callers informed him "they were going to get him."

The youth told police that the first call was received at 9 p. m. Thursday and the second at 2 a. m. Friday.

Jones appeared in Police Magistrate John J. McSwiggan's court on Thursday morning to prosecute Harry Spiros, operator of the Victory cafe, 513 Harrison street, Davenport, for violation of the civil rights statute. The youth charged that Spiros had refused to serve him food. Spiros was found guilty and fined \$10 and costs.

Center Board Asks CPA for Permit to Construct Building

The Negro Community Center Board met May 13, at which time A. A. Alexander, president, announced that an application had been made to the Civilian Production Administration for a permit to go ahead with the construction of the new community center building.

"If granted, this does not mean that we will be able to build immediately, due to shortage of materials for construction," Mr. Alexander informed. Effort is being made by the board to start construction sometime next fall.

For the property on Seventeenth street between Crocker and Olive streets, the site for the location of the new \$100,000 center building, the center board turned over \$2,500 to the Des Moines School Board, as full payment for the land, the president revealed.

Regarding plans for the new building, he added that the Nemmers, Clark and Spooner, architects, are now preparing a wash drawing of the new building. As soon as completed a picture will be released to the public.

J. A. Thomas, national Urban League chairman of industrial relations, conferred here Sunday with Mr. Alexander regarding plans for the new community center building.

BABY IS VILTIM OF RARE AILMENT

An abnormally enlarged thymus gland, comparatively rare, brought death to a 6-month-old Des Moines girl Monday as she lay sleeping in her crib.

The baby, Lavonne Faye Moorehead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moorehead, 1182 Twelfth street was taken by police ambulance to Mercy hospital but was dead on arrival.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the L. Fowler and Son funeral home, with burial at Glendale cemetery.

AWARDED D. S. M.



COL. C. C. JOHNSON

Washington, D. C. (NNPA)—Colonel Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to the director of Selective Service, last Friday was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Major General Lewis B. Hershey. The award said Colonel Johnson was "at national headquarters here."

The citation accompanying the award said Colonel Johnson was "responsible for the solution of problems pertaining to the rights, privileges and obligations of minority racial groups affected by the Selective Service act." Continuing it said: "He furnished pertinent advice and suggestions to the system's field offices and frequently reconciled differences there that arose from misunderstandings and mutual lack of tolerance."

"Through his sound judgment and his broad understanding of the philosophies which often give rise to difficult social problems, Colonel Johnson was greatly responsible for the lack of racial difficulties in the administration of selective service activities."

MAJOR WHITE HERE

Major Harriet White of Chicago, Ill., accompanied by her husband, Mr. Journey White, were guests here this week of Major White's sister and family, Mrs. J. L. McGuire. She is one of the first officers in the Women's Army Corps.

Silence of Abductors of Wealthy Policy Boss in Chicago Puzzles Officials

Chicago, Ill. — Police and relatives marked time Monday as another day passed without word of or from Edward P. Jones, wealthy Negro policy gambling boss, who was kidnaped by four men on the south side late Saturday night.

As detectives tried to solve the abduction, public attention was focused on the 10 million dollar policy enterprise, its power, and its political implications. Virgil S. Peterson, operating director of the Chicago Crime commission, gave out the names of five policemen who he said, supposedly had been transferred because of their energetic efforts to smash the policy ring.

Kidnapers' Silence a Puzzle
Jones, described as a philanthropist among his people, was forced from his automobile in front of 4328 South Park way in view of his wife, Lydia, and his chauffeur. The hoodlums fired at a pursuing police car, injuring one policeman, and got away with their prisoner.

Police said the kidnaping had all the aspects of an abduction for ransom, but were puzzled because in almost 48 hours no communication had been received by family, friends, or associates of the victim.

Jones' wife told police she couldn't identify his abductors and only wanted him back safely. Jones' lawyer, Aaron Payne, Negro, said he had heard nothing, but had communicated with Jones' brother, George, in Mexico City. The brother is returning home, Payne said. Some reports hinted that any ransom negotiations would await George Jones' return.

Policy Gambling Uninterrupted
Meanwhile policy collectors were going about their usual business, picking up nickles, dimes, and larger sums from hundreds of bettors, without any interference from police.

Served Term for Robbery
Friedman, police said, served a term for robbery of the St. Charles National bank in 1936.

Police, baffled by the absence of any attempt by the kidnapers to make a contact with the victim's family or friends, were considering the possibility that gangsters might be seeking to take over the lucrative gambling racket. They pointed out, however, that only one group, headed by a former Capone syndicate lieutenant, has ever been successful in operating the game patronized largely by Negroes.

Jones was known to have been carrying more than \$5,000 taken from his store when he was grabbed from his automobile occupied by his wife and friends, at 4328 Prairie avenue. The Joneses were en route to their home at 4711 Michigan avenue, Mrs. Jones said.

Unfamiliar With Neighborhood
The kidnapers showed their unfamiliarity with the vicinity when they fled south pursued by Joseph Brock, the Jones chauffeur. At 46th (SEE EDITORIAL PAGE)

Father Had Hearse Waiting For Son When State's Chair Failed in La. Electrocutation

New Orleans (NNPA)—A second petition was filed before the Louisiana Supreme Court late last Thursday seeking to prevent the electrocution of Willie Francis, 17, who escaped death on May 3 at Martinville, La., when the State's electric chair failed.

In the latest move Bertrand De Blanc, St. Martinville attorney, contended that if the State should "re-execute" the youth as scheduled, Francis would be placed in double jeopardy.

It was also contended by De Blanc that a second attempt to electrocute Francis under the circumstances would constitute a cruel and unusual punishment and would be prohibited by the Federal and State constitutions.

This petition, along with a similar petition seeking to halt the electrocution, was placed in the hands of the court for action.

Francis, confessed killer of a druggist in St. Martinville, meanwhile, looked forward to at least a few more weeks of life. On May 8 he received a reprieve "not to exceed 30 days" upon the request of Chief Justice Charles A. O'Neil, who said the Court need more time to study the case.

Before the reprieve was allowed, Francis was scheduled for a second trip to the chair on May 9.

Acting Governor Emile Verret postponed for thirty days the second attempt to electrocute Francis. Owing to faulty electrodes, Francis was only "tickled" in the first attempt.

Verret telephoned Sheriff Leonard Resweber at St. Martinville from Baton Rouge not to bother "trying again" on May 9. Verret had just received a call from Chief Justice O'Neil here asking for the postponement.

Police Monday were seeking an convict for questioning in connection with the kidnaping.

Search was begun for Leo Friedman, 31, of 3809 W. 14th street, who on March 5 was arrested with Jones at Harrison street and Racine avenue, several miles from what police concede to be the kidnap victim's bailiwick. Police speculated at the time on the possibility of the two being engaged in black market operations when Jones explained he was seeking to buy several "hard-to-get" items for his 47th street variety store. When no evidence could be found both were released.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DEAN AND STUDENTS



Selma, Ala. — Dr. C. Lopez McAllister, dean of the School of Religion of Selma University, here is shown with a group of students of

his department. He was formerly pastor of the Maple Street Baptist church in Des Moines, Ia.

The Rev. Mr. McAllister, who head-

ed the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, was past chairman of the Des Moines Interracial Commission, left the city last November to begin duties at Selma University.

ment. O'Neil acted a few minutes after he had received a telephone call from De Blanc.

O'Neil told De Blanc to file an application for a restraining order. The high bench last Thursday considered it. De Blanc, 34, discharged war veteran, took Willie's case on May 8.

Delay Execution
A spokesman for the court here said: "In view of many legal angles, we asked the Governor to delay the execution to give us time to study the case."

De Blanc set Louisiana's legal machinery into speedy motion. Though a lifelong friend of the man Willie murdered, De Blanc volunteered for the defense. After talking to O'Neil he telephoned the Governor.

"This boy, Willie, walked up to the jail on the day of the execution, sat down in the chair and never faltered," De Blanc told the Governor. "But the State fell down on its job."

"It made him suffer the torture of facing death without completing it. How many times does a man have to go to the chair to atone for his crime?"

One of Willie's seven sisters authorized the NAACP to represent her brother. Willie's father engaged De Blanc.

Willie's father revealed that he had borrowed money and bought a tombstone for his son's grave and had had a hearse waiting at the side door of the St. Martinville jail.

TICKETS FOR LOUIS- CONN FIGHT ON SALE

New York, N. Y. (Calvin's News Service)—Tickets for Joe Louis, Billy Conn, heavyweight championship bout went on sale here in New York May 8. They range from \$10-\$100.

GIRL SCOUTS PLANNING FOR CAMP



Mamaroneck, N. Y. — Girl Scouts celebrating the thirty-fourth anniversary of girl scouting in the United States, with girls of all races, creeds, and colors, participated in the activities built around the theme: "Citizenship in Action Around the World." Thousands of Negro girls throughout the United States took part in the celebration and now are planning for summer camping. Negro girls have joined Girl Scouting in large numbers during the past few years, more than a 300 percent increase has been noted in their numbers from 1940 to 1945. Many young people are on the waiting list to join the scouts, simply because there are not enough trained adults to aid in setting up and conducting scout troops.

Des Moines Girl Scouts will begin the camping season at Camp Moin-gona at Grimes, Ia., from June 23 to August 11.

YOUTH COUNCIL DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO JUNE 15

By VICTORIA KITCHEN
The membership drive of the Youth Council of the NAACP which opened on April 29 will continue until June 15. Captains of the drive are: Arthur Bryant, chairman, and Mattie Burke, co-chairman. The members of the Council are to get memberships under the leadership of these officers. The regional conference of Youth Councils will be held in Centerville, Ia., in June.
Friday, May 17, 8 p. m., at the Branch Y.W.C.A., the Council will meet at which time Mrs. Alice McCraney will give a report on the NAACP conference which she attended.
Bits and Spurs Memorial Day Party, Billiken.

In Chicago in April. Rose Lovelady and Victoria Kitchen will report on the tea and dance. The meeting will be open to new members.

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By L. P. BIRD
Commander LeRoy Bird was assisted by Vice Sixth District Commander Burns, Comrades Frank Parker, J. Allen and R. Kelso at the mass initiation on May 12 of our 150 World War II members. Only three took part in the ceremony. World War II comrades were R. A. Jackson, Clarence Butts and Lloyd Burke. Park services "I Am an American Day," and Auxiliary Memorial services are coming events. The Lincoln Post dance is on Monday night, May 27, with Army Liddell's Band, Riviere.—Adv.

27, at Riverview park. For the Memorial Day, May 30, activities, all comrades are to be at the State House at 10 a. m. Names of comrades who will help decorate graves should be given to the commander. The Trustee board will continue to operate the club house.

LINCOLN UNIT OF AMERICAN LEGION

Lincoln Unit of the American Legion meets May 21, 8 p. m. at the clubrooms, 750 Eleventh street. All members have been asked to attend to work on the closing of the year from July 1945-46. The nominating committee will bring in its report, presenting new officers for the new year. Mrs. Jewel Robinson, president, will preside. Reports from the Sixth District conference will be given.

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MISSIONARY PROGRAM MAY 19 AT UNION

The Missionary Society of the Union Baptist church is sponsoring a rally and program May 19, 3 p. m. All churches, missionary societies and individuals are asked to attend. Mrs. Hallie Tutt is president.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior League met at the home of Charles Smith, 1551 E. University on May 13. The next meeting will be at the home of Dolores Fields, 1531 Buchanan street.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day, May 30, comes on our regular press day, Thursday. Because of the holiday, all news articles, club activities, church events and the regular weekly columns by organizations in the city MUST BE IN THE OFFICE of the Iowa Bystander not later than Tuesday, May 28.

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Just last week one prospective jobseeker almost lost a job when she failed to show up at the appointed time or even hours later. She might have phoned the employer and notified him of her detention. Now he doubts her ability to KEEP TIME.



MRS. GWENDOLYN FOWLER

Holding the position of clerk in the publications division of the State Department of Health at the Capital building is Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler of 1014 Seventeenth street, who was appointed in March to the department which is headed by Dr. Walter L. Biering. She received her appointment at the direction of Governor Blue.

In the publications division, Mrs. Fowler's duties include the mailing of all publications that have to do with health to institutions, doctors, dentists, and individuals who are in search of health information. Some health matter has been mailed by her recently as far as Czecho-Slovakia, whose health department, being reorganized, considered Iowa as the "top state" for information. Mrs. Fowler does some typing, too, in her work.

Prominent in Republican circles here for several years, Mrs. Fowler

has lived in Des Moines since her early childhood, the daughter of Mrs. Clin Cooper. A native of Little Rock, Ark., she went to the public schools here, graduated from West High, went to Holly Springs, Miss., where she attended Rust college and then returned to Des Moines. She attended the University of Iowa and then studied pharmacy and graduated from the Des Moines College of Pharmacy.

After her graduation, Mrs. Fowler found work with Mrs. N. E. Coffin with whom she travelled for eleven months throughout Japan, China and other points in the Southwest Pacific.

For a year from 1930 to 1931, Mrs. Fowler taught at the Rosenwald Junior high school in Holly Springs, Miss. A member of the St. Paul A.M.E. church, Mrs. Fowler has been an active worker for several years in civic and community drives. Recently she received a certificate from the American Red Cross for "meritorious personal service performed in behalf of the nation, her armed forces, and suffering humanity in the Second World War." She was one of the captains in the recent drive.

Mrs. Fowler enjoys working for civic benefit, she revealed, adding that she is a member of the Dilettante club, which each year sponsors a Negro art exhibit.

CHARITY CLUB SURPRISES MRS. MARGARET BRADLEY

The Charity club made a surprise call on Mrs. Margaret Bradley at her home at 751 Eleventh street in honor of her birthday on May 4. Mrs. Bradley has been shut in for several years. She received gifts and cards and a picnic lunch was served.

The Charity club is a unit of Rose Temple No. 33, Daughter Elks, whose purpose is to send cards of cheer to the sick, sympathy to the bereaved and give a helping hand. Mrs. Bessie Browne, president revealed. Mrs. Ella Gibbons is secretary.

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RETURNED VETERAN STARS IN SHOW, KAMPUS KAPERS, AT IOWA UNIVERSITY

By Allene Gleason
Iowa City — During auditions for Kampus Kapers of 1944, a newcomer appeared at the tryouts for this all-university variety show sponsored by the Newman Club of the Catholic Student Center here. The newcomer, who immediately became a star of the show, was Howard Harrison, of 6100 S. Champlain, Chicago, a singer who was at that time a member of the Army Specialized Training Program on campus. His singing of "Russia Is Her Name," with a chorus from the Alpha Xi Delta social sorority during the opening night performance was greeted with stunned silence and then thunderous applause by his audience.



HOWARD HARRISON

Shortly after Howard's outstanding performance, the A.S.T.P. left campus, and he saw duty with a medical detachment which served in England, the Philippines, and Japan.

Although Kampus Kapers is an annual event, war conditions prevented it being held last year. But peace brought many students back to the University of Iowa campus, and last Wednesday and Thursday, Howard starred for the second time in the Newman Club production. This time he appeared, again with the Alpha Xi Delta chorus, to sing the show's finale "Ole Man River."

No Formal Training

Howard, who is completing his liberal arts requirements here before studying dentistry, has never had a voice lesson in his life and never started singing until he entered college. He once sang Pooh Bah in the "Mikado" when he was a student at Herzog Junior College in Chicago. He usually prefers classical or semi-classical music.

In addition to singing just for the fun of it and at the request of his friends, Howard has appeared before numerous campus groups, including the faculty Triangle Club, church groups, and many other organizations. He sang frequently while in the service and says that one of the greatest thrills he has ever had as a singer came when he gave a per-

formance for wounded men at a hospital in England. "They seemed to enjoy it," he explained modestly.

International Slant
His service overseas injected an international slant into Howard's singing experiences, and he remembers teaching two Japanese girls in Tokyo who did not speak English the words to "Whistle While You Work."

One reason for Howard's tremendous success as a singer is his popularity with both his co-performers and his audiences. Friendly, yet possessing innate self-respect and poise, he has won many friends as a result of his appearance before campus groups. This was strikingly illustrated at a cast party held Thursday. The gala affair ended on a sober note when Howard was asked to lead the fifty or so cast members and their friends in singing our national anthem. As Howard, the only Negro who has happened to appear in Kampus Kapers so far, lead the group in the "Star Spangled Banner," one felt that the occasion represented more than a slightly unusual way to end such a party. That truly grand finale was an expression of genuine liking for Howard Harrison, the newcomer who took Kampus Kapers by storm in 1944 and repeated his performance in 1946.

Bilbo Appeals For Renomination

Hattiesburg, Miss. (NNPA) — Senator Theodore G. (The Man) Bilbo, Democrat, of Mississippi, appealed last Wednesday to Mississippi peckerwoods to renominate him for the United States Senate in order that he may continue as chairman of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia and impose his doctrine of race supremacy on residents of the nation's capital.

As long as he is chairman of the Senate District Committee, Bilbo told his audience, the people of Washington would never be permitted to vote. That would mean giving control of the capital to colored people, he said, only be used no such polite language. Campaigning for renomination in the Democratic primary July 2, he referred to himself as "ex-officio Mayor of Washington," and told a rally:

"There's a great fight being made at this time to give the people of Washington the right to vote, which would mean the nation's capital would be turned over to the Negro race to control and operate.

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Sunday, May 19, Church Services 11 a. m.; Monday, May 20, Leader's meeting 8 p. m.; Tuesday, May 21, Valley Golf Club, 8 p. m.; Daughters of Household Ruth 2 p. m.; Wednesday, May 22, Boy's club meeting, Ambassadors, "Blackhawks"; Thursday, May 23, Dinner, Mrs. Rosa Wilson and Mrs. Taylor; Panther's club meeting; Friday, May 24, Teen Age Dance; Saturday, May 25, Movies, Gwen Smith's birthday party.

There has been a lot of interest manifested in the track meet June 1. This date was selected because of the possible conflict with other meets scheduled around the state. A record entry is expected.

We had a part in the Area Conference of Y.M.C.A. Workers at the Central Y last Thursday and Friday. A. P. Trotter, Mr. S. Joe Brown, and F. W. Ogleton, attended the dinner Thursday night. Rev. W. F. Ogleton of Bethel church gave the invocation. While the meeting was in progress, Mr. Ashby had several interesting chats with workers from various cities in regard to their working with Negroes. Some day we shall take a column and describe how things are done around the rest of the middle west.

The North high Y met at the building last Monday night. We hope they enjoyed their meeting and that they will come again. Lucius Ashby was the speaker, and was well received.

There is a strong possibility that Chet Brewer, pitcher for the Chicago American Giants, and formerly with the Kansas City Monarchs, will be able to attend our baseball school next month. Chet is a former local boy who made good in big time Negro baseball, and we would all be glad to see him return to help get some younger fellows on the path he trod.

Look for Lonnie Howard's Camera Club. Persons interested may get in touch with Mr. Ashby or Mr. Hawkins at the Y, or see Lonnie Howard. It is getting time to get out and scout around for snapshots. We have a well equipped dark room for use, and it requires only a little cleaning up to be ready.

Stack of the VFW gave the ritual and obligation to two members of each of the four posts of the city. The Rollen Post met May 16 at the Crocker Y, where the Poppy Sale for May 25 was discussed. The Post plans to sell 5,000 poppies. Women who desire to sell poppies may contact the chairman James J. Nichols, 1159 Fourteenth street, phone 3-1849; or Archie Davis, assistant, 1229 Laurel street.

MAIL NEWS ITEMS EARLY

Bring your news articles, columns and items for the issue of May 30, into the office of the Bystander beginning Friday, May 24—deadline for the Memorial Day issue of May 30, is Tuesday noon, May 28.

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THEY GET IT TO THE PRESS—Misses Ella G. Jones, left, 1716 Ninth St., N. W., and Lynora Brown, 1125 Tenth St., N. W., both of Washington, D. C., are busy proof-reading a stencil of a page making up one of the releases covering the activities of Negro soldiers distributed to publications throughout the Nation by the Press Branch, War Department Bureau of Public Relations. Assigned to the Negro Interest Section, they also mail out the hundreds of photographs supplied newspapers and magazines weekly. Miss Jones is a native of Radford, Virginia; Miss Brown hails from West Palm Beach, Florida. (U. S. Army photo from Bureau of Public Relations.)

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NINTH STREET CHRISTIAN SERVICES SUNDAY AT YMCA

During the period of remodeling and reconstruction of the Ninth Street Christian church, services will be held elsewhere, the Rev. J. J. Hawkins, pastor, announced this week. Sunday, May 19, services will be

held at the Crocker Y.M.C.A. with Bible school, 9:45 a. m.; worship, 11 a. m. and C.Y.F. at 7:30 p. m.

Bits and Spurs Memorial Day Party, Billiken.

American Legion's Spring Frolic May 27, at Riverview Park—Adv.

Good Lighting Adds to Comfortable Living



GOOD home lighting not only adds to cheerful and comfortable living but also provides a cheap form of accident prevention, writes Myrtle Fahsbender, director of home lighting for Westinghouse in Capper's Farmer, a magazine of national circulation. "To say 'home is what the abc's of good lighting help to make it' is to take considerable liberty with a very tender expression," she points out in the magazine read by 1,250,000 farm families. "But it's paraphrased with real sincerity. For unless a home is cheerful and comfortable by night, as well as during daylight, it has sacrificed some of the livability good lighting can give. Good light can bring an almost supernatural quality of illumination to after-dark eye tasks. It can make or mar the beauty of a home."

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SOCIETY



FAMILY REUNION HELD ON MOTHER'S DAY AT BEN GRAYSON HOME IN ALBIA

A family reunion was held on Mother's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grayson, old settlers of Albia, Ia., children, grand and great grandchildren, and relatives of Mrs. Elizabeth Grayson of 1157 11th street attended.

Among the children were: Mrs. Hattie Benning and Mrs. Nellie Esters of Des Moines, Mr. Roy Grayson of Albia and Mr. Will Grayson of Seattle, Wash.

Grandchildren were: Mesdames Lucille B. Pemberton of Des Moines, Marguerite Othorn of Rockford, Ill., and Marcella Stuart of Albia; Mr. Harold Benning of Seattle, Messrs. Ben and David Grayson of Albia, Mr. Robert Joe Grayson of Ames.

Great grandchildren attending included: John A. Othorn, Patrick, Michael, Nathaline Shirley and Gwendolyn Stuart, Benegene Grayson, John Grayson and Bill Grayson.

Other relatives were: Mrs. Bessie Grayson, daughter-in-law; Messrs. Walter Benning and Arthur Esters, sons-in-law; Mr. Warren Pemberton, grand son-in-law; Mrs. Lavina Grayson, granddaughter-in-law; and other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Davis, Miss May Davis, Mr. Nathaniel Stuart, Mr. George Davis.

CLUB WOMEN HONOR MOTHERS AT TEA



Members of the Art Needlecraft club honored their mothers at the fourteenth annual Mother's Day tea held last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alma Berry, 1513 Buchanan street. The following mothers, in the picture, were presented gifts from their daughters: (left to right) seated, Mrs. Lucius Frazier, Mrs. Vesta Williamson, Mrs. Henrietta Condree; (standing) Mesdames W. D. Smith, Richard Bogie, Mace Williams, Geneva Moore and Essie Duncan. A program and an exhibit of souvenirs from servicemen overseas featured the annual event. Members of the club are Mrs. Leona Ward, president; and Mesdames Gertrude Harris, Mildred Johnson, Mildred Duke, Dorothy Hamilton, Alpha Berry, Margaret Duncan, Ruth White and Emma Williamson. (Bill Ashby Photo.)

EAST SIDE GOP WOMEN SPONSOR TEA MONDAY

The East Side Republican Women will sponsor a tea on Monday night, May 20, at 8 o'clock at the East Side Negro Community Center. All candidates have been invited. Mrs. Veltra Thompson is president.

L. LUTHER H. SMITH, JR. HERE FOR WEEK END

One of the Mother's Day visitors here was Lt. Luther H. Smith, Jr., patient at the Percy Jones General hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. He visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Luther H. Smith, and his wife, Mrs. Susie Smith.

MINNESOTANS HERE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mrs. Ralph Wilson and Mrs. W. F. McAdams of Minneapolis, Minn., daughters of Mrs. Watsie Thompkins, motored here for Mother's Day. They were accompanied by Mrs. James Simmons and Mrs. Samuel Harris and were also the guests of their sister, Mrs. William Ashby, 1112 Tenth street.

The visitors and their hosts attended a Sunday afternoon tea for mothers at the home of Mrs. Leona Scott.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By MARIE ROSS

Seen downtown the other day was a very attractive young woman of color—all dressed in her Red Cross uniform—a sight which would almost make the blind see—in this our state of Iowa.

But, the sight of this young Negro woman in her Red Cross uniform caused such excitement in the mind of one Marri Johnson that she immediately phoned the office with this query: "Who was that colored woman I just saw downtown in a Red Cross uniform?"

"Well, one thing sure, you know she does not belong to the Red Cross here," went the conversation on the other end.

"I know that," replied Marri and she worried with this thought, "but, I know her—I've seen her before."

Then came this clue. "Maybe she is Maxine Anderson who returned recently from Red Cross duty in India. I hear she's here."

Running down that clue, Marri and the columnist went to West Des Moines to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffin, 116 Ninth street, where they found the Red Cross worker, Miss Anderson, deep in the business of letter-writing to some of the English brides who returned to the states with her last month when she came back from India.

Maxine Anderson, a home town girl, reared in West Des Moines, graduate of Roosevelt high school, is resting up from her 11 months in India as a Red Cross club assistant. How she got into Red Cross work, outside of the state of Iowa, will be told in a story appearing in the next issue of the Bystander. Now Marri Johnson is at ease—until she sees another person she will not know. Then the phone will ring.

THE WARFIELDS HONOR MRS. ESSIE MAE STEWART

Mr. and Mrs. William Warfield, 127 Ridge street, entertained on Monday evening at their home in honor of Mrs. Warfield's sister, Mrs. Essie Mae Stewart of Ft. Smith, Ark., who left the city Tuesday after spending several days here.

Sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames Jessie Clark Jones, J. P. Jones, E. P. Jackson, Albert Rhodes Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin White. The evening was spent in playing games.

THE JACK C. HOWARDS OF CALIFORNIA HERE FOR MONTH'S VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Howard and their year-old daughter, Gloria, accompanied by Mrs. John F. Brown, all of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived here last week to spend a month's vacation with Mr. Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Howard of 1015 Fifteenth street. Mrs. Brown is the mother of Mrs. Jack Howard.

Mr. Howard who was discharged from the military services in January is employed at the Cudahy Packing company in Los Angeles.

While here Mr. Howard will defend his title in the Memorial Day Gold Tournament. He won the championship in the last year's tournament.

The Howards motored from the Coast in 46 hours, covering 1,800 miles, according to Mrs. Howard.

She liked the "smooth as velvet" condition of the highways in Nebraska and Iowa, the clean appearances of farmhands in those two states, the "compactness" of this city and even the present cool weather that hovers about Des Moines.

The Howard daughter, Gloria, was christened on Mother's Day Sunday by the Rev. G. W. Robinson at the Corinthian Baptist church.

LUNCHEON GUEST

Mr. George A. Gater of Los Angeles, Calif., was luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Greene on May 10.

MRS. FIELDS HERE

Mrs. Ida Fields of Omaha, Neb., who has been visiting her brother, Arthur and Paul Smith of 925 School, was accompanied home by her brother, Arthur Smith.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Mrs. Helen Crowley, 1317 Crocker, was hostess at a four-course Mother's Day dinner. Sharing the courtesy were Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, Mr. William Scott and Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson.

THE HUBBARDS OF IOWA CITY WEEK END VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hubbard of Iowa City visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffin of West Des Moines over the Mother's Day week end.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB

The Progressive club will give a dance at the Roadside Settlement May 24, beginning at 8 p. m. Mrs. Bertha Tolson is president.



MRS. BARBARA WILLIAMS, pianist, will be presented at the Gaines Studio, 1173 Tenth street, on Friday evening, May 17.

LES JUENES FEMMES

The last meeting of the Les Jueunes Femmes on May 13, was at the home of Mrs. Mabel Hill. Winner of the groceries was Miss Frances Wade, 1615 Maple street. The club was guest at a potluck and pokena party on May 8 given by the Vaguettes club, at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Holt.

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POSTPONE BENEFIT PARTY FOR MAY 19

The Athletic committee of Negro Community Center which scheduled a benefit party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander for May 19 has postponed it until a later date.

HONOR REV. AND MRS. RECORD AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scott, 1611 E. Eighteenth street, honored the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Record at dinner last Friday evening.

ELEGANT EIGHT CLUB

The Elegant Eight club met at the residence of Mrs. Felice Stevenson, hostess. Bridge prize winners were: Mrs. Anna Mae Lawson, first; Mrs. Victoria Parker, second; Mrs. Marylyn Freeman, third. Mrs. Delores Bailey is next hostess.

MARY B. TALBERT CLUB

The Mary B. Talbert club will meet Tuesday night, May 22, at the home of Mrs. Fannie Danforth, 1219 Laurel street. Candidates have been invited to speak.

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The Young Adult Committee met May 10. Mrs. Marshall-Smith is chairman. The Publicity Committee Mrs. Thos. Jeffers, chairman, met May 13. The Education committee will meet May 23 at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Sam Miller is chairman. The Camp committee, Mrs. A. P. Trotter, chairman, met Thursday morning May 15, at 11:30 a. m. The camp folders are now available and give all of the necessary information concerning the Y. W. C. A. summer camp.

Clubs

The Booklovers club met on May 17. Mrs. Gertrude North reviewed, "Leave Her to Heaven" by Ben A. Williams and Mrs. T. E. Scales reviewed "Lost Week End" by Charles Jackson. Mrs. G. H. Mason is president of the club.

The Young Matrons are having two meetings: one on Wednesday nights at 8 p. m. A second meeting is planned for Friday afternoons at 1:30 p. m. for those who cannot attend the night meeting.

The Thoroughbred club meets Thursdays at 8 p. m. If you are a young woman in industry and want to have contacts with other girls, why not join a Y. W. C. A. club. Announcement has been made of the West Central Business and Industrial Summer Conference to be held at Camp Derricotte, Troy, Missouri, July 13-20. This camp is located just 65 miles from St. Louis, and would make an ideal vacation.

The Public Affairs study club, which meets on the 4th Thursday at 2 p. m. discusses topics of importance to you and your friends. Plan to attend the next meeting Thursday, May 23. Mrs. George Brewer is president.

A new club of home women has been organized. The club meets Thursdays at 1 p. m. and is called "The Hands of Love."

Listening Hour: The Listening Hour Sunday, May 19 will observe music month with a special program of recordings as well as vocal and instrumental selections. Drop in at 5 p. m. for an hour of good listening.

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Ans.: Be sensible and remain right where you are with a man who loves you and is perfectly willing to give your child a home and a father's love as well. It's difficult to understand how you could love this boy so devotedly when he has done nothing for you or the child. You're harboring romantic illusions around this boy when actually there is no foundation for them. Get him out of your mind and you will immediately begin to appreciate the good man that you have and wake up to the fact that it is he that you really love.

W. T.—I find your column very interesting. I am deeply in love with a girl and believe she loves me, that's well and good but here is the trouble. Her mother doesn't seem to approve of me. I've never done anything for her to dislike me as I know of but it seems that she doesn't ap-

prove of me taking the girl out as she will fuss with her and talk of giving her a spanking. Her mother has never told me not to come around so tell me what to do to win her approval.

Ans.: You can win the favor of this girl's mother by being exceptionally thoughtful of her as well as her daughter. When you take the girl out evenings, bring her home promptly at the time the mother suggested. Make it a point to have an occasional "stay-at-home" date so that she can become better acquainted with you. The mother's present attitude may seem a little strange to you but you can rest assured that it is for her daughter's benefit and you can appreciate it if you will look at it from this angle.

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PENN COLLEGE DESERVES SUPPORT

Recently attention has been focused upon Penn College, a school in Oskaloosa. Some of that attention has been unfavorable. And while the reasons assigned by its critics mention other objections to the administration fundamentally it is based on the liberal attitude the school practices on the race question.

Headed by a Quaker, Dr. Cecil Hinchshaw, he has instituted an all out democratic program at the school. Its student body includes several races and nationalities; they are white, black and brown; to date both students and faculty have gone along very well with the program.

CONGRESS FAILING THE PEOPLE

We in this country have gone on the theory that very little work is ever done by Congress on election years. However, this year found many important items left over or growing out of the war which have been tossed about until the last minute and therefore that body finds itself faced with passing some types of stop-gap legislation in order to keep the wheels of state rolling.

The selective service act, labor legislation, price control and other meas-

ures have been talked about week after week. The two houses don't seem to agree what should be done and the president appears to have absolutely no program for getting out of bogged down; the people are disgusted and nobody seems to do much about it.

Generally speaking, most legislation desired by an administration is passed during the first session of Congress but in this instance very little has and will be accomplished.

UNFAIR TO CHAIRMAN REECE

When Representative Howard Reece was elected chairman of the Republican National Committee many people condemned the action of that body and said that not only were these reactionary steps but also a course which would drive Negroes out of or keep them away from the Republican party. That criticism was made because Mr. Reece comes from Tennessee reasoning, in advance, that as a southerner he would not rise above the prevailing attitude toward Negroes in the south.

Smarting under the criticism, Mr. Reece issued a statement last week which appeared in the Negro press pretty generally. "Frankly," Mr. Reece said, "I feel that colored people, who claim that they are not being given a chance because of their color, are guilty in my case of the very thing they are fighting, that is of judging me as hostile and against them because I am from the south."

Their claim is that we, from the south, automatically turn "thumbs down" on them because of their color without considering their ability. "It stands to reason that there are many fine white people from the south who are tolerant towards our

colored friends or their lot would be much worse than it is. I think the best gauge of a man's attitude is, first his record and, second, what his constituents think of him."

Mr. Reece is exactly right. Of all the people to form an opinion on the basis of race, color, location of birth or other sweeping inclusions, the Negro should be last to so indulge. This system of reasoning by some white people makes them deal with all Negroes on the same basis whether they be the intelligent or unintelligent. It is a curse and a hindrance to the up end coming.

The Bystander has never taken the position that all southern white people are wrong on the race question; conversely, that all northern white people are right on the race question. Rather, we have gone on the theory that the attitudes, thinking and action of man should be judged by his personal record.

Maybe, practical politics don't operate this way. But the critics of Mr. Reece are doing just what the practice of the American people is today, rather than what is fair and just.

Maybe Mr. Reece will prove to be another Senator Black, now Mr. Justice Black.

HIT THE KLAN NOW

People just don't seem to learn by experience of others. Following World War I, the Ku Klux Klan raised its hoary head and it was not long before this nefarious organization had swept the country. Its program was so all-inclusive that arguments to prospective members could be made to fit the prejudices of anyone the solicitors met.

Last week, at the same spot this nemesis of the principles of democracy marched again. The sponsors have never quit and see now, with the unrest sweeping the country, a chance to make a grand comeback.

One reason this gang made such progress before was the refusal of right thinking people to realize that the organization was a dangerous movement in America. Many took their membership as a mere lark; many for business and for political advancement; many were sorry after

they found themselves associated with a movement which in the long run operated just the other way.

Right thinking people must not get caught sleeping at the switch this time. They must pitch in now and with every ounce of energy at their command fight all efforts to let the Klan get a foothold in their community. If we cannot block fascism in America as evidenced by the program of this organization then we may as well forget the things for which the great war was fought, quit talking about democracy and let the atom bomb destroy us along with the rest of the world.

HUNT GAMBLING LINK IN KIDNAP OF POLICY BOSS

See FRONT Page street they turned up a blind alley between Calumet and Prairie avenues.

Shortly after emerging from the alley they were almost overtaken by a Squad car containing Policemen Michael Derrane and William Barber. When the squad drew close the abductors opened fire and Derrane was cut on the face and rarely blinded by flying glass.

Jones in 1942 settled a delinquent income tax claim of \$481,710 with the government and served a term of 28 months in jail. Engaged in the racket with him were his brothers, George and McKlassick. The latter was killed in an automobile accident in 1944.

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SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

The boys-from-North high made a bit of history last week when they stopped East high in the district track meet, the first time this had happened in just about ten years. A large share of the credit goes to George Nicholas, who got his early running experience scampering across neighbors' lawns with the angry owner in hot pursuit. This early training stood the kid in good stead, but he must have learned to broad jump by the same method, skipping across gutters trying to escape those same lawn owners. He uncorked a good broad jump to win top honors in that event, and then showed the boys his heels in the two twenty. Aside from anchoring a couple of relay teams, the guy didn't do much to help. Bob Peters of East continued to top the field of the high hurdles, and dusted Ted Morton in this event. However, the lanky Northsider came back and grabbed off honors in the 100 for a split in those events. Johnny Estes got a tie in the football throw, while Bill Bell, who crowded Estes at Oskaloosa, had to be content with fifth.

Dick Atkins of East remained undefeated in his specialty, the hundred, and grabbed a second in the broad jump. Looks as if the two coaches have finally decided that they had better keep Nicholas and Atkins apart, since George seems unable to take the measure of Dick in the short dash, and the latter finished second in both of the two twenty races. By the way, Young Atkins was plenty sore because we said some things about him last week. But, Dick, the people who mean you the most good won't always have good things to say about you. Perpetual backslappers are nearly always fair weather friends, and as you grow older, you will learn that.

Julian Burke came up with a third in the two twenty, and ran on a relay team to help clinch the meet, and Long and Spriggs-of-East managed to jump into a tie for first in the high jump, with Duck Spangler getting a draw for fourth. Dick Massey did his little bit in things by doing a nice job of relaying in the short relays. There might have been some more in things, but these were the lads who stood out to us, and we expect to try to be on hand when the state meet is run off. This will be the

Democratic), of the fence." The Democrats, he added, help in assigning policy territory.

Oscar De Priest, Republican alderman (3d) said, "I don't have to go along with policy people or anybody else." Congressman William L. Dawson, a Democrat, said he didn't know any policy operators, didn't need any and never asked their help. Edward M. Sneed, Negro Democratic county commissioner, is out of the city.

Bits and Spurs Memorial Day Party, Billiken.

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INTRARACIAL COMMISSION HEARS RABBI WEITZ

Rabbi Martin M. Weitz, a former Chaplain in World War II and newly appointed Rabbi of Jewish Temple on West 42nd and Grand avenue, was the guest speaker before the Des Moines Interracial Commission, Tuesday evening, making an impassioned appeal for justice to all minority groups as an aid to the winning of the peace.

As this was the last regular meeting of the Commission for the year, announcement was made that there will be a special out door social session on June 11 at the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Campbell at 1212 West 64th street.

An invitation was received from the Adult Education Council for the Commission to send fifteen representatives to a meeting of that body to be held on May 22, and a number of the members expressed their intention of being present at that meeting.

The Commission also authorized the secretary to send a letter of commendation to the Des Moines Register for the prominence given in that publication to the fact that Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement, a Negro had been chosen by the Golden Rule Foundation in New York City, to be the "American Mother" of 1946.

Among the visitors presented was Miss Jeanne Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Morris, and Girl Reserve Secretary in Denver, Colo. Rev. W. F. Ogleton, the vice chairman, presided at this meeting.

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LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

You Keep Writing

By MARIE ROSS

"We Could Not Climb Over Peaks of Owen Stanleys; Too Dangerous"

"I don't intend to leave the impression that these comparatively modern towns were built or maintained by the natives," continued Captain Quentin R. Mease in his "Thirty Months Experiences in the South Pacific."

"Far from that, as they reflect the influence and ambitions of the Australians and European nationals. But while the natives live in their own villages with the local chieftain the sole arbiter and decision-maker, they do carry on a normal intercourse of trade relationships with their white brethren and can quote a price of 'five bob' (five pounds), as readily as any Aussie.

Natives Getting Wise "And of course, with the advent of the GI, the native has become increasingly cognizant of the value of currency as legal tender and the Australian and British will have more difficulty in the future in dealing with this new found awareness of the value of things.

"It is worth mentioning in passing, that the forthright Australians are taking a realistic attitude of these demands by the natives and the labor government of Australia has announced a broad program of reform that includes improved educational opportunities for the youth, increased wages for labor, (pre-war wages averaged about 15 shillings—approximately three dollars—per month), better housing and sanita-

tion conditions, and health and medical service that was practically unthought of heretofore except that provided by the missionaries.

Australians Feel Obligated "The Australians feel obligated to do this and more in recognition of the heroic work performed by the natives during the battle for Guinea. Many an Australian soldier owes his life today to these skillful jungle fighters, and without them the Japs would undoubtedly have succeeded in driving into Australia before America could have gotten effective troops overseas and the course of the war might have taken a different turn—and there might not have been a V-J Day. Something to think about, isn't it?"

"But now to hit the trail again. Six months in Guinea, then back to New Zealand and Australia for five months. Never will forget the trip down to Moresby—a foggy morning, low hanging clouds, and although the plane climbed to over 12,000 feet, the ceiling for a C54, we could not climb over the peaks of the Owen Stanleys and it was too dangerous to attempt flying through the passes. So after three tries at it, it was finally decided to fly out to the coast and follow the waterline into Moresby. This turned the trick and finally the familiar terrain surrounding Jackson Airfield dove into sight.

"After an overnight stop in Moresby, another heart-stopping incident occurred. Forty-five minutes flying

time out of Moresby enroute to Townsville, one of the engines of our C-47 conked out altogether and the other sputtered badly. We were far out over the Coral Sea and with nothing but a wide expanse of water in view. Turning around and winging it back to Moresby produced some of the most suspenseful moments of anxiety that we have experienced."

"The peoples and features of these progressive countries," will be continued in the next issue.

QUEENS' CONTEST CONTINUED TO JUNE 18

The state queen's contest of the Order of the Eastern Star lodge has been continued to June 18, announced Mrs. Sarah Jett, grand matron.

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