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Pictures of graduates of Des Moines high schools and colleges will be published in the June 23rd edition of the Bystander.

**DOROTHY MAYNOR
FIRST OF CELEBRITIES
ON NBC SUMMER CONCERT**

New York (NNPA). — Soprano Dorothy Maynor was the first of a list of celebrities heard on the National Broadcasting company's Symphony Summer Concerts Sunday, June 12.

Miss Maynor appeared in the opening concert sponsored by United States Steel, with Fritz Reiner conducting.

Miss Maynor sang Hageman's "Me Company Along," the spiritual "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child" and the aria "Depuis Le Jour" from Charpentier's "Louise."

**BRANCH RICKEY PAYS
\$300,000 FOR NEW DODGER**

Brooklyn (NNPA). — Don Newcombe, the big right-hander the Brooklyn Dodgers brought up recently from their International League farm club, the Montreal Royals, Monday night, June 6, justified the \$300,000 price tag Branch Rickey, the Dodgers' prexy, had hung onto him during the spring training season.

Yielding only four hits, Newcombe pitched the Dodgers to a 5-to-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates before 30,453 delighted fans at Ebbets field. Only one of the Pirates' hits was for extra bases. It was a double by Wally Westlake in the fourth.

In chalking up his victory, Newcombe eleven batters over the nine inning route, gave up two bases on balls and made a wild pitch. He faltered a bit in the late going and gave up one tally when his wild pitch permitted Ed Stevens, Pirate first baseman, to score.

**INTER-RACIAL COMMISSION
HEARS CHAPLAIN MARKEN**

The Des Moines Inter-racial Commission held its last meeting of the spring in the form of a garden party at the J. E. Campbell residence, 1214 W. 64th st., Tuesday evening. Guest speaker was Chaplain De Loss Marken, a veteran of both World Wars, who gave a lecture on his experiences in the last war as chaplain

**Woman Puzzled;
Santa Claus Sends
Her \$100 in May**

New York (NNPA). — A 35-year-old charwoman, who received a \$100 check from Santa Claus on May 4, was featured on the Gulf Gasoline's "We the People" program over the Columbia Broadcasting System here last Tuesday.

Mrs. Sophie Shanks, of Cincinnati, was the woman who received her Christmas in May. A charwoman at the Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, when Mrs. Shanks called for her pay envelope last May 4, she received two instead of one.

Puzzled, she opened the second envelope and found there a \$100 check from "Santa Claus". Still puzzled, Mrs. Shanks turned the check over to the hotel management and asked what it meant. The management was as much in the dark as she was. The check was drawn on a California bank and they told her they would see if they could get it cashed for her.

The hotel cashed the check and the California bank honored it. Inside the envelope were two letters. One was addressed to Mrs. Shanks, who is the mother of nine children, ranging from four months to fourteen years.

"Santa Claus" said in the letter that he knew all about Mrs. Shanks, how her home had twice been washed away by the Ohio river and how she worked to keep her family going. The check was to aid her in keeping it going. "Just remember, Mrs. Shanks," the other letter said, "that as long as you have one friend, there really is a Santa Claus."

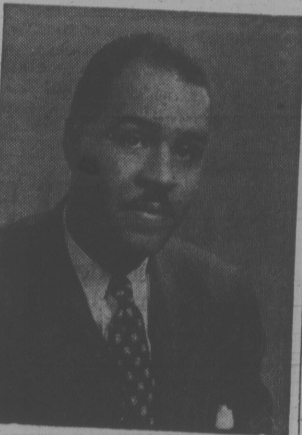
of the 168th U. S. Infantry and showed moving colored views he took during his stay in North Ireland and in the campaigns in Italy and in North Africa.

At this meeting one new member, Mr. Irwin White, was elected to membership on the commission.

Among the visitors present were: Mrs. De Loss Marken and Rev. J. F. Weertz, pastor of the St. John's Lutheran church, who also spoke briefly and concluded by reading a poem appropriate to the outdoor setting entitled, "This Is My Father's World."

The next meeting will be back at the North high cafeteria on the second Tuesday in September when the special committee under Prof. S. E. Thompson will make its first report of its plans for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Commission next October.

**Roy Wilkins Takes Over
Leadership of NAACP; W.
White on Leave for Year**



ROY WILKINS

New York.—Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was named acting secretary by the Association's board of directors at its regular monthly meeting, June 13. Mr. Wilkins will be executive head of the NAACP during the absence of Walter White, secretary, who was granted a year's leave following the board's refusal to accept his resignation.

As assistant secretary since 1931, Mr. Wilkins has been second in command of the NAACP staff and has regularly served as acting secretary in the absence of Mr. White. Prior to joining the NAACP staff, he was managing editor of The Kansas City (Mo.) CALL from 1923 until 1931. When Dr. W. E. B. DuBois first left

the Association in 1934, Mr. Wilkins succeeded him as editor of The Crisis, serving the NAACP in a dual capacity.

Has Traveled

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Mr. Wilkins has traveled extensively, speaking before clubs, forums, college groups, associations and conventions on various aspects of race relations. As chairman of the executive committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, he has been in the forefront of the fight for equality of job opportunities.

In 1932, Mr. Wilkins and George S. Schuyler, disguised as day laborers, made an investigation of conditions in contractors' camps on the flood control project in Mississippi. Following their report, wages of Negro workers on the project were substantially increased.

During the one-week strike of Philadelphia transit workers against promotion of Negroes to jobs as motormen in 1943, he was in charge of NAACP activities in that city. In 1945, he served along with Dr. DuBois and Mr. White as an NAACP consultant to the American delegation at the founding conference of the United Nations in San Francisco.

Born August 30, 1901, in St. Louis, Mr. Wilkins was reared and educated in St. Paul, Minn., and was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1922. He lives in New York with Mrs. Wilkins, the former Miss Minnie Badeau of St. Louis, to whom he was married in 1929.

HEADLINERS AT PUBLISHERS' MEETING



Among speakers scheduled to address the 10th annual convention of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, in Washington, June 16-18, are Benjamin M. McKelway, editor of the Washington Evening Star and president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors; Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting UN mediator for Palestine and director of the United Nations trusteeship division, and Cranston Williams, general manager of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. Mr. McKelway and Dr. Bunche will speak at the banquet on Friday evening. Mr. Williams will discuss newspaper industry organizations on Friday morning.

**POLK COUNTY JAIL
HAS 144 PRISONERS**

Six Polk county jail prisoners were transferred to Dallas and Boone county jails last Thursday as Sheriff Howard C. Reppert sought to relieve congested jail conditions here.

Three prisoners were taken to each of the neighboring jails. There still were 144 prisoners in the Polk county jail Thursday night, however. Two still were assigned to cots in jail corridors.

**FRANK ROBINSON
AND J. THOMPSON
TO AQUATIC SCHOOL**

Frank Robinson, 906 16th street, and Patrolman James Thompson, 1115 13th street, left Thursday for Ardmore, Okla., to attend the American Red Cross National Aquatic school. Mr. Robinson will instruct in the aquatic school and Mr. Thompson will study first aid and accident prevention.

**Globetrotters and
House of David
Meet Friday Night**

Manager Paul Hardy will field a Harlem Globetrotters' baseball team against the House of David nine from Benton Harbor, Mich., at Pioneer Memorial stadium, Friday night at 8 o'clock, blessed with the names of some of the greatest players in Negro ranks and a group of sensational youngsters being groomed for possible sale into organized baseball's major leagues.

Followers of topnotch baseball will recognize in the Trotters lineup, such names as Hardy, Ted Strong, Johnny Williams, Lloyd Cardswell, Joe Bankhead, Amel Brooks, Zell Miles, Herb Simpson, Sam Wheeler and Dick Katamura.

Johnny Williams and Cardswell for years have been leading flingers in the Negro American League. Strong is well known for his home run hitting and Sam Wheeler, also a baseball star, performed brilliantly in Negro baseball circles.

The new men being counted on, and coming through in fine shape, are left-fielder Roy Smith, shortstop Jimmy Lewis, third-baseman Dick Kitamura, star of the Hawaiian leagues, pitchers Legolian ("Boots") Moore, Henry Ratteree, Layman Ramsey and Joe Bankhead, and Utility Men Jesse Williams and James Fishback.

SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARD

New York (NNPA). — Attorney Ruth Whitehead Whaley, first colored woman to practice law in New York state, received the Sojourner Truth Award of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs here last Wednesday night in ceremonies at the YWCA auditorium.

The award, given annually, was made to Mrs. Whaley in recognition of her contributions to "Community life, character building, interracial goodwill, cultural activities, and for raising the economic standards of minorities."

The first award was given in 1940 to Pearl Buck, the author. Other recipients have been Madam Chang Kai Shek, Ruckham Holt, author of "George Washington Carver," Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers and Mrs. Annie Malone.

Mrs. Whaley is executive assistant to the Commissioner of Welfare in New York City and is director of the staff of relations in the department. Mr. Hiliard and Vincent R. Impellitteri, president of the New York City Council were present when the award was made.

CARNIVAL JUNE 17-18

The Boy Scout Troop No. 5 and Girl Scout No. 28, will hold a two-day carnival Friday evening, June 17, and Saturday, June 18, from 2:30 o'clock to 9:30 p. m. at E. 15th and University. Mrs. J. I. Thomas and Mr. George Wells are leaders.

Over Million Increase in Negro Population Reported By U. S. Census Since 1940

Washington, D. C. (NNPA). — The Negro population in the continental United States has increased by approximately 1,594,000 since April, 1940, according to the Census Bureau.

There were 12,865,518 Negroes in the United States in 1940. This number has risen to about 14,460,000 in July, 1947, the Census Bureau revealed in Estimates of the Nonwhite Population of Continental United States, by Race: 1940 to 1947, made public last Saturday by J. C. Capt. director of the Census Bureau.

Yearly Increase
This 12.4 per cent increase in the Negro population over the seven and

a quarter period was at an average annual rate of 1.6 per cent a year, while the average annual rate of growth for the white population was about 1.2 per cent a year.

According to the estimates, the nonwhite population as a whole, including American Indians, Japanese and Chinese, numbered about 15,139,000 in July, 1947, as compared with 13,454,405 in April, 1940, representing an increase of 1,685,000 persons, or 12.5 per cent, in the seven year period.

American Indians
The estimates show that American Indians increased from 333,969 in 1940 to about 402,000 in 1947, the

No Definite Date Named But Plan May Get Started After 30 Days, Says Board

The Iowa supreme court cleared the way Tuesday for payment of the state bonus to Iowa's World War II veterans.

In a unanimous decision, it upheld the constitutionality of the state bonus law.

The court's opinion, by Justice W. L. Bliss of Mason City, said that neither the original house act passed by the 1947 legislature nor the later 1949 amendment revising the plan for financing the bonus violated any constitutional provisions.

After Thirty Days

State officials would not name a definite date when they can start paying the bonus, but said they believed it would be shortly after 30 days.

Attorney General Robert L. Larson said the state normally would wait that amount of time to see whether G. F. Knorr, Des Moines apartment house owner who brought the test court action, wants to petition for a rehearing.

Harold Newcomb, Des Moines attorney who represented Knorr, said he wished to study the opinion and to confer with his client before assuming whether a rehearing petition would be filed.

He said he thought he could make such an announcement "in a few days."

Chet B. Akers, state auditor, and

chairman of the state bonus board, said the board will meet within a few days to make the final plans for payment of the bonus and for speeding up the processing of bonus claims.

Edward Kallemin, executive secretary of the board, said the board now has 215,000 claims filed that it has given a preliminary screening to 31,486 of them and that it has 12,589 claims ready for check-writing.

The claims now average \$396.85, Kallemin said.

Length of Service

The bonus to veterans is to be based on their length of service with the amounts computed at \$10 a month for domestic service and \$12.50 a month for foreign service.

Minimum length of service required is 120 days, thus making a minimum bonus of \$40. The maximum allowed is \$500.

Justice Bliss' opinion affirmed the earlier Polk county district court decision by Judge C. Edwin Moore, who had dismissed Knorr's petition challenging the validity of both bonus acts.

The decision was one of 19 handed down by the supreme court Tuesday when it met for its June session. The state's arguments supporting the validity of the bonus were presented by Clarence Kading, assistant attorney general.

TROLLEY STRIKE CALLED OFF

Public transportation returned to Des Moines streets Monday night after the streetcar men's union voted to call off its strike. The union voted unanimously to return to work without having obtained any of its objectives, but it authorized its ex-

ecutive board to order the strike resumed at will.

Main objectives of the union, which called a strike at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, was an audit of the company books by an auditor chosen and paid by the union.

Most workers got to their jobs on time Monday by walking, "hitching" rides or joining in car pools.

Bill to Outlaw Jimcrow in Massachusetts National Guard Passes in House

Boston, Mass.—The Bay State House of Representatives, in a sudden reversal of its vote, last week, overwhelmingly passed a bill to outlaw jim crow in the Massachusetts National Guard. The second House vote which came after most weeklies had gone to press, was by a huge 147-45 margin. The bill is now in the Senate, the Boston Guardian newspaper reported.

On Wednesday, May 25, the Lower House had passed what amounted to a jim crow bill which would only ban segregation "insofar as such a policy does not interfere with the proper and efficient functioning of the militia."

Now this is an old herring. It is still used by the federal jim crow advocates in the Armed Services. It allows jim crow to flourish. This is the bill we announced last week. Following the Wednesday vote,

**MRS. SHEPHERD
IN HOSPITAL**

Mrs. Elvira Shepherd, 1014 Laurel suffered an injury in a fall and is convalescing at Broadlawn General hospital. Her condition was reported as good.

Japanese increased from 126,947 in 1940 to about 131,000 in 1947, and Chinese increased from 77,504 in 1940 to about 87,000 in 1947.

Other nonwhites increased from 50,467 in 1940 to about 60,000 in 1947. Filipinos made up about 90 per cent of this group but also included were small numbers of East Indians, Koreans, Polynesians, and other Asiatics.

the forces for equal rights got busy. Even this representative of the Guardian wrote a rather long letter to His Excellency, the Governor. Many party leaders, including Cong. John W. McCormack, rallied to the cause. Then in one of the most unprecedented actions in Massachusetts Legislative history, Rep. Harold Putnam, Needham Republican leader, demanded a reconsideration of the bill and asked for complete mandatory ban on National Guard segregation in this state. The old bill of "permissible" segregation was overwhelmingly defeated by the House.

The Senate and the Governor are now expected to favor this bill. It is expected that Senators Saltonstall and Lodge will duplicate the endorsement given by Cong. John W. McCormack in rousing their colleagues in this state.

What Boston Needs

And regardless of what side of fence many people might occupy in this issue, the Boston fight for the elimination of jim crow in the Massachusetts National Guard has been of tremendous value in awakening the somewhat staid and smug citizens of this state to equal rights values. The same procedure was necessary to secure FEPC in this state and every other reform ever enacted here. And the equal rights crusades are far from won at this time. Even with FEPC and the proposed law against military jim crow, the need will long exist for a militant press, and alert Boston organizations like those which have been active in the current crusade.

Four Eastern States Form Anti-Discrimination Group For Uniformity of Laws

New York (NNPA). — The possibility of strengthening the anti-discrimination laws of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts by making them uniform in language and content is to be explored by a committee on co-operation named last Friday at the conclusion of the two-day meeting of these states' Commissions Against Discrimination.

Edward W. Edwards, a member of the New York commission, told a press conference after the close of the meeting that uniformity of laws would make them easier to administer, particularly in cases of alleged discrimination that might involve interstate action.

First of Its Kind

Mr. Edwards said that the meeting, the first of its kind ever held between the four states, had proved "very profitable" and that it is hoped the conference can be an annual affair in the future.

Although the discussions during the conference were held in executive session, Elmer A. Carter, another

New York member of the commission, who acted as conference chairman, listed the highlights of the discussion as follows:

1. Exchange of data between states in cases where a party accused of discrimination is doing business in more than one state.

2. The possibility of initiating a policy of joint action between states against a party accused of discrimination.

3. A plan to hold a conference with newspapers, press services and other media of information to the public in order to prevent "unnecessary racial designations" in stories.

4. The use of uniform terminology by the state commissions to make more understandable the various phrases and words used in commission reports.

Mr. Carter said that the committee on co-operation will include Mr. Edwards, Mildred H. Mahoney, of Massachusetts, who will be chairman; Joseph L. Bustard, of New Jersey, and Frank T. Simpson, of Connecticut.

Where to Attend Church in Des Moines



CHURCH OF GOD & TRUTH HOLINESS
 615 E. 15th street, Edgar F. B. Hawkins, pastor. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Morning services, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, regular service, 7:30 p. m. Thursday Bible Class, 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend this church.

ST. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Southeast Fourth street and Scott; Rev. J. R. Rosen, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning services at 11 a. m. Prayer meeting is Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Sunday, evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Missionary Society Friday, 7:30 p. m. Everybody is welcome to attend these services.

KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
 Southeast 15th and Shaw, B. F. Blanks, pastor, 701 Southeast 15th. Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; Yerkick C. B. Society, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week prayer Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

COMMUNITY SANCTIFIED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Mrs. M. J. Cranshaw, pastor; 809 S. E. 27th street. Order of services—Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Afternoon worship, 3 o'clock. Youth organization 7 p. m. Night service, 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer and Bible study, Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Located at 2548 Maury street, Rev. A. C. Crawford, pastor. Order of services: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. B.T.U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 7 p. m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES OF WEEK
 Last Sunday visitors at Bethel A.M.E. church were: Misses Beverly Brown and Juanita Murray, Mrs. Lydia Tate of Waterloo, Mrs. Matthea Tillman. A youth program was presented Sunday afternoon. Quarterly meeting will be held at Bethel June 19 with Rev. L. L. Barnes of First CME church the guest speaker at the afternoon services.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES
 "The Paths Our Father's Trod" will be subject of sermon Sunday morning, June 16, with Rev. Seymour J. Gaines as speaker. The Excelsior club is sponsoring a Father's Day contest and playlet at the evening hour at Corinthian Baptist church.

COMMUNITY SANCTIFIED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Last Sunday was young people's day with Arthur Rush, Rev. L. Lewis and Dr. I. Biddison as speakers. Visitors included Rev. M. James, Charles Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. I. Biddison, Alice Williams, Mary King, Mattie M. Atkins, Estella Brown, Jean Burse and Rev. E. E. McCutcheon.
 Sunday, June 20, is Women's Day with three services. Welcome back to the church was Mrs. Leanna Jackson who has been in St. Joseph, Mo., with an ill sister.

ORIGINAL NOTICE
 Divorce No. ... IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, WILMA AGNES TWEED, Plaintiff, vs. LARS RING TWEED, Defendant. ABOVE NAMED.
 You are hereby notified that the petition of the above named Plaintiff in the above entitled action is now on file in the Office of the Clerk of the above named court, in which petition, the plaintiff prays that she be granted an absolute divorce from you on the ground that you have been guilty of such inhuman treatment as to endanger her life and health. Plaintiff further prays that she be restored her maiden name and also granted such other, further and additional relief as to the court may appear to be just and equitable in the premises.
 For further particulars, see the petition now on file.
 You are also hereby notified to appear before said Court at Des Moines, in Polk County, Iowa, on the 22nd day of July, 1949, and that unless you so appear your default will be entered and judgment and decree will be rendered against you for the relief prayed in the petition.
 Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16th day of June, 1949.
 HAROLD J. CRAWFORD, Attorney for Plaintiff, 308 Insurance Exchange Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

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NEW YORK CITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. BUNCHE

New York (NNPA)—New York City paid official tribute to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche here last Tuesday as Mayor William O'Dwyer headed a reception for the UN statesman and his wife at City Hall.

Dr. Bunche was whisked from Lake Success to City Hall in an open two-tone green Cadillac car, led by New York City motorcycle police who sounded their sirens along the route. Riding with him in the official car was Mrs. Bunche and Grover Whalen, official greeter of the city.

At the City Hall steps he was met by the Mayor and J. Raymond Jones, Deputy commissioner of housing. After posing for pictures, Dr. and Mrs. Bunche were led by the Mayor to the chamber of the City Council where more than 200 persons, mainly from the Harlem community had gathered to witness the ceremonies.

Welcomed as Brother
 Introducing Dr. Bunche to the audience, Mayor O'Dwyer told him that "New York understands you and what you have done. It wel-

comes you as a brother and it prays that God will be with you in all that you do."

Dr. Bunche said in response that he was proud to be an American, and proud to be a resident of New York City. He reiterated his previous statement that was in no remote in Palestine and that Palestine has taught the world what America already knows—that men can sit down at a conference table and iron out their differences.

The police department's glee club sang several selections and the entire proceedings were broadcast over the city's radio station WNYC.

Smartly Attired
 Mrs. Bunche was smartly attired in an cream colored suit and clapped approvingly when the glee club sang Harlem's most prominent citizens crowded the Council chambers to be present.

Communist Councilman Ben Davis was among those present. He had received permission from Federal Judge Harold Medina to leave his trial and attend the reception.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES
 Rev. George Parish was in his pulpit Sunday. The ladies chorus

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 (Malachi 2:10)
FATHERS
 Fathers that wear rags,
 Do make their children blind;
 But fathers that bear bags
 Shall see their children kind.
 —Shakespeare.
FATHER OF ALL
 Father of all in every age,
 In every clime adored,
 By saint, by savage, and by sage,
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 (Alexander Pope's Universal Prayer)
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PERSONAL TOUCH

BY MARIE ROSS

A feeling of quiet victory crept over me on Tuesday morning, June 2, as I walked into the lobby of Kansas City's famed Hotel Muehlebach (the "little White House" when President Truman comes back to his home town) to register for the thirteenth annual convention of the National Federation of Press Women, Inc. (NFPW) as a member press woman from the Iowa chapter.

Here, I was a native of the Kansas side of the Twin Cities, where I grew up, had run down news tips and covered beats all over Kansas City during my seven years as a city news reporter, had heard of and been all around Hotel Muehlebach where many of the dignitaries stayed when they came to the heart of the nation—but never before had I an official reason or an occasion to be a guest at the hotel which was our convention headquarters.

Upon receiving my convention badge and planking down fourteen dollars for registration fee, I had every indication that the path would be smooth, racially, and it was for me—the only Negro press woman at the convention.

Awaiting the formal opening of the sessions, I went to the Negro section of Kansas City, to the offices of my former employer, the Kansas City Call, got photographed by A. Howell, then returned to the hotel for the dinner meeting of the evening. Waiting on the mezzanine of Hotel Muehlebach—to see that "all was well" and to ask me to join her at her table in the ballroom was Jo Baumgartner, an Iowa press woman from the state printing board in Des Moines.

I had ridden the train from Iowa early Thursday morning with Margaret Rankin of Eagle Grove, (Ia.) Eagle, former president of Iowa Press Women, Inc., and Ethel R. Crowley of Daily Freeman Journal, Webster City, but upon reaching Kansas City, we had scattered, and I welcomed seeing Miss Baumgartner, the first Iowa I met after registration.

Mrs. John E. Dowell, Missouri Press Women's president, gave the welcome address with Mrs. Helen Malloch, founder and first head of NFPW, now of California, delivering the response. Other guest speakers brought greetings and speeches on the opening night which ended with "ice breakers" and during that part of the program thirteen Iowans attending the national convention headed by Press Woman Esther Dixon of Lenox, took the floor, sang the state song, as the visitors from the other states did.

'In Wrong Place'

So surprised Friday was one of the colored maids to see a Negro in the restroom of the Phillips hotel—where some of the sessions were held, that for a moment she was speechless. "You're in the wrong place! This is a white hotel, you know—and the boss won't like it if he finds you up here," she gathered her words. I listened, then explained that our organization had been meeting in the convention room, just down the hall—and that, maybe, the boss wouldn't mind it this time. Then, she, too, welcomed me when she learned that I was attending a convention there—and was from Iowa.

Of course, I knew, that if we got around Kansas City, I certainly would run into the true racial pattern before long.

During the Friday morning session, after the election of a new president, Mrs. Irene R. Bedard of the Hibbings, (Minn.) Tribune, to succeed Mrs. Catherine Dines Prosser of the Denver (Colo.) Post, a former Missourian, the time arrived for a programmed tour of one of Kansas City's "most extraordinary banks in this country," and one of the local hostesses requested that we go to the bank in small groups.

Wilma Collins of the Dallas Center Times, near Des Moines, secretary of the Iowa Press Women, ordered, "Marie you are going over with us," and Cleo Bowermaster of the Fairfield (Ia.) Daily Ledger and Ruth Moor of the Newton (Ia.) Daily News requested that we take a route through Petticoat Lane—for window shopping.

Eventually we arrived at the City National Bank and Trust Company where other visiting press women were assembling in the lobby and later Jo Baumgartner of Des Moines, who got lost in Petticoat Lane, caught the group before assistant vice president John H. Younts wel-

comed us and sent us with a guide on an air-conditioned tour of floors and floors of the bank's most modern facilities.

Refused Service at Tea Room

It was near 12 o'clock when we finished the tour and joined Mr. Yontz again, who gave us printed souvenirs (no dollar bills) of the bank and invited us to join him as his luncheon guests at one of the downtown clubs.

The press women were happy but they had on their printed program the name of the Business and Professional Women's club, a tea room at 1008 Walnut street; that had invited the press women to have noon luncheon with them—so the Iowans and other delegates felt that they should not disappoint the Business and Professional Women's club.

Iowans Bowermaster, Moor, Collins and Ross arrived at midday at the tearoom which was crowded with dining members and had a long line of guests standing, waiting for tables.

The Iowans notified the hostess that the press women had arrived and she immediately sent word to a waitress. A table for four was soon empty, and the four Iowans were seated and handed menus.

After a short pause, a waitress returned, whispered something in the ear of one of the Iowans across the table from me, and quietly the Iowans arose, commented "Let's go. They say they'll serve us, but they won't serve Marie."

"Well, we got up, made a bee-line for the door and left the tea room. I told the Iowans, I had expected just that because I had lived in Kansas City and knew the racial score, but I thought that the tea room, which had invited press women, would have served me, too.

"Where can we eat here?" one of the Iowans queried. Downtown, I couldn't think of a place but one of the colored counters in one of the dime stores, where Negroes and whites stand.

So we went back to the Muehlebach hotel, our convention headquarters, and Press Woman Collins was sure that they would serve me in the coffee shop, so the quartet of Iowa press women found another table and a welcome with service at the Muehlebach coffee shop.

If we look happy and contented in the photograph above, we had just left the coffee shop, after a delicious lunch. Of course, Press Woman Bowermaster took the photo, so she is missing. From then on it was smoother sailing, racially.

The Friday night dinner meeting in the spacious and elegant Muehlebach ballroom was a formal affair for the press women, who were guests of Kansas City's Women's Chamber of Commerce.

About 400 persons, seated at tables of eight, attended this dinner and heard Miss Kathleen McLaughlin, formerly of Atchinson, who is a foreign correspondent for the New York Times, tell of her experiences in Germany; and another special guest was President Truman's personal secretary, Miss Rose Conway.

It was quite an occasion for the only Negro guest, who found many eyes, some friendly, some staring, some frozen, cast in her direction.

But at our table, there was a very congenial and happy group. Of course there were Iowa Press Women Collins, Bowermaster and Thelma Draper of Oskaloosa Tribune Press, and the other guests were Martha Hill of the Celanese Corporation, New York City; Dorothy Tegarden of Kansas City, Mo.; Caroline Ellis, a KMBC radio commentator and Hazel C. Knoll of Kansas City.

Before the colored and white waiters in gold-braided uniforms started serving the fruit cocktails and hard rolls, Press Woman Collins sent Press Woman Draper up to their hotel room on the sixth floor for a gardenia corsage that they presented me at the table. The dinner moved on. The officers were installed and after the lecture, guests went to the music room to meet and shake hands with the new officers of the National Federation of Press Women.

Iowans featured in Saturday sessions with Miss Margaret Rankin of Eagle Grove (Ia.) Eagle, a new regional vice president, presiding over the morning program. Lectures were heard on "Making the Community Newspaper Pay," "Give Your Page a Face Lifting," "Facts are Fun," circulation, advertising and typography.

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ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION OF PRESS WOMEN IN KANSAS CITY



Iowa Press Woman Cleo Bowermaster of the Daily Ledger in Fairfield, caught these Iowans as they attended the thirteenth annual convention of the National Federation of Press Women, which convened June 2-4 in the heart of the nation, Kansas City, Mo., at Hotel Muehlebach and Hotel Phillips. They are—(left to right): Wilma M. Collins of the Dallas Center Times, secretary of Iowa Press Women; Marie Ross of Iowa Bystander, Des Moines; and Edith Moor of the Newton Daily News.

cago, new national vice president, talked on "Public Relations, Round-the-clock Project." She is the assistant manager of Inland Daily Press Association. Ethel H. Rowley, advertising manager of Daily Freeman Journal, Webster City, Ia., gave an illustrated lecture on "Ad Layout and Sales." "What's New in Writing for Women" featured speakers from television and radio fields.

Before the final Saturday night session, many visiting press women found themselves in the hotel suite of the new president, Mrs. Bedard, who had invited them personally to be her guests at cocktails.

While the new president packed her luggage for a midnight flight to the annual convention of the National Editorial Association in Salt Lake City, her Minnesota friends assisted her in serving the guests, while she passed candy, read telegrams and dressed for the final meeting—and at the same time chatted personally with all.

At the closing session, Saturday night, the convention heard Mrs. Alonzo Petveys, Brush, Colorado, publisher, and member of UNESCO commission, call for better understanding of the problems of United Nations, after which awards were made in the NFPW's contest. Iowa won three of the eighteen national awards.

Just after I had said goodbye to a number of press women and promised to meet them at the 1950 national convention, I learned that Mississippi is being considered as the next meeting place. Yes, Mississippi.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

By MRS. ED WILLIAMS

Burlington, Ia.—Mrs. Elnora Minnie Hayden, 503 S. Main street, died at her home Saturday, May 28. She is survived by her husband, a brother, Cecil of California, and a number of nieces and nephews. Burial services were held Wednesday at Prugh's chapel. Rev. Thomas Hightower officiated. Burial was in Aspen Grove cemetery.

Mr. James H. Brooks of 419 Starr avenue died May 31 at St. Francis hospital where he had been a patient since May 24. He is survived by his wife, stepson, Melvin Dean, three sisters, Miss Cora Brooks, Mrs. Ida Baker, Mrs. Lola Crummer of Galesburg, Ill., nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held Saturday at Prugh's chapel. Rev. W. H. Ogletton officiated. Interment was in Aspen Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Jasper Reading, Jr., is a medical patient at St. Francis hospital. The Masonics had a picnic at Labor Park Decoration Day. The O. E. S. observed Esther Day at St. John's AME church. Rev. Hightower preached.

Mrs. Archie Martin was reported in fair condition in the hospital. Mr. Ernest Brown is reported doing nicely after taking sick, suddenly at his home.

Mrs. Levi Shaw is quite ill at St. Francis hospital. Robert Reed Cowens is home for a short vacation as he plans to attend summer school. Mr. Arthur Martin is now an employee of Sutter drug.

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STATE WOMEN ELECT

Waterloo, Ia.—Mrs. Inez H. Willis, Council Bluffs, was elected president of the Iowa Association of Colored Women at the closing session of their state convention Wednesday, June 8.

Other officers include Mrs. Goldie T. Fant, Des Moines, and Mrs. Elzora Trosper, Sioux City, vice presidents; Mrs. Eva Roper, Des Moines, recording secretary; Mrs. Esther Nance, Cedar Rapids, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Pauline Humphrey, Des Moines, treasurer, and Mrs. Helen Beshears, Des Moines, organizer.

The association adopted a program calling for spiritual meditation to be put into effect in opening United Nations sessions. It endorsed resolutions opposing anything un-American and requesting that members be more interested in child welfare and aid in finding boarding homes for children in state institutions.

GAINES MUSIC STUDENTS APPEAR IN RECITAL

Piano and voice students of the Gaines studio were presented in their annual concert Thursday night, June 16, at Corinthian Baptist church. Selections were rendered by the Corinthian Melody chorus and Mrs. Barbara Williams was featured on the organ.

Students taking part were: Connie and Faye Ashford, Levora Dixon, Diane and Gloria Gaines, Mary Louis Kemp, Betty MacCoral, Carol Ann and Verta Jeanne Monroe, Margie N. Powell, Bennie and Verbena Sloan, Donald Scott, Carolyn White-side, Mrs. Marjorie Kized and Mr. Albert Owsley.

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M. A. M.—It's been a long time since I wrote you but when I get in trouble I know just who to turn to for help. It seems to me that I am friendless. I don't have a friend in the world, am broke, no job and not much courage left. Several folks owe me but I can't collect a dime. When I had a job, I loaned different ones money but now I can't borrow one 5c off of no one. In fact, people won't even come around me at all.

Ans: People shy away from folks

REV. PARISH HONORED AT SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Rev. George Parish, pastor of Maple Street Baptist church, last Wednesday evening following prayer services at the church. He received many gifts and refreshments were served by the Pastor's Aid.

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The infant, then four months old, and his mother, Mrs. Madeline Tanner Johnson, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. O. Tanner of Indianapolis, Ind., were guests at the Johnson home during April.

Mrs. Johnson of Indianapolis and her son plan to sail for Africa, this summer, to join their husband and father, Charles C. Jr., who is employed as a sanitary engineer in one of the three government agencies which operates the public health service in Monrovia, Liberia.

Mrs. Johnson, the grandmother, is a member of St. Paul AME church.

of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith have returned to service in the army and air force. Sergeant Taylor Heard is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lilly Heard and other relatives. He and his mother left Thursday for Alabama to visit her daughter and son. Mrs. Betty Taylor and Mr. Lee Taylor of Des Moines were guests of Oriabor church. Mrs. Evelyn Weston and her son of Des Moines spent Saturday with Mrs. Thirstine Bruce. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Johnson and family, formerly of Des Moines, are now residing in Orlabor.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. H. R. Fields preached last Sunday. Wednesday night the Willing Workers met at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Davis. On June 5 they ended their Great Lakes' rally. Mrs. Pauline Duke and Mrs. Dorothy Crawford were awarded first prizes which were mixing bowl sets.

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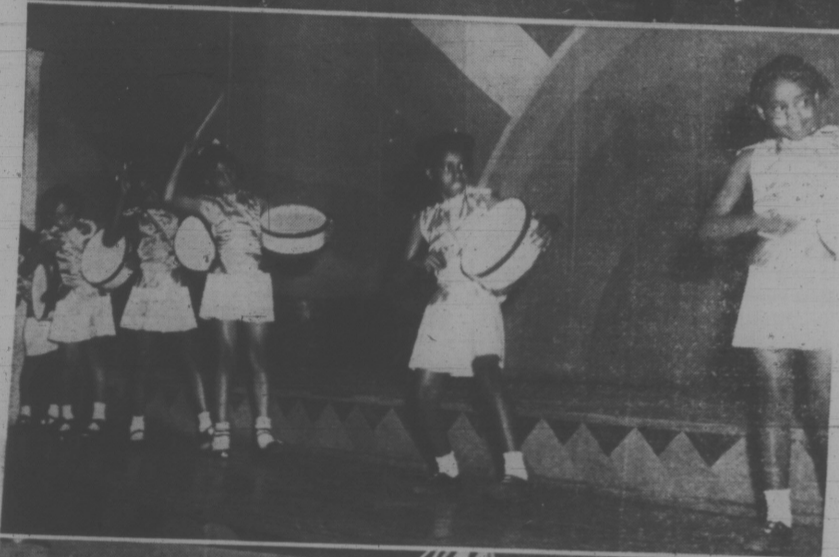
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WILLKIE HOUSE DANCING CLASSES CLOSE SPRING PROGRAM



Little dancing girls in gay, colorful costumes brought Willkie House's winter and spring program to a close recently when the community center staged its annual spring fiesta at the Billiken ballroom.

In a program presided over by Walter Bryant, Miss Ida Rudston, instructor, presented the Willkie House dancing classes in recital. Appearing in the drills, folk and military dances were the following: Myrtle Lanier, Othetta Turley, Bernice, Maxine, Audrey and Betty Christopher, Sharon Smith, Geraldine McKay, Carol Ann Bettis, Elaine and Eleanor Dixon, Carolyn Shade, Eva Strothers, Dorothea Roe, Donna Wolder, Norma Jean Lane, Zoe Wood, Marva Jean Massey, Mildred McKay, Patricia White, Sheila Williams, Beverly McKay, Elva Slaughter.

Musical numbers were offered by Miss Janice McQuerry, soprano, with Mrs. Joburness Kelso, accompanist; Charles Praye, accordionist; the Lucky Seven sextet featuring Paul Danforth, Colen Scales, Silas Ewing, R. D. Ewing, Thomas Smith and Miss Lenna Reeves, accompanist.

A Maypole dance by Girl Scout Troop 17, Mrs. Korinne Jackson, leader, closed the fiesta.

TOP PICTURE—Wearing costumes that are property of Willkie House, four young misses (left to right clockwise) Donna Wolder, Marva Massey, Zoe Woods and Norma Jean Lane, won a big hand from the audience as they danced a Span-

ish waltz.

CENTER PICTURE—Tin soldiers in trim satin suits, beat their drums and paraded. In this group (left to right) are: Geraldine McKay, Sharon Smith, Carolyn Shade, Audrey and Betty Christopher.

BOTTOM PICTURE—Girl Scouts of Troop 17 which is led by Mrs. Korinne Jackson, climaxed the fiesta with a welcome to springtime and a Maypole dance.

Members of the troop are Wanda and Sandra Ashby, Willa Mae Greenfield, Janet Smith, Camille Wilson, Bennie Sloan, Lucy Shepherd, Jacquelyn Brewer, Patricia Graves, Frances Bates, Chloine Cobb, Doris Simmons, Priscilla Weston, Wilma Brewer, Madeline Wells, Elva Slaughter, Patricia Hayter, Lois Williams, Janice Branham, Ima Jean Proctor.

Dancing classes at Willkie House start again next fall under the instruction of Miss Ida Rudston. Dances for the fiesta were arranged by Miss Elizabeth Werblosky with Mrs. Lela Keyes as pianist.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND CLUBS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Willkie House, the former Negro Community Center, located at 907 Fifteenth street, and directed by Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, executive secretary, offered to adults, boys and girls in the community during the winter and spring season, many classes, including sewing, tailoring,

crafts for adults which are co-sponsored yearly by the Adult Education department of the Des Moines Public schools.

Other classes of crafts, cooking and sewing for children and story hour, are conducted by volunteers, who are always welcome to serve in whatever capacity they can at the center. Many a volunteer, white and colored, has offered his or her time, to teach a weekly class for a period as short as five weeks, Mrs. Edmunds revealed in a plea for more volunteers.

"We try to get all of the youngsters in clubs, and special interest groups which are designed to teach the youths the importance of getting along with each other and doing things as groups," Mrs. Edmunds said.

Youths Learn in Groups

These youths learn how to preside over meetings, respect their officers, keep the minutes and the records of their organizations.

Willkie House clubs for boys are known as Sharpshooters, Mohawks, Hunting and Fishing, the Green Hornets, Eagles, Mighty Midgets and Boy Scout Troop 59, one of the oldest scout troops in Des Moines.

The girls clubs are Cloverettes, Susy-Ques, Busy Doers, Young Miss, Mothers' Helpers, Puellas Legatos, and Girl Scouts—Brownies, Intermediates and Senior Girls.

The Willkie House program includes World Friendship group, Well-

STUDY PLANS FOR EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WILLKIE HOUSE



On the site of the Old McHenry school at Seventeenth and Crocker streets, boys and girls are playing ball games daily, awaiting the time when the new \$110,000 Willkie House will be constructed with its modern gymnasium, recreation and meeting rooms, bowling alley and other features.

It was back in June, 1945, that the trustees of the Gardner Cowles Foundation here agreed with the Negro Community Center board, then headed by A. A. Alexander, that a modern, adequate center building was "badly needed" in Des Moines.

For the purpose of erecting and furnishing such a building, the Cowles foundation made a gift of \$100,000 to the Negro Community center, with a stipulation that the

building be known as a memorial to Wendell L. Willkie, "who did so much in his public career to create better understanding towards the Negroes and more tolerance among the races, one forward another."

An additional \$11,000 was raised by the Des Moines Negro citizens for the project and a site was purchased at Seventeenth and Crocker street, location of the old Olive McHenry school, for \$2,500.

Study Plans

World War II and post-war problems caused a delay in the construction of the new Willkie House, but "ways and means of beginning work as soon as possible are being studied," Mrs. Lois T. Cowles, president of the Willkie House board, informed in a letter to the Bystander on June 8. She wrote:

"The board of Willkie House, working with the building committee and the Community Chest, has undertaken a study of the prospects for beginning construction of our proposed building.

"Needless to say this is a project dear to the hearts of all of us and one whose completion is eagerly waited by those of us who are interested in the program at the present center.

"It has been a source of great disappointment to us that, since our original gift, building costs have risen so greatly as to prevent our having the building finished and in use by now.

"Ways and means of beginning work as soon as possible are being studied and it is our sincerest hope

that an encouraging report will be ready before too long. In the meantime we appreciate deeply the interest of all citizens who share with us the earnest hope of fulfilling the need for such a building and program for Willkie House."

Members of the Willkie House board are: Mrs. Thornburg (Lois) Cowles, president; Dr. E. T. Scales, vice president; Mrs. Merrill S. Bird, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, treasurer; A. A. Alexander, Mrs. Richard Barsheil, Atty. C. W. Harvey, Arthur Hill, Mrs. Fred Johnson, David Kruidenier, Carl Mesmer, Mrs. James B. Morris, Atty. W. Lawrence Oliver, A. J. Robertson, Mrs. Van Robinson, J. S. Russell, and Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, executive director.

Baby clinic, directed by Dr. C. R. Bradford; movies on Tuesdays for the education and entertainment of youth; movies every Thursday for mothers who attend the baby clinic—and monthly for all mothers; the Atlier guild of young women who are interested in needlecrafts; the Dilettante club which sponsors the Negro art exhibit yearly; the Community Garden club which is open to the public.

Other clubs which meet weekly at Willkie House include the Royal Dukes, a club of men, many of whom started at the center during their cub scout days; the Monarch men's club, which now is thinking of furnishing up one of the rooms in the new Willkie House building.

Home Camp Now

Registration for the Home camp program which opens June 20 at Willkie House will continue this week end through June 21. The home camp program includes summer crafts and outdoor recreation every day, except Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until August 1. A weekly outing is made to one of the local parks, where the boys and girls enjoy a picnic and games.

In 1924, Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, a trained nurse from Birmingham, Ala., and with a degree in pharmacy from the Des Moines university, became a part of the Negro Community Center staff as an assistant to the director, Wilder J. Moore.

When Mr. Moore left she became the director and each year has found her attending some school or council of social work, keeping abreast of the advancement in her field. She has attended Drake university here, Western Reserve in Cleveland,

Ohio, New York School of Social Work, and had special study at the University of Minnesota. At the present time, she is in Cleveland, O., attending a social worker's convention.

Mrs. Edmunds left her daughter, Mrs. George Williams of St. Paul, Minn., and granddaughter, Sandra Diane, who are visiting here.

A son, Arthur John Edmunds, and family reside in St. Louis, Mo.

Working with Mrs. Edmunds as members of the staff are two part-time boys' one one part-time girls' workers—all college students; a part-time office worker and 18 volunteer workers. The board's goal is to get trained personnel, Mrs. Edmunds said.

SWIM CLASSES START MONDAY

The twelfth annual "learn to swim" program will start Monday at Good Park pool. The classes, sponsored by the Polk County chapter of the Red Cross in co-operation with the Des Moines parks department, will be open to children from 5 to 14.

The "learn-to-swim" program is free, but each child must obtain an enrollment card before admission to class. The card, to be filled out by the parents, may be obtained at Red Cross headquarters, 321 Flynn building, or at ticket office of the pool.

STUDENT RECEIVES \$1,000 AKA SCHOLARSHIP

St. Louis (NNPA)—Miss Betty Lou Watson, student at Sumner High school, has received a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by Gamma Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to the highest ranking 1949 colored woman graduate of St. Louis and St. Louis county high schools.

'MISS WILLKIE HOUSE' GETS PRIZE



Mrs. Joburness Kelso, member of the Dilettante club of the center, presents Miss Vera Underwood, 925 Laurel, the queen's title, "Miss Willkie House" for 1949 and a first prize of \$15. Miss Underwood, a clerk at the Community Pharmacy, won 178 votes in the contest.

Other contestants who won prizes at the Willkie House Spring Fiesta on May 20 were: Miss Carlotta Strothers, second, 126 votes; Miss Venus Doyle, third, 123 votes; Miss Mildred Brooks, fourth, 102 votes. (Bill Ashby Photo).

HEALTH FOR ALL

MALARIA

One of the important medical achievements to come out of the past war was the increased knowledge of preventing malaria and the development of new drugs for treatment of the disease.

Despite the great progress made against malaria, it is estimated that the disease still causes 5,000 deaths in the United States annually. But this rate is bound to decrease because of the improvements made in anti-malarial drugs and development of new ways to get rid of malaria mosquitoes as the result of intensive wartime and postwar research.

There is only one way that a person gets malaria, and that is from the bite of an infected female anopheles mosquito, which transmits the germs from one person to another. No one can catch malaria from another person directly, not even from a person seriously ill with malaria.

Since this is true, one of the best ways of preventing malaria is by control of the mosquito which spreads it. This means the community's prompt action in draining and disinfecting areas where that mosquito might breed, swamps, damp ground and pools of excess rain water. Great success has already been attained in this and other countries by spraying DDT and other insecticides on mosquito-infested areas.

There are several kinds of malaria. The most common form is the type with attacks recurring every other day. Symptoms of an attack include chills, fever and sweating, and a general feeling of being ill. The attacks leave the victims weak and unable to do a good day's work. Proper medical care usually makes the attacks disappear, although some time after treatment has been stopped a relapse may occur, requiring another course of treatment.

Whenever the symptoms of malaria occur, the doctor should be consulted. The newly improved drugs

are more helpful than ever to malarial patients, both in initial and recurring attacks, but they must only be taken on medical advice and under medical supervision.

Malaria still takes an enormous toll of lives annually in many nations, especially in tropical climates. But as our advances in anti-malarial drugs and in control measures against the anopheles mosquito are adopted in more nations, deaths from malaria will greatly decrease.

This column is sponsored in the interest of better health, by Polk County Tuberculosis Association.

GOOD SWIM MEET SET FOR JULY 24

The second annual Good Park swimming and diving championships, sanctioned by the A.A.U. and sponsored by the Olympian club will be Sunday, July 24.

Preliminaries will be at 1 p. m. and the finals will start at 6.

Entry blanks are available at Birdland, Ashworth and Good pools may be obtained by writing to the Olympian club, post office box 435.

Trophies and medals will be given to individual winners. A team trophy also will be awarded.

Order of events:

Boys 14 and under 50-meter freestyle; junior 16 and under 50-meter freestyle; Women's 50-meter freestyle; men's 50-meter freestyle; junior 100-meter breast-stroke; men's 100-meter breast-stroke; novice 12 and under 110-foot freestyle; women's one-meter diving; men's one-meter diving; junior 100-meter backstroke; men's 100-meter backstroke; junior 100-meter freestyle; men's 100-meter freestyle; 200-meter special freestyle relay.

CRUISING DOWN THE LAKE



Cruising down a lake on a hot Sunday afternoon is a pleasant Des Moines diversion for Mr. and Mrs. George Sims, 1152 West Ninth street, who go frequently to a local amusement park for canoeing.

When caught by a camerawoman on a recent holiday, Mr. Sims was making his "premiere performance" in the lake's canoe No. 14.

Although he lost an oar and had a difficult time trying to paddle until a lake attendant, in motor boat, rescued the oar, Mrs. Sims had the "time of her life." Other recreations for the Sims are movies and street car riding.

Mrs. Sims, the former Ruby Steger, is employed at the Younker shoe repair department, repairing leather articles, belts and purses on a power machine. Mr. Sims is operating the Franklin Shoe Repair shop at 12th and Center streets. (Photo by M. Ross).

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SOCIETY



MARRY IN PRETTY JUNE WEDDING



MR. AND MRS. GERALD M. RATTON

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Ratton stand at the gate of an improvised garden in the spacious lounge of Central YWCA where they were married on Sunday afternoon, June 12, by the Rev. E. L. Jemison.

The bride is the former Edith Mae Blakely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blakely of 1153 Fourteenth street place. Mr. Ratton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Ratton, 1414 Fremont street. (Bill Ashby Photo).

**THE H. N. WILCOTS
MARRIED 25 YEARS:
HONORED AT PICNIC**

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilcots, 1104 17th street, were guests of honor at a family picnic dinner at Good park Friday, June 10, celebrating the couple's twenty-fifth anniversary and the birthday of Mrs. Wilcots.

Eleven of the twelve Wilcots' children, Sherman and Loretta who flew from Washington, D. C., Vergie, Imogene, Cottrell, Wayne, Lois, Johnnie, Joseph, Angelina, Michael and Rebecca, attended the dinner, Henry, stationed in the U. S. Marines in Earl, New Jersey, visited his parents last month.

Others sharing the courtesy were Rev. E. L. Jemison, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and Messrs. Arthur and Walter Bryan.

Miss Wilcots and her brother, Sherman, accompanied by his son, Sherman, Jr., left Monday night for Washington, where the child will spend the summer.

**THE JAMES BOWMAN'S
HERE FROM TEXAS**

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman of Marshall, Texas, spent the week end here with Mr. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bowman, 906 16th street. Mrs. Bowman is an instructor at Wiley College there.

**J. A. BAILEYS TO
NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bailey, 1023-13th Street, left Thursday evening for a short vacation with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bell of New Orleans, La.

**MR. OSCAR GLASS
BACK FROM EAST**

Mr. Oscar L. Glass, 1517 Second avenue, returned to the city recently from a vacation in New York with his son, Oscar, Jr., in Washington, D. C., with a brother; and other Eastern cities.

**MRS. LOUIS REASBY
OF WATERLOO HERE**

Mrs. Louis Reasby of Waterloo, Ia., left Sunday after visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wheels of 1609 Buchanan. Many social courtesies were extended her.

**MRS. F. B. CAMPBELL
VISITS IN ILLINOIS**

Mrs. F. B. Campbell and her foster-granddaughter have returned home from Rock Island, Ill., where they visited Mrs. Campbell's sister, Mary Settles, and niece, Amanda Ross.

**MARY CHURCH TERRELL
TO MEET MONDAY**

The Mary Church Terrell club met Monday evening with Mrs. Nellie Esters. Reports were made from the State Association of Colored Women which met recently in Waterloo, Delegates from the club were Goleatha Trotter and Birdie Winn. The next meeting will be with the president, Mrs. Ethel Banister.

CUTTING THE WEDDING CAKE IS AN IMPRESSIVE MOMENT



All eyes are upon the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Ratton (Center) as they cut the elegantly decorated wedding cake which graced the bride's table in the reception hall of Central YWCA Sun-

day afternoon, June 12. In the picture, the bride's only attendant, Mrs. Victor Blakely, her sister-in-law, is at the end watching. Next to her

(left to right) are: Mrs. Hall Ratton, Mr. Tom Blakely, the bride and groom, Mr. Hall Ratton, Sr.; Mrs. Tom Blakely, Mr. Hall Ratton, Jr.; Mrs. Hannah Frierson, Mrs. Ada Campbell. (Ashby Photo).

cascaded. A string of pearls adorned her neck. Her bridal bouquet was of white carnations and pink sweet peas, tied with white satin and net.

Mrs. Victor Blakely, sister-in-law of the bride, wore a gown of blue satin which was fashioned with a bustle and long full skirt. A bonnet matched her dress and she carried pink carnations. She was honor matron.

Mr. Hall Ratton, Jr., was his brother's best man. Ushers were Messrs. Delbert Jones and Orsel M. Morrow.

Reception

A reception followed immediately with Mrs. Gaines presiding at the piano. In the receiving line with the bride and groom were Mrs. W. J. Ritchey, hostess; Mrs. Tom Blakely and Mrs. Hannah Frierson, mother and grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Hall Ratton and Mrs. Ada Campbell, mother and grandmother of the bridegroom; Mrs. Victor Blakely, the bride's sister-in-law and attendant; and Mr. Hall Ratton, Jr., the best man.

Hostesses during the reception included: Mesdames J. B. Morris, Sr., Virgil Dixon, Edward Watkins, Julian Mason, Juanita Williams, Geraldine Gomez, Harry Flipping, Jack Terry, Misses Marceline Doyle, Barbara Ann Black, Hazel Dixon, Delores Ratton of Dayton, Ohio, and Emma Ratton.

Wedding Supper

Following the reception Mesdames Orsel Morrow, Julian Mason, Harry Flipping and Victor Blakely honored the bride and groom at a candlelit wedding supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orsel Morrow. Sharing the

**JOLLY TWELVE CLUB
HAS SURPRISE SHOWER**

The Jolly 12 club gave a surprise handkerchief shower in honor of one of their members who was leaving the city with her husband, Mr. Jas. Toler and family to make their home in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Anita Anderson has left the city for three months. Mrs. Geraldine Walker was guest. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas of 1046 Tenth street. Mrs. Elvira Willis is reporter.

**MRS. GARCIA OF
CHICAGO HERE**

Mrs. Cecile Armstrong Garcia of Chicago is visiting relatives and friends here. She is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Maude Woods, 1420 Maryland.

**SHARON L. WESTERN
HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Sharon Louise Western of 1052 14th street celebrated her sixth birthday on June 12 with a party on Monday, June 13, given by her mother, Mrs. Verona Western at the home of their father and grandfather, Mr. L. A. Garland.

Sharing the courtesy were: Leslie Wyatt, Lonna, Brenda, Ermanine and Connie Evans, Brenda Bohds, Darlene King, Vannatta Flanagan, Ina Clayborne, Lois Ann and Tyna Garland, Harold and Larry Holmes, Tommy Bonds, Raymond Clayborne.

**ELEGANT EIGHT CLUB
HAS FUN NIGHT**

The Elegant Eight club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Virginia Forrester. Bridge was played. Winners were: Mrs. Gladys Childs, first; Mrs. Naomi Flynn, second; Mrs. Delores Bailey, third. Mrs. Dorothy Madison was a guest. The members spent fun night at Riverview Park Wednesday. The next club meeting will be June 22 with Mrs. Obnetta Green, 1135 Tenth street.

BLAKELY-RATTON VOWS

In one of the pretty June weddings in Des Moines, Miss Edith Mae Blakely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blakely, 1152 W. 14th street place, became the bride of Mr. Gerald R. Ratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Ratton, 1414 Fremont.

The candlelit ceremony was held at 5 p. m. Sunday, June 12, in the beautifully decorated lounge of the Central YWCA, downtown, where more than 100 guests witnessed the nuptials which were read by the Rev. E. L. Jemison, pastor of Corinthian Baptist church. The street car strike prevented some guests from attending.

A white picket fence, decorated with pink gladioli, snapdragons, greens, palms, and candelabra surrounded a white kneeling altar and formed a gateway where the bride and groom were joined in matrimony.

Prior to the ceremony, Miss Sadye Harris sang "My Devotion" and "Until" Playing the wedding march was Mrs. Seymour Gaines.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a white satin gown, fashioned with fitted bodice, long pointed sleeves, full skirt that featured a bustle and fell into a long train. She wore a white satin bonnet, decorated with beaded flowers, from which a finger-tip tulle veil

**MR. H. BENNING OF
SEATTLE HONORED AT
FAMILY REUNION**

A family reunion dinner was given at the home of Mrs. Nellie Esters, 1423 Center street, Sunday, honoring Mr. Harold Benning of Seattle, Wash., who was visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Benning, 1157 Eleventh street.

Attending the family reunion were mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Grayson; daughters, Mesdames Hattie Benning and Nellie Esters; grandchildren, Mr. Harold Benning, Mrs. Mfgruerit Cothorn, Rockford, Ill., Mrs. Lucille Pemberton, Marshall, Texas, Mrs. Marcella Stewart, Albia, Ia., Mrs. Maxine Grayson, Albia, Mr. Ben Grayson, Albia, Mr. David Grayson, Waterloo; great grandchildren, John Arthur Cothorn, William Grayson, and Benagena Grayson, Gwendolyn, Sharon, Nathalie, Patrick, Michel and Peter J. Stewart.

Other guests were: Mrs. Lavinia Grayson and Mrs. Bessie Grayson, Albia; Mrs. Maggie Wilson, Mrs. Rosie Guy, Mr. John Bernard, Mr. Harry Wilson, Ft. Dodge; Mr. Walter Benning, Mrs. Fannie Tomlin.

**SON BORN TO MR. AND
MRS. HARRY TAYLOR**

A son was born on May 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor at Mercy hospital. He has been named Michael Dennis. Mrs. Taylor, is the former Dorothy Bush.

**MRS. HEADSPETH
TO MILWAUKEE**

Mrs. Millie Mae Headspeth has gone to Milwaukee, Wis., to spend several days with her uncle, Elder Wardell Chaney and Mrs. Chaney.

courtesy were Messrs. Mason, Flipping, Blakely and Myrow.

The newlyweds are at home to friends at 1176 Ninth street. Mrs. Ratton is a supply teacher in the Des Moines public schools. Mr. Ratton is employed by John Deere Co. at Ankeny.

Linen Shower

Miss Zola King was hostess at a linen shower honoring Mrs. Gerald M. Ratton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Strothers recently.

**BRIDAL SHOWER FOR
MISS E. BLAKELY**

A bridal shower for Miss Edythe Blakely was given at the home of the Seymour Gaines Friday evening, June 10, with members of the Corinthian Melody chorus and Young Women's Auxiliary as guests.

A table decorated by Miss Rachel Cason featured a white bell, pastel tapers, and a lace cloth. The centerpiece consisted of a mirror reflecting green fern and two white fans. The bride-to-be received many gifts.

JOLLY 8 CLUB

The Jolly 8 club met June 10 with Mrs. Murlan Taylor, 933 16th street. The next meeting on June 17, will be with Mrs. Meta Redd, 1753 Walker street.

**MRS. EARL WILLIAMS
HOSTESS AT LUNCHEON**

Mrs. Earl Williams was hostess at a luncheon recently honoring Mrs. Jean Brown of New York, daughter-in-law of Mrs. French Brown, Jr. Other guests included Mrs. G. W. Robinson, Sr., Mrs. Huberta Gater and Mrs. Lola Reeves.

OTTUMWA, IOWA

By MRS. B. M. HAYES
Ottumwa, Ia.—Youth Day program was given at AME church. The junior choir sang with Miss Catherine Harvey, soloist. The call to worship was read by Miss Parada Green. Responsive reading was given by Miss Marie Moore. The missionary offering was conducted by Miss Gene Green and Miss Rose Mary Robinson. Rev. J. D. Wilkerson of Ft. Madison was the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Downey are visiting in Chicago, the guests of his mother, Mrs. Helen Downey and his sisters. They will return next week and Mr. Downey will go to Cedar Rapids to attend the postal convention. This is the first time a Negro has been elected from here as delegate to this convention. He is a postal clerk at the post office in Ottumwa.

Mrs. Alice Rudd has week end

Bride's Biscuits



Following a tested recipe using enriched flour will help the bride make biscuits like these—golden topped, tender and flaky, served piping hot with butter or margarine and honey.

Four square biscuits provide breakfast or tea-time conversation, yet they are even easier to make than the usual round variety.

In following this basic biscuit recipe with sweet milk, cut shortening into the dry ingredients well until the mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Use two knives, a pastry blender, a pastry fork, or fingertips. Then add almost all the milk at once, saving out two or three tablespoons until you see if you need it. Different flours may need a different amount of milk to make a dough of good consistency. Stir vigorously until flour is moistened.

Biscuits are different from most other quickbreads in that they have to be kneaded slightly. This makes them high, light, and flaky. Warning: knead with a light touch, and only 30 seconds.

After rolling out dough, dip sharp knife in flour. Cut into squares by pressing knife or spatula straight down. Avoid "dragging" the knife through the dough. This pulls the biscuits out of shape and makes them lean to one side during baking. Bake on ungreased baking sheet.

Serve biscuits hot, with honey and tea, the traditional accessories. Hot biscuits are one of the most economical ways to add not only appetite appeal, but needed B-vitamins and iron to the menu.

BISCUITS

2 cups sifted enriched flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt

1 to 4 tablespoons shortening
1/2 to 3/4 cup milk

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cut or rub in shortening until mixture is crumbly. Add milk to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead gently 30 seconds. Roll out one-half inch

thick. Cut with floured biscuit cutter or sharp knife. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in hot oven (450 degrees F.) 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 12 biscuits.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our son and brother, Master Sgt. Inman L. Perkins, killed in Italy, June 17, 1944. However long our lives may last, Whatever lands we view, Whatever joy or grief be ours, We will always think of you. Mrs. W. W. Jones and family.

**PIANIST AT HOYT
SHERMAN SUNDAY**

The Dilettante club of Willie House will present Leon Kirkpatrick, noted pianist, in recital at Hoyt Sherman Place Sunday, June 19, 4 p.m.

**SINGERS AT CORINTHIAN
BAPTIST CHURCH JUNE 26**

The Glittering Stars of Minneapolis, Minn., will sing Sunday, June 26, at Corinthian Baptist church, sponsored by the Young Women's Auxiliary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindness, courtesies, expressions of sympathy, floral offerings and cards extended us at the death of Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks. Especially do we thank the Rev. J. I. Thomas of Bethel AME church.

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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

This week, the Bystander is celebrating its 55th Anniversary. That is a long time for a small business to operate; it is a long time for a business to remain small. And yet when we realize that all the large Negro newspapers are published in centers thickly populated by Negroes, there the answer may be found.

The Bystander has said on many occasions that it wished the day would come, and very soon, when Negro newspapers had no valid reason to operate. That day has not come. Thus, a Negro newspaper can render a great service to the whole people, a peculiar service to those for whom it is primarily run.

Most small business institutions have ups and downs of one kind or another. And in many cases those who operate them do so at great sacrifice. The high cost of everything today has raised the cost of operation far above anything the operators ever dreamed and thus the task is one of holding the line rather than going forward.

Newspapers are quasi public institutions. They can't operate without subscribers and/or advertising. And with the Bystander, without friends. Some of them have been friends for years, have appreciated the work of the Bystander and shown that appreciation by their support.

HAIL THE REGISTER AND TRIBUNE

This week the Register and Tribune celebrate their centennial. And befitting that celebration is the completion of the modernization of the plant which makes it one of the finest in the country.

Generally we use material things to measure growth. Thus that great institution has been built. But a great newspaper with a heart which beats true to human beings; a newspaper which gives its reader the news, views and features impartially and put together so as to satisfy most people who read these publications pretty well describes the Register and Tribune today.

While celebrating its 55th Anniversary, the Bystander pauses to congratulate the Register and Tribune on reaching this momentous landmark and hopes they never change the policies and principles they have pursued over the years which have made them strong, big and great.

A SHAMEFUL MISNOMER

If Washington, D. C., is the "Heart of Democracy" the feet and other extremities must be hell. And yet this is the title on the pictorial section of the Register and Tribune Sunday. That designation should make those people who believe in Democracy for ALL the people boiling mad.

True, America has been talking a lot about Democracy during and since the two great wars. And because of the splendid armies we have raised to bail European nations out of almost total destruction and the avish dumping of money to them with little hope of its recovery, Washington has become the capitol of the world.

But because we have the largest amount of money and the best armies does not make Washington the heart of democracy. More than 20% of the population are Negroes. They pay taxes to help run the affairs of the municipality. And yet they are treated uncivilly at every turn. The town is controlled by southerners and of course they carry their policies and if possible dominate every issue where the Negro is involved.

The city is run by a board of commissioners appointed by the President. Congress passes laws governing the city. Some rather lame gestures have been made by several congressmen to secure passage of laws against discrimination, but neither party has, in good faith, done anything tangible to correct the rotten treatment of a large segment of the population in the heart of democracy.

There can be no Democracy as long as a citizen is denied his civil rights on the basis of color just like a person cannot be a Communist and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MUCH DISCUSSION ON QUESTION OF AMERICAN DILEMMA

To the Editor: During more recent years, there has been much discussion about the much debatable question of the American dilemma. "Is the Negro ready for Social Equality in America?" Learned scholars of many races have lectured, debated, and discussed this question in private. I know there are people in high positions who are sympathetic to the question, if they could be convinced that the Negro is ready. This very question on a broad aspect, is being debated this very moment in the halls of congress. There are several cases pending in our local courts touching this question from one angle or another, and there is a campaign going on in this community right now, which is intended to support, and may I say this advisedly, one tenant of this question.

Yet, many persons seem to be in a quandary about what the Negro wants. And at times, this question comes from persons who are in a position to do something about it. On one week end, the editor of our only Negro newspaper jumps on the radio, announcers and daily papers for using the word "Negro" in referring to some suspected crime commission; the next week a Midwest Conference is held with national speakers on "How to Secure These Rights," which everybody knows is intended to mean the rights of Negroes. Then, on the next weekend—well here comes the Negro himself, and I don't mean the ordinary fellow of the street either with their tags, "Colored Girls' dormitory at Iowa university, maintained by the Iowa Association of Colored Women's clubs." Now mind you, this is done by Negroes, at a time when Iowa Negro girls can stay in any dormitory maintained for girls by the University on its campus.

'Give Me a Dime'

When we as Negroes, stand up and complain to the high heavens about the dominant group not letting us stay in certain hotels, eat in certain cafes; or not giving us F. E. P. C.; and at the same time whisper out of the other corner of our mouths, "Give me a dime, quarter, or a dollar, if you please, to maintain a segregated sub-standard 'Colored Girls' dormitory' at the seat of learning of one of the greatest educational institutions in the world," is there any reason why this dominant group is confused about this problem? Why, I am confused myself, and I am a Negro. I will probably be called a traitor, or maybe treated even worse for making this statement publicly, but I am sincere in my feeble attempt, and those that actually know me concur in the fact that I am sincere. I hope that I am not adding, or giving comfort to the enemy. But until we are willing to be measured by the same yardstick; until we are willing to work and die for the moral ideals that made this country; until we are willing to stop "jay walking" and cut the corners square as the rules provide; we are not ready (as a group) for social equality. I humbly ask your forgiveness if I am wrong, or if I have done the wrong thing for expressing myself, but this is my belief.—W. Lawrence Oliver, 416 6th Ave., East., Des Moines, Iowa.

PRaise EDITORIAL IN PAPER

To the Editor: At the meeting of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

at the same time be loyal to America. It is about like saying, "I am a Christian, but I steal or I murder." Both positions are exactly the same.

The fact that Washington has become the center of the world places upon America the responsibility of making it what we claim. It is a disgrace that diplomats come to this great country and find we ourselves are not practicing what we preach.

It places minority groups in an unfortunate position to complain so often, but when their rights are denied on every hand they can't resist the temptation to speak out; and when lies are told about what we really are, they grate on their nerves.

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People, last Saturday evening, attention was called to the very splendid editorial in the Bystander of May 12, in which you very graciously called attention to our membership campaign, now in progress and give specific instances in which the NAACP, through its persistent fight in the supreme and inferior Courts of the United States has brought the enjoyment of citizenship rights to Negroes all over the United States and especially in the deep south; and in which you urged the many readers of the Bystander to continue to support the organization, notwithstanding the fact that the membership fee like everything else has been doubled in cost. A resolution was passed authorizing the undersigned to thus formally express to you the sincere appreciation of the Branch, for this and the many other very helpful articles that appear from time to time in the columns of the Bystander, Iowa's only and one of the nation's oldest race papers.

Yours for the continued success of the Bystander.—Des Moines Branch, NAACP, Luther T. Glanton, Jr., President; Sarah E. Jett, Secretary.

'Need To Be Stirred'

Letter to the Editor: When Jesus was here on his great mission, the people accused him of stirring the people. The people should be stirred today as never before. The world is growing cold and wicked men and women have drifted so far from this Christ. We need so much to know Him. We should ask ourselves the question—where shall I spend eternity?—Evangelist M. B. Doyle, 1607 Buchanan street, Des Moines, Ia.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Local Sports

Haven't heard much of the doings of the Black Barons. We know they have played, but just what happened, we don't know. There have been a couple of traveling teams in here, and they have been booking games out of Des Moines, thus making it tough on local clubs. Harry Crump's Van Dyke House of David team spent several days around here, and we guess they will be back later on. Then the Broadway Clowns, said to be the best Negro team that showed in this city last season, will be here for a couple of games, and will hang around, we guess, for a few nearby bookings.

Tennis

Don Ritchie got into the junior

meet at Birdland last week and found himself traveling in fast company. He got dusted in both singles and doubles. Never mind that, Don. Don't let it throw you, keep plugging, and you will get tougher as things go during the summer. Donna Carr got into the girls' doubles, and she, too, ran into a storm. But both kids had good season's records.

Caught a quick glimpse of a white dirigible last Sunday. Upon closer inspection, the blimp turned out to be Chet Williamson in his white tennis clothes. He is getting ready for the first dual meet of the season with Waterloo at the park June 26. Would like to be out there too, but don't know if we can make the club. Certainly we can't if we don't get in some tennis. Looks like a great season.

Golf

With the Des Moines Open out of the way, local golfers are setting their sights for the Central States at St. Louis. We have overheard plans for seeing some baseball along with the golf meet. We hope the boys don't carry their baseball though out to the golf course, and shoot a triple when they should shoot about a seventy. Whatever a triple is in golf; never heard of one, did you?

Boxing

Can't seem to get too much dope on the coming Ezzard Charles-Joe Walcott scrap in Chicago for the heavyweight title vacated by Joe Louis. Some people and some prominent magazines predict that the fight will be either a financial flop or a bad fight. They may be right on either count. But, from where we sit, a bad fight with a chance to make a lot of money, no matter who else claims the championship, just isn't in the cards. Let Lee Savold fight the Englishman Bruce Woodcock for the British version of the title. Then the natural is the battle between the winner of the Charles-Walcott battle and the Woodcock-Savold thing. This would be a big gate, and that is what boxing is for. Somebody has to make money, or there would be no big fights. That there might not be a crowd, is possible.

Of course, there are close to a million Negroes living in the vicinity of the Chicago battle, and some of them are sure to get into the South Side Ball park come June 22. We have seen that park filled with fifty thousand Negroes, and not over a hundred white people in the entire audience. This could well be possible for the fight. Your illustrious scribbler really se to be among those present to really see what happens that night, and we will try to find whatever the experts overlook to tell you about. We figure there will be quite a delegation from Des Moines and shall have a lot of fun trying to see if we can find all of them as they crowd into the city.

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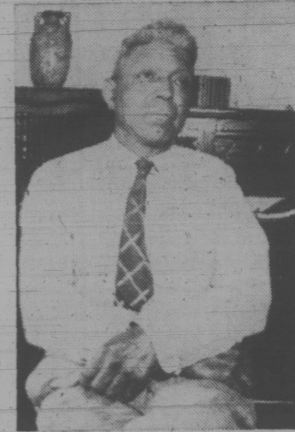
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MEN TO WORK

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MR. OSCAR ROPER

Get any two old coal miners together and they can talk longer than any two people, stated Oscar Roper of 1420 Buchanan street, who confessed that he met a coal miner in a doorway once and "we stood there and dug coal" for three hours.

"Even though they say a miners life is 'one day bread and honey and the next day—you ain't got no money,' there's just something about coal mining that once you get it in races. Funny though local officials weren't sure that it would be all right for a Negro to race, but they took a chance, and the pavilion didn't fall down, nor did the sun do an about face. Then, we suspect that the crowd was helped no little by the presence of those who came out of curiosity to see a Negro drive a racing car.

Someone said a few years ago in a gassing session that Negroes would make great racing drivers if they ever got a chance. He defended his argument by saying that they just naturally liked to do things behind a steering wheel, although, we don't think that any racial group has any monopoly on that. They were blessed

your blood, you can't stay out of the mines—and you just keep on talking and trying to get back into them," Mr. Roper said. On June 1, Mr. Roper ended 40 years as a steam electric mine hoist engineer, one of the few Negroes, to hold that position in coal mines, he said.

In reviewing his forty years of hoist engineering, he said he had been more fortunate than many of the men who worked miles under the ground, digging the coal. As an engineer, he sank shafts in opening mines, and transported tons of coal from the mines by electric hoist. Being an engineer gave him an opportunity to get plenty of fresh air.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., Mr. Roper began working in coal mines with his father, at the age of 12. Coming to Iowa, he finished the Oskaloosa High school, and studied four years by correspondence, a course that taught him the work of an electric hoist engineer.

He started with the Albia Coal company where he remained a year; then went to the Hocking (Ia.) Coal company mines for 20 years; spent four years at the Capital City Coal company mine in Des Moines and ended fifteen years at the Schuler coal mines on June 1, when the company closed its mines here.

During strikes he secured jobs at steel mills about the country, but returned to the mines when the strike ended.

Mr. Roper praised the United Mine Workers and John L. Lewis for the improvement of working conditions and raising of salaries of miners. The last and oldest of steam engineers in the state of Iowa, District 13, Mr. Roper thanked the Lord for protecting him from accidents, explosions and other mine tragedies.

A member of the Plymouth Brethren, undenominational church, he and his wife, Mrs. Eva Roper, came to Des Moines 19 years ago. They have two sons and a daughter.

with unusual coordination, said the guy and a sense of knowing when to take reckless chances that everyone has to take sooner or later if he is to win a race. Of course, racing is a combination of as much careful driving as possible because you aren't likely to win if your car is wrapped around a post, and chance taking when an opportunity presents itself.

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