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YOUTH FOR CHRIST REGIONAL CONFERENCE DECEMBER 29 AND 30

Outstanding youth leaders and musicians will be in Des Moines on Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30, for the Iowa-Nebraska regional conference of Youth For Christ International. All sessions of the conference will be held at Hoyt Sherman auditorium, Woodland at 15th street. Daily sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., with a banquet scheduled for 6 p.m. on December 30. All meetings are open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

Speakers will be: Rev. Theodore Epp, of Lincoln, Neb., director of the "Back To The Bible" radio program; Mrs. E. H. Johnson, of Kansas City, Kansas, and Guy Libbey, of Elkhart, Ind.

RICHMOND HIRES FIRST POLICE WOMAN

Richmond, Va. (NNPA)—Police Chief Garton last Monday approved the hiring of the first colored policeman in Richmond. She is Mrs. Ruth Brown Blair, a former recreation worker in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mrs. Blair was one of eleven successful candidates, William D. Gist and Ralph B. Tann, also were approved, bringing to nine the number of colored policemen who will be on the force after the new members begin work.

EVANGELIST COATES ILL AT HOME

Evangelist Estella Coates is ill at her home at 1315 Day street.

Data on Annual Iowa Photograph Contest Ready

Requests for entry blanks and other data on the Fourth Annual Photographic contest were coming in this week as additional announcements were completed.

The contest, which offers \$300 in cash prizes for outstanding photographs of Iowa, was announced beginning December 1 and will continue through February 28, 1950. Iowa Development Commission is sponsor.

Prize-winning and honorable mention prints will be exhibited in a salon following the contest in the Des Moines Art Center. Duplicates of superior prints and color slides will be made up into traveling salons. The color slides will travel the nation in an Iowa exhibit. Judging is set for March 3, 1950.

CANDLE LIGHT WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

A special candlelight Watch Night Consecration service will be held at David Spiritual Temple of Christ church, 1729 Walker street, Saturday from 10 p.m. to 12 o'clock, with the pastor, Most Bishop David William Short, officiating. Christmas consecration service was held last Sunday in honor of the birth of Christ. A Christmas tree was decorated and displayed in the church chapel window.

Spingarn Award Committee Calls For Nominations

New York—Announcement was made this week by Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that nominations are being received for the recipient of the 35th Spingarn Medal, to be awarded to the Negro American who in 1949 made the highest achievement in any honorable field of human endeavor.

The Spingarn Medal for 1948 was awarded to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting UN mediator in Palestine, and head of the Trusteeship Division of the United Nations. In an impressive ceremony in the Hollywood Bowl during the NAACP 40th Annual Conference last July. Previous Spingarn Medalists include Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Walter White, Martin Anderson, Dr. Peter Julian, Richard Wright, Thurgood Marshall, Judge William H. Hastie, Dr. Louis T. Wright and Dr. Channing H. Tobias.

Nominations should be sent before January 31, 1950, to the Spingarn Medal Award Committee, in care of NAACP, 20 West 40 street, New York 18, New York. Each nomination should be accompanied by a statement of the qualifications which make the person nominated worthy of consideration.

OFFICER RICH HURT IN CRASH

A Des Moines policeman was injured early Monday when the auto he was driving struck the traffic light standard in the center of Fifth and Keosauqua way.

Patrolman Ben Rich, 52, of 922 Sixteenth street, suffered a deep cut to his forehead and body bruises when the car struck the cement post. He is one of Des Moines' six Negro police officers.

Rose Youngbear, 29, of 1219 Center street, also riding in the car, suffered a pierced right cheek and a possible fracture of the right leg. Both were taken to Broadlawn General hospital, Rich was released after emergency treatment.

Patrolmen William Purdy and John Markey said Rich apparently was driving west on Keosauqua (See Page FOUR)

AT OMEGA PSI PHI CONCLAVE IN CHICAGO



Among the outstanding personalities who will appear on the public program of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity during its 36th Grand Conclave in Chicago, December 29-30. Shown above, top row, left to right: Miss Etta Maten who will sing, Dr. Harry T. Penn, grand

Selassie Tells UN, Italy Never Brought Ethiopia 'Anything But Misfortune'

Washington, D. C. (NNPA)—Protesting the decision of the United Nations to lace Somaliland, former Italian African colony under the UN trusteeship system with Italy as the administering power, Haile Selassie, Ethiopian Emperor, invited "the attention of the world to the inevitable consequences of preferring appeasement to justice."

In his message to the UN General Assembly, released last Thursday by the Ethiopian Legation here, Emperor Selassie said "Wide and intimate experience of the past, including the recent past, compels us deeply to deplore this action."

Italy, as a neighbor in East Africa, never brought Ethiopia "anything but misfortune and calamity, and became the source of the greatest perils to our national security," he said.

Quarrels
The Ethiopian Emperor charged

that it was from neighboring Italian colonies that preparations were made and attacks launched by Italy on Ethiopia. The Italians, he said, fomented local quarrels and incidents among neighboring populations, by corrupting natives with money and promises, with a view to attributing later to Ethiopia the responsibility for such troubles.

Evidence of such conduct, he added, already is coming to light in both Eritrea and Somaliland.

The decision of the UN General Assembly to force upon Ethiopia the return of Italy to neighboring territory not separated from Ethiopia by delimited frontiers presents "a certain, inevitable and overwhelming danger to my country," Emperor Selassie said, adding:

"The Assembly, presuming that the new Italy would think and act in a miraculously changed manner, has, in my opinion, been laboring under a dangerous delusion.

Brought Poverty
"Italian administration brought to Somaliland poverty, misery, racial (See Page FOUR)

MRS. GOLDIE FANT INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Goldie Fant, 1654 Maple street, suffered injuries in a fall at her home last week end. She is at Broadlawn General hospital.

UNION REVIVAL STARTS JAN. 2 AT ST. PAUL

Union revival services will be held by Corinthian Baptist, Burns Methodist and St. Paul A.M.E. churches beginning Jan. 2 through Jan. 15, at St. Paul.

COVENANT MEETING AT UNION BAPTIST

An old time covenant meeting will be held at Union Baptist church on Sunday morning, Jan. 1. A special message, "Stand on Thy Feet and Be Somebody," will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Gaiters.

Rites Friday For Mrs. Mabel Crowder

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Corinthian Baptist church for Mrs. Mabel Ann Crowder, 59, of 1211 Day street, who died Tuesday at Still Osteopathic hospital after a long illness. Burial will be at Glendale cemetery.

Mrs. Crowder was a member of Corinthian Baptist church and had lived in Des Moines 20 years. She was a member of the Corinthian Deaconess board, the Corinthian Aid and Princess Zorah chapter of the O. E. S.

Surviving are a son, Ralph, Des Moines; a stepson, James Minneapolis, Minn.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ruth Buckner, Fort Dodge, and a brother, Oscar Smith of Oskaloosa.

Communion service and installation of officers will follow.

'Precautionary Steps Made Necessary', Says Wilkins To Avert Infiltration

New York—In a move to avert infiltration of extreme left wing elements into the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization, Roy Wilkins and Arnold Aronson, chairman and secretary respectively, have sent to the 50 sponsoring organizations a letter setting forth the accreditation procedures adopted by the national steering committee for the registration of delegates to the Washington Conference next January 15-17.

Expressing the hope that the conference will be well attended by delegates "motivated by a sincere desire to bring about the speedy enactment of FEPC and the entire civil rights program," the letter asks that organizations be so "motivated," and accordingly, "we do not want and will not permit delegates of such organizations to be registered."

Specifically banned from participation in the Mobilization were the Civil Rights Congress, all political parties, and the ten unions now un-

der-investigation by CIQ on charges of Communist domination; American Communications Association; Fishermen and Allied Workers; Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers; United Public Workers; United Office and Professional Workers; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Fur and Leather Workers; International Longshoremen and Warehousemen; Marine Cooks and Stewards Union; United Furniture Workers.

Each delegate will be required to present an official letter from one of the national sponsoring organizations or a local affiliate certifying him as a delegate to the conference. Unaffiliated local organizations of the national steering committee. "These precautionary steps have been made necessary," Mr. Wilkins explained, "because of the persistent efforts of Communist elements to gain acceptance on the Mobilization for purposes other than the passage of civil rights legislation."

Next Session of Congress Begins Jan. 3; Sen. Scott Lucas to Open FEPC Fight

By LOUIS LAUTIER
Washington, D. C. (NNPA)—If their strategy works, Administration Democrats expect to profit from the impending battle in the Senate over fair employment practice legislation without endangering the rest of the party's legislative program.

The next session of Congress begins January 3. Senator Scott W. Lucas, of Illinois, the Majority Leader, has served notice that he will move to take up the FEPC bill as

soon as the bill to repeal federal taxes on oleomargarine is disposed of by the Senate.

Senators from the eleven states in the Deep South, with one exception, are opposed to passage of the bill. The one exception is Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat of Florida.

Senator Lucas' motion to take up the FEPC bill will be a signal for Southern Senators to begin a filibuster. Under the changes made in the cloture rule during the last session of Congress sixty-four votes are required to shut off debate on a motion as well as a pending measure.

The Democrats are hoping that the debate on the FEPC bill will prove embarrassing to Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican, of Ohio, who will be a candidate to succeed himself next year.

Senator Taft is opposed to the compulsory features of the Administration bill. The bill would give the fair employment practice commission it would create power to issue an order requiring an employer or labor union to cease and desist from unlawful employment practices. It also would empower the commission to petition Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal or District Courts for enforcement of the order.

NEW YORK P. O. GETS COLORED GLAMOUR GIRL

New York City (CNS)—New Yorkers are proud as punch of the poster featuring a set of glamour gal carol singers in cute, chic leg-showing outfits standing in the Lexington Avenue post office, second largest in N. Y. . . . All the gals are blonde, brunet, etc., and pretty—but the cutest of all is the chocolate brown-skinned in the very middle, leading them all.

SOMETHING TO WATCH!



Observing the ticks of Gruen's \$50,000 wrist watch are vet students of the Chicago Institute of Watchmaking. State and Lake streets, Clifford Moore, Des Moines, Ia.; Curtis Thurston, Huntington, W. Va., and nephew of one of the nation's largest Negro jewelers, J. G. Mosby of Washington, D. C.; Fac-

ulty Member Michael Czarniecki, Chicago; J. Heldt, Chicago; Dorcas Toenniges, Naperville, Ill., and Thomas Foster, Harrisburg, Ill. The \$50,000 timepiece was loaned to the student body, composed of all races, by the Gruen Watch Co. "All Negro graduates have been placed in lucrative jobs," said Dir. Paul Leeds. (NNP photo)



SOCIETY



HOLIDAY VISITORS

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander, 2220 Chauqua Parkway, are Dr. and Mrs. J. Walton Crump of St. Paul, Minn., who will be in the city over the New Year's week end.

The Minnesotans were guests at Christmas breakfast Sunday given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, feted by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Ritchey, at Christmas dinner; honored at breakfast Monday by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Trotter; and guests Monday night at the Saturday Night club's party at the Alexander home.

Mr. Oscar L. Glass of New York City spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Glass, Sr., 1517 Second avenue.

Mrs. Celia Reed of St. Louis, Mo., is holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reed, 1155 Ninth street.

Miss Eleanor Powell, teacher in Sumner High school, Kansas City, Kans., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morris, 1046 16th street.

Mr. Lawrence Howard, teacher at Wayne university, Detroit, Mich., is visiting his parents, Atty. and Mrs. C. P. Howard, 1136 14th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker of St. Joseph, Mo., are guests of Mrs. Parker's sister, Mrs. Olive Redmond.

Private First Class Alfred Shephard of Denver, Colo., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shephard, 1025 13th street.

Jack Edward Thompkins of Centerville, Ia., is spending the holidays with his father, Mr. Klyford Thompkins, and Mrs. Thompkins, at 1328 E. 18th street. He is a track star at Washington junior high school in Centerville, Jack informed.

Visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans, 1106 17th street, are their daughter, Mrs. George Patterson, and her daughter, Pamela, of Omaha, Neb.; and son, Dr. L. A. Whitfield of Chicago, Ill.

Miss Naomi Walden of Detroit, Mich., who motored here with a friend, Mr. Fred Norton, left the city Wednesday after spending the Christmas week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Walden, 3010 Amherst street.

Miss Walden was maid of honor in the Christmas Day wedding of her niece, Miss Harriet Walden, and Mr. Alfred Florence.

Mrs. Flossie Bourland of San Pedro, Calif., is in the city spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hoskins motored here from Chicago to spend Christmas week end visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Stanley, and relatives. The visitors were house guests of his sisters, Mrs. Fred Jeffers and Mrs. Ben Wellington. Mrs. Jack Harris of Grand Rapids, Mich., accompanied the Chicagoans here.

Mrs. Geraldine Stephenson of Chicago, Ill., spent the Christmas holidays here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Alfred Williams and daughter, Sandra Diane, and Mrs. Frances Humbard of St. Paul, Minn., left Tuesday after spending a week here during the Christmas season with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Lillian Edmunds, and grandmother, Mrs. Lola Hardwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Windsor of 2808 44th street, and their nieces, Martha, Sara Ann and Mollie McMichael, and a neighbor, Jane Dean, sang carols for Mrs. Millie Estell at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Newsome, 1315 Laurel street, on Monday night.

Mr. Windsor played on his accordion, the 94-year-old woman's favorite hymn, "No Never Alone," climaxing her happy Christmas celebration.

HONOR GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wisdom, 1412 Second street place, held their annual Christmas dinner Monday at their home. Guests included Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moorehead, Mrs. Halie M. Tutt, Mrs. Theodore Martin, Sr., and Atty Gertrude Rush.

YOUNG MATRONS HOLD XMAS CELEBRATION

The A. J. Irvine Young Matrons of St. Paul AME church held their

MRS. HICKMAN AND HER GIRL TRIPLETS



Mrs. Thomas Hickman, 35-year-old mother, is holding her girl triplets born on December 16, at Still College Osteopathic hospital, while her physician, Dr. Leon S. Jones, stands by.

The babies, Zellee Kay, born first, weighs five pounds and three ounces; Zola Mae, the second girl who arrived at 8:10 a.m., weighing four pounds and seven and one-half ounces, is being kept in an incubator; and the third girl, Zeola Fay, who came at 8:15 a.m., weighs five pounds and three and one-half ounces, has gained eleven and one-half ounces, Dr. Jones informed Wednesday.

Although the mother, who left the hospital and has returned to her apartment at 1155 Ninth street, is hoping that the babies will be home to greet the New Year, Dr. Jones informed that for the benefit of the health of the triplets it will be necessary to keep them at the hospital at least two more weeks. The triplets, his first to deliver, are in very healthy condition, he said. They are first to be born at Still hospital, established Sept. 9, 1946, after full pregnancy and all lived, the doctor said.

In an interview Tuesday, Mrs. Hickman, who is doing nicely, said she has not recovered from the shock of having triplets, because she went to the hospital expecting to give birth to her sixth child. Her other five children are in Louisville, Miss., with her mother. The oldest is 21.

Mrs. Hickman revealed that she had made little preparation for the one baby she expected—but now, she is at a loss and doesn't know where to start to make plans for the three infants.

The Carnation company has offered milk free for one year, to the triplets.

Mr. Hickman, veteran of World War II, has been in the veterans hospital for two months. He is awaiting an operation.

At present the mother is residing in the apartment of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gillie B. Reed, Apt. 2, of 1155 Ninth street address. (Bill Ashby Photo).

PERSONAL TOUCH

By Marie Ross

The Christmas week end was a busy one for young mothers and grandmothers who have getting about town paying their annual pop calls with their little ones.

At the Eaves-Gomer wedding reception on Christmas eve, Mrs. Floyd Bowman was proud to let guests know that she is now a grandmother. Her son, Jimmy, teaching at Wiley college, Marshall, Texas, and daughter-in-law, Gloria, became the parents of a daughter born in Morgantown, W. Va., on December 11. The baby's name is Linda Susan, Grandma Bowman informed.

Also at the reception, the James B. Morrises, Jr., whose son was a year old on December 11, were proud to know that Jimmy, and Gloria chose the same date for their baby's birthday.

Though the Robert N. Hyde home was filled with guests, out on the sun porch, was a lighted Christmas tree which was surrounded with Santa's pack for Bobby and Mary's two little boys, who were out visiting with Grandma and Grandpa Branham N. Hyde.

There is plenty more baby news that happened during the Christmas week, but most important at this moment, are the three little girls, triplet daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hickman, 1155 Ninth street, who are expected home from Still hospital for the New Year's celebration.

Mrs. Hickman, who came home from the hospital last week, is "still surprised," she said. She had made "little" plans for one baby, had purchased just a few things, thinking that when the boy or girl arrived, she would have time and funds to get more things. "But now," she smiled from the bed of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gillie B. Reed, 1155 Ninth, who is caring for her, "I

don't know which way to turn," she added.

Christmas week end was a quiet one for Mrs. Hickman. She is spending much time in bed gaining back her strength.

Mrs. Hickman was happy and relieved some to know that the triplets will not have to wait for milk. The Carnation Milk company will give the triplets a year's supply of milk free.

A shower of diapers and other baby clothing will be like pennies from heaven and much appreciated, the mother revealed.

The Hickmans reside in apartment 1 at 1155 Ninth street, but at present she is at apartment 2, with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reed.

The home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans, 1106 17th street, was the scene of a gala Christmas dinner party given Thursday night, December 22, by members of the Alliance of Interdenominational Ministers' Wives who held their annual entertainment for their husbands and a few other guests.

Following the dinner, Christmas carols were sung. Atty Gertrude Rush gave highlights of her recent plane trip to Rome, Paris, London and Jerusalem, displaying snapshots of scenes from her trip.

While the ministers listened with awe to the places of Biblical interest that Mrs. Rush saw in the Holy Land, the wives voiced unanimous admiration over the Italian silver, emerald-stoned necklace and bracelet that Mrs. Rush was wearing during the evening. She revealed that she had purchased the set in Rome and that other pieces of jewelry and articles of clothing she bought in other countries and wore at the party, were: a Danish silver pin from Denmark; a green metallic bracelet from Paris, hose from Switzerland and Judean gold ear pieces from Jerusalem; and her dress from the United States.

Gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree.

The YWCA is announcing for the benefit of persons who became exposed to the samba, rumba and tango dances at the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's recent Ballyhoo ball, that weekly classes in these South American dances will begin next month at the YWCA. Call Miss Rachel Gard for further information.

W.S.C.S. STUDY CLASS MEETS JAN. 5

The W.S.C.S. Study class of Burns church will meet in the home of Mrs. Minnie Robinson, 1004 Enos, Thursday, Jan. 5.

ENTERTAIN AT CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey, 825 Tenth street, entertained members of their family and friends at a Christmas dinner, Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey, Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Jenkins, Mr. Claude Davidson, Miss Rowena Johnson, Mrs. Rose Collier and son, Maggi Lu, Kathryn Ann, John Evans, William and Burton Bailey and Mrs. Darthula Ghee.

On Monday evening, the Baileys entertained at a Christmas party. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Warden, Mr. and Mrs. John Danforth, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Mesdames Fay Cullins, Helen Simmons, Eugene Carlock and Eva Wilson of Detroit, Mich.; Messrs. Claude Davidson and Paul Smith. Games were the diversion of the evening.

MRS. MORRIS, JR., TO BOULE IN TEXAS

Mrs. James B. Morris, Jr., left this week to attend the Alpha Kappa Alpha's boule which met in Houston, Texas. She represented Beta Gamma chapter of Des Moines.

THE J. A. CLAYBROOKS ENTERTAIN AT SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Claybrook of 223 East 13th street, entertained the following guests at a buffet supper, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Broadus, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caldwell.

MODERN MATRONS, NEW CLUB HAS PARTY

The Modern Matrons, a recently organized club, held a Christmas party Dec. 19 at the home of Mrs. Ellice Camp. The next meeting will be on Jan. 2 at the home of Mrs. Lessie Williams with Miss Nettie Johnson as hostess.

The club, formed on Nov. 7, has the following officers: president, Mrs. Williams; vice president, Mrs. May Stone; secretary, Mrs. Paris Williams; critic, Miss Nettie Johnson; reporter, Miss Virginia Washington; chaplain, Miss Mary Owens; supervisor, Mrs. Maggie Lincoln.

OMEGAS ATTEND 36th CONCLAVE IN CHICAGO

Five members of the Omicron chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity left the city Tuesday to attend the thirty-sixth conclave in Chicago, Ill., which opened Wednesday. They were: Messrs. George Stone, Eustace Ware, Marsh Houston, Atty. Luther Glanton, and Lawrence Burke.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The W. S. B. Missionary society of St. Paul AME church held its Christmas party Dec. 20 at the home of Mrs. Grace McCraven, 725 W. 11th street. After a repast, games were played and gifts exchanged.

Others sharing the courtesy were: Mrs. Maude Wyatt, president of the society; Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Singleton, Mesdames Ethel Wisdom, Emma Evans, Allie Bowman, Margaret McCracken, Ada Johnson, Mabel Mason, members. Guests were: Mesdames C. C. Johnson, Grace Lewis; Messrs. Robert Wisdom, George McCraven and Dennis McCraven.

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Visiting around Iowa
by Joe Marsh
New Year Resolutions
Cousin Ed got his 1950 calendar from the coal company yesterday. As he hung it up in the kitchen, he said something that struck me as pretty sound . . .
"Too many people find it easy to think up New Year Resolutions for the other fellow, but not for themselves."
Yes, it would be a better world if we'd ALL make one big Resolution for 1950, something like this—
"Resolved: that I will try to practice tolerance toward the other fellow . . . and respect his right to HIS ideas and way of life, just as I expect him to respect MINE."
Sure, I think Ed's political ideas are crazy. But maybe he thinks mine are, too. That's Democracy. My Uncle Joe likes coffee, while I enjoy a temperate glass of beer. But each is entitled to his choice. If we'd all make a Resolution to practice tolerance and respect for the other person's ideas, we'd make 1950 a better, happier year for everyone.
Joe Marsh
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IOWA CONGRESSMEN RENIG WHERE IT HURTS

There was a time when Iowa congressmen could be counted in the ranks of those voting for civil rights measures on all occasions.

However since Northern Democrats have gone all out for civil rights, some members of the Iowa delegation, seeking to block new Deal and Fair Deal measures on the subject, have voted with the Dixie-Crats reasoning that since the Negro vote in their district and/or state was small, defeat of what the Democrats attempted was more important than voting for fair and full citizenship for Negroes as a whole.

In the first Iowa Congressional district there 2000 Negro voters, 2,000 in the second, 2,500 in the third, 4,000 in the fourth, 400 in the fifth, 200 in the sixth, 1,000 in the seventh and 1,000 in the eighth.

After all, Congress and the executive departments are run by political parties and not individuals.

1949 HAS SEEN MUCH IMPROVEMENT

As the old year goes out, customarily the time for the New Year's resolutions is often utilized in deciding what the future program will be. 1949 is no exception to the rule.

These are unusual times and thus the year brought forth many important events which are bound to shape the destinies of the world for years to come.

Here in America on the whole, the people have had a prosperous year. Crops have been produced in abundance of things we must eat and wear with almost untold quantities going to foreign nations; employment has been good; and except for the layoff of some caused by strikes which diminished regular earnings, most workers have had good employment.

This has been a good year in the improvement of relations between racial and religious groups in America. Informed people realize that Democracy cannot be carried abroad if it does not exist in America and that the test of our sincerity and belief in it will be determined by the extent that it is practiced.

Minority groups have seen a better day in spite of unfavorable signs here and there.

For all these things we are thankful. And for the Bystander it will strive to give its readers a good newspaper in keeping with the support of its constituents, and say a happy and prosperous New Year.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

With reference to the letter in the Bystander of December 15, it is my understanding that, before the organization of the Fifth District, the state central committee of the Progressive Party of Iowa did endorse the action against the Katz drug store on account of racial discrimination in a meeting sometime in the fall of 1949, long before any other organization did so.

Certainly all members of the Progressive Party of Iowa and of the Fifth District and all progressively minded people were and are of like mind. Yours very truly, Mark Thompson, Chairman, Fifth District, Progressive Party of Iowa.

ITALIAN COLONY

See FRONT Page. discrimination, corruption and favors for the few. The ghost of past imperialism, reincarnated without interruption into an Italian trusteeship, casts a long shadow over the future of Somaliland.

How can the same Italy, who during sixty years of occupation of the territory did nothing to the inhabitants but her imperialistic exploitation, be expected to prepare them in ten years for independence? If independence is to be taken in its true sense this could best be realized by reunion with the Motherland (Ethiopia) to whom Somaliland is linked ethnically, economically and geographically.

Emperor Selassie charged that the UN violated principles by refusing to send, as it did in the case of Eritrea, a commission of inquiry to Somaliland where the inhabitants are firmly opposed to the return of Italian administration in any form or manner.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Burlington, Ia.—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rideout and Mrs. John A. Rideout gave a dinner party honoring Mr. John A. Rideout's birthday on Dec. 11 at the home of the former couple. Several guests enjoyed the dinner and Mr. Rideout received many gifts.

Mr. A. F. Drew, who has been seriously ill at Mercy hospital, is reported somewhat improved. His son, Mr. Kenneth Drew of New York City, Mrs. Dorothy Gordon, also of New York, Mrs. Mary C. Banks, Donald Drew of Chicago, Mrs. Iona Hendricks, Mrs. Mercedes Martin of Galesburg, Ill., came to the city to see Mr. Drew.

Mr. Earl Oldham is a surgical patient at Mercy hospital. Miss Colleen Lloyd who was a recent patient in the hospital is back to work.

Mrs. Joe Brown is a patient at Sacred Heart hospital. Mr. Robert Reed Cowens is a patient at University hospital at Iowa City but is expected home within a few days.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Colbert, 730 H street, S. W., entertained at their home at an elaborate holiday dinner honoring Rev. R. A. Thompson of Bangor, Maine, who is now residing in Vinton, Ia., and Mrs. G. E. Thomas, a missionary evangelist of Des Moines. The hosts and guests were presented hand-crocheted corsages and boutonnieres by Mrs. Thomas. Other guests came in for the evening which followed the dinner.

Hurt in Crash

See Front Page. about 5:20 a.m. when the accident occurred.

The officers reported that Rich had rented the car from the Ted McGrevey Rent-A-Car firm when he got off duty at midnight. They said the motor of the auto was shoved back about 5 inches by the impact.

MINISTERS' WIVES TO MEET JAN. 4

The Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Alliance will meet Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2 p.m. with Mrs. Audlee Dickerson, 1137 14th street, as hostess.

The alliance held its annual Christmas party on Dec. 22 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans.

TEN KEY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ten Key club held its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Sam Jordan, 1029 Tenth street, on Dec. 23 when husbands of the members were entertained as guests. Games were played and gifts exchanged.

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HEALTH FOR ALL

"Every January 1st most of us resolve to make the New Year a little better," said the Iowa State Department of Health. "Good health in 1950 would be a fine resolution, because it is fun to be healthy, full of energy and good spirits."

For good health in 1950 the first step is in the direction of the doctor's office for a physical examination. Many persons avoid having a check-up because they are afraid the doctor will discover something wrong with them.

We also need good teeth for good health. It is important that we make regular visits to the dentist if we are to enjoy healthful living in 1950. Good, sound teeth, in a clean, healthy mouth enable us to eat a well-rounded diet, and we need a good diet to keep us strong and healthy.

Cleanliness is one of the basic laws of good health. If we keep our bodies, clothing, homes, schools and working environments clean, we have a strong defense against disease germs and dirt go hand in hand.

We are also responsible for our own sleep and reaction habits. When we are tired, we feel inadequate and irritable. A good night's sleep often

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

With the year drawing to its finish, we continue to recall some of the sensations.

There were some things we didn't like. Such as the silly childish squabbles over the services of the park attendant during the season of outdoor play. Out of that came a lot of other small things that were not worthy of two big organizations which were trying to put on a program that would make the park a desirable place to spend Sundays.

Then there was the shoving around that the Hilltoppers got at the hands of the Missouri Valley tennis Association. We printed that, and incurred some heat, but it turned out that ours was the only story that ever did get out, in spite of an expressed desire to let the public know the facts.

We don't see even yet how the daily papers could have ignored the fact that the sportsmanship trophy for the Golden Gloves was presented by the Olympian Club. No mention of it was ever made except in this column.

The scarcity of Negroes during the Des Moines Bruins-Cubs tryouts for embryo baseball players didn't leave a good taste in our mouth. Wonder where they all went.

There were a lot of more things that got into our scrap book, but we shall have to get around to some

changes the whole outlook on life. Our state of health is reflected not only in our body condition, but also in our mental and moral state. If we take life at a moderate pace, we will live longer and happier.

For good health in 1950 we should provide protection for our children through immunization and vaccination against diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough and tetanus. The whole family should be on the alert to prevent accidents. Let's all resolve to be sane drivers and pedestrians.

Why not make one big resolution to have a healthier, happier year in 1950 and go about doing the things that will help make it that way?

In the national picture, we got more than a mild interest in the efforts of Sandy Saddler to lift the crown from the head of Featherweight Champion Willie Pep. This was after Pepe had won the brawl that gave him his title back from Sandy who had lifted it a short while before. We all followed the fortunes of the Brooklyn Dodgers with more than just passing glances, and I don't know who wasn't sorry when they finally conked in the World's Series.

The New York Giants finally took on two Negro players, and one of them, Hank Thompson, became a regular, even after breaking in in near mid-season.

Then there was Dr. Reggie Weir, playing in several big tournaments out east, as just another tennis player, and not our leading net man. Such a mixup we never heard of before as the finals of the National Negro Tennis meet were rained out. Postponed for a year. You figure it out.

Bill Ashby missing the shot of the year, when Horace Brown of Michigan State fell and made it look as if he were diving for the tape at the finish of the Drake Relays hundred yard dash.

James Allen taking his place as one of the leading pistol shots in this part of the country. Nice going Jamo. Our beginner's tennis meet

POST EXCHANGE

Letters from Our Readers

A bit of prose... a line or two of poetry... a letter now and then to express thoughts in the minds of our many readers.

Send Yours Today

ALL DAY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Some will dream, and some will scheme, And love will find a way; Hearts will pine, for auld lang syne, All day New Year's Day.

And tho' the hair is gray; Other years will bring back tears, All day New Year's Day. Some will dine, and some will wine, And some will go to pray; Angels nigh, where loved ones lie, All day New Year's Day.

The best to you, the whole year thru, And, may I pause and say; May God bless you, in all you do, Always,—and all day New Year's Day.

—Manuel S. Pickett.

with Fred Hawkins, who got beat in the thing, making the best showing of the beginners in the district meet

Sylvester McCracken and Colleen Martin happy winners of beginners champion trophies.

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