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News Briefs
From Far and Near

BOSTON'S SUBURBAN COUNCIL HEADED BY SON OF SLAVE

By ROY LAWRENCE
Boston, Mass.—Herbert L. Jackson, whose father was born a Negro slave in Georgia, became the first member of his race ever to be elected president of the Malden Common Council. Malden is an industrial residential suburb of Boston, and has a population of 60,000.

Mr. Jackson, 43, is serving his third term and plans next year to run for the State Legislature as a Representative. He is married to the former Doris Pope of Everett, Mass., whose grandfather, James W. Pope, was the first Negro to be elected to the Boston City Council. They have three children.

"Here in Malden," said the quiet spoken councilman, "a man is looked at of himself, not for other things, and on this score cities in some other sections of the country should turn to Malden for inspiration."

YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY SATURDAY AT HOYT

Don Lonie, of Detroit, Mich., outstanding Youth For Christ International representative, will be featured at the Des Moines Youth For Christ rally to be held on Saturday, January 14, at the Hoyt Sherman Auditorium, Woodland at 15th, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The rally will attract large numbers by a male octet from Iowa State College; a "Hymn Story" presentation; and regular rally musical features.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN WHO ACCUSED NEGRO OF MURDER GOES TO PRISON

Parchman, Miss. (ANP)—Mrs. Ruth Thompson Dickens, socially prominent white woman convicted of the shears-murder of her 68-year-old mother, a crime for which she had blamed an unknown Negro, began her life imprisonment term in the state penitentiary here last week. She had just lost an appeal to the state supreme court.

The woman was convicted last July for the slaying of her mother on Nov. 17, 1948. She claimed that a Negro was the murderer and that she surprised the men in her mother's home when she went there to prune some rose bushes. The state court, however, unanimously rejected the defendant's story, because no evidence was uncovered that a third person was involved.

ARREST SEVEN IN PLOT TO KILL HAITI'S PRESIDENT ESTIME

Port-au-Prince, Haiti (ANP)—Seven persons, including two former army officers, were arrested by police here last week as leaders of a plot to assassinate Haiti's President Dumarsais Estime. They face charges of complicity to assassinate the president during a holiday party he had planned to give Tuesday.

Although a state of siege and censorship has prevailed in Haiti since Nov. 15 which prevented transmission of news abroad, it was said that evidence seized included stolen firearms and documents—the most important of which was the key to a code being used by the conspirators.

DENTIST TO SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

St. Louis (NNPA)—Dr. Edward Louis Garnt, a dentist, took the oath of office as a member of the Board of Education at ceremonies held last Wednesday in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Edward M. Ruddy. He is the first colored person ever to serve on the board.

In administering the oath, Judge Ruddy said Dr. Grant's appointment was "a significant milestone in the history of public schools here."

Mayor Joseph M. Darst, who made the appointment, said he knew Dr. Grant would "do a good job and would become a leading member of the board."

Speaker at Mass Meeting 'Dreams' of Seeing Negro Cab Drivers in Des Moines

"I'm intensely interested in civil rights. I'm a dyed-in-the-wool American. I believe in fighting for the rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution," spoke the Rev. Geo. A. Singleton, to a crowd that nearly filled the auditorium of St. Paul AME church last Sunday afternoon for the mass meeting sponsored by the Iowa Emergency Civil Rights committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The meeting climaxed a statewide campaign by NAACP branches to arouse public opinion and raise funds to send representatives from Iowa to Washington, D. C., for the NAACP's national emergency effort for the support of President Truman's Civil Rights program now pending in the U.S. Congress.

"Unless public opinion is back of the laws, they will not be effective," the pastor of St. Paul AME church continued, pointing out that this emergency campaign was for the purpose of arousing the men in Washington, the senators and representatives.

"It is up to us to let them know that we want civil rights in our country. I don't believe it is right to call every man up to fight if he cannot vote.

"If we make doormats out of ourselves, don't be surprised if someone comes along and wipes his feet on us," the minister said.

Loyal to America

"We have been loyal to America. We have made America great," The Rev. Mr. Singleton emphasized, adding that Negroes are not "begging for civil rights but asking for them like men and women."

The speaker praised organizations like the C. I. O., the NAACP and the liberal pulpits for their fights for civil rights. He thanked God "for that little President down in Washington, Harry S. Truman, who is going to introduce the Fair Employment Practices Committee bill (FEPC). It will fail unless we insist on action."

"In Philadelphia I have seen Negro conductors, Negro motormen and there is no trouble," continued that minister who resided in the Pennsylvania city before coming to Des Moines.

"I'm dreaming a dream," he said, "that Negroes will someday drive cabs in Des Moines. We also want equal rights in Des Moines.

"Now that we got the Katz, we want the kittens," he commented, referring to the recent Katz Case victory.

Atty. Charles P. Howard, chairman of the Iowa Emergency committee on civil rights, told the efforts of this committee to arouse the public's interest in civil rights and to raise money to defray the expenses of five Iowans who leave for Washington, D. C., on Jan. 15, and remain there three days to interview congressmen and determine their attitudes on civil rights.

Named were: Attorney Howard; Atty. Luther T. Glanton, president of the Iowa State and Des Moines NAACP branches; Kenneth Walker, young white member; Ike Smalls, (See Page FOUR)

MRS. TRUMAN'S NAME WITHDRAWN FROM TEA

Washington, D. C. (NNPA)—The invitation which Mrs. Truman had accepted to tea with the executive board of the University Women's Club, a lily-white group, has been quietly withdrawn, it was learned Saturday.

No explanation could be obtained concerning the withdrawal of the invitation, although in informed circles it was believed that the withdrawal was decided upon after Mrs. Truman found herself in an embarrassing situation because of her acceptance of the invitation.

Dr. Elizabeth Conrad, club president, who led the fight against the admission of a colored woman to membership in the Washington chapter of the American Association of University Women, said, "Any statement of that will have to come from the White House."

Mississippi Gunmen Slay Three Children of Family

Kosciusko, Miss.—A critically wounded man early Tuesday gasped out a story that three white men massacred three members of his family after attempting to assault his 14-year-old stepdaughter.

Thomas Harris, Negro, was shot in the back and lung. One hundred white possemen combed central Mississippi for two of the white men. A third has been captured.

Dist. Atty. Henry Rodgers identified the captured man as Malcolm Whitt, 32. He said the two still hunted are Leon Turner, 38-year-old former convict, and Wendell Whitt, Malcolm's 24-year-old brother.

Broke Out of Jail

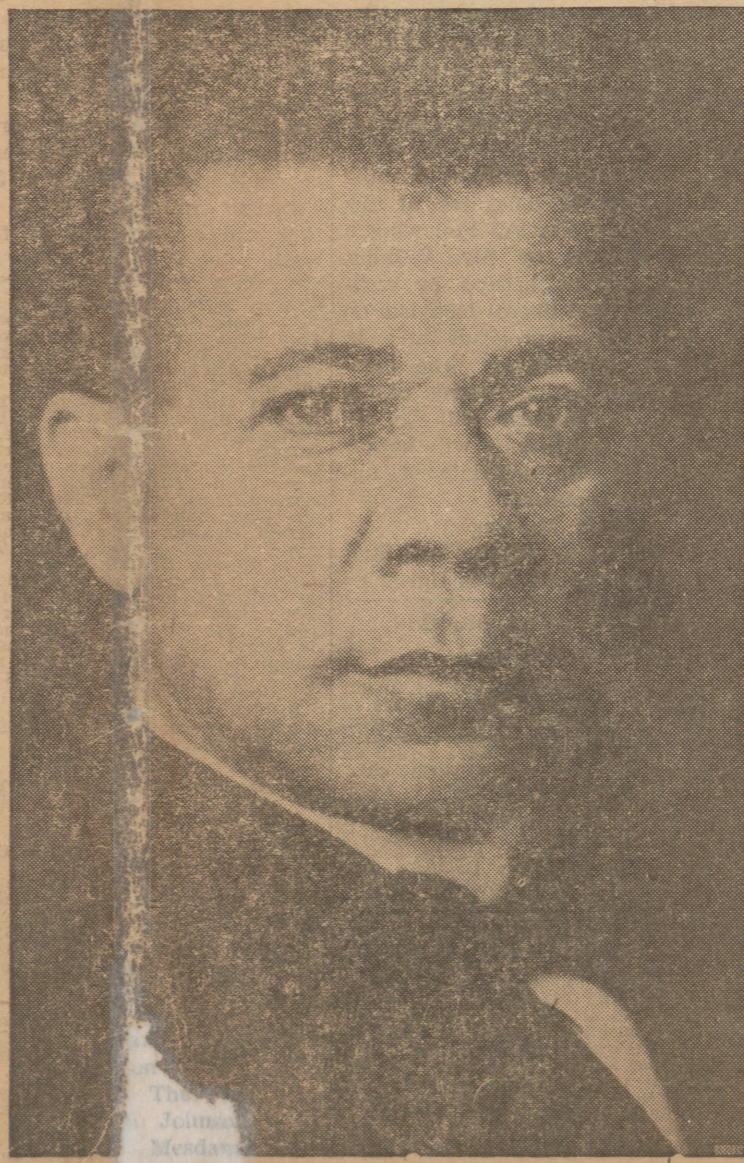
Rodgers said all three had been held in Attala county jail on charges of attempting to assault Pearlina Thurman, Harris' stepdaughter. But 11 days ago they escaped, using a beer can opener to dig a hole in a cell wall.

Harris told authorities the two Whitts and Turner came to his home late Sunday night. Turner, Harris said marched him into the kitchen while one Whitt stood guard at the front door and the other at the back.

Turner shot Harris in the back and then went into the bedroom where he killed three children: Frankie Thurman, 10, Mary, 8, and Ruby Nell, 4.

Rodgers said Pearlina, told him she hopped out of bed and ran to the back door but was turned back by one of the Whitts. She then scampered through the front door and under the house only to be pursued by the other Whitt who told her he would kill her if she did not

HONORED IN MEMORIAL SERVICES



Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) said in 1895, "There is no defense in this world for the highest intelligence and development of all." Tuskegee Alumni and friends rededicated themselves to the ideals of this great teacher and leader at a recent memorial service held in his honor at the institute. (ANP).

Washington Half-Dollars

Booker Washington, Birthplace, Virginia—S. J. Phillips, president of Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial announced this week that Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director, United States Mint, had advised him that the 1950 dies have been made for the coinage of the 1950 issue of the Booker T. Washington Memorial Half Dollars.

Mr. Phillips said that 12,000 sets of the 1950 issue would be coined to meet the demand for coin collectors. This will constitute the coinage of 12,000 half dollars on the Denver, San Francisco, and Philadelphia mints. He also said that the sets will sell for \$2.50 prepaid.

In addition to the coinage of the 12,000 sets, one-half million Booker T. Washington Memorial Half Dollars will be issued from the San Francisco Mint which sell at a popular price of \$2 each. These coins will go on sale to the general public after Friday, January 31.

Special Ceremony

A special ceremony will be held at the San Francisco mint on January 31.

Shot Twice

As she came out and started up the front steps, Turner shot her in the arm and chest, Rodgers quoted her.

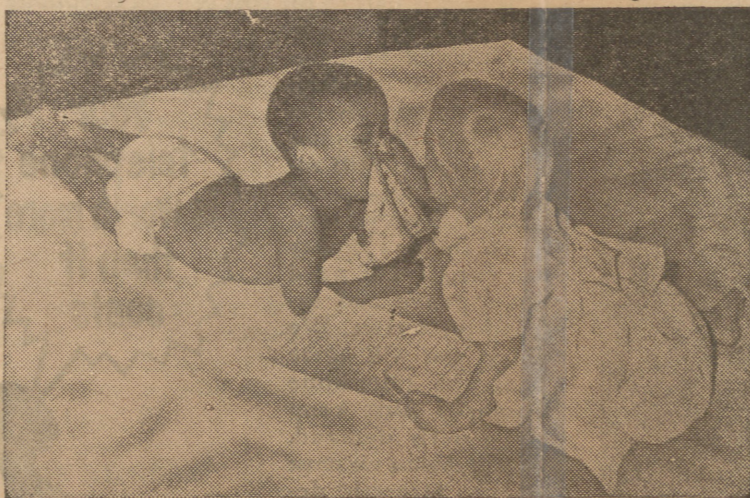
She rested until she regained some strength and then, leaving a trail of blood, went to the home of neighbors to summon help.

Officers attributed the shooting to "mistaken vengeance." He said officers were convinced the white men

TO MINNESOTA

Miss Bette Jackson left Saturday to visit in Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend In Deed



At a hospital in Virginia, Kathy lends a helping hand to Ellsworth. Their recovery from polio was made possible by contributions to the March of Dimes, annual fund-raising campaign of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The 1950 March of Dimes is being conducted January 16-31.

National Body Welcomes Smalls to Official Family Of Militant Organization

New York—Dr. W. Montague Cobb, professor of anatomy at Howard University, is among five new members elected to the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Association's forty-first annual meeting, held here on January 3.

Others newly elected to the NAACP board include Kelly M. Alexander, president of the North Carolina State Conference of branches; Harry J. Greene, member of the executive committee of the Philadelphia branch; Carl R. Johnson, president of the Kansas City, Mo., branch; and Wesley W. Law, former president of the Savannah NAACP youth council.

Re-Elected

Eleven former board members were re-named on January 3, when ballots submitted by the Association's branches were tabulated. Those re-elected were: Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers of Boston, Dr. Nathan K. Christopher of Cleveland, Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago, Dr. George D. Flemmings of Fort Worth, Dr. Allen F. Jackson of Hartford, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson of Baltimore, Rev. O. Clay Maxwell of New York, Philip Murray of Washington, Theodore Spaulding of Philadelphia, Hon. Charles E. Toney and Dr. Louis T. Wright of New York.

Mrs. Roosevelt Attends

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Dr. William Lloyd Imes, and A. Philip Randolph were among board members and vice-presidents attending the board meeting which followed the annual meeting. The group re-elected Arthur B. Spingarn as president of the As-

sociation, Dr. Louis T. Wright as chairman of the board, Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers as treasurer, and Dr. Channing H. Tobias as assistant treasurer.

Vice-Presidents

Miss Mary White Ovington, a founder of the Association, was elected vice-president and honorary treasurer. Others elected and re-elected as vice-presidents include Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Hon. Jane M. Bolin, Nannie H. Burroughs, Godfrey Lowell Cabot, Marion Cuthbert, Hon. Harry E. Davis, Douglas P. Falconer, Buell G. Gallagher, Bishop John A. Gregg, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Dr. William Lloyd Imes, Hon. Ira W. Jayne, Isadore Martin, H. L. Mitchell, T. G. Nutter, Rev. A. Clayton Powell, A. Philip Randolph, Rev. James H. Robinson, Ike Smalls, Willard Townsend and Bishop W. J. Walls.

Mr. Smalls, director of Polk county Blood Donor service, was notified Tuesday of his election as a vice-president of the NAACP. The election, for a one-year term, took place at the board of directors meeting.

The wire to Mr. Smalls, signed by Roy Wilkins, acting secretary, read "All of us here have high regard for your interest in the work and your helpful activities of the past years. We welcome you to our official family." (See Page FOUR)



IKE SMALLS

Wife Sues Wealthy White Woman Lawyer for \$50,000 Damages in Love Balm Suit

Washington, D. C. (NNPA)—Another official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is involved in a torrid interracial romance, according to a suit filed in the District Court here Monday.

Mrs. Olive J. Perry, wife of Leslie S. Perry, legislative representative of the NAACP and head of the association's Washington Bureau, sued Miss Ruth Weyand, described as a "wealthy" white woman, for damages of \$50,000 for alienation of the affections of her husband and for criminal conversation.

For a period of about four years prior to last April 24, Mrs. Perry charges, Miss Weyand had a romance with Mr. Perry, during which the white woman "planned, schemed and connived" to alienate Mr. Perry's affections.

Mrs. Perry says Miss Weyand carried on "an illicit love affair" with Mr. Perry, gave him expensive gifts, purchased an automobile for his use, and entertained and prepared meals for him. She adds that the woman attorney also telephoned Mr. Perry at numerous times, accompanied him to numerous meetings, and made out her will leaving her estate to him.

Further Her Plans

All of these things were done, Mrs. Perry asserts "with the design to further her plans and her schemes" to alienate Mr. Perry's affections. As a result of Miss Weyand's conduct, Mrs. Perry alleges, Mr. Perry's affections were alienated, despite the plaintiff's efforts to have the woman attorney "cease" such conduct. Mrs. Perry says she pleaded with Miss Weyand to leave her husband alone and informed the woman attorney that she was "greatly in love" with her husband and that the defendant's conduct was "breking up her then happy home."

'Person of Great Wealth'

Miss Weyand is described in the bill of complaint as "a single person of great wealth" and as "a member of the white race." The suit said she has a "lucrative income from her profession as an attorney."

She is a member of the District of Columbia bar and of the United States Supreme Court bar. Her affiliations include membership in the Federal Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the University of Chicago Alumni Association. She has served as a member of the board of directors of the District of Columbia Branch of the NAACP. (SEE SOCIAL PAGE)

A. A. Alexander Talks to Students At 2 Iowa Schools

A. A. Alexander, national prominent contractor and engineer, returned Wednesday to his alma mater, Iowa State University, where he addressed a monthly meeting of the Society of American Mechanical and Civil Engineers.

Mr. Alexander was honored at a noon faculty luncheon given by the dean of the engineering school.

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Alexander addressed two meetings at Grinnell (Iowa) college. He spoke to the Grinnell college chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at 4 p.m. in the Coles lounge, from the subject of "Interracial Relations."

William R. Frank is president of the interracial chapter which has a membership of 70 students.

Following this meeting, Mr. Alexander talked to the world-wide affects of racial prejudice in America, to a group of students who are studying religious subjects.

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of three fine children and excellent students and I am having a hard time putting them mind, and will continue to suffer in the future.

"Being a law abiding citizen," Mrs. Perry adds, she "cannot seek redress with her own hands" and "looks to the court for redress" in the form of money damages.

The suit was filed through John J. O'Brien, an attorney.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry were married July 24, 1935, at Media, Pennsylvania. The complaint states that both are "members of the Negro race."

By reason of Miss Weyand's conduct, Mrs. Perry states, her home was made "desolate and ruined," and she has suffered greatly in body and

mind, and will continue to suffer in the future.

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MRS. DAISY MURRELL OF FLORIDA GUEST OF FATHER, HENRY BROWN

Mrs. Daisy Murrell of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived here from Chicago last week to visit her father, Mrs. Henry Brown. The house guest of Mrs. Louise Gysart, Mrs. Murrell was luncheon guest of Mrs. Celestial Jones last Friday.

A former Des Moines resident, she and her husband, Stanleigh, spent the holidays in Chicago the guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Asher. Mrs. Murrell left Sunday for Birmingham, Ala., to visit Mrs. Margery Gaillard.

TOLSON FAMILY HOLDS ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION

The late Colonel and Molly Tolson started a New Year's Day family reunion 67 years ago, which was held this year with Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Howard, 701 S. E. Eleventh street attended by fifty-seven of the immediate relatives and twenty-four visitors.

Among the visitors were: Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Record, Rev. George Parish and Mrs. Alice Harris of Omaha. After a consecration service, the four sisters, Maggie, Myrtle, Mae and Lora took charge of the dinner, assisted by four nieces.

MRS. JENNIE D. MOORE OF DETROIT HERE

Mrs. Jennie D. Moore of Detroit, Mich., dramatic reader, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ola Mae Harris, 1048 18th street. They had not seen each other in 33 years.

L. A. GARLANDS, JR. ARE DINNER HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Garland, Jr., 1067 W. 15th street, were hosts at a dinner party given New Year's Eve at their home. Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames J. W. Forward, Alfred T. Richardson, William L. White, Mrs. Verona Western, Messrs. Charles McElroy and Wm. Mays.

MRS. PATTERSON LEAVES FOR OMAHA

Mrs. George Patterson and daughter, Pamela, of Omaha, Neb., left Tuesday to return home after having spent the holidays here with their parents and grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Evans, 1106 17th street.

THE CECIL TAYLORS OF MISSOURI VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor of Independence, Mo., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bush, 1238 E. 17th street court, and his father, Mr. Will Taylor, 1626 Dixon.

WILLIE HOUSE MOTHERS ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

The Mothers of Willie House had a New Year's Day dinner at the home of Mrs. Byron Hayter, 1155 13th street. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. William White, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perkins, Mrs. Willie J. Monroe, Mrs. George Manuel, Mrs. Emma Williamson, Miss Edith Carey.

The next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 13, with Mrs. Barbara Calderon, 1349 Jefferson street. Mrs. Doris White is reporter.

THE WILLIAMSONS BACK FROM TRIP TO TEXAS

Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Williamson returned recently from a motor trip to San Antonio, Texas, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

MRS. GEORGIA ERNEST TO KANSAS CITY, KAS.

Mrs. Georgia Ernest, 1011 E. 15th street, has gone to Kansas City, Kas., to make her home with her grandchildren. Messrs. Wilber Gibson and Charles Fryer, grandsons, who spent last week end here with her, left Jan. 9.

While here they were entertained by their aunt, Mrs. Eliza Tillman, and her son, Lowell; Mrs. J. P. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Essie Holt.

WIVES ALLIANCE MEETS FEB. 2

The Ministers' Wives Alliance met Jan. 4 at the home of Mrs. F. Dickerson, 1137 14th street, who was hostess for 15 members. All officers were retained except the chaplain, Mrs. Lucy Page. The installation will be held Jan. 29 at Kyles AME Zion church. "Baby gifts" will be purchased for Mrs. G. Parish and Mrs. E. Ellis. The next meeting will be Feb. 2 with Mrs. Blanche Spivie, 1516 Scott. Mrs. B. F. Blanks is president.

BAPTIST MINISTERS WIVES MEET JAN. 19

The Baptist Ministers Wives met Jan. 19 at the home of Mrs. C. A. Record, 1213 Scott street. Mrs. William Scott is president and Mrs. G. M. Williams is reporter.



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CLIFFORD BAYLES HEADS ROOSEVELT CLUB AGAIN

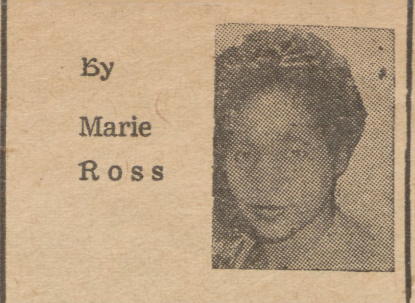
Clifford Bayles was reelected president of the Roosevelt club at the annual meeting held recently. Other officers are: Roy Todd, vice president; James B. Morris, Sr., secretary; Harold Williams, assistant secretary; Walter Benning, treasurer; Wm. M. Brooks, parliamentarian.

A. A. Alexander spoke to the members on his recent tour of defense plants with a group of civilians for the purpose of evaluating America's defense installations. The tour was sponsored by the Office of National Defense.

MRS. TUCKER IN MERCY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sarah Steele Tucker, 1101 School street, has been ill at Mercy hospital.

PERSONAL TOUCH



Left-over from the holiday stories was this one, told by Mrs. Pearl Jeffers, 534 29th street, whose brother, Orville Hoskins drove here from Chicago, Ill., to visit relatives. He brought along, to stretch their legs in Iowa, two beagle hounds, which are kept pent-up in a specially-built section of Mr. Hoskins' butcher shop, the sister revealed.

Way out in Indianola Heights where the hounds were stopping with another of Mr. Hoskins' sisters, Mrs. Ben Wellington, the two dogs, "King" and "Red," really stretched their legs in the wide open spaces. When Mr. Hoskins had ended his week-end visit, "King" had done his road work and had plenty of exercise to return to his Chicago dog house.

"Red" was still out, roaming the fields, chasing the Des Moines rabbits. Mr. Hoskins packed his car and had everything ready to go—as soon as his hound returned. But "Red" did not return that entire evening and the butcher had to leave for Chicago without him.

Bright and early the next morning, Mrs. Jeffers said "Red" came home tired—"with his tongue hanging out."

Preparation had to be made to express him back to Chicago. "Red" had to be taken to a veterinarian for a health certificate before he could board the train.

But now "Red" is back home and happy with more memories of a jack-rabbit holiday than his brother, "King."

Among the cute and "touching" holiday cards that Mrs. Lillian Edmunds received was one from her former Cocker Spaniel pet, "Mickey," now a member of the family of Druggist Charles Bridgman.

On the card which bore "Mickey's" photograph, was a note which told how the pup was "behaving" for Lavona and Charles and their daughter.

Mrs. Edmunds was thrilled. Next to the visit from her own daughter and grand-daughter, the letter and picture from "Mickey" helped to make her holiday season a happier

EXCELSIOR CLUB HAS HOLIDAY PARTY; MRS. IRENE CASON, PRESIDENT

The Excelsior club of Corinthian Baptist church held its annual holiday party at the home of Mrs. Georgia Goggins, 1067 17th street, Jan. 3. Guests were Mesdames Leta Slater, W. C. Buice, John Clinton, Samuel Miller, Henry Wilcoits, Nellie Green and Mr. G. Cannon. Gifts were exchanged.

Officers of the year are: president, Mrs. Irene Cason; vice president, Mrs. Ruth Forrester; treasurer, Mrs. Mollie Beverly; secretary, Mrs. Capitola Jones; deaconess, Mrs. Goggins; mother, Mrs. Classic Rodgers; and deacon, M. Cranshaw. The next meeting will be Jan. 17 with Mrs. Forrester, 914 14th street.

MRS. MILDRED TRENT HEADS BRIDGE CLUB

The newly organized L. B. S. bridge club met with Mrs. Alma Morris, 1409 Buchanan street, Jan. 5. Officers are: president, Mrs. Mildred Trent; vice president, Mrs. Barbara James; secretary, Mrs. Alma Morris; treasurer, Mrs. Olivia De Van. Other members are Mesdames Mabel Hill, Nancy Jackson, Inez DeVan and Helen Bell.

Bridge was played and prizes will be given. Mrs. DeVan is reporter.

BACK FROM ST. PAUL

Mrs. Georgia Jones visited in St. Paul, Minn., during the recent holidays.

MR. DOUGLASS AT VETERANS HOSPITAL

Mr. Dosier Douglass has been at the Veteran's Hospital for a month recuperating from an attack of heart trouble. He is a Spanish American War veteran.

GARDEN CLUB PANEL AT WILLKIE JAN. 20

The Community Garden club will have its January meeting in the form of a dessert supper at the Willkie House at Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. A panel discussion on "Why a Garden" will be held. The moderator will be Mrs. Adah Johnson. The panel speakers are: Mesdames Nell Esters, Joann Bullocks, Lillian Edmunds, and Korby Jackson.

W. S. G. S. STUDY CLASS MEETS JAN. 19

The W. S. G. S. Study class of Burns Methodist church, will meet Thursday, Jan. 19, in the home of Mrs. Lucille Carlock, 829 10th street, from 2 to 4 p.m.

ENGAGED



MISS BETTEJANE MORROW

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Morrow, Sr., of 1060 Twelfth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bettejane, to Mr. Edward C. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Harris, 1516 Buchanan street.

Miss Morrow is a student of Grandview college here and Mr. Harris is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

A.K.A. BOULE TO KANSAS CITY IN 1950

Houston, Texas (NNPA) — The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority ended its twenty-ninth Boule here Friday evening, December 30, after electing Mrs. Laura Lovelace of Cincinnati as its national president and selecting Kansas City as the seat of its 1950 Boule.

The AKA's will hold a tri-convention in Kansas City next Christmas along with the Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities.

Mrs. Lovelace, a teacher of social sciences at the Stowe Junior High School in Cincinnati, becomes the thirteenth supreme basileus which the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has had in its 41-year history. She succeeds Mrs. Edna Over Gray of Baltimore, who served as supreme basileus for three and a half years following her election in the summer of 1946 at Los Angeles.

TORRID ROMANCE

See FRONT Page
Miss Weyand holds the degree of doctor of jurisprudence cum laude given her in 1932, when she was only 20 years old, by the University

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The March of Dimes opens its 1950 campaign January 16 and will continue to the thirty-first for the purpose of providing funds to fight polio this year.

CONGRESS HAS ITS HANDS FULL

The second session of the 81st Congress convened last week. It gathers under unusual circumstances.

The situation in China presents a difficult problem. Communists are sweeping everything before them and it has become very evident that the Nationalists will be forced to surrender.

America has undertaken to stop the spread of Communism. In this instance many countries, believing that the effort is a lost cause, have recognized the communist government while we maintain a watch and wait policy.

Undoubtedly, the financial situation America faces will call for more ability to settle than has been available in recent years.

How the administration continues to tolerate the wilful conduct of John L. Lewis in crippling our coal production is no mystery but plain politics.

Congress has had before it for several years measures now called President Truman's civil rights program.

They include anti-poll tax, anti-lynching and fair employment practices bills. Hearings have been held by Congressional committees.

It will be interesting to watch how well our lawmakers do the things which will keep America strong and happy for truly the destiny of this country is in their hands.

IKE SMALLS AND OTHERS, ELECTED TO NAACP BOARD

Smalls, who served as member of the association's board for a year and a half, was invited to sit with President Truman at the national convention in Washington, D. C.

A former president and present board member of the Des Moines branch of the NAACP, Mr. Smalls also has served as president of the state branches.

Besides his work with the Blood Donor service, Mr. Smalls is a executive secretary of the Smalls Medical aid fund set up to provide medical supplies without cost to the needy of Des Moines.

The board voted to continue Walter White as secretary-on-leave until June, 1950. Roy Wilkins was re-elected acting secretary for this period. Dr. Cobb was elected chairman of the national medical committee.

MASS MEETING

newly elected national vice president of the NAACP; and George Willoughby of the Friends society.

"The CIO in the state of Iowa will cooperate one-hundred percent because this is the right kind of

legislation," he added. Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, organizer and former president of the Iowa State NAACP branches, prefaced the financial offering from the public, with highlights of mass violations of civil rights of Negroes, work of the NAACP in America.

"This is D-Day for the NAACP. It is D-Day for 14 million of Negroes and minorities in America," she appealed as she started the collection with checks for \$50 and \$25 from interested persons and organizations.

Music for the meeting was offered by the Corinthian Song Fellows and the Dorsey Chorus. The Rev. E. L. Jemison gave the invocation. Rev. J. E. Tunstall offered the benediction.

Interracial Commission Learns of Communism

At its first meeting under its new administration at the North High cafeteria last Tuesday evening, Norman Gustavson, a Drake student, who was a member of the delegation of American students who attended the International Student Conference held in Czechoslovakia, last summer, showed stereotypic views taken on the trip and gave a detailed report upon the workings of Communism in the Russian zone of Western Europe.

Two members of the Commission who have recently been accorded national recognition by the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, Mr. Ike Smalls who last Tuesday, was elected one of the national vice presidents of the National and Atty. Chas. P. Howard who was elected at the State-wide Mass Meeting last Sunday to head the delegation of five who will represent Iowa in the Nation-wide Mass Meeting in Washington, D. C. next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, when representatives from each of the Forty Eight States and the District of Columbia will march on Washington, in an effort to convince the members of Congress from their respective states, that at least a portion of President Truman's Civil Rights Program should be enacted into law.

At this meeting Atty. W. Lawrence Oliver, the recently installed Chairman appointed the following members to head up the various Standing Committee for the ensuing year: Racial Justice, A. P. Trotter; Program Lamar T. Ellis and Mrs. Elizabeth Turner; Industrial Relations, John S. Coleman; Education, Mrs. F. J. Weertz, Jas. B. Morris, Sr. and A. A. Alexander; Membership, Earl G. Robinson and Dolores Iltis; Church Relations Rev. Isaac E. Metcalf and J. E. Tunstall; Hospitality, Mrs. W. J. Ritchey and Mrs. E. J. Campbell; Youth, Miss Mildred Snyder and Miss Katherine Wheeler and Publicity, S. Joe Brown.

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BURLINGTON, IOWA

Burlington, Ia.—The Past Matrons club of the O. E. S. gave a holiday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Edwin White in Columbus street to entertain members of the O. E. S. Rev. S. E. C. Lord of St. John's AME church and members began a \$3,000 drive for the repairs on the church property Sunday.

Mr. Robert Reed Cowens has returned to school after spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rideout. Mr. and Mrs. Ahmed Brown spent the holidays with her mother and relatives. Mr. A. F. Drew has been dismissed from the hospital. He is improving. Mrs. Joe Brown is at home from the hospital in Ft. Madison. Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Drew of New York are parents of a daughter. Mr. Drew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Drew.

Launches Rally Burlington, Ia.—The Missionary Society of the St. John AME church here held installation services of the officers and board members and launched a \$3,000 pew rally, in special services held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8.

With Mrs. Zenobia L. Lord, president of the society, and Mrs. Verla Lewis, mistress of ceremonies, and the Rev. S. E. C. Lord, pastor, the following persons participated on the interracial programs: Rev. L. Jecks of Keokuk, Rev. W. Woolridge of Keokuk, Rev. R. G. Beck, Mrs. Geo. Henson, Mrs. William Moore, Mrs. Lord, Rev. C. Corney.

Musical numbers were given by St. John AME choir of Burlington AME choir of Keokuk, Miss Florine Miller, Miss Sylvia Winach, Mrs. John Howie, Miss Irene Hippe, Rev. Mr. Lord, Mr. Cecil Rideout and Union Baptist choir of Burlington.

HEALTH FOR ALL

COLDS

Although he obviously suffers, with his running nose and eyes, sneezing and coughing, a cold victim probably gets less sympathy than any other ill person.

One reason may be that most people average two or three colds a year and most people look on a cold as just a temporary nuisance. Another reason for this lack of sympathy might be that people realize a cold is catching and so they avoid the sufferer. The person who carelessly spreads his cold germs by neglecting to cover his coughs and sneezes with his handkerchiefs or tissues is especially unpopular.

For the so-called "common cold" is highly contagious. The victim most frequently spreads his cold at the time the symptoms first appear, but his cold can be spread even before he himself starts coughing and sneezing.

The cold germ—a virus so small it cannot be seen under an ordinary microscope—is usually spread by direct contact. Things like sitting in a draft and getting wet feet are not sufficient in themselves to produce a cold. But doctors believe that sudden changes in temperature and severe chilling or wetting sensitizes the membranes of the nose and throat and make a person more vulnerable to cold germs. Cold germs can lodge beforehand in the membranes of the nose and throat and not "take hold" until sudden chill or cold weaken surrounding tissues.

A cold, of itself, is never the cause of death. If neglected or ignored, however, a cold can lead to serious illness or complications which may prove fatal. Colds not properly

of local prominence to die in the ring. Nobody that we ever heard had anything but a good word to say for the kid who came up the hard way.

We spent the year wondering what Joe Louis was calling himself doing by saying that he was not fighting and then knocking his victims, or opponents, stiff. When you have kayoed a man, that is pretty good evidence that you have been fighting in our book.

There were so many Negro football players, that one had to look around before he could be sure just who was who. We think Indiana was tops with eight. The Hoosiers also took a big step in smashing the color line in the Big Ten by

introducing a high scoring forward, Bill Garrett. The lad ought to be a threat to scoring leaders this year.

The softball hurling of Johnny Bright, and we can't forget how level-headed the kid was about all the publicity. He is just a big, fun loving youngster, who likes to yell and make noise. His ball toting was something to rave about. He boosted the attendance totals at Drake games by at least five hundred as we are sure that many Negroes went out to see him. Then he became the first Negro in Drake history to make the basketball squad. After his leg heals, he will likely be tough on the court. He made the All Missouri Valley teams, and got honorable mention on the All Western team. Probably made some All Americans in that capacity too.

Jim Campbell of Tech made three of the longest runs of any of the local prep gridgers of the year. Made them all in one game. We think they were 87, 78, and 65 yards, and they were all scoring runs. Carrol Jackson of North was a good runner.

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TIES THAT BIND

Ties that bind the heartstrings, Closer day by day; Build the golden love-dreams, Along the weary way. Jesus softly whispers, I will lead the way; While His golden harpstrings, Grow sweeter day by day. Softly steals the tear drops, When we say good-bye; So we bind our love-dreams,

With a loving tie. Moonlight in the garden, Moments swiftly fly; In my golden love-dreams, I can hear you sigh. Ties that bind the heartstrings, Weave a love Divine; Mend the broken love-dreams, With the ties that bind. —Manual S. Pickett, 1004 16th Street, Des Moines, Ia.

Morris Bell, Al Gatewood, and Jim Turner of East were a tough trio, but would have been much tougher with Lavern Fields in there.

Our biggest personal thrill: We were sitting in the press row at the Drake Relays. The guy forgot to leave me the coffee and sandwich that the other reporters got. Jack North of the Des Moines Tribune raised the roof, and when we said we didn't want any, roared "Take

the thing and throw it away or give it away, but take it. You are entitled to it, and no so and so is going to pass anybody in this gang up here without hearing from me. We really didn't want the stuff, but took it, and managed to force down a couple of bites. It made us feel great. And now we will get into 1950 from now on.

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that our neighbors have a right to their way of life, just as we have to ours. If neighbor Jones enjoys back-yard barbecues, that's O. K. by us. If neighbor Smith likes a temperate glass of beer after dinner, that's his privilege. A fellow who wants to dictate what a person eats, or drinks, or wears, or thinks... just doesn't belong in our neighborhood, or in Iowa.

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