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Announce Marriage of Miss Strother



MRS. LOUIS H. BRANCH, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Strother, 1018 Twelfth street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Irene, to Mr. Louis H. Branch, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Branch, Sr., 1438 Dixon, which took place March 15, performed by Judge Loy Ladd.

Attendants were Mrs. Ross Eubanks and Mr. Richard Preston. Both natives of Des Moines, Mrs. Branch is a member of the Corinthian Baptist church, and he belongs to the Maple Street Baptist church.

Mrs. Branch, who attended North High school, affiliated with the Puellas Legatos club and Orchid club. Mr. Branch is a veteran of World War II. The couple is residing at 1221 E. 21st street.

Les Puellas Legatos club gave a shower April 4 at the home of Mrs. Wendell Snyder, 3824 38th street.

SUES ROCK ISLAND



MRS. GWENDOLYN FOWLER

Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler of 1014 17th street filed suit for \$5,000 in the district court on April 14 against the Rock Island railroad, charging she was discriminated against aboard a train because she is a Negro.

In her petition, Mrs. Fowler alleged the discrimination occurred last December on a train trip to Houston, Tex., and back.

When the train was between Des Moines and Kansas City, Mo., employees seated her at a table in the dining car, then put a curtain around the table, Mrs. Fowler charged.

When she left Houston on the return trip, a conductor said she would be given a sleeper berth at Dallas, Texas, but she had to remain in a "jim crow" car, she charged. The car had curtains which separated her from other passengers, Mrs.

TO BEGIN TENTH YEAR CELEBRATION FOR REV. J. R. ROMAN

The Mt. Olive Baptist church will begin Monday night, April 24, a week of pre-celebration meetings leading to the tenth anniversary program of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Roman, Sunday, April 30, at 3 p.m.

MR. WEBB ILL

Mr. Robert Webb, Sr., 951 17th street, is ill at his home.

Y.W.C.A. Begins Two-Week Drive For New Members

Workers in the YWCA's annual two-week membership drive which begins on Friday, will gather for the first time at 3 o'clock tea that afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frederick Weitz, 403 Forty-second st.

During the drive, two main programs, will include a "World Fellowship festival" at the YWCA, 9th and High streets, at 6 p.m. Saturday. It will be open to the public. The program will consist of an Italian dinner and varied entertainment.

The second main drive program will be an "international banquet" at the YWCA at 6 p.m. Monday for business women of Des Moines. Dr. Lydia Duggins of Drake university will be principal speaker.

Other activities for all age groups will be included in the two-week campaign, said Mrs. X. Q. Lindell, drive chairman.

Fowler continued.

When a Boy, 'Hammerin' Hank Had Dreams That He Would Turn to Preaching

Washington—(ANP)—Henry Armstrong, better known in the fistic world as "Hammerin' Hank, and the only boxer ever to hold three championships simultaneously, highlighted the "Gospel Cavalcade" program, when he preached his Easter sermon on Sunday at Uline arena here.

Turned to preaching eight months ago, when a friend asked him to preach at a benefit to help pay up a church, which netted \$3,000, Armstrong said that his new role is not a surprise to him, as "I was meant to be a preacher," he related.

Divine Visions

Continuing, Armstrong said that "I've had divine visions and dreams since I was a little boy, and when my 10 brothers and sisters used to kid me about them, my mother, a very religious person, would tell them I would grow up to be a preacher.

The 38-year-old preacher, who has placed his ring career behind him for the past five years, told the audience that when he first became a fighter, his sister-in-law, Emma Lou, told him that he was only preparing himself for the pulpit, and the people who were coming out to see him box, would later come out to listen to him preach. "She was right," he declared, "I even married a minister's daughter.

"Before my fight with Barney Ross

in 1939 for the welterweight title, I was very worried. I already held the featherweight and lightweight titles and the newspapers said I had bitten off more than I could chew. They made me a 3-1 underdog, but Emma Lou told me, "don't worry. This will be your easiest fight."

"Before it's over, the referee will ask you to have mercy on Ross and let him last the whole fight. Ross will go to the hospital and you will come out unscratched. And that is exactly what happened."

Harry T. Burleigh's Sanity Questioned at Date of Will

New York—(ANU)—Was Harry T. Burleigh, noted colored baritone, rational when he made his final will in 1946?

Three witnesses in a trial to upset that will told a New York court Thursday that the noted singer-composer was not rational; three witnesses declared he was rational.

The document under fire, leaves a substantial part of his estate to his former housekeeper, Mrs. Thelma Hall. His widow, Mrs. Louise Burleigh of Reedville, Wis., and other relatives are contesting the document.

Southernaires' Broadcast Off ABC Network

New York—(ATLAS)—The Southernaires' quartet, a regular Sunday morning feature over the American Broadcasting Company, has been canceled, and they went off the air April 16.

No reason was given for the cancellation, but reports have it that the ABC network has received an overflow of letters criticizing the firing of Ray Yeates on Jan. 15. The only information from the program Department of ABC was to confirm what this reporter had learned a few weeks ago.

A spokesman for the Broadcasting Company said there were no plans at present to air the quartet in the future.

Town Hall World Traveler Tells Americans to Open All Doors 'To Save Self'

"People are the same, the world over. Everybody is looking for the same thing—peace, happiness and a relative degree of security," Mrs. Edith Sampson, Chicago attorney, told a public forum meeting of 200 persons at Hoyt Sherman place, Monday night.

One of 28 Americans who made a world tour last summer as a part of the Town Meeting of the Air radio program, Mrs. Sampson said "it is true that I had practiced law in Chicago for 22 years and have enjoyed it, but I have not practiced law since.

In the group of the Americans was the blond wife of a Southern mayor, who was worried as they started on the tour about "what she would tell the people back home about traveling with a black woman. She knew; she would tell them that this colored woman was the cook," the speaker recalled.

"This business of going around assimilating information is a new business to me. It has given me an urge to learn more.

"We were lay people going around the world to talk to such people as ourselves about such simple things as peace," she told as she revealed that people in the foreign countries at first "disbelieved that we came for those reasons.

"In each of the world capitals, we sat down around a conference table and talked it out and when we left each country we had a feeling that we had made accomplishments," she informed, adding that along with the conference talks, broadcasts were made on the "Voice of America," in each country they visited, with the exception of England.

Elected president of the World Town Hall seminar, Mrs. Sampson declared that "people all over the world are anxious to know what goes on in America—how we operate."

Speaking of the 35,000 mile airplane trip to Europe and the Far East the Chicago attorney, who represented the National Council of Negro Women, but financed her own trip, said "it was rugged. It was



ATTY. EDITH SAMPSON

no pleasure trip. It was a hard job. All of us wanted to rest when we came home but there was no rest. "There is so much to tell—and I am anxious to tell the people of Des Moines . . ." Mrs. Sampson interrupted her with a comment that the "people in the middle-west have a sense of smugness and security that you don't find on either coast."

"This thing in the world situation," she continued, "is now at a point that we need something to shake us out of our smugness. "We visited tension areas all over the world. There were some places that you could not fly because no commercial plane would take you over. Don't you think for a moment that all of this talk was just a threat.

"In America, we only control seven percent of the population of the world—and as far as the numerical number is concerned, we are a small minority.

"Communism is finding great opportunity in the world where people are hungry," the attorney found. In India, she pointed out, "we saw thousands of people who lived in the streets—people had—only the sky—as a roof over their heads. When people are hungry, they don't stop to reason—and people are hungry there.

"I've never told this—but our American delegation pulled a fast one on me in Paris," Mrs. Sampson commented, but did not reveal what the "fast one" was. "I knew what they did," she stated and added that "after we left Rome, if it had not been for me and my coloring, AMER-SEE PAGE FOUR

News Briefs From Far and Near

CENSUS TAKER LISTS TRUMAN AS '65 AND WHITE'
Key West, Fla.—(CNS)—President Truman, who spoke right up to the Census Taker here in Key West, Fla., gave his address as 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, his birthplace as Lamar, Miss., and his age as 65. The taker, a Southerner, added "white" on his questionnaire.

METROPOLITAN OPERA TO PRESENT 'FAUST'
The Metropolitan Opera company with its world renowned singing stars will make its second visit to Iowa and the KRNT Theater, Des Moines, Thursday, May 4, for a single presentation of Gounod's "Faust."

Ethel 'Praises Lord' for Success, Health and Moola

New York City—(CNS)—"The Member of the Wedding" got 17 ballots in the New York Drama Critics' Circle and thereby won the coveted award as the best play of the season. No one is any happier than buxom Ethel Waters, who claims that this same time last year she was practically counting her pennies. She worked only seven weeks out of fifty-two last year and those seven were spent in "dumps and dives". But she never gave up hope for wherever she went, her portable altars went with her. Between shows she would pray—for success, again.

Then along came "Pinky", a real comeback for her in the movies. It was her first part since "Cabin In The Sky", and a starring role at that. She was so good in it she won a nomination from the Oscar people as one of the best supporting actresses of the year. "Pinky" paved the way for a terrific increase in nightclub salaries. And then the trip to New York.

Mrs. Carson McCullers had written a play but the part for Ethel was small. Being a recent headline star she had the right to take the part in hand and build it. She kept adding and injecting her humor and ability into the role. Again that was "The Lord" adding her. The show was a smashing success and Ethel's prayers were answered. She's won her success, and the feeling of success once again has given her new strength and health. She's also made another trunkful of money. "Thanks

to the Lord. He never lets you down," she says.

WILLIAM VOGT AT PUBLIC FORUM APRIL 25

William Vogt, author of "Road To Survival" and "Hunger at the Peace Table," will speak at a free public forum to be held Tuesday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock at the Hoyt Sherman Place. This meeting is being co-sponsored by the Department of Adult Education of the Des Moines Public Schools and by the Planned Parenthood League of Iowa.

THE WORLD GETS A NEW CITY



At a ceremony held March 30, Nairobi, capitol of Kenya, had a dual celebration: the town was raised officially to the status of a city and at the same time marked its fiftieth anniversary as the seat of local government. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester flew to Kenya to be present at the ceremony. In addition to presenting Nairobi's mayor and council with the city's charter of incorporation, the duke presented new colors to the King's African Rifles, and laid the cornerstone of a new church.

General view of Nairobi's government road as it is today is shown in the top picture. Many of the buildings are of locally quarried stone. At bottom, government road in Nairobi in 1913.—(ANP)

Dr. Drew's Wife Had Told Him to Take Plane; Might Have Avoided Tragic Death

Washington, D. C.—(CNS)—A woman's intuition should not be ignored and Dr. Charles R. Drew, who was the nation's top specialist on blood plasma, might be alive today if he had followed his wife's intuition. For Mrs. Natalie Drew was very much against the early morning motor trip to Tuskegee last Saturday which resulted in her husband's tragic death.

"He didn't even get to tell the children goodbye," she cried at her Government-owned home here in deep mourning. "After the banquet at Howard University he looked at his watch. It was almost two a.m. I asked him to go through with his original plans and fly down to Tuskegee later in the morning. I told him it was too late to think of driving. But he was always so punctual. He wanted to arrive in plenty of time. Besides he had promised to take John Ford and Walter Johnston (both resident physicians at Freedman Hospital). Se he and Dr. (Samuel) Bullock decided to drive. They took Dr. Bullock's car and each was to take his turn with the driving. They were all sleepy and I feared the trip. But with reluctance I let them go."

Eight hours after their departure from Washington, Mrs. Drew got the shocking news that her handsome, brilliant husband had been killed.

At present, fifteen physicians from Freedman's, where Dr. Drew was chief surgeon, have formed a Charles Drew Memorial to buy the pretty widow a home. The family lives on government property. A trust fund will be set up for the Drew children: Beebee, 9, Charlene, 8, Sylvia, 6 and Charles Jr., 4.

Elks Oratorical Contest Friday

Burns' choral chorus, Corinthian young people's choir, Singleton Children's choir of St. Paul and the Elks' male quartet will present the musical part of the oratorical contest program Friday night, April 21, 8 o'clock, in St. Paul's AME church, sponsored by Hawkeye lodge No. 160 and Rose Temple No. 33.

Winner of this contest will appear in the state competitions in May. Subject of the orations will be various phases of "The Constitution."

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

A special program will be given Friday, April 21, at 8 p.m. with Rev. Freddie McNeir of Union Baptist church, and Rev. George Parish of Maple Street Baptist will be guest speakers.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. George Parish was in his pulpit Sunday. The men's chorus sang. Rev. B. F. Blanks and Rev. J. Humbard were visitors.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

The First Baptist choir, West Des Moines, is sponsoring a musical program Sunday, at 8 p. m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES

George Webber, president of Station KWDM, was guest at the last Sunday night's broadcast from Bethel.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH CHORUS IN CONCERT SUNDAY, APRIL 30

The St. Paul Youth Chorus will appear in their annual concert Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 4 o'clock.

MT. ZION TEMPLE HOLDS SERVICE

The Mt. Zion Temple held its second service last Sunday since its grand opening Easter. Pastor Edith Cole preached the first of a series on the subject, "The Mighty Seven."

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES

Last Sunday morning, a large crowd turned out to hear Pastor Singleton's sermon on the call of the four fishermen.

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COMMUNITY SANCTIFIED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mrs. Dora Ramsey and Mary Williams were in charge of Sunday services. Each member sang a favorite hymn.

FIRST CME CHURCH REQUEST PROGRAM

The missionary society will have a request program Sunday, April 30, 8 p. m., when guests will participate from other churches.

S. S. COUNCIL TO MEET APRIL 28

The Polk County Sunday School council will meet Friday, April 28, at St. John Baptist church, S. E. 25th street court and Maury.

WILLKIE HOUSE ACTIVITIES

The Polarettes beat the Willkiettes 27 to 11 in the first girls' tournament sponsored by Willkie House.

'GRAND OLE OPRY' AT KRNT MONDAY

Roy Acuff, Ernest Tubbs and the Duke of Paducah will head the large cast of Grand Ole Opry which will give two performances at KRNT Theater Monday, April 24.

BIBLE CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The Neighborhood Bible club will meet Monday with Mrs. A. Miller. Among the out-of-town visitors were Messrs. William Robinson of East Chicago and James J. Ford of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

After the close of the morning service, Pastor Singleton held a meeting with the men of the church announced plans for the annual Men's Day observance within the future and named as leaders for the occasion C. B. Tucker, general chairman, with R. S. Sims and Ezra Ewing, stewards, as assistants.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Polk County

FRANCES INMAN, Defendant. TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, FRANCES INMAN.

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk County, the petition of you a divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

LOUIS J. GARSH, HERBERT ROSENBERG, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 906 Savings and Loan Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Polk County

EMMA FISHER, Plaintiff. vs. DAVID FISHER, Defendant. TO: DAVID FISHER.

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named court, claiming of you an absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony, on the grounds of willful desertion for more than two years.

GERTRUDE E. RUSH, Attorney for Plaintiff, 515 Mulberry St., Des Moines, Ia.

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R. J. Cornell Announces Candidacy

R. J. Cornell, a Des Moines resident for thirty years, has announced his candidacy for one of the two nominations to be made in the Republican primary for state representative.

Mr. Cornell taught in the Des Moines schools for twenty years and retired two years ago. His last post was at James Callanan Junior High school where he taught for thirteen years.

Mr. Cornell has five years of newspaper experience in Cass county. He was reared in Atlantic and graduated from high school there. He was graduated from Highland Park college and attended Drake university.

MANLY, IOWA

Manly, Ia.—Services were well attended Sunday at New Bethel Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. B. F. Parker, in charge.

VISITS SON IN NEW PROVIDENCE

Mrs. Rose Williams spent the week end in New Providence, Ia., with her son, Donald Lee McKee.

County Council of Religious Education and later was director of religious education at Plymouth church, Des Moines. Mr. Cornell was a pastor at Havard and Emmetsburg and has also served as non-resident, part-time pastor at Johnston, Bondurant and Urbandale.

Mr. Cornell and wife live at 4301 Holland Drive. Three grown daughters are other members of the family. They are married and live in their own homes.

Mr. Cornell's platform includes: state aid for public schools, revise tax system, labor legislation, old age assistance and retirement plan, law enforcement and general legislation.

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Ais.: You're treading on dangerous ground—be sensible and avoid your brother-in-law if you suspect that he secretly admires you.

Misses Delores Johnson, Verna Jean Weston, Deloris Brown, and Mrs. A. Bruce sang. The home mission met with Mrs. A. Allen Thursday.

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Bill Robinson's Estate Is \$3,150

New York, N. Y.—Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, who earned approximately two million dollars during his tap dancing career, left an estate of \$3,150.

The figure was disclosed in letters of administration issued Saturday to Robinson's widow. The dancing star of Broadway and Hollywood gave heavily to charity.

Funeral, probate and other expenses, must come out of his estate. If there is any left, it goes to his widow, the former Elaine Dash.

Ans.: Sell the business since you do not feel physically able to look after it properly. You just can't let sentiment enter into your business.

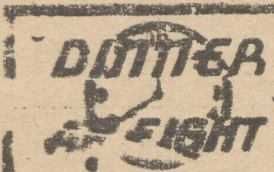
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SOCIETY



QUEEN'S CANDIDATES FROM CHURCHES IN CONTEST FOR "MISS NAACP"



Representatives from churches that are participating in the Des Moines NAACP branch's queen's contest for the title, "Miss NAACP," turned in their membership drive reports on Monday night to the chairman, Mrs. Vera Morrow.

In the elimination contest, queen's candidates and captains, reported the following membership votes from their respective churches:

First place—St. Paul AME church, Marguerite DeSleet, (Mrs. Guy Green) 98 memberships; Joan Brown (Mrs. J. W. Mitchell) 51.

Second—First Baptist in West Des Moines—Gloria Frith (Mrs. Corinne Carter) 64; Marilyn Matthews (Mrs. Ione Lloyd) 16.

Third—Burns Methodist Church—Janice Wallace (Mrs. H. P. Wallace) 63.

Fourth—Corinthian Baptist—Zola King (F. O. Morrow) 15; Janice Wolder (Mrs. H. T. McKnight) 41.

Fifth—Shiloh Baptist—Betty McDay (Mrs. O. Daniels) 43.

Sixth—Maple Street Baptist—Harriet Kaiser (Mrs. L. Hunter) 19; Ruth Mayfield (Corinne Nichols) 9.

Bethel AME—Gloria Butler (Mrs. Cecil Lewis) 11; Minnie Crumb (Mrs. Ruth Doyle) 12. First CME—Hazel McQuerry (Margaret Woods) 14.

Penecostal Open Door Mission—Ethel Spivie (Mrs. M. Spivie) 5. Mt. Olive Baptist—Alma Thomas (Mrs. C. Peavy) 5. No report came from Union Baptist and Kyles AME Zion candidates.

The final elimination in the preliminary contest will be held Friday, April 24, when the five highest candidates will be named to compete in the major contest, when the membership drive opens officially.

The queen's contestants in the photograph are: (left to right) Misses Zola King, Dorothy Kaiser, Ethel Spivie, Gloria Frith, Gloria Butler, Ruth Mayfield, Marilyn Matthews, Marguerite DeSleet, Alma Thomas, Hazel McQuerry, Betty McDay, Janice Wallace, Shirley Kimball, Joan Brown, Janice Wolder. Omitted from the picture is Miss Minnie Crumb of Bethel AME church.

THE PAUL WILSONS ENTERTAIN AT SURPRISE ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, 1164 Fourteenth street, entertained friends on Sunday afternoon, April 16, at a surprise fifteenth wedding anniversary celebration held at the Crocker YMCA.

Among the features of the celebration were: a card tournament won by Mr. Adam Johnson, Sr., first; Mr. Roy Todd, second; Mrs. Todd, consolation; square dancing; and a buffet supper.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, Adam B. Johnson, Sr., H. P. Wallace, John Munn, Norvell White, Arthur Propes, Stanley Proctor, Harbon Merritt, William M. Brooks, Harold Spangler, Clifford Bayles, Theodore Martin, Jr., Rueben Wellington, Everett Newcomb, Fred McCracken, Mrs. Walter Thompson, Mrs. Dalton Lloyd, Miss Beatrice Green, Messrs. John Winters, Luther Wells and Wm. Montgomery. The Wilson son, Robert, and daughter, Camille, shared the occasion.

DR. LESTER B. WARD OF BROOKLYN VISITS A. P. TROTTERS HERE

Dr. Lester B. Ward of Brooklyn, N. Y., was week end guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Trotter. He accompanied Mrs. Trotter from Chicago, Ill., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Reba Dean.

MRS. LILLIAN EDMUNDS TO NATIONAL PARTY OF SOCIAL WORK

Mrs. William Edmunds, executive director of Willkie House, will leave this week end for Atlantic City, N. J., to attend the National Conference of Social Work.

MRS. ETHEL BAXTER HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A surprise birthday party was given on Mrs. Ethel Baxter, 1184 2nd street place, Monday evening, April 10, by Mrs. Frank Brown. Sharing the courtesy were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCann, Mr. and Mrs. George Noble, Messrs. Alma Morris, Lora Warden, Misses Lenora Brown and Elaine Baxter.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT OF MISS L. BARKER

Relatives announce the engagement of Miss Lillian Barker, sister of Mrs. Rozella Brodus and Mrs. Bernice Davis, to Cpl. Aaron E. Turner, 727 S. E. 28th street.

Corporal Turner who is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, will arrive here on his furlough on May 3.

MRS. MATILDA MCKEE CELEBRATES 83rd BIRTHDAY AT DINNER

Mrs. Matilda McKee celebrated her 83rd birthday April 13, at a big dinner served at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Gloria Cox, 2649 Maury street. Those present were her daughter, Mrs. Rose Williams, husband, Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cox, and children, Thomas E., Jr., and Elizabeth Ann.

VINCENT A. WILSON BACK FROM NEW YORK

After a two-week business and pleasure trip to New York City, Mr. Vincent A. Wilson has returned home. He also visited the Armstrong Rubber Manufacturing Co., at West Haven, Conn., and Montclair, N. J. Enroute home he stopped in Chicago where he was guest of Mr. William Bailey, former Des Moines resident, who is employed as a chemist in the Chicago Bureau of Customs.

MRS. HARRIS OF CHICAGO SPENDS WEEK END WITH PARENTS

Mrs. Willa Mae Harris of Chicago, Ill., spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tunley, 2808 Cleveland. Mrs. Tunley is recovering from a recent illness.

MRS. GERTRUDE NORTH IS LUNCHEON GUEST

Mrs. Gertrude North, president of Alpha Delta chapter, Iota Phi Lambda sorority, was luncheon guest Monday noon of Miss Agnes Heltrich, girls' advisor of East High school in the school's cafeteria.

EL CHARITOS SOCIAL CLUB HAS ANNIVERSARY

The El Charitos Social club held its first anniversary party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boston, 1613 Maple street, Saturday, April 15.

Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Semple and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Strothers.

MRS. GOLDIE FANT LEAVES FOR LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Mrs. Goldie T. Fant, 1654 Maple street, left April 15 for Los Angeles, Cal., accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Clara Woodson of Los Angeles. Going-away courtesies were extended by: the Elizabeth Toliver Missionary society of Bethel AME church, Mesdames Robert Frazier, Sarah Jett, Virginia Smith, Margaret Ogleton, Iva Ligon, Elmata Ellis, Dorothy Bush, Bertha Record, Mae Howard, Miss Corine King, the Des Moines Council of Church Women, the Parliamentary and Culture club.

MRS. SARAH JETT ATTENDS NACW MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, past president of the Iowa Association of Colored Women, attended a meeting of the administrative board of the National Association of Colored Women, at its headquarters, in Washington, D. C., April 14-15.

Plans were made for the 27th biennial convention to be held July 29 to August 5 in Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. Jett is one of the five members elected to the administrative board.

Enroute home she spent Sunday in Chicago visiting her sister, Mrs. Jessie Mae Phillips, dean-instructor at Poro Beauty college.

MARY CHURCH TERRELL TO MEET MONDAY

The Mary Church Terrell club met Monday night with Mrs. Birdie Winn. The club will meet next Monday night with Mrs. A. A. Alexander.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By Marie R c s s



Mrs. A. A. Alexander pulled a surprise on friends who had been invited to come to her home last Sunday afternoon for dinner. When guests began arriving at 4 o'clock, they noted here and there, cards that expressed "happy birthday"—but back in the kitchen—putting the last minute touches on the fine menu, was the hostess.

In the library chatting with her engineer-contractor husband were Dr. W. J. Ritchey and Atty. W. L. Oliver, who were asked immediately "who is celebrating a birthday?"

"Sh-h-h-h-h!" Dr. Ritchey whispered. "It's Mrs. Alexander—but she doesn't want you to know it." Well, the surprise went over because many of the friends did not know it.

Modest, as she is, she did not want to stop her hostessing for friends to wish her a "happy birthday," but groups of them cornered her between the kitchen and drawing room and wished her "many happy returns."

"April Afternoon," a ballad which had been written by one of the guests, Dr. Lester Ward of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was with his uncle and aunt, the A. P. Trotters, was played, sung and dedicated to the guest of honor.

Others sharing the courtesy included Mesdames Bert Harris, Marcelline Estes, John Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKinley Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, Atty. and Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Atty. and Mrs. James B. Morris, Sr. and Mrs. E. T. Scales, Dr. C. R. Bradford.

It was at the close of the audience-discussion period of the public forum at Hoyt Sherman place on last Monday night, following the round-the-world lecture by Mrs. Edith Sampson of Chicago, who told her listeners that all doors of opportunity, now closed to the Negro, must be opened—for America to save herself and her democratic way

of life, when one disturbed local white spectator asked this question: "What are Negro people doing to alleviate their own problem of discrimination within their own group?"

The Chicago attorney was speechless for a moment, after asking that the author, Mrs. Maxine Lighter, to repeat the question.

Then the attorney went on to inform that "that happened way back during the dark ages but that was a long time ago," and certainly did not have any effect, if being practiced now, on the Negro's progress.

Mrs. Lighter was positive that it did because she had noted girls of all light-skinned complexion being hired on certain jobs as elevator operators in large Des Moines businesses.

J. B. Morris, another listener in the audience, tried to clear up that observation, by informing that it was the store management's fault, if all light-skinned girls were hired.

Mrs. Sampson stated that "no doors are closed to me within my own group—just because of my color. I'm so surprised. So few people practice it."

Panel member Charles Ransom observed that "there is another store in Des Moines that hires only red-headed girls." The audience laughed—but Mrs. Lighter was still serious about this business of Negro discrimination within the group.

She knew that it happened—because she has had two "lovely colored maids" who have come to her "in tears" seeking consolation and advice on their problems of the "prejudices that existed in their own group."

Other Negro spectators, leaving the forum, tried to explain to Mrs. Lighter that she could not be so positive—unless she was in the Negro groups and had seen these discriminations.

With a sincere tone of voice, she knew that "they existed." But, she debated the question freely with Negro and white spectators who chatted with her—walking as far as the street. A member of the League of Women Voters, she invited us to "come join the league."

MISS JEANNETTE MCKEE MARRIES



Davenport, Ia.—Miss Jeannette Yvonne McKee, daughter of Mrs. Raymond Carter of 1405 Christie street, and Mr. W. T. McKee, 2117 E. Locust street, Davenport, became the bride of Mr. Gaston Harvey of Rock Island, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harvey of Cleveland, Ohio, in ceremonies held at 7 p. m., March 25, in the Carter home. The Rev. William C. Upshaw, pastor of Third Baptist church, officiated.

Miss Delores Runnells of Rock Island, served as maid of honor and Mr. James Duke of Moline, Ill., was best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Carter home.

Mrs. Harvey attended the Davenport High school and is employed by the Walgreen Drug company here. Mr. Harvey, who attended Cleveland schools, is employed at the Moline City Service company in Moline, where the couple will reside.

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Mrs. W. J. Ritchey Speaks In Waterloo

Mrs. W. J. Ritchey, third vice president of the Des Moines YWCA board, addressed the Ya-Wa-Ca club a group of young women in Waterloo, last Sunday afternoon on the subject, "A Better World Begins With You."

Mrs. Ritchey, who has been a member of the YWCA executive board for three years, recently completed serving six weeks as acting president of the board, during the absence of Mrs. C. H. Henshaw.

ELITE 12 CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. MOORE

The Elite 12 club met at the home of Mrs. Sadie McPike, 958 14th street. A repast was served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Katie Moore, 619 S. E. Maury. Mrs. Monette Barber is club reporter.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA'S REGIONAL MEET APRIL 21

The western regional meeting of Iota Phi Lambda sorority will convene in Henderson, Ky., April 21. Miss Fuchsia B. Miller of Chicago is regional directress.

DILETTANTE CLUB FEATURES MOVIES

The Dilettante club held its April meeting with Mrs. A. J. Esters at the La Marguerita hotel. The feature of the evening was movies depicting designs in furnishing for the home. Mrs. Gwendolyn Fowler is president.

DELUXE CLUB HAS COCKTAIL PARTY

The Deluxe club held a cocktail party Sunday night, April 16, at American hall. Prize winners was Ella Porter. The meeting will be at 1059 9th street, with Mary K. Munro hostess. Inice Carter is reporter.

ATELIER GUILD'S EXHIBIT MAY 27-28

The Atelier Guild is sponsoring an exhibit of ceramics, needlework, woodwork, metalwork, leatherwork, stenciling, figurines at the YWCA on May 27 and 28. The exhibit will be open to the public. Prizes will be awarded on May 28. Refreshments will be served. Deadline for entries is May 26.

DOTS AND DASHES TO MEET FRIDAY

The Dots and Dashes will meet on Friday, April 21, with Mrs. D. H. Davis, 1205 15th street place.

Walter Bryant In Recital April 20

The dramatist and Drake University student, Walter Bryant, of Omaha, Nebr., will make his last appearance here Thursday night, 8:15 p.m., April 20, at the Hoyt Sherman auditorium.

Acclaimed as an outstanding performer, Bryant will leave for London, England, August 30, to join the "Vics" theatre group, where he will study for five years.

Besides being active in civic affairs here, he is known for his dramatic presentations on the west coast and in New York.

He had his own radio program "Dramatic Readings and Music," on station KWDM, and teaches a dramatic class at the YWCA. He is a member of the professional dramatic fraternity; Theta Alpha Phi, the Screen Actors Guild and the Interracial Guild of Los Angeles, Calif.

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EDITORIALS - FEATURES - SPORTS

ENGLAND, LIKE AMERICA, CAN'T TAKE IT

It is difficult to understand why some people who find themselves in difficulty are always willing to make life miserable for some less fortunate than they.

Great Britain is in a great difficulty. It has lost much of its empire upon whose backs they have lived for years. The country is living on money borrowed from their own citizens; they can't exist without begging America for loans and grants drawn from the tax money of white and black, rich and poor.

And in spite of all this, in spite of England's boast of its principles of freedom, she dares to deny one of its intelligent subjects one of the fundamental rights guaranteed to every man, one of the sacraments of its mother church: the right to marry the mate of his choice.

True, Khama came out of the dark belly of Africa but he graduated from one of England's fine schools. And people don't graduate from Oxford who are even below the average.

PROPAGANDA WORSE THAN MRS. SAMPSON DREAMED

Speaking in Des Moines Monday evening, Mrs. Edith Sampson who toured the globe with Town Hall of the Air, said she was surprised that people in the far east had been informed that minority groups in America were treated even worse than they are.

It has been common knowledge that the Communists now, and the Japanese in war time played up those weaknesses in our American system, but certainly the average person did not know that the picture had been magnified to that extent. And yet when it is realized that the evil men do lives after them but the good is oft entered with their bones, there is no wonder that is true.

But it is important that we citizens headed by the state department, do something to counteract dangerous propaganda, true or untrue, which has damaged the faith in other people in our ideal of the equality of man.

Of course, there is the angle of how much faith minority groups in America can continue to have in this government when so many instances of undemocratic treatment is accorded them inconsistent with the things it professes to espouse.

Mrs. Sampson did a fine job with the subject "American's position in World Affairs" and it is only regrettable that the people who should have heard it were not present.

The Association of American University Women and the Adult Forum deserve the thanks of the people of Des Moines for this splendid speaker.

Mrs. Sampson Speaks

See Front Page
icans would not have fared so well." The white Southern mayor's wife, the speaker recalled, "put her arms around me and I didn't put them there."

"There is an awful lot that Americans need to know—that two-thirds of the people of the world are dark people.

Need to Know
"Americans need to know that people are not fools; and that they—Americans—are not kidding anybody.

"It is unpopular for a country to own another country without its consent; and, we put our stamp of approval on countries that do own countries without their consent," Mrs. Sampson spoke.

"People asked Edith Sampson questions. They did not believe that Americans, white, would tell them the truth.

"We Negroes rebel at your treatment of us. It is bad enough, but the story they get abroad is worse than is actually true," the speaker said in telling how the Communist agents used the story of segregation as a propaganda weapon.

"My position was to tell them that this is the true picture of the Negroes' position in America.

"One of the reasons so many of the people of the world—especially those colored citizens in the eastern countries are reluctant to accept the American way of life is your treatment of the one-tenth of the people in America.

"They believe that Americans do a lot of double-talking," Mrs. Sampson said, and added "and they do."

"They preach from the houseposts and they don't practice it."

"Negroes today are living in a

new age," she told the forum. "All of the doors you have closed—all of these years—you got to open to save yourselves. You are going to save yourselves by treating Negroes as you treat yourselves."

Answering questions in France, England and Italy, Mrs. Sampson said "I took the position that—who are you to talk about the treatment of the Negro people in America? I told them that you do your colonial peoples worse."

Doing Me No Favor
Before she departed on the Town Hall Tour of the World, Mrs. Sampson said "I went away from here—but a mere American—as one who was disassociated all my life. I had my proper place in America. While on the trip, I made up my mind that I was going to tell you how to save yourselves. You are not doing me any favor.

"The democratic way of life is the only way of life. I believe that it is the real way. The only thing wrong is the way it operates."

"I would like to see America grow up and take her proper place."

Recalling a recent bombing of a Negro's home in Birmingham, Ala., the speaker said "they act like a lot of children."

"I was glad that I was home and not in India," she said, as she pointed out that the news would have made all of the front pages.

She was happy to be home again—when that Southern mayor who ran for reelection, was defeated because he "dared to give the key of the city to the distinguished citizen of the world, Dr. Ralph Bunche."

"Can you imagine how Ralph Bunche feels?" she queried.

"When I'm out selling American goodwill to the world, and spending my own money, put yourself in my place and look what you have done to me. Wake up fast. I'm an American and you are acting like school children. You are your brother's keeper—and the black doesn't come off.

"It makes me mad when I come home and a hotel doesn't want to serve me because I'm a black woman."

"I went under the auspices of the National Council of Negro Women—800,000 of them—and at a dime a throw they could have sent me. I had to pay my own way Nobody gave me a nickel of it but I have been doubly paid.

While in Pakistan Mrs. Sampson said she was asked to tell how she was "allowed to travel with white people when you have no association over in America."

Given \$5,000
"I had to tell the story of my life, to show how you people treat us," she informed. Tears were shed at this meeting, she said, and after telling how she had to pay her own way, the officials gave her \$5,000, because her story "means that much to the people of our country."

"I took the \$5,000—but God who made me and who knows all about me, has a mysterious way in His wonders to perform. I was in the place that He would have me at all times. I had no hysteria about dying—or about being so far away from home.

"And, so it was God who was with me in Pakistan when I gave the \$5,000 back to the relief organization to care for their needy people.

"When we got home, the reports of the ambassadors had preceded us and by way of the grapevine, that act did more to cement the relations between the people of Pakistan and America than anything on the agenda of the 18 months of the Pakistan existence.

About Egypt
"There was so much in Egypt that they would have liked to have hidden but they couldn't. Thousands of people have not had opportunity for education. We had a boat ride down the Nile—and it was quite the thing.

"I was interested in the black Nilers who played music—and though they were my color and could not speak my language—we had a ball, eye to eye."

"We are living in an important time—a time when we must make decisions, quickly," the speaker said in closing. "I want you to practice democracy. You would satisfy millions around the world.

"Give Negroes opportunities to live, to be educated, to work in order to be first class citizens in America. You have a great opportunity and a great responsibility."

During the panel discussion, the speaker was asked by one of the members of the all-white panel, "do you feel that we are making no progress?"

Mrs. Sampson replied that "there are certain fundamental rights that God gave us. You put the limitations on us. Who are you? You established this barrier between white and black. You are supposed to be brothers—and when you talk about being brothers, how much

HEALTH FOR ALL

TELEVISION ADDS TO LIFE'S HAZARDS

"Television is another example of a new development which contributes to the enjoyment and also adds to the hazards of our modern way of life," says the Iowa State Department of Health. "However, the hazards are no greater than others that are kept in control in our daily life."

While television is similar to radio, there are some significant differences which require additional precautions. Television sets utilize high voltages, with the picture tube requiring from 3000 to 5000 volts, and currents high enough to produce fatal shocks. The condensers also store enough current to provide danger for a few seconds after the set is turned off.

The picture tube is under a high vacuum, so much so that it may burst without noise rather than explode. The screen coating in the tube is similar to those used in fluorescent lamps, and skin cuts with fragments of coated glass will produce slowly healing skin injuries.

The Radio Manufacturers Association has recognized the hazards and has developed several safeguards and precautions. Protection against some of the electrical hazards is built into most sets through automatic cutoffs operating when the back panel is removed, and through leakage resistors which drain the charge from the condensers in approximately 30 seconds after the set is turned off.

Dealers and servicemen have the responsibility of explaining to owners of television sets the dangers involved and precautions to follow in their operation. Every television set owner should see that the following five basic safety rules are observed by all members of his family.

1. Carefully read the manufacturer's manual of instructions for the set owner and completely observe any precautions listed.

2. Leave dusting and cleaning the inside of the set to servicemen.

3. In case of trouble call a serviceman. Leave all internal adjustments to trained personnel.

4. Let the serviceman work on the set without your help. Huddling around the serviceman at work exposes you to possible injury.

5. If the picture tube must be replaced, ask the serviceman to place the used tube in a protective container immediately upon removal from the set and to take it with him when he leaves.

GARDEN CLUB DINNER AT CENTER MAY 5

The Garden club's dinner will be Friday, May 5, 6 p.m., at Willkie House. There will be a guest speaker and slides will be shown on "Early Flowers."

progress? We still have segregation in education in America.

"You are not doing us any favor about opening a door. The door ought to be open."

Another panel member, pointing out that the "hotel and restaurant situation in Des Moines is quite bad," was surprised to learn that Mrs. Sampson "made it" in Des Moines.

"I was a quite a spectacle," replied Mrs. Sampson, "but I must admit that I did eat alone."

The panel member added that "without a FEPC law, the job situation in Des Moines is bad; that Negroes are scarce in white collar jobs in free enterprises.

Mrs. Sampson was certain that "if we had one real FEPC law, it would do more than all of the millions of dollars spent in the Marshall Plan."

The speaker's appearance here was sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the public school department of adult education.

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

Track

It was just about a year ago that Frank Kaiser, first of the line of great quarter-milers, was telling us that his younger brother wanted to be a hurdler instead of a quarter-miler like the rest of the Kaisers. To Frank and yours truly that was sheer heresy. A Kaiser who didn't want to run a quarter!

But apparently the kid knew what he was talking about. He placed in the indoor state high school meet at Iowa City. Then last week he ran away with a hurdle race in the Valley Relays. As the season wears on the guy might become the man to beat in the state meet in June.

Looks like old times with East bringing up Don Barber, Al Gatewood, Kaiser and Reggie Atkins to sweep the relay races. Maybe, they will win the state meet, but that's so far ahead.

Drake

George Nichols ran a leg on the Drake mile relay team and they broke the tape in front. But where was J. Bright? The pole vault went

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To live true.

—By Orzealyea M. Roberson, 1025 10th street, Des Moines, Iowa

MASON CITY, IOWA

Mason City, Ia. — Sunday was youth day at the St. John Baptist church. The Sunday School was well attended with W. B. Martin as superintendent. Rev. G. M. Williams was in his pulpit for 11 o'clock service, using for his subject, "The Choice of Moses," the youth choir sang. Visitors were Mrs. Weldon of Rockford, Ill., Mr. Black of city, Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Scott.

The Sunday School forum met at 3 p.m. at New Bethel church in Manly, Iowa, with Miss Ruth Burrell as president. W. B. Martin as supervisor. Mrs. Maxine Moore's lesson was "The Pagan Church at Corinth," Deacon O. H. Burrell's lesson was "Amos, the Shepherd Preached."

Rev. G. M. Williams and Mrs. Dunn and Mr. V. Warren were the judges. Mrs. Mary Ewing catechise the lessons.

The president of the B.T.U., Miss Alice Jeffries, open the class at 6:30 and was well attended. The Willing Workers rendered the program for the evening with Miss Jeanette Burrell as program chairman. Mr. Harold Kipper catechise the lesson of "A Soul Winning Church."

"The Holy Spirit, It's Office and Its Work," was the subject of the sermon for the evening service.

The St. John Missionary society will entertain Mrs. Ed. Frazier, the president of the Central district, Sunday, April 30th.

Mrs. Weldon is visiting with Mr.

and Mrs. L. B. Smith.

Mrs. Ruby Macer spent the week end in Des Moines and Omaha, Neb. with relatives and friends.

Mrs. O. H. Burrell and Mrs. R. Macer were called to Sioux Falls, S. D., to the bedside of their sick father.

The Kipper family motored to Minneapolis over the week end.

The Bible class of St. John Baptist church was organized last Thursday with Mrs. Pegi Kipper as president and Miss Lorraine Jeffries as secretary. Teachers are Rev. Williams and Deacon W. B. Martin. Mr. Harold Kipper as chaplain, Mr. Denorris Ewing as treasurer.

Mrs. Louis Kipper is the sick among us.

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We wish to thank the many friends, the Rev. G. A. Singleton, Estes Funeral Home for their kindness, courtesies, expressions of sympathies extended us during the illness and at the death of our beloved father, Isiah Dixon.

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