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News Briefs From Far and Near

Former Iowan To School Board

Omaha, Nebr.—The city's only Negro woman lawyer, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Pittman, was elected to the school board recently. Her vote of 36,670 placed her third among the six elected.

East Side Home Owner to Court In Property Case

District court jurors Tuesday started hearing testimony in the trial of a condemnation appeal brought by a property owner on the site of the proposed East High school stadium.

A jury of two men and 10 women was selected to hear the case in District Judge C. Edwin Moore's court.

Mrs. Syberia B. Moore, 1517 Buchanan street, is asking the court to raise the value set on her property from \$3,350 to \$4,000.

The action is against the Des Moines independent school district, which ordered the property condemned for the proposed stadium.

Jurors visited the stadium site and looked at Mrs. Moore's property Wednesday morning.

The stadium site is between E. Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, University avenue and the first alley south of Buchanan street.

In an interview recently, Mrs. Moore, a widow woman, and mother of four children, expressed her difficulty in trying to find a place to

Korean War Bulletins Reveal 'New War' With Chinese Reds

Tokyo, Japan—Gen. Douglas MacArthur warned Tuesday that the non-Communist United Nations face "an entirely new war" with Red Chinese hordes crushing down on his retreating troops in Korea.

He said also, in an extraordinary communique, that he lacked authority to cope with the undeclared Chinese belligerents who now build their massive offenses with immunity from Allied air attack in Manchuria.

The commander of troops representing 53 non-Communist nations spoke out at a time of gravest crisis.

His cosmopolitan 8th army of 110,000 battle-hardened troops was in retreat all along a flaming 75-mile front in northwest Korea.

His hope of ending the war by Christmas was a shattered dream.

(Wednesday—Onrushing hordes of Chinese Reds today poured through the collapsed east flank of the United Nations front in northwest Korea.

They swung 13 miles to the rear of Allied troops who retreated as much as 10 miles.

In widening their break-through, the Communists threatened to overwhelm four U. S. divisions in the

Rollen Sentenced Then Is Released

James Eugene Rollen, 22, last Wednesday was sentenced to 114 days in county jail for larceny, but was immediately released because he was given credit for the 114 days he has been in custody awaiting trial.

In his order sentencing Rollen, District Judge Loy Ladd said the man has been in custody at Broadlawn General hospital since Aug. 1, suffering from a stomach ailment.

In view of Rollen's physical condition, he should be given credit for that time, Judge Ladd ordered. Rollen, who gave his address as 944 Tenth street, underwent gastric surgery at the hospital.

Rollen pleaded guilty to the larceny count.

C. P. Howard is Feted on Tour of Soviet Union

Moscow, Russia—A large group of Americans, including Atty. Charles P. Howard of Des Moines is visiting in the Soviet Union after attending the second world "peace" congress in Warsaw Poland.

In an article signed by Clark Mollenhoff of the Register's Washington Bureau, the Des Moines Attorney has been a favorite with Soviet propagandists since his speech before the Warsaw congress last week.



Howard is one of the 19 delegates who are being feted in Moscow by the Russian Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, the Iowan has found life in Poland and Czechoslovakia a pleasant contrast to life in the United States.

Howard in a recent speech before the second World Peace Congress in Warsaw, Poland, said "and a vast difference in the treatment of the Negro in this world. The Negro is treated as a second class citizen in the United States, while in the Soviet Union he is treated as a first class citizen."

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Iowan to Inauguration in Haiti; Studies Project For Improving Republic

A. A. Alexander, who heads the Alexander & Repass interracial engineering firm of Des Moines and Washington, D. C., will fly to Haiti December 6 to attend the inaugural ceremonies of the new president, Paul E. Maglorie at Port-Au-Prince.

The 43-year-old president, of the three crops per year. Movement of Workers and Peasants, won Haiti's first popular presidential election Oct. 8.

He is pledged to economic reforms, better health and education measures, more provincial self-rule, encouragement of foreign investment in Haiti's development, and cooperation with the United States against Communism.

The former president, Dumarais Estime resigned during a political crisis on May 10.

In Des Moines for a week until last Sunday when he returned to Washington, Mr. Alexander revealed that he had offered the services of his engineering company to the Haitian government for the development of a proposed engineering project in the Artibonite Valley of Haiti and the establishing of an engineering firm there.

Haiti, known as the Black Republic of the Caribbean, with ninety percent colored population, regained her independence 146 years ago and still "needs everything."

"Most of what Haiti has is people—and they do not know what to do." Mr. Alexander observed that the Haitian's living condition could be improved, roads could be developed, farming methods could be brought out of the primitive stages, thousands of acres of flooded soil could be protected and made productive

On Mission '34
In 1934, President Roosevelt sent a mission to Haiti to look into the economic possibilities of the island. Mr. Alexander, as the engineering member of the mission, eventually, to be

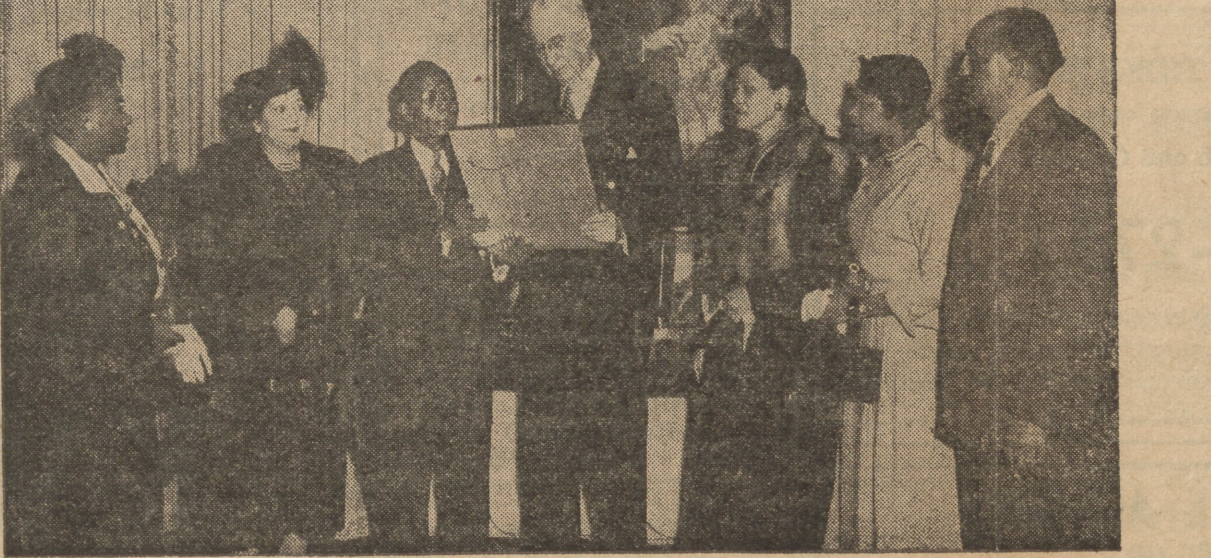
Life's War Book Editors Blundered in Omitting Negroes, Wilkins Says

New York—Roy Wilkins, NAACP administrator, in his first official act since his release from Sydenham Hospital, reiterated his convictions that the omission of Negroes from Life's Picture History of World War II "constitutes a serious editorial blunder which, among other things, has done a great injustice to 15,000,000 Americans who are struggling against great odds to identify themselves as citizens measuring up to the finest traditions of the Nation."

Mr. Wilkins' statement is included in a letter sent to Andrew Heiskell of Life magazine, who, in response to a complaint made by the NAACP official, asserted in a letter dated October 12 "that the war book staff did not arbitrarily exclude Negroes."

Mr. Wilkins had charged in a letter to the magazine, dated October 4, that the Picture History was a "lily-white" book which managed, "skillfully to omit Negroes."

BARUCH OPENS CARVER SEAL DRIVE



The well-known Bernard M. Baruch, elder statesman, financier, and advisor to presidents, opened the 1950 George Washington Carver Christmas seal campaign last week when he received the first sheet of seals from the directors of the Carver Seal committee, Inc. The group's goal is to sell over one-million seals. The proceeds are to aid the George Washington Carver foundation to construct a \$250,000 research laboratory at Tuskegee institute.

Pulpit Vacant



REV. E. A. GAITERS

The Union Baptist church, East Sixteenth and McCormick streets, which has been involved in a series of court battles in recent years, is without a pastor, officials told the press this week.

According to Hoppie Ward, secretary of the deacon board, Union Baptist church's pulpit, in which the Rev. E. A. Gaiters has served for over two years, was declared vacant at a business meeting of the members of the church on Tuesday night, Nov. 21.

The business meeting, announced by Hoppie Ward, chairman of deacons, was held at the home of the pastor and all members, was called by four out of five of the church's deacons, Mr. Ward informed.

At the meeting the members voted "unanimously," Mr. Ward said to declare the pulpit vacant.

He revealed that on last Saturday a group of Union Baptist trustees and deacons paid a visit to the home of the Rev. Mr. Gaiter. "We offered to pay him up and took by the charge—the charge of 'usurping his authority in the church' and he ordered us out of his house," Mr. Ward related.

In the group who paid a visit to the minister's home he named: Earl Bundy, Ernest Hackney, John Wade, I. E. Battles, Hayes Snyder, and himself.

"We changed locks on the church doors and locked the doors—but on last Sunday, the new lock was broken and the Rev. Mr. Gaiters was in the church," Mr. Ward said.

The secretary of the church's deacon board added that "we will have to file charges against him next."

When questioned Tuesday at the close of the district court hearing which reinstated six Union Baptist church members who had filed suit against the church and the minister on the grounds that they had been "illegally" dropped as members, the Rev. Mr. Gaiters was not ready to give a statement to the press.

In today's letter Mr. Wilkins said, "it just is not true that the million or so American Negroes in uniform never took part in any 'vivid' action throughout the length of the war in Europe and Asia."

In protesting the omission of Negro fighting men, the NAACP administrator added, "we did not by any means intend to imply that we wanted special treatment for Negro soldiers, apart from Americans," and recounted the long history of the NAACP fight against segregation in the armed services.

HARMONETTES AT ST. PAUL SUNDAY

The Pastor's Aid Society of St. Paul will present the Harmonettes in a song recital Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m.

Live in Darkest Carolina: Judge

Charleston, S. C.—"We do not live in darkest Africa, we live in darkest South Carolina," U. S. District Judge J. Waties Waring said Sunday when presented with a citation by a pilgrimage of 125 persons to his home

Union Baptist Members Reinstated; Deacons Say 'Pulpit Declared Vacant'

Six Des Moines residents regained their memberships in the Union Baptist church on Tuesday morning when District Court Judge O. S. Franklin found that the procedure used in ordering them from participating in the affairs of the church was "illegal."

"Your group acted illegally. Everyone can see that," Judge Franklin told the Rev. E. A. Gaiters, pastor, one of the defendants and the church against whom the action was brought last April.

The petitioners reinstated were: Rufus Parker, W. F. Fulwood, Matilda Tate, Junus Tate, Julia Harris and Robert Eubanks.

"If you people feel that you have such grievances against members who should be legally removed from membership," informed the judge, "what to do is to proceed properly."

"I think you all are acquainted with this church law. I know I am," the judge concluded.

During the hearing which was a review of the procedure used in removing the members from the church's roll, passages from Hiscox's "New Directory for Baptist Churches" were quoted, read and re-read, referred to and argued by Attorneys Henry T. McKnight, representing the petitioners and R. Strickler, defense for the church and the Rev. Mr. Gaiters.

Most important to this hearing was the fact that the church's charter provided that the church's roll should be kept up to date and that the church should be allowed to answer for himself.

"Anyone tried by a church should be allowed every opportunity, both as to time, place and circumstance, to vindicate himself."

"Every person so tried has a right to demand and receive copies of all charges against him, the names of the accusers and witnesses, both of whom he shall have the privilege of meeting face to face, hearing their statements . . ."

Testimony in the case revealed that these six petitioners, following a Feb. 24 meeting of the deacon board with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Gaiters, were mailed penny postal cards, "requesting that they be present at the church on March 3, 8 p.m., 'at which time a charge will be filed against you for your conduct against the Union Baptist church.'"

Petitioners who attended the church meeting on March 3 informed the court that an oral statement of the deacon board's meeting was made and the six petitioners were "turned out" as members of Union Baptist church on charges of "insubordination and acting without authority of the church."

Much time was consumed, in vain, during the hearing to learn what officer of the church had been authorized to send the postal cards to the six petitioners. Following the message on the cards were the names of the Rev. Mr. Gaiters, pastor, and Mrs. Josephine Griffin, church clerk.

On the witness stand, Mrs. Griffin testified that she signed her name to it. She took the minutes of the March 3 church meeting at which "the deacon's report was read and accepted that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from" the six petitioners on charges of "insubordination and acting without authority of the church." She added that the deacon board's report was "oral," that the secretary had informed that the written report had been lost.

Mrs. Griffin informed that Mrs. Tate, one of the petitioners present at this meeting, asked to know "what the charge was," and no one told her. Mrs. Griffin said she sent out no copies of the charges to the persons excluded.

Member 34 Years

Mrs. Matilda Tate, 1617 Maple street, who had been a member of Union Baptist for 34 years, testified that at the March 3 meeting she

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Pres. Truman Commutes Death Term of Soldier To 20 Years of Labor

Washington, D. C.—The army announced Monday that President Truman has commuted the death sentence, a court-martial imposed on 1st Lt. Leon A. Gilbert of York, Penn., to 20 years' confinement at hard labor.

Mr. Truman's order also called for Gilbert's dismissal from the service and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Gilbert, 31, was found guilty by a court-martial in Korea of "misbehaving in front of the enemy." He was charged specifically with failure to obey orders from superior officers to return to his post with a forward platoon of the 25th Division.

Gilbert contended that to carry out the order "would have led me and 12 other men to certain death."

Officer 4 Years

Gilbert was serving with the 24th Infantry Regiment at the time of his offense, July 31. He had been in the army more than 10 years, and had been an officer for over four years.

The case was reviewed by the army judge advocate general and his recommendations for commutation forwarded to President Truman by Army Secretary Frank Pace, jr. Mr. Truman accepted the recommendations.

Gilbert's wife, Kay, 27, and his mother, Mrs. Leon A. Gilbert, Sr., interceded in his behalf with the president.

The wife told Mr. Truman her husband wrote her that he was under tremendous strain and had taken over the company after his commanding officer was injured. She quoted Gilbert as saying he and his men had gone 13 days without food or water.

Defense
At Gilbert's arraignment, defense counsel moved to dismiss the charges on grounds of lack of responsibility. It introduced a medical finding that Gilbert was able to distinguish right from wrong, but because of "emotional disturbance . . . was unable to adhere to the right."

The prosecution countered that Gilbert's condition "was no different from that of others in the area; he was not perfectly at ease, but was not disabled or wounded—he understood what was said to him and carried on coherent conversation."



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17th and E. University. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Evening services of P. W. V. 8:30. Night services 8:00. Regular services Tuesday night and Friday night. Dr. F. G. Taylor, Overseer and Pastor. Sis. Christine Wyatt, Secre.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. George Parish preached last Sunday. The youth chorus sang. Four persons were baptized. Sunday evening, Dec. 3, 8 p. m., the piano club is sponsoring a musical program. Among the sick members are: Mesdames Clara Houston, Mary Fields, Missouri Gates, Mr. William Jefferson.

MRS. MABEL ROMAN AT CORINTHIAN SUNDAY NIGHT
Group A of the Missionary society is sponsoring Mrs. Mabel Roman in and all-request spiritual program at Corinthian Baptist church Sunday night, Dec. 3, at 7 p. m. There will be other talent. Mrs. Ruth Forrester is chairman of the group.

JUNIOR USHERS IN PEW RALLY DEC. 1
The Junior usher board of Bethel Baptist church is presenting a pew rally Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p. m., presenting Mr. Frederick McNair in a musical recital. Gwendolyn London is reporter.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE TO ELECT DEC. 6
The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will meet Wednesday, at 2 p. m., with M. E. A. 1141 Tenth street.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank the many friends for their kindnesses, courtesies, expressions of sympathy, cards, telegrams, flowers and donation of cars, extended us at the death of Mrs. Elsie Channels. Especially do we thank Elder F. T. Taylor and Mrs. Bessie Carter.
—Mr. William Channels, husband, and daughter, Mrs. Mary Helene Brooks and family.

Blizzard Cripples New York; Worst in 37 Years; Blows Harlem Rooftops

New York City (CNS)—With the Harlem River overflowing, causing subway lines to cut off current at 10 a. m. Saturday, and rooftops blowing away, New York suffered its worst blizzard in 37 years this weekend.

All subways, however, were restored at 8:15 p. m. Business, which was crippled during the day, suffered loss of rain-soaked materials, broken glass fronts and other damages. Water flowing from the Hackensack River caused complete shutdown of Jersey plants and many workers were forced to return home, as best they could, most wading thru knee-high waters.

In Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio (CNS)—Cleveland suffered the worst blizzard in 37 years. Buses stalled on famed Euclid avenue in the Negro section, where they had 24 inches of snow. Eight people were discovered dead and business was completely paralyzed. The Ohio National Guard was called out to help.

Dome Ripped Off
Newark, N. J. (CNS)—As 20,000 phones in New York area were silenced, the situation in New Jersey was equally as bad. Power lines were cut down by the storm as thousands became homeless. The storm knocked out electricity for 420,000 meters, representing well over a million persons, in the city alone, cutting off heat in oil and gas burners and shutting down refrigeration.

As 87 were reported dead, rampaging winds leveled houses in Brooklyn, on the Long Island shore and along the Jersey coast. They ripped the copper-plated dome off Newark's City Hall. This brought emergency proclamations in Newark and Jersey City.

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City and Mrs. Emma Ray also of Mason City. The public offering was divided between the four churches taking part.

Services were well attended all day at New Bethel Sunday. Pastor Parker spoke on the subject, "My Redeemer Liveth." Miss Vera Douglas, home with her mother for Thanksgiving from the University of Iowa, was guest speaker on the B.T.U. program. Miss Gwendolyn Moore also was home for Thanksgiving. Both returned to Iowa U. Sunday evening.

The evening service was conducted by the young folks fellowship club, with Mrs. Ruth Harper in charge. The program was as follows: solos by Mrs. Corrine Wigginton, solo by Dr. E. C. Martin. Mrs. E. C. Martin accompanied both at the piano. The principal speaker was Mrs. J. A. Ashford all of Mason City. Mrs. Ashford used for her subject "Youth, and The Part They Should Play in The Church." Other visitors from Mason City were Mr. Wm. Wigginton and Mrs. Leona McNeal.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL STATE WRITING CONTEST

Jefferson City, Mo.—"What the United Nations Means to Me" has been chosen for the subject of the sixth annual State High School Feature Writing contest conducted by the Lincoln University (Mo.) School of Journalism.

Prizes in the contest, which is open to all high school students in Missouri, total \$150. Each entry is limited to 1,000 words and should be mailed to the School of Journalism at Lincoln by March 1.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends for their kindnesses, courtesies and expressions of sympathy shown us at the death of our brother.
—The Family of Richard E. Williams

Officer Probes Shooting of Kin

A Des Moines detective last Sunday night was investigating the shooting of his own sister, Mrs. Sadie Witt, 38, of 1200 Park street, in critical condition at Broadlawns General hospital.

MANLY, IOWA

Thanksgiving service November 22, at the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reform church. The Rev. Robert F. Jacob is pastor. The following churches and pastors took part in the services: Bethel Evangelical, Rev. Carl R. Frankhauser; New Bethel Baptist, Rev. B. F. Parker; and English Lutheran, Rev. David M. Funk. The Rev. Mr. Parker gave the Thanksgiving message, using for his subject, "Bless The Lord, O My Soul." Out-of-town visitors at this service were: Rev. G. Williams, pastor of St. John Baptist of Mason

HOM WHERE DES MOINES MAN BURNED TO DEATH



Only a section of one wall of his home remained standing after an early Sunday morning fire claimed the life of Richard E. Williams, 33. Williams apparently never knew the home at 643 S.E. 27th street had caught fire. He was alone in the house and relatives said he suffered from fainting spells. (Photo Courtesy of Des Moines Register.)

Private rites were held Tuesday morning at the L. Fowler and Son

Funeral home for Richard E. Williams, 643 S.E. Twenty-seventh street. Burial was in Glendale cemetery.

Williams, 33, was burned to death early last Sunday morning in his small home where he lived alone. His home was destroyed by flames at about 3 a. m. His body was found lying on the charred remains of a bed.

Dr. John Edgerton, deputy coroner, said Williams apparently never knew the place had caught fire. City

firemen were investigating the cause of the blaze.

Relatives said Williams was unemployed and was subject to fainting spells.

He was a native of Des Moines. Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Maxine Alexander, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Cecelia Clinton, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Catherine Atkinson, Des Moines, and Mrs. Margarite Hall, Los Angeles, Cal.; and two brothers, Herbert of Detroit, Mich., and Paul, Nashville, Tenn.

Attendants there said two bullets had passed through the right side of her body, one emerging from near a shoulder blade, the other from the fleshy part of her back.

Held for Questioning
Arrested for questioning and intoxication was William Henry Thomas, 67, of 832 Tenth street, who gave his occupation as "engineer."

Detective James S. Allen, the woman's brother, said the shooting occurred about 7:45 p. m. in the rooming house where Mrs. Witt, a divorcee and mother of two grown children, has an apartment.

Claims Accident
Allen said Thomas had called Mrs. Witt into the kitchen to "speak to her privately." It was not made clear how the gun was produced, but Thomas claimed the shooting was an accident.

The gun was found later in a clothes hamper. It was a Belgian-made 7.65 automatic, which fires a

32 caliber bullet. One of the spent bullets was found in the kitchen.

Thomas pleaded innocent before Municipal Judge Howard W. Brooks to charges of assault with intent to commit murder. His hearing was set for Dec. 12 and his bond at \$2,000.

Mrs. Witt's condition was reported as good Monday at Broadlawns General hospital.

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MRS. JAMES BETHEL AND DAUGHTERS HERE FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. James Bethel and three daughters, Jennifer, Brenda and Jeanette, have arrived here from Winston Salem, N. C., to reside with their husband and father, Mr. James N. Bethel, at 1119 12th street.

Mr. Bethel is employed at the Veterans' administration. Mrs. Bethel is the former Jeannette Smith of Des Moines.

THE CLARK YEAGERS ENTERTAIN THANKS DAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Yeager entertained the following guests at their home, 1010 Tenth street, on Thanksgiving Day: Rev. and Mrs. DeWitt Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Taylor.

MISS WILSON HONORS 25 GUESTS ON HER 13TH BIRTHDAY

Miss Anna Mae Wilson spent Monday evening after school entertaining 25 boys and girls at Willkie House on her 13th birthday.

HOLIDAY GUESTS AT S. GAINES HOME

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gaines of 1173 W. 10th street who entertained at a small family reunion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gaines of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Alma Robinson, sister-in-law of the H. B. Gaineses, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walter Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Curley Gaines, Bernard and Wallace Gaines and Ray Williams of Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. H. B. Gaines a squad car detective in Oklahoma and Mrs. Gaines is the state school hot lunch supervisor.

MRS. LEOLA HUBBARD HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY

A surprise birthday dinner party was given in honor of Mrs. Leola Hubbard by her husband on Friday, November 17.

The thirty-eight guests who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clead Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hammit, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll DeVan, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. John Blaney, Mr. and Mrs. Harbon Merritt, Mrs. Anna Mae Ashby, Mrs. Gertha Jones, Mrs. Catherine Atkinson, Mrs. Dorothy Holmes, Mrs. Arlene Graves, Mrs. Jesserean Dixon, Mrs. Helen Shackelford, Mrs. Mildred Brown, Miss Helen Bolden, Miss Freda DeSleet, Miss Yvonne Smith, Judge and Mrs. Howard Brooks, Mrs. Alfred Edwards, Mr. Lorenzo Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gray.

Mrs. Pauline Haygood, sister of Mrs. Hubbard, came from Kansas City for the party.

Music was by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Anthony and Judge Brooks rendered several selections on the piano. Many gifts were received.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF MRS. A. LOMAS

On November 22 the Charity club of Rose Temple No. 33, Daughters celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Alice Lomas of 835 13th with a potluck supper. Many gifts were received. Six guests were present.

Mrs. Claudine Redmond is reporter. Mrs. Wilma Hunt is President.

THANKSGIVING DAY GUESTS AT HOME OF THE ROBERT TUNLEYS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tunley, 2808 Cleveland avenue, entertained the following guests Thanksgiving Day: Mr. and Mrs. John Guess, Mrs. Mary Stanley, Mrs. Willa Mae Harris of Chicago, Ill.

THE JOHN DANFORTH'S SPEND THANKSGIVING WEEK END IN TOPEKA

Mr. and Mrs. John Danforth of 1219 Laurel street spent the Thanksgiving Day week end in Topeka, Kas., visiting relatives. Many courtesies were extended there.

VISITS IN KANSAS

Mrs. Beatrice Wallace spent Thanksgiving Day in Kansas City, Kas., visiting relatives.

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AU FAITE CLUB MEETS

The Au Faite club met with Mrs. Helen Kitchen. A Thanksgiving basket was given away. The next meeting will be with Dorothy Hawkins.

ELITE '12' CLUB

The Elite "12" club met with Mrs. Gladys Walker. Mrs. Uma King was entertained. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Katie Moore, 619 S.E. Maury street. Betty Jackson is reporter.

IOWA-BUXTON CLUB MEETS DEC. 5

The Iowa-Buxton club met with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jackson, 1138 Enos with Mr. Henry U. Mease, acting president, during the absence of Mrs. Rose Brooks, who is ill at her home. Plans were made for Christmas party which will be given at Crocker YMCA. Visitor was Mrs. Trilbie Gordon of Seattle, Wash.

Iowa-Buxton club will meet with Mr. Mease, 1017 13th street, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m.

L. T. CLUB TO MEET

The L. T. club will meet Dec. 6 with Mrs. Birdie Winn of 1109 14th street.

VOGUETTES TO MEET DEC. 6

The Voguettes will hold their social meeting at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Carter of 1063 16th, December 6, at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Sayde Taylor is reporter.

LA FLEUR DE LIS PLANS XMAS DINNER

La Fleur De Lis club met Nov. 17 with Vivian Brent. Plans were made for the club's Christmas dinner party. A Thanksgiving basket was given to a needy family.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Andrew L. Jones of 718 S.E. 27th street is home from the hospital.

MARY CHURCH TERRELL CLUB NO. 2 MEETS

The Mary Church Terrell club No. 2 met at the home of Gaynell Gray, 1751 Walker street, Nov. 26, when plans were made for a Thanksgiving can dance at the supper club.

The date of club night was changed because of a surprise birthday party given in honor of Mrs. Leola Hubbard by her husband. The club will meet Dec. 1 with Mrs. Dorothy Hammit, 840 15th street.

PERSONAL TOUCH

By Marie Ross

Had a few days off last week to spend Thanksgiving Day down in Kansas with Mom and family. Vowing to get a brief vacation from all news activities—and even newspapers—I settled down to finishing up new drapes that Mom had made in her program to decorate the home for the Christmas holidays when two other daughters are to be home from Washington and Maryland for the AKA boule.

Did alright stitching hems a mite-a-minute, at the machine which had been moved to the dining room, until after supper Saturday night when a neighbor phoned that she was "bringing someone over."

Soon Mom was admitting Neighbor Ina Primm who introduced a young man, all the way from Nigeria, West Africa, who had addressed Kansas City's Fellowship House recently.

After pausing for a brief introduction, I resumed my stitching—furiously—while the family and guests departed to the living room and began getting acquainted with 26-year-old Daniel Nwadiel (pronounced Na-y-de-a) and learning all about his homeland, Nigeria.

One of the two African students who is attending Central Baptist college, a white institution, in Kansas City, Kas., Nwadiel began answering questions about the foods, I could follow, as I listened to a few words now and then.

Then in one ear, I could hear them discussing the weather and the student telling of the very mild temperatures, around 70 degrees and occasionally, very warm at 90 degrees during the day time. But the nights are cool, down to 40 degrees, he informed.

Soon the conversation shifted over to education in Nigeria and the student informed that there were gov-



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ernment and missionary schools but they were expensive and the average native could not afford to go to the schools.

He said he had sought a scholarship to come to America to school because one could get only a bachelor's degree and he wanted to study for the ministry.

Nigeria, under the strict rules of the British empire, Nwadiel informed that the natives of Nigeria could do nothing without the permission of the British authorities. To engage in business, one must first get permission and pay a large sum of money, sometimes more than the cost of operating his business, just for the permission, he said. Therefore, most of the people are engaged in farming and agricultural pursuits.

When the student began telling about prejudices in Nigeria and how the Nigerians were trying to break down differentiation shown because of color, I had to stop my machine.

When any house in Nigeria is known to have shown prejudice or refused anyone because of his color, an organized group of natives "stone the house and tear it down."

So many houses have been destroyed in that method that the whites in Nigeria practicing the discrimination are beginning to open their doors to colored as well as white persons.

"Of course, we have in the group, natives who are not real friends and some of the plans have been given away," Nwadiel talked and added that whenever a traitor to the group was caught, he was given the degree of "O.B.E.—Obedient Boys of the British Empire," and, "we do not associate with him anymore in anything."

A British governor rules over Nigeria and when ever laws are made by the Nigerians, in an attempt to improve their conditions, the governor has the right to change the laws to suit him, the student said.

"We have many newspapers there and they cry out about the injustices and exploits of our people," Nwadiel continued and "many of their editors are serving time in jail for having written such articles. Sometime they are forced to pay a heavy fine. But they don't mind serving time in jail—like Ghandi—who was thrown in jail many times."

The student said there are many organizations working to get a "better day for our people."

In the courts, he said, if a Nigerian was accused of any serious crime against a Britian, then that native was moved to England to be tried, sentenced and imprisoned there.

The British rule is so strict that even a Nigerian desiring to go to another country in Africa, say Liberia, which he estimated to be about 1,000 miles away, that native would find the price for a passport, visa, health examinations, etc., so high that it would take nearly all of his money he had for the trip.

Something is being done about the marriage problem in Nigeria. "It is getting so difficult and expensive that the young Nigerian can't afford it," he explained.

"The customary method, after selecting the bride-to-be, is to pay a dowry to her family. But now the families want you not only to pay the dowry, but to pay for all of the education and the expense the family has gone to in rearing the prospective bride."

Then Nwadiel paused and said, "I don't know. I just learned about engagement rings after I got to this

country four months ago. I hear that some of them are terribly expensive—and that's just the engagement ring." He shook his head.

Nwadiel was proud to say that he was "converted" to the Christian religion—from the Catholic—and that he "converted" his family. He was anxious to come to a Christian country, America, and though he has run into many racial prejudices since being in Kansas, and has been refused services in white eating places, because of his color, he tells the persons who discriminate against him that "God does not like their ways."

When he has completed his study here he wants to go back to Nigeria to "try to do something for my people." He estimated over thirty-five million natives in a territory of 800,000 square miles. On a scholarship here, he works for his room and board, he said.

Oh yes, did I finish the drapes? No. At train time later, I was showing Mom—"now all you have to do is this and this and this."

In the mail came a note from one of the families on Buchanan street, where families are moving from their homes to make room for the

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A Christmas home lighting contest will be sponsored again this year by the Des Moines Junior Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Jack R. Lilly, 1950 chairman of the organization's annual civic project, announced Friday.

Entries for the contest must be sent to the Junior Chamber of Commerce office, 510 Equitable bldg., before noon Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1950.

Homes entered must be lighted from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Dec. 20 through Dec. 31.

The city will be divided into five districts, entries in each district competing with others in the same area for two merchandise prizes.

District winners then will compete on a citywide basis for grand prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20. Winners will be announced Christmas day.

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BURLINGTON, IOWA

By MRS. ED WILLIAMS
Burlington, Ia.—The Maggie Lee Mission circle of Union Baptist church of which Mrs. Dora Rideout is president gave a turkey dinner at the church dining hall Nov. 16. The money realized will be used to buy more kitchen utensils and to install a telephone in the church.

At the rally of St. John's AME church Sunday, visitors came from Ft. Madison, Muscatine, Mt. Pleasant and other cities. Dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson observed their 52nd wedding anniversary Nov. 19 and they received many congratulations.

Mrs. Saloma Nickerson and children went to California to visit her daughter and brother.

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HEALTH FOR ALL

Colds

Although colds strike at any time of the year, the fall and winter months are usually referred to as the "cold season" because that is the time when colds seem to strike most frequently and with greatest vigor.

The common cold is one of the most contagious of all diseases. People tend to treat a cold lightly, probably because it is so common. But those who have colds are actually ill. The discomfort of running noses, coughs, and sneezes is only a part of the picture. The person who has a cold, particularly one that hangs on, suffers from loss of appetite, sometimes loss of sleep, and often temporary loss of popularity. Despite the fact that few take a cold seriously, no one wants to catch a cold and the cold sufferer is usually avoided.

The cold is caused by a virus, or germ, which is so small that it can not be seen under an ordinary microscope. Colds are spread from person to person, usually by someone who has a cold and sprays his cold germs into the air by sneezing and coughing. We could cut down on the incidence of colds—and on the inestimable lost hours of work and school they cost each year—if everyone were careful to cover his coughs and sneezes with handkerchiefs or tissues.

A cold should never be neglected. No one ever died of a cold, but frequently an untreated or unchecked cold leads to such serious illnesses as pneumonia, pleurisy, tonsillitis, and other infections of the upper respiratory tract. Even if it does not cause complications, it must be remembered that the longer a cold hangs on, the weaker the body becomes and the more susceptible it is to other, more serious illnesses.

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MRS. CLAYBROOK ENTERTAINS GUESTS

Mrs. J. A. Claybrook of 223 E. 13th entertained 20 guests Sunday night, Nov. 26, at a supper in honor of her birthday.

ORLABOR, IOWA

Oralabor, Ia.—Rev. W. Heath preached last Sunday. The Smith's sister trio sang at Corinthian Baptist church women's day program last Sunday. The Rev. R. L. Turpin has returned from Omaha after carrying on a ten-day revival for Rev. E. D. Johnson. The Marvin Brown, Lawrence Lemons and Leonard Johnson are doing good work in the services. Mr. Edward Barber and mother visited the Smith's home Saturday. Dean Smith and LeRoy Brown, the football stars of Ankeny, are playing basketball. Little Daniel Smith is ill.

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EDITORIALS - FEATURES - SPORTS

THE BOYS FIGHT AND GET KICKED FOR IT

When Negro troops first went into action in Korea, glorious reports came back home about the fine job they were doing in combat. So as reports trickle through telling of the wholesale court martialing of Negro troops, it is difficult for the average layman to understand.

It is apparent that the boys in Korea are disturbed; the NAACP likewise for they have asked the Judge Advocate General to permit its lawyers to defend those who ask for it.

During both World War I and II, a wholesale effort was made to discredit Negro soldiers. But in the long run, the program was not successful for wherever the men were able to secure the right type of counsel to represent them, they came out on top.

The Bystander has no patience with officers or men who disobey orders; who misbehave in the face of the enemy. These are serious offenses which jeopardize men's lives and militate against successful prosecution of a war.

On the other hand, men do strange things under fire. Nobody can fully appreciate it except those who have gone through the experience. And in the process of the terrible excitement some act the part of cowards and this happens among all types of soldiers. Thus it is easy to see how officials whose hearts are not right may easily single out certain types of men for punishment.

Prior to the Korean conflict, these men were stationed in Tokyo where they were subjected to discrimination and segregation right under General MacArthur's nose. He did nothing about it and eventually approved that type of mistreatment of the men under his command. So it is easy to carry over on to the Korean theatre of operations some of the rotten rules and regulations which are permitted to exist in Tokyo.

It would seem that the officers have their hands full trying to whip the North Koreans and Chinese Communists without spending a lot of time, energy and money prosecuting black soldiers—and they seem to be the only ones they prosecute—which might well be spent repelling the attacks of the enemy.

When some troops get cut out from their outfit and escape to the rear they get decorated while some get court martialled.

The Bystander has no information as to whether Negro officers are included on the court martial and assigned as defense counsel or not. But if such is not the case we are fearful of these trials judging from the records of proceedings in some cases during both world wars.

When the UN forces began its recent drive designed to end the Korean war, General MacArthur boasted that our troops would be home by Xmas. Evidently his intelligence officers gave him the wrong information about what to expect from the Chinese Communists for the situation today is truly critical.

WORLD PROGRAM DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK

Many people hoped that our forces would stop when they reached the 38th parallel for when we entered the conflict the program was to liberate the South Koreans. Success at that point—the 38th parallel—spurred us on to "liberate" the North Koreans, a job they evidently did not wish done.

It is most unfortunate that America is in this spot. Undoubtedly we are not wanted—and rightly so—by a large segment of the Koreans who feel—and rightly so—that they know best how to solve their own troubles. But just as it is hard to drop a hot potato, so will the trouble be in Korea and Manchuria. And for this reason unless somebody does some pretty shrewd diplomatic work, the world is in for another but extremely serious conflict.

Name calling and pointing fingers by diplomats won't solve the problem. Too much of that has gone on already among men who ought to know. Why spend a lot of time proving somebody is the aggressor when more valuable use of that time would be to attempt to find out why an aggressor.

Iowa University football team played its Negro players in Miami University (Florida) without incident. The team could have stayed together without incident if the officials had used courage to see that the right thing was done. But they did the expedient things, a program which keeps the world in an uproar today. And it's just the kind of thing which gives communists and their sympathizers evidence to prove that our self-righteousness is not even skin deep.

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Union Baptist Church

(SEE FRONT PAGE)

asked the Rev. Mr. Gaiters why she was turned out of the church. She said he answered "I didn't turn you out of the church. You can come to church—you go everywhere else."

Mrs. Tate testified she went later to a meeting at the church and the Rev. Mr. Gaiters said "you are not a member of the church and asked me out and said 'I am not going to have any argument.' I said I am not going to argue but when I come back I hope I don't see your face."

During cross examination, Atty. Strickler asked Mrs. Tate if it was an "offense against the church to sue a fellow church member?"

Mrs. Tate replied that "I don't think it would be. I don't pretend to be a preacher or a deacon but I know enough about religion to know when it is right or wrong."

Judge Franklin asked Mrs. Tate if she had ever had an opportunity to defend herself at a meeting and she replied "no."

Mrs. Julia Harris, 1326 Sampson, who had been a member of Union Baptist church 17 years, informed the court that on March 3 no one said a thing against her and that since, she has received no notices from the church.

On April 6, she said Rev. Mr. Gaiters told her "you are out—you can't sit in on a business meeting," and I left."

Rufus Parker, 127 Ridge street, who had been a member of Union Baptist for 34 years, formerly was chairman of the trustee board. He said no one offered any evidence to substantiate the charge against him of disorderly conduct and that he did not know what Rev. Gaiters "based his findings on."

W. F. Fulwood, 1182 W. Second street, who had been a member of Union Baptist for 22 years, testified that after finding that he was out of the church, he saw Rev. Mr. Gaiters later at a business meeting and he said "get out of here."

'Confess Sins'

Later, at a meeting of the petitioners with the Rev. Mr. Gaiters in the office of Atty. McKnight, Mr. Fulwood said the minister told them they could come back into

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Atty. Strickler asked him, "have you ever sinned against the church?" to which Mr. Fulwood replied that "no—it is impossible to sin against the church and not know it. I had done no wrong to do any apologizing for."

Early during the hearing Rev. Lee G. Garrett, pastor of the First Baptist church in West Des Moines, and president of the Ministers and Deacons union of the Four States Baptist convention, was called to inform the court of the procedure used in "putting members out of the church." He referred to Hiscox's directory as a guide and added that he was acquainted with the book "before they wrote it."

He informed the court that "sometimes a group of members in the church gets the devil in them and the Bible can't control them."

Harold G. Frye, 1417 Buchanan street, secretary of the board of deacons, testified that the minutes of the deacons' meeting in February when the six petitioners were recommended for expulsion, were "lost." He informed that he sent no copies of the charges to the persons who were excluded.

Rev. Gaiters Takes Stand

The Rev. Mr. Gaiters, 1141 W. 10th street, who said he had been in the ministry for 20 years, opened his testimony with information regarding the regular meetings of the deacon board, at which time members could come to state their grievances.

"These members never did come to the board meeting to state their grievances," he repeated and revealed that after the February deacon board's meeting cards were sent to the six members to be present at the March 3 business meeting.

"Did you send the cards?" his attorney asked.

"I didn't," the minister declared. Then Atty. Strickler directed the minister's attention to a passage from Hiscox's directory. The Rev. Mr. Gaiters read:

"... But if he can win a brother from his evil way, and remove a reproach from the church, such would be a work of faith and a labor of love with which any Christian might feel greatly astisfied."

"Now, Rev. Gaiters," continued Atty. Strickler, "prior to Feb. 27, 1950, did these six people attend church regularly?"

At this point an objection was

Get Xmas Greetings in Before December 1

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

John Bright has made an all-American team. But the guy who broke more offensive records than there are Chinese in Korea is named on the defensive team. You figure it out. The guy can play defensive ball, but during the season just passed he didn't have to.

While we are on the subject of all-star teams, Bernie Custer of Syracuse made the J. D. All-Eastern team.

The Olympian club is clearing the decks for their annual athlete of the year award dinner. There isn't much choice this year. It is Bright by four thousand miles. The dinner will be held Dec. 27. We will keep you informed of developments from time to time.

Apologies

To the Keystone club. Sorry to have missed your dinner last week, but things came up. You have had a fine year. Now if you don't mind, we'd like to make a suggestion. Set your athletic program for kids from about 10 to 14 years. It will be harder work, but how it will pay off in the end.

Boxing

We read an article on Joe Louis in which the writer stated that the Ex-Champ's biggest asset was his blinding hand speed. Now that is gone and that is the difference between Joe, the champ, and Joe, the ex-champ. But then Joe shouldn't worry too much. Father time finally caught up with Jersey Joe Walcott.

voiced by Atty. McKnight and a question was raised by Judge Franklin as to whether non-attendance was "grounds for removal from the church."

During cross examination by Atty. McKnight, the minister was quizzed about the postal cards.

"You say you did not send the cards and you heard Mrs. Griffin say she did not send them?" Atty. McKnight recalled.

"We got more than one secretary. She said she would not send them. I called one of the others," the minister informed and named "Dorothy Simms or Mr. Everett Matthews."

Perhaps, Mr. Matthews could have sent them or Mrs. Simms, because Mrs. Griffin said she would not send them," and then he added, "anybody could have signed her name because the church had acted."

The minister said he had been to the petitioners "several times as their pastor," about their grievances. "I went to Sister Tate's home and told her. I went to Sister Harris' home and told her," and at that point Mrs. Harris rose from her seat in the courtroom gasping, "Oh, Lord, no!"

"I've been to them more than one time. I told them in January that the deacon board would meet on Feb. 24 to try their case," and later he added, "I have been to their homes over ten times."

James D. Gunn, 1148 Second street, chairman of the deacon board, testified as to the procedure used at the Feb. 24 meeting when the six persons were recommended for expulsion from the church.

He informed that "different ones of the board" made recommendation that the six be put out of the church.

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PFC. F. E. BILLINGSLEY Private First Class Finnis E. Billingsley left last Saturday for Hamilton Air Force base in San Francisco, Cal., after having ended a visit here with his mother, Mrs. H. T. McKnight, 1062 15th street, and other relatives. He was Thanksgiving Day dinner guest at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Campbell.

On Nov. 3, Pfc. Billingsley received his diploma in topographic drafting at the army engineer school at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

American Legion Auxiliary Notes Members of Lincoln Post No. 126 American Legion and its auxiliary, under the supervision of the Americanism chairman, Mr. Carl Ross, and Mrs. Frances M. Brooks, served as hosts during educational week in Des Moines public schools. Roy Connor, Clarence Butts, Henry Manuel, G. Leath, Commodore Hendricks, Irvin Turpin, Carl Ross, Floyd Bailey, post members were in attendance at Crocker, Logan, Hiatt junior high, Irving Junior high, Curtis, North and Des Moines Tech. They were assigned by Mesdames Elsie King, Mary C. Monroe, Cornelia Holt, Henry Manuel, Victoria Hendricks, Lillian Leath, Cora Chapman, Georgia Jones, Myrtle aBiley, Mary Frye, Frances Brooks, Mae Butts Lee, auxiliary members.

The auxiliary met at post club rooms on Nov. 27. A social hour was held with post members.

Beginning Dec. 19, the American Legion auxiliary will meet monthly every third Tuesday. Mrs. Mae Butts Lee, publicity chairman.

street, financial secretary of the church on March 3, was questioned about the postal cards. Asked if he mailed the postal cards to the six petitioners, he replied: "It's news to me. In fact I have never mailed any cards." He added that "Just now is the first time I ever saw the postal cards."

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A. A. ALEXANDER

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ber of the mission, recommended development of irrigation in the Artibonite Valley and consideration of development of hydroelectric power in the mountains near available water supply.

Nothing has been done about possibilities of utilization of water supply for irrigation and power development because such a project would be costly and funds were not available.

Mr. Alexander has been back to Haiti about fifteen times since he went there with the United States economic mission and has visited the Artibonite Valley several times. The valley contains the largest single block of undeveloped land in Haiti, which, with an adequate system of flood control, irrigation, and drainage works, can be brought into productive agricultural use.

Land Reclaimed

With proper engineering development, Mr. Alexander estimates that about 100,000 acres of land can be reclaimed, on which there could be raised three crops a year of rice and other products that would give sustenance to the people.

The development of water power in the islands, he said, would have any number of possibilities. Electricity could be used for pumping water into an irrigation system and also for power and light in the towns, and for further development of economic possibilities in the island.

Electricity in the island is furnished by Diesel-generated electric power, the fuel for which is oil shipped in from Venezuela and other South American countries. The power company is operated by franchise granted to Stone and Webster, a New York City operating company. At one time the price of power was nearly 25 cents a kilowatt hour, compared to a price of from 2 to 4 cents in the United States.

About two years ago a loan of \$6,000,000 was requested by the Haitian government from the Export-Import bank for the development of the irrigation part of the project. The bank agreed to make the loan on conditions that qualified United States engineering consultants review the construction plans.

The engineering firm of Stone and Abbott of New York has done this and their report is now in the hands of engineers of the Export-Import bank for final review. Following completion of final designs and specifications, the Haitian gov-

LODGES HOLD JOINT COMMUNICATION

On Nov. 22, North Star Lodge No. 2 and Doric Lodge No. 30 received the Right Worshipful Grand Custodian Leroy Hester who was making his first official visit. This joint communication was well attended by brethren of both lodges. Four past grand masters of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa were present in the persons of B. N. Hyde, C. M. Mays, P. D. Goodloe of Des Moines and M. C. Culbertson of Iowa City. Mrs. Australia Grace is

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NAACP Elects Rev. Singleton Head

The Rev. George A. Singleton, pastor of St. Paul AME church, was elected president of the Des Moines branch of the NAACP at the monthly meeting, Nov. 27. He succeeds Atty. L. T. Glanton, Jr.

Other officers are: Mrs. Clara Bayles, first vice president; William Bell, second vice president; Mrs. Leola Hubbard, secretary; Mrs. Guy E. Greene, assistant secretary; Atty. James B. Morris, Jr., treasurer.

Executive board members are: James Rhodes, Rev. J. I. Thomas, Ike Smalls, Leland Ahern, A. P. Trotter, Rev. J. E. Tunstall, Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, Luther T. Glanton, Jr., Mrs. Ione Lloyd, Mrs. Ber-

chairman of publicity and reporter. erment will let a contract to a qualified United States contractor for construction of the project.

Mr. Alexander has already filed application with the Haitian government to do the job. The Haitian government has requested advancement of \$22,000,000 for the development of hydroelectric power, flood control, irrigation and drainage works. If the Export-Import bank advances the loan, the next step is for Haiti to select a contractor.

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