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BRANCHES PROTEST -

Mistreatment of GIs in Deep South

Pre-Holiday Visitor



PFC. ROBERT WILSON

Pfc. Robert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, 1164 Fourteenth street, spent a 21-day leave here after having completed the U.S. Marine's field school of music at San Diego, Calif.

A member of the Marine Corps since last February, has been transferred to Pendleton Field, Calif., where he is a bugler.

Pvt. James Carson Visits Parents Here

Pvt. James William Carson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Howe, 1038 Tenth street, during his 13-day furlough, which ended Dec. 16. He is stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Merry Christmas Savings Club Meets

The Merry Christmas Savings club met Dec. 9 with Mrs. Anna Ware, 1137 School street. The next meeting will be Jan. 6 with Mrs. Lena Bratcher, 1060 Twelfth street. Mrs. Marie Kiser is president; Mrs. Marie Brown is secretary.

Mother Of Joe Louis Dies In Detroit

Detroit, Mich.—Mrs. Lillie Barrow Brooks, mother of Joe Louis, died here Sunday night. She was 69 and had borne 18 children in two marriages.

Pfc. Sandy Saddler Looking Forward To Fighting Again

New York—(CNS) Here for the Christmas holidays, Pfc. Sandy Saddler who has been serving in Wurzburg, Germany as a boxing instructor, revealed that he can hardly wait to start fighting again.

The wiry featherweight champ even hoped he could get a bout during his 30 day furlough though he doubted that one could be set up that quickly.

Eligible for a discharge this coming April, Sandy summed up the difficulties he would have picking up his career. "I don't think the layoff will hurt my chances," he thought, "even though I haven't had a fight in 2½ years."

"Actually I figure it will take me about two months to get my timing back. And then I'll fight any featherweight in the world."

Sandy knew home in a plane which he and 71 other GIs had chartered for their Christmas furlough. He arrived at Idlewild Airport, where he was greeted by his wife.

Kiddies Christmas Party Saturday At Willkie House

The annual Interfraternal Christmas party for kiddies will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Willkie House. Santa Claus will be present to give free gifts to all. Entertainment will be given, also.

Reargument in 5 School Cases Ends on Hopeful Note; Awaits Decision

Washington.—The long awaited rearargument of the five now famous school segregation cases ended Dec. 8, after three days of intensive argument by lawyers on both sides, joined in by the Department of Justice.

The fate of the segregated public school system in America awaits the decision of the nine learned men whose duties are to preserve and protect the constitutional rights of our citizens, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

Told To Use Power

Lawyers for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who represented the Negro children and their parents, told the high court that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution deprived the states of the right and authority to set up a Jim Crow pattern of education, that the Supreme Court was invested with power under the Constitution to put an end to the dual public school systems, and that the high court exercise that power now.

Attorneys representing the Negro children in the District of Columbia case argued that the segregated system was not authorized by Congress and that if the local school board had the necessary statutory authority to maintain segregated schools, the due process clause of the 5th Amendment made maintenance of such a system unlawful.

Constitutional

Lawyers representing South Carolina, Virginia, Kansas, Delaware and the District of Columbia maintained that the Jim Crow schools are constitutional, that the Supreme Court does not have the power to end segregation in their schools and does not have the right to tell them how to educate their students.

The United States Justice Department joined the NAACP in saying

that segregation is a violation of the 14th Amendment, that the Supreme Court had the power to outlaw the system and that the high judiciary should not hesitate in wiping it out.

The rearargument came as a result of five questions posed by the Supreme Court last June 8, asking, basically, whether the 14th Amendment was understood by its framers, the 39th Congress, to outlaw segregation in public schools, whether the Court has the power to put an end to it, and how integration could be brought about if the Court declared it unconstitutional.

The five cases were first argued before the high Court late December 8 and 9. When the five questions were given to the lawyers involved, the Justice Department was invited to take part in the rearargument if it so desired.

Cases Combined

Because of their similarity in circumstances, the South Carolina and Virginia cases were combined by mutual agreement.

Opening the oral argument for the appellants in the combined cases was Spottswood W. Robinson III, of Richmond, Va., who traced the background and history of the 14th Amendment.

Robinson spoke for 52 minutes with two interruptions, one by Mr. Justice Felix Frankfurter, who asked what weight the Court should put on the individual statements of Senators and Congressmen during the debates of the 39th Congress.

Robinson replied it was not merely

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'Christmas Means So Much To Me,' Says Rev. G. E. Sanders, Pastor 50 Years

La Grange, Mo.—"It is a real joy to me when I think about the Christmas that means so much to me," wrote the Rev. G. E. Sanders, pastor of the Green Chapel Baptist Church in Canton, Mo., who is enjoying memories of his fifty years in the ministry, celebrated last month in special services at his church. He resides in La Grange, Mo., where his home overlooks the Mississippi river.

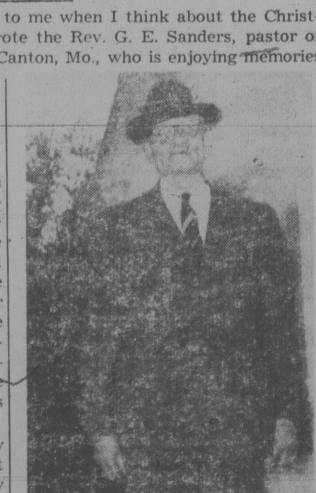
"As my mind goes back through the years to the days of my childhood, when Old Santa would come down the chimney on Christmas eve and put a few nuts, a stick of red striped candy, and perhaps one orange and a big red apple in our stockings—and a horn; then, to see us get up early in the morning looking to see what Old Santa brought—was the joy of my child life. Those days, it seemed that Christmas was five years apart."

"As years came and went I grew away from Old Santa's days that joy left, until I started raising my family—and it seemed only six or eight months apart."

First Christmas

"How well, do I remember the first Christmas in the life of my family. I was pastoring in Clinton, Iowa. My children were on program. It was a joy to see them perform and to see their faces light up as they received their presents from the hands of Old Santa—from the Christmas tree. That I thought was the best Christmas—but, when I look back over the years and think how God has blessed me, to see my children being Old Santa for their children, is a real Christmas to me."

"Christ means more to me than all I have mentioned, as I have lived to see 76 of them—and know without a doubt that if Christ had not been



REV. G. E. SANDERS

born, there would not have been a Christmas, neither Christianity in the world.

"To me, this Christmas is the greatest of all, as I have just completed my fiftieth year in the ministry, and yet able to carry on. I thank God from the depth of my heart."

After Fifty Years

"After fifty years of service as a gospel minister, like all of the rest of God's called ministers, I have had my ups and downs during these fifty years; some knocks and some from the ministerial rank," the vet-booster—the hardest knocks coming

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For His Christmas Stocking



Delores Jackson, popular New York model, knows a girl faces a real problem when buying a Christmas gift for a man. It's so easy to give the reliable though conventional things like shirts, socks and neckties. Yet, all too often good grooming articles are items a fellow doesn't get around to buying for himself. So Delores feels certain her young man will be pleasantly surprised when he finds this original and useful flexible hairbrush for men in his Christmas stocking. Flexibility—the newest thing in hairbrushes—permits this brush to conform to the shape of the head with the slightest pressure.

Two Youth Get 10-Year Terms For Robbery

District Judge Russell Jordan Dec. 4 sentenced two young men to ten-year terms in the state reformatory at Anamosa. Sentenced were Theodore H. J. Moore, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., and Edward Jackson, Jr., 20, of St. Joseph, Mo. Both pleaded guilty to robbery charges.

In signed statements to police, Jackson and Moore admitted hitting Grocer Morris Kahn, 74, in the stomach, and robbing his store, at 850 Tenth street, last Nov. 20.

Got \$13

They obtained \$13 cash and two cartons of cigarettes, and were arrested several minutes later by Patrolman Chester Rittin.

Jackson and Moore told police they robbed the store because "we wanted money to get something to eat."

Before sentence was passed, County Attorney Clyde E. Herring asked the court to comment on Des Moines' recent rash of robberies.

"I suppose it is a temptation to some people," said the judge, "who think they can obtain easy money. In this case, these young men were caught a few blocks from the store they robbed."

No Previous Records

"I wish the courtroom were filled with persons who think today as these boys thought when they robbed that store."

"Persons who are considering this sort of thing should know that Des Moines will not tolerate this type of lawlessness."

Moore and Jackson had no previous criminal records. Moore said he quit school in the seventh grade, and Jackson said he went to the tenth grade.

Sets Holiday Mail Schedule

Edith Johnson, Des Moines postmaster, said last Friday that the main Des Moines post office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, including Sundays, until Dec. 24.

All possible mailings of Christmas packages should be made in the next few days, she said.

She said the main post office lobby

has been "streamlined for good service." She said the post office is "all set to handle a big business." Thirty-seven army trucks have been procured. That swells the Des Moines postal fleet to 104 trucks.

Miss Johnson said The East Des Moines, Grand, Highland Park, University and Beavertown postal stations will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today and next Saturday as well.

Kansas City Branch Gives \$2,500 to Fighting Fund; Check Presented in D. C.

New York—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week received its largest branch contribution to the Fighting Fund-for Freedom—\$2,500 from the Kansas City, Mo., branch.

Presentation of the check was made in Washington by Carl Johnson, branch president, to Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, both of whom were in the capital city to hear the arguments in the public school segregation cases before the United States Supreme Court. The sum was raised at a mass meeting in Kansas City on December 1.

Inspiring Challenge

In accepting the check, Mr. White said: "May I on behalf of the national office tell you how much this additional evidence of the generous and loyal support of the Kansas City branch means to us. It gives an inspiring challenge to other branches, other organizations and individuals to do as much in the struggle to complete within the next decade the job of emancipation."

From the Anchorage, Alaska, branch came a contribution of \$400, the first to be received from that distant territory. Other branch contributions include Vicksburg, Miss., and Tulsa, Okla., \$300 each; Toledo, Ohio, \$250; Amityville, L. I., \$200; Plainfield, N. J., \$170; Sulphur Springs, Texas, \$100; Canton, Ohio, youth council, \$60; Deerfield, Fla., Thibodaux, La., Pine Blue, Newport, Crossett and Little Rock, Ark., \$50 each; Dermott, Ark., \$45; Cedar Rapids, La., \$40.50; Crittenden County, Ark., \$38; Malvern, Ark.,

Indignation Over Arrest And Fining of 50 Negroes Mounts All Over Nation

New York—As indignation over the arrest and fining of 50 Negro servicemen involved in a Jim Crow bus incident in Columbia, S. C., mounted throughout the nation this week, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called upon its 1200 branches to protest this arbitrary exercise of police power.

In a letter to branch leaders, Glosster B. Current, NAACP director of branches, urged that letters be sent to President Eisenhower "expressing concern about the mistreatment of Negro soldiers in the deep South and asking his office to take steps to correct this injustice."

Request Full Probe

The branches were also urged to write to Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens "requesting that a full investigation be made of this incident and steps be taken to insure protection of Army personnel against mistreatment by local authorities." Further, Mr. Current asked the NAACP branches to write to their senators and representatives urging them to vote for enact-

ment of federal legislation to protect servicemen against such abuses.

Meanwhile, in Columbia, Rev. J. M. Hinton, president of the South Carolina Conference of NAACP branches, announced that the organization is prepared to fight this issue to the finish. He retained Lincoln C. Jenkins, Columbia attorney, to initiate legal action.

Resentment

In Washington, Clarence Mitchell, director of the Association's Washington bureau, warned the Department of the Army that courts martial of the arrested men would arouse widespread resentment.

The men were arrested on Thanksgiving Day as they were leaving the city to return to Fort Jackson where they are stationed. One of them sat next to a young white woman and refused to move when she and the bus driver asked him to do so. Police officers were called and the men, including the ranking officer, Lieutenant Austell O. Sherard, were arrested and fined a total of \$1,573 on disorderly conduct and contempt of court charges.

Scovell Richardson To St. Louis Bar

St. Louis, Mo.—Scovell Richardson, dean of the Lincoln university School of Law (now on leave), was admitted to the St. Louis Bar Association recently.

Mr. Richardson, recently appointed by President Eisenhower as a member of the Federal Board of Parole, was the first Negro attorney in Missouri to the American Bar Association.

More Churches Give To Fighting Fund

Two more Des Moines churches contributing to the Des Moines NAACP branch's Fight for Freedom Drive were Pilgrim's Missionary Baptist church, \$5; and Community Sanctified Church of Christ, \$1.80.

IBOPEW, Charlotte, N. C., and Beta Rho Sigma chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Charlotte, N. C.; \$10.79; Zion Baptist Association, Hamlet, N. C.; \$10 each from Dr. Emory L. Rann and Z. Alexander, both of Charlotte, N. C.; \$5 each from E. P. Phillips and Dr. Thomas H. Watkins, Sr., both of Charlotte, N. C., and the St. John Missionary Baptist Educational Association, Biscoe, N. C.; and \$2 each from S. T. Moore and Thomas E. Gilliard, Jr., both of Charlotte, N. C.

It May Be Months Before Supreme Court Rules

Washington, D. C.—(CNS) With the debate all over on the school segregation issue and the decision now up to the Supreme Court, a most pertinent question is low long will it be before the Court hands down a decision.

Most Washington newsmen agree it may be weeks and then it could be months before the historic decision is made. The most informed sources believe it would definitely be delayed at least until Chief Justice Earl Warren is confirmed by the Senate in January.

SUI Students Prepare For Holidays

Iowa City, Iowa—With two days of classes left before Christmas, students at the State University of Iowa are holding advance observances of the holiday. Their vacation begins Friday and ends when school resumes Jan. 4.

All-campus Christmas activities included the annual Bach Christmas Oratorio by the SUI and symphony orchestra Wednesday night in Iowa Memorial Union and a Christmas party Thursday night in the union.

Students will sing carols around a large, brightly decorated, evergreen tree in the union lounge during the Christmas party, and will be served coffee and donuts later. Campus dormitories will hold separate parties and dinners.



ATTY. CARL R. JOHNSON

\$33; Omaha, Neb., \$20.01; College Station, Ark., and Charlotte, N. C., youth council, \$10 each; Dewitt Ark., \$7; Bayton, Texas, \$6.90; Abilene, Kans., and Nashville, Ark., \$5 each.

Other Contributors

Other contributions include \$50 from Dr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.; \$25 each from Macedonia Baptist Church, New York City, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Evanston, Ill., D. C. Roans, Wilson, N. C., Pisgah Lodge, No. 263,

Early Deadline

All church, club and personal items for the Bystander must be in the office not later than Monday, for the holiday editions.

Where to Attend Church in Des Moines

Corinthian Baptist Church
9th and School Streets
Rev. NORMAN R. OLEHIN, Minister
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
B. T. U.: 6:00 P. M.
Evening Service: 7:00 P. M.
Prayer Service Wednesday: 8:00 P. M.

St. Paul A. M. E. Church
14th and Crocker Streets
Rev. JOHN E. HUNTER, Minister
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
B. T. U.: 6:00 P. M.
Evening Service: 7:00 P. M.
Prayer Service Wednesday: 7:30 P. M.
Youth Fellowship: 5:30 P. M.

Grace Healing Temple Church of God in Christ
9th and Railroad West Des Moines
ORDER OF SERVICE
Morning Worship: 9:45 A. M.
Sunday School: 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service: 7:00 P. M.
You who are sick and are without cash fare to come to church, call 62-0627 and you will be picked up and carried to and from service.
ELDER A. C. CARROLL, Pastor

First Baptist Church
131 9th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa
Rev. L. G. GARRETT, Pastor
SUNDAY SERVICE
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
B. T. U.: 6:00 P. M.
Evening Service: 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Service Wednesday: 7:30 P. M.

East University Church of God in Christ
E. 11th St. and University
OVERSEER: LOUIS H. FORD, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
B. T. U.: 6:00 P. M.
Evening Service: 7:00 P. M.
Youth Service: 8:00 P. M.
Broadcast each Sunday
Evening KWDM: 10:00-10:30 P. M.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday morning, Dec. 21, at 11 o'clock, Rev. George Parrish will preach from the subject, "Come Let Us Reason Together." At 8 p.m. the gospel choir will give a musical program in songs. The missionary society will meet Friday afternoon at the church.

Among the sick and shut-ins are: Mesdames Juanita Andrews, Fannie Cox, Broadlawn hospital; Messrs. Pat Bettis, Broadlawn hospital; Henry Davis at home.

BURNS METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

At the morning service December 20, the Rev. John E. Tunstall will deliver the Christmas sermon. At the Vesper hour, 7 p.m. the Methodist Youth Fellowship invites the public to their Christmas meditation service. Mr. Harold Williams, chairman of the commission on education, will be the speaker and will take as his subject "If We Could Know Ourselves As Others Know Us."

Monday, December 2, 7:45 p.m., is the date for the pastor's annual Christmas party for the members of the church.

Rev. Oscar Peavy, pastor of the St. John's Methodist church at Lexington, Mo., was a visitor with his wife at the morning service last Sunday.

KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Sunday, December 20, at 3 p.m., Rev. S. J. Rowsey, pastor of First CME church, will preach and his choir will sing.

Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock, the Sunday School will give a Christmas program.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

"There is a Way," was subject of Rev. H. R. Fields' sermon last Sunday morning. The junior choir sang. Rev. I. Harris, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, will preach at Mt. Olive Sunday, Dec. 20, 3 p.m. The Shiloh senior choir will sing. This service is a rally sponsored by the Building Fund club.

Newly elected officers of the Building Fund club are: Mrs. H. Tolson, president; Mrs. A. Gray, vice president; Mrs. H. R. Fields, secretary; Mrs. L. Skipper, treasurer.

Officers of Mt. Olive Sunday School were reelected for the new year as follows: Mrs. K. McFarland, superintendent; Beverly Williams, assistant superintendent; Barbara Sue Williams, secretary; Darlene Gatewood, treasurer; Deacon S. Watson, spiritual advisor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharp are the parents of a son born Dec. 7. The baby is a grandson of Mrs. T. Jackson and Mrs. B. Vandiver, and a great grandson of Mrs. B. Stewart, also of Rev. G. Sanders, pastor of the Baptist church at La Grange, Mo. Parents of the child are members of Mt. Olive.

Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church
1732 Walker Street
Rev. H. A. SIMMONS, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30 P. M.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
S. E. 4th and Scott Street
Rev. H. R. FIELDS, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
Bible Class: 7:45 P. M.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 P. M.
Friday: Pastor Missionary Aid Society 7:30 P. M.

Maple Street Baptist Church
E. 10th and Maple Street
Rev. GEO. PARRISH, Minister, 6-8910
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
Bible Class: 7:45 P. M.
Evening Service: 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Service: Wed., 8 P. M.

Cleveland Avenue Nazarene Church
1738 Cleveland at Stewart Street
Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ellis, Pastors
Sunday School: 10:30 A. M.
Church Service: 11:00 A. M.
Evangelistic Service: 8:00 P. M.
Wednesday: Come One, Come All.

Union Baptist Church
E. UNIVERSITY AT MCCORMICK
Rev. SEYMOUR GAINES, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
Bible Class: 7:45 P. M.
Evening Service: 7:45 P. M.
Prayer Service Wednesday: 7:45 P. M.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, Pastor N. R. Olphin will deliver a Christmas message. At 6 p.m. the B.T.U. will meet at the church, where the young people and adults will be present. At 7 p.m., the members of Melody chorus and Sunday School will give a Christmas play, "The Coming of Christ."

The Sunday School's Christmas tree exchange will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 24, at 8 p.m. Sunrise prayer meeting will be held Christmas morning at 5:45 o'clock, at Corinthian church.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NOTES

The Richard Allen Youth Fellowship Candlelight service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. After the meeting the group will attend the Christmas musical concert by the youth choir, which begins at 7 p.m. The Fellowship group is preparing Christmas cheer, a basket of groceries, for one family.

"Christmas Around the World," a film, will be shown Dec. 20, 10 a.m. in the Sunday School.

The Sunday School's Christmas tree and program will be Thursday, Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. The children are to bring gifts for the Christ Child.

The Junior High Youth club meets each Wednesday from 4:30 to 7:15 p.m. Their program includes recreation, handicraft, choir rehearsal and Bible study.

The Steward board met Monday, Dec. 14.

COMMUNITY SANCTIFIED CHURCH OF CHRIST

At last Sunday morning services the young people of the Sunday School gave a program. Rev. Willa Jones preached Sunday evening. Monday evening the Dorcas Charity club met at the home of Mrs. Vergie Allen. Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Sunday, Dec. 20, is Women's Day with two services. Among the sick are: Missionary Maude Logan and Estella Brown.

Bishop D. H. Cranshaw spent Sunday in Rosedale, Kas., at the Sanctified Church of Christ, Rev. Leo Anderson, pastor.

Mrs. Mary Allen of Louisville, Ky., a cousin of Mrs. L. Lewis, was among the last Sunday worshippers.

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Joint Christmas Day Services At Union Baptist

Christmas Day union church services will be held at Bethel A.M.E., 1524 E. University avenue, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Seymour Gaines, pastor of Union Baptist church, will be the guest speaker.

Participating churches and their choir are: Maple Street, Pilgrim and Union Baptist churches, Christ Sanctified Holy church, and Bethel A.M.E.

Theodosia Court's Xmas Party Dec. 20

The members of Theodosia Court No. 50 of the R. E. O. A., are having a Christmas party at the Masonic hall Sunday, Dec. 20, 4 p.m. An exchange of gifts will be held and refreshments will be served. Mrs. Dorothy Collier is royal matron; Mrs. Helen T. Carter, secretary.

'Coming Of Christ' At Corinthian Sunday

A Christmas play, "Coming of Christ," will be presented Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock at Corinthian Baptist church by members of the Sunday School and the Melody chorus. Directing are Mrs. Kizzie Strother and Mrs. Doris Davis.

Rev. Sanders

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eran minister recalled.

"But God knows His own and will raise up those whom men try to trample down under foot."

Travelled Much

"During these fifty years I have traveled in and through 23 states and preached the gospel in many large churches, some of them white. Men and women, boys and girls have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ."

"It comes to mind so vividly of a young Italian girl, 14 years old, in Bulger, Pa., where I was conducting a meeting. She was so happily converted and declared her faith in Christ, and said she wanted to be baptized—but said her father might object."

"Time and space will not permit me to tell in detail what God has done for me, and how He has done so many miraculous things for me. He truly was with me in strange cities and among strange people, but I always found an open door."

"As a minister, one can never realize the sufferings of our Lord Jesus until he has thrown himself wholly and solely upon the promises of God who said: 'Go ye therefore into the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost,' and, Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

"Neither does one know how to treat a fellow minister unless he has experienced the hardships of traveling and relying upon that promise that 'I'll be with you.'"

Converted in 1902

In the year of 1902, I was converted and joined the Second Baptist church in Centerville, Ia. But I had a feeling that there was something more—so I began to pray and ask the Lord about it. He showed me crowds of people, and I was standing above them preaching from the Bible.

"After about a year, it was revealed to me what God would have me do. I began to inquire of older ministers about it and they told me how they felt and how God dealt with them. I came to the conclusion I would tell the church of my feeling, and ask them to give me a chance to develop my gift—and, on the fifteenth day of November in 1903 I preached my trial sermon; and from that day I have never failed to preach the unadulterated gospel at every opportunity."

Former Pastorate

"I have pastored in the following states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Missouri. The churches I organized were: First Baptist in Mystic, Ia., which went out of existence when the coal mines closed and the members moved away; Mt. Olive Baptist in Des Moines and Mt. Sinia in Saginaw, Mich.

"The following churches I helped to organize: Shiloh Baptist in Des Moines; Union Baptist in Waterloo; Mt. Hebron which now is First Baptist church in West Des Moines, Ia.

Annual Christmas Vesper Concert By St. Paul Youth Chorus Sunday

The annual Christmas vesper concert by the youth chorus of St. Paul A.M.E. church will be presented Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock.

Among the numbers will be: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach); excerpts from Handel's "The Messiah"; unfamiliar Christmas carols; "Ave Maria," (Gounod); "The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte); "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," recessional; and carol singing in the lobby while the audience leaves.

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Lauretta Hughes with Mrs. Marian Morrison as organist.

Prior to the vesper hour, the youth choir will broadcast over the Community Hour program on Radio Station KSO, at 5:30 p.m.

Guest soloists will be Allen Lee Martin, Miss Alberta Bates and Everett Mays. Choir soloists will include: Charmaine Miller, Sequoia Duncan, Sylvester Forrester, Sue Wellington, Lessie Turner.

Manly, Iowa

Manly, Ia. The New Bethel Baptist prayer band and choir motored to Kismet last Wednesday evening and held a prayer and song service with the shut-ins at the Worth County Home for the Aged and Ill. The Rev. B. F. Parker gave a sermon on "Thankfulness."

Those on the sicklist are: Mr. and Mrs. John Britton, Leon Barnett, and Mr. Will Solomon, who are much improved at this writing. Mrs. Ruth Harper and daughter, Marilyn Jean, are at home and doing fine. Marilyn Jean was born Nov. 27 at Mercy hospital in Mason City. Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Parker gave dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Page Sunday.

Christmas Dawn Service At St. Paul

Christmas dawn service will be held from 6 to 7 a.m. Dec. 25 at St. Paul A.M.E. church.

and the Baptist church in Moran, Ia.

Churches Remodeled

"Among the churches remodeled were: Second Baptist at Bloomfield, Ia., 1906; Second Baptist, Rock Marshalltown, Ia., in 1926; First Baptist, Bridgeville, Pa.; Helping Hand, Island, Ill., 1914; Second Baptist, inn plant at the Mt. Zion Baptist in Hannibal, Mo.; installed a new heat-Lockland, Ohio and at the Second Baptist church in Canton, Mo. my present pastorate."

"I am not able to say how many have accepted the Lord, through the years. I can only say as Job said: 'God is my witness and my record on high.' There are many things I would like to say, space will not permit, but this I know, if God calls a man and tells him to go, He has a place for him somewhere in the world, and He will take care of those who trust him."

"When God called Abraham, He had a place for him to go. Abraham obeyed and went out not knowing where he would go, and by faith he was led into the land of Canaan. Many today, because of lack of faith have failed to go, but it is impossible to please God without faith. Those whom He calls, he will make a way for them, if they but trust him."

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Burlington, Iowa

BY MRS. ED WILLIAMS

Burlington, Ia. Mr. Frank White is quite ill and was a patient at Mercy hospital. He is at his home.

Miss Sarah Garrett and brother, Wm. Garrett spent the recent holiday with Mr. and Mrs. James Bowles, their sister and brother-in-law. Mrs. Alice Clark spent the holiday with her daughter and husband at Detroit, Mich., and in Chicago with a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Clark entertained his sister and a few other guests at a recent holiday dinner.

Mrs. Mabel Franklin of Chicago, formerly Mabel Cowden of Burlington, died in Chicago recently and her body was brought here for burial. She is survived by her sisters, Mrs. Ella Hughes, Mrs. Goldie Irving of Burlington, Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Gary, Ind., brother, Clifford Cowden, Burlington; several nieces and nephews.

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SUP'S Ernest Horn Defends Modern Spelling Teaching To Schoolmen

Iowa City, Iowa.—Why do some employers claim that schools don't teach spelling as well as they used to? Ernest Horn, State University of Iowa spelling specialist, has an explanation which he offered Dec. 2 to 300 Iowa schoolmen assembled at the 38th annual Conference on School Administration and Supervision.

Poor spellers get jobs which require them to spell. Why? With the best spellers frequently unavailable

for the clerical labor market because they've gone away to college, employers must hire others—and from 10 to 25 per cent of all high school graduates are poor spellers, Professor Horn explained.

Unfortunate Instances

These unfortunate instances lead to generalizations about the teaching of spelling in modern schools which are far from accurate, he declared.

"Schools don't teach spelling as well as they used to," this assertion was made by a 31-year-old man, a J. I. company vice president, at the conference.

He said that the first studies of the "new" and "old" spelling methods were made by a Springfield, Mass., principal in 1905—finding it an equal battle of spelling examinations given in 1906. He reported the examination. The pupils in 1905 averaged 75.2 per cent correct, as compared with 45.5 per cent in 1906, Horn reported.

In Florida in 1907, he continued, a group of children did more than 25

per cent better in spelling than a similar group had done in 1929.

Citing the need for more modern evidence, Horn pointed to a spelling investigation now being conducted by H. A. Greene, director of the SUI bureau of educational research. In 1919 grade-school students throughout the nation were given various words to spell, and their scores have been preserved. This year 300,000 pupils in 10,000 classrooms of 48 states will cope with similar spelling lists, Horn noted.

Doing Better Job

While eagerly awaiting the results of the Greene investigation, the Iowa spelling specialist is confident that we are doing a better job with more pupils than was done 50 years ago. We are doing a much better job in reading and, in addition, we are giving children many types of experience which were almost entirely absent in the earlier schools," he said.

While Dr. Horn generally approves modern spelling teaching, he is im-

patient with some of the nostrums and short-cuts sometimes publicized in educational journals. He places his faith in old-fashioned lists of basic words which both children and adults use and he believes children learn to spell by writing rather than mainly through reading and taking field trips.

Spelling Reform

Noting that an educational periodical suggests spelling reform as the solution to our spelling problems, he observes that English spelling is notoriously unphonetic—it just doesn't spell the way it sounds! The basic problem is that, while Webster's unabridged dictionary lists 66 English sound symbols, we only have 26 letters with which to spell these

sounds—and three of these letters, c, q and x, are superfluous, Dr. Horn said.

Take the sound of i in hit, for example. This sound is spelled 22 different ways in the 10,000 words most commonly written and in only 55 per cent of them is it spelled with i. It is spelled ay, as in Monday;

with u, as in busy; with ee, as in been, and with o, as in women, he explained.

Whether it is practicable to teach spelling only in connection with other language arts is a debated question, Professor Horn continued. But the evidence indicates that spelling in

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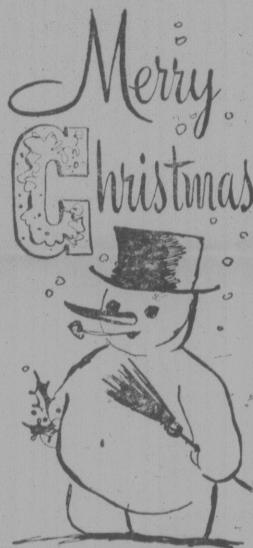
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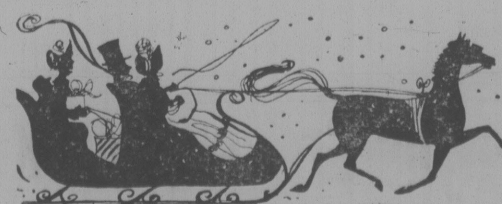


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ATTY. ARCHIE GREENLEE

Archie M. Greenlee, newly elected president of the Des Moines branch of NAACP, is a young Des Moines lawyer, associated with Atty. H. T. McKnight.

A product of Iowa schools, Atorney Greenlee is a graduate of the high school in West Des Moines, attended the University of Iowa, worked at the Iowa Packing Company, and was active in Local 89 of UPWA of the CIO.

He served in World War II, in the quartermasters corps. After discharge he entered Drake university where he received his Bachelor of Arts and law degrees. He passed the bar in June 1950.

The branch's new president is 34. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, legal redress council of NAACP and is a Catholic.

He resides with his wife, Donna, and their six sons, at 819 Boyd street.



GEORGE WELLS

First vice president of the Des Moines branch of NAACP is George Wells, 1745 Walker street, who has been active in many organizations here since he graduated from East High school.

After serving in World War II, Mr. Wells served seven years as Boy Scout master for Troop No. 5, for which he now is advance chairman. He is a member of Maple Street Baptist church, superintendent of the Sunday School for 1954, teacher of senior class and former treasurer of that department.

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Mrs. Collins is a product of Iowa schools, State University of Iowa and Coe college.



MRS. GUY E. GREENE

Newly elected secretary of the Des Moines branch of NAACP is Mrs. Guy E. (Bessye) Greene, who has served the organization as publicity chairman for eight years, and assistant secretary for five years.

Mrs. Greene is a member of St. Paul AME church, where she is church publicity chairman, recording secretary of the Steward board, and Community Service chairman; member of the Carver Republican club, Iowa State Women's Republican club, secretary of the Patroness club; a member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Lincoln Unit 126.

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MRS. LEOLA HUBBARD

Assistant secretary of the Des Moines branch of NAACP is Mrs. Leola Hubbard, who has been active in the organization for several years.

Mrs. Hubbard is a treasurer of Mary Church Terrell Club No. 2, member of Burns Methodist church, worthy matron of Olive Branch chapter No. 32 of O.E.S. For the past year and a half, she has been employed as secretary in the office of the Des Moines Mayor's Commission on Human Rights.

D.M. Branch NAACP

The Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) elected officer for 1954 at the monthly meeting of Dec. 8.

Attorney Archie M. Greenlee is the new president, succeeding William L. Bell.

Other officers are: George Wells, first vice president; Mrs. Lorraine Collins, second vice president; Mrs. Guy E. (Bessye) Greene, secretary;



ATTY. JAMES B. MORRIS, JR.

Atty. James Brad Morris, Jr., re-elected treasurer of the Des Moines branch of NAACP, has been practicing law in Des Moines since 1949. He has served the organization as treasurer for two years. In 1952 he attended the NAACP national convention at Oklahoma City.

Attorney Morris is a member of the board of directors of the Jaycees, Des Moines Junior Chamber of Commerce; the executive committee of Good Government Association; the board of directors of the Salvation Army, and the Crocker YMCA.

Mrs. Herschel E. (Leola) Hubbard, assistant secretary; Atty. James B. Morris, Jr., treasurer.

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Closes Campaign

The Des Moines branch NAACP closed its 1953 membership campaign at the December meeting, reporting a total of 1,000, the branch's quota. Annual reports were given by: Mrs. Guy E. Greene, assistant secretary, on publicity; Mrs. Herschel E. Hubbard, secretary; James B. Morris, Jr., treasurer; Leland Ahern, program;

James B. Morris, Sr., legislation; William L. Bell, president's report; James B. Morris, Jr., legal redress; Mrs. Lorraine Collins, membership; Mrs. Azalia Mitchell, entertainment; and, still working on projects are Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, Christmas seals; and W. C. Buice, Four Freedom's program.

Mrs. Greene, assistant secretary, gave the following report of the 1953 membership campaign team captains: (arranged in the order of their team) Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, 289; Mrs. Guy E. Greene, 184; Leland Ahern, 70; Mrs. Lee Ella Porter, 113; Mrs. Charles L. Strange, 104; Elder Aaron Carter, 3; Mrs. Harold Morrow, 33; Malcolm Hogan, 38; Mrs. Otis James, 122; Miss Shirley Herndon, 33.

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connection with other language arts needs to be supplemented by direct systematic instruction in spelling periods, especially in the case of pupils of below average spelling ability and for all pupils in the learning of difficult words, concluded the co-author of the long familiar Horn-Ashbaugh spellers.

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Three Purpose Club To Give Xmas Baskets

The Three Purpose club met Dec. 2 at the home of Mrs. Edith Webb. Plans were made by the social service committee to give Christmas baskets to the sick and shut-in persons. The club's Christmas party was held Dec. 16.

Members were honored on Dec. 6 by their husbands and friends at a dinner dance held at New Pastime club.

Among the hosts were: Messrs. Murray Wolder, Theodore Martin, Jr., Edgar Cranshaw, William Davis, Herman Wallace, Stanley Proctor, Harold Williams, Francis Bates, Fred McCracken, Harry Johnson, and Arthur Propes.

Parliamentary Club Has Pre-Xmas Party

The Parliamentary and Culture club held a pre-Christmas party at the home of Atty. Gertrude Rush, 1060 Thirteenth street, Dec. 11.

Among those sharing the courtesy were: Mesdames Willa Mae Erodus, Zula Turner, Alma Morris, Josephine Birthwright, Jesse Belle Davis, Ora Belle Henry, Mary Franklin and Nannie Jones.

The Albert Garretts Motor To Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garrett of 1219 Nineteenth street, and children, George, and Gail Manuel, motored to Chicago for the week end to visit Mrs. Garrett's sister, Mrs. Wanda Wadsworth, and family. The Iowans were accompanied by Mrs. Garrett's mother, Mrs. Helen T. Carter, and brother, Mr. Lester Henry, of 1012 Twelfth street.

Ten Key Club Has Prize Winners

The Ten Key club met at the home of Mrs. Agnes Eppright. Plans were made for a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Leona Jordan. Games were played and winners were: Mrs. Eppright, first; Mrs. Alberta Owens, second; Mrs. Jordan, third. Mrs. Inice Carter is reporter.

IOWANS SPEND WEEK END IN INDIANAPOLIS

Mrs. Helen Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Adams accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roper on a motor trip, recently to Indianapolis, Ind., where they visited relatives and friends.

MRS. MAUDE JONES TO LEAVE FOR MINNESOTA

Mrs. Maude Jones, 1007 Twelfth street, will leave Saturday to spend a month's visit in Minneapolis, Minn., with her sister, Mrs. Ada Bludsoe, and niece, Mrs. Doris Anderson. Mrs. Jones will be at 415 Colfax, North, in Minneapolis.

Jolly S Club To Hold Christmas Exchange Dec. 18

The Jolly S club held its annual formal dancing party, Nov. 28 at the Club 100. Music was furnished by Charles Langford and his band. The club met Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. Aurelia Brown.

A Christmas exchange will be held at the next meeting, Dec. 18, in the home of Mrs. Muzette Brown. Mrs. Grace Roane is reporter.



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Dilettante's Art Exhibit Receives High Rating

The annual art exhibit which closed Sunday at Willkie House was rated as the "finest show" sponsored by the Dilettante club. The praise and rating were given by Miss Rowena Clement, art instructor at East High School, one of this year's judges, who has seen the club's art exhibits for the past twenty-three years, she revealed last Sunday.

Assisting in this year's judging was Mrs. Bernice Stezer, art director of the Des Moines Public schools.

Most striking feature of the club's exhibit this year was the artistic mounting and the arrangement of the entries, done by Leroy Mitchell, a young Des Moines artist, who has won many prizes for his own work. He worked on the classification committee which was headed by Mrs. John E. Johnson.

Guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. E. Knudson, one of the arts and crafts teachers in the Adult Education classes of the Des Moines public schools. She talked upon the appreciation of the beauty in one's environment—seeing it in the trees, the flowers, or in the bend of a river—and then capturing that beauty in some artistic expression.

Winners of awards whose names were announced last week, were presented to the audience.

Officers of the Dilettante club were introduced by Mrs. Adah Johnson as follows: Mrs. Anna Mae Carter, president; Mrs. Lulu Mae Harris, vice president; Mrs. Florence White, secretary; Mrs. Iva Mae Hayes, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Pauline Wilson, treasurer.

A social hour followed around a Christmas decorated tea table, where the guests met many of the entrants whose exhibits decorated the club-room walls and tables.

MRS. CHARLENE SIMS OF CALIFORNIA HERE

Mrs. Charlene Sims of Oakland, Cal., is here visiting her father, Mr. Pat Bettis, who is ill at Broadlawn hospital; and brother, Mr. Wesley Bettis. Mrs. Sims is at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Bettis, 775 Eleventh street. She will be here a week.



Personal Touch
By MARIE ROSS

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year...

A message at Christmas time has come from Edward Morgan, inmate at Iowa State penitentiary, Fort Madison. He wrote:

"It is a great pleasure to write to you during the Yuletide and I'm sure that you are anticipating much joy in the spirit of Christmas."

"I trust that you are well and enjoying the best things in life. I am well and getting along fine and doing my utmost to live about present circumstances. My friend was up to visit me recently and we had a wonderful time and talked about some of the present conditions which exist."

"You know, I love our state of Iowa very much, yet my realization of its shortcomings cause much perplexity. In this enlightened age it is deplorable that Iowa, generally considered a progressive state, still clings to the archaic attitude of prejudice and continues to practice discrimination in administering justice to wards of the state and its citizens."

"The brotherhood of man is given lip service and human rights reserved for certain people. From past and present observations, the color of one's skin determines the amount of consideration and degree of mercy granted."

"Tis said 'the quality of mercy is not strained, and is twice blessed—he that giveth and he that receiveth.' But in Iowa, there are few blessings if one happens to be a Negro, especially if one has the intestinal fortitude to speak up for him or herself against all facets of discrimination. This biased pattern is evident despite an Iowa Civil Rights code on the statute books for nearly sixty-nine years, and the many mousing of brotherhood—it is still the voice of Jacob but the hairy

Young Artist Busy In Younkers Babyland Department



These pre-Christmas shopping days are busy ones for young artist, Miss Barbara Black, of 921 Sixteenth street, on duty as a commercial artist in the Babyland department of Younkers' store.

Kiddies line up or sit quietly around Miss Black's table in the main aisle on the third floor of the store, while the Des Moines Technical High School graduate of last January prints their names upon plastic aprons, bibs, mittens, polo shirts and belts.

When not too busy, she has been doing printing for some of the other departments of the store.

But, Miss Black has been working for the Warren Baby Goods Company, a New York firm, whose representative has been in Younkers on several occasions to supervise her work, she said.

"My check has been coming directly from the Warren company, through Younkers—and when I got my first pay, the check was so large and I was so excited that I went and paid off all of my back bills," Miss Black related in an interview.

"Right now, I'm a commercial artist—and I love the work," the 20-year-old young woman talked.

"Miss Mary Williamson, in Younkers

personnel department, recommended me for the job—and after Christmas I will go to the store's print shop on the seventh floor."

Miss Black was radiant as she talked of her new job and the opportunities it will offer in her climb to become a "real artist."

"Of course, my ambition is to become a dress designer or an interior decorator—and, I'm still planning to go to school. I want to go to the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, Cal., to take designing."

Miss Black informed, "I just want to be the person who captures the idea and puts it on paper. Let other people do the work."

Made Plans

Last winter, when she was one of the outstanding graduates of the Des Moines Technical High School here, having won several awards and keys in national and state competition, the young woman was planning definitely to go to California within a few weeks after graduation. As time went on, she took jobs here and there, and finally went to Younkers' store last August as a detail clerk in the stock department; then, a desk clerk in the alteration department.

It was while she was at her desk in the alteration department that she had the opportunity to let a diploma for one of the women who was retiring in that department.

For the special dinner, Miss Black sketched a room with all of the workers at their machines, tables, and racks. Each employee photographed her sketch and the drawing was presented with the scroll that Miss Black made, to the retiring employee.

"I worked on the sketch at intervals after I would get my packing done."

"Well, the next day, they carried my drawing all about the store and Miss Mason took it to Miss Williamson who sent for me. She had me bring her a portfolio of my work. Then she sent me to talk with Mr. Dalby in the advertising department, and he encouraged me—and then, they sent me on Nov. 16 to the Babyland department, to print for the Warren company."

"That's how it happened," Miss Black smiled as she paused. She is the daughter of Mrs. Geraldine Draffen, 921 Sixteenth, and Mr. Dudley Black of Des Moines.

A native of Des Moines, Miss Black received her first art training at St. Joseph's Academy, under Sister Mary Florine. Then the young artist went to the Technical High school where she was an art student under Miss Marie Brewer.

Miss Black's silk screen design for silk material won first in state and national Scholastic competition. She was one of the students honored at the Scholastic dinner and presented gold keys by Morey Sostrin, president of Younkers' store.—(M.R.)

DeLuxe Club To Meet With Mrs. Terrell

The DeLuxe club met at the home of Mrs. Edna Walker last week. Plans were made for the holiday season party. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dearnour Terrell, Dec. 17. All members are urged to attend. Mrs. Inice Carter is reporter.

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First District Of IACW Meets; Mrs. Humphrey, President

The annual meeting of the first district of the Iowa Association of Colored Women (IACW) was held Sunday, Dec. 13, at Willkie House with Mrs. Roberta Frazier, president, presiding, Mrs. Sarah E. Jett was program chairman.

The program included: registration of clubs, state and district officers, report of secretary and treasurer. After the business meeting, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Pauline Humphrey, president; Mrs. Dorothy B. Bush, vice president; Mrs. Mary Hardaway, secretary; Mrs. Fannie Danforth, treasurer.

After the installation of officers, the following program was given: a workshop conducted by Miss Mary Bannan of Marshalltown, Ia., first vice president of the IACW, the theme of which was "Becoming Acquainted With Your Iowa Association of Colored Women."

At the close of the meeting a tea was held with members of the Modernistic club, Mrs. Viola Morrow, president, as hostesses.

Annual Victory Dinner Held At Crocker YM

The annual victory dinner meeting of Crocker Branch YMCA was held last Saturday evening at the branch YMCA, where workers in the recent membership drive which went over the top, and guests, were feted at a pre-holiday dinner.

General chairman of the victory dinner was Rev. Luther Smith. Presiding at the meeting was Atty. James B. Morris, Jr., who presented for brief talks about the work of the association: Dr. W. J. Ritchey, who headed the membership campaign.

A. P. Trotter, chairman of the Crocker YMCA board, and Robert Lindberg, secretary of the Central YMCA in Des Moines; and James F. Dixon, secretary of Crocker branch.

Music for the occasion was offered by a group of young men known as the Minute Men. The Rev. J. J. Hawkins gave a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Following the dinner, guests were escorted on a tour throughout the newly decorated branch building.

St. Mary's Society Fetes Guests At Annual Xmas Party

The St. Mary's Christian society held its annual Christmas dinner Monday, Dec. 7, at the home of Mrs. Mary Franklin, 1063 Seventeenth street. Each guest was presented a gift.

Among those attending were: Mesdames Bessie Hackney, Verlie Mae Mayes, Eugenia Mason, Maybelle Jefferson, Zula Turner, Ella Burrell, Sexton Dudley, Helen Anderson, Georgia Goggins, Ida Greene, Catherine McElmore and Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Olphin.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS HINTS FROM HOLLYWOOD



In this series of pictures, Julie Bishop, screen and TV actress, shows some of the "do's and don'ts" to be observed around your Christmas tree to assure a Safe and Happy Holiday. Julie is cooperating with the service bureau of Employers Mutuals of Wausau, Wis., to prevent home accidents which are more prevalent at Christmas than at any other time of the year. 1—Be careful decorating the top of the tree. 2—Always use fireproof ornaments. 3—Water the tree often and don't keep it after it dries out.



The next hint for Christmas safety is demonstrated by Julie Bishop's husband, Colonel Clarence A. Bishop, who stands too close to the tree with a lighted cigarette so, No. 4 rule is: Be careful about smoking near the tree or around gift wrappings and boxes. 5—Julie, her husband and children, Pamela and Stephen, aren't going to throw all those wrappings into the fireplace at one time because paper burns so rapidly that flames might easily get out of control.

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MOVING FORWARD BY ORDERLY PROCEDURE

Last week marked a historic period in the life of the NAACP highlighted by the now famous school segregation cases which were argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, for it brought democracy face to face with our professed doctrine of equality for all men.

It marked the pinnacle of the series of cases taken to the Supreme Court involving fundamental constitutional rights and privileges, namely: the privilege to vote, the right to serve on juries, not to be segregated in interstate travel, to buy property and not be bound by restrictive covenants; the right of teachers in public schools to equal salaries for equal training and service and others.

People who argue that the question of the separation of the races should be left to the states may well see that had this been done America would have been in a more embarrassing situation in its position of leadership before the world.

The Truman administration recognized this last year when the department of justice filed a brief in the case supporting the position of the NAACP; the department, under the Eisenhower administration, not only did the same but also went further by telling the court that it was their duty to strike down segregation in the public schools and thus knock the props from every vestige of racial discriminatory laws.

Unfortunately, all too many people have given this question little study over the years, taking the selfish view that what happens to the discredit of their neighbor is of little concern to them. But this is not the Christian attitude. And deep down in their hearts it is not the view of the average American who believes in the principle laid down by the late President Theodore Roosevelt: "All men up and no man down."

WHY WORRY ABOUT THE 22 BOYS

Strange things happen in the minds of men. And this may well be exemplified in the conversion of people from Communism to Democracy and vice versa.

In spite of all the efforts to clean out communists in our society, they are here in goodly numbers—not so vociferous as before the cause became unpopular however. There are many who came to this country to join our way of life, but the old ties will never be broken.

Much ado is being made over the twenty-two Americans who refuse to leave Communist China and return home. It is fortunate that the number is not larger. Nobody knows what turned the minds of these young men. Maybe they were Communists before hand but did not dare show their colors in America. Maybe they were offered some things they never enjoyed before and chose it in preference to what they had already.

These fellows are not ignorant; many of them had gone to good schools in America, had good home surroundings. But if Communism is what they want, let them have it. Possibly they can do us less harm there than by dwelling in our midst.

The Bystander has never had any doubt that our way of life is the best. And we are not so much concerned with the fellow who thinks otherwise as long as he stays where his kind lives.

The best defense by the free world against Communism is to make Democracy so attractive that there will be no desire to embrace any other way of life. And it can be done if those who are in positions of leadership carry out their obligations to uphold and defend the principles of justice and democracy.

PEACE ON EARTH, NOT YET

Peace on earth, good will toward men. No more beautiful words have been spoken. And this season of the year brings them home to us more vividly than any other time.

Unfortunately, the world is far from peace; far from good will. This can best be shown by the immense war preparations which go on day by day. Suspicion and distrust go hand in hand with it.

But in spite of the unsettled state of affairs, many people in high places are working for a change; they are working together and although the progress seems slow, headway is being made. Of course, the ancient causes of war: money, land, prestige and power must continue to be dealt with, but differences of races, ideas and ideals, also play a great part in the struggle to make brotherhood universal.

The world must not be discouraged. Certainly, America has gone far in the direction of pulling groups together by mutual understanding and respect. It has done much to make life a little easier for the fellow farthest down, all of which create respect.

After all, this is a test on our part in our own little circle which altogether make up the total effort to bring peace to the world. Thus at Christmas time each individual may well ask himself, "have I done my part to bring peace on earth, good will toward men?" If the answer is in the affirmative, that individual has done his duty.

THE CHRISTMAS EDITION—THANKS

Thanks to all who have contributed to make this Christmas issue a success. The Bystander has emphasized that greetings in these issues are not donations—we are in business and have something to sell. These good will gestures from individuals, organizations and business houses to their customers, friends and clients are valuable.

And we wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Re-Argument In School Cases Ends On Hopeful Note

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"a statement here and a statement there" but these statements revealed the general understanding and intent of the people involved in promulgating the 14th Amendment."

Mass Of Opinions

Throughout his argument Robinson emphasized that there was an overwhelming mass of opinion that Congress could constitutionally legislate with respect to eliminating segregation.

At this point Mr. Justice Reed who was the second Justice to question Mr. Robinson wanted to know if the appellants would have been in a better legal position if Congress had enacted a statute against segregated schools.

Mr. Robinson's answer to this was that if there had been such a statute, we would not now be in court.

Thurgood Marshall NAACP, Special Counsel and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., followed Mr. Robinson. He said that the only way that the Court can uphold segregation is to find that Negroes are somehow inferior to all other human beings.

Same Line

Marshall pointed out that the lawyers for the opposition were following the same line of arguments as were advanced before the Civil

THE DES MOINES BRANCH NAACP Says:

Last week a tavern owner at Waterloo was arrested for violating the Iowa civil rights law by refusing to serve a customer because of his race.

The penalty for violating the civil rights laws is a hundred dollar fine or thirty days in jail or both. This is the same fine which may be levied for getting drunk.

In Waterloo, the judge before whom the defendant was taken placed him under a hundred dollar bond. However, this has not been the practice in Des Moines. Invariably, violators are released on their own bond. But the fellow who gets drunk must post bond.

War in support of slavery.

He said that there is no compelling reason for the Court to delay the ruling out of segregation and that it should take no more than a year to work out the technical changes in switching over from segregation to de-segregation.

Chief Justice Warren asked Marshall to enlarge upon his understanding of the judicial power to declare segregation unconstitutional.

Marshall advised the Court that it had not only the power to abolish segregation but also duty to declare it unconstitutional.

"The question here is whether the wishes of the state shall prevail or whether our Constitution shall prevail," Marshall added.

Mr. Marshall further stated that the separate but equal theory must be abandoned.

"It is clear under the 14th Amendment that you can not distinguish groups on the basis of race, and decide a child must go to this school

Bonds are required to guarantee the appearance of a defendant. In the civil rights cases brought in some of our courts, officials have taken the responsibility of enforcing the law almost as a joke and so dealt with defendants by never requiring a bond or taking the crime as a serious matter. And this is one reason why this law has been enforced so poorly.

The branch hopes that in the future, this laxity will cease and that court officials will make an honest effort to have people respect the law. Then, its enforcement will be less difficult.

or the other school even if the schools are equal."

"There are no two equal facilities," Marshall stated. "Two things might be good, but they are not necessarily equal."

Speaks For S. C.

John W. Davis, 1924 Democratic Presidential nominee and former Ambassador to Great Britain, who spoke for the School Board of Clarendon County, S. C., argued that the states do have the right to segregate its Negro and white children in the public schools.

Mr. Davis left no doubt that he disagreed with Attorney General Brownell's stand that the court has authority to strike down school segregation in the States and in the District.

He said that Negroes who were fighting segregated schools were like the dog running across a bridge with a piece of meat in his mouth who looked down at his reflection in the water and mistaking it for another dog dropped the piece of meat he was carrying. And warned that Negroes in contending for integration may lose what they already have. He dismissed the suits as being brought solely to advance Negro prestige.

Davis ended his argument with another quotation that "The best is often the envy of the good."

T. Justin Moore, Sr., of Richmond,

Notre Dame all-opponent team. As we recall, Calvin Jones wasn't as sharp against the Notre Dames when on defensive as he was with his blocking. Jones was terrific with his blocks that day. His defense wasn't bad but his blocking far overshadowed that.

Miscellaneous

There was quite an article in Esquire about the advantages of seeing a contest on TV and actually being there. The article argues that in just about every sporting event, the camera shows just about what one would look for in a game or fight without the distractions. May have something.

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A CHRISTMAS DREAM

I dreamed a most magnificent dream
As I slept the other night,
It was a sweet and heavenly scene,
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It made my head rejoice with glee—
My tears came bursting through,
And as this dream was shown to me,
I'll share it all you you:

I saw a bright star shining,
It led me to a place,
Where in a lowly manger,
I saw Mary, full of grace.

And in her lap lay Jesus,

That infant so precious and sweet—

Who came to save the whole wide world—

From sin and war complete.

And as I awoke from my slumber,
One thought was clear in my mind,
"Do we in the rush of the season,
Leave the real meaning of Christmas behind?"

The answer you'll find my dear friend
Must first sink in your souls then,
You'll "put Christ" back into Christmas
And relive my dream again.

—Helen McDonald, 1061 Ninth,
Des Moines, Ia.

attorney for the Prince Edward County School Board, stated that state-imposed school segregation is a matter solely for local governing bodies and is an area that is apt for the application of the doctrine of judicial self restraint.

State Custom

Because of the numerous early decisions upholding racial segregation in schools, the Court would abuse its power if it ignored state custom.

The issue of racial segregation is not something new or novel, he said, but goes back 100 years in the legislative history of the states. Conditions have not changed today so as to justify court action to abolish it, he said.

Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., of Va., closed the argument in defense of the school system in his State. He denied that any of the States operating segregated schools are "convinced to subvert the Constitution."

He told the Court the NAACP was asking it to amend the Constitution of the United States and to overthrow previous Supreme Court

rulings and decisions by state courts.

To Go Farther

He said that the opponents were asking the Court to go farther than it ever has before.

Marshall answered Davis, Moore and Almond by saying that the proponents of segregation are insisting that it be maintained just because it has been in existence so long and that they cannot operate if it was ruled out.

"The duty of the states is to obey the 14th Amendment and the Court has the duty to enforce it," he pointed out.

The supporters of segregation claim that there is no race prejudice and that the Negroes in the South don't want segregated schools abolished, he said.

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"They don't want to recognize that prejudice is in this thing. Their only justification for their position is that some folks got together and decided that races should be separated."

(School Cases Continued Next Week)



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