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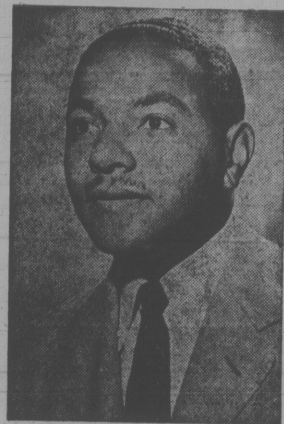
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'GRADS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY':

## Brands Segregation UnAmerican

To Visit India As  
U. S. Specialist

CARL T. ROWAN

Minneapolis, Minn.—Announcement was made in the Minneapolis Spokesman here recently of the U. S. State Department's selection of Carl T. Rowan, Minneapolis newspaperman and author for a three months visit to India as a specialist with the International Exchange Service. He is scheduled to leave the U. S. on July 1.

The Minneapolis Tribune will grant Mr. Rowan a three month's leave of absence for loan to the State Department. His duties in India will be to visit newspapers, schools and Indian institutions to interpret the standards and practices of the American Press. This will include description on the American methods of newspaper gathering, selection of material and other phases of news and editorial practices.

Following his three months tour of service for the government, Mr. Rowan is expected to spend three months visiting eight other Asiatic countries for the Star and Tribune papers. First hand stories of what he observes there will be printed in the Tribune.

A tentative plan calls for him to tour Pakistan, Egypt, Iran, Burma, Malaya, the Philippines, Indo-China and Hong-Kong.

Mr. Rowan will return to the U. S. around Christmas time.

The government assignment will halt not only Rowan's newspaper writing for a three month period, but will stop his U. S. platform appearances for the time being. Rowan is in great demand for speeches all over America.

It is expected, however, that the Tribune writer will be in greater demand for speaking engagements after six months in the seething Far East.

Paul Williams Gets  
Degree in Medicine

Paul G. Williams, graduate of North High School and Drake University here, received his degree in medicine June 7 at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

He will begin his internship July 1, at Frankford hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

His sister, Miss Catherine Atkinson, 1106 Twelfth street, attended the commencement. Other relatives there were: another sister, Mrs. Maxine Alexander of Chicago, a brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams of Detroit.

While there they were guests in Nashville of Mrs. Theodore Acklin and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Crowder.

Hold Rites For Mrs.  
Darthula Ghee, 87

Services were held last Friday at Corinthian Baptist church for Mrs. Dartula Ghee, 87, of 825 Tenth street with burial at Glendale cemetery.

Mrs. Ghee, a Des Moines resident 50 years, died at her home June 9. She was a member of Corinthian Baptist deaconess board. Her only survivor is a brother-in-law, Leonard Blenn, Cleveland, Ohio.

Douglass Miller Is Oldest  
Ex-Slave Earning Living;  
Served 7 Iowa Governors

By MARIE ROSS

"I think it is one of the grandest things that has ever happened," said Douglas Miller, 93-year-old private messenger to the Governor of Iowa, commenting upon the recent U. S. Supreme Court's decision to outlaw segregation and discrimination in the Nations public schools.

The only slave-born Negro in the United States who is able to earn a living, Mr. Miller is now serving as messenger for Gov. William S. Beardsley as he has for several of his predecessors. He is the state's oldest employee.

## Born on Plantation

Born on July 7, 1861, on a plantation in Montgomery County Mo., he looked back recently to his early childhood and his first school.

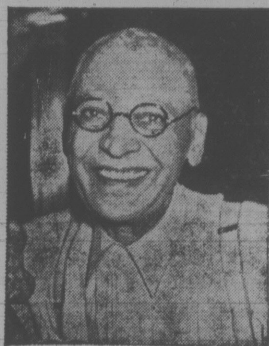
"It was an integrated one," he was proud to say. The oldest of a family of ten children born to Mrs. Maggie McNeal, Mr. Miller said that his mother moved to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, when he was about 4 years old.

"I went to the Willow Bank elementary school where colored and white students went and the teachers were white. After I finished there I went to the big school, Central. It was like high school," he talked.

## Cared for Horses

"I'd come home from school and help take care of the chickens and the pigs. Sometimes the boys would run off to the cattle pens. They liked to gather at the pens and swing on the gates. Then I would have to saw wood because we did not burn coal and sometimes work in the garden. At nights I would study my lessons."

"But my first real job was in the private family of Mr. Spearman, sheriff of Henry County. I took care of the horses and cows and



DOUGLASS MILLER

helped in the house. After I left that job, I went to work for a Dr. Morris in Mt. Pleasant. He and his father were doctors. I took care of the horses and cows and helped with the gardens.

"I was in my teens then and left Dr. Morris and went to work for a Doctor Pitcher, doing the same thing. I used to ride the horses and swim in the creek—and thought nothing of having to walk two-and-one-half miles back home.

"I got a job on the railroad working for Ketchen Brothers in Mt. Pleasant. They had a timber farm and I loaded and piled ties for the railroad for four years."

Br. Miller accredited his long active life to the hard work, outdoor activity with plenty of fresh air he got during his early childhood.

## Worked on Railroad

"Four years I worked for the railroad and many a day I have stood out and chopped wood in the snow. SEE PAGE TWO

E. M. Buckner Says  
Iowa Bystander,  
'A Welcome Visitor'

The Iowa Bystander, "having been in the field struggling for a number of years, we recall when the former Wm. Shephard and 'Atty. J. L. Thompson had to do the same," wrote E. M. Buckner, 1221 Center street, Des Moines.

"And, may I add that doubtless, much water has passed over the dam in an effort to please subscribers and advertisers."

"The present management works very hard that the Iowa Bystander may reach all points in Iowa and elsewhere. It has become a welcome visitor all over the state—Polk—Mahaska—Van Buren—Dallas—Page—Scott—Boone—Wappello and many other counties, we note, have words of praise for the newsy little sheet that graces their mail boxes and doorsteps weekly.

"So today is that tomorrow you worried about yesterday. At placing my best propensities into execution, yet chilled by the persistent sense of inadequacy, still may the good work and noble achievements of our Bystander go forward for many more years—at this their 60th anniversary."

Hold Rites For  
George Jett, 74

Services for George Jett, 74, of 1328 E. Eighteenth street, were held Tuesday afternoon at Estes & Son Funeral Home. Burial was at Glendale cemetery.

Mr. Jett died June 11 at Broadview General hospital after a long illness. Born in Shelby, Mo., he had lived in Des Moines 43 years. He was a poultry dresser for 35 years and was last employed by the Fulton Meat Market.

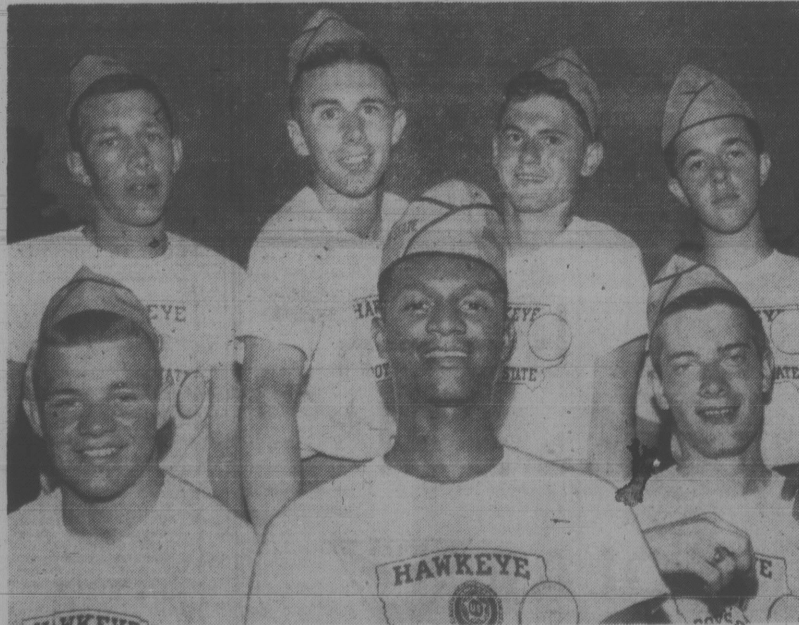
Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Lyle, St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Gertrude Sharp, Blythe, Cal.

Special "Hey Bob"  
Vacation Show  
Saturday, June 19

Realizing the increased importance of safety now that vacation time is here and children are out of school a special HEY BOB SHOW is being sponsored by the Des Moines Chevrolet Dealers—Paul Manning Chevrolet—Crescent Chevrolet and O'Dea Chevrolet. All boys and girls are invited to this free show at the Paramount Theatre Saturday morning, June 19.

The HEY BOB Safety Legion is

## Cesar Smith Wins Boys State Governor's Race



Cesar Smith, 17-year-old North High School track star, who makes a habit of winning races, won another last week, when he ran off with the 1954 Boys State governor's race. He polled 447 votes as the Nationalist Party candidate to 264 for Steve Voelz, 17, of Dubuque, Federalist Party candidate.

Other officers elected by the 722 Iowa high school juniors who attended the American Legion-sponsored encampment at Camp Dodge, were: seated left of Governor Smith (center) were Joe Troutman, 16, Algona, secretary of state; David Walker, 17, Oskaloosa, lieutenant governor. Standing are David Stev-

Returns Home For  
Teaching Post

JAMES BOWMAN

Mr. James Bowman, who taught for the past six years at Wiley College, Bishop, Texas, returned to his home here where he has signed a contract to teach in the Des Moines school system, starting in September.

A graduate of Drake university, with bachelor's and master's degrees, Mr. Bowman is working on his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh.

He is an air corps veteran of World War II. He and his wife, Gloria, and their two daughters, Linda, 4, and Gale, 2, are residing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Bowman, 1020 Eighteenth street.

designed for the purpose of organizing boys and girls into safety and accident prevention. It's designed to help educate children that safety of all types; traffic, home, school, industrial, fire, etc., is really fun. Because of their living and playing safe, they can remain unharmed and alive and live to enjoy this great nation and world of ours, and at the same time grow up to be truly fine citizens.

The aim and purpose of the originators of the HEYBOB Safety Legion is to preserve child life and it is the hope of your friendly Chevrolet Dealers that through their sponsoring this safety program, our city, county, state and nation can be made a safer place for children to play and live.

## EGG PRODUCTION IN IOWA

Egg production on Iowa farms during May estimated at 473 million eggs shows the usual April-May decrease according to Iowa Cooperative Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Marshall Tells Grinnell  
Graduates Race Problem  
Hurts Nation's Prestige

GRINNELL, IOWA—"Compulsory racial segregation is now not only unlawful and immoral, it is downright un-American," Thurgood Marshall, Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., told the graduating class at Grinnell College June 6, "it is costly and damaging to the nation's prestige."

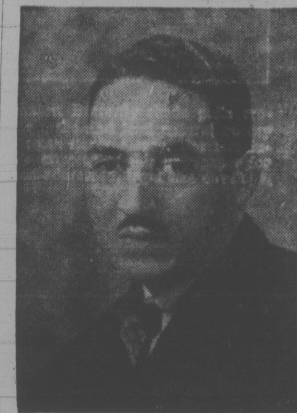
In order to eliminate the so-called "race problem" in this country Marshall said "Americans must recognize and grant every other American the right to stand on his own individual merit without regard to race, creed, color or racial origin."

Marshall, who led the fight against segregation in public schools which resulted in the recent Supreme Court decisions, delivered the commencement address at Grinnell. He received a Doctor of Laws degree and became the first Negro to receive an honorary degree from this institution.

## Look to Future

The Legal Defense Chief told the young graduates that some graduating this season will return to communities already in the process of desegregation and others to communities where a program of integration will have to be developed. They, therefore, should look to the future with this definite understanding!

"While the courts and the legislature can do much to set the pattern for the elimination of race and caste from American life," Marshall added, "the major task lies with the individual citizen who must bring these



THURGOOD MARSHALL

official government actions into everyday practice."

In order to do this, it is necessary above all that we have intelligent leadership on the community level, Marshall said. "College graduates today more than ever have a definite responsibility in taking over the active leadership in their respective communities towards the American life."

## Victims of Bias

Those who doubt this and those who are afraid of complete integration in the early future are victims of biased reports that Negroes can legally be set aside from the rest of SEE, PAGE TWELVE

IPALCO President Gussett  
Known in Power Industry  
For Many Great Interests

It was the fall of 1949—N. Bernard Gussett, a lanky 49-year-old Texas engineer, had just left the state of the tall story to come to the state of the all corn to become president of the Iowa Power & Light Co.

He had been at his desk in Des Moines only three days—a rather short time for even a Texan to get his feet into Iowa ground—when he was hauled off to Council Bluffs.

Iowa Power & Light (Ipalco) had, just that spring, acquired the Western Iowa properties of the old Nebraska Power Co. Part of that deal, under franchise agreement, called for installation of new street lights on Broadway and Main St.

Orders for the equipment, the new president learned, had been placed. There had been delays. Added to this had been the death of C. A. Leland, Ipalco president. Council Bluffs was growing impatient for its new lights.

## What's Your Alibi?

In Council Bluffs that afternoon, Gussett met Mayor George Sparks. There was the usual small talk. "Well, what's your alibi?" the mayor finally asked, as things got around to the business at hand.

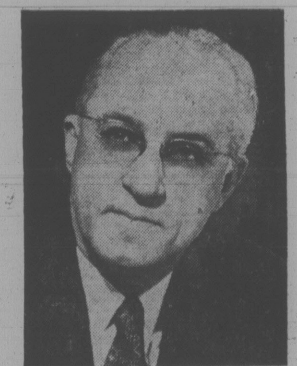
"Mr. Mayor, I don't have one," replied Gussett, a "twinkle in his eye. "But if you believe you have to have one, I'll think one up."

"Well, what I want to know," the mayor said, "is when does work start on the street lights?"

"Tomorrow morning," said Gussett.

Construction work on the city's new street lighting project—one of the first major mercury vat installations in Iowa—was underway the next morning.

This story, told by an Ipalco ex-



N. BERNARD GUSSETT

ecutive, typifies the personality of the man now responsible for the Iowa utility that serves scores of cities, towns and rural areas out of two major plants—Council Bluffs and Des Moines.

## Makes You Feel Comfortable

Gussett has a warmth in his voice. There is graciousness and charm in his manner. You feel comfortable in his presence.

"But, don't forget, he's an engineer—and can talk like one of the circumstances and the situation calls for real he-man talk," says one who knows.

Under Gussett, Ipalco has grown—both in physical structures and in community leadership. New power facilities have been added to Council Bluffs and Des Moines, and the electric and gas systems have been tremendously expanded, under his loads.

## Budget Was 20 Million

In 1953, the construction budget (See Page TWO)



## Fort Dodge, Iowa

by C. L. HOUSE  
Jane Turner Elected

Fort Dodge, Ia.—The Emma V. Kelly No. 726 Daughter Elks of Fort Dodge Sunday, June 6, elected the following officers: Mrs. Jane Turner, daughter ruler; Mrs. Violet Thomas, vice daughter ruler; Mrs. Mayme Lewis, assistant daughter ruler; Mrs. Lillian Lewis, chaplain; Mrs. Anita Anderson, escort; Mrs. Ethel Bland, doorkeeper; Mrs. Sudie Wells, gate keeper; Mrs. Mary Louise Robinson, organist; Mrs. Rose Barone, first trustee; Mrs. Nora Alonzo, president; Mrs. Anna Waterloo, presided and gave the installation. A luncheon was served by the Elks ladies.

## To Grand Lodge

Mrs. Cora Lee Patterson, worthy matron of Golden Star Chapter No. 31, Order of Eastern Star and grand Esther of Electa Grand chapter and Mrs. Myrtle Coffman of Duncan attended the grand meeting of Electa Grand chapter in Cedar Rapids June 16 and 17.

Mr. Edward Lewis and Ronald Robinson left last Sunday for Omaha, Neb.

## Visit Here

Mr. Nolen Welch, his wife, the Rev. (Mrs.) Elora Welch, a daughter, Dorothy, and a grandson, Charles Harris, all of Chicago, Ill., worshipped at Coplin chapel last Sunday. The Chicagoans were here visiting their aunt, Mrs. Edna Arnett, 635 Ninth ave., S. W. The Welches have returned to their home.

Coplin Chapel AME church, 151 Central Ave., Rev. LeRoy Patterson, pastor: Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Next topic, "Hosea Pleads with Israel." Mrs. Lillian Lewis, superintendent. Morning worship at 11:30 a. m.

Mr. Robert Fox suffered a heart attack and was admitted to Lutheran hospital.

Second Baptist church, 1827 Fourth Ave., South, Rev. Wm. Scott, pastor: Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Irene Fox, Supt. Morning worship at 11:30 o'clock. Home mission meets the second Tuesday, monthly, 8 p. m. The Seeds of Kindness auxiliary meets every Thursday, 8 p. m. Mrs. Malisa Howard is president, on

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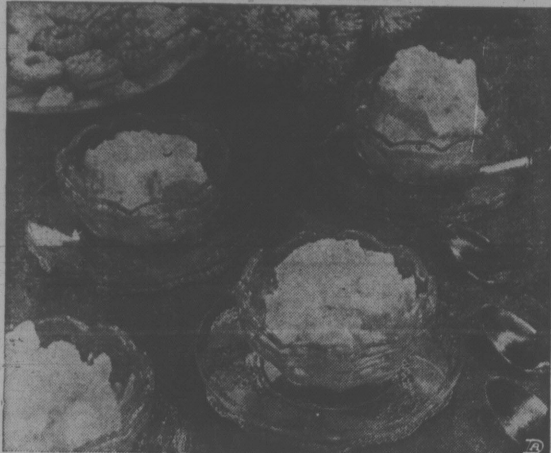
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## Hot Weather Menu



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## LIMEADE SHERBET

1/2 cup sugar  
1 package lime flavored gelatin  
2 cups hot water

1 can (6 oz.) Minute Maid Fresh-  
Frozen Limeade (undiluted)  
2 egg whites, beaten stiff

Add sugar and lime flavored gelatin to hot water and stir until dissolved. Cool slightly, then stir in fresh-frozen limeade, undiluted. Pour into trays and place in freezing compartment of refrigerator. Set dial for fast freezing. When mixture is partially

frozen, turn into mixing bowl and break with a fork. Whip with rotary beater but do not let it reliquify. Carefully fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour back in trays and place in freezing compartment. When Sherbet is frozen, return dial to normal. Serves 6-8.

## HEALTH FOR ALL

## KEEP FOOD HOT OR COOL

"Keep it hot or keep it cold," Dr. Abraham Gelperin, Director of the Des Moines Polk County Departments of Public Health, today gave this advice to picnickers.

Many family outings result in food poisoning during all months of the year, but especially during the coming warm months. During these months, germs that cause food poisoning grow more rapidly.

"Food poisoning is caused by bacteria growing in food. This growth is depressed by refrigeration or cooking. The temperatures between these two extremes are good for the growth of food poisoning bacteria," Dr. Gelperin said.

Keep your food at a hot or cold temperature. "Because," continued Dr. Gelperin, "you cannot be able to tell if food is safe by its appearance, smell or taste."

John Rand, Chief of the Section of Food Control urged sanitation and cleanliness in preparation and care of food. "Wash fresh vegetables and fruits before they are cooked or served raw," said Mr. Rand. "That will help eliminate bacteria."

The hands of the person who prepares food should be clean and free from cuts and sores. "Many times," continued Mr. Rand, "large groups of people become ill after they eat potato salad, Chicken, ham or custards." A few bacteria get in the food from a cut or sore and multiply at warm temperatures to many billions. When eaten by the picnickers, they become severely ill.

## Doing Fine

Mrs. John Downing, 845 Ninth Ave., S. W., and her daughter, Mrs. Clarke L. House have returned from Iowa City. Mrs. Downing was there for a check-up and her doctor said she was doing very good.

## Father's Day

Sunday, June 20, a Father's Day program will be held at Coplin Chapel AME church, 8 p. m. Special music will be presented.

## Usher Board Program

The usher board of Second Baptist church gave a fine Children's Day program Sunday, June 13. Miss Barbara Buckner, chairman of the usher board was in charge of the affair.

## NOTICE IN PROBATE

To Whom It May Concern:  
Will of W. E. Scott, Deceased  
You are hereby notified to appear at the Court House in Polk County, Iowa, on the 30th day of June A. D. 1954, at 9 o'clock A. M. to attend the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of W. E. Scott, deceased, late of Polk County, Iowa, at which time and place you will appear and show cause, if any, why said will should not be admitted to probate.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court, at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of June A. D. 1954.

MICHAEL H. DOYLE, JR.  
Clerk District Court  
B. H. SMITH  
Deputy

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT  
TO  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF  
COMMUNITY BUILDERS, INC.  
Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the stockholders of Community Builders, Inc., held on May 15, 1954, Article V of the Articles of Incorporation of Community Builders, Inc. was amended, authorizing the increase of the capital stock to \$100,000.00 divided into classes of \$100,000.00 common stock and \$50,000.00 preferred stock shares to be of a par value of \$100.00 each.

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of May, 1954.  
COMMUNITY BUILDERS, INC.  
By: Robert K. Stout, President  
C. E. Taylor, Secretary  
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"I lived about four miles from where I worked. I would get up at 5 o'clock in the morning—and if you didn't have anything to do—you'd sit around and wait for daylight, then I would walk four miles to chop wood all day, then walk back home. I thought nothing of it, the soft spoken man laughed as he reminisced in his big chair in the reception hall of the Governor's chambers.

"After that job, I went to Burlington to the Gorman House, where I started waiting table in the hotel's dining room. It was there that a hotel man from Des Moines came to Burlington to get some waiters—and I came to Des Moines in 1880," Mr. Miller revealed.

## To Kirkwood

Going to the Kirkwood hotel, he worked 10 years as head waiter, went to Chicago as assistant head-waiter at Palmer House and Tremont Hotel, for two years, then he came back to Des Moines and returned to Kirkwood until 1891 when he went to Savery hotel for a 22-year-period as head waiter.

"Savery was the leading hotel then and there were lots of conventions," he recalled.

Mr. Miller left hotel work for a two-year period as bailiff with District Court Bradshaw. Forty-one years ago, Mr. Miller began his duties as Governor's Messenger and he has served seven. During the interim he was out of the Governor's office for 12 years, but remained with the state in the archives of the Historical building.

Governor Blue remarked that I "sorta go with the furniture in the office." I have been here longer than some of the furniture," Mr. Miller remarked and he added that all of the furniture, except the Governor's desk, has been in his office since it was put there when the statehouse was built. The new desk was put in fifty years ago.

## Son in St. Louis

"I want to finish with Governor Beardsley and then my son, Douglass Jr., a dentist in St. Louis, Mo., wants me to live with him. I have seven grand children and four great grand children—and they promise to keep me from missing all of the people I have been meeting at the statehouse.

"But, I don't know about leaving Iowa. My wife is still in the hospital and I go to visit her regularly. She is 86 and we have been married 56 years," he revealed.

"I have always enjoyed my work here. I like meeting the people and I used to know people all over by their names—but now I have trouble in remembering names," he confessed.

"I guess I am getting old. I go to the doctor and ask him what's wrong—and he has to remind me that I am not as young as I used to be," Mr. Miller said.

## Ipalco President—

## SEE FRONT PAGE

guidance, to take care of increasing amounted to twenty million dollars, the largest in the history of the company. With the addition of the new Council Bluffs Power Station and the placing in service of the new generating unit at Des Moines, the generating capability of the company has been more than doubled during the past four years.

Gussett comes from a pioneer

Texas family. Born in Corpus Christi, in 1899, he obtained his engineering degree from the University of Texas in 1921. He served as a cadet engineer before becoming assistant engineer to the gas and electric utility in San Antonio in 1925. He worked his way through that organization, becoming its chief executive early in 1949.

## Believes in Electric Grid

Gussett is known in the power industry for his great interest in public relations, rural electrification and employee development. He is a great believer in the "Iowa Electric Grid," a plan which is now underway and will eventually tie the electric utilities of the state together with heavy transmission lines.

He launched the "Community Clinics," designed to aid Iowa gov-

ernments in Ipalco areas to study their needs in the light of their own development.

Gussett is now a director of the National Association of Electric Companies and a Fellow in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He is a lieutenant colonel in the honorary reserve of the U. S. Army. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for creating a training plan which saved millions of man hours in the civilian training branch and for recommendations which resulted in a work force reduction of 200,000 persons in the Army service forces while the service forces continued to handle an undiminished work load. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas. In Des Moines he is active in community affairs.

Gussett was the first chairman of

the Negro College Fund drive in Iowa, in 1952. His firm has been one of the large contributors in the drive.

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# DES MOINES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES PLAN BUSINESS AND MILITARY CAREERS

## More Graduates on Next Page

By MARIE ROSS


**JOAN ARMIDIA BLAKELY**

Joan Armidia Blakely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Blakely, 1153 Fourteenth street place, had a few remarks about her career at North High School.

"I must say that life at North, with all the homework, has been great. Even though I believed I would never reach this goal for which I had been striving. Entering North in the year of 1950 was very depressing. Then as time quickly passed, I began to like it."

Joan was vice president of homeroom, treasurer of Sub Debs club, senior class announcement committee chairman; and for three years, was member of Cosmopolitan club and A Cappella chorus. She played the violin in the school's orchestra.

Uncertain about her future, she plans "some day to go to college, but as of now, I will work at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co."—and, she added, "I also plan before twenty-three to be married."

She likes swimming, tennis, baseball and the movies.


**DONALD A. VAUGHN**

Des Moines Technical High School graduate, Donald A. Vaughn, plans to take a course in engineering from Chicago Tech this fall, if he does not go into the air force. He will work this summer for the Central States Theater Corp., where he was part-time worker during his school career.

Donald is son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vaughn, 834 W. Ninth street. He is a member of St. Paul AME church.


**FRANCES M. BATES**

Frances M. Bates, Roosevelt High School graduate, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Bates of 1026 Sixteenth street. She plans to enter Drake University in the fall to begin the study of elementary education for a teaching career.

At North, she was a member of the Girls' Glee club, the Future Teachers of America club, Booster committee, Cosmopolitan, Sub-Debs, homeroom representative for the senior class and member of the Pep club.

She has held jobs as a typist at Look Magazine subscription office, and a part-time ice cream stand clerk.

Doris is a member of Maple Street Baptist church and the usher board.


**THEODORE GRANT**

One of Des Moines Technical High School's prize winning art students was Theodore Grant, son of Mrs. Leona Grant, 1010 Thirteenth street. Theodore won this year a gold engraved certificate of merit in the Latham Foundation International Poster Contest. His winning poster is on an international tour in Radio Free Europe.

In the tenth national traffic safety poster contest sponsored by the American Automobile Association Motor Club of Iowa, Theodore won a second prize of \$15, with his poster which dramatized the slogan, "Walk on Left Facing Traffic."

In the annual Dilettante club's art exhibit last year, Grant won five first places and two second. His ambition is to do commercial art work with some big firm, he said.

At Tech, he was on the Technician staff, senior decorating committee, Engineer (yearbook) staff. Also, he lettered in football and track.

He is a member of St. Paul AME church and youth choir, the Sportsman's club of Crocker YMCA, has served as a junior leader at YMCA camp and will return this summer as a senior leader.

**MRS. MOORE AT LAKE OKOBOJI**

Mrs. Gertrude Moore is spending a short vacation at Lake Okoboji.


**BEVERLY WILLIAMS**

Twin brother and sister graduates of East High School were Beverly and Dave Williams, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williams, 412 S. E. Third street. Beverly has had secretarial training and was employed by the Board of Education. Dave plans to work until he is called to military service. Both are members of the Mt. Olive Baptist church.


**DAVE WILLIAMS**

**SHARON GREER**

Sharon Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Greer, 1508 Lyon street, was an honor student at St. Joseph Academy.

"I'm qualified to be a clerk-typist and bookkeeper," Sharon revealed. At school she liked best her typing and bookkeeping courses, but did have time to play on the school's basketball team and handle the bookkeeping for the business end of the school's dramatic production.

A member of St. Peter's Parish, she also, is active in the Willkie House Teen club, Fireside Chat and Willkie House basketball team.


**RAY OSCAR GORE**

Ray Oscar Gore, a printing specialist at Des Moines Tech High School, has learned to run every machine in a print shop, including a cylinder press, an automatic press, paper cutter, and even the linotype. He set up the school paper, did ad composition and worked after school for a while at the Ad-Color Press shop.

Ray likes photography, takes his pictures, develops and prints them in his workshop at home.

At Tech he liked science and commercial law; was a member of the Service club, hall monitor, journalism staff and had time to win a letter in cross-country track.

He's been a daily paper carrier and has worked part-time in the Bystander's printing department.

Now, about the future, Ray is not sure but he said he has "agreed to go to barbers' college."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wade, 1426 Maryland avenue, he attends Sunday School at Corinthian Baptist church.


**CONSTANCE L. ASHFORD**

Holding down the position of a secretary in the office of Central Life Assurance Company, Fifth and Grand avenue, here is Constance Lois Ashford, North High School graduate.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Ashford, 3017 Bowdoin street, Constance began regular work last winter, as the company's first Negro employee.

"I got my first thrill when, after starting as a file clerk, I got a raise and have worked up to handling the dictaphone, ediphone and the firm's letters," Connie talked.

How she got the job was a surprise to her, she revealed. She went looking for a job after school as an elevator operator, and "ambled in the office of Central Life," and when the manager took her application and said he would call her, she thought he was giving her that "run-around that colored girls generally get."

She plans to go to business college to study to be a "first class secretary," she said.

At North, she was student leader, cheer leader, homeroom representative, member of Girls' Glee club, Spanish, Cosmopolitan, Latin and Sub-Debs clubs, on the committee of the ushers, activities and treasurer of homeroom.

Very fond of music, she is pianist for the Sunday School of Corinthian Baptist church.


**RAYMOND J. CHAPMAN**

Raymond J. Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, 1128 Seventeenth street, the only Negro member in Dowling High Class, was a member of the Student Council and won a letter in football.

The school's secretary added that Raymon "has always been an honest, loyal, cooperative student," whose conduct and attendance records "are excellent."

Raymond is considering entering the military services and later making a career of law. He is a member of St. John's Catholic church; Crocker YMCA's Sportman's club. One of his hobbies is playing the clarinet.

Those participating were: Janice Burrell, Sue Ross, Linda and Joyce Johnson, Diana Cox, Jeannie Hamann, Penne Plantz, Ellen Weinberg, Joanne Slack, Celia Sassatelle, Lynn Ross, Mary Jane and Berthaline Taylor, Charleete Luttwien, Inge Nielson, Cynthia Lynch, Susan Kercheis, Etta Berkowich, Gween Green Hill, Rochelle Matulef, Clara Clark, Sheryll Hurndon, Susan Book, Mary Gill, Bary Battles, Jeffery Lynch, Quintheta Duncan, Catherine Cooley, Betty and Audrey Christopher, La-


**LONNIE BRUCE**

Lonnie Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bruce, 1435 Maryland avenue, caused quite a stir in Ankeny High School athletic until last winter when he moved to Des Moines and enrolled at Tech High School from which he was graduated. At Ankeny he won letters in football and basketball and lettered at Tech in basketball. While at Tech he specialized in painting and decorating.

Lonnie is planning to enter Drake University this fall and he wants to go into the military services, too.

He is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist church in Caralabor; and active in clubs at Willkie House.

Verne McKay, Janet Woods, Jackie Wood, Lynn Barrieks, Gwendoline Davis, Polly Spiegelman, Ginger Kaplan and Lenna Reeves.

## Free Swimming Classes Open June 28 at D. M. Pools

The annual Red Cross free swimming classes for boys and girls from 5 to 14 years old will begin June 28 at three Des Moines pools.

The classes, which will run until Aug. 20, are sponsored jointly by the Polk county Red Cross chapter and the park board.

A program for rural children will be conducted in pools at Camp Dodge, Avon Beach and Ft. Des Moines. The program for rural children will run from June 28 to Aug. 6.

Charles T. Cownie, chairman of water safety services, said each participant in the program must have a swimming enrollment card, filled out by a parent, before he may enter the classes. These cards may be obtained at the Red Cross office on the third floor of the Flynn Building or at the swimming pools. Children living outside the city, in Polk county, may obtain enrollment cards from township Red Cross officers.

### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

**Ashworth**  
Girls 5 to 14, 9:15 a.m. Monday and Wednesday.  
Boys 5 to 14, 10:15 a.m. Monday and Wednesday.

**Birdland**  
Girls 10 to 14, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.  
Boys 10 to 14, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.  
Girls 5 to 9, 10:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.  
Boys 5 to 9, 10:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

## Miss Lenna Reeves Presents Students In Dance Recital

Miss Lenna Reeves presented her students in the annual Willkie House dance recital, Friday, June 11.

The following groups, interpreted these numbers: Group one, "Hickory Dickory Dock"; "Mary Had A Little Lamb"; and "School Days"; group two, "School Days" and "High Betty Martin". Sheryll Hurndon and Mary Jane Taylor, appeared in "Ole MacDonald". A solo, "Moonlight Cocktail", was danced by Miss Hurndon. The senior students danced three numbers: "Chica Boo", "Big Dip", and "Singing In The Rain". Miss Gwendoline Davis, advance student, interpreted a ballet, "Polonaise". Guests from Elizabeth Werblowsky's dance studio appeared in special numbers. Miss Ginger Kaplan did a

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# DES MOINES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES PLAN BUSINESS AND MILITARY CAREERS

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by MARIE ROSS

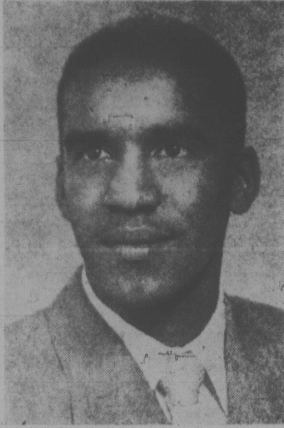


**LA VORA GENELLA DIXON**

LaVora Genella Dixon, North High graduate, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dixon, 1044 Third street. She was a member of the school's Spanish club, secretary of Cosmopolitan club, Sub-Deb, Future Teachers of America, and Girls Glee club.

LaVora plans to work this summer at the School Board office and, this fall enter Drake university to begin pre-law studies.

Her hobby is playing the piano and she is kept busy serving as pianist for the First Baptist junior choir in West Des Moines, and playing for the primary department of the Corinthian Baptist church where she is a Sunday School teacher. She sings with the Dixon Wonders.



**WARREN DAVID WEATHERS**

Warren David Weathers, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weathers, 1067 Sixteenth street, took the cabinet making course at Des Moines Tech High school.

"Just waiting" until Uncle Sam calls him for military service, Warren was looking for a job when school closed last week.

In high school he won letters in track, could not play football because of an injury, was a member of the Class Day committee. In the community he is active in the St. Paul AME church and Youth Fellowship group, played on the church's baseball team and is a member of the Sportsman's club of the Crocker YMCA.

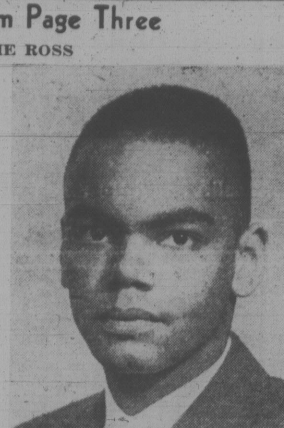


**WILMA DELORES ATKINS**

East High School graduate, Miss Wilma Delores Atkins, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Atkins, 615 S. E. Fourth street. Right now she is seeking a typist's or file clerk job until fall, when she will continue her business education at the American Institute of Business.

At East, she was a member of the Monitor club and, her favorite subject was homemaking.

She is active at Mt. Olive Baptist church, serving as a treasurer for



**RUSSELL SHEPHERD**

Russell Shepherd, Jr., Des Moines Technical High graduate, specialized in drafting, won a letter in football and was a member of the school's radio club.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shepherd, 929 Sixteenth street, he would like to make a career as an architect. He is looking forward to entering the U. S. Navy. His hobby is collecting records.

the junior choir and assistant secretary of the Sunday School.



**VINCENT WILSON**

Vincent Wilson, Des Moines Tech High School graduate, won letters in football, basketball and track. He studied cabinet making and made many articles in the school's shop.

Son of Mrs. Reatha Wilson, 910 Laurel street, Vincent's plans for the future are not complete.

A member of Corinthian Baptist church, he is active in Crocker YMCA's Sportsman's club and the dance club of Wilkie House.

## IOWA SOIL MOISTURE

Soil moisture supplies were largely replenished during the latter part of May and Iowa crop prospects on



**ROBERT DODD**

Robert Dodd, son of Mrs. Irene Owens, 829 Sixteenth street, chose auto diesel study while attending Des Moines Tech High school. He plans to enter Drake University this fall for pre-automotive engineering.

His first three years of high school work were at Marshall High in St. Paul, Minn., where he participated in track. His hobby is working on radios.

June 1 were generally favorable, according to the Iowa Cooperative Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Recent rains were especially bene-



**DARLENE GATEWOOD**

Darlene Marie Gatewood, East High School graduate is daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Fields, 1627 Walker street. She is seeking a secretarial job.

A member of the Mt. Olive Baptist church, she is Sunday School treasurer and member of the junior choir.

cial to the oats and pastures that had been retarded by the cold and dry conditions earlier in the season. Some heavy storms have caused severe crop damage in local areas.

## 30 Negro June Grads in City's High Schools

June graduates in Des Moines public and parochial high schools totaled 1,233. Of this number thirty were Negro graduates.

Seven were listed in the class of 200, at North High; six in the class of 230 at East High; one in the total of 289 at Roosevelt High; one in 114 boys at Dowling High; one in the class of 88 at St. Joseph's Academy; thirteen in the total of 191 at Des Moines Tech; one at Valley High in West Des Moines; and none at Lincoln High.

### NORTH HIGH

Constance Lois Ashford, 3017 Bowdoin; Joan A. Blakely, 1153 14th place; La Vora G. Dixon, 1044 Third; Allen Lee Martin, 1010 Tenth; Nora C. Payne, 1409 Second Place; Lenora Mae Satterfield, 1138 Twelfth; Doris Jean Simmons, 1070 Sixteenth.

### EAST HIGH

Wilma Delores Atkins, 615 S. E. 4th; James Francis Ewing, 1525 Walker; Darlene Marie Gatewood, 1627 Walker; Thomas M. Keyes, 922 S. E. Fourteenth; Beverly Ann and David E. Williams, 412 S. E. Third.

### DOWLING HIGH

Raymond J. Chapman, 1128 Seventeenth.

### ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

Sharon Greer, 1508 Lyon street.

### VALLEY HIGH

Valley High (West Des Moines). Iris Herndon, 132 Eight Street.

### ROOSEVELT HIGH

Frances M. Bates, 1028 Sixteenth street.

### DES MOINES TECH HIGH

Jacqueline Y. Brewer, 1050 Fourteenth; Lonnie M. Bruce, 1435 Maryland; Bernice Christopher, 849 W. Fourteenth; Robert E. Dodd, 828 Sixteenth; Shirley A. Eubanks, 1226 Center; Ray Oscar Gore, 1426 Mary-

land; Theodore Grant, 1010 Thirteenth; Frank W. Hogan, Jr., 1146 Second place; Sylvia D. Roey, 936 Eighteenth; Donald A. Vaughn, 834 Ninth; Warren David Weathers, 1067 Sixteenth; Russell Shepherd, Jr., 929 Sixteenth; Vincent A. Wilson, Jr.

## Joe Louis Fined On Six Traffic Tickets

New York, N. Y.—Former Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis paid a \$300 fine Monday for six traffic summonses. Twelve days in jail was the alternative.

A warrant was issued for Louis May 20 after he failed to answer some 20 notices.

In fixing the penalty against Louis, Chief Magistrate John M. Murtagh stated, "I don't care who it is, the citizens of this city must know they have to answer traffic summonses."

Louis' lawyer said Louis never got the notices because they were sent to his late mother's address in Detroit, Mich., instead of to his home in New York.

Murtagh replied, "We can't dream where motorists live. We have to go by the official address." Then he added that Louis "must have seen some of those notices."

## Crocker Branch YMCA News

Jack Grant, Tech High graduate and presently employed as the maintenance man on the Crocker Y staff, will assume additional responsibilities next week when he replaces Eugene Hendrix as program assistant for the Durham, N. C.—In petitioning local school boards to take immediate steps to abolish racial segregation in the schools under their jurisdiction, the local branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are neither threatening nor begging, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, said here June 13, at a mass meeting concluding a weekend conference of NAACP leaders in North Carolina.

## Volunteers and Members Get Red Cross Certificates



Volunteers and members of the Purple Cross Nurses Unit No. 117, Rose Temple No. 33, IBPOEW, received Red Cross home nursing certificates June 3 in ceremonies held at the Mercy Hospital nurses auditorium.

Left to right in photo are: volunteers seated—Mesdames Bessie Matthews, Willie Mae O'Neal, Catherine McQuerry, Wilma Hunt, Ave Brewer, Eujetta Mason and Mildred Duke.

He cited the Atlanta Declaration adopted by southern leaders of the Association at a meeting in Atlanta May 22-23, which instructed the branches "in every affected area to petition their local school boards by a letter from the branch request to abolish segregation without delay and to assist these agencies in working out ways and means of implementing the Court's ruling."

### To Discuss Plans

The NAACP spokesman recalled that when the Declaration was adopted, "Thurgood Marshall, our special counsel, made it clear that in each instance the petition to the school board would be accompanied in a conference with the board to discuss plans for meeting the court's decision as speedily as possible.

"The petition," Mr. White asserted, "is not a threat, nor the letter a supplication. Jointly they express our desire to cooperate with the school authorities in ending segregation and our determination that there shall be no filibustering in

Members standing—Mesdames Caldonia Williams, unit escort, Evelyn Bettis, and two unit officers, B. J. Roach unit treasurer, and Henrietta Coates, recording secretary; Josephine Gadsen, vice president; Jacqueline D. Randall, unit president; Miss Ruth B. Greene, executive secretary of American Red Cross; Mr. Ralph C. Scroggs, director of First Aid and Water Safety; Miss Helen Dunkleberg, R. N., Red Cross class

achieving that goal."

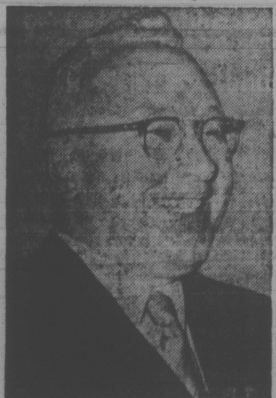
Applauding the action already taken in some communities to comply with the Court's ruling, the NAACP secretary told the North Carolina audience: "We know from experience that schools can be successfully and expeditiously integrated. It has been done, in North Carolina,

in South Carolina, in Georgia, in Mississippi and, indeed, wherever the American flag flies."

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## Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Recall Life in Des Moines Over Half Century Ago



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD W. HUGHES

by MARIE ROSS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson Hughes, 1211 Laurel street, who were married in Des Moines fifty-four years ago, had pleasant memories recently as they recalled some of their life during the period of the founding of the Iowa Bystander, which is observing its sixtieth birthday this week.

Mrs. Hughes recalled, immediately, that the Bystander Publishing Company printed the invitations to her coming-out party given on her eighteenth birthday, Nov. 19, 1894. The publishing company was then five months old.

Mrs. Hughes has treasured a printed invitation through the years and with one of her wedding invitations, which the company also printed in December, 1900 they are

among her souvenirs. Mr. Hughes recalled that when he was a boy, he used to work at the Bystander every Friday evening, folding the papers for mailing.

The office of the Bystander, then was located on the third floor of Chemical Building at Seventh and

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Mulberry street, and supervising the mailing of the papers was Mr. Herb Jacobs, Mr. Hughes said.

#### Natives of Des Moines

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were born in Des Moines where they have resided.

Mrs. Hughes, the former Bessie G. Stewart, one of the daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stewart, "was born in a little cottage at Twelfth and Center," where now a drug store is located, she talked.

Later her family moved to 1019 Twenty-Fifth street, where she began her education, attending Garfield, then later Grant schools. She joined the University Christian Church.

"I was born on the edge of town—at Twenty-Fourth and Grand avenue," Mr. Hughes remarked.

"A coachman, father had an express wagon, which he parked around the court house to wait for passengers after they came in from the trains."

"My first school was Hawthorne, which was later changed to McHenry and then torn down. It was located where Willkie House stands, at Seventeenth and Crocker streets."

"Growing up, I played ball and delivered milk for my parents."

#### Met at West High

"Harry and I went to West High school (now Des Moines Technical High) at the same time "Mrs. Hughes continued "We started going together there. He graduated in 1897 in a class of 56."

"It was the largest graduating class in the city," Mr. Hughes said, adding that the only other high school then was East.

During her high school days, Mrs. Hughes studied music and was called upon regularly to play for funerals in many of the churches of the city.

#### First Job

Upon finishing high school, Mr. Hughes said his first job was a clerk in the White Shoe Company, downtown. At that time he estimated a Negro population of about 300 in Des Moines.

"Women did not vote then, and in Des Moines Negroes were elected into jobs. The first colored market-master then was J. Frank Blagburn, elected by the people."

"There was no market then, but he went from store to store."

"George Cleggett was the first Negro constable elected by the people," Mr. Hughes remembered.

"In 1900 he left the shoe company for a civil service job at the post where he and a Mr. G. I. Holt, a professor of music, made the two Negro employees at the post office."

"At that time, we did not think of segregation," Mr. Hughes commented.

#### Douglas Entertained

Mrs. Hughes recalled a visit made by the great abolitionist, Frederick Douglass. "When he came here, prominent Negroes entertained him at Savery hotel and papa took me with him to the meeting," Mrs. Hughes said.

"I remember Mr. Douglass' beautiful white hair—and took me on his lap and asked me what I wanted to do and he and then told me I could do what I made up my mind to do," Mrs. Hughes said.

"Negroes in Des Moines did not have many businesses then. R. N. Hyde had a carpet-cleaning busi-

## Supreme Court's Decision Called Longest Single Stride Toward Full American Citizenship Since Emancipation

by LOUISE GLASS

Commenting on the Supreme Court's decision that separate schools are unconstitutional, one of the great international daily newspapers called it "The Decision of the Century." "Few will challenge."

No doubt this is the longest single stride toward full American citizenship that we have taken since the Emancipation Proclamation.

The reasons why this decision is so significant are obvious. Our future citizens, the children of today are bound to have a broader, deeper understanding of one another, having gone to school together. At this state of our civilization education is essential. "Separate but equal" was seen to be impossible.

#### High Compliment

With his characteristic blend of tact and irony, Booker T. Washington once said that white people paid the Negro child too high a compliment when they expected the Negro child to learn as much on the nickel provided for his schooling as the white child learned from the dollar provided for his schooling.

Perhaps those who have attended both separate and mixed schools can appreciate the scope of this decision better than those who always attended school in just one system.

As a grade school pupil, I had the opportunity to attend school in Des Moines two years. Even at the age of ten, I was amazed at the difference between the system in Missouri and the one in Des Moines.

#### Over Night

We can not say too much in praise of our lawyers who fought this thing out before the country's highest tribunal within the framework of the Constitution of the United States. But, let us keep in mind that this did not happen over night.

For more than a century, valiant Negroes and white people, too, have been hacking away at the roots of prejudice and discrimination. Their performance may not have been so dramatic, but it served as a trail-blazer. As witness to this face, there are now 2,000 Negro students in southern white colleges.

#### Hot Arguments

Turning back the calendar to, say 1905, we are reminded of the hot arguments against any literary education at all for Negroes. There was a widely accepted belief that Negroes were not capable of learning anything beyond the skillful use of their hands. Yes, we have come a long way in the last half century but we have still a long

ness," she added.

When Mr. Hughes went to work at the post office, he said his starting pay was only \$50 per month, then \$1,200 a year for a carrier job.

#### Married in 1900

"When we married in 1900, our rent was \$15 per month and our food bill for one whole week was not more than two dollars and fifty cents," Mrs. Hughes remembered. She had saved until recently a list of the items she bought the first week of their marriage.

Fifty-four years ago the food prices were: eggs, two dozen for twenty-five cents; one chicken, twenty-five cents; milk, five cents per quart; cream, ten cents per quart; potatoes, fifty cents a bushel; beef

from fifteen to twenty cents per pound; a whole ham for ninety-eight cents; coffee from twenty to thirty cents a pound; bread, six loaves for twenty-five cents; a first class steak for thirty cents a pound.

"They used to give us liver and kidneys for nothing," Mrs. Hughes laughed.

#### Ten Years in Post Office

Mr. Hughes spent ten years at the post office, went to work for the Guest Piano Company, as tuner and repairer. He remained there three years, then went to work as a clerk

in the Polk County district court until 1927. Later he worked for J. H. Sims Clean Up service and Khem Floral Company until 1948 when he retired.

Mr. Hughes revealed that he was classified for service in World War I, but the Armistice was signed before he was called. During the war, Mrs. Hughes served as an official hostess in the War Camp Community Service, worked with Red Cross, Lincoln Post Auxiliary, and the Harriet Beecher Stowe club.

She appeared in concerts in the AME church when it was located on the river front.

The Hugheses are parents of two children, Mrs. Gordon Kitchen of Columbus, Georgia, and Mr. Harold Hughes of Des Moines.

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hard struggle before us if this decision is to be implemented and our children really receive equal education.

Byrnes and Talmadge will find plenty of support even though Governor Shivers of Texas may speak the sentiment of many when he says the people of Texas will respect the law.

As Churchill said of the North African campaign: "This is not the beginning of the end, it is the end of the beginning."

(Through the years, Mrs. O. L. (Louise) Glass, 1517 Second Avenue, Des Moines, has written a number of articles and reviews for the Bystander.)

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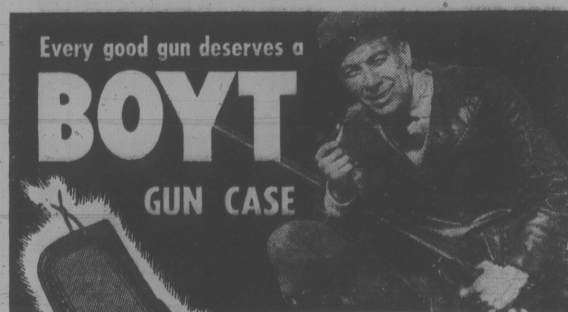
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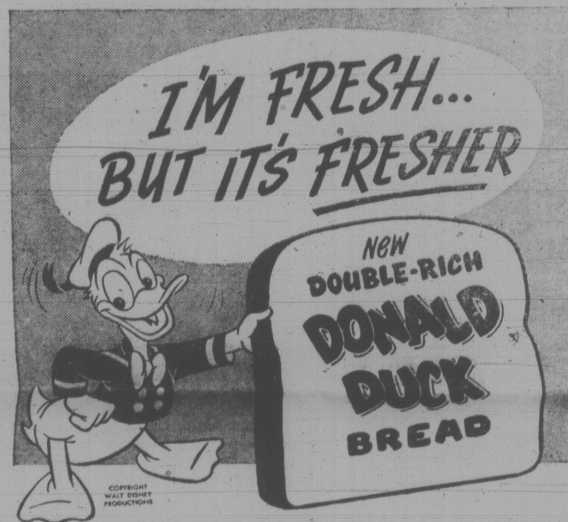
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# Inaugural Scenes of Virgin Islands' Gov. A. A. Alexander

## Community Marching Band



VIRGIN ISLANDS—Parade on St. Thomas, Inauguration Day, April 9. St. Thomas Community Band marching in foreground, followed by contingent of local police force. Flanking Governor Alexander's car is honor guard consisting of members of St. Thomas police department and Virgin Island soldiers. Large building closest to the camera is West Indies Bank and Trust Company. White building at top of hill, extreme right, is home of Danish Consul C. C. Busch.

## Shaking Hands in St. Croix



St. Croix.—Far left is Mr. David E. Maas, attorney of St. Thomas; Governor Alexander shaking hands with Secretary McKay; Mrs. Bettie Williams, Republican Committeewoman of St. Croix; Mr. William Greer, owner-manager of radio station WSTA; Mr. Roy Gordon, General Manager of St. Thomas Development Authority.

## Flowers to Mrs. Alexander



Miss Rita Schulerbrandt, representing the Non-Partisan League of Virgin Islanders, presenting a bouquet to Mrs. Alexander.

## Welcome in St. John



St. John, April 11.—Mr. William A. Arnold; Mrs. George R. Simmons; Mrs. Alexander; Assistant Secretary of the Interior Felix E. Wormser; Governor Alexander; the Honorable George R. Simmons, Administrator for St. John.

(All identifications in photos made from left to right, unless specifically noted otherwise.)

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★  
Archie A. Alexander, distinguished son of Iowa and resident of Des Moines, two months ago, on April 9, was sworn in as the first Republican governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States. Appointed by President Eisenhower, Alexander, 66-year-old civil engineer, alumnus of the University of Iowa, heads his own contracting company, Alexander & Repass, which has offices in Des Moines and Washington, D. C. His headquarters now are at the Government House, Charlotte-Amelia, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. (Photos below by Claude Maloon): (Parade and arrival scenes by Don Teschi).

## Arrival of Inaugural Dignitaries



Arrival of special plane from Washington D. C. bearing Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, and other dignitaries, on April 8. Members of St. Thomas police department saluting. Secretary McKay being escorted by ex-Governor Morris F. de Castro. Directly behind Mr. de Castro is Governor A. A. Alexander. Behind Secretary McKay is Congressman Walter Norblad, Oregon. Group went from airport to their hotel in town of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

## Swearing in Ceremonies of Governor



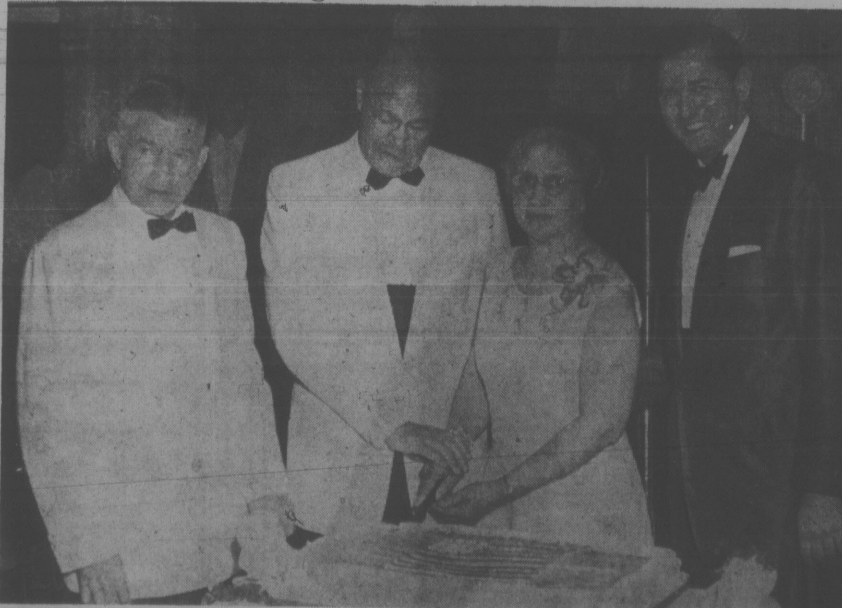
Bandstand, Emancipation Garden, St. Thomas, where the Inaugural party sat during the ceremonies. Governor being sworn in by the Honorable Herman E. Moore, judge of the District Court. Man in sun glasses to the left is William A. Arnold, assistant director (Insular Affairs), Office of Territories, Department of the Interior. Behind Judge is Mrs. Charles Clauch, and far right is Mrs. George W. Hamilton.

## Greetings from Bandstand



Greetings from the bandstand. Behind the de Castros and Governor and Mrs. Alexander are: Secretary McKay and (standing under President Eisenhower's picture) Mr. Sol Descartes, Secretary of Treasury of Puerto Rico.

## At the Inaugural Ball in St. Thomas



At the Inaugural Ball, Virgin Isle Hotel, St. Thomas, April 9. Secretary McKay; Governor and Mrs. Alexander; and Henry Kimmelman, managing director of the Virgin Isle Hotel.

## Thousands Cheer Parades



Thousands of persons cheered the four separate inaugural ceremonies, each marked by parades, welcoming ceremonies and speeches: St. Thomas Inauguration Day, April 9; St. Croix (including ceremonies in Frederiksted and in Christiansted, the two towns on opposite ends of their island), April 10; and St. John, April 11.

## Introducing the Governor



Airport, outgoing Governor de Castro introducing incoming Governor Alexander. Mr. George W. Hamilton, administrative assistant to Governor Alexander, at far left.

## Signing the Guest Book



Signing the guest book in entrance hall of Government House (where the Governor's office and living quarters are located). With Mrs. de Castro, ex-Governor de Castro, and Mrs. Alexander.

## Receiving Congratulations



The ex-Governor de-Castro congratulating Governor Alexander after he was sworn in. Judge Moore and Honorable Charles K. Clauch, Government Secretary, appear to the right.

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Church School: Sunday 9:30 A. M.  
Church Service: 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Service: 7:00 P. M.  
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Sunday morning, June 20, 11 o'clock, Rev. George Parish will preach from the subject, "The Lord's Word Will Not Fail." At 3 p.m., Rev. Turner and Mr. Wilkerson of Ft. Madison will appear in musical program. At 8 p.m., gospel choir will give a request program; also, baptizing will be held. Last Sunday afternoon Rev. Parish and senior choir were guests at Burns Methodist church. Mission circle will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. P. Jones, 1232 Dixon.

Rev. and Mrs. Parish, Mrs. Mildred Fields, Miss Audrey Davis and Mr. George Wells are attending the Five States Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress at Sioux City.

Sick and shut-ins are: Mesdames Martha Rivers, Susie Yeager, Beulah Holland and Fannie Cox.

### ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NEWS

The Des Moines District Conference and Missionary and Laymen's Convention will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 23 and 24 at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Ottumwa, Iowa, under the leadership of Presiding Elder W. H. Ogletton. Representing St. Paul, Des Moines will be Rev. John E. Hunter, Ministerial Delegate; Mrs. Delores Peguese, Lay delegate; Mrs. Bessie L. Greene, alternate; and Mrs. Adah Johnson, Missionary delegate. Mr. John Danforth, president of the Des Moines District Laymen's League, will be in charge of the Laymen's convention.

Rev. Paul Turner of Chicago will be Men's Day guest speaker Sunday. The St. Paul usher board met Thursday with Lydie Ganaway. John M. Danforth, Sr., is president. The Missionary society met June 15 with Mrs. Julia Proctor.

The Northwestern Youth Camp will open for the youth of the district July 19-23, at Camp Baber, Cassopolis, Mich. Many adults and youth from St. Paul church and Sunday School will attend. Mrs. Jeanne Morris, Sunday School superintendent and youth director, will attend.

### CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The Vacation Bible school began its summer session Monday, June 14, and will convene through Friday, June 25. Parents are urged to send all children, ages 4 years on. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day.

The Deacons board will sponsor the Songfellow in a special Father's Day program Sunday, June 20, 7:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon he Jubilaire are presenting a program.

The Sunday School and BTU Congress met Monday at Mt. Zion Baptist church in Sioux City. Delegates representing Corinthian were: Miss Claudette Howard, Sandra Ashby, Joan Blakely, Lavora Dixon, Sandra Ashford, Mrs. Williams, Mr. V. K. Ashford and Rev. N. R. Olphim.

Among the sick and shut-ins are: Rozenting Hardaway, Jr., Mercy hos-

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Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30 P. M.

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Evening Service: 7:45 P. M.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 P. M.  
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Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.  
Bible Class: 6:30 P. M.  
Evening Service: 7:30 P. M.  
Prayer Service: Wed., 8 P. M.

**Community Church of The Nazarene**  
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Evening Service: 7:45 P. M.  
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Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service, Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

pital; Rev. J. M. Eaves, 1120 17th; Mrs. Zella Chapman, 1414 E. 18th; Mrs. Roy Walker, 921 12th; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bell, 915 15th; Mr. Robert Brown, 138 Arthur; Mrs. Cornelia Mease, 1017 13th; Mrs. J. H. Preston, 154 Arthur; Mrs. Della Washington, 944 10th; Mrs. A. E. Yancy, 1232 Dixon; Mrs. Luella Glass, 1017 Eons; Mrs. Alberta Thompson, 1146 Racoon.

### MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. H. R. Fields spoke last Sunday on "Salvation for Walls." The junior choir sang. Rev. Wayland Heath, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church of Oralabor will be guest speaker Sunday, June 20, 3 p.m. This service is sponsored by the men in the form of a rally. Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson are visiting in Milan, Mo.

### COMMUNITY SANCTIFIED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mrs. Ella Bradley was in charge of services Sunday. Messages were brought by Mrs. Adah Bush and Pastor Arthur Bush. Mother's board met Tuesday with Mrs. Bush. Dorcas Sewing club will meet in the dining room Friday evening with Mrs. Mary Williams hostess. General Mother M. J. Cranshaw spent the week-end visiting the Rosedale, Kas., Sanctified church.

### SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The Shiloh Baptist Men's chorus will practice Monday, 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Wilbur Hunt, president. The senior choir will practice Tuesday, 8 p.m., with Mrs. Pauline Chaney, president. All heads of church, Shiloh church auxiliaries will meet Wednesday night after prayer service to plan for the pastor's anniversary to be held in July. Rev. I. H. Harris and Miss Clara Tywater, assistant secretary of Shiloh Baptist school will attend the S. S. and B.T.U. convention in Sioux City this week. After returning, the pastor will leave Sunday night for Birmingham, Ala., to attend the National Baptist Congress. Sunday, June 20, will be Men's Day. Rev. Crawford will be the speaker at 3 p.m., and Rev. C. E. Duke will be speaker and his choir will sing at 7:30 p.m. George Tywater, deacon, is chairman.

Visitors last Sunday were: Miss Myrtle Allen and Mrs. Billie Fishloush of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Jeffery Campbell is sick at Broadlawn hospital.

### Gospellers At Bethel Sunday

The Gospellers, a new singing group will be heard at Greater Bethel A.M.E. church Sunday, June 20, 3 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. C. E. Duke is minister.

### Old Time Service Sunday Night At Union Baptist

The Helping Hands and trustees of Union Baptist church are sponsoring an old time service Sunday, June 20, 7:45 p.m., with Rev. R. P. Palmer. Mrs. Junus Tate is president; Mrs. F. B. Campbell is secretary.

### Episcopalians Cancel Convention

### In Jimcrow Houston

New York, N. Y.—The Episcopal Church Tuesday canceled its plans to hold its 1955 convention in Houston, Texas. Some churchmen had opposed Houston on the grounds of racial segregation policies there.

In announcing the decision, the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop of the church, made no mention of the segregation question.

A church spokesman said, however, that was the reason for the change in plans.

Choosing another site for the convention was postponed until later.

"This has been the most painful and difficult decision I have ever been called upon to make," Bishop Sherrill said.

The church had decided in 1952 to accept the invitation of Episcopal Bishop Clinton Simon Quin of Houston to meet there in 1955.

But the acceptance came only after long debate as to whether all delegates and visitors in the southern city would receive equal treatment.

At that time, Bishop Quin gave assurance that "satisfactory arrangements" would be made.

Bishop Sherrill said he was "convinced that on both the international and national level, the scene has altered radically even since the general convention of 1952, indeed, within the past month."

He apparently was referring to the supreme court decision outlawing school segregation.

### National Urban League Director On First Fifty Years

New York, Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, will be interviewed by Lyman Bryson on CBS Radio's "My First Fifty Years" Friday, June 25. The program features talks with men and women of mature years who have won distinction in their various fields. Arthur Hepner is producer.

### East Side Union Mission Society Program June 20

The East Side Union Mission society will present Mrs. Katherine McFarland in a religious reading program Sunday, June 20, 3 p.m., at the Church of God in Christ, East Seventeenth street and University avenue.

The society will hold its monthly board meeting Wednesday, June 23, 1:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Alberta Gray, 1603 Walker street.

### Adventists Vacation Bible School to Be Held June 21-Aug. 1

The Vacation Bible School will begin Monday morning June 21, and continue through August 1, at the Philadelphia Adventist Church, 1150 Thirteenth street, Rev. R. L. Ryles, pastor announced. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. until noon for pupils from the ages of 3 to 12.

### Chapters Hold Annual Esther Day Services

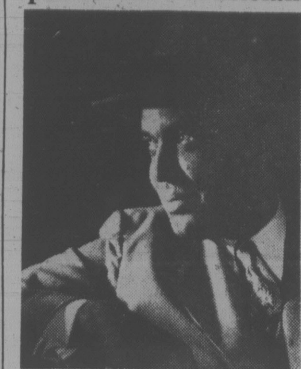
The annual Esther Day services of Princess Zorah Chapter 10, Olive Branch No. 32, and Princess O'Zell No. 9 were held at Union Baptist church Sunday morning, June 6.

The processional of the chapters was led by C. C. Johnson, acting marshal, assisted by Charles Holmes, associate patron of Princess O'Zell chapter and Burdell Johnson, worthy patron of Princess Zorah.

Mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Alma Morris, worthy matron of Princess O'Zell. John Danforth, grand associate patron, gave the invocation, preceded by chapters' giving their opening ode.

Mrs. Jacqueline Randle, worthy matron of Olive Branch, read the scripture. Welcoming remarks were given by Mrs. Morris, who presented

### St. Paul Men's Day Speaker And Musician



REV. PAUL TURNER

The Rev. Paul Turner of Chicago, Ill., will be the guest minister and musician at St. Paul A.M.E. church on Father's Day, June 20, for the annual observance of Men's Day. This will mark the third appearance of Rev. Mr. Turner at St. Paul within the past two years.

Two special services have been arranged by the men of the church. At the 11 a.m. service Rev. Turner will deliver the sermon. Music will be furnished by the Brotherhood Chorus.

A musical program will be presented at 4 p.m. with Rev. Mr. Turner as organist and vocalist. At the close of this program Mr. Arthur Propes, chairman of the Men's Day organization, will receive the financial reports of the captains. These meetings are open to the public.

### FOR FATHERS' DAY

These too few lines I dedicate to men who reach the high estate, who bring the bacon buy the frills, and pay the avalanche of bills; get less affection for their pay, than the family cat, or their old dog Tray.

A son, still wet behind the ears, must have a car, just like his peers. A daughter acts like she's a queen, an awkward child—just turned fifteen.

Poor Father tries from day to day, but he rarely gets to have his say. While Father sweats to keep a home, his children gripe, and grunt and groan.

Why can't they 'savvy' from the start, that Father also owns a heart. Then love him, bless him, every day, he'd never ask for higher pay.

Glenn A. Gallagher.  
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### Bethel Youth Choir's Pyramid Contest To End Sunday, June 27

The Pyramid contest sponsored by the youth choir of Bethel A.M.E. church will close June 27, 4 p.m. with a program, "The Egyptian Rhapsody." Highlights will be the crowning of the Pharaoh or Pyramid queen. Presentation of special numbers by members of the youth guests. Guest artists will also appear. The committee of advisors in charge of the group includes: Misses Lela Belle White, Georgia Butler, Mrs. Eliza Thompson and Music Director Clara Fant. Rev. C. E. Duke is pastor.

Mrs. Mildred Graves, worthy matron of Princess Zorah, who gave the history of Esther.

A duet was sung by Mesdames Orea Buice and Ethel Winston, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Collier.

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### Women's Day June 27 At Second Baptist; Mrs. Rush to Speak

Fort Dodge, Ia.—Women's Day program will be held at Second Baptist church, Sunday, June 27, 3 p.m., sponsored by the Deacons board. Atty. Gertrude E. Rush of Des Moines will be the principal speaker. Her topic will be "The Holylands."

Rev. Wm. Scott of Des Moines is pastor of the church here. Mrs. Olive Buckner of the Deacons board is chairman of the Women's Day effort.

Following the address, a dinner will be served in the church dining room.

### Charles P. Howard, Jr., Among Graduates at Howard University

Charles P. Howard, Jr., of 1136 Fourteenth street, Des Moines; and Earl E. Roberts, Davenport, were among the more than 600 seniors who were graduated June 4 from Howard University in Washington, D. C.

### Miss Frances Jones Elected Vice Prexy Of Retreat League

Miss Frances Jones, 1029 W. 13th street, daughter of Mr. S. H. Jones of Centerville, Iowa, was elected vice-president of the Catholic Young Laymen's Retreat League of the Diocese of Davenport, while attending the annual Retreat at Ottumwa Heights Academy, Ottumwa, Iowa, June 11 through 13.

Ninety-seven retreatants attended and Father John Higgins was retreat master.

### Regular Services Begin at Ninth Street Christian Church

Regular services were started recently at the Ninth Street Christian Church, at 1104 Ninth street, conducted by the Rev. Jasse L. Bundy. The building, which seats about 250 people, was dedicated on May 30.

Regular Sunday services began at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, then worship services at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p. m. Midweek services are held every Wednesday night.

Presentation of officers was made before Rev. Seymour Gaines' sermon, entitled, "A Dangerous Opportunity." After the general offering, announcements were given and the chapters sang their closing ode.

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### Set Hearing School Program July 12

A special program for hearing-handicapped children and their parents will be sponsored for six weeks in July and August by the Des Moines Hearing Society, a Community Chest Agency.

The program will be pre-school nursery at 615 Locust street, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays beginning Monday, July 12 and concluding Friday, August 20.

Purposes of the program are three fold: To establish language, speech and lip-reading skills in deaf and hard of hearing children at an age when all children are psychologically ready for communication.

To promote desirable social be-

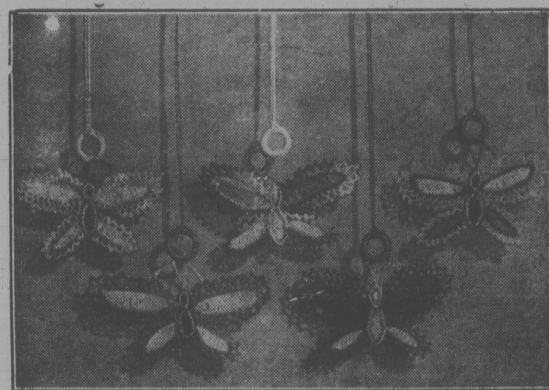
havior patterns at an age when these patterns are normally formulated.

To instruct and guide parents of deaf and hard-of-hearing children so that they may effectively rear their handicapped child in his own home and community.

Parents will observe the nursery school operation and see films and receive staff counselling Mondays through Thursdays of each week. On Fridays parents only will attend.

Speakers at the Friday meetings will include Dr. John E. Gustafson, pediatrician; Naomi Wright, director of Day Care Service; Dr. Walter Kirch, otologist; and Regina Seidler, child psychologist.

Co-operating in the program will be the Family Service Agency, also a Community Chest Agency.



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## Thomas Cugglin Ricks Came to Iowa Falls in Stage Coach After Civil War and Lived There Half Century

by HELENE RICKS LONDON

Thomas Cugglin Ricks, an old Iowa pioneer, came to Iowa Falls in a stage coach directly after the Civil war and he and three white men, who had traveled with him, picked out this particular spot for their homesteads. Here he lived until his death in 1915-half a century in this small corner of Iowa.

Born in Alabama of slave parents, T. C. Ricks had always struggled to learn and held high ambitions for his family at all times.

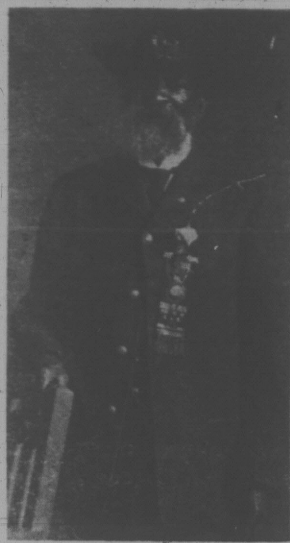
### In Union Army

Nancy Ricks, of old Virginia stock, was a wonderful help-mate and companion. Because Mr. Ricks had learned to read and write while in the Union army, it was not hard for him to become an independent and ambitious citizen in his new home.

To this union were born three sons and three daughters. The girls remained at home after their mother's death to keep a home for their father and to rear their eldest brother's three children.

John Foster Ricks, father of Dr. Ernest J. Ricks, Helene London and Hazel Allen, had married a Canadian girl and lived in Canada until his death.

The late Nelson Depew Ricks worked long and hard in Iowa Falls until he earned enough for college tuition at the University of Minnesota from which he graduated; and later taught horticulture at Tuskegee



THOMAS CUGGLIN RICKS

(Ala.) Institute for 18 years, closely working with the late George Washington Carver. He was never married.

The late William R. Ricks, graduated from the School of Law at the University of Minnesota and practiced in Cincinnati until his death, leaving one son, William, Jr., a resident of Chicago.

Miss Annie, the first Negro child born in Hardin County, Misses Fan-

### WHILE DES MOINES SLEEPS

Sometime ago I wrote about "The Street of A Thousand Sorrows." Now, would you believe, ill luck could come, to you and I tomorrow? The good-time shack, the buffet flat, have lent a helping hand. In bringing about much discord to many a careless man.

This said the same said issue—unpleasant tho' it seems. Still stands out very prominent—Some see it in their dreams; But we should all be watchful, at the end of every week.

And overcome all obstacles, while Des Moines sleeps. An often used citation, as quoted from above.

Let not the right hand know what the left hand does; "The Gentle Reminder," I believe I wrote that too.

But as to what I tell you, be careful what you do. Society is grand and good, but always bear in mind;

Your choice of friends should always be, the best that you can find. If after you have done this, with care and quite complete

You then should have but little fear while Des Moines sleeps. Home is what we make it, ever since the world began,

A spoken word, for good or ill, returneth back to man; So when at home at night, you seek a little bit of rest,

You can rejoice with those who know you have done your best. The golden chances of the past are all forever gone,

But place your shoulder to the wheel and let's all move on; Just keep straight on a-smilin', show that you're not weak.

Then you spread a bunch of "sunshine," while Des Moines sleeps. by E. M. Buckner, Des Moines, Ia.

nie and Mae Ricks graduated from Ellsworth Conservatory of Music in Iowa Falls in which town all the all the daughters passed.

Second Generation The second generation comprised the following: Dr. Ernest J. Ricks, graduate of Iowa University's College of Denistry, practiced twenty

seven years in Chicago before his death in 1951. His one child Joan Robinson is married in Chicago with two children.

Mrs. Hazel Allen of Mobile, Ala., was one of the twin daughters born to John Ricks, the eldest son, and is the mother of a son and daughter.

Mrs. Helene Ricks London, the other twin daughter and widow of the late Dr. Hubert A. London of Des Moines is still living in Chicago and is mother of a married son, William, a young physician, and a married daughter, Charmaine, a successful journalist.

Mrs. London, a retired medical social worker, last year won in an artists' contest, a chance to tour South America and paint pictures

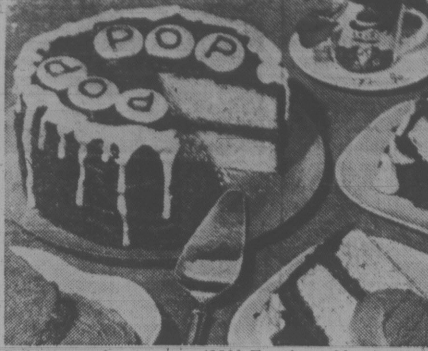
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Empty contents of package into large bowl. Add 1/2 cup of the water. Blend; then beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer or 300 vigorous strokes by hand. (Scrape bowl and beaters or spoon often.) Add eggs, blend, and beat 1 minute in mixer or 150 strokes by hand. Then add remaining 1/2 cup water gradually and beat 1 minute longer at low speed of mixer or 150 strokes by hand.



Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 minutes. When cool frost top and sides of cake with Chocolate Cream Frosting. In top of double boiler melt 6 pastel thin mints with about 1 teaspoon milk. Spoon this mixture around the outer edge of the top of the cake, letting some drip down the sides in an irregular pattern. Arrange whole mints on top of cake printing a letter on each wafer to spell out POP.

### CHOCOLATE CREAM FROSTING

3 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate 3 tablespoons, butter 2 1/4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed 1/2 cup water

Combine chocolate, brown sugar, water, and butter in saucepan. Place over low heat until chocolate is melted, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil and simmer 3 minutes, without stirring. Remove from heat and cool slightly—about 5 minutes.

Measure sifted confectioners' sugar into mixing bowl. Add chocolate syrup slowly, beating constantly. Then add salt and vanilla and continue beating until of right consistency to spread. (ANS)

## Growing Children Need Plenty of Sleep; Get Them off to Early 'Goodnight'

by APTON SMITH, SUI ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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old girl and a six-year-old boy are each allowed a special night up once a week. They stay up a half-hour longer and each stays up on a different night.

Each child has the whole attention of his parents during his half hour. Then he goes to bed satisfied. (Can you recall the thrill of having your parents' attention all to yourself once in awhile?)

Growing children need plenty of sleep. Sometimes firmness is necessary to get them off to an early bedtime. Yet by the gift of some of our own time we usually may end their day with a happy "Good night."

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# SOCIETY

## Mrs. Leoma Ward Honors Chairmen At Social Hour

Mrs. Leoma Ward, president of Lincoln Unit No. 126, entertained her committee chairmen of the year and the VFW auxiliary of Roy Leonard Rollen post in appreciation of their cooperation throughout the year, at a social hour, Friday night, June 11, at Willkie House. Certificates for outstanding service were presented to the chairmen. Entertainment featured the boys chorus from the Woodward Children's Home, after which refreshments were served. Mrs. Mary Frye, social chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Jesserean Dixon, chairman of junior activities.

## Mrs. William Nelson And Daughter Here From Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. William Nelson and five and one-half month-old daughter, Patricia Elaine, of Detroit, Mich., are here visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Walden, 3019 Amherst. They will be here through July 4. Mrs. Nelson is the former Naomi Walden.

## Motor to California

Mr. Robert Dixon and daughter, Edmonia, left by motor Thursday for Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal. They were accompanied by Mr. Willie Crawford of 912 15th street.

## Elks Baby Contest To End June 27 at Willkie House

The Elks Education Department will sponsor a Penny Parade to end its baby contest Sunday afternoon, June 27, 3 o'clock at Willkie House, Seventeenth and Crocker streets. The public is invited.

First, second, third and fourth prize awards will be made. Contestants are: Penelope E. Brewton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brewton, of West Des Moines; David Clinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Clinton; Vivian Pinkney Bryson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garold Bryson; Willie D. Buford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie D. Buford. Mrs. Alonzo Potter is in charge of contest.

## MR. AND MRS. JAMES NEWSOME ARE HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. James Newsome, 1315 Laurel street, were hosts to Mrs. Fannie Houston and guests, Mr. and Mrs. G. Buford of Oakland, Calif., on Saturday evening.

## Personal Touch

By MARIE ROSS

On this sixtieth anniversary of the paper, the civil defense people are trying to work out a more successful plan than last Monday's for getting the Des Moines pedestrians to run for the nearest shelter and the wailing sirens announce the next he wailing sirens announce the next mock air raid.

In the meantime, some serious thought should be given to the real storms that come in the night.

These violent thunderstorms that have been hovering about Des Moines—then moving in on jet-propelled winds in the wee hours of the morning are certainly no mockery—and what to do—if one cannot sleep through them, should be very important.

Now, what to do when the next squall with its 65-mile wind hits Des Moines, seems to be the question that will linger for the season.

According to the 1954 almanac (and you check yours) the popular words listed from week to week are "thunderstorms, windy, stormy, rain, gales, blustery, unsettled"—not just for June, July and August—but on into the fall.

"Now, you know all of these atomic bomb tests have something to do with the weather," talked Mrs. Ben Buckner, 1020 Eleventh street, as we were caught under a downtown store awning, waiting for a bus, Monday when the mock air raid sirens began to wail.

"Why do the worst storms always have to come at night?" asked Miss Della Chapman, 3005 Third, as she and Mrs. Willa Bell James, 1160 Fourteenth, paused downtown dur-

## Book Lovers Club To Honor Miss Claire McKinnon, At Farewell

Book Lovers club has been invited to the home of Mrs. J. Q. Evans, president, for a dinner Friday evening, 7 p.m., June 18.

The opening will be given by Mrs. Marshall Smith, program chairman, who will introduce the guest reviewer, Miss Ava Johnson, who will review "The Folks At Home" by Margaret Halsey. The guest of honor will be Miss Claire McKinnon, executive YWCA director, who is leaving the city August 1.

## Proto Club Honors Miss Gloria Butler

The Proto club of Bethel AME church met Tuesday with Mrs. Geraldine Jackson. A business meeting was followed by a social period in which Miss Gloria Butler's birthday was honored with a handkerchief shower. Edith Grant is president; Margo Ramsey is reporter.

## Sgt. William Ware Visiting Kin Here

T/Sgt. William Ware will leave June 21 to return to Travis Air Force Base in California. He spent several weeks here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Ware, 1137 School street, visiting his family and relatives.

## The M. W. Kindreds On Six Weeks' Motor Tour To Southwest

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kindred, 1526 Walker street, left recently on a motor trip to Los Angeles, Calif., Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas. They will visit relatives for six weeks.

## Oklahomans Spend Week Here Visiting Twin Brothers

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Halstead of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Jackson of Colbert, Okla., and their families were recent visitors of Rev. and Mrs. Seymour Gaines and Mr. and Mrs. Curley Gaines and their families.

Mrs. Halstead and Mrs. Jackson are twin sisters of the Rev. Mr. Gaines and Mr. Curley Gaines, respectively.

The Oklahomans left by motor Friday after spending a week here.

ing lunch hour Tuesday. Miss Chapman complained that, at night, she was unable to see what was going on during the storms. When she was a child, her father used to watch the approach of the storms then take the family to a storm cellar.

Mrs. James said she generally gets up when the storm hits and closes the windows, then goes back to bed and pulls the sheet over her face so that she can't see the lightning.

"What about the thunder that just crashes you out of bed—or the wind that causes the house to shake? They didn't bother Mrs. James.

The storms don't bother many people—and I have wondered why.

Early Tuesday morning Mr. Clyde Morris, the editor's brother, breezed into the office, and when asked about the last night's storm, he queried—"what storm?"

"I didn't hear it. I just sleep the sleep of the just and don't hear a thing," he explained. "The just?" I repeated.

When I phoned the Rev. W. M. Wheeler, a retired Methodist minister, who has seen ninety or more seasons of storms, he informed that he slept late.

Readily, I wanted to know if the storm kept him awake—and he asked—"What storm? Was there one last night?"

He hadn't heard a thing—none of the mighty wind, the rolling and crashing of the thunder or the crack of the lightning.

"Storms have always been with us—and I don't think they have increased in recent years," he consoled.

"In the Bible, Paul writes of being shipwrecked in a storm. John Wesley

went across the sea and he met a storm and the people were frightened and there was a group on ship who was calm. Their calmness came

## Visiting In Gary

Mrs. James B. Morris and grandson, James B. Morris, III, departed Friday for Gary, Indiana where they are visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. G. Kenneth Washington.

## Miss Eleanor R. Powell Becomes Bride Of Mr. Jean N. Archer In Cathedral Ceremonies



MRS. JEAN N. ARCHER

At the altar of St. Ambrose Cathedral, Father Bernard C. Hesse united in holy wedlock on Sunday afternoon May 30, Miss Eleanor Rebecca Powell and Mr. Jean N. Archer of Chicago, Ill., a United States army lieutenant. Four-hundred guests attended the wedding.

because they had found the Lord, Jesus Christ.

"I don't see any harm in seeking shelter—but the name of the Lord is a great tower. Read Proverbs 18:10 which says, 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe; or Proverbs 1:33—which promises—'Who so hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil; or Palms—53:3—'What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.'"

"Only trust in the Lord and then you can sleep through the storms of the night," the Rev. Mr. Wheeler assured.

"This evening's activities made me think of you," penned Miss Gwendolyn Edwards of Chicago, Ill. "I have just returned from the airport where I hope I got some pictures of Haile Selassie's arrival in Chicago.

"He was given the usual welcome of royalty. The mayor and city officials were there to meet him as well as many persons of 'Ethiopian extraction' (as the Tribune put it); camera bugs; and, curiosity seekers. This is the first ruling emperor to visit Chicago."

Miss Edwards was in Des Moines last month to attend the Powell-Archer wedding.

An invitation came from Evanston, Ill., recently announcing that Dr. and Mrs. A. Rudolph Penn, 1925 Emerson street, will be hosts Saturday eve-

## Voguettes To Meet June 18

The Voguettes will meet Friday, June 18, at 1040 Sixteenth street, with the president, Mrs. Evelyn Holt. Mrs. Clara Wade is reporter.

## Powell-Archer Wedding

Prominent among the spring weddings in Des Moines were the cathedral ceremonies of Eleanor Rebecca Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morris, 1046 Seventeenth street, who became the bride of Jean N. Archer of Chicago, Ill. A first lieutenant in the division of veterinary of the United States Army, stationed in Chicago, he is son of Mrs. A. Archer of Port Au Prince, Haiti.

The holy vows were solemnized at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 30, in the presence of 400 guests at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Father Bernard C. Hesse performed the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by Mr. Morris, the bride wore a chapel-length gown of candlelight satin and lace. Her illusion veil was attached to a pearl encrusted cap. She carried a bouquet of pink roses atop a white satin Bible tied with streamers and rosebuds. She wore loose gloves trimmed with rhinestones and pearls.

Honor matron was Mrs. Clifford Stafford of Chicago, cousin of the bride, with Miss Eva Dixon of Kansas City, Mo., as bridesmaid and Miss Marlene Cooley of Chicago, junior bridesmaid. Mrs. Stafford and Miss Dixon were gownned alike in champagne taffeta. Miss Cooley wore orchid taffeta. Their colonial bouquets were of pale yellow mums centered with lavender.

Best man was Mr. Alfred Edwards of Des Moines. Ushers were: Atty. J. B. Morris, Jr., Atty. Luther Glanton and Mr. James Lyons of Kansas City, Kansas.

Many guests thronged the reception rooms of Central YWCA where a color scheme of lavender and white was carried out in the large bouquets of white gladioli and lavender and yellow mums.

The receiving line formed in front of one of the mammoth fireplaces. Mrs. James B. Morris, Sr., received with the bride's mother, Mrs. Clyde Morris, who wore light blue taffeta and lace, black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Music during the reception was played by Mrs. G. B. Tucker, Misses

## Californians Honored At Lawn Picnic At Home Of The Monroes

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Blakey of Sacramento, Calif., were honored here Sunday afternoon at a lawn picnic dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monroe, 2702 Maury street, given by Mesdames Warren Cropp and Sylvester Cason.

Mrs. Cropp, and Mr. Cason are cousins of Mrs. Blakey.

Many relatives and friends shared in the courtesy.

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Other out-of-town visitors, aside from the hostesses, were Mr. and Mrs. Booker Holmes, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Henri Hurwicz, La Cross, Wisc.; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Colbert and Josephine Colbert, all of Chicago; Mrs. Kenneth Washington of Gary, Ind.; Mrs. Harry Bell, Waterloo, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. V. Thompson, Ottumwa, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. John Shipp, Ames, Ia.; Miss Virginia Kepley, Huxley, Ia.; Atty. Miles Stevens and son, and Mrs. James Lyons, all of Kansas City, Kansas.

Social courtesies and showers were extended the bride by the following: Mrs. Stanley Proctor and daughter, Imogene; Mrs. Emanuel Davis and daughter, Gwendolyn; Mr. and Mrs. Compton Chapman, Mrs. John E. Hunter; Mesdames Daniels and Stevens, and Mesdames Lyons and Eugene A. Banks.

Mrs. Archer, until her marriage was clothing and home management teacher at Sumner High School in Kansas City, Kas. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in textiles and clothing from Iowa State College, Ames, and Columbia University, New York. She is a member of Bethel AME church in Kansas City, Mo.; and a Delta Sigma Theta soror.

Lieutenant Archer, a meat inspector for the army, stationed in Chicago, received his degree in agriculture from the University of Haiti, and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State College, Ames.

The couple is at home at 3445 South Rhodes, Apt. 709, Chicago.

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## Opens Girls State



MISS CARMEN CHAPMAN Cedar Falls, Iowa.—Three hundred Iowa girls are attending the ninth annual session of Hawkeye Girls' State opened Monday with the outgoing governor, Miss Carmen Chapman of Des Moines, presiding. The session closes Saturday with a banquet.

Miss Chapman, last January graduate of Roosevelt High school, presided until Thursday evening, when the new governor was inaugurated.

Girls attending are appointed by American Legion auxiliaries with three years of high school and excellent in leadership, scholarship and character.

Miss Chapman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Compton Chapman, 3005 Third.

## T. O. B. Club Honors Member on Birthday

The T. O. B. club celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Iva Mae Hayes June 11 at a drive-in picnic. Mrs. Mamie Robertson of Muskogee, Okla., was a guest.

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## SPORTS

It Looked Dreary In 1916;  
Times and Men Have Changed

When I came to Des Moines in 1916, Negroes held few jobs of any consequence; the late E. Tracy Blagburn was chief clerk of the Engineering Department at the City Hall; the late Mrs. Lena Wilson was a stenographer in the state historical building; two mail carriers, Frank Johnson and Branham Hyde; a mail clerk, John S. Coleman; an employee in the County Treasurer's Office, Jesse Graves; a bailiff in the District Court, Will Jones and a postmaster at the State House, Elbert Hall.

In professional field were two doctors, Jefferson and Booker; two dentists, Lowery and Lee; three lawyers, Rush, Brown and Thompson. The town offered little encouragement to a young man looking for a field in which to locate. I soon concluded that something tangible should be done about it.

Men, regardless of their training or education, found employment as porters and janitors only; the best paying employment was the coal mine, an industry which employed more than any other; women as maids, nurses or an occasional stock girl. In short the economic status of the Negro was very poor.

The Seventeen Provisional Training Regiment at Fort Des Moines organized to train Negro Army Officers brought a large number of college men to Des Moines. Many returned after the war. Two things stood in their favor:

(1) They were better prepared and (2) they had done their share during the war and a lot of people felt that they should be given fairer treatment.

During all this time, such men as the late S. Joe Brown, George H. Woodson and Harvey Ingham were pioneering in the field of civil rights. The Des Moines Branch, NAACP, had been organized which brought into the field such citizens as A. A. Alexander, Elbert Hall, Mrs. Jessie McClain, Oscar Glass, Jesse Graves and Casper Schenk, Dr. W. S. Lofery, Rev. Stoddard Laue, Rev. Chas. S. Meadberry and Dr. A. J. Booker.

In the spring of 1917 Elbert Hall was post master at the state house and Mrs. Eleanor Gresham had been named postmaster for the legislature.

Returning soldiers had found some employment as shipping clerks and an occasional upgrading in garages. The political campaigning in 1920 gave impetus to the program and out of it came a regular deputy county treasurer and deputy sheriff.

In 1924, the Des Moines Interracial Commission was organized placing more emphasis on the economic side of race relations. Their methods employed were conciliation and persuasion and most of the organizers were active in the NAACP. George Webber, now president of station KWDH, was the moving force behind this group and on several occasions committees from the commissions appealed to business for improvement in the employment situation for Negroes. Webber made one of the most dynamic appeals ever heard on the subject at a meeting in Plymouth Congregational Church. Harvey Ingham never lost an opportunity to support the work in his editorial columns.

And while these appeals did not produce immediate results, they planted seeds which later bore fruit.

In the meantime, the Des Moines Interracial Commission had issued an appeal to the public for better treatment of the Negro and proposed a set of desires for which they were striving which included, among other things, Negro teachers and more and better jobs.

The depression of 1930 came on and while havoc was played with many people, organizations set up to handle relief and made work produced jobs in fields new to the Negro in Des Moines. And even though most of them were dismantled as conditions improved, some like the welfare department, remained and now constitute a goodly source of better employment for Negro men and women.

In the meantime, there had been better jobs open at the state house; a clerk and stenographer in the bonus board; at city hall, a stenographer and deputy bailiff; a deputy county recorder and auditor at the court house. On the other hand, there had been some losses including the job held by Mr. Blagburn, the only Negro city fireman had retired, some policemen had died, the pension boards of the fire and police department began their smooth operation which blocked Negro applicants for the fire department completely and let by such applicants for the police force as they felt. This highlander operation still prevails in spite of protestations to the contrary.

World War II began another era of improved employment for Negroes.

The new war plant had been built, local and recently organized companies were awarded government contracts. Either they hired no Negroes or limited them to service jobs only. And in spite of the manpower shortage, this pattern prevailed over much of the country. In fact, the situation became so desperate that many leaders appealed to the late President Roosevelt for relief. For a while he did little, so much so that A. Phillip Randolph, who heads the largest Negro labor organization in America, threatened to form a group, march on Washington and make a public protest.

In this war we were fighting to maintain the four freedoms. We could not afford to let our enemies see such inconsistencies. So President Roosevelt forestalled this embarrassment by proposing to appoint a fair employment practice commission to hear complaints against discrimination, make investigations and report their results to the public. Its jurisdiction applied to firms holding government contracts and the U. S. itself. The commission was acceptable. The march called off. A staff was organized and investigators dispatched to many areas to investigate complaints.

The commission served as an example for those employees not subject to its jurisdiction.

They came into Des Moines and with the assistance of such men as the late John S. Coleman, S. Joe Brown and Ike Smalls and others succeeded in opening plants to and upgrading Negroes.

Following the success of federal action, many cities and states set up fair employment practice commissions. Agitation began in Iowa for a commission. Three efforts have been made in the legislature without success. Not to be outdone, Des Moines groups began concerted agitation. The public appeared receptive. World War II had moved the public toward a more willingness to accord all citizens a fairer distribution of employment; teachers had been employed.

All these things helped Des Moines move closer to some type of FEP to the extent that the city council set up the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights in 1951. That commission soon won the support of business and its success, while limited because of the nature of its set up, accomplished much in its field.

This movement won the support of the public generally including some labor unions with the result that women are very well employed while the men find their way blocked by some narrow unions which manage to see that jobs for them are confined to the lower round of the ladder.

Poor employment conditions work havoc on any group: poor housing and unwillingness of youngsters to stay in school, high death rate, fewer of the finer things of life. But we are on the upgrade both in the enjoyment of civil rights and employment. It has come faster than expected. But the situation is not perfect. Much needs to be done yet. And those who have worked in this field over the years have concluded that their work has not been in vain.

During this period about which we spoke, the Bystander has been among those who have worked day in and out for better conditions for Negroes generally. And as a part of the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary, the Bystander takes pleasure in what has been accomplished.

Many firms and individuals have, through advertising and subscriptions, contributed to the continued operation of the Bystander. They realize that through publicity and intelligent discussion much can be accomplished, as evidenced by the wide variety of ads in this issue.

Thanks to all these friends. As heretofore the editorials and news columns of the Bystander will work for the continued elevation of Negroes on every front and thus raise the whole level of Des Moines and Iowa. J. B. M.

## Marshall Speaks

SEE FRONT PAGE

The nation's leading civil rights lawyer pointed out that one of the most impressive signs of desegregation may be seen in the field of education. Eleven years ago, as far as known, he said, no Negroes were attending southern white institutions of higher learning. Today the doors of previously all white graduate schools in every southern state except Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina are open to them.

It is estimated that around 2,000 Negroes are now attending southern white colleges, Marshall added. Negroes are now attending the graduate or professional schools of 23

## SPORTS

BY ALLEN ASHBY

This column is supposed to be about sports sixty years ago in keeping with the anniversary edition. But sports of that time weren't too well engaged in. We asked some of the old timers about what went on here then, but it seems that most of them were boys and not around here sixty years ago.

Let's see, that was 1894. Well, it seems there was a Negro baseball club in Northern Iowa that was mighty hard to beat. They were somebody's Brownies. And the gamblers cleaned up on them.

Apparently there weren't any great boxers of note around here then. Football wasn't played as much as it is now, but there were a few players. Probably one of the greatest was Bob Marshall of Minnesota. There was a runner named Edgar Johnson who could run anything from fifty yards to ten miles and wager any amount you wanted to name that he would win.

## Local Sports

Maybe we have missed it, but we have been waiting to see what the Hotentots will do this year. Haven't heard much about them and they might not be in the league. Guess they will get rolling pretty quick.

We went up to Good Park and watched the veterans swatting tennis balls. The kids don't seem to have the sound fundamental game that the old fellows have and when four vets get together for a doubles session they attract a lot of attention.

southern white state-supported institutions. Attending the graduate levels of 10 southern white state and municipal schools and are attending 42 southern white private schools.

Marshall also added that white private institutions of higher learning have admitted Negro students in 8 southern states. In one school there are now 251 Negro students and 5 Negro teachers. He pointed out too that several southern Negro colleges have admitted white students and there are now over 100 Negro professors and instructors teaching in predominantly white schools.

In elementary and secondary schools outside the south, successful desegregation has been effected in 39 separate communities in states such as Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Mexico, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Researchers, he said, suspect that there are many other instances of desegregation.

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Out of the Living  
Past—'The Negro'

by MARION E. HOCKENHULL  
Miz-Raim, in ancient times, this name was given to the people of Egypt, whether they were from the part of Africa known as Egypt or Ethiopia.

During the time of King Solomon's reign, Hebrew was the language spoken by the Ethiopians when they were known as the Israelites. The prophet Ahijah of Shiloh, who was commissioned to announce the division of the Kingdom, left to one tribe (Judah) the descendants of King Solomon.

Knowledge and wisdom have always been in the world long before men had paper and pencil to convey their thoughts to others. The papyrus paper was the chief writing paper used by the Ethiopians. It was the hated papyrus paper which was manufactured from a reed which grew in the marshes and along the water channels of the Nile.

The Greek word for the Ethiopian's paper was Byblos and papyrus, from which comes the name, Bible. If you review your column of April 22, the early forms of writing were discussed.

In one era the men of Kem were worshippers of the Sun God and some of them still are.

The dieties of ancient Egypt consist of celestial, terrestrial and infernal gods, and of many inferior personages, either representatives of the greater gods or else attendants upon them. Most of the gods were connected with upper hemisphere or Heaven and the lower hemisphere of Hades.

It was the custom of the Egyptians to have their principal god to look as much like themselves as possible and the blacker he was the more power he had because the sun is the one which hatches the eggs or causes the plants to grow.

To the left of the Horus ensign, seated back to back with Ra, upon a similar throne sits Amen-Ra—and of all the Egyptian gods, he is the most powerful one of them, with his blue-black complexion, his corselet of golden chain armour, and his head-dress of towering plumes.

The cobwebs are being blown from the eyes of men; ignorance and su-

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Eliezer of Damascus, the second son of Moses, the Egyptian and Zipporah, the beautiful black Ethiopian girl whom Moses married, was supposed to have been born in Abraham's house.

One reads about them all day Sunday and—jimmies and segregates them—all day Monday.

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May I append my congratulations on this auspicious occasion — and may the good people and the excellent newspaper continue to grow in its scope and its impact upon the minds and moral responsibilities of readers.

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yet, all this world is fraught with



Gallagher

Throughout these years, our prayer has been:

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that on some day we'll go to press, with mastheads Free from pain and stress.

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Upon this anniversary—thanks be to God, Our Land Is Free!

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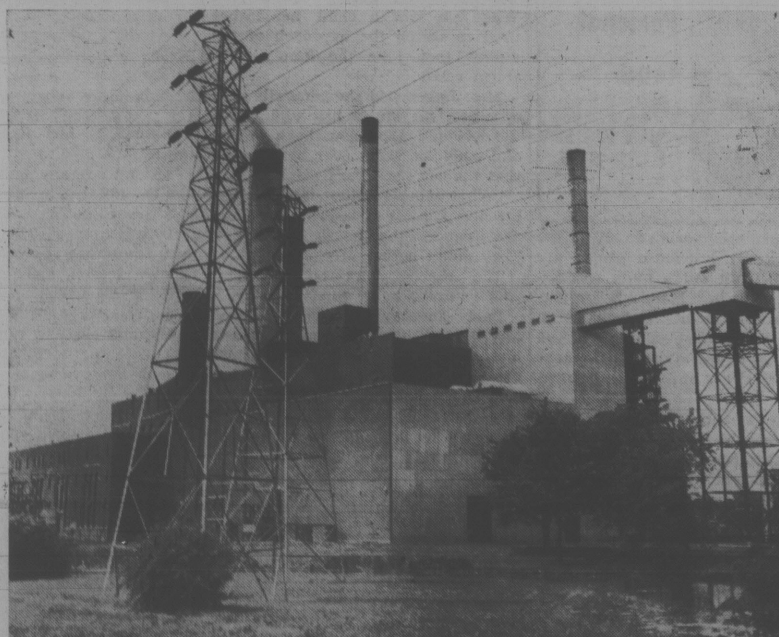
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