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RIGHTS COMMISSION BACKS NAACP

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Gov. Norman A. Erbe and Atty William M. Parker Chat at Reception



Gov. Norman A. Erbe (left) and Atty. William M. Parker of Waterloo, Ia., are shown in conversation above during a reception held in

their honor Sunday at the Governor's Mansion, 2900 Grand ave. About 150 persons attended. Atty. Parker is the newly appointed member of the

State board of parole.—Photo Courtesy of Des Moines Register. (See story p. 5)

Governor Extends Congratulations to Negro Press Week

I should like to extend my congratulations on the observance of the 134th Anniversary of the founding of the first Negro newspaper in the United States, and the 23rd annual celebration of National Negro Newspaper Week.

The outstanding service of the Iowa Bystander and the many other Negro newspaper throughout the United States is worthy of much recognition. —Norman A. Erbe, Governor.

a steady \$90-a-week job and a scholarship for his 16-year-old son.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—James A. Jordan, a Negro member of Pittsburgh's City Council said last week he had declined to eat in the University club's main dining room after a question was raised as to whether he should be served.

Hollywood, Calif.—Miss Mahalia Jackson was the guest of honor at a gala reception given here by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Townsend and Mrs. Dimitri Tiomkin at the ultra-swanky crystal room of the Beverly Hills hotel.

Brownsville, Tenn.—An all-Negro corporation has opened a supermarket here for Negroes who say they can't buy groceries and household goods in white stores because they are registered to vote.

Chicago, Ill.—The FBI began checking the backgrounds of two Negro attorneys here who have been mentioned as possible nominees for federal judgeships. They are James B. Parsons, Superior Court Judge and George Leighton.

San Juan, Puerto Rico—Smooth-singing Johnny Mathis struck a somewhat discordant note with officials of Puerto Rico's biggest night-club last week when he walked off in the middle of his \$15,000 a week act because a heckler in the packed audience made an insulting remark.

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Dr. Whitfield Given Staff Promotion at Provident Hospital

Dr. L. A. Whitfield has been promoted to the post of senior attending physician at Provident Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

A member of the Provident staff for several years, Dr. Whitfield is a specialist in internal medicine and has conducted a successful practice



DR. WHITFIELD

in Chicago. He is rated one of the leading physicians in his field.

Dr. Whitfield completed his medical training at the University of Illinois following two years' study at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Whitfield is the son of Mrs. Evans and the late Rev. J. Q. Evans, 1106 17th St., Des Moines.

He is active in civic and education circles in Chicago and a constant visitor in Des Moines as guest of his mother. Dr. Whitfield accompanied her home from Chicago last week and spent a few days resting from his many activities.

Louisiana Civil Rights Hearing Postponed

Washington, D. C.—The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights has postponed its March 22-23 hearings into alleged denials of the right to vote in Louisiana, it was announced today by Acting Director Berl I. Bernhard. In discussing the postponement, Mr. Bernhard said "The Commission has decided to postpone the hearings

County Attorney: Would Welcome Witnesses to Come Before Grand Jury

The Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, last Friday, added fuel to the fires of the current county grand jury investigation of irregularities in city government—especially the police department scandal.

Demands Probe

In a letter to Polk County Attorney Harry Perkins, Jr., NAACP branch president, J. B. Morris, Jr., demanded that the grand jury also probe into discrimination against Negroes by the city government.

Morris stated that the NAACP has evidence that the "civil service commission, its employees and the city personnel department," have engaged in such discrimination. (See letter published in its entirety below.)

Denial

Hard on the heels of the accusation a vociferous denial came from Karl B. Greenlee, commission chairman, who said, "We certainly have never discriminated against anybody. The commission is not about to put incompetent colored persons on just because they are colored and we want to avoid being accused of discriminating. (Nobody has ever asked this.)"

Getting Tired

(Greenlee continued, "the NAACP is a little off base. They have always felt that if you don't discriminate for them, you are discriminating against them."

"We are getting a little tired of these people—the colored people, the city council and everybody else—trying to use us for an alibi," he said.

City Manager

In mentioning the council, Greenlee said he referred to council members' charge last week that the civil service commission shares part of the blame for the present police troubles.

Both City Manager Elder Gunter and Greenlee said they would welcome a grand jury investigation of the city's hiring and promotion policies. As far as he knows, Gunter said, Negroes who have been certified by the civil service commission as eligible for appointment or promotion have been appointed or promoted.

due to the inability to have a quorum present in New Orleans on March 22 and 23."

Mr. Bernhard said the new date for the hearings will be determined later by the Commissioners.

The Des Moines Commission on Human Rights announced Tuesday that it "supports the request of the NAACP calling for an investigation of the Civil Service Commission by the Polk County Grand Jury."

"In an open letter 'to the citizens of Des Moines,' Joseph LaCava, commission chairman, said... we have observed many signs and heard numerous reports that much is left to be desired in fair employment and promotion in civil service."

Obvious Signs

Among these "obvious signs" he pointed to no Negro firemen in 40 years, 6 Negro police officers out of 250 men and women on the force and a Negro candidate who has taken the promotional civil service exam for sergeant three consecutive years, once with a written score of 91, still not certified for promotion.

Recommendation

"In addition, we have reports from the Negro community as to various sundry practices which easily lend

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Negro Employees

According to records of the Des Moines Commission on Human Rights there are 39 Negroes employed on the city payrolls. Of this list 24 are laborers, four women, six policemen.

The employees are Des Moines Human Rights commission, E. E. Shelton, Leola Hubbard; parks dept., Azalia Mitchell; police dept., Geneva Davis, James McGuire, Paul Thomas, Robert Webb, James Thompson, Frank Kaiser and Thomas Spencer; traffic engineer, Delores Heath; city garage, Donald Parker and Lloyd Adams;

Laborers

Garbage dept., Ernest Hackney, Edward J. Saunders, John Simmons, John Williams, Luther Donnelly and Eddie Scales; Street cleaning dept., Hubert Jones and John Clinton; street construction and maintenance, Alonzo Preston, John Webb, John Blaney, Newell Brown, Floyd Jackson, William Western, Murray Smith, Elmer Barker, Joe Brooks, John Craddock, Henry Holland, Lester Jefferson, Henry Simmons, William H. Thomas, F. D. Western, William Headspeath, Floyd Loggins, and Gerald Spencer.

Letter to County Attorney

Mr. Harry Perkins, Jr.
Polk County Attorney
Polk County Court House
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

We note with extreme interest the pending investigation being conducted by your office and the Polk County grand jury into certain irregularities which have occurred in the administration of the civil service laws by the Des Moines Civil Service Commission. This alleged state of affairs points up very clearly a situation about which we have complained for many years: namely, the intentional, continued and illegal denial to Negro citizens the benefits contained in the civil service laws. We believe that we have proof that the Des Moines Civil Service Commission, its employees and the Des Moines City Personnel Department have systematically attempted to exclude Negro applicants, secrete the results of their examination, impose a quota on Negro applicants

and even gone so far as to report improper and untrue medical evidence as grounds for denial of appointment.

The Des Moines Branch, NAACP, in the light of this information, demands that you present these matters to the grand jury for examination, investigation and proper disposition. We shall be happy to provide individuals who have been subjected to this treatment and who will be willing to testify under oath as to the details of same.

If you and the Polk County grand jury really mean to do anything about these alleged irregularities, and to secure a full disclosure of the facts we feel that you must hear these as well as other reported complaints. We shall expect to hear from you without delay in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,
James B. Morris, Jr.
President of Des Moines Branch NAACP

Ia. NAACP 'March on Capitol' Committee To Meet March 31

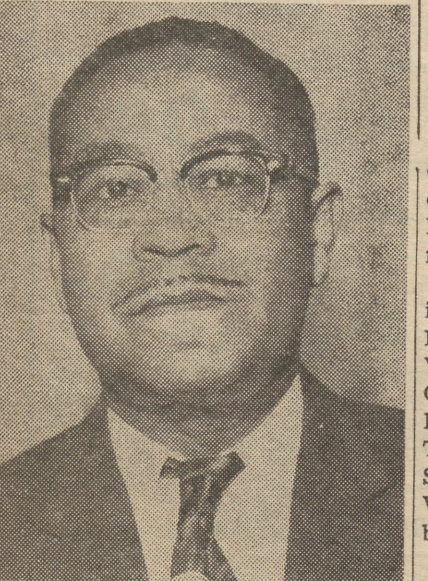
On Friday, Mar. 31 the committee appointed to complete plans for the march on the state capitol will meet at the YMCA, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. William H. Burnette, Jr., chairman will preside.

Committee members are Mrs. Guy E. Greene, A. P. Trotter, James A. Harris, Des Moines; Mrs. Eugene Weemes, Waterloo; D. Edwin White, Burlington; Mrs. Emma Turner, Cedar Rapids; Roy Winston, Ottumwa; Wilmer S. Johnson, Marshalltown; Ruth B. Toomes, Keokuk; Rev. E. L. Johnson, Davenport; Mrs. James A. Wallace, Clinton; Arthur Hayes, Sioux City and Malcolm Austin, Council Bluffs.

The committee, appointed by George J. Cooper, state president, will set up the demonstration for the march on the capitol to commemorate the 1954 Supreme Court.

NAMED CO-CHAIRMAN UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND DRIVE

On his recent trip to Des Moines, Lawrence R. Perkins, field representative of the United Negro College Fund appointed Joseph W. Wimberly president of the Roosevelt Club Inc.,



WIMBERLY

as Co-Chairman to serve with William J. Peverill in the 1961 campaign for funds.

SUI Fraternity Admits First Negro Member

Iowa City, Ia.—Andrew J. Hankins, freshman from Waukegan, Ill., became the first Negro pledged to a white social fraternity at the State University of Iowa last Thursday night. He was accepted unanimously by Delta Chi fraternity, according to its president, Richard Boe.

Hankins, a guard on the S.U.I. freshman basketball squad, is majoring in pre-medicine and has a B-plus grade average.

One member of the fraternity said: "Andy came to visit our house, we liked him, and we pledged him—just as we would any other rushee."

Delta Chi, whose national headquarters is in Iowa City, has no "discrimination" clause in its national constitution.

In announcing his plans for the campaign, Mr. Wimberly stated he plans to broaden the scope of activity to include all of Iowa. He is of the opinion that not only is there a need for funds for Negro Colleges in this campaign, but there is also a moral obligation involved. Certainly the students in many of these colleges have demonstrated their worthiness of support by their willingness to sacrifice so much for their right to be recognized as first class citizens.

Mr. Wimberly observed that many of us in Iowa would probably have neither the courage nor the inclination to make such sacrifices, but we can sacrifice our dollars for the cause of freedom, for scholarships, laboratory equipment, and other needs of these colleges.

Consenting to spearhead the drive in their respective communities are: De Edwin White, Burlington; Mrs. Viola Gibson, Cedar Rapids; George Cooper, Council Bluffs; Mrs. Helen Lemme, Iowa City; Mrs. Ruth B. Toomes, Keokuk; Lewis A. Garland, Sioux City; Mrs. Anna M. Weemes, Waterloo; and Mrs. Helen D. Wimberly, Iowa Club Womens Assn.

An advisory Committee has been named to assist Mr. Wimberly; Judge Luther T. Glanton, Jr. Atty. J. B. Morris, Sr. Reverend Norman R. Olphin, Robert A. Jackson, and A. P. Trotter.

NEWS In A Nutshell

Atlanta, Ga.—Atlanta Police department superintendent J. L. Tuggle announced that 10 to 15 additional Negro policemen will be hired in the near future after completion of the five-week training course.

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Delinquent Dog?



"Major Mack The Knife"

The highest scoring dog of the "Heart of America All Breed Show" at the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo., attended by about 17,000

people, was "Major Mack The Knife", owned by Dr. Joseph Herman, of Des Moines. The dog scored 198½ points out of 200, on Feb. 26. He was awarded 2 other trophies for—one,

Highest scoring German Shepherd—two, first in his class novice B.

One week later, Major also became the proud father of a litter of puppies.

Rights Commission Pledges Top Priority to Housing--Last Discrimination Barrier

"Housing will be given top priority in 1961" the Des Moines Commission on Human Rights pledged in its annual report here last Thursday.

"We stand ready to cooperate with any group that has taken official action committees to the purpose of putting an end to housing discrimination.

Last Barrier

"Outside the Southland, housing discrimination has been called the last barrier to the full enjoyment of equal rights. The commission has documentary evidence that housing discrimination is widespread in Des Moines. Negroes have been almost totally excluded from the purchase or rental of the 15,379 homes built by private enterprise since World War II. No builder will sell a Negro a house in any development now in progress.

86 Per Cent

"Eighty-six per cent of all Negro households in Des Moines are located in the most rundown sections of our city," the report continued.

"... the root of housing discrimination is public willingness. We are no closer today than we were in 1956 to a willingness on the part of the housing public to grant Negroes the same

rights and privileges which white people take for granted for themselves."

Subpoenas

Of equal importance the report pointed out it the need for subpoenas powers for witnesses and records when investigating alleged charges of discrimination especially in the area of employment.

The Commission had only two employment discrimination cases, among those closed, in which discrimination was found. One involved a hospital and another a roller skating rink.

Rev. William Bell has returned after a two weeks absence. He took as his morning text, "Christ at the LAST Passover."

In public accommodation the commission said he tried to resolve these cases strictly through conciliation and persuasion. We consider our efforts in this area a means introducing the public to Iowa's Civil Rights Code."

In other areas the commission noted its participation in the program of the Des Moines committee for Integrated Housing; co-sponsored with the Des Moines NAACP in "A Youth Incentive Program"; and were hosts to 45 foreign visitors sponsored by the state department.

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ONE Magazine In Next Issue

You will find: SPECIAL REPORT: EDUCATION IN RUSSIA—analysis of Russia's educational system by Dr. T. Winston Cole, President of Wiley College, Marshall, Tex. Dr. Cole recently returned from Russia he saw first hand how various educational systems operate, assesses their long range goals.

ONE readers will learn the answer to the question: "Is the Negro a Vanishing American," in an article noting changes in Negro physical appearances during the last 150 years.

Travel expert Fred Avendorph tells how to get the most out of traveling, lists do's and don'ts for the vacationer which may make any trip a memorable experience.

Other interesting departments include the MUSIC WHIRL; Edith Redd's BEAUTY HINTS; and the QUESTION BOX.

Allyn Lemme, Widely Known Ia. Citian, Dies

Iowa City, Ia.—Funeral services for Allyn Lemme, 58 of 603 South Capitol St., who died in his sleep at his home Friday night, at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Oathout funeral chapel with the Rev. George Graham officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens.

Mr. Lemme was born in Chicago, Ill. Feb. 5, 1903, the son of John and Daisy Hanna Miller Lemme. He moved to Iowa City in 1915 and had been employed since at Short's Shoe Repair. He married Frances Helen Renfrow in 1926 in Iowa City.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Paul of Iowa City and Lawrence, of Stead Air Force Base, Nevada; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Large Funeral

The funeral was largely attended both by students of the State University of Iowa and citizens of Iowa City. In addition many friends came from Chicago, Ill., Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines.

Members of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, of which Mrs. Lemme is a member, attending from Des Moines were Mmes. Marsh Houston, Luther T. Glanton, Jr., Leonard Peavy, Lev. is James, Clifford Bayles and Fred Johnson.

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Louisiana Anti-Integration Laws Voided by High Court

Washington, D. C.—Monday the United States supreme court affirmed a Nov. 30, 1960 ruling by a special three-judge federal court in New Orleans that knocked out an assortment of anti-integration laws. It also affirmed a decision of the Aug. 27, 1960 by the same special court that ordered control of New Orleans schools taken out of the hands of Louisiana Gov. Jimmie Davis and put back with the Orleans Parish (county) school board.

First Grade

The August order stipulated that the first grade be integrated last fall and also knocked out Louisiana laws designed to block integration.

Sit-ins

In another integration case the Supreme Court Monday agreed to rule on appeals by 17 Negro students who were arrested in "sit-in" demonstrations at white lunch counters in Baton Rouge, La. Their appeals are the first to be heard by the supreme court as the result of prosecutions of sit-in demonstrators in the south. The date for hearing will be set later.

The students contended that a state has no power to compel segregation of races and, therefore, Louisiana could not impose criminal penalties for their expression of dissatisfaction at "being relegated to second-class status in public establishments."

HEALTH FOR ALL

Just Don't Feel Right?

Nothing hurts you. You have no fever. In fact, you have no symptoms you can really talk about. But you just don't feel right. Doctors call this feeling "malaise."

Sometimes the weather can bring it on. Researchers have discovered that many people don't feel quite well when the barometric pressure is dropping. But they get over it when the barometer rises once more.

Serious Symptom

Malaise can be a symptom of serious trouble, though. It is often the first warning sign of many illnesses, from the common cold to hepatitis. It is particularly marked in that ailment of young adults, infectious mononucleosis, when malaise persists for weeks.

If malaise hangs around for more than a day or two, it is time to go to your doctor. Don't feel embarrassed that you can't be more definite about what ails you. Just tell

him that you have a general feeling of malaise and how long you've had it.

Underlying Cause

Sometimes the doctor can't spot the underlying cause right away. Then he will tell you to wait for a day or two for more definite symptoms to appear. But other times the doctor will find the cause of malaise before your illness has progressed any further. Then he can treat your ailment before it gets much worse.

Remember, it isn't normal to feel not quite well. Give your doctor a chance to do something about it.

This column is sponsored in the interest of better health by Polk County Tuberculosis & Health Assn.

Backs Stand

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themselves to discrimination," he said.

La Cava specifically recommended that specific weight be given to written and oral parts of the civil service exam; exams be supervised by professional experts and the elimination of photographs as requirements when applying for employment.

Witnesses

Earlier Tuesday, Atty. James B. Morris, Jr., NAACP President said he had a letter from County Attorney Harry Perkins, Jr., stating he (Perkins) would welcome any witnesses testifying to job discrimination before the grand jury.

"We have about a dozen persons who have said they would be willing to testify," Morris said. "They will give firsthand information not heresy." We have also received many phone calls from persons, most of them congratulatory. Most of them have emphasized that this (demand for a probe) is the type of thing that should have happened a long time ago.

President Kennedy 'By-Passes' Benjamin Mays As Israel Ambassador

Washington—Predictions that Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., would be named ambassador to Israel were proved wrong last week when President Kennedy announced his choice for the post.

The President nominated Walworth Barbour, a veteran foreign service officer.

New Orleans Hospital Wants To Study 8-Ft. Girl's Growth

New Orleans—Unofficial spokesmen at Charity Hospital here indicated last week that it is hoped that a 14 year old girl, now 8 feet 2 inches tall and still growing, will remain at the hospital after a knee injury heals so she can be studied by experts to determine the cause of her unusual size.

278 Pounds

Dolores Pullard, who says "I hope I don't grow anymore," weighs a solid 278 pounds and has been described as a medical phenomenon.

She has been growing at the rate of nine inches a year since she was 11. And there's no reason to believe she won't keep growing, doctors at Charity report.

No Taller Female

One doctor who examined her said he can't recall in medical history of ever reading about a taller female.

Dolores, who is recuperating on a

specially-constructed hospital bed, said no one in her little hometown of DeQuincy, La., seemed to give her a second thought.

"No one at school kids me about it," she said. But when she arrived at the hospital for treatment of a minor knee injury suffered in a basketball game, she said the doctors made a fuss over her.

Parents

Her father, presently unemployed, is only 5 feet 9 and her mother is 5 feet 11. Dolores has a 12-year-old brother and sisters aged five months, two years and eight years—all about average height.

Dolores said she has to get her size shoes by mail from New York. "But they are getting too small lately," she said.

While she likes being able to score girl cage team, Dolores thinks she has grown enough.

40 to 50 points a game her school's

To Present Henderson Family in Recital

A recital will be given on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Baptist church sponsored by the Henderson family, who range in ages from 4 to 18 years.

Anyone wishing to sponsor the group are asked to write to: Jo Ann Henderson, 2532 S.E. Maury, Des Moines.

Malnutrition

Another thing that folks knew that wasn't so, was that bow legs were caused because the child walked too soon. All thoughtful parents now know that malnutrition causes rickets and bow legs.

The evidence from clinicians, sociologists and psychologists bringing out the importance of family life, of

the reality of parent-child relationships, is one encouraging fact in modern life. One by one the things that people knew that weren't so are giving way to knowledge and real enlightenment.

Gospel Viduals to Present Musical

The Gospel Viduals singers will render a musical program on Sunday Mar. 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the Morning Star Missionary Baptist church at 812 Crocker street.

East Side Mission To Hold Services

The East Side Union Mission society will hold its services Sunday, Mar. 26 at 2:30 p.m. at the First C.M.E. Church in Chesterfield, Ia. The Rev. H. R. Fields of Mt. Olive Baptist will preach, and his choir will sing.

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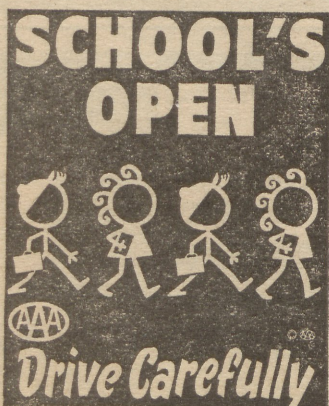
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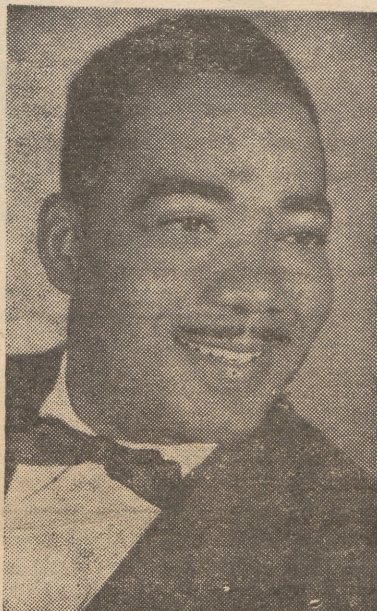
Sam Jordan

Real Facts

The imputing of adult standards to children can go far afield from the real facts of the case. Once upon a time a little girl named Margery in our preschools at The State University of Iowa went home and said to her father, "Do you know there's a little boy at preschool who hasn't learned how to take turns?" Some of us had known Margery since she was six months old and one psychologist said, "Isn't it interesting that Margery speaks of that in terms of learning and not in terms of 'good' and 'bad'?" Her parents knew that a little child is not "good" or "bad" per se, but has to learn acceptable ways of behaving.

Holy Week Services
At Paramount Theater

Holy week services will be conducted downtown at the Paramount Theatre on March 27-31. The 45-minute services begin at 11:30 a. m. each day, sponsored by the Des Moines Area Council of Churches.

Holds Quarterly
Conference

REV. ELLISTON

The presiding elder of the St. Paul District, AME church, Rev. C. W. Elliston, held quarterly conference at Payne Memorial church, Waterloo, March 18.

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WATERLOO

BY BETTY HACKETT
120 Chestnut St. AD 4-0162
Waterloans are again saddened at the loss of another leader in our community, Mr. Scott Julian Mardis.

The Waterloo Women's Civic Club lived up to their reputation for novel, well planned and executed entertainment by their sponsorship of the Scholarship Tea, Sunday.

The success of the tea was evidenced by the audience and the long list of patrons appearing on the program, which was launched with the singing of the club theme song. Mrs. Palmer Byrd, president of the Civic Club, presented the club purpose to the group. Musical numbers were rendered by Meses. Elizabeth Backstrom, Marion Davis, Phyllis Henderson, Annie Ross, and Miss Margaret Backstrom.

Guest speaker for the occasion well known for his travels through was Dr. John Walker, local surgeon, the Holy Land where he administered medical service to thousands. Dr. Walker kept his audience spellbound as he showed slides and talked of his travels.

As a conclusion to the program, the past presidents of the Civic Club were introduced, as follows: Meses. Willie Allen, Berthaleen Griggs Thomas Norman, Watson Henderson, and William Parker. The club's second president, Mrs. Mildred Pulley, is deceased.

Mrs. Byrd stated to your columnist that the centerpiece on the refreshment table was to be presented to Mrs. Thomas Norman, past president now hospitalized. This centerpiece was an attractive bouquet of yellow glads, carnations, and mums. Yellow candles flanked the centerpiece. Pouring at the refreshment table were Meses. R. S. Ruckett and I. V. Tolbert.

The entire membership of Ferguson Lodge No. 5 and Arria Court No. 5 will motor to Mason City, Iowa, Sunday to attend the annual Anniversary Service of the Knights of Pythius. Mr. and Mack Butler, Grand Chancellor of Iowa, will deliver the Pythian address.

Host lodges will be the Perserverance Lodge No. 14 and B. F. Parker Court No. 7.

The N.A.A.C.P. will have its regular meeting March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grant School gymnasium. Mrs. Annie Mae Weems, president, states that this meeting has two important points on its agenda: The discussion of plans for "Freedom Sunday" in April and discussion of the future Regional N.A.A.C.P. meeting to be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

MT CARMEL BAPTIST
CHURCH NEWS

Rev. R. S. Ruckett, pastor delivered the message at the morning service, Sunday, choosing as his subject, "Book of 7 Seals"

Rev. Ruckett and his membership were the guest of the Rev. L. J. Jordan and his members of the Union Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m., the Senior Choir will sponsor a fellowship dinner.

Sunday, March 26 at 3:30 p.m., the Mother's Board will sponsor a program featuring the Rev. Clar-

ence L. Townsill as guest speaker. The Young Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a format tea at the Y.W.C.A. April 9th. Tickets are available now. Deacon J. W. Ammons, 830 Linden Ave., is a patient at Scholtz Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Robert F. Harvey, 904 Beech Street, and the Rev. Thelmore Johnson, 223 Summer Street, appeared on KWWL Television station and presented talks on the subject: "What My Church Means To Me", as part of the lenten observance conducted annually by the station.

PAYNE MEMORIAL A.M.E.
CHURCH NEWS

The Third Quarterly Conference convened at Payne memorial A.M.E. Church, Sat., March 18th with the Rev. C. W. Ellison, presiding elder of the St. Paul District, presiding. The Rev. Ellison commended the pastor, officers, and members for the progress shown during the third quarter. Recognition was given to the new projects; the Community Youth Fellowship and the revival of the A.C.E. League.

The Rev. C. W. Ellison delivered the message, "Building With God" at the morning service, Sunday. The Rev. I. V. Tolbert, pastor of Payne, has been delivering a series of sermons on the topic "Personal Contact With Christ", in commemoration of the lenten season. In these sermons a review of several bible personalities was presented.

The Payne Cherubs, the newly organized 50 member choir of the youngsters from the ages of 3-10 years will present a special program commemorating Palm Sunday, Mar. 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. William Pugh, 540 Sumner St., has returned to Scholtz Memorial Hospital as a patient.

The Les Dames Finesse Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. George Carnie, 218 Gable. Luncheon was served by the hostess at the close of the Business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Chicago, Ill., spent one week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Ford, 414 Newell St., Mrs. Campbell is the former Lady Ford.

Scott Julian Mardis
of Waterloo Buried

Funeral services were held Saturday at Payne Memorial A.M.E. church for Scott Julian Mardis 64 of Waterloo who died at his home of cancer last Wednesday.

He was born in Bay Village, Ark., in 1897, the son of Isaac and Violet Mardis. He came to Waterloo in 1920 and was employed by the John Deere Tractor Works until his retirement. He married Miss Dorothy Pearson Jan. 13, 1955.

He was a member of the Payne Memorial A.M.E. church and served on the Steward Board for more than 30 years. He was also director of the senior choir and of the Choral Choir.

Mr. Mardis was a member of the Planning Committee of the Urban Renewal and on the Board of the United Appeal.

He was assistant to the Grand Exalted Ruler Hobson Reynolds of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World; Grand Traveling Deputy of the Middle Western States Association of the I.B.O.E. of W.

Mr. Mardis was Judge Advocate on the Iowa-Minnesota Brigade Staff with the rank of Colonel and a member of the Iowa Hawks Military Police Department No. 2, Company "B" of the Antlered Guards Department.

He has held the office of Exalted

Waterloo Carrier Contest

A contest among Bystander news carriers in Waterloo, Ia., will begin Friday, Mar. 16 and end May 18, 1961.

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CEDAR RAPIDS

By Mrs. Julian Carlton
824 8TH STREET S.E.
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The devotional services were conducted at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church by the Mother and Deacons. The morning message was delivered by Bro. L. S. Miller using as a theme "Abundant Living". Music was inspirational.

The 7:00 p. m. Union Services were held at Bethel A.M.E. Church. Scripture was read by Bro. L. S. Miller, prayer offered by Rev. I. D. Harrison; music was furnished by the combined Choirs, under the direction of Mrs. R. Atkinson and W. Collins; the message was delivered by the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Percy Burt, using as his theme "A Look." The next union service will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The Silver Gospel Singers presented a musical program at the Second Baptist Church at Ft. Madison, Ia. The Rev. C. Jones, host pastor. Fred Martin is president of singers.

W. L. Warren Honored
With Program at
Mt. Zion Baptist

W. L. Warren was honored for his lifetime church and community service with a "This is your Life" program at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church March 12, Mrs. Rosa Reynolds, narrator. Group No. 3 sponsors of the program were Mrs. Birdie Carlton, Leader of the group presented him a love offering. A corsage was presented Mrs. L. W. Warren by Mrs. Albert Carr.

Participating on program, which depicted Warren's were Louis Bragg, Mrs. Leo Griggs, Rev. John I. Thomas, L. T. Baker, John Hamilton, president of the Merchant Bank. Mrs. Warren has been employed in his family since 1909, and is a charter member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, organized 1914, and is retiring, treasurer of bldg. fund. Letters were read from Silver Leaf Chapter No. 50 O. E. S., Mrs. Ann Killians. Out of city guests were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Blanche and Gary of Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Warren's daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson is a nurse at St. Lukes Hospital in the city; he has a son, Richard, in Los Angeles, California.



WARREN

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Chicago, Ill., spent one week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Ford, 414 Newell St., Mrs. Campbell is the former Lady Ford.

Mrs. Mari Jones

Celebrates birthday

Keokuk, Iowa—Members of the Socialites Club met at the home of Mrs. Oterla Carter Monday afternoon, March 20th with Willolai Sharkey as hostess.

Members celebrated Mrs. Jones' birthday; she received many lovely gifts.

Games were played with prizes won by Mrs. Opal Bunton, Mrs. Gladis Conn, Mrs. Dorothy Walker, Mrs. Oterla Carter and Mrs. Mari Jones.

During the social hour, the hostess served delectable refreshments from a beautifully decorated table. That evening, members enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Hotel Iowa. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Walker, Monday afternoon, April 3rd.

Ruler of Cedar Valley Lodge No. 426 for 25 years and the office of District Deputy of the State of Iowa for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife and four sisters, Mrs. James Reasby of Donora, Pa., Mrs. Ada Mills of 744 Mobile St., Mrs. Samuel Montjoy of 415 Shilliam Ave., and Miss Gussie Mardis at home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

The Rev. I. V. Tolbert officiated at the services. Burial was in Fairview cemetery. The Johnson Funeral Home was in Charge of the arrangements.

MASON CITY

BY MRS. M. TURNER
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Phone GA. 4-3639

St. John Baptist church observed the first anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. Lester Jefferson at 3 p.m. Sunday. Devotions were led by Deacon O. McGruder of St. John's and Rev. L. Alexander of Maple Street Baptist church, Des Moines.

Master of ceremonies was the Rev. James A. Harris of Mt. Hebron Baptist in West Des Moines. Others participating were Rev. O. Blanks of Union Memorial Methodist church; Rev. Ray, Lewis Kipper and Mrs. M. Foster of Maple Street. Rev. George Parrish of Maple Street Baptist preached on "Looking Forward with Christ." He was accompanied by his choir.



REV. JEFFERSON

Mrs. Lewis Kipper sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art," dedicating it to the pastor and wife. Mrs. William Barnett presented a purse and Calvin Dun can made a money presentation from the church to the honorees, O. H. Burrell spoke briefly.

Preceding the program, a dinner was served in the church. Rev. Harris also preached at the morning services on "Christian Great Need." Mrs. Willie C. Turner was program chairman. Mrs. J. Harris sang a solo, "When You Give the Best of Your Service." Guests from Des Moines were Mr. and Mrs. Terry James and family (daughter and son-in-law of the Jeffersons). Mrs. Jefferson received a lovely corsage and Rev. Jefferson a boutonniere.

FORT DODGE

BY MRS. THERESA SIMMONS
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Phone 4-7083

The Second Baptist church held installation of officers last Sunday. Rev. Carl Sanders pastor. Seeds of kindness met with Mrs. I. L. Trotter last Monday. A nice lunch was served. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Frances Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Wells and Mrs. Louise Robinson went to Omaha for the week-end visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Alix Johnson is improving nicely. Mrs. Fannie Hotter is able to be up and around again. Mrs. Shirley Lockman is home from the hospital and doing fine. Mr. Edward Wilson is improving fast. Mr. David Norman has been very ill with pneumonia in Lutheran Hospital but is home again convalescing.

Robbed

Denver, Colo.—A prominent east Denver widow was bound, gagged and robbed in her home last week by a well-dressed, smooth-talking

CENTERVILLE

BY MRS. OKIE ESTES
1720 South 15th street
Phone 1446 Green

Hats off to the Negro Newspapers this week observing their 134 anniversary. The Builders club met at the home of Miss Rose Mary Jones, Monday evening. Presiding at the meeting was President Joe Lewis and Secretary Mrs. Elizabeth Carter. Dainty refreshments was served by the Hostess.

Mrs. Alyce Hicks had as Sunday dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ridding.

The Mission will meet Tuesday afternoon, March 21 at the parsonage. President, Mrs. Eloise Graves; Secretary, Miss Matty Price.

Mrs. Henry Ellison was called to the home of her brother, who passed away last week, at Canton, Mo.

Manly, Iowa

BY MRS. FLOSSIE DOUGLAS
1412 Center Street
Phone 69-65991 Plymouth

On last Sunday, New Bethel Baptist Sunday school was held with Willie Haddix, supt., in charge. Rev. A. W. Patton preached on "The Decision of a Rich Man." Music was by the choir.

At 3 p. m. Rev. Patton and his congregation went to Mason City where they took a part in the union services at St. John Baptist church. In the absence of Rev. Patton Sunday, Rev. P. J. Griggs conducted the 11 a. m. service. His subject was "Have More Faith."

The Missionary society met Monday at the home of Mrs. Irene Traylor. Mrs. Coma Page in charge of devotions and Mrs. Traylor conducted the topic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tate left Saturday for St. Paul, Minn., after receiving word of a new granddaughter born Saturday to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harman Tate.

KEOKUK

BY MRS. LILLIAN CLARK
1215 Fulton Street
Phone 524-2960

The 3K Club are sponsoring a Talent and Style show at the 12th Street Hall on March 25 at 7:30. The public is invited.

Mrs. Raymond (Dolores) Bradley was surprised Sunday afternoon with a birthday party given by her husband in honor of the occasion.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Ora Tinder, Mr. and Mrs. King Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Payl Galbreath, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bunton, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Carter. Also attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. George Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Galbreath, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Snively, Mr. Otis Morris, Miss Aleena Robinson, Mr. Lawrence Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dade and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Clark at whose home the affair was held.

Mrs. Bradley received many lovely gifts. Mrs. Lena Taylor was released from the hospital.

man who pretended to be a friend of her late husband. Mrs. Mary B. Winder, 59, widow of G. Norman Winder, late widely known stockman, told police the man took a \$5,000, 3½ carat diamond ring from her finger, \$30 from her purse and her car.

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Prayer Service Wednesday 8:00 P.M.

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Church School 9:30 A.M.
Church Service 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 P.M.
Youth Fellowships 5:30 P.M.

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Weekly evening service Tuesday and Friday 8:00 P.M.

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Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Prayer Service Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Church 11:30 a.m.
A.C.E. League 5:30 p.m.
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Wed. Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE
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Adult and Children Bible Class (Sunday) 6:00 P.M.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. George Ward of Shiloh brought the message on "Have You Received Since You Believe?" at the 11 a.m. services. Two Men's choruses assisted. Rev. Pastor Heath was in charge.

That evening union fellowship was held at the Morning Star Baptist church. On Friday, Mar. 24 at 8 p.m. Bishop D. R. Cranshaw and congregation of the Community Sanctified Church of God in Christ will render services for the Mission society. Others participating are Henderson family, and vocal solos by Mrs. Odella Daniels. Mrs. Rosetta Frazier is sponsor and Mrs. Westella Tywater is president.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The deacons led devotions at the 11 a.m. Rev. H. R. Fields spoke on "Guaranteed Security." Assisting were Bro. Clark and the Senior choir.

Mr. and Mrs. David Williams are parents of a baby daughter, Patricia. The Shuttins of the church are Mr. T. Van Dever, chairman of the trustee board, at home. His wife Mrs. Beatrice Van Dever is a patient at Mercy hospital.

Ministerial Alliance Plan Easter Week Services in City

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will sponsor annual Pre-Easter week and Good Friday services in three sections of Des Moines. Evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m., Mar. 27-29.

Services will be held on the west side on Monday, at Kyles A.M.E. Zion with Rev. Joseph Gaines of St. John Baptist as speaker; Tuesday, at Burns Methodist with the Rev. Seymour Gaines of Union Baptist as speaker; Wednesday, Corinthian Baptist with Rev. H. R. Fields of Mt. Olive Baptist as speaker.

East Side

East side services will be held on Monday at Union Baptist with Rev. R. L. Ryles of Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventist with music by Bethel choir; on Tuesday, Bethel A.M.E. with Rev. N. R. Olphin of Corinthian Baptist; Wednesday, Maple Street Baptist with Rev. W. Scott.

Southeast

South east services will be held on Monday, Shiloh Baptist with Rev. James Harris of Mt. Hebron Baptist in West Des Moines; Tuesday, Mt. Olive Baptist with Rev. George Parish of Maple Street Baptist; and Wednesday, Community Sanctified Church of God in Christ with Rev. Wayland Heath of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist.

Good Friday

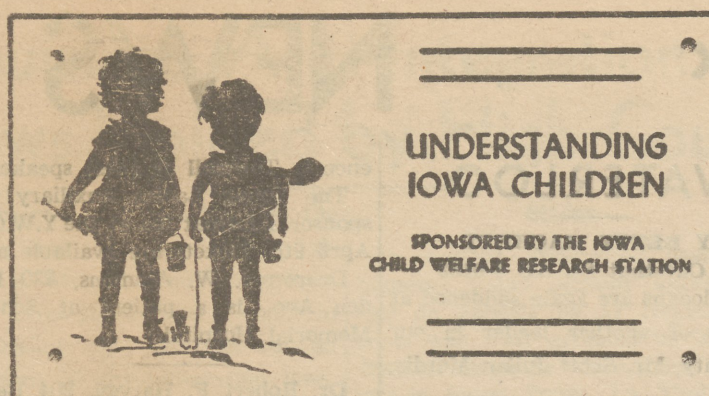
Good Friday services will be held from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at St. Paul A.M.E. church. Speakers will be Rev. T. Cooper, first word; Rev. E. A. Gaithers, second word; Rev. O. M. Peavy, third word; Bishop D. H. Cranshaw, fourth word; Rev. David A. Blake, sr., fifth word; Rev. J. K. Brown, sixth word; and Rev. W. J. Canafax, seventh word.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Last Sunday, Rev. Gaither, guest minister, spoke on "Deliver Us From Evil." Visiting in Sunday school were Sandra Merritt and Barbara Miller.

The sick and shut in are Mrs. Leota Hunter at home; Donna McKay at Lutheran and Jeanette McQuerry and Methodist and Chester Williams at Younkers building memorial (week

munions will be served. The canvas pledge system is continuing. For detailed information call James F. Dixon, or Arthur L. Propp. Palm Sunday music will be rendered by the Richard Allen chorus.



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CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

At the 11 a.m. services Sunday the Rev. N. R. Olphin will speak on "The Steadfastness of Our Lord." A baptismal service will be conducted.

A class of instruction will be conducted at the B.T.U. by the pastor. Miss Marlene Blakely will have charge of the program at the 7 p.m. services. The program will feature young people from other churches as well as from Corinthian.

On Friday, Mar. 24 the Senior choir, Mrs. Virginia Slaughter, president, will present a Baby Fashion show contest.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH (ORALABOR, IA.)

Last Sunday morning Pastor Donald Johnson preached on "The Signs of Time." In charge of devotions were Deacon George Lockett and Deacon L. C. Heard. Music was by the Young People choir. Mrs. Sylverta Wimbish played the piano. Candidates for baptism were Victoria and Charles Anderson.

Bible study for this week was conducted by Pastor Johnson.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST NEWS

Bishop M. W. Goodman spoke on "I've Opened My Mouth unto the Lord, and I Can't Take It Back." Mother Fountain and her committee presented the program at 3 p.m. Rev. Arthur Bush was guest speaker.

Sunday, Mar. 26, at the morning services Bishop Goodman will speak on "A greater than Solomon Is Here."

Reasons
There are various reasons that a child may seek to avoid school. He may be afraid of failing and displeasing his parents, or he may find school boring and meaningless. If he is unaware of the real reason, or is afraid or ashamed to give the real reason, he may seize upon any excuse to avoid going.

Whatever the reasons may be, we can be sure that something needs discussion and constructive remedy, either within the school, within the child, or within us as parents. We might need at times to make a child go to school, but sometimes it is more important to consider the real reasons why he wants to avoid going.

Rev. O. M. Peavy to Preach at Union

Rev. O. M. Peavy of Kyles A.M.E. Zion church will be guest speaker

for Deaconess board on Sunday, Mar. 26 at 3 p.m., at Union Baptist church. His choir will accompany him.

Corinthian Missionary

The Missionary society of Corinthian Baptist church will meet Friday, Mar. 24 at 2 p.m. Board meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. The devotional subject, "The Traitor's Kiss," will be led by Mrs. Sadie Jackson. The lesson topic, "Christ Left Nothing Unfinished," will be discussed by Mrs. Katherine Shelton.

Maple Street Baptist Club Breakfast

The Improvement club of Maple Street Baptist church will be serving breakfast on Easter morning, Apr. 2 from 7 to 9 a.m. Donations are 75 cents.



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Pat Connell, 34-year-old veteran radio announcer, was assigned as a staff announcer on the CBS network and became the first Negro to be hired by the major network. Connell, who started with CBS as a summer replacement last April, handles both radio

and television announcements, station breaks and other announcing duties. Occasionally he does news broadcasts and has a local weekend disk jockey show.

Mrs. Connell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow, 1621 Carpenter.

Young Ladies Spend Weekend in Omaha

Misses Ada Triplett, Belle Watson, Marlene Woods and Linda Woods spent the weekend in Omaha, Nebr., and were houseguests of Miss Joy Johnson. While there they attended the dance given by the Scrollers at the Dreamland, and an after party which followed. On Sunday morning they were feted with breakfast at the Omaha municipal airport.

D.M. Links, Inc., Meet With Mrs. Estes, Sr.

The Des Moines chapter of Links, Inc., met Thursday evening, Mar. 16 at the home of Mrs. John Estes, Sr., of 3541 27th street. The president, Mrs. Luther T. Glanton, Jr., presided. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Morris, Sr., 955 17th street.

Mary Church Terrell Club Holds Meeting

Mary Church Terrell club No. 2 met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Carrol DeVan of 720 Boyd st.

Thelma Claybrook Entertains T.O.B.s

Mrs. Thelma Claybrook, 923 17th street entertained the T.O.B. club Friday, Mar. 3. The evening was spent playing games; on Mar. 17 Mrs. Bessie Campbell, 908 Laurel street entertained the club. Original poems were read and discussed, and games played.



Personally Yours by Frances Hawthorne.

It was Monday, Mar. 20—officially the first day of spring, but outside it looked and felt more like the first onslaught of winter. In fact the latter portion of last week, the weather seemed back and forth with the sun shining on the most important days.

Last Friday afternoon the weather could not have been more beautiful. After enjoying lunch with Mrs. Leola Hubbard at the YMCA luncheon buffet, yours truly continued on to a meeting of the Booklovers club. Mrs. Gertrude North, a longtime member had been during us to attend for some months.

Earlier that same morning we had a minor but embarrassing incident to happen to me. The phone rang and automatically we picked it up. As the receiver got to the level of my chin, somehow it slipped from my fingers and fell with a loud thump on the end table. Luckily it was Mrs. Hubbard. I say luckily, because I knew her well and felt she would think nothing of it. She reassured us the noise was almost negligible on her end.

Mrs. Jackie Taylor, formerly a secretary with the YMCA, is working parttime at the Des Moines Commis-

sion on Human Rights and will be for at least several weeks.

At the reception Sunday afternoon held for Governor Norman A. Erbe and Atty. William M. Parker of Waterloo, we had a chance to meet the charming wife of the new state parole board member. Mrs. Parker, well groomed, was attired in gold soft wool sheath and gold hat.

Mrs. McClint Clinton of 7235 S. E. 26th street spoke glowing of her new grandson in St. Louis, Mo., and showed us a little silver charm bracelet with Donnie, Feb. 11, 1961 engraved on the silverpiece.

Mrs. Glanton was unable to accompany her husband, Municipal Judge Luther Glanton to the reception because their son was ill with the chicken pox.

On Wednesday evening, Mar. 15 we had a phone call from Mrs. Edythe Spates of 1244 13th street who was spending her last night of a 10-day recuperation from surgery at Iowa Methodist hospital. She informed us she was going home the next day and that she had already received four calls from her daughter, Peggy, who was anxious to see her come home.

Demonstrate Table Settings, Centerpieces At Garden Club Meet

The Garden Club met Wednesday, Mar. 15 at Willkie House with Mrs. Rosa E. Wilson presenting the program. Lovely table settings from Plumb's jewelry and centerpieces demonstrated by Boesen Florists were highlights of the meeting.

Centerpieces

With a color scheme of pink the table settings for four included Dresden china in a Rambler rose pattern, silver, goblets and sherbet dishes with place mats. Centerpieces demonstrated were a fruit bowl, red roses, mixed garden flowers and pink and blue daisies.

About 20 persons attended including guests, Mmes. Sarah Watts, Laura Dawson, Elizabeth Williams, Anna White, Letha Davis, E. A. Gaiters, Sadie H. Jackson, and Katherine Shelton. Tea and cookies were served.

Officer

New members are Mmes. Shelton, Gaiters and Dawson. Plans were made for the annual May breakfast.

Officers elected were Mrs. Rose B. Johnson, president; Mrs. Ethel Jeffers, vice president; Mrs. Frances Hall, secretary; Mrs. Joan Bullock, treasurer; Mrs. Maud Bayles, assistant secretary. They will take office in June. Mrs. Henry T. Wilcotts is current president.

The nominating committee were Mmes. Georgia Goggins, chairman, Hall.

La Mesa Club Enjoy Birthday Dinner

The La Mesa club held a birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. Osceola Sims honoring members' birthdays. Mrs. Ada Jefferson, Mrs. Gladys Brown, Mrs. Ruth Forester and Mrs. Inez Jones. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Propes, Mrs. Sylvia Kaiser, Mrs. Delores Bailey, Mrs. Jessie Howard, Mrs. Lena Harvey, W. M. Jefferson, W. M. Jewett and French Brown.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. French Brown of 933 14th place on Mar. 27.

Mrs. Bertie M. Hogan Elected President Of Socialite Queens

The Socialite Queens met Saturday, Mar. 11 at the home of Mrs. Lessie Garrett of 1219 19th street with Mmes. Albertha Grace and Dorothy Garrett as co-hostesses.

At a previous meeting officers elected were Mrs. Bertie Mae Hogan, president; Mrs. Mary Hawkins, vice president; Mrs. Willmetta Jones, secretary; Mrs. Delores Baring, assist. sec.; Mrs. Inice Carter, treasurer.

Surprise

The president named appointive officers and committees. She also presented a token of appreciation to the outgoing president, Mrs. Leona Jordan.

A surprise gift package, brought by the president, was given to the winner holding the lucky number. Mrs. Myrtle Taylor won the gift, a beautiful purse.

Refreshments were served and games played. The next meeting will be Saturday, Apr. 8 at the home of Mrs. Mary Hardaway, 1128 11th street with Mmes. Hogan and Hawkins as co-hostesses.

Crescent Students In S.C. Style Show

Students at Crescent Beauty school, 1407 Center street will go to Sioux City this week where they will participate in the spring style show sponsored by Harmony Chapter No. 32, O.E.S., featuring Perita Bates, model-consultant from St. Louis, Mo. Students will model hair styles and millinery. Mrs. Barbara James, Crescent instructor, will serve as commentator.

PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

A meeting of the Preschool Leadership Training Course will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Moulton School, 8th and College. Mrs. Helen Hubler, Director of Home Economics Education for the Des Moines Public Schools, will lead the discussion on "Discipline." Anyone interested in the pre-school child is welcome and a free nursery will be provided.

DINNER SOCIETY

The Bridal Couple and Attendants



Posing beneath the archway of green leaves and white carnations is the wedding party above during the reception. Left to right are the bride couple, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Young, Jr., Miss Ada Triplett, maid of honor

Miss Mary Triplett and Spc. Ray. Young, Jr., Exchange Nuptial Vows in Home Wedding

Miss Mary A. Triplett, daughter of Mrs. Essie Brewer of 1334 11th street and the late Mr. Jacob Brewer, became the bride of Spc. Raymond Young, Jr., step-son of Mr. Willie Robinson of Galesburg, Ill., on Sun., Mar. 12 at 2 p.m. The Rev. N. R. Olphin performed the lovely double ring ceremony at the home of the bride beneath an archway made of greenery and white carnations.

Attendants

Serving as maid of honor was the sister of the bride, Miss Ada Triplett, who was attired in a green satin sleeveless ballerina length gown with matching veil. She wore short white gloves and white slippers and carried a bouquet of baby pink roses. Best man was Joe Robinson, of Galesburg, brother of the groom.

Bridal Gown

Given in marriage by her brother, Doug Triplett, the bride wore a white bridal gown of chantilly lace and tulle. The fitted bodice featured a sweetheart neckline and three-quarter length sleeves. The ballerina skirt was fashioned of lace and tulle with a bow in the back. A fingertip veil fell from a tiara. She carried a bouquet of white orchids.

Reception

The bride's mother wore a pink jacket dress overlaid with lavender lace. Her accessories were white lace gloves, white sequined hat and a pink rose corsage.

Following the ceremony a recep-

tion was held. A three-tiered white wedding cake, trimmed with pink sugar bells and green leaves was centered on a base of greenery and white carnations. It was topped by a miniature Negro bridal couple dressed as the bride couple, standing in a circle of baby pink roses and green leaves.

Hostesses

Hostesses were Miss Karen Martin and Mrs. Ruth Cole. In charge of the wedding were Mmes. Mary Frye and Mildred Johnson. Out-of-town guests were relatives of the groom, Miss Willie Ruth Robinson, his sister; Joe Robinson, his brother, Mrs. Vera Benjamin, his aunt and a friend, William Boyd, all of Galesburg, Ill.; Mrs. Mable Holman, E. St. Louis, Ill., aunt of the bride and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin and daughter, Miss Karen Martin, all of Ames, Ia.

Education

The bride is a graduate of North High and Morrow School of Beauty Culture. She is employed at Midge's Beauty Salon. The groom graduated from Galesburg High school and attended Parsons College, Fairfield, Ia., three years. He has been in the U.S. army 15 months and will be discharged in December, when he plans to re-enter college. He is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. He left for his base last Saturday morning.

Bridal showers were given in honor of the bride by her sister, Miss Ada Triplett and another by Mmes. Mildred Johnson and Mary Frye. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony.

Crescent School Plan Cosmetic Parties

Crescent Beauty School has launched a spring project in which it will introduce Myriss Paule and other cosmetics products to Des Moines through Cosmetic parties.

The first was held for Lew Bridges club, last Thursday. On Saturday Mrs. Evelyn Coleman invited neighbors and friends for a party. Individual members of the group were used as models to demonstrate cosmetics and makeup for her particular needs.

Any club or groups wishing to participate in a Cosmetic party at the school or in the community are asked to phone Crescents and a time will be arranged.

Elegant Eight Club Holds Meeting

The Elegant Eight club met Wednesday, Mar. 15 at the home of Mrs. Delores Bailey, 1136 8th street. Guest was Mrs. Helen White.

Bridge prizes were won by Mrs. Naomi Davis, first; Mrs. Helen White, second; Mrs. Victoria Parker, third. A tasty repast was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be Apr. 5 at the home of Mrs. Inice Carter of 707 Laurel st.

given on "Creole City," by Miss Sadie Jones. Visitor was Mrs. Peter Hawthorne, Jr.

The next meeting will be Apr. 8. A May day tea was planned for the first meeting in May. Mrs. Jack Cleveland, president, presided over the meeting.

and Joe Robinson, Galesburg, Ill., best man.

Slate Delta Regional Conference in Omaha

The 21st Central Regional conference of Delta Sigma Theta sorority will be held in Omaha, Nev., on Mar. 30 Apr. 1 with Gamma Xi chapter as host. Headquarters will be the Sheraton-Fontenelle hotel.

Attending from Phi chapter in Des Moines will be Adah Johnson, alumnae delegate and Joyce Banks undergraduate delegate. In addition Joan Bullock, Carol Kennerly, Crystal Peavy and Helen Lemme. Highlights will be a formal dance, international luncheon, public meeting at Zion Baptist church and a banquet.



MRS. JOHNSON

175 Attend Reception At Governor's Mansion

About 175 persons attended an invitational reception at the governor's mansion Sunday afternoon honoring Gov. Norman A. Erbe and Atty. William M. Parker of Waterloo, given by the Republican Citizens committee. Atty. Parker is the newly appointed member of the state parole board.

The receiving hostess and hosts were Mrs. Katherine Shelton, Mr. A. P. Trotter and Mr. L. P. McGuire. Mrs. Gwendyn Fowler and Atty. James B. Morris, Sr., received the guests and introduced them to honored guests in the receiving line, composed of Gov. and Mrs. Erbe, Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Rose Johnson, co-chairman of the Republican Citizens committee.

Pouring at the beautifully appointed reception table in the dining room were Mesdames Roberta Frazier, Eunice Bates, Geraldine Draffin, Lulu Mae Harris, and L. P. McGuire. Others assisting in the dining room were Mesdames Georgine Morris, Iva Mae Hayes and Goletha Trotter. Mrs. Leola Hubbard registered guests. Cloak room hostesses were Mesdames E. A. Gaiters and McClint Clinton.

Mrs. Fowler was chairman for the reception.

Mrs. J. Q. Evans Back From Chicago

Mrs. J. Q. Evans of 1106 17th St. returned from Chicago this week where she was the guest of her son, Dr. L. A. Whitfield. She was the recipient of many courtesies from friends while there.

Dr. Whitfield accompanied Mrs. Evans to Des Moines where he spent several days resting from his busy practice in Chicago.

Sam Jordan Released From Lutheran

Sam Jordan who has been seriously ill at Iowa Lutheran hospital is now convalescing at his home at 733 26th st.

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COMMISSION REPORTS
FOR 1960

The Des Moines Commission on Human Rights and Job Discrimination has issued its 1960 report. Even though considerable progress toward elimination of discrimination has been made during the past fifteen years, much needs to be done in the field of housing and employment, the report indicates.

The commission staff has been busy in many areas. Some cases of racial discrimination have been brought to its attention officially. In fact, there were only 25 filed for consideration. Of course, there were hundreds but the commission cannot act unless the offended parties file complaints.

The situation points up the unwillingness of people, who are discriminated against, to make official protest. Many are afraid of reprisals or have no confidence that it will do any good. This is a mistake—one which, maybe, the commission must help eliminate.

The report states that housing will be the number one problem in 1961. It contains material dating since 1955 which show an almost total lack of low cost housing facilities for Negroes, due to the fact that there are none, just as it is true for white people, creating bad living conditions caused by over crowding; that good housing was not available to Negroes on the same basis as whites.

Housing is a problem for Negroes—North and South. Undoubtedly, the real estate forces share much of the responsibility for they have allowed the unfair owner to fix a policy which discriminates against the whole race rather than individuals.

Unlike the commission report, the Bystander believes unemployment to be the No. one problem for Negroes in Des Moines. Far different from 1955, good houses are available to Negroes in many sections of Des Moines if they have money to pay for them. They are being bought.

An almost lack of apprenticeship training, exclusion by labor unions and unfair employment practices by the city of Des Moines itself are problems which need serious attention.

As the late Harvey Ingham said "first, it is important that you eat, then it becomes important where you eat."

The commission has a large field in which to work. It needs to tackle the problem of discrimination head on which requires strong backing from the members and the city council.

INCONSISTENCIES IN THE
RACE PROBLEM

Someone in America said that the race problem in the United States is one of the greatest inconsistencies in life. And add to it handling by politicians and the statement is a jewel.

Last year Senator Kennedy selected Senator Lyndon Johnson as his running mate and the howl went up against him.

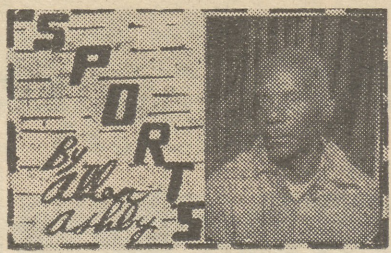
Senator Kennedy asked Georgia authorities to release Dr. King from prison and Negroes got happy again as the request was granted.

In January, Senator Douglas of Illinois, a great liberal, fought to revise senate rule 22 so as to curb filibusters in order to be able to vote on a decent civil rights bill. In March Senator Douglas pleads vigorously for the confirmation of Mr. Mariweather as a member of Board of the Export-Import Bank who had managed the campaign for some of Alabama's most rabid race haters. (He must have believed in their cause) urging that Negroes fought Senator Black of Alabama who later has made one of their best friends on the supreme court; maybe Mariweather would be likewise. This is all an exception for one can only predict the future by past performances.

No civil rights legislation is included in President Kennedy's must legislative proposal and we get suspicious.

President Kennedy issued an executive order setting up a contract compliance committee with Vice President Johnson as chairman. This is pretty much the same as the Eisenhower committee of which former Vice President Nixon was chairman. The trouble with those executive orders is that they die with the administration which issues them. But they help.

These inconsistent circumstances come about as the interest of projects conflict with racial justice and all too often the former is satisfied, or politicians do the things, in many cases, which are expedient rather than humanly right.



We discussed the latest basketball scandal to hit the front pages; one fellow argued that most of the players were vulnerable because in so many cases they were poor, struggling and a thousand dollars looked like all the money in the world. This looked like a fairly, fool-proof scheme. Lose by more points than you were supposed to.

Baseball

One baseball veteran recalled a few years back when he was playing Sunday ball. They pulled into a small town and were met by the town gambler who offered two of them a pretty good sum of money to lose. The one fellow nodded and said okay and both players had a good laugh over it. Well, said the veteran the two of them never played better. In the last inning one guy tied the score with a home run. Then the home team came in and one of our heroes really got a bad hop on a third out grounder. The bloomin' ball just hit a rock or something and rolled away from him. The next guy hit one for a mile and to conspirator No. 2 who ran his heart out and just barely reached the ball, but couldn't hold it. So the home team won. And as our two heroes were going out the gate on the way home the gambler paid them off and was pleased that they had made it look good. The veteran then asked if the guys were guilty and if they were could it be proved. Well the argument got so loud, we had to leave.

But, that was the way it probably was in a lot of those basketball games.

Guilty?

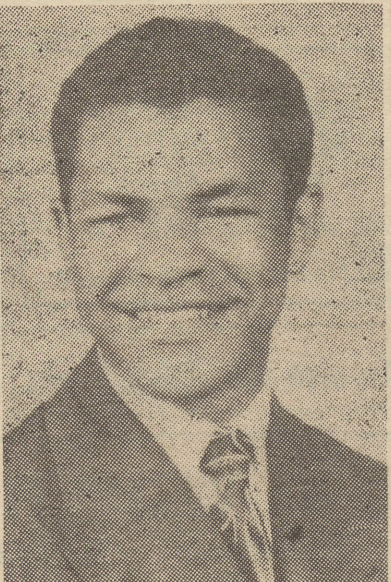
The losing team just naturally got beat by a bigger margin than was figured in spite of all the fellows could it be proved. Well the argument got so loud, we had to leave.

How would you stop this betting and attempts to fix games. Most of the gamblers and fixers figure they won't get caught. Basketball is easier to fix than most team sports because of the small number of players involved. A guy can throw a ball up at the basket all night and put just a little too much spin or not quite enough wrist and the thing will go in and out of the basket.

Idealization

"And yet the intimation never wholly deserts us that there is in the unformed activities of childhood and youth the possibilities of a better life for the community as well as for individuals here and there. This dim sense is the ground of our abiding idealization of childhood. For with all its extravagances and uncertainties, its effusions and reticences, it remains a standing proof of a life wherein growth is normal not an anomaly, activity a delight not a task, and where habit-forming is an expansion of power not its shrinkage . . ."

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Hank Aaron Hopes
To Improve His
Batting Average

Bradenton, Fla.—Hank Aaron had some news for National League pitchers and it was all bad.

"Don't make it sound like I'm warning them or anything like that," said the Milwaukee slugger, who "slumped to .212 last season," "but I'm definitely not going to make the same mistake I did last year."

Pulled Everything

"I tried to pull everything last year, and I mean everything, including outside pitches, which I tried to hit to left field. That's impossible."

"The more I tried, the more I tightened up. Pretty soon I was fighting myself up there at the plate. That's not going to happen again this year."

Even though his batting average dipped from .355 in 1959, Aaron was as devastating as ever in the long ball department where he contributed 11 triples, 40 homers and drove in 126 runs.

Home Runs

"My home run and RBI totals were as good as I expected," he said, taking time out from shagging fly balls in center field.



AARON

"My batting average was a big disappointment, though. I won the batting title in 1959 and I guess I was trying to prove I could do it two years in a row."

"This year I'm not out to prove anything. I'm just going to concentrate on getting as many base hits as I can and try to help this club win the pennant."

The 27-year-old Hammering Hank says he would like to win the NL batting crown again and that adds up to some more sad news for rival pitchers, whom he reached for 334 total bases last season—a league high—even in an off-year for him.

Cole's Expecting

New York—Mr. and Mrs. Nat King Cole (she the former Maria Ellington) announced that they are expecting a fourth child in early September. Two of their children are adopted.

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Russell Voted Most
Valuable NBA Player

New York—Bill Russell, defensive and rebounding star of the Boston Celtics, last week was named the most valuable player in the National Basketball Association and winner of the Sam Davis Award in a newspaper poll in which he outscored Wilt Chamberlain, Elgin Baylor and Oscar Robertson.

The poll was conducted by the New York metropolitan writers. Russell will receive the award at the writers annual dinner at the Hotel Manhattan on Sunday, March 19.

Key Man

The 6-foot 9-inch center, has been the key man in the Celtics' victories the past several years. Acquired by the Celtics in 1956 in a deal with the Hawks following his graduation from the University of San Francisco, Russell has led the team to five straight Eastern Division titles in the NBA. He was on the U. S. basketball team that swept to victory at the 1956 Olympic.

Rafer Johnson Named
Track Coach at UCLA

Los Angeles—Olympic and world decathlon champion Rafer Johnson recently became the first Negro ever to serve as a track coach at the University of California at Los Angeles, when he was named as assistant to head coach Ducky Drake.

A graduate of UCLA, the much-honored Johnson was named along with former weight-lifting star Don Vick, who was also offered a coach-

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A bit of prose . . . a line or two of poetry . . . a letter now and the
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DEAR EDITOR:

I profoundly regret that last week (Mar. 9) your sports writer informed your readers that Floyd Patterson would retain his heavyweight title within four rounds instead of six as he did. Improper resin on soles of his shoes caused his setback from beginning of fight.

Floyd can now be truly raved as one of the world's outstanding champions. Yours in brotherhood—

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To the shores of Thy heart.

—Glenn A. Gallagher

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Thoughts for Today

The one infallible formula for getting the wrong slant is to look down your nose.—Walter Winchell.

You grow up the day you have the first laugh at yourself.—Ethel Barrymore.

Money is like manure, of very little use, except it be spread.—Frances Bacon.

The vigor and initiative with which The Criterion, an Indianapolis weekly, has projected the problem of race relations and its report of a survey of Negro news handling in three Indianapolis dailies won the award for this publication.

Distinguished Record

Lincoln University chose the U. S. Information Agency "for its distinguished record of presenting the positive picture of America and its aims to the world." The U.S.I.A. was selected also for its basic role of increasing understanding among peoples of diverse nationalities and races, and for its admirable service as a cultural arm of the American government."

Editorial Stand

The Saturday Review is being cited for its "editorial leadership in helping unfold the American Integration Story and its sensitivity to developments on the African continent." The University chose the Springfield newspapers for its editorial stand and news coverage attending recent integration efforts in the southwestern Missouri community.

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