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After 17 Years Claybrooks Find Lost Granddaughter

By Frances E. Hawthorne
It took nearly 17 years but Mr. and Mrs. James Claybrook of 223 E. 13th street, have finally found their long-lost granddaughter. They will see her for the first time when she arrives this Saturday for a week's visit. Her name is Bonita (Bonnie) Claybrook.

Mrs. Claybrook, happily told this story. About 18 years ago Mr. Claybrook's eldest son, John, who lived with his wife in Virginia, died shortly after the birth of his daughter. His wife followed him in death almost immediately leaving the infant child.

The Claybrooks in Des Moines knew there was an infant granddaughter, but when they tried to find out her whereabouts, they were unable to do so. Unknowning to them, the granddaughter had been shifted about through the years among relatives and friends.

Judge Slater
Earlier this summer, Judge Fred (Duke) Slater, was playing a two-some with a golfing friend, Dr. James S. Smith of Muncie, Ind. Dr. Smith happened to mention that he and his wife were keeping a 17-year-old girl, named Bonnie Claybrook, and that efforts had been made to find her relatives, to no avail. It seems that the Smiths had been keeping the young lady since her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Turner, had been hospitalized. It was feared she would have to be placed in a foster home of no relatives were found.

Judge Slater said he had married into the Claybrook family and na-

turally wondered if Bonita might be related to them. He contacted Rev. Herman Claybrook in Berkeley, Calif., who admitted having a brother who died and gave him the address of his brother, James, in Des Moines. Dr. Smith then sent a picture from his medical files of an orchestra group, and asked Mr. James Claybrook, if he saw anyone he knew on it. Mr. Claybrook immediately picked out his son, John, who had died 17 years ago.

Mrs. Scales
Meanwhile, Mrs. Scales had stopped in Muncie to visit her sister, who is the wife of Dr. James Smith. She met Bonita and told her she was well acquainted with the Claybrooks in Des Moines. Bonita requested her grandparents' address and then the correspondence began, followed by numerous, happy phone calls. Earlier this week the Claybrooks sent their granddaughter, (who was now alternating her stay between the Smiths and a Dr. and Mrs. Braden, railroad fare to come for a visit to get acquainted.

Anticipation
Since then Mrs. Claybrook and her husband have been almost beside themselves with happy anticipation. They fixed up a room for her. Mrs. Claybrook and Mrs. Scales will meet her at the train Saturday. And the Claybrooks will take her to the annual Iowa Buxton picnic on Sunday and will give an informal tea in her honor on Labor Day between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m. So, after 17 years of searching, the Claybrook have come to the pot of gold at the end of their rainbow.

Iowans Attend Conventions

Many Des Moines residents and other Iowans joined the thousands who during the past month have or still are attending various national conventions of fraternal, professional and other organizations.

Attend Elks Confab
Attending the Grand Elks and Grand Daughter Temple conventions in New York City last week were Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Bernice Carter and Mr. Norville Tillman, of Des Moines. Mr. Williams is exalted ruler of Hawkeye Lodge No. 160. Mrs. Carter was a delegate from Rose Temple No. 33. Other Iowans attending were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butler, Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Newman, Waterloo; A. J. Peeples, Davenport; and Mrs. Lola Hendred and Mrs. Pauline Johnson of Ottumwa.

Beauticians
Iowa Beauticians attending the National Beauty Culturist League, Inc., in Chicago, Ill., July 30-Aug. 10

were Mrs. Pauline Humphrey, Mrs. Faye Waterford, Mrs. Sadie B. Jones, Mrs. Ruth Cole of Des Moines and Mrs. Alice Martin of Waterloo, Ia.

AKAs Boule
Attending the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Boule in Chicago, Ill., were the local chapter's basileus, Miss Charlotte Jones and its grammeteus, Mrs. Lillian Scales.

Omega Conclave
Representing the local chapter at the 50th Grand Conclave of Omega Psi Phi fraternity held in Washington, D. C., Aug. 13-18, was George Stone, of 913 Crocker street.

Kappa Convention
Attending the national convention of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity in its Golden Anniversary at Bloomington, Ind., birth site of the fraternity, this week are Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Williams and Atty. and Mrs. W. L. Oliver.

Toogood Appeals Case Of Resisting Arrest

LeRoy Melvin Toogood, 45, operator of a tavern at 1102 Center street, Saturday appealed to Polk County district court his conviction in Municipal Judge Ray Harrison's court on a charge of resisting arrest.

Judge Harrison had fined Toogood \$15 or three days in jail. He is free on \$50 bond pending the appeal. Toogood, who lives at 1056 18th street, was arrested shortly after midnight on Aug. 11 when he questioned Patrolman George Schinkel and Jack Noah's actions in asking two white customers to leave the taverns.

Toogood claims he was "hit over the head" by the officers when he told them he was going to call the Chief of Police the next day.

The officers testified that Toogood kept interrupting their conversation. When told to keep quiet or face ar-

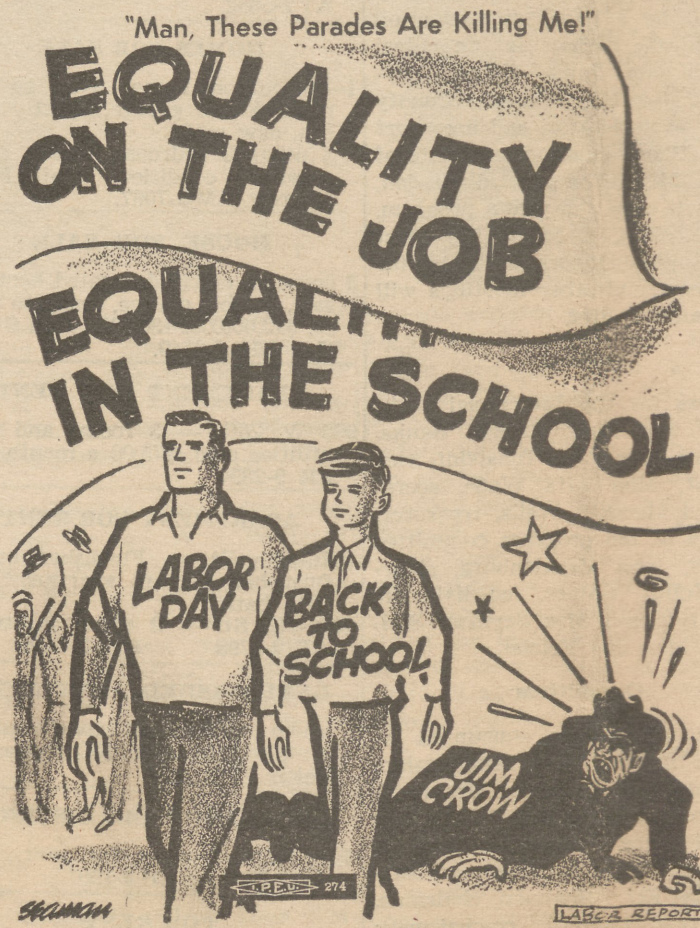
Des Moines NAACP Plan Fall Activities

The Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will begin its fall activities by regular meetings, Tuesday, Sept. 26.

A call meeting of the membership committee was held Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the home of Mrs. C. Frank Franklin, and plans were made to complete the 1961 membership campaign through volunteer workers making a door-to-door canvas for memberships on Sept. 9, from 2 to 7 p.m.

More workers will be accepted. Call Robert A. Wright or Mrs. C. Franklin, or A. P. Trotter or Mrs. Guy E. Greene. A quota of 1200 must be reached. Atty. Wright is chairman and Mr. Trotter, co-chairman.

rest, they said, he began arresting them.



U.S. Court Bans State Funds For Private White Schools

Richmond, Va.—The so-called private school for white children of Prince Edward County, Va., will be deprived of all state and county financial assistance under an order to be issued by Judge Oren R. Lewis of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Tuition Grants
In a memorandum of opinion handed down on Aug. 23, Judge Lewis said he would enter an order banning further payment of tuition grants either by the county or the state to students attending the exclusively white schools sponsored by the Prince Edward School Foundation. The memorandum also said he would enjoin the Prince Edward County treasurer from granting tax credits to persons making contributions to the lilywhite school foundation under an ordinance passed by the county Board of Supervisors.

NAACP Suit
The Judge's actions were in response to a suit filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on behalf of the parents of Prince Edward County colored children who have been without any academic training since the County closed all its public schools rather than comply with federal court orders to desegregate. Representing the Negro parents in the four-day trial last month were NAACP attorneys Robert L. Carter of New York City and S. W. Tucker of Richmond and Emporia, Va.

Reopening Deferred
Judge Lewis deferred ruling on the NAACP petition for an order reopening the county's public schools. Counsel on both sides, he said, having indicated that an appropriate suit would be filed in the state court, "this court will defer its ruling on this question until the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has rendered its decision, provided said suit is filed within 60 days from this date."

Freedom of Choice
Payment of state tuition grants will be denied "persons residing in Prince Edward County so long as the public schools of Prince Edward County remain closed," the Judge ruled. These scholarships, he pointed out, were not intended to be available in communities without public schools. They were intended to provide "freedom of choice" between public and private schools. In the absence of public schools there is no such "freedom of choice," he said.

School Board
The school board was again or-

dered to prepare a plan for desegregation even though the schools have been closed. The judge ordered them to "forthwith proceed with the preparation of such plans, so that they may be readily available when and if the public schools of Prince Edward County are reopened."

Gus Guydon Gets Education Degree At Drake University
Gus Guydon, star basketball player with the Drake University Bull-



Gus Guydon Slump Ends, and How!

dogs, received his bachelor of science degree in education at the summer commencement of the school Friday.

2nd Negro Named As U. S. Attorney

Washington, D. C.—President John F. Kennedy's nomination of Merle M. McCurdy of Cleveland, Ohio, as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio marked the second time in history a Negro was named U. S. Attorney. The first, Cecil Poole of San Francisco, was appointed by President Kennedy two months ago.

The 49-year-old Cleveland lawyer is a graduate of Adelbert College and Western Reserve University School of Law. He served as Assistant County Prosecutor of Cuyahoga County from 1952 to 1960 when he became Attorney in Charge of the Legal Aid Defender's Office of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. McCurdy is married and has two children.

NEWS In A Nutshell

Sew York—Hulan E. Jack, former Manhattan borough president, last week was elected a vice president of the Container Corporation, maker of corrugated boxes.

Perigueux, France—With dignitaries of the French foreign service and scores of friends from the entertaining world looking on, Josephine Baker, internationally famous American-born star of stage and screen, was decorated here by Gen. Martial Valin as a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor, for her work in the Resistance during the German Occupation of France in World War II.

New York—Services for Mrs. Norma W. Marshall, mother of Thurgood Marshall, director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense fund, were held at St. Phillips Protestant Episcopal church on Aug. 15.

Ruston, La.—Gloria Dunn, a Grambling college coed, was hospitalized last week with a broken jaw sustained when she was severely beaten by a white man in the Lincoln parish court house because she stood too close to a "white only" water fountain.

Macon, Miss.—A bragging tongue during a drinking spree, ended with John King going on trial for a murder he committed 25 years ago. In 1936 he was indicted for the fatal shooting of his wife, Mrs. Emmett. He fled the county, later remarried and had several children. Recently he bragged that he was wanted for murder.

Yorktown, Tex.—Faced with loss of accreditation unless the segregated Negro school underwent improvements to meet state standards, the voters of Yorktown independent school system, voted last week to integrate their public schools.

Atlanta, Ga.—Atlanta, following a gradual but apparently peaceful pattern of integration, has appointed its first Negro housing code inspector. He is B. L. Lowery, 31, who was given the job after making the highest score of 31 men tested last May.

Nashville, Tenn.—The national president of the Methodist college student organization last week declared that the main battle for racial equality has been won. Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., of Newport, Ark., told a meeting here: "The Negro has beaten fear."

Chicago, Ill.—Henry W. McGee, has been appointed personnel manager of the Chicago regional office of the U. S. Postoffice. McGee will be in charge of personnel involving 61,390 employees of the post office department.

Enna, Sicily—Filippo Prato walked into a local hospital last week, holding a handkerchief over his mouth and moaning audibly. Given a scratch pad and pencil he wrote a message to the doctors requesting immediate medical treatment. Asked what happened Filippo scribbled that in an amorous moment his wife had kissed him so passionately "she bit off the end of his tongue!"

COURT FREES 26 HELD FOR STAGING SIT-INS

Columbia, S. C.—NAACP youth won the state's first sit-in case appeal victory this week when South Carolina's Supreme Court overturned convictions against 26 Morris College students.

The students, members of the As-

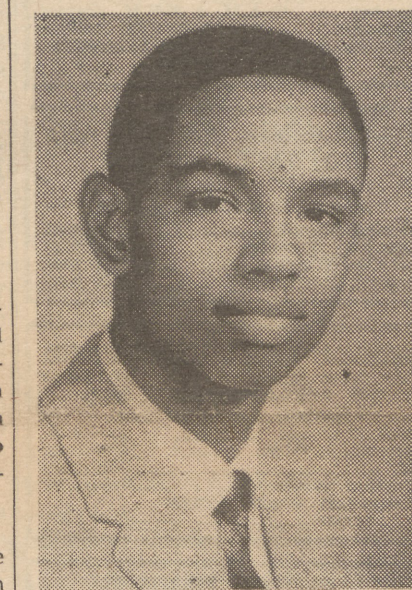
Army Corps Engineers Requested New Clause In Construction Agreement

Ames, Ia.—At its Aug. 23 meeting the Iowa Highway commission took steps to insure that there would be no job discrimination on a county road project at the Red Rock Dam.

The highway commission voted to put the provisions of President Kennedy's executive order for no job discrimination where federal money

Named Head Resident At Iowa State Dorm

George Robinson, has been appointed head resident at Iowa State University, with duties consisting of



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counseling and supervising students in one of the houses of the men's dormitories.

He is the first Negro to hold such a position at Iowa State. This fall he will be a junior majoring in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson.

State NAACP Board Plan Fall Conference For Keokuk, Oct. 6-7

The Iowa State Conference of Branches held its third board meeting on Saturday afternoon at the Y.W.C.A. with George J. Cooper, president, Council Bluffs, presiding.

Committee reports were given on the national convention in Philadelphia, Pa., by Mr. Cooper; a publicity report by Mrs. Guy E. Greene, also first vice president of the organization, and a complete report on the May 17th celebration sponsored by the state, by Rev. William H. Burnette, Jr.

Plans were made for the 22nd annual fall conference to be held in Keokuk, Oct. 7-8.

Attendants

Attending the meeting were Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Greene, Miss Geraldine Herndon, secretary, Council Bluffs; Mrs. Viola Gibson, treasurer, Cedar Rapids; Ollie Lewis, Omaha, Neb.; Ike Smalls, a national vice president; Mrs. Ruth B. Toomes, assistant secretary, Keokuk; Mrs. Anna Mae Weems, third vice president, Waterloo; Rev. James Harris, youth director; Mrs. Rosa B. Johnson, Four F chairman; Rev. Burnette, church chairman; James B. Morris, Sr., legislative chairman; Mrs. Clara Bayles, membership chairman; Mrs. Georgine C. Morris, president emeritus; Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, program chairman; A. P. Trotter, advisory chairman and visitors, Mrs. Alta Herndon, and Mrs. Thelma Clark.

sociation's college chapter here, faced the charge of "conspiring to breach the peace" growing from sit-in demonstrations staged March 4, 1960.

is used into an agreement between the commission, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U. S. bureau of public roads. The commission's action was requested by the corps of engineers, which is constructing the \$75-million dam on the Des Moines river.

New Clause

The previous federal anti-discrimination clause in the agreement provided that "the state agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, religion, color or national origin."

The new clause, nearly two pages longer than the old one, adds that in the event of non-compliance, the federal government may withdraw its funds "in whole or in part."

Federal Funds

The agreement is necessary to allow use of federal funds for construction of the road across the top of the dam, about eight miles northeast of Knoxville. The road, when completed, will be part of the farm-to-market road system in Marion County.

Compliance

James Thomson, attorney for the highway commission said about \$68,000 in federal funds was appropriated in Washington to finance the road over the dam. He explained that the highway commission is representing the Marion County board of supervisors in the project because it is federal policy not to deal directly with county-level governments.

Thomson said he felt sure the corps of engineers requested the new clause as part of a nation-wide effort to carry out the president's order not of fear of discrimination at the Red Rock project, which is not due for completion until at least 1965.

W.D.M. Resident Protests Auto-Repair Shop Built Next Door

Speaking for her racially mixed neighbors, Mrs. Ione Lloyd, 917 Maple street went before the West Des Moines council Monday night to protest the construction of an auto-repair shop next door was running down neighborhood.

Mrs. Lloyd, who has lived in West Des Moines 25 years, told the council, "It's a terrible thing it's doing to our homes. As Negroes we have no place to live, no place to go."

Place to Live

"Our problem is finding a place to live. We don't want to stir up a racial thing but we may be forced to seek homes in other areas of the city. I speak for the Mexican, Italian, Jewish, and Serbian people who live in our neighborhood. I know how the people feel. We don't know this would happen."

Not Notified

Mrs. Lloyd went on to tell council that she had not been notified of the rezoning of the property adjoining hers, as usually is the custom with other property she holds in Des Moines. Mrs. Lloyd said an attempt to get a court injunction to halt the construction of the new building failed.

The council decided to hold a meeting with the plan and zoning commission at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the matter brought up by Mrs. Lloyd.



Where to Attend Church in Des Moines

Corinthian Baptist Church
9th and School Streets
REV. NORMAN R. OLPHIN, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
B. T. U. 7:30 P.M.
Evening Service 8:00 P.M.
Prayer Service Wednesday 8:00 P.M.

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
12th and Crocker Street
REV. DAVID A. BLAKE, Sr.
Sunrise Prayer Service 6:00 A.M.
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 Fellowship 5:30 P.M.

East University Church of God in Christ
East 17th and University
BISHOP J. E. ABBERNATHY
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service 8:00 P.M.
Wed. Eve. Mission Circle 8:00 P.M.
Weekly evening services Tuesday and Friday 8:00 P.M.

Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion Church
REV. OSCAR PEAVEY, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Prayer Service Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
1528 East University Ave.
REV. J. K. BROWN, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Youth Church 11:00 a.m.
A.C.E. League 5:30 p.m.
Evening Program 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Seventh-Day Adventist
1150 13th Street
REV. W. C. SCALES, Minister
Sabbath School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Missionary Volunteer 4:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 P.M.
Dorcas Society 1st and 3rd Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M.

New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ
1198 14th Street
BISHOP M. A. GOODMAN, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Service 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Friday Night 8:00 p.m.
Y.P.W.W. Sunday 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Service 8:00 p.m.

APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
1516 Scott Street
Minister G. Reid in charge
Morning Worship 12:00 p.m.
Weekly services: Tuesday and Thursday evenings 8:00 p.m.
Sunday School 10:30 p.m.

THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
906 10th St.
Minister, REV. EZELL WIGGINS
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Adult and Children Bible Class (Sunday) 6:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Sunday school was in charge of Supt. Ronald Carter. Devotions were led at the 11 a.m. service by Deacon R. Carter and Deacon Williamson. The Junior choir sang Rev. D. A. Campbell, of Omaha, Nebr., was guest speaker on the subject, "The Power of Thought."

At 3 p.m. the pastor's appreciation services closed with the Rev. Seymour Gaines as master of ceremony and Rev. James Harris as guest speaker. Monies raised were \$180.70. Refreshments were served after the services.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Sunday school was held with Assistant superintendent in charge. At 11 a.m. Eden Ward Channey, of Milwaukee, Wis., spoke assisted by Rev. Kendrick and Rev. Alexander. The Senior choir sang. Deacon Gunn and Deacon Seigh were in charge. A one-week youth revival was conducted by Rev. W. R. Fields. Miss Shirley Carter was in charge. A mass baptismal service was held at 5 p.m. for 22 candidates—four from Mt. Zion Baptist in Orelabor, Ia., four from Second Baptist church in Marshalltown, Ia., and 14 from Union Baptist. The Marshalltown youth choir sang. Rev. Seymour Gaines and members will be in Marshalltown at the Second Baptist church on Sunday, Sept. 17.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH NEWS

Sunday morning, Sept. 10 will be Holy Communion. The morning service will be delivered by Rev. William H. Burnette, Jr., presiding elder of the Des Moines-Quincy district. Tuesday, Sept. 12 will be the fourth and last quarter of the church calendar year.

St. Paul A.M.E. Women Hold Third Mammoth Tea, Social

The third annual mammoth tea and lawn social was held Sunday at the parsonage, 695 25th street from 3 to 6 p.m. Three beautiful tables were on display by the Pastor's Aid, Sunday school and Class 21.

President of the Pastor's Aid is Mrs. Helen McCraven. Hostesses pouring at the table were Mmes. Ruth McQuerry and Vera Piggee. The Pastor's Aid received second prize for the most elaborate table and first prize for the largest contributions solicited. The Sunday school, Mrs. Jeanne Morris, Supt., received first prize for the most elaborate table. Hostesses were Rosie McQuitty, Rose Mary Johnson, Carol Wells, and Leslie Johnson. The prizes were a lamp for the Pastor's Aid and four beautiful cups and saucers for the Sunday school.

Judges Class 21, of which Mrs. Ruby Blake, is leader, assisted by Mrs. Laurie Hunter, and Mrs. Frances ter Benning was in charge of finance. With a beautiful centerpiece, took third prize.

Refreshments were at each table and guests were served. Mrs. Bessye L. Greene registered guests, and Les. Mrs. Leola Manson will give a raffle. Mrs. Fred Allen and Mrs. R. L. Keleher were table judges, from the Willkie House and Highland Park garden clubs, respectively.

Prizes were awarded by Rev. David A. Blake, Sr.

Mrs. Hurley Wyatt Convalesces at Home

Mrs. Hurley Wyatt, of 1323 Crocker street, is convalescing at home after undergoing throat surgery at Mercy hospital last week.

Maple Street Church Special Notice

Rev. A. Ross Brent will preach at the Eleven o'clock service at Maple St. Baptist Church and at the 7:30 service at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Sunday, Sept. 3.

Maple Street Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, Rev. George Parrish was "God's Fire" . . . with Rev. Scott and Rev. Matthew White pulpit guest . . . The Gospel Choir assisting with a special solo by Mr. Howard Brown.

11:00 Service Sept. 3 . . . Guest speaker Rev. A. Ross Brent of Plainfield, N. J., former pastor of Maple St. Baptist Church.

Men chorus of the church will be giving a car wash Saturday, Sept. 2, at 15th and University, Meyers Service station at \$1 per car.

The mission of the church will be getting another box ready for foreign hospital to be sent in October. Anyone wishing to donate contact Mrs. Violet Hunley.

At the 4:00 Service, Sept. 3, Mrs. Leola Manson will give a recital, also appearing on the program newly organized singing group.

Des Moines Council of United church women afternoon unit with fellowship Monday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand, Speaker Mrs. Edward Sears.

Sick of the church: Mr. John Micheal, No. 374 Mercy Hospital; Mother Mae Wyatt, 1323 Crocker.

The S.S. of the church will give a Roller Skating outing Monday, Sept. 4. All members of the S.S. can go free with a ticket from the S.S. from 4 to 7 p.m. Only children of the church can attend free—any guest is asked to give 25c donation. Free ticket will be given at S.S., Sept. 3. The roller rink has skates to fit from age 3 years up to 30.

Corinthian Baptist Church News

Sunday will be outstanding at Corinthian. At the eleven o'clock service Dr. J. H. Billups, pastor of the St. Paul Baptist church in Montclair, N. J., will be guest speaker.

Dr. Billups is a forceful speaker and a gospel preacher. Those who will be present to hear him will receive an impressive and uplifting message. All members of Corinthian are asked to attend the morning service. The pastor will return from the Lord's Supper at the 11:00 o'clock service. There will be preaching in the evening at the 7 o'clock service.

« NEWS AROUND IOWA »

FORT DODGE

BY MRS. THERESA SIMMONS
526 4th Ave. South
Phone 4-7083

Coppin Chapel A.M.E. Church will be serving a turkey dinner on Sunday, Sept. 3 at the teenage club, beginning at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Claude Buckner is on her way home.

Mrs. Cora Harper has been suffering with a virus but is feeling much better now.

Interracial Commission

The executive committee of the Fort Dodge Interracial Commission met Friday evening at the YWCA, to set up committees and discuss plans for the coming year. Highlighting the program for the fall meetings will be a panel discussion on the subject, "What is an Ideal World?" with Julius Gaines, psychologist for the Webster County schools, as moderator, and a concert by Miss Penny Johnson, contralto of St. Paul, Minn. The panel discussion, which will open the year's program, will be held Oct. 15 at the First Baptist church. Places and dates for the concert and other meetings will be announced later.

Officers

Officers for the Interracial Commission are Mrs. Annell Banks, president; Miss Faye Tonsfeldt, vice president; Miss Alta Wade, secretary, and Marshall Wells, treasurer. Members of the program committee are Mrs. John Mecklenburg, chairman, Julius Gaines, co-chairman, Harold Burleson, Mrs. Seymour Spilka and Mrs. Joe Felciai.

Committees

Other committees announced at Friday's meeting are: Membership, Mrs. Irene Fox, chairman, Mrs. R. B. Clark, co-chairman; hospitality, Mrs. LeRoy Patterson, chairman, Mrs. Allan Kaufman, co-chairman; scholarship, Miss Ethel Shannon, chairman, Miss Lora Lightall, co-chairman; civil liberties, Harold Bergeman, chairman, the Rev. Ivan Johnson and the Rev. Carl Sanders, co-chairman; telephone and transportation, Mrs. Marshall Wells, chairman, Mrs. Harold Burleson, co-chairman, and publicity, Mrs. Harold Bergeman, chairman, Mrs. Henry Simmons, co-chairman.

At the close of Friday's meeting, refreshments were served by the president, Mrs. Banks. She announced that the organization is beginning its 15th year, and urged active participation by all who are interested in racial understanding.

Registration Closes

Friday for School Vote

Final day for voters to register before the School Board election is Friday, Sept. 1. Registration is in the city clerk's department at City Hall. The department is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Des Moines U.C. Women

Meet Tues., Sept. 5

The evening unit of the Des Moines Council of United Church Women will have their evening meeting Tuesday, September 5, 1961 at the Central Christian Church, 9th and Pleasant St. Dinner will be served at 5:45 o'clock.

Dr. Charles Tupper, formerly with the School of Divinity, Drake University, will speak on the mission study for the year, South America. The subject will be on the "Land of Eldorado. Devotions by Margrit Hanson.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Bible Baptist Church held its first baptismal service on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at the Grandview Park Baptist Church. Seven youngsters were baptized by the Pastor, Rev. Ezell Wiggins.

Danforth Realty

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Broker Nortary Public
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Home with a panoramic view, 4 yrs. old, 3 bedroom, carpeted living room and hallway. Large kitchen, recreation room. Make offer. 13 Fulton Drive.

5 Room Home, 1542 Ohio Street, \$3500, Terms.
Brick Ranch, attached double garage, 3 bedroom, air conditioned, lots of extras, \$22,000, 200 S. E. Thornton. We respect your confidence.

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Unfurnished apartment for rent, 3 rooms, private bath. \$60.00 per month. Call for appointment AT 2-5652.

HOMES FOR SALE

1—3 bedroom home. New gas furnace, double garage, strictly modern, new roof.
3 other 2 bedroom houses, all in excellent condition. Call F. O. Morrow, AM 2-7067.

HOUSE FOR SALE

3 bedroom newly decorated home for sale. Double garage, ready to move in, \$12,000.00, 1304 W. 12th Street. Call CH 4-6749.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

965 W. 26th — 3 rooms and bath, utilities paid. \$75.00 a month. Call CR 9-2894.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

1176-14th St. — Furnished or unfurnished 3 room apartment, private bath.
1089-9th St. — 2 room apartment. AT 2-9798 CH 3-4436.

UNFURNISHED APARTMENT

3 room unfurnished apartment for rent, private bath. \$70.00 a month. Baker CH 4-7466.

HIGHLAND PARK DISTRICT

4 room apartment for rent. Call AT 2-7680 or CH 4-1901.

FOR RENT

Large furnished room for men, cooking privileges if desired, near bus line. Call after 5:30 AT 8-3069.

FOR RENT

1 sleeping room. 1 3-room apartment. Call AM 2-1476 after 6 P.M.

BABY SITTING WANTED

Babysitting wanted days. Regular hours, Call after 5 p.m. AT 8-8025.

FOR RENT

2 room furnished apartment. Very nice. Call CH 4-0867.

FOR RENT

Furnished 2 room apartment. Pvt. Entrance. All Utilities paid. CH 3-4537.

WANTED

Older woman to watch children, prefer East Side. 2 children at home, 3 in school. Call AM 2-0787.

FOR RENT

6 room house, East 14th Street. Near school and bus line. Gas heat. Call AM 6-1414.

HOUSE FOR RENT

1416 Walker Street. Large 4 rooms and bath. Near bus and schools. \$60.00 AM 6-1480.

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Mr. and Mrs. Okie Estes were down to Trenton, Mo., to the homecoming Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Merrill Street Baptist church, where their two nieces, Misses Geraldine and Eloise Ousley, were in charge of the morning song service. Rev. Lewis Jefferies preached on "Looking Forward for Great Camp Meeting."

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. White of Brookfield, and his choir, were in charge. His subject was "A Right Decision." Rev. Elliot and his son of Chillicothe, Mo., sang. They were accompanied by his father, who is blind. Mr. and Mrs. Okie Estes rendered a duet.

This was the third homecoming. It was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith.

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Mrs. Effie Murrel was guest of honor at a going away brunch given by Mrs. Classie Brown. In attendance were: Mrs. B. F. Griffin, Mrs. Charles Rodgers, Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. Etta Grider and Mrs. Chancellor of Chicago.

On Sunday, August 20, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown were host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Poole and family of Omaha, the brother of Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bettes of Independence, Kansas, the sister of Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garland, Jr., were host and hostess to Mr. George Reasby of Minneapolis on August 21-23.

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Rev. A. W. Patton was on vacation the past week and no church services were held at New Bethel Baptist on Sunday. Those from New Bethel who accompanied Rev. Lester Jefferson and his congregation to Omaha, Nebr., were Rev. and Mrs. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Profit Dunn, Mrs. Willie Dismuke, Mrs. Coma Page, Mrs. Irene Traylor, and Mrs. Cecil Douglas. Mrs. John Owens accompanied his son-in-law, John T. Reno, Okla., to visit his brother, who has been ill for some time. Mr. Reno and Warren were on their way to Oklahoma City, to attend the Supreme Grand Lodge.

Des Moines went by bus to Omaha. Rev. Lester Jefferson, pastor of St. John was the guest speaker for the morning service. He spoke on the subject: "A Shepard At Work."

Mr. Lewis Keppe of St. John's of Mason City gave the response to the welcome. Mrs. Lewis Keppe sang a solo entitled "How Great Thou Art" and Mrs. Arthur Moore sang "Amazing Grace".

A dinner was served after the service. This was the fourth anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Turner of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Omaha.

Rev. Jefferson also performed the blessing service for Rev. and Mrs. Turner. The Rev. Edwards and his wife were Godparents. They are from Quincy, Ill.

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The J. W. Rhones Entertain Guests

July guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rhone of 1415 Maryland street, were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Chapman of Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Chapman is a sister of Mr. Rhone.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Brewton and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Sager, (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brewton), the Brewtons' two younger children, Janet and Jimmy, and Mr. Harold Tingley, all of Chicago, Ill.

All of the guests attended the reception at the home of Atty. and Mrs. W. L. Oliver.

Community Garden Club Enjoy Picnic

The Community Garden club of Willkie House enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday afternoon on the lawn of the president, Mrs. Wilmer Johnson of 1194 14th street. Guests attending were Mmes. Marguerite Cothorn, Thelma Smith, M. Hawkins, Glenna Reeves, Messrs. John McKittick, Nassau, Bahamas, Charles Barnes and E. P. Jackson.

Miss Luella Webb Back from Missouri

Miss Luella Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggar Webb of 2443 Garfield avenue, returned home after a 10-day visit with her girl-friend, Miss Mary Lincoln, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lincoln of Richmond, Mo. Miss Webb accompanied Mrs. Mary Hawkins and children, of 2431 Garfield to Missouri.

Celebrate Birthday Of Mrs. J. Kelso

To celebrate the belated birthday of Mrs. Joburness Kelso, the "Eight-of-U's" held a steak fry in the breeze house of Mrs. Bell Baker of 3110 Bowdoin street. Afterwards games were played with Mrs. Earline Parish winning first prize and Mr. and Mrs. James Colbert winning second and third.

The club presented Mrs. Kelso with a full length mirror.

Announce Engagement Of Former Iowan

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Anderson, Santa Ana, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Estella Marie Barber, to Henry Howard, marine sergeant stationed at El Torro marine base, Santa Ana, Calif. A Sept. 9 wedding is planned.

The Andersons and their daughter formerly lived in Des Moines.

Kansas Citians Are Weekend House Guests

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Washington, 2025 Washington, had as weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rollins, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rollins, Jr., Mrs. Henrietta Anthony and brother, Laman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downs, and friend, Herman, all of Kansas City, Mo. They were entertained Saturday by Messrs. G. Hayes and L. Obregon.

St. Louis Visitors Honored at Brunch

Mrs. Alice Stanton, house guest of her sister, Louise Dysart and Mrs. Aurora Black, guest of her sister, Mrs. Olivia DeVan, were honored with a brunch at the home of Mrs. Dysart, 1419 Forest avenue. Sharing the courtesies were Mmes. Frances Hall, Gertrude North, Lula Weeks, Ada Johnson, Minnie Williams, Netie Carr, Susan Bailey and Olivia DeVan.

Walter Murray Takes Bride in Atchison, Kans., In Double Ring Candlelight Ceremony July 23



Jo Ann Boldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Boldridge of Atchison, Kansas, became the bride of Walter Danford Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Murray, 1803 Maple street, on Sunday, July 23.

Performing the double ring ceremony was the Rev. A. J. White at Campbell Chapel A.M.E. church in Atchison. Shirley Boldridge was maid of honor and Bill Cribbs, Rock Island, Ill., was best man. Bridesmaids were Darlene Boldridge, Claudine Boldridge and Lorrene Beades. Ushers were Mike Harris, Al Monroe and Herbert Richey, Jr. Ringbearer was Rickie Boldridge and flower girl was Brenda Boldridge.

Candle lighters were Ethel and Thelma Boldridge. Roy Edwards sang, "Because," and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Mamie Wrothwell.

Bridal Gown

The bride, marching down the aisle on the arm of her father, was beautifully attired in white satin

brocade wedding gown with a fitted bodice with a tapering skirt. Her full length veil fell from a crown covered with sequins. The bridesmaids wore sheath dresses of gold taffeta with half over-skirts of yellow netting. The maid of honor wore a yellow sheath dress with yellow overskirt.

The bride is a graduate of Crescent School of Beauty Culture in Des Moines. Her husband is a graduate of the Iowa Barber College. He took his apprenticeship at Hardaway Tonsorial parlor, before receiving his masters licenses.

Out-of-Town Guests

The couple is at home at 1007 11th Avenue S.E. in Cedar Rapids, where both are working in shops at their respective professions.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Mrs. Bill Cribbs, Rock Island; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson, and two daughters, Leslie Ann and Rose Mary and son, Kenneth Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Angelo, Mr. William McLendon and Mr. Donald Murray, and the groom's parents, all of Des Moines.

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Residents Spend Weekend in St. Louis

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Patton of 1240 E. 19th street and Mrs. Mollie Beverly of 1441 E. 19th street, spent the weekend in St. Louis, Mo. Rev. and Mrs. Patton visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Perkins, and another sister and brother, Mrs. Virgil McKnight and Mr. Elsworth Elvoid.

Mrs. Beverly visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash, two other sisters, Mrs. Buelah Champion and Mrs. Lonnesh Burt and a brother, Mr. Finish McClanahan.

Mrs. Estes, Jr., Mother Leave for Europe

Mrs. John M. Estes, Jr., of 1012 University avenue, and her mother, Mrs. James Graham, Springfield, Mo., left Aug. 25 for a six-week tour of European countries. They plan to visit Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, Netherlands, and England.

They entrained to New York City and will make the remainder of the trip by plane.

Relatives Celebrate Birthdays with Picnic

Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn and several relatives who have August birthdays, celebrated with a picnic at Ewing park. Besides Mrs. Vaughn, a daughter, Gloria and grandson, were born Aug. 12; a niece, Maxine Perry, Aug. 13; a nephew, Leonard Perry, on Aug. 17; followed by another grandson, Eugene Wease, Aug. 20. Other relatives and friends shared the occasion.

Mrs. Sadie B. Jones Returns from Chicago

Mrs. Sadie B. Jones, 1342 Sampson street, returned Aug. 21 after three weeks in Chicago, Ill. While there she attended the National Beauty Culturist League convention at the Sherman hotel Aug. 6-10.

Bridal Shower Held Honoring Louise Stewart

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given Thursday, August 24, at 8:00 p. m., at 840 Fifteenth Street in honor of Miss Louise Stewart's forthcoming marriage by Mrs. Sharon Rucker.

The evening was spent playing games. Prizes were won by Mrs. Brenda Black, Miss Joan Bradley, Miss Jesserean Dixon, Miss Charlotte Jones, Mrs. Wanda McClain, and Miss Verda William. The hostess served punch, onion dip with potato chips, chicken salad sandwiches, and a relish tray. Miss Stewart received many different and beautiful gifts.

Guests attending were Misses Joan Bradley, Shirley Carter, Elaine Dixon, Jesserean Dixon, Ramonadel Houston, Charlotte Jones, Jossie Russell, Sheila Williams and Verda Williams. Mmes. Brenda Black, Maxcelya Bozeman, Mary Jane De Van, DeVelma Eubanks, Marian Glass, Dorothy Hammit, Wanda McClain, Dyanne Spencer, Rhoda Turner, Donna Williams, Elaine Williams and the bride's mother, Mrs. Katherine Stewart.

Two Families Are On Vacation in Chicago

Atty. and Mrs. James B. Morris, Jr., and sons, of 1600 Hickman road, and Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Twyner and family of Davenport, Ia., are vacationing in Chicago, Ill., this week.

Sy Forrester, Star Athlete, Hospitalized

Sy Forrester, former North High star athlete, well known Des Moines bowler and star pitcher for the U. S. postoffice where he is employed as a mail handler at the main office, is a patient at Iowa Methodist hospital.

Denise Green Flies Home on Jet Airliner

Denise Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Green, returned to the city on a DC-7 jet airliner on Sunday, Aug. 27 after spending a month's vacation in Chicago, Ill. The trip was a gift from her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newby of Chicago.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

At 11 a.m. last Sunday Rev. G. M. Williams spoke on "Change Your Mind and You'll Change Your Condition." The Junior and the Young Adult choirs sang.

Visiting worshippers were Mrs. Patricia Clark of Trenton, N. J., and Mrs. Darlene Wilson, Deacon Benny Richardson is on the sick list.

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Mrs. Lillian Scales Returns to City After Two Month Tour of Asia, Europe, United States

Mrs. Lillian Scales of 721 Boyd street, returned to the city last week after a two-month tour of European and Asian countries and of cities in the continental United States.

Mrs. Scales left Des Moines June 26 for the west coast where she visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Scales and three sons, in San Francisco, Calif. From there she went to Los Angeles, where she visited Mrs. Mary Windsor.

Only Negro

A member of a tour-group of 19 of which she was the only Negro, Mrs. Scales said "It was a very fast trip, made entirely to the coastal cities by jet airliner. Inland tours

Elks Delegates Extended Courtesies

Mrs. Bernice Carter, of 911 16th street and Mmes. Pauline Johnson and Lola Hendred of Ottumwa, Ia., returned home after attending the Grand Temple Elks convention in New York City. While there Mrs. Carter received the past Grand Daughter Ruler honor, highest that can be bestowed in Elkdom, for her meritorious service as chairman of the Iowa State Board of Education.

The three ladies toured southeast Canada and New York and were entertained in Detroit, Mich., by Mrs. Hendred's brothers, Robert and Henry Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, 1108 10th street, who also attended the Elks Grand convention there, were entertained at dinner by Dr. Vera Campbell, a siropodist.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The election is Monday, Sept. 11. Voters will elect two members of the Des Moines School Board for six years and a Des Moines school treasurer for two years.

Des Moines voters will also vote for two Polk County Board of Education members who will serve for six years. One will be a member at large and one will represent the Des Moines school district. Also to be approved at the Sept. 11 election is the sale of four pieces of property involved in freeway and urban renewal plans.

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MRS. SCALES

group went to Hong Kong, China, to Singapore, and Bangkok, Thailand. From there the journey took them to India, where they visited Calcutta, Bombay, Old and New Delhi and then on to Karachi, Pakistan. They continued to Cairo, Egypt, Athens, Greece, and Rome, Italy. From Rome they flew back to New York, ending a month's tour.

Mrs. Scales then visited in New York, Muncie, Ind., and Chicago, Ill., where she arrived in time to attend the Annual Boule of her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, before returning home.

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Last of the big carefree holidays coming up, with many residents planning to take advantage of promised fair, sunny weather to have the possibly final cookouts, picnics and romping on the beaches of Iowa lakes. It has been a wonderful summer, deserving all the honors and accolades we can heap upon its untanned "head". It hardly seems so but 90 days have flipped by and soon the leaves of trees will be taken on their most radiant, bold fall colors.

A letter came o our desk earlier this week from Mrs. Ethelda Robinson of San Mateo, Calif., who wrote, "We not only enjoy our Bystander, as it keeps us in touch with home town friends. We also this summer enjoyed a visit from a friend of many years when she visited California. Mrs. Dora Mae Baker was a very welcome guest in my home here in San Mateo while here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Swan of Oakland, Calif.

Thanks again. Also all friends who come this way will be most welcome."

We also thank you Mrs. Robinson, for taking the time out to write us. Naturally, we enjoy complimentary letters fro m our readers. However, we welcome all letters to the paper, be their complimentary or critical.

Away on vacation this week is the office secretary and receptionist, Mrs. Mirial Boggs. Filling in while she is gone is a young lady formerly employed with the office, Miss Shirley Fullbright.

Monday will be Labor day, and the office will be closed. However, this will in no way affect the deadline for the Sept. 7 issue. It still remains Tuesday noon, Sept. 5. So mail your news as usual, a little earlier if you can to be sure it is handled at the local postoffice to prevent the pile up and delay when the carriers deliver the mail. The advertising deadline remains Wednesday noon, Sept. 6.

On Friday our boss, Mr. J. B. Morris, Sr., had a pleasant surprise from a former classmate who took printing classes with him at Hampton Institute, Virginia, when they were students there 50 years ago. He was Mr. Edmund McKim, Baltimore, Md. He and his wife, and eight ladies were on the last leg of a cross-country bus tour of the United States. They stopped here at the Franklin hotel overnight before continuing their journey.

He phoned Mr. Morris, and the two got together in the hotel lobby for an hour of talking over old times and catching up on what had happened since they parted. Mr. McKim, a former government printer, is now retired but operates a small printing shop of his own. Mr. Morris learned that Mr. McKim has belonged to the same Episcopal church in Baltimore, of which Mrs. Morris, was once a member.

We cannot resist passing this on to you readers. In Kansas City last week a couple were watching TV. The husband growing sleepy, went to bed. His wife remained watching, but soon fell asleep in her chair. When she awoke, she reached out to turn the set off, but discovered it was not there.

When police arrived they saw that a thief or thieves had cut a screen on a front window to gain entry, rifled the lady's purse of nearly \$40 (mostly money for a church group of which she was treasurer) and walked out the front door with the TV set.

Mrs. Lillian Brewer And Daughter, Sallie Return from N.Y. City

Mrs. Lillian Brewer and daughter, Sallie, recently returned home from New York City after attending the funeral of Mrs. Brewer's brother, Mr. John L. Brown.

While there many courtesies were extended and they took a tour of the City.

EDITORIALS

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WHY A CHANGE IN CITY GOVERNMENT

When the council-manager plan of government was up for consideration in 1928, the Bystander supported it. And it took that position because backers of the change promised a better government, more efficient and cleaner administration free from the wardhealer type of government. Then too, Negroes were not sharing equally in the government and we thought here was a chance to improve the lot of all.

Well, the proposal was defeated after a hard fought campaign but provided experience which enabled its backers to try again later.

In the second try, backers of the movement organized a better government committee and included among its members all shades of thought on city government, racial, labor and religious groups. It incorporated the best principles advanced the first time plus a kind of watchdog group to see that the proposals it espoused would be carried out.

The Bystander supported the second try on high hopes that the tricks played on Negroes by former civil service commissions would be eliminated; that corruption in office would not be tolerated, that the tax load would not be increased and that better service would be given to the people.

The proposal carried the second try, but sorry to say none of the promises has materialized. The Bystander acknowledges that it made a mistake for which it is sorry and will not repeat again.

During 45 years in Des Moines, the city government was never more plagued with corruption in the police department the past year and yet this new government hired an expert to come in and reorganize the department.

Garbage collection is at a low ebb. In spite of the enormous building program during the past few years which added millions to the assessment rolls, taxes continue to go up. (Down 1/10 of a mill for the new year.)

It is a most arrogant unresponsive city government making it almost impossible except for the favored few to get anything done within reason.

Less Negroes work for the city today than twenty years ago and yet numerous employees have been added including experts galore. More tricks have been played on Negroes seeking jobs than ever before. And spite of the fact that Des Moines has a Human Rights Commission, the city has been the most flagrant violator of some of its rules.

Over the years groups have complained that Des Moines has had no Negro firemen for 35 years, less policemen than 25 years ago, less men on the street and garbage jobs, only one in the municipal court building. And this in spite of the fact that civil service commissioners are designed to see that every applicant gets a fair break. On the contrary, it has been used to block Negroes. The council has been told about these things over and over again but nothing has been done to get at the bottom of them.

Des Moines has numerous commissions, and boards but except for Human Rights and Urban Renewal, no Negroes serve on any of them.

Fundamentally, the weakness of the council-manager form of government is that all members are elected at large. And thus by maneuvering and fooling a lot of people, a council representative of all parts of the city is not elected. (The National Association of Municipal Governments recommended in its 1960 resolutions that half of a council should be elected by wards and the other half at large.)

Of course, the council-manager form of government will not be an issue in the election in November. But the election of members of the council inclined toward a more responsive government should be favored. To this end, it is going to be pretty important who makes up the council next year.

Most systems of government are good if they are run good. But on the whole record this one is a flop.

ARE POLITICAL PROMISES VALID?

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity Carl Rowan, Assistant Secretary of State, chided Negroes for pressing the Kennedy administration for prompt passage of civil rights legislation. He warned that the Kennedy administration was doing more to better the lot of Negroes than others in the past and inferred that the group should not criticize.

In Ebony Magazine last year, Rowan said Harry Truman was the greatest friend the Negroes ever had in the White House not excluding

Abraham Lincoln. But since Mr. Truman criticized and bedamned the freedom riders, one questions Mr. Rowan's conclusions.

Few will question that President Kennedy is doing new and better things for Negroes and of course they are pleased. But those clamoring for civil rights legislation know that some is needed, that Mr. Kennedy and the Democratic platform promised it last year and now ask that these promises be kept.



The Football forecasters are at it again. The more we look at the pre-season forecasts the more we are inclined to believe that those guesses are merely a reply of the year before and for instance: these experts have handed Iowa the Big Ten championship saying that they would lose only to Purdue.

Ohio State

The Ohio State game will be a key one and will be the Buckeyes only loss in conference play. That was the way it was lost last year with Minnesota playing the role of Purdue.

Apparently those dopesters have forgotten this Iowa record of last year could well have included four losses instead of one. A famous football coach once said that a football has an odd shape and takes odd bounces. We know that at least three of those bounces were in Iowa's favor.

Our Guess

It is our guess that Iowa could field a better team than last year and still lose two or three games.

Iowa State

Iowa State could be on the way up. The Cyclones were tough last year and lacked only reserve strength to rate really high in the Big Six. This year it looks as if the boys have it. Let's Hope they do.

Drake

Drake is a question mark. They have a number of recruits from other schools and this may offset the loss of Harper who was a star last year.

At Home

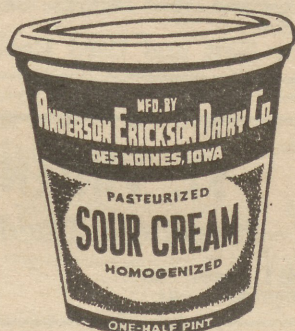
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Camp Roberts, Calif.—Army Engineers solved a discomfiting problem for one of Uncle Sam's prize reservists here last week. The benefactor: Elgin Baylor, star of the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association.

When the 6-foot, 5-inch Baylor reported here to begin two weeks of training as an army reservist, he found he could not rest properly because the standard army cot assigned to him was too short. A solution had to be found, and so the engineers got the call.

The problem was solved when two cots were welded together, end to end, for Baylor. Baylor is in training with the 53rd Infantry Division.

The Negro star and NRA one-game scoring record holder is expected to go into training immediately with the Lakers upon his release from reservist training.

team coming up. Tech has a rebuilding job. And North could be awfully tough. Can't pass up Roosevelt without a guess that nobody will run over them.

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Democratic state chairman, Lex Hawkins, announced that Stewart L. Udall, of Arizona, will be the speaker for the annual \$25.00-a-plate Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner which will be held at the Veterans Memorial auditorium in Des Moines on Saturday, Oct. 7.

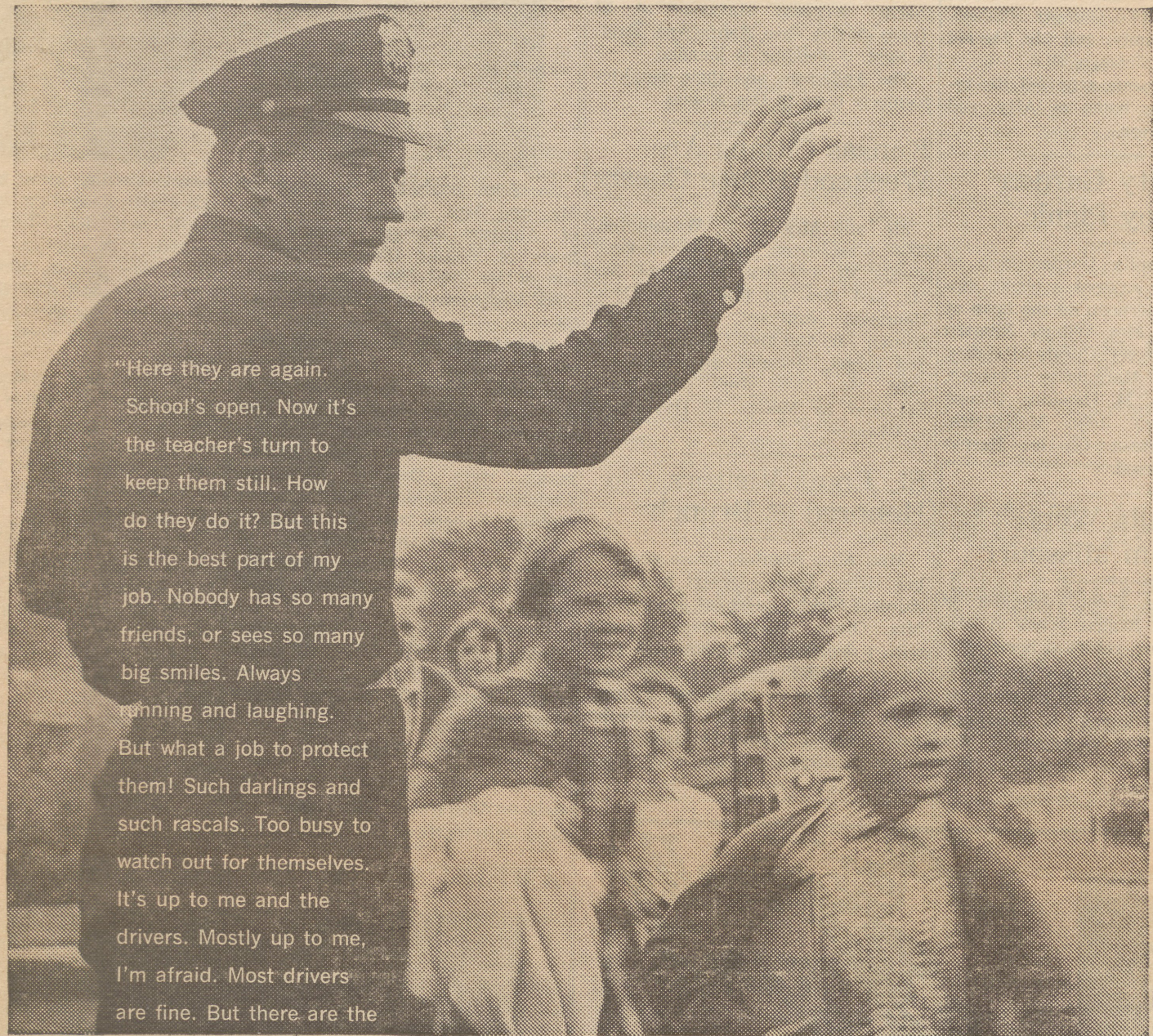
A second all-day workshop, similar to the one held in conjunction with the New Frontier dinner in May, will also be held on Oct. 7. All Democratic county chairmen, vice-chairmen and executive committee members and other interested democrats will participate. Tickets for the dinner are available at the Democratic State Central Committee Headquarters, 500 Shops Building.

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"Here they are again.
School's open. Now it's
the teacher's turn to
keep them still. How
do they do it? But this
is the best part of my
job. Nobody has so many
big smiles. Always
running and laughing.
But what a job to protect
them! Such darlings and
such rascals. Too busy to
watch out for themselves.
It's up to me and the
drivers. Mostly up to me,
I'm afraid. Most drivers
are fine. But there are the
ones in a hurry, sneaking
by the school bus when the
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it, forgetting kids rush
into the street from
nowhere. They could be
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