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### OUR GUEST Column

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IT HAPPENED IN GEORGIA  
By Aubrey Williams, Publisher, SOUTHERN FARMER, Montgomery, Ala.; Former Administrator National Youth Administration

Note to readers: Mrs. Bethune, edited in this column, has been closely associated with Mr. Williams in the NYA and liberal causes.

The place and the occasion of what happened was at the Atlanta, Ga., airport during the last days of the war. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune was sitting in the long hallway that serves as an incommensurate waiting room for air passengers awaiting departure of their planes. She was waiting for the plane for which she had purchased a ticket. Other passengers were seated all about her in peace and harmony. She was, as she recalls, exchanging pleasantries with some of her neighbors. "You get out of here," boomed a voice. "Get over there in that corner where you belong". The voice with all of its harshness was that of a policeman, standing over her threateningly. Its effect was as if someone had struck all in a room a bruising blow in some tender, sensitive spot.

Mrs. Bethune says that she said to herself, "I am an old woman (I did not say that). Mrs. Bethune says she said it and I had just as well die here as any place". "I don't want to move, I prefer to stay here," she replied to the officer.

"Get up and get over there in the corner where you belong". "No, Mr. Officer, I have a right to sit where I am. I have a ticket on a plane which is due to depart shortly and I do not wish to move".

As the officer moved toward Mrs. Bethune, a young soldier, coming in from nowhere, stepped up to her chair. She says he was Jewish, tall and strongly built. He spoke to Mrs. Bethune in a quiet voice, "Stay where you are". And then looking up half talking to the officer, half to the people, "They tell me I am supposed to be fighting for democracy. I guess this is as good a place to begin as any".

"I didn't make the law", growled the policeman, "I am only supposed to enforce it. O. K., Friend".

I have for many years held the belief that the Negro had more friends among members of the other segments of society than enemies. There have been times when this belief grew very weak and faint. But those times passed, and better times followed. We are at present in a period of evil days. The war has done something to people. This is not to be wondered at. We should know, if we stop to think, that you can't teach a whole generation to hate and kill so that they can win a war, without doing something terrible to them. What we see now is in part a carry-over from what we were taught in the war. That is not its whole content but it is part of it. That will pass. Time is that regard fights on the side of decency, brotherhood, and the finer traits of human character.

There is hope in this. And there is sense in it too. Knowing it is true will help those who wish and counsel others to patience.

Another strong evidence that vast numbers of all men are fundamentally opposed to unfair and discriminatory treatment of other men no matter of what color or nationality or religion is the upsurge of Southerners who in recent tests have stood up and been counted in favor of such basic rights as the right to vote, the right to join a union. In the morbid gloom of the lynching of those four young Negro people, we must

## U. P. Waiter Praised for Bravery, and Quick Thinking

U. P. HERO



TRACY T. RAY, Union Pacific Dining Car Waiter, who aided passengers when train was derailed Sept. 26, near Victorville, California.

A heroic dining car waiter, Tracy T. Ray, of 808 East Imperial Blvd., Los Angeles, today was commended for heroism in aiding women passengers in the Union Pacific dining car, Sept. 26, near Victorville, Calif.

When the derailment occurred, Ray was calling breakfast in one of the coaches. Swaying wildly, the coach lurched across the ties, until it came to a stop in an upright position with both vestibule doors jammed shut.

The women passengers, believing themselves trapped and some suffering from minor injuries became excited.

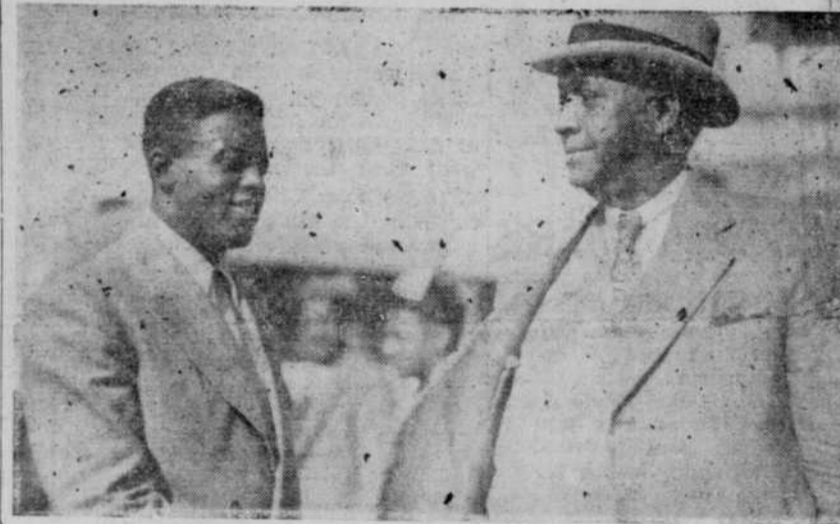
"Keep calm," Ray told them. "You are in no more danger. I'll get you out in a minute".

Seizing a fire axe, he broke windows, assisted all the passengers in escaping from the car and then administered first aid to the injured.

Although Ray was inclined to minimize his heroism, both passengers and J. L. Burns, superintendent of the Union Pacific Dining Car and Hotel Department, praised his bravery and quick thinking.

Ray has been in the employ of the Union Pacific for about a year. During the war, he worked as a civilian employe for the navy. He worked for the Union Pacific about 20 years ago out of Portland, Ore., as a dining car waiter, leaving to go into the hotel business.

## Athlete of 1946 Meets Publisher

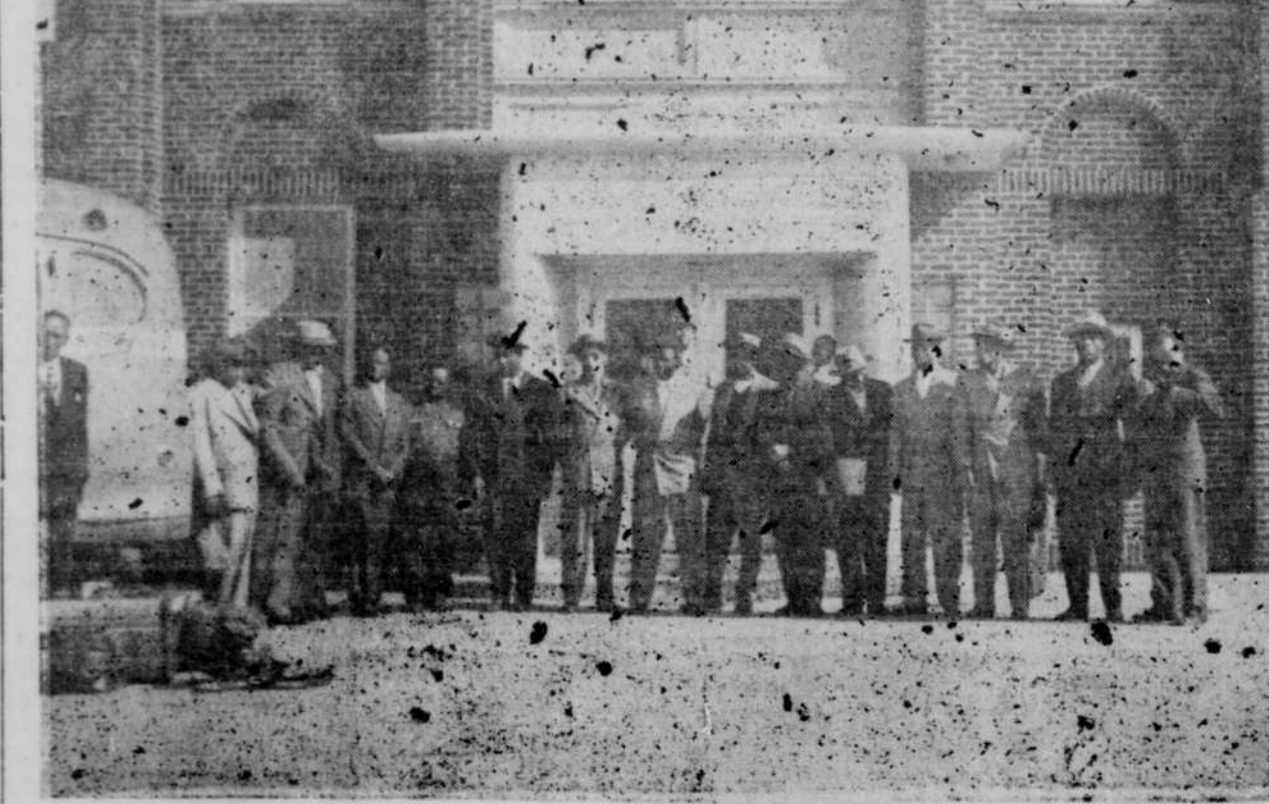


Jackie Robinson of the Montreal Royals and the Brooklyn Dodgers being greeted by Mr. C. C. Galloway, publisher of the Omaha Guide

JACKIE ROBINSON AND HIS ALL-STARS VISIT OMAHA

Fresh from his victorious playing in the Little World's Series in which the Montreal Royals defeated Louisville 2-0 to win the Junior Title, Jackie Robinson—most publicized Negro Athlete of 1945 2nd baseman for Montreal, 1st Negro in Organized Baseball and Tall, athletic and handsome, the (Continued on page 4)

## ROBINSON AND HIS ALL-STARS AT MUNY AIRPORT



Jackie Robinson, bareheaded in center, with his All-Star Baseball Team including: Johnny Scott, K. C. Monarchs; Harvey Peterson, Brooklyn Brown Dodgers; Wesley Dennis, Philadelphia Stars; Joseph Atkins, Pittsburg Crawfords; Wee Willie Pope, Pittsburg Crawfords; Earl Talborn, K. C. Monarchs; Jim my Foster Secy.; Alonzo Boone, Cleveland Buckeyes; Robert Scott Boston Blues and Jessie Warren, Boston Blues.

## COLUMBIA DEFENDANTS

### Must Stand Trial Again

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—As congratulatory messages continued pouring into NAACP offices in New York's Freedom House over the unprecedented and historic Lawrenceburg, Tenn., trials which acquitted 23 out of 25 Negroes indicted on charges of attempted murder, defense counsel Looby, Weaver and Ransom formulated plans in preparation for further court action growing out of the infamous so called Columbia 'riot' of last February 25th.

Dr. Leon Ransom, former dean of the Howard Law School, discussing further NAACP plans in connection with indictments still pending against the Negro defendants stated, "I'm a bit concerned over expressions of jubilation over the Lawrenceburg verdict. I'm afraid that many people are of the opinion that this case is finished and nothing could be farther from the truth. There are still two Negro defendants to be tried under the same indictment. They are William Pillow and Lloyd Kennedy and they're charged with attempt to commit murder in the first degree. They were separated from the main body of defendants through a technicality. In addition to this pending action all of the men acquitted in Lawrenceburg must stand trial again on other indictments, one of them being assaulted with attempt to kill. The penalty for this is exactly the same as on the first indictment. We also intend to appeal the convictions of Gentry and McKibbin, the two youths, both veterans, who were found guilty in Lawrenceburg."

Oliver Harrington, NAACP Public Relations Counsel who sat as an observer during the major part of the trial in Lawrenceburg, speaking in New York expressed concern over some public and press reaction to the Lawrenceburg decision. "Although the decision acquitting 23 of the 25 innocent Negroes was a momentous one there is no cause for rejoicing over a new and temporary South. There has been no mention made of this fact in the editorials I've read.

C. B. Baldwin, executive vice-chairman of the NAACP in a letter to the New York Times stated: "Those of us who have studied the tensions in the South realize that real democracy will not come to that section of the country overnight. Yet this does not mean that we can let up one whit in our efforts to hasten that day, or in such as this one and praise approximate justice. Does Southern justice meet its test when it places on trial the victims, the Negroes and is unwilling to place in similar jeopardy the aggressors. In this case members of the white community?"

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Thirty-seven governors were asked to support NAACP-sponsored anti-discrimination standards in State Employment Services today.

The request was made by Clarence Mitchell, labor secretary of the Association, because of what he described as a "dismal failure of the U. S. Department of Labor to require adequate standards against discrimination".

After November 15, Mitchell said, the Department of Labor will begin giving out \$42,000,000 to the states for operating employment services but apparently is afraid to give definite instructions to keep discrimination at a minimum in the local offices.

The standards proposed by the NAACP would eliminate segregated offices, forbid acceptance of discriminatory orders, make it mandatory that all referrals be on the basis of qualifications rather than race and require that all hiring for the agency's own staff be on a non-discriminatory basis.

REV. E. W. BEASLEY  
CONDUCTING SOUL-SAVING REVIVAL AT MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. E. W. BEASLEY of Jackson Tenn., who is conducting a Ten-Day Revival at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 24th & Ohio Sts.

REV. DAVID ST. CLAIR, Host Pastor of Mt. Moriah, who extends a cordial welcome to all to attend this great Revival.

Rev. E. W. Beasley, Pastor of the Cumberland Street Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn., and well known Evangelist is conducting a Ten Day Revival at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, of which Rev. David St. Clair is Pastor. The Revival which started October 14th, has had a very good attendance, with ten new members being enrolled during the first two nights.

Mrs. Viola Bradford, pianist, is Director of Mt. Moriah's fine choir.

Rev. Beasley is a graduate of Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tenn where he received the Bachelor of Theology Degree. He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. During his pastorate in Jackson, Tenn., Rev. Beasley has constructed a beautiful Church Auditorium, and has been active in community and civic affairs.

Rev. David St. Clair, general pastor of Mt. Moriah, under whose leadership the Church's building program has been completed, came to Omaha from Emporia, Kansas, where he served the St. Paul Baptist Church for a period of eight years. His wealth of experience and adherence to the Christian Philosophy of life has made him a spiritual asset to the community. The pastor extends a hearty welcome to everyone to attend the Revival which closes Friday, October 25th.

## JURY FINDS JAMES LINCOLN NOT GUILTY

James Lincoln, former 13th St. resident and Taxi driver, who was charged with being an accomplice of James C. Taylor in the fatal shooting of Walter B. Cline at 30th and Lake Sts. on August 1st, was acquitted in Criminal Court Friday morning. The Jury of three women and nine men was out nearly 24 hours before bringing in a verdict of Not Guilty, of the 1st Degree Murder Charge. Lincoln was defended by Attorney William Jamieson.

## 'Stant' Turner To Speak at Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A. Monday evening, Oct. 21st

Omaha is the only city privileged to hear Mr. Turner on a flying trip from the Philippines to Grinnell College.

"The spirit of the Philippine people is the spirit of Bataan which carried them through the period of Japanese occupation and which represents the courage and resourcefulness with which they will meet and answer the challenge of their coming independence".

That's the opinion of E. S. 'Stant' Turner, Senior Secretary of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. at present in the United States after liberation from Manila's ill-famed Santo Tomas prison camp. Turner is in a position to know Japanese policies since he was permitted to live a year outside the Santo Tomas by Japanese authorities who hoped thus to curry favor from the Filipino leaders.

## FRATERNAL CONGRESS TO MEET IN CHICAGO, OCT. 21

Nineteen Omaha fraternalists will attend the 60th Annual meeting of the National Fraternal Congress to be held at the Morrison hotel in Chicago, October 21 thru 22, Farrar Newberry, president of the Woodmen of the World will be one of the principal speakers with an address on "Then, Now and Tomorrow." W. C. Braden, secretary of the Woodmen of the World is president of the secretaries' section. O. Stum Wells, general attorney for the Woodmen Circle is president of the law section. The Woodmen of the World delegation in addition to Newberry and Braden, will include chairman of the board D. E. Bradshaw; vice president R. E. Miller; general attorney William Mooney; Director T. E. Newton; medical director H. B. Kennedy; J. R. Sims; George L. Ling; Vernon Woods; "Blue" Howell; H. L. Rosenblum; and Emma Wood. The Woodmen Circle delegation will include, in addition to Wells, president Dora Alexander Talley; secretary Clara Cassidy; medical director Olga Stastny; director Florence Jensen and actuary Eugene Pakes.

The National Fraternal Congress is composed of 110 member societies, whose total membership is nine million members. These members carry a total of eight billion dollars of life protection. Sixty-two and one half billion dollars in benefits have been paid by the member societies since organization 60 years ago. The Fraternal Congress is the largest fraternal group and its membership contains 26 different nationalities.

He (Turner) has given the Philippines a movement with a clean name and a worthy tradition, liberal and progressive in views, tolerant in attitude, flexible and responsive to changing needs, effective in methods, efficient in management and dedicated to the development of a commodity more precious than gold—the character of youth. Turner was born in Turner, Ia. He secured his BA from Grinnell in 1911 and MA from Oberlin college in 1914. His other activities in Manila included honorary membership in the Rotary club and officership in the Masons, Elks, Union church, Boy Scouts and other agencies. He has served as chairman of the relief committee of the Red Cross, on many government social welfare commissions, and has helped develop cooperation between the island's welfare organizations.

## 2ND WARD REPUBLICANS SELECT OFFICIALS

County Chairman Clyde Travis addressed 35 members of the 2nd Ward Republican Organization on Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall.

The following officials were selected: Arthur E. McCaw, chairman; William E. Davis, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Clona Scott, sec'y.

Duff O'Shaunnessy secretary of the County Central Committee and Frank Best, candidate for County Commissioner were also present at the meeting.

## CIVIL SERVICE LABORERS, MUNITIONS HANDLERS AND CAR WASHERS WANTED!

An opportunity to file applications for a Civil Service (career) appointment in the Federal service was announced today by the Secretary, Central War Dept. Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, 804 Federal Building, Omaha, Nebraska. Appointments will be made to the positions of Laborer, Munitions Handler, Scrap Handler, and Car Washer, \$0.76 to \$1.01 per hour, for duty in War Department installations in the Omaha, Nebraska area.

## DE LOACH TO OPEN NEWSSTAND AT 24th and LAKE

The City Council has granted a permit to Buddy DeLoach, World War II veteran to open a newsstand at 24th and Lake Sts. He hopes to solicit the patronage of the public as he will render the very best service. Credit for this project goes to Mr. McGill who is always a help to veterans.

## OMAHA FINED \$10 AFTER SLASHING WIFE

Joshua Foster, 32, of 2718 Charles Street, was fined \$10 and costs Thursday in Central Police Court for disturbing the peace.

Police said Foster slashed his former wife, Willa Crawford, 21, of 2617 Caldwell, and Bernard Hill 23, also of 2617 Caldwell Street, after an argument Wednesday night.

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# AMVETS' FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! Special Dispensation \$2.00 Yearly.

"VETERANS" by H. L. McCaw, Com'der—In order to keep abreast of the times, The AMVETS are launching their 1st Fall Membership Drive. Do you know that the AMVETS' Club is YOUR Club? Founded and maintained for your enjoyment and pleasure. A Place where you and yours can congregate in an atmosphere of Fun and Gaiety. To assure the permanency of the Club, it will entail the cooperation of all Veterans of World War 2. This fine energetic group of men have banded together to give Omaha one of the finest Nite Spots in middle west. It took courage and initiative on their part, as this venture entailed the expenditure of a great amount of effort and money. This Membership Drive will give all of you an opportunity to become a part of this fine organization. The lay-out and decorations of the beautiful SKY ROOM and Lounge are comparable to any in the middle west—The Floor Show—Service and Cuisine, leave little to be desired. A Complete Change of Floor Shows every 2 weeks. The 50c minimum charge is in keeping with their policy to provide the BRST of Entertainment at a nominal price. Members and their Guests are cordially invited. Special Prices are in effect for Parties, etc. The ground work has been prepared—all you have to do is step in—CAN YOU AFFORD TO STAY OUT? JOIN NOW!