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THE WEATHER Weather outlook for the Period December 4 to December 9. Upper Mississippi Valley, generally fair, except for brief periods of light precipitation...

Albert Edwards Exonerated

Saturday, December 2nd, Clarence Harrison, a butcher who has been employed at a local packing house for years and who was a member at one time of the UBF band and Yancey's band got in an altercation with Albert Edwards in a North 24th Street Tavern. The outcome of the altercation Albert Edwards was cut in the leg. Late on in the evening Albert encountered Harrison and they had another altercation. Edward seemed to have gotten the best of the affair. Clarence Harrison went home at 2529 Patrick and was found dead in the bathroom. Later it was thought at the time of his death it was due to the altercation he had with Mr. Edwards. After examination by official physician it was found that Mr. Clarence Harrison's death was found a natural cause and the coroner exonerated Mr. Albert Edward from any blame.

Dept of Commerce BUREAU OF THE CENSUS Washington

November 27, 1939

Special to the Editor, Omaha Guide 2418 Grant Street

My dear Sir: I have been loaned to the Census Bureau for a short while for the National Urban League and OPPORTUNITY for the purpose of impressing upon the Negro public the importance of full and honest cooperation with the enumerators who will take the sixteenth Census of the United States early in 1940.

I am sending you herewith a bulletin of general information about this Census, with the suggestion that you publish in your news columns whatever you feel will be of importance to your readers, and at the same time point out editorially the confidential nature of all Census information and the precautions taken to prevent its misuse.

Negroes will have to stand for the next ten years on their record as revealed by the approaching Census. These figures will be an important factor in determining insurance rates, the extension of governmental assistance on the basis of need, and other economic considerations. Therefore I feel that this is a matter of grave importance and would deeply appreciate any cooperation that you may extend.

Watch next weeks paper for information you ought to know. Sincerely yours, Edward Lawson, Consultant

PILGRIM INSURANCE CO. HEAD AND ASSOCIATES MEET IN CELEBRATION

Augusta, Ga. Dec. 7 (C)—It was a Happy Birthday to S. W. Walker, President of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company, held here on November 18 last. State manager, district managers and agents made the trip for the celebration. President Walker received congratulatory telegrams, trophies and other gifts.

C. B. Nicholas, Georgia State Manager for the company, who had charge of the drive for new business; J. M. Hinton, South Carolina State Manager and C. R. Williams, Alabama State Manager, were commended for their great work.

Dr. D. H. Stanton of the American Bible Society made the principal address at the birthday celebration. Mr. A. M. Carter, comptroller, made the presentation address. President Walker, responded. Other speakers were: Dr. T. W. Josey, the Company's Medical Director, Rev. W. C. Lack of Augusta; also, J. C. Johnson, C. R. Williams, J. L. Hinton, W. H. Wilborn and James Walker. Second Vice President J. Thomas Walker presided.

Great interest was manifested by the three state agencies and it was found that the company had written \$601,500 of new business. It was the greatest drive ever launched by Pilgrim.

VALUE OF PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY NEGROES HAS INCREASED

Washington, D. C.—Values of real estate property in the vicinity of many low-rent public housing projects occupied by Negroes have increased during the last 18 months, according to a recently completed survey by the United States Housing Authority. Findings of the survey, which covered 43 Government-owned projects, were made public last week by Nathan Straus, USHA Administrator.

A cross section checkup of these projects in various parts of the country reveal that \$9,339,000 has been spent during the past 18 months on both private and public construction and improvements that have sprung up in the neighborhoods surrounding the public housing developments.

The survey included such projects of predominant Negro occupancy as Langston Terrace in Washington, D. C.; Stanley S. Holmes Village in Atlantic City, N. J.; Lincoln Gardens, Evansville, Ind.; Durkeeville, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dixie Homes, Memphis, Tenn.; Liberty Square, Miami, Fla.; and University Terrace, Columbia, S. C.

Popular Movie Actress Aids in Campaign



Doing her part in fighting tuberculosis is Mildred Gover, screen actress who is one of the early purchasers of Christmas Seals.

Between the Lines

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock

(For ANP)

NUMBER FIFTY-TWO

If and when, the rat catches the man bites the dog, it is news, then when a white boy plays football on a Negro team its news of the newest sort. This is what happened last Saturday on Virginia Union's gridiron. Seeing was believing last Saturday at least. I had heard of this white boy on Lincoln's team but like Thomas of old I wanted to put my hand on the situation. Far more thrilling than the game itself which was immensely thrilling was the sight of a young white man tangling up on the gridiron with young Negroes. My mind went back to the days of the Abolitionists who hailed from Boston and spread their philosophy throughout the nation. Here in this young white man was abolitionism reincarnated in the year of our Lord 1939. Nothing happened except Lincoln incidentally won the game by one point. A good time was had by all and the young man whose number was 52 had demonstrated Jesus Christ on the gridiron.

I want Number 52 to preach Christ unto me for the Christ he preaches has meaning. Fifty-two can talk culture to me for he epitomizes culture. Fifty-two can impress me with his doctrines for he has impressed me with his behavior. Gradually the light is breaking and it is breaking fastest among the younger generations. The late Dr. C. T. Walker, greatest preacher of his generation, used to say there was always the question of the older to the younger generation, "What is going to happen when all the old folks die and get out of the way?" Dr. Walker always replied that the world is going to move on for they had no business "getting in the way."

Race relations are going to receive a mighty impulse forward with the death of many now living. I am pinning my hopes on the wakening humanitarianism of the younger generations of the younger generations of white men and women in this country. Young Negroes must be able to meet them half-way. Number 52 has set standards which are Christian in their implication. I have wondered about 52's parents. They must be great in their spirits for often, like parents, like children. They too are abolitionists in their hearts. The fellow who is "up there" making a speech on race relations can never compare with the fellow "in there" playing his heart out with

and for the fellows. When I pondered as 52 drove through center, the thought occurred to me that there were some young men in Richmond, both on the Mason and Dixon Lines, who also would play on Negro teams and with Negroes if let alone. They must be restrained for their laudable impulses. The 52 feelings are not confined to any one section of the nation but is widespread. There is considerably more 52 feeling than 52 playing. The feelings are most important for they are bound to register themselves one way or another. For lo, these many years we have been reading of Negroes playing on white teams of the North but not until the coming of 52 have we read of a white athlete playing on a Negro team.

Those Negroes who try so hard to underestimate the importance of interracialism ought to think of 52. Fifty-two is an interracialist of the practical kind and there will be others tomorrow. It should nerve the arm and strengthen the heart of the younger generation of Negroes to know that abolitionism is not no need of this today. We need 52's just as certainly as we needed John Brown and the rest of the Abolitionists. Those whites who stirred this nation with anti-slavery propaganda and those who built Negro colleges and those who support them and the 52s are all of the same mould. They all had the 52 sentiment in their souls.

Negroes must learn to put all their energies on the anti-Negro white man and his program. While cursing the Negrophobes we must not overlook the Negro-philites. It is more popular to curse the former than to bless the latter but the popular course is not always safest and most profitable. Interracialism is not dead nor is it obsolescent. So while we praise 52 for what he is doing we must not forget the fellow who is just waiting for a chance to "52."

RAYMOND HORNE PASSES

Mr. Raymond Perry Horne, 44 years old, former steward at the Dundee Golf Club and the University club died Tuesday at a local hospital after a brief illness. In recent years Mr. Horne had been a government employee. Mr. Horne was a staunch democrat and for a number of years had taken a active part in politics. Being born and raised in Omaha and a member of one of Omaha's pioneer families he had a large circle of friends in all

Where Is The Negro Commerce?

Chicagoan Appointed Architect on \$7,719,000 Housing Project

Chicago, Dec. 7 (ANP)—Announcement was made this week by the Chicago Housing Authority of the appointment of George M. Jones, widely known architect and engineer, as a member of a group of architects commissioned by the Authority to draft plans for a new \$7,719,000 housing project here. Site of the new project was not disclosed, pending arrangements for acquiring the land. The other commission members are all white.

Premier



Hazel Harrison premier pianist who returning from a concert tour which included Dillard University, Normal College, Normal Ala. Alabama State Teachers' College, Montgomery and Fort Valley College, will appear in Detroit, January 19. Miss Harrison formerly of the Tuskegee Institute faculty is now at Howard University. (ANP)

Mr. Horne is survived by four children: DeLores, Norman, Marvin and Janette, three sisters: Mrs. Sadie Cummings, 2428 Lake St. with whom he made his home, Mrs. Corine Hall, Spokane, Wash, Mrs. Lulla Burkes Lincoln, Neb. Two nephews, Albert Burkes and Lewis Grant, Omaha. Mr. Horne's wife, Mrs. Leona McCoy Horne, preceded him in death four years ago.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon with Rev. F. C. Williams officiating at the Thomas Funeral Home, 2022 Lake street with burial at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

City Union of Ushers & Usherettes

Jack Hall, Reporter WE. 2094

Yes, your reporter is still on his job, of course I'll agree with you that I haven't been able to get around to visit all of the locals lately. But I've been thinking of you and will be seeing you soon. Speaking of visiting, your reporter in his rounds last Sunday found himself over to Bethel Baptist. Remembering the President of that local, Mr. Andrews had invited the City Union over to take part or at least be their guest as on that day they were suppose to have their Annual Sermon preached by some pastor. Due to the illness or something on the part of your reporter, I couldn't seem to get heads or tails of the meeting. The City Union president, Mrs. Young and about eight or nine locals of different churches presented themselves Thanksgiving Day were in for a fine afternoon. You know, kind of a get together affair, shake hands, make acquaintances,

Six Hundred Hear the World's Greatest Orators

THE WEALTH OF THE COUNTRY IS OWNED BY 2% OF ITS CITIZENS

Mr. M. P. Webster, the first speaker and Mr. A. Philip Randolph the second speaker of the evening.

The keynote of Mr. Webster's subject was that the Negroes wealth is his labor. Mr. Webster stated that 99 1/2% of the entire population of Negroes were a working people, therefore it is absolutely essential for the Negro to join hands in full forces with America's workers regardless of race, creed or color and that he must become a member of some kind of a trade union if he expects to improve his working conditions and to receive a reasonable sum for his labor. Mr. Webster stated that the trouble with the Negro was that he had too many hungry self-styled leaders that were always in front and on the firing line, and every group of Negroes got together, and that this self-styled leader in reality was gathering information and pushing himself in front for the purpose of reeling them out to his enemies for personal advantages. Mr. Webster said these supposed to be leaders are eager to represent themselves as the leaders of some big Negro organization often called the Chamber of Commerce or the Negro commercial club. Mr. Webster stated he had been looking for the commerce part of the Negroes for twenty years and upon his investigation he found the majority of the Negro commerce

of new members, in fact have a jolly good time.

But it seems if though their president had other ideas, probably it was the collection that caused him to forget that he had company. However, Mr. Andrews the City Union will have their Cabinet meeting Sunday Dec. 10th. Time 3:30. Place Urban League and of course your know we are expecting you by all means. We crave a few words with you.

We hope to have some definite news concerning the box lunch at our next meeting.

I'll be seeing you.

St. Benedict Girls Win

By Clarence McDavis St. Benedict girls went to victory over the Urban League Round Tables. Naomi Garner starred for St. Benedict's team. Mary Sessions was the first to score. Sessions basket was the only one made in the first quarter. Juanita Agie scored and tied the score in the second quarter. Irene Harris fouled Naomi Garner giving Garner a free throw. The score was 3-2 in favor of St. Benedicts. In the third Naomi scored twice while Mary Sessions scored once. Irene Harris scored for the Round Tables. In the fourth quarter Naomi scored three times and made three free throws which made the score 6 to 17. St. Benedict's favor.

The lineup for St. Benedicts is as follows: Naomi Garner..... F Mary Sessions..... F-C Audrey Scott..... F Wanita Smart..... G Geraldine Peak..... G Edna Taylor..... G Helen King..... G

BIG NAACP, BENEFIT SHOW A big, grand benefit minstrel show will be given at the Ritz theatre, Saturday night December 9, at 11:45 p. m.

consisted of a few barber shops, pool halls, restaurants and beauty cultural schools. In most communities where Negroes live if there is any other kind of business as a rule they are owned and operated by the other race.

Mr. Randolph's keynote of his subject was that the Negro race had no political party to look to for relief; that the Negroes only hope was to allow himself with the progressive movements that were trying to maintain America's democratic principles of our country. Mr. Randolph stated that 2 percent of American citizens owned and controlled the wealth of our country and the great trouble with the country today was the inadequate distribution of the wealth of our country.

Watch next weeks paper for more details about Mr. Randolphs talk.

Former Atlanta Uni Student in French 107th Air Battalion

Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 7—Harry Mery, a native of Guadeloupe in the French West Indies, who was the first exchange student from a French university to be enrolled in a Negro university in this country is a member of the first company of the 107th Air Battalion in the French army. He is stationed at Villacoublay.

A graduate of the University of Paris, Mery was awarded the diploma of superior studies by this institution before leaving for the front. His thesis, on the life of James Weldon Johnson, was written under the direction of Dr. Mercer Cook.

The Omaha Civic Orchestra is entering its fourth week of "Music Appreciation Concerts," with one more week of the first series to be placed. In preparation at present are a series of Christmas Concerts with which will be played throughout the City beginning December 22nd.

Following is the schedule for the week of December 11th.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Mon. Dec. 11—Garfield school 9:00 AM.; So. Lincoln school 10:00 AM.; St. Bridget school, 1:00 PM.

Tues. Dec. 12—Ashland Park School, 9:00 AM.; West Side School, 10:30 AM.; Jungman School, 1:00 PM.

Wed. Dec. 13—Kellom school 9:00 AM.; Park school 1:00 PM.; lady of Lourdes school, 2:30 PM.

Thurs. Dec. 14—Lincoln school 9:00 AM.; Hawthorne School 10:30 AM.; Robbins school 1:00 PM.

Friday Dec. 15—Mason school 9:00 AM.; Field club, 10:30 AM.; Holy Cross school, 1:00 PM.

NEGO BAND Mon. Dec. 11—So. High school dance, 11:45-1:15 PM.

Tues. Dec. 12—So. High school Dance, 11:45-1:14 PM.; Benson High school, Dance, 12-1 PM.; Christ Child Center, 22nd Poppleton Avenue, 7:30-10:30 PM.

Wed. Dec. 13—So. High school Dance, 11:45-1:15 PM.; Benson High school, 12-1 PM.; Bellevue Dance 8:30-11:30 PM.

Thurs. Dec. 14—So. High school Dance, 11:45-1:15 PM.; Benson High school, 12-1 PM.; Bellevue Dance 8:30-11:30 PM.

Fri. Dec. 15—So. High school Dance, 11:45-1:15 PM.; Omaha University, Dance 9-12 PM.; So. Side Gym, Dance, 8-11 PM.; Monroe school 3:30-5:30 PM.