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Twelve Choirs Will Stage Sixth Annual Spring Musical At Tech

212 NEGROES DIE IN DANCE HALL FIRE 75 INJURED

FIVE SUSPECTS ARRESTED

16,000 inhabitants are Negroes Omaha, announced Rev. C. C. Petand there was scarcely a Negro ties and W. E. Ford today. The home untouched by loss of rela- new pastor is to take charge of tives or friends in a fire that church services Sunday, April 28. gutted the Rrythm Night Club. Public invited, they stated.

Julius Wright, Negro, gave this description of the few deadly sec- DEWEY 100 PERCENT onds just after he heard a girl FOR LYNCHING BILL cry "Look!"

didn't see anything, Then I saw recent speaking tour in Nebraska the moss all aflame. Women be. and Missouri, Thomas E. Dewey, fell against a cardboard petition.

down with it. The flames fell all over him. I grabbed my wife and ter was made clear in a letter to got out to the street."

hall "the worst fire trap imagin- West were even more pointed.

"When we finally got in. bodies were lying all over the floor," he said. "You could scarely take a step without walking

were very bloody, indicating des perate fighting.

DEAD LINE GARAGE FLOORS

AND FUNERAL HOMES

tense and dry-eyed, crowded Wrecked homes and abandoned funeral parlors where the dead children are casting shadows on el" Hubert Julian, self styled dance place were injured. Most of sible healthy bodies with which were laid in rows on garage floors the pearly gates of the kingdom of black eagle of New York's Harlem them young people 15 to 17 years to begin life free from disease

tims, the youngest of whom was week. The report followed less were led weeping away.

Six nurses were sent in from Hospital, declared:

Greenville, Miss., and Washingtno 'The teachings of the move- work. Red Cross Oeadquarters authoriz- ment include a denial of family ed the Natchez chapter to pay ties and responsibility towards for funeral for victims whose the family. We observe that when families could not meet the ex- an individual accepts Father Dipense.

INVESTIGATE

FIREBUG RUMORS

Sheriff Hyde Jenkins said ru- Mental Disease, the investigators mors that the blaze was a fire told of intellectual and emotional bug's work had been investigated confusion" among offspring of but all evidence so far pointed parents who "have diverted their Bryant, won the honors of super- youth: Do I owe youth anything? tain these facilities not criticize a Jim Crow CCC camp at Yucca to an accidental origin. He added emotions toward Father Divine," that somes cases of minor looting and added: from the bodies of the dead were being checked.

NLRB HITS EMPLOYER

USE OF RELIGIOUS BIAS

Washington, April 25 (CNA)the company store, were assailed this week in an order by the National Labor Relaitons Board that three textile mills in Gaffney up family life. South Carolina "cease dominating or interfering with" three employee clubs. The Board declared there had been "an active campaign to frustrate and destroy Textile Workers Union of Ameri- had been "converted" by Father

The board said that the mills God." fostered the clubs as rivals to the union. It also charged "phy- CANADIAN STUDENT sical violence directed against union members and assemblages," appeals to "religious sympathies." against the union.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH GETS NEW PASTOR

Rev. A. N. T. Chism, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Redlands, Natchez, Miss. Special Release California, has accepted the pas-Some 60 per cent of this town's torate of Salem Baptist Church,

New York City-During his least two definite statements sup-"He knocked it down and fell porting a Federal anti-lynching measure. His position in this mat-A white eyewitness called the but the two statements in the

> During an interview in Omaha when asked about the lynching measure he declared:

"I believe it should become a law. I am 100 per cent for it." Asked the same question by a an army now as two months back "Near the bar there was a pile woman reporter in St. Louis, Mr. believes the Allies may have baitof bodies five feet high. Many Dewey replied without hesitation: ed Germany to fight in preferred "I am in favor of it, heartily in territory. favor of it."

UPSET HOMES LAID TO FATHER DIVINE

All day thousands of Negroes | Boston, April 26 -(CNA)-Father Divine, two white New arrived in Bergen tonight enroute of age."—came blasting from the and physical hanricaps. This One by one, relatives of vic- York psychiatrists reported this to fight for Finland. 14. were admitted. They searched than 24 hours the suicide in New also intended for service with among the dead, screamed, shout York of Floyd Schaefner, white Finnish armies in the Russo-Fined "That's him," or "There she WPA laborer whose wife deserted nish war, was on the same ship. is," or "That's my Johnny," and him, with their 10-year-old daugh- The vessel had been long delayed ter, to go "to live with God."

Mrs. Ruth Zercher of the Red Disclosing a study of a group said. Cross announced the expanded of children whose parents had death list late today after it had "neglected" them to behome "an-

> vine's teachings, all of the family SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL relationships of the home are broken, very often the home itself."

In the Journal of Nervous and

A similar indictment was made against the cult recently by Judge Two favorite weapons of southern Father Divine's edict forbidding City, Missouri, May 9, 0 and 11. why should I worry? And so members, etc. Encourage them to camp are forced to work seven white workers in the union and normal marital relations on the part of his followers. Panken accused Father Divine of advocating race suicide and of breaking

> Schaefner committed suicide in his three-room apartment at 527 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, leaving an unaddressed note explaining that his wife and daughter Iowa State College; Stanford Hulber of respects. Divine and had "gone to live with

GIVES WAR VIEWS

Clement DuMont, A 3, premedic invaded Denmark and Norway.

MASONICS BURN \$14,000 MORTGAGE BUILDING FREE OF DEBT



gan to scream. One man jumped candidate for the Republican nom- Left to Right, Past Grand Master ham N. Hyde of Des Moines, Dr. Hunter and Ed. Fletcher. up, pulled down the moss, and ination for President ,made at Walter L. Seals of Omaha; Bran- Sumner A. Furniss, Nathaniel L. —Photo Coudtesy World-Herald

the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska. of Nebraeska and Jurisdiction "We have fought a tough battle The four hundred fifty members purchased the present building, to reach this goal. The members at the Masonic Order in Nebras- be held here April 26 through singers have taken active part in 26th at Blondo streets, for four- and our friends have been faith- ka will have a public cornerstone April 28 promises to be a rich the music festival, he added. teen thousand dollars. Monday ful and kind," he stated. they burned the mortgage of all Dr. Furniss of Indianapolis, In- ter disclosed. outstanding debts, announced diana is a truly third degree Ma-

DuMont, who considers himself

just as far away from the Canadi-

BLACK EAGLE OF HARLEM

HEADS FOR FINLAND

TOO LATE

In nineteen thirty, members of Nathaniel Hunter, Grandmaster son. Hunter is holder of the same

honor, it is reported.

laying in July, the Grand Mas-

BY RAYMOND R. BROWN

"A drop of ink may make a million think."-Byron

week throughout America, our

trap with only one door for an

are growing up.

mic disaster.

DUTY TO YOUTH

PARENTS MUST KNOW

Several weeks too late, the American Negro aviator, "Colonradio this morning.

An American ambulance unit,

Both the black eagle, who was rated an "ace" when a member of eroned. I wonder how many of stood at 212 for hours. She said gels" in the Divine kingdoms, Haille Selassie's tiny Ethiopian those parents knew where their this purpose. If necessary, we Union (A.F. of L.)) United Mine also that 75 of the injured were Drs. Lauretta Bender and M. A. air force, and the members of the children had gone that evening or could organize parent clubs our workers of America, State being cared for by the Red Cross. Spalding of New York's Bellevue ambulance unit will proceed to had paid any attention to the selves to study for better child-Finland to aid in reconstruction fact that the hall was a fire hood.

> STROUD & BRYANT WIN PIANO HONORS; AT HIGH

FLORA PINKSTON PRAISES STUDENTS CONTEST RENDITIONS

ior in piano at the Nebraska High School Activities Association's er today.

Lawson, of Topeka, Kansas, di- the responsibility of Negro youth. it. rector or Music; Rosalind Cook, The Natchez disaster is closer to (4) We have responsibility to shizer, Des Moines, Iowa, Drake bert Schmidt, Lincoln, Nebraska, danger of "fire" from other form habits of neatness. School of Music; James A. Meli- sources if we do not assume our tra and band director.

teacher.

THINK OF CHILD BEFORE BIRTH

(1) To prevent physical disas-"200 Negroes lose their lives ter besetting Negro youth we through a fire in a Natchez, Mis- should begin thinking about that sissippi, dance Hall. Many more even before they are born so that of the 700 packed in this small they might be given the best posmeans we must keep our own in Negro Americans, what a hor- that condition to assure them of Southerners, and the 4-H clubs rible price for pleasure! Every this opportunity.

(2) We must study the matter young people seek pleasure under of child care, proper food and just such conditions. When I diet, and health habits of childin its voyage, officers of the unit heard this statement, I wondered ren. This does not require a colhow many were accompanied by lege education. The government gion of Labor Foundation. parents or were properly chap- has provided adult education and We must give serious consider-

enough about how our children exercise, sunshine and wholesome recreational opportunities for our state parks, city parks, and coun- are expected to take part in the try spots provided for this pur- Congress sessions. In Natchez, in New York, in pose. We have social agencies set Omaha, "Negro Parents" must up to provide this service to you JIM CROW TERROR realize their responsibility to our and the young people. Some of BARED IN CCC CAMP young people. These questions them might need more adequate Sylvester Stroud, South High might flash in your mind as you facilities. That again is your Seattle, April 25 (CNA)-Re-High School senior and Arthur consider our responsibility to responsibility to help them to ob- ports of intolerable conditions in Didn't I have to make my own their lack of them. Perhaps your Creek in Northern California way in this world? Won't hard- moral support, maybe even your were brought to light by the "The parents interested in Twelfth Annual Music Festival ships make a man of him? What's financial help, might mean that Washington Iew-Dealer, organ of Father Divine not only neglect district number two, Fremont, Ne- the value of a college education? they obtain complete gymnasium the Washington Commonwealth their children emotionally but al-braska, April 10, 20, asserted Isn't it the duty of the church, or swimming pool or club rooms Federation, following an interview so neglect their physical well-be- Mrs. Flora Pinkston, music teach- the school, and social agency to that are so vital to the recreat. with a quartet of boys from Seatcontrol youth's desire for plea- ional needs of our youth. In the tle who quit the camp after los-Winning superior privileges, sure? Don't I give my son or meantime, encourage them to be ing a strike to better conditions. Stroud and Bryant to enter the daughter a place to sleep and come Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, In violation of regulation stan-Jacob Panken who denounced National Music Contest at Kansas eat? Or. I don't have children. Girl Reserves. Brownies. Hi-Y dards, 270 Negro youths at the The highest rating in this contest forth and so on, we could con- hike, under proper supervision, days a week, subsist on a diet of is high superior, says Mrs. Pink- tinue with an endless list of ques- to learn to swim, to enjoy and beans and cabbage while a system tions which answered, one way or learn of nature and the out of of arbitrary fines isd imposed Contest judges were: Bernard another, determine Negro youth's doors. Some of these things we against those who protest, it was by the delegation, signed by 16 F. Nevins, Lincoln, Nebr., direct- destiny on this earth and which can teach them ourselves and not reported. or Instrumental music; David T. have a bearing of this question of wait for the social agency to do

Ames, Iowa, music department, Omaha than we realize in a num- our youth's physical well being by providing them with the proper

(5) The last phase of physic- ti-lynch" day. (Continued on page 2)

A. H. HARRIS' MOTHER BURIED AT CHILLICATHE MO.

WILLIAMS PRAISES MC VAY.

buried Sunday ,2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Ellis suffered with asthma will participate. WPA Orchestra, Charles Bryant several years. She died April 18. 11:30 o'clock stated Mr. Harris. Surviving are three sons, Leon playing medleys. At the chose of

H. Harris, Omaha; two daughters rector Williams said. Miss Marian Brme, Detroit and Curtains are to be raised at Mrs. Ethel and seventeen grand-

YOUTH, LABOR, CIVIC GROUPS BACK THIRD NAT'L NEGRO CONGRESS

children,

have been received from organiza Lauds McVay tions in far off California and Mr. L. L. McVay is the organizer New Mexico. Congress- officials of this Goodwill festival. Much said. Other states heard from in- credit is due him for his vision clude Arkansas. Alabama, New and hard labor from year to ye York, Pennsylvania, West Vir- asserted Reverend Williams. ginia, Ohio ,Indiana, and Massachusetts.

Youth and college groups registered include the Garver Society of the City College of New York, Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the Southern Negro Youth Congress, the Council of Young of North Carolina.

Church groups include, the Mt. Olive Baptist Association of New Mexico, the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance and the Reli-

Labor groups delegates are the parent education classes just for Hotel and Restaurant Workers United Agricultural and Cannery Workers and locals of the Amalexit. I wondered if we think ation to the matter of proper gamated Clothing Workers.

More than 2,000 delegates from every section of the country and chidrein and ourselves. We have from every type of organization

PHILA. BAPTIST BACK ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

Philadelpsia, April 25-(Maude Our dance halls may be safe clothing and seeing to it that they White for CNA) Baptist Churches differences." University School of Music; Her- but our young people will be in learn the laws of cleanliness and of this city and vicinity recently, observed a special "peace and an-

chor, Cedar Falls, Iowa orches- full responsibility to them. We al disaster which is so important The action was taken following may not be in anguish because to youth of high school age is a the unanimous adoption by the was introduced by the Rev Mar-These boys demonstrated their our children have perished from proper understanding of sex edu- Baptist Ministerial Conference of shall Shepherd, pastor of Mt. Oliand the use of "economic force from Rock Creek, B. C., Canada, "stuff" in this contest that any real fire but we will be in anguish cation." This is a black mark on a resolution urging all churches, vet Baptist Church and former in the form of denial of credit believes the Allies were not musician should have and must equally as great if they suffer American parenthood because it to send resolutions to Senators Democratic state legislator. The at the company store as weapons caught napping when Germany acquire to succeed, stated the physical, mental, moral or econo- has been a subject hushed by ta- Guffey and Davis requesting them Rev. C. David Foster is president to vote against a filibuster on the of the Conference.

WELCOME 300 CHOIRSTERS Sixth Annual Goodwill Spring

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THE WEATHER Weather outlook for the peri

Upper Mississippi Valley Northern Great Plains, local sho ers beginning of week, exce western portions northern plain followed by mostly fair; no mar ed extremes in temperature in

April 22 to April 27.

Musical will be held at Technica Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris came High School auditorium Sunday home Tuesday from Chillicathe, April 28, 2:45 o'clock. Hillside Missouri, where Mr. Harris' moth- Presbyterian choir is host accorder. Mrs. Caroline Ellis, 78 was ing to Rev. John S. Williams, sons festival director, twelve choir

director, will begin the program Bruce, Detroit, Michigan; Willie | these music numbers. Three hun-Bruce, Kansas City, Mo.; and A. dred persons of the mass choir will begin the processional, di-

3:15 o'clock. The joint choirs will sing the first song, continued the Hillside church pastor.

Lincoln Choir Entered

Quinn Chapel AME Methodist Church choir, Lincoln is partici-Washington, April 25 (CNA)- pating in the song feast. This is Third National Negro Congress, to the first time the capitol city

America according to indications Mrs. Flora Sears Nelson one of gained from a study of the 100 or the honored music patrons of the more organizations which already afternoon will speak on "Choral have notified the Congress na- Music," The program will contional office here of the elections clude with the singing of "Great of delegates. Registrations already and Marrelous," by Harvey Gaul'

CAPITAL PAPERS HIT

FOR ATTACK ON NEGROES

Washington, April 25 (CNA)-Six delegates met this week with Eugene Meyer, publisher of the "Washington Post" and with the managing editor of the "Evening Star' 'to protest the appearance in those papers of advertisements calculated to stir up race prejudice and aiti-Negro feeling in the nation's capital.

The delegation represented the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Women's Trade Union League, Civil Rights Committee, Ministers Alliance, National Negro Congress, New Negro Alliance, Washington Housing League and seven other important organizations.

The Advertisements in question were signed by Harvey S. Cobb, attorney for the Press Cafeteria whose employees, members of the United Cafeteria Employees Union No. 471, CIO, have been on strike since March 23. Both advertisements alleged the union called the strike it was irked by the dismissal of a "colored" employe who had allegedly laid his hand on a "white" waitress, who has conveniently "left" the city.

The delegation pointed out that the manner in which the advertisements were worded was such as to make the reader feel that the strike involved a racial issue rather than a labor dispute, and as such was inflammatory and vicious in the extreme. The advertisements were an attack upon an attempt to stir up racial strife.

As a result of the conference with the Star, a letter submitted prominent Washingtonians was published by the Star the following day, with the statement that the Star "regrets the undue emphasis which the wording of the advertisement placed upon racial

anti-lynching bill,

Resolution in the Conference