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Prisoners Get WDL Christmas Gifts

NEW YORK CITY—(WDL)—Christmas for 25 men imprisoned as a result of injustice, was made a little less gloomy through gifts from the Prisoners Aid Bureau of the Workers Defense League.

Tee Davis, framed Negro tenant farmer serving 10 years for shooting at a white sheriff, got cigarettes, which he requested. Others got cash with which they can buy smokes, candy and other items at the prison commissaries.

Among those who received gifts were Willie Francis, Negro who was saved from death when the electric chair failed to function; Walter McRaye, active unionist doing 12 years on a manslaughter case; Igal Roodenko, imprisoned conscientious objector who has been on a hunger strike for amnesty since May 11 and several Indonesians being held for deportation.

Gary Real Estate Board Accepts Negro Woman Member

Gary, Ind.—(ANP)—The exclusive Gary Real Estate board broke a 32-year-old precedent recently when it admitted Mrs. Erma Hardaway, a Negro realtor of the central district to membership in the organization. The action by the board set two "firsts." Mrs. Hardaway became the first Negro to qualify for membership and also the first woman to be accepted. Her admission was dependent upon the successful completion of a rigid examination.

A native of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Hardaway is the mother of a grown son and daughter, and has resided in the Steel City for 18 years. She is active in a number of local organizations devoted to civic improvement, and maintains offices in the Roosevelt theatre building.

Campus News



by Jeanne

Malone

Well, this week is kind of the lull before the storm of final examinations. Finals are sometimes referred to as "necessary evils", but I think that's one evil we could do without. I guess since we must have them I'll just wish everyone the best of luck on them.

One of the students who is "eagerly" awaiting the finals is Alfred Bernard Grice, "Bernie" to us. Bernard is from Omaha, where he attended Technical high school and played in the school band. He graduated in 1941 and the following September, Bernie enrolled in Business Administration at Nebraska University.

After attending school for a year he felt that his country needed him rather badly so he went to work in the Omaha Bomber plant. Then in June, 1943, Mr. Grice went all out for his country and joined the United States army. He was stationed about a year in Camp Carson, Colorado before he was shipped to New Guinea where he also served a year. From New Guinea he went to the Philippine Islands. Finally in February of 1946 he returned home and was discharged in March.

In September, 1946 Mr. Grice re-entered the college of Business Administration where he is presently matriculating. His ambition is to be able to open a business of his own, preferably in Real Estate, and we want to wish him all the success in the world in realizing his ambition.

Cornhusker Lodge holds Installation

The following officers of Cornhusker Lodge No. 579 I. B. P. O. E. of W., were installed and assumed their responsibilities at the Urban League, January 6: Exalted Ruler, McKinley Tarpley; Est. Leading Knight, Fred Nevels; Est. Loyal Knight, Jeph Adkins; Est. Lecturing Knight, LeRoy Browne; Secretary, J. R. Kelly; Treasurer, Luther J. Allen; Tyler, Charles J. Bradley; Esquire, Thomas Estes; Inner Guard, Edgar Foster; Chaplain, Felix Polk; Trustees, Hobart Laver, Roosevelt Bass, and Albert Cullough.

A membership drive is now in progress and a great program is being planned for the ensuing year.

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