

DO NOT FAIL TO VOTE ON TUESDAY

TOLERANCE GREAT NEED OF PRESENT DAY, SAYS SPEAKER

Secretary Omaha Church Council
Believes America's Prejudices
Falsify Her Claim to
Culture

RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, ACADEMIC.

"America has not recovered from the period of demogogy and 'bugbearism' which attacked the institutions of this country after the war when to call a person a pro-German or a 'red' was to label him as a creature, hateful in the eyes of his fellow men," said Rev. James A. Crain, secretary of the Omaha Council of Churches in an address at the Lions club luncheon Tuesday of last week.

Complete absence of every form of intolerance is an earmark of every real civilization, he asserted, and that this country has not yet achieved that stage is an indication that our culture is not yet on the high plane that we sometimes place it. "The history of all civilizations has been the struggle of a newly developing culture to attain the place of the one which already existed and intolerance was always the weapon of that civilization which was not superior to the new one," said Rev. Mr. Crain.

The greatest problem which this country has to face on the score of tolerance, believes Rev. Mr. Crain, is that of racial intolerance as demonstrated by segregation, "Jim-crowism" and lynching practised against the Negro, religious intolerance against unfamiliar creeds and religions and worst of all in Rev. Mr. Crain's opinion, academic intolerance.

"We find today a situation in which the average instructor in a state university dares not open his mouth on any economic question which involves imperialism, militarism, or even a scientific discussion of the economic structure of society. A country like ours must pause for a moment when it becomes possible for teachers to be dismissed from their posts for daring to criticize the policy of our government in Nicaragua as was the case of 12 state normal school teachers in Westchester county, Pennsylvania, recently."

RECORD BREAKING CROWD SEES OMAHA BUFFALOES WIN SEASON'S OPENER

Approximately six thousand paid admission Wednesday afternoon to see the Buffaloes trim the Oklahoma City Indians to the tune of 3 to 2. Nearly one thousand school children were also guests of Mr. Burch, as members of the "Knot Hole Gang."

The game was great. One of the best games played on the Omaha diamond for many moons. It was fast, and marked with brilliant plays. It was a game ideal in every way for the opener of a season.

This year's team under the management of Kal Segrist, late of Texas, appears to be a fast, clean, hard-working aggregation of young men, and it is predicted they will go high in the pennant race in the Western league.

The team this year is balanced, something that could not be said last year. There is far more pep and spirit in the bunch than Omaha fans are in the habit of seeing.

Many improvements have been made at the Vinton lot, and with the improved team, great crowds are expected this season. Tulsa is the attraction Saturday and Sunday and good games can be anticipated. Tulsa is at the top of the heap, with Omaha in the first division. Real battles will be the result.

Attend these games and all during the season. You will be treated right and made to feel that you are welcome. Make up a party and attend Saturday's and Sunday's games.

Adams' popular orchestra broadcasted an excellent program from WOW, Woodmen of the World station, Thursday night.

SHERIFF IS GIVEN MEDAL FOR SAVING NEGRO FROM MOB

Kentucky Governor Presents Trophy
on Behalf of Inter-racial
Commission for
Duty Done

Frankfort, Ky.—Sheriff P. R. Brown of Graves county, who in 1926 saved a Negro from mob violence at Mayfield, Ky., has been awarded a medal by the Southern Inter-racial Commission, Governor Fields announced April 19. The award was the first of its kind to be made in Kentucky, and Governor Fields, in sending the medal to Brown in behalf of the commission, congratulated him upon the "splendid service" he had rendered his state and nation.

The handsome bronze medal bears a heroic figure with drawn sword standing in front of a temple of justice, surrounded by the legend "In Defense of Law and Civilization." The award was passed upon by a commission composed of Hon. Hugh M. Dorsey, former governor of Georgia; Governor John W. Martin, of Florida; the late Governor Henry L. Whitfield of Mississippi; Mrs. J. H. McCoy of Alabama; George B. Dealey, Editor of the Dallas News; and Marshall Ballard, Editor of the New Orleans Item.

When on June 21st of 1926 a mob gathered about the Mayfield jail to get Willie Busby, Negro, charged with attacking a white girl, Brown gathered up his deputies and drove 75 miles at night through two rivers to carry the man to safety.

WALTER WHITE SPEAKS AT DARROW'S SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Expresses Thanks and Gratitude of
11,000,000 Negroes for His
Services in Behalf
of Justice

New York—At what is reported to have been one of the most extraordinary affairs of the kind ever held in Chicago, the seventieth birthday dinner tendered to Clarence Darrow in the Palmer House by 1,200 men and women in all walks of life, one of the speakers was Walter White, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. White brought to Mr. Darrow an expression of the thanks and gratitude of 11,000,000 Negroes and their friends for his services in behalf of justice. Mr. White told the story of the defense of Dr. Sweet and his associates in Detroit, and of the masterly conduct of the case by Mr. Darrow culminating in a seven hour address to the jury which brought acquittal of Henry Sweet.

"We do honor to a man who has attacked, ridiculed and exposed every idea held by this smug, bourgeois civilization of ours," declared Mr. White. "He has shown that the agnostics and free-thinkers are friends of the Negro rather than the fundamentalists whose religion which should make them the best friends of the people of other races, actually stops at the color line."

Other speakers at the dinner to Mr. Darrow were: Zona Gale, novelist; Judge Harry Fisher of the Cook county circuit court; Donald Richberg, prominent attorney; Dr. John Haynes Holmes; Prof. Thomas V. Smith of the University of Chicago; Prof. Shirley J. Case and Fay Cooper Cole.

YOUNG MATRONS FORM CLUB

Eight young matrons met at the home of Mrs. J. F. Scott, 2731 Franklin street, April 8th, and organized a club called "The Mizzi Girls." The club meets the first and third Friday of each month. The club met last Friday, April 22, with Miss Blanche Buford, 2515 Binney street. Old gold and blue was the color scheme in the decorations, games were played, and a delicious two-course luncheon was served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Drew Harrold, May 6th.

EDITORIAL

Next Tuesday is election day. More than 75,000 voters have registered and are therefore eligible to cast their vote for the men whom they want to entrust with the government of this city. This is a very, very important matter. As a matter of fact, as we have frequently said, it is more important than shall be mayor of our city, sheriff of our county, and governor of our state than who shall be president.

We are called upon to elect seven commissioners, who for the next three years will be responsible for the peace and general welfare of the community in which we live. The mayor is the general peace officer and administrator of the city. The police commissioner is charged with the protection of the lives and property of all citizens and the enforcement of the law. Public improvements, maintenance of the streets, lights, sanitation, public health, parks and recreational facilities, protection from fire and like calamities, and the oversight of expending the taxpayers' money for the needs of the city, are duties which devolve upon the commissioners in charge of the respective departments. So you can see how vitally interested you ought to be in the question of who shall be our City Commissioners.

Don't you see how this question affects you directly and personally? If so, then don't you see how necessary and important a thing it is for YOU to GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE?

If it is necessary and important for you to vote, you can see at once that it is important HOW AND FOR WHOM YOU SHOULD VOTE.

Two separate tickets or slates are in the field. You are being asked to support either one of these tickets in their entirety, because the seven members of each slate are pledged to certain policies. It is not a question of independent or individual candidates now, but of slates. The fight is clean cut and sharply drawn between the "SQUARE SEVEN" and the "CITIZENS' TICKET," which is the new name for the Civic Alliance or KLAN SLATE. Which slate are you going to support? That is the whole question in a nutshell.

The "Square Seven" is composed of men of proven civic ability. Six of them, Dahlan, Dunn, Hummel, Hopkins, Koutsky and Noyes have served the city faithfully and well as commissioners. This experience is worth a great deal. They have made good on their respective jobs. Among their opponents, there is not one that can surpass them in ability or equal them in experience. Marcell, the seventh man, has rendered good service in another public office. Judged from the viewpoint of experience and faithful public service the "SQUARE SEVEN" stand head and shoulders above the "Citizens' (Civic Alliance) Ticket" and therefore are entitled to your vote. Their record is before you.

The Monitor has not stressed the other reason why our people should favor the "Square Seven" rather than the "Citizens' Ticket," because we desired to appeal to their good sense and judgment upon the ground of experience and fitness of the opposing slates rather than by what might be considered as an appeal to their prejudice against a hostile organization. There is, however, another valid objection to the "Citizens' Ticket" which we cannot afford to overlook and that is that it has the backing of the KU KLUX KLAN.

We do not claim that all the candidates on that ticket are members of the hooded order, but that some are is generally conceded. This, however, cannot be denied, that the head of the local klan and his cohorts, among whom is the Florence fanatic upon whom it is alleged rests suspicion of serious crime, are actively working for the "Citizens' (Civic Alliance) Ticket."

WHY? They know that the "Square Seven" is against the Klan! The present administration refused permission to the hooded brigade to march through the streets of Omaha or to hold meetings in the City Auditorium and so the "Invisible Empire" is concentrating its strength, whatever it amounts to, to defeat the "Square Seven." It is thus a clear Klan and anti-Klan contest. Which do YOU want to see win?

It is for you to say on next Tuesday by your vote whether you want men as City Commissioners who have given us a good administration, respecting the rights of all citizens, and have proven themselves capable and efficient, or whether it shall be turned over to inexperienced men, who, however good they may be personally, are under obligation to and will be influenced by an organization which teaches racial and religious hatred and intolerance.

Whom do you want as YOUR city Commissioners for the next three years? Men of experience, who have served you well, and whom you know what they stand for and what they will do, or men of inexperience, whom you do not know what they will do? Men who stand against racial and religious intolerance, or men who are under the domination of an organization which stands for racial and religious intolerance? Klan or anti-Klan? "Citizens' (Civic Alliance) Ticket" or "Square Seven?"

There are clear cut issues at stake in this campaign which make it imperative that you should go to the polls and vote. Don't stay home. Get out and vote.

The Monitor believes that all our readers will see the issues of Tuesday's election as we see them and will go to the polls and VOTE FOR THE "SQUARE SEVEN."

AGED RESIDENT ANSWERS SUMMONS

Mrs. Missouri Blackwell, aged 72, resident of Omaha for nearly forty years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Dickerson, 2814 Ohio street, early Monday morning after a protracted illness. Mrs. Blackwell's death followed that of her brother, Henry Woods, one of Omaha's oldest citizens, by less than three weeks.

Mrs. Blackwell is survived by three sons, Bert of Des Moines, Iowa; Frank and Henry of Omaha; a daughter,

Mrs. Charles W. Dickerson; three grandchildren, and other relatives.

The funeral, which was largely attended by sympathizing friends, was held Wednesday afternoon from Myers' Funeral Home, the Rev. Charles H. Trusty, pastor of Hillside Presbyterian church, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. John Albert Williams. Interment was at Forest Lawn. The three sons of the deceased, her son-in-law, Charles W. Dickerson; and Malcolm Scott and Robert Burns Allen were the pallbearers.

Colored Clergy Command a Far Reaching Influence

Washington, D. C. — Addressing the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance here last week, James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., declared that the influence of the colored clergy among their people was relatively greater than that of the white clergy among their white people.

"The relative influence of colored clergymen among their congregations is greater than that of the white," declared Mr. Johnson, "for the very obvious reason that the members of the average white congregation are open to and affected by more influences than the members of the average colored congregation."

"The average colored congregation looks more fully to its pastor for its guidance upon all matters not only religious but political, social and personal. Therefore, since his influ-

ence is proportionately greater, so are the colored minister's responsibilities greater. It is incumbent upon him not only to inform himself intelligently upon the religious and moral phases of race problems but also the secular phases and forces that enter into and control race progress.

"Colored clergymen should be well informed upon the Negro's status as a citizen, and his progress, the obstacles the Negro has to confront; and they should be among the first to support the organized activity by which the Negro's cause is advanced and his status as an individual affirmed through the courts and before the tribunal of American public opinion. In this way, the colored ministers can become, as some of them are, leaders of the race in every sense. The opportunity is there."

RIVIERA CHANGES SEGREGATION POLICY

Personal Appeal of Representative
Singleton Is Successful
in Securing Reform

Members of our group who have attended the Riviera theatre in the past two weeks have been agreeably surprised at the courtesy extended to them. No attempt is now being made to seat colored patrons in the last rows of the third balcony.

Representative John A. Singleton of the ninth district is to be given credit for the change in the segregation policy inaugurated upon the opening of this beautiful playhouse.

At the earnest solicitation of several of our representative citizens, Dr. Singleton began an investigation. He took the matter up with R. W. McGinnis, connected with the movie industry, who was attending the legislature. Mr. McGinnis immediately got in telephone communication with the manager of the Riviera and protested against this unfair discrimination. He gave Dr. Singleton his personal card, with the suggestion that he seek an interview with the manager. Dr. Singleton called upon him several days later, introduced himself and stated his mission. The manager received him courteously and listened to him attentively. While admitting that he had given orders to seat colored people in the third balcony, he declared that the attitude of the white theatre-going public demanded a separation of races, reminding Dr. Singleton that there were nearly 200,000 whites and 16,000 colored people in this community. Dr. Singleton called his attention to the Nebraska Civil Rights bill which guarantees to those 16,000 Negroes equal rights and privileges with those 200,000 whites.

After some further discussion, the manager assured Dr. Singleton that the order segregating our group in the balconies would be cancelled.

Our people, who are among the most loyal, substantial and law-abiding of our citizenry, rejoiced with all Omaha in the erection of this magnificent palace of amusement and are grateful to Dr. Singleton for the effort he made to adjust this matter that they may be able to enjoy the high-class attractions at the Riviera without embarrassment and humiliation.

PICKENS SPEAKS AT FOUR COLLEGES ON MIDWEST TOUR

New York, April 28—William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has spoken at four colleges on his midwestern lecture tour.

In Meadville, Pa., Mr. Pickens addressed the students of Allegheny college; in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Pickens spoke in the chapel of Akron college; in Columbus, Ohio, he took two of Professor H. A. Miller's classes in sociology at Ohio State University, and at Butler college in Indianapolis, Mr. Pickens spoke in chapel and took a sociology class.

THE "SQUARE SEVEN" STRONGLY ENDORSED

Sixteen civic and improvement clubs, nearly all of the defeated candidates in the city primary, and men and women of every station of life, every race, creed, and religion, residing in all parts of the city, have endorsed Dahlan, Hopkins, Marcell, Dunn, Noyes, Koutsky, and Hummel, the "Square Seven" candidates, according to A. V. Shotwell, chairman of the campaign committee.

During the past week there was published the names of 428 men and women from every part of the city, endorsing the "Square Seven" candidates because of their efficiency; their stand for square and sound government, and because they have kept the city taxes down to the minimum.

A statement calling upon the voters to elect the "Square Seven" candidates was signed by practically everyone of the candidates who were defeated in the recent city primary. The statement of the defeated candidates said: "We heartily endorse the 'Square Seven' ticket composed of Dahlan, Koutsky, Hummel, Dunn, Hopkins, Noyes, and Marcell and urge the voters of Omaha to cast their vote for them at the election on May 3rd. We believe that the seven candidates known as the 'Square Seven' are the best qualified for the office, because they are experienced, efficient, and believe in sound government."

The improvement club endorsements have actually poured into the campaign headquarters. Among the sixteen clubs that endorsed the 'Square Seven' are organizations of every leading faith and nationality, located in practically every part of the city.

"The general city-wide support we are receiving is very gratifying to me and the other six," said Mayor Dahlan. "It is an inspiration to us to carry on in the best interest of the taxpayers of Omaha."

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND BRIDGE CLUB

The Domestic Science and Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Florence Johnson, 2618 Binney street, Monday, April 25th, with the president in the chair. After the transaction of business a delightful luncheon was served by the hostesses and bridge was played. The first prize was won by Mrs. Theodore Thomas and the booby prize by Mrs. H. Vawter. Mrs. G. W. Watson of Philadelphia substituted for Mrs. Jessica Wright. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Edgar Lee, 2417 Maple street.

HEAD ANTI-IMPERIALIST WILL SPEAK SATURDAY

Manuel Gomez, head of the All-American Anti-Imperialist league, is to be the principal speaker Saturday night at an anti-imperialist and Sacco-Vanzetti protest meeting at the Swedish auditorium. "Hands off China, Mexico and Nicaragua," is his subject.