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Veterans Report

Veterans in Nebraska, hastening to beat the August 1 deadline for easy reinstatement of National Service Life Insurance, have regained policies amounting to \$17,008,500 during the past four months, it was announced today by Fred Waggoner, the VA's regional insurance officer for Nebraska.

Waggoner said this figure represented 3,066 veterans' policies, all of which have been put back in force since February 3, when VA launched its G.I. Insurance information program. Up to and including August 1, he added, World War II vets may reinstate lapsed term insurance without physical examination upon certifying that their health is as good as it was when their policies lapsed and upon payment of two monthly premiums.

Renstatement figures by states for the four month period are as follows: Minnesota, \$52,091,000; Iowa, \$37,533,000; Nebraska, \$17,008,500; North Dakota, \$9,188,000; South Dakota, \$8,224,000.

Three Day Conference

The pastor and officers of Newman Methodist Church are making preparations for the three day meeting of the National Rural Life Conference of the Methodist Church which will be held here, it was announced by Rev. G. W. Harper. The dates set for the meeting will be July 29, 30, and 31. The conference will be held at the University of Nebraska with more than 1500 delegates expected to attend. Rev. Harper is making an appeal for housing during the three-day session. The delegates will pay \$1.25 per night.



Chicago's First Negro Priest

The Rev. Herman Porter, of the Society of the Sacred Heart, was ordained in Chicago at St. John's Cathedral by the Most Rev. Moses E. Kiley, archbishop of Milwaukee. Rev. Porter, one of three Roman Catholic priests slated to be ordained in the United States this year, offered his first solemn high mass Sunday at St. Elizabeth's church. He is Chicago's first Negro Catholic priest.



Mrs. T. R. Clair Returns

Mrs. T. R. Clair who has been living in Flint, Mich., for the past



few months will return to Lincoln this week. Mrs. Clair has made no statement as to her future plans but it is believed she will operate a Beauty Shop at her home address.

Bishop Washington Speaks

Bishop Wm. A. Washington was guest speaker Wednesday evening at Christ Temple, Church of Christ (Holiness) of which Rev. Trago O. McWilliams Jr., is the pastor. Bishop Washington presides over this District with headquarters located in Los Angeles, California, and he will preach a series of sermons at the regular Holiness Camp Meeting to be held here.

Men's Club Organized

Under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Jefferson a Men's Club was organized recently at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 12th and F Street, for the purpose of supplying whatever need that may exist. Robert Letcher was elected president; J. B. Bond, Secretary; Sherman Berry, Vice President; Benjamin Jefferson, Treasurer; and J. T. Wright, Chaplain. Rev. B. T. McDaniels, pastor of the Church of God, preached the installation sermon.

Amaranthus Grand Chapter

The Amaranthus Grand Chapter O. E. S. which met in Omaha June 19 and 20, was a great success and acclaimed one of the finest in years. The ritualistic session opened at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning with the appointment of committees of the Grand Officers. The Chapter of Sorrow under the direction of Grand Lecturer Blanche Moore followed.

The Youth Fraternity was under the direction of its sponsor, Vera Harris.

The Floral Degree was exemplified by the Lincoln team at 7:30 p.m. with Worthy Matron, Izetta Malone in charge. This was followed by the Queen of the South Degree by the Omaha Team with Venus Starnes as the Queen of the South.

Thursday final reports of all committees were received and a brief address from visiting delegates were enjoyed, among them being the Grand Master of the Nebraska Jurisdiction, Paul Clayton Lewis of Lincoln.

Sister Eva Smith of San Diego, Calif., remained throughout the session. More than 300 persons were in attendance, 25 from the Lincoln chapter.

Cloma H. Scott, Omaha, was reelected Grand Matron, Floyd Buckner, Omaha, newly elected Grand Patron, Mayme Houchins, Lincoln was reelected Grand Associate Matron, Orlando Beck, Omaha, newly elected Grand Associate Patron Josie Moore, reelected Grand Secretary, Margaret Moore Omaha, reelected Grand Treasurer, Maude H. Johnson reelected Grand Trustee, Richard G. Huston, Lincoln, was elected Grand Sentinel, and Izetta Malone, Lincoln was elected Grand Ada on the Star.

All officers were installed immediately by Grand Patron D. W. Gooden of Omaha.

The session closed in formal Ceremonial Rites to meet again in June 1948.

Favors Vacation in West

Rev. and Mrs. John S. Favors have been enjoying a very pleasant vacation in the west. They spent three fine days in Salt Lake City, Utah at the home of a young minister friend of the Rev. Favors, Rev. Jerry Ford.

At present they are vacationing in Oakland, California. They have enjoyed visiting San Francisco, Berkeley, and Sacramento, Calif.

Thus far, the National Sunday School and B. T. U. Convention has been a great inspiration to both Rev. and Mrs. Favors.

From Oakland and on the return trip they will visit Los Angeles, California; Phoenix, Ariz.; Juarez, Mexico; El Paso, Texas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Topeka, Kansas and then on to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Jolly Playmate Club

by Winifred (Peaches) Winston



Pictured above is one of the Playmate Club, Beverly Brown, age ten, who resides at 528 North 19th Street. She will be in the fifth grade this year, which will be her first year at Elliott. She has many hobbies consisting of books, school, riding in cars. She is also very fond of piano lessons. Her closest playmate is Leona Jennings who lives at 1928 S St. Her most cherished possessions are her bicycle and desk. Her most exciting moment was when her baby brother, Norman Jr., was born. Her most horrible moment was when she rode on the "Pretzel" at Capitol Beach. Her ambition is to be a teacher.

She is pictured here at the age of seven years.

Other new members this week were:

- Pamela Frances Tapp
- Herman Franklin Tapp
- Patricia Rae Adams, Nebr. City
- Jo Ann Jefferson
- Benjamin T. Jefferson Jr.

NEBRASKA CITY NEWS

Louis Smith son of Mrs. Josephine Smith came down from Omaha to bring Paul Louis Fields to spend the summer with his grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Fields.

Mrs. H. Grinshaw, Mrs. Mildred Woods and daughter, of Phoenix, Arizona stopped over in the city to see Mrs. Lucille Miller, they are enroute to Peoria, Illinois.

Mrs. Josephine Fields is raising White Giant ducks that she ordered from Zeland, Michigan.

Mr. Alonzo Adams has returned home from Vets Hospital in Lincoln and is looking very much improved.

Our citizens of the city are to be commended on their yards, with all the rain and bad weather it is wonderful to see how well they have kept them.



DRAMATIC ARTIST

Mrs. Willie H. Gerald Jackson, dramatic artist and Hawaiian guitarist, appeared before the Christian Workers conference and Camp at Mathew academy, Camden, S. C., recently. Mrs. Jackson has been acclaimed by critics and artists from coast to coast. Her repertoire of verse includes such selections as Edgar Allen Poe's, "The Raven" and "The Bells;" Thorpe's "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight" and poems by Kipling, Dunbar and other celebrated poets. She will be heard at State A and M College, Orangeburg, S. C., on July 8. The artist is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gerald, Marion, S. C.