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EDITORIALS

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PICKING A CAPTAIN

The Chicago Daily Sun.

Last week the Yale football team elected Levi Jackson, a great backfield player, to be captain for 1949. The unanimous election of Jackson wouldn't ordinarily have made a ripple in the day's sports news. But his election was different. Jackson is a Negro. He was the first of his race to wear Yale's blue jersey.

There was no question about Jackson's ability. He was chosen a member of the Associated Press All-Eastern team. The New Haven Gridiron club honored him as the "outstanding football player in 1948 in the Yale bowl." The town of New Haven, where Yale is located, was happy about Jackson's choice, because he was the first "town boy" to be elected captain since 1931.

The rest of the country should be happy, too, that his fellow

players forgot the color of Jackson's skin and saw him only as the best player on their team, a real leader.

LaFayette college in Easton, Pa., recently turned down an invitation to play in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., because Texas has a law prohibiting a Negro from playing in the stadium. One of LaFayette's best players is a Negro. The team would have had to leave him at home. The players decided against such an action.

Some day, we hope, some people in Texas, other Southern states and even in Chicago, will learn that the less we are all concerned about a person's race, religion, nationality or politics, and the more we judge him by his character and his works, the better team play we'll have all around. That goes for sports, business and life in general.

BINGO

The Omaha World Herald.

Members of an Omaha organization called the MacArthur Mothers club are involved in a dispute over the club's funds. One faction charges that there has been no proper accounting for about eight thousand dollars, reputedly the profit from bingo games, operated by the club.

In Detroit, too, bingo games are in the news. A grand jury is investigating bingo games which, it is charged, are being run for private profit. The police dropped in at a game being operated by a group called the Society of Good Neighbors, Inc., but refused to arrest the operator despite his plea on bended knees (literally) that he be arrested. The reluctance of the police was not explained but can be guessed at; if they prosecuted the Society of Good Neighbors for running a bingo game they would, logically, have to prosecute well-established church groups as well.

The incident demonstrates the

curious situation that arises when the law enforcement authorities close their eyes to gambling. An illegal activity that is condoned cannot be regulated. Whatever the good intentions at the start, it is an invitation to the unscrupulous to get in.

Teen Age Chatter

By Dorothy Greene.

Greetings Gates:

To start the week off nice and fresh. Let me remind you that there are only 13 more shopping days until Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, here's a note of fashion from the wise. Listen girls if by chance you are attending a formal party during the holidays, the question is, where do we wear the flower? Why not try a bit of transparent tape on the shoulder?

While we are on the subject of fashion, the latest deal about town is the twin sweaters that Jean Burns and Frank King (steady deal) are wearing. They are real cute. Incidentally, if you live on 22nd street between "O" and "R" you would have seen quite a show, free of charge, on Saturday about 12 o'clock. What about that kids?

There was a Teen Age Party Saturday night in the Urban League Gym.

There are a few teens that had better watch what they are doing from now on. It will make interesting reading. "Hear Me."

Now for a bit of humor:

Sally: "I don't like some of these modern dances. They're nothing but hugging set to music."

Nancy: "Well, what is there about that to which you object?"
Sally: "The Music."

Freddie: "I'm forgetting men."
Elsie: "So am I. I'm for getting a couple of them as quick as possible."

"Lips that touch wine shall never touch mine," declared the fair N.U. co-ed. And after she graduated she taught school for

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years and years and years and years.

That bashful boyfriend of mine is a G-man.

"A government man?"

"Naw, all he say is 'Gee'."

Personalities of the Week

By Kilroy

Girl

Hair Birdie Powell
Eyes Phyllis Holcomb
Face Vonna Finley
Figure Bettie Rose Huston
Feet Mary Collier
Personality Betty Wilson

Boy

Height Richard Holcomb
Face Nate Casteel
Hair Bertram Cooke
Eyes Maurice Crouch
Build Fletcher Bell
Personality Albert Bowen

Little Rock Gets Postal Clerk; 1st In 30 Years

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ANP).

Quietly working in the Little Rock post office for the past three months is Porter G. Stokes, 29. He is the first Negro clerk to be employed in a clerical position here in 30 years.

Stokes passed a civil service examination to earn his appointment. He is a veteran of World War II, having served as corporal in the army in Scotland, England, France, Germany, Belgium and Luxemburg.

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Campus Guild Offers Apology to Hazel Scott

AUSTIN, Tex.—Disapproval of "the absurd and humiliating Jim Crow laws of the South" was voiced last week by the Campus Guild, a co-operative house on the University of Texas campus, in connection with pianist Hazel Scott's refusal to perform before a segregated audience on the campus.

The Guild, in a letter to Miss Scott, also extended apology for what they described as a discourtesy to the famed musician by "another co-operative house."

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