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Judge Says Half of Ethiopian Budget For Education

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Judge Nathan Marein of the Ethiopian high court was a visitor in the United States last week. He is on a six-month vacation tour.

In discussing his native country he said that almost half the national budget was spent on education. At the beginning of the year Ethiopia had 407 elementary schools, 63 private, and 65 mission schools, two high schools, and a junior college. Enrollment has risen from 20,000 in 1942 to 50,000 in 1948.

He said his country is trying to close the gap between its primitive ways of the past and the modern world to today. Addis Ababa, he said, brings the old and new Ethiopia face to face. Many streets are so jammed that there is no place to park an automobile, yet barefoot farmers from the interior stroll the streets in white robes.

Judge Marein is the legal advisor of the Ethiopian government. During the war he was attorney for the exile Ethiopian government in claims made by the Italian government. Recently he helped set up his nation's judicial system.

Madison Family Get Award For Superior Farm

CHICAGO. (Special). Leo and Clara Tiedgen, of Madison county, Nebraska, outstanding farming couple who started with a desolate and unproductive piece of land back in the "twenties" which they have built into a model farm now producing a staggering amount of food, will receive the prized W. G. Skelly award for superior achievement in agriculture on June 11.

"The 'success' farming formula was hard, wearying and back-breaking toil plus expert soil husbandry. Heart of the soil reconstruction job is trees—four-and-a-half miles of them—from common cottonwoods to Chinese elms and Russian olives—which provide a shelter belt to keeping the land from blowing away.

At a community breakfast to be held in their honor Saturday morning, the Tiedgens will receive their joint award consisting of a \$100 U. S. savings bond, school and gold lapel pins, presented in behalf of W. G. Skelly, president of the Skelly Oil company.

Teach us to delight in Simple Things.—Kipling.

Speak little, do much.—Franklin.

Independents Off to Good Start Despite Weather

The Independents are getting into the swing of the season as they ended their fifth game with four wins to one loss. After getting off to a late start because of the rainy weather we have had in the last few weeks, the team has begun to click and show their usual metal.

Monday, June 13 they were scheduled to Lloyd's and in a double header. Other games scheduled for the near future are:

- June 16—Wolves, 8 p. m.
 - June 19—DeWitt, Neb.
 - June 21—Vets Administration, 8 p. m.
 - June 23—Guenzel's.
 - June 24—Crete, Neb.
 - June 27—Chat'n Nibble.
- Hank McWilliams is leading the squad with a hot .464 and Grant isn't far behind with .461. Batting averages last Saturday stood in the following order:
- McWilliams464 Alexander250
 - Grant461 Botts238
 - Rogers368 Tarpley, G.214
 - Duncan333 Tarpley, W.200
 - Wilson, E.277 Vaughn176

Raymond Botts is the team manager again this year and Hank McWilliams is business manager.

Dr. Bunche Refuses Invitation to School

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. —(ANP)—Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN mediator for Palestine, last week declined an invitation to attend ceremonies in his honor scheduled for next September at the King George Training school.

The September program was to be in Dr. Bunche's honor. He explained in a letter to Supt. T. Benton Gayles that previous commitments would prevent his coming to this part of the country at that time.

King George county was one of several counties involved in equal school suits earlier this year. The King George Training school was not considered equal to the high school for whites in this county.

The Triumph of Teresa

For the first time, the American Legion Auxiliary-sponsored Girls State has chosen a Negro to be its chief executive. The new Governor is 16-year-old Teresa Littlejohn, of Omaha, a junior at South High. The 250 girls, camped for a week at the University of Nebraska, swept her into office on the slogan, "For a Governor and a Pal, Vote for Littlejohn, She's the Gal."

Teresa's election is typical of that spirit of friendliness and fair play which has long characterized the majority of Nebraska citizens. In this state, as elsewhere, interracial relations are still far from what they should be and could be, but progress toward that goal has



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Though not a legal holiday, except in Pennsylvania, June 14th generally is observed as flag day. In this connection, a few words regarding Nebraska's state banner may be of interest.

An official state banner was not adopted by Nebraska until 1925. In that year, Representative J. Lloyd McMaster of Lancaster County introduced a bill into the House of Representatives providing for such a banner. It was passed, 92 to 4, and referred to the Senate. That body's judiciary committee reported out the bill with an amendment providing for a new state seal. The amendment was voted down, and the original proposition was adopted unanimously by the upper house.

On April 2, Governor Adam McMullen approved the bill and Nebraska was provided with a state banner, described officially as follows: "There is hereby designated a banner for the State of Nebraska which shall consist of a reproduction of the great seal of the state, charged on the center in gold and silver on a field of national blue."

Thus, the work of a good many many persons and groups was brought to fruition. Mrs. B. G. Miller of Crete was particularly active in the movement for the adoption of a state banner.

The bill also provides that the state banner shall never be used as a business advertisement or a trade mark, as well as establishing penalties for insult to the banner or violation of the provisions of the bill.

The seal, which is the banner's sole insignia, was provided for by Nebraska's first constitution, adopted in 1866. The seal itself was adopted by the legislature of 1867 and approved by Governor David Butler, Nebraska's first chief executive after admission into the Union.

Embodied in the seal is much that depicts the hopes and aspirations of pioneer Nebraska—a steamboat ascending the Missouri river; the mechanic arts represented by a smith with hammer and anvil; agriculture represented by a settler's cabin, sheaves of wheat and stalks of growing corn; and a train of railroad cars heading toward the Rocky Mountains. At the top of the circle is Nebraska's motto: "Equality before the Law."

There is nothing particularly original about the design of Nebraska's state banner. On the contrary, it is much like that of several other states. Its coloring, though, and the effective symbolism of the state seal, make it an appropriate banner for a modern western commonwealth.

been steady.

Congratulations are due, and hereby cordially extended, both to the victorious Teresa and her charming opponent, 16-year-old Nancy Pumphrey, of Wisner, who went down smiling.

Congratulations are due also to the voters. Regardless of which candidate they supported, they fought the campaign through, not on personalities or prejudice, but on the issues. In doing so, they set an example for their elders.—World Herald.

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BY AL MOSES.
 NEW YORK. (ANP). Whether colored or white, on the big time or of the forgotten-sandlot-breed, athletic greatness has never been the private property of any race of people.

There is no Negro baseball player in the great citadel at Cooperstown, N. Y., that is to say other than in the minds of unbiased observers of yesterday and this bright day with its Larry Doby, Roy Campanella, Jackie Robinson, Satchell "Leroy" Paige and the others.

A glimpse at our "Interracial Hall of Fame" might bring to your memory some great names. Suppose we thumbnail through the pages of sport history and like the legendary story of a "Roland-for-an-Oliver" group one immortal along with his brother-of-skin:

- Rolands vs. Olivers.**
- Pitchers:**
 Carl Hubbell, Leroy "Satchel" Paige, Christy Mathewson, Andrew "Rube" Foster, Dizzy Dean, Dizzy Dismuker (Indianapolis, ABC's), Grover Alexander, Cyclone Joe Williams, Bob Feller, Dick "Cannonball" Redding, Walter Johnson, Bullet Wickware.

- Infielders:**
 Tony Lazzeri, Jackie Robinson, Honus Wagner, John Henry Lloyd, Eddie Collins, Bingo DeMoss, Joe Dugan, Oliver Marcella, Buck Weaver, Ray Dandridge, Hal Chase, Leroy Grant.

- Outfielders:**
 Ty Cobb, Osear Charleston, Tris Speaker, Carlos Torriente, Joe DiMaggio, Blainey Hall, Terry Moore, Pete Hill, Enos Slaughter, Spottswood Poles, Babe Ruth, Judy Gans, Joe "Shoelless" Jackson, Larry Doby.

- Catchers:**
 Mickey Cochrane, Rife Wickware, Bill Dickey, Bizz Mackey, Reindeer Killifer, Roho, Johnny Kling, Josh Gibson, Roger Bresnahan, Roy Campanella.

- Manager:**
 John, McGraw, Andrew Foster, Connie Mack, C. I. Taylor, Joe McCarthy, Pop Watkins.

- Boxing Grouping.**
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| "West." | "East" |
| Jack Dempsey | Joe Louis |
| Gene Tunney | Jack Johnson |
| John L. Sullivan | Peter Jackson |
| Mickey Walker | Ray Robinson |
| Mac Schmeling | Sam Langford |
| Bob Fitzsimmons | Joe Jeanette |
| James J. Corbett | Hank "Homicide" |
| Jimmy McLarin | Armstrong |
| Luis Angel Firpo | Sam McVey |
| Benny Leonard | Harry Willis |
| Jack Britton | Battling Siki (Kid Norfolk) |
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