



## Thank God For

By Thomas Curtis Clark

Thank God for life!  
For sunrise and the silver moon,  
For evening's rest time, for the boon  
Of friendship to make glad our days,  
For cheer and hope through checkered years,  
For trust in God to stay our fears,  
For these good gifts to Him be praise.

Thank God for life!  
For spring's bright dawns and singing bird,  
For summer's wealth of flowers—fond words,  
Of God to tell His love and care,  
For autumn's bounties, and the rest  
That winter brings the dear home nest,  
For all these gifts, to Him our prayer.

Thank God for life!  
For gray strands woven with the black,  
For brooding thoughts in looking back,  
For losses bringing greater gains,  
For calm that follows grief and pain,  
For cares that bring us nearer Him  
Who guides our steps and lights our days,  
For faith that holds when night is dim,  
For all—for all—to Him be praise.  
Thank God for life!

—Chas. M. ...

## Hassell House Burned In Night Fire

Wednesday night, Nov. 16, the home of Mrs. Ida Hassell, 2449 So. 8th street, was badly burned. A large part of the personal possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Jones were also destroyed. The blaze was reported by Senior Fire Capt. Clifford E. Murphy to have been started probably by a cigarette held by Mrs. Jones as she played with one of her three small children on the bed.

Mr. Hassell, although she suffered considerable loss in the fire, said that she was happy that none of the kids were injured.

The three room house was not covered by insurance.

## State Medics Plan Local Health Groups

Dr. J. D. McCarthy, Omaha, president of the Nebraska State Medical Association, announced that the association has made initial plans to organize local health councils throughout the state as a means of evaluating and solving health problems in all Nebraska communities.

This action follows a request by the American Medical Association that such councils be established. Similar requests were made of all the other state medical associations. The impetus for this new move came from the A.M.A.'s Council on Medical Service, of which Dr. McCarthy is a member.

The medical association president stated that methods of organizing the health councils had been handed to the Planning Committee, headed by Dr. Floyd Rogers of Lincoln.

"The purpose of the health councils is to bring the medical profession closer to the health problems of Nebraska towns," Dr. McCarthy related. "It is our plan that the councils shall be composed of representatives from many varied groups such as farms, schools, the clergy, labor, war service organizations, physicians, dentists, nurses, etc."

## First Negro Woman Elected to Council

CLEVELAND (ANP)—Cleveland got its first Negro woman councilor last week in the person of Jean Capers, local lawyer. Atty. Capers, a former assistant city prosecutor, is the second Negro woman in the United States to be elected to a city council.

## Debators From 22 Schools To Kansas Meet

Twenty-two colleges will participate in the annual invitational debate tournament for collegiate groups in progress at Southwestern college this week end. To date 62 teams have entered in the three divisions—senior, junior and inexperienced. Five states are represented including Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, South Dakota and Missouri.

Kansas schools entering are Taber of Hillsboro, Bethel of Newton, Friends of Wichita, McPherson college, Emporia State Teachers, Kansas Wesleyan of Salina, St. Johns of Winfield, and junior colleges at Iola, El Dorado, Coffeyville and Hutchinson.

Other participants include Northwestern State at Tallahassee, Southwestern Oklahoma State at Weatherford, University of Tulsa, Central State at Edmond, Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater, all in Oklahoma.

Dodge college, Crete, Neb., Augustana at Sioux Falls, S. D., Nebraska Wesleyan, Lincoln, Neb., Hastings college, Hastings, Neb., and Southwest Missouri State at Springfield.

Debate topic for the collegians is "Resolved: That we should nationalize all basic non-agricultural industries."

Judges for the tournament, all rounds to be held at Southwestern college, Winfield, Kas., on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, will be coaches and judges brought by the visitors; faculty members of the two Winfield colleges, and qualified men and women of the community. Trophies will be given to first and second places in each division, excepting the inexperienced. About 150 students and judges are expected to be present for this event.

## Pittsburgh Gets First Negro Judge

PITTSBURGH (ANP)—This city got its first Negro judge when Homer S. Brown, veteran Democratic State legislator, showed under his Republican rival with a 70,000 vote majority.

Brown defeated the incumbent G. O. P. candidate, Judge Harry N. Jones, of the Allegheny County Common Pleas Court.

A native of Hinton, W. Va., Judge Brown is a graduate of Virginia Union and the University of Pittsburgh. He was admitted to the bar in 1921.

# Job Discrimination Hit At Council FEP Hearing

## Mrs. B. L. Bell Named Head of Local NAACP

Mrs. Basilia L. Bell, 1945 Vine, was elected president of the Lincoln branch of the NAACP at the association election Nov. 17. She succeeds the Rev. Robert L. Moody, who has served the organization as president for several years. Installation of new officers will take place at the December meeting.

Others elected to offices were: James Waddins, 1st Vice President, Gladys Moore, 2nd Vice President and membership chairman.

Odeana Johnson, Secretary, Henry McWilliams, Assistant Secretary, Bivle Artis, Treasurer.

Committee chairmen remain to be appointed. The report of the nominating committee was read by Henry McWilliams who was co-chairman with Clayton P. Lewis.

## Mrs. F.D.R. Raps Bar Group For UN Rights Blast

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt lashed out at the American Bar Association recently for labeling the proposed United Nations human rights declaration as a "Communist document."

"I think the universal declaration can quite easily be shown to be a document which the Communist cannot accept," she said. "So, from my point of view, that attack by the American Bar Association is an entirely wrong attack."

Mrs. Roosevelt, the U. S. representative on the U. S. Human Rights Commission, said the Communists voted for "single items" in the declaration which proposes civil rights and freedom for all peoples, but added that "they did not vote for the statement as a whole."

Three states in the Union have four-letter names—Ohio, Iowa and Utah.

Saturday, November 19, the Legislative Council held the first of its public hearings under Resolution 25 passed in the last session of the legislature which charged the council to study what are unfair employment practices in Nebraska and to suggest changes, findings and legislation in 1951. Dr. Roger V. Shumate, research director for the council, stated the purpose of the hearing was to determine if a law should be enacted, and if so, what should it contain.

Factual material on employment patterns in Lincoln was presented by Dr. Edgar Z. Palmer, director of the University of Nebraska bureau of business research and Social Action Council executive committee. He revealed that the SAC survey of non-white employment in Lincoln, even in the peak year of 1947, showed evidence of discrimination in the distribution of jobs compared with the survey made by Dr. Curtis Elliott in 1946 of Lincoln as a whole.

Clyde W. Maines, Lincoln Urban League executive secretary, cited more specific local instances in several industries where Negroes have been refused employment except as custodians, regardless of other abilities. He also pointed to specific cases where craftsmen have also been refused union memberships.

Former Senator Harold C. Pritchard of Falls City referred to the solution of employment practice problems as "one of the four or five great domestic issues." Two representatives of the Lincoln Business and Professional Women's club contended that the situation must be met sooner or later and favored a law as "important." Dr. Pritchard presented Prof. Allan Axelrod of law college, who analyzed possible FEP provisions and urged a state commission as providing the least expensive enforcement, the use of the most experienced and competent personnel, and the best continuity for resolving difficult problems. Ted Sorenson, law student and a SAC representative, stated that the law was needed as a declaration of the

public policy of the state. Charles Goolbsy, Voice staff member, pointed out that the world is watching America's treatment of its minorities, and America is watching Nebraska for leadership in progressive democracy.

Charles A. Peters, Omaha, representing the Nebraska Small Businessmen's association said that at the association's recent convention there had been "no failure to recognize the problem." He recommended "voluntary of the Omaha Urban League it. "People of the state need full employment and should be employed," he said. In a resolution, business men had been urged to take action to "improve conditions in the state."

Leo Bohannon, executive secretary of the Omaha Urban League pointed out that a survey of workers there showed only 75% or 1,800 employable Negroes holding jobs, but 40% of those were underemployed (needed more than one job to make a living); 95% work in labor or menial classifications.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman, attorney and social leader, speaking for Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, pointed out the fact that one-third of working Negroes in Omaha are women and that absence from home led to conditions that costs the state more per capita in welfare services. 30% of Negro high school freshmen drop out before graduation to work as compared to only 5% for white students. 41% of the working women have domestic, service and menial jobs, 9% are white-collar.

Marion M. Taylor, industrial secretary for the Omaha Urban League, pointed out that the lack of job opportunity unbalances the Negro working population by forcing people educated in the state's schools to leave Nebraska to find their jobs.

Other testimony was offered by Gordon Preble, Neal W. Brown, CEO State council; John B. White, historian and AVC representative who observed that bombs and bullets did not distinguish between races; and Paul Tillet, research associate in the college of law, who worked with the president's committee on fair employment practices during the war. He said he found conditions better in Nebraska than any place he had been so far.

## Sentence For Killing

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (ANP). A white man was convicted here last week for killing a Negro boy in a quarrel over payment for a dozen eggs. The jury consisted of 12 white men.

A recommendation of mercy was included with the conviction. This will mean a sentence of life imprisonment. The state had asked for a death penalty.

David Lee Crane, white, 29, testified that he shot Sterling Turner, 19, after they had argued over payment for eggs which Turner delivered to the Crane home.

Distribution of Congressional districts is made every ten years when the Federal Census is taken.

## 'Forbidden Neighbors'



The appealing picture above appears on the cover of a 24-page pamphlet, "Forbidden Neighbors," just published by the New York State Committee on Discrimination in Housing to advance its campaign to outlaw discrimination and segregation in urban redevelopment and to secure a broad legislative investigation of discriminatory housing. Organizations cooperating with the State Committee because of the national civil rights aspects of this pilot project include the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Labor Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Labor Service, the Urban League and other religious, labor and social welfare groups. Headquarters of the State Committee are in New York City at 35 West 32d Street.