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EDITORIALS

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Gossip of the Movie Lots

By Harry Levette.

Movie offers are looming for Sarah Vaughn. On her closing night at the Club Oasis, George Jessel of Twentieth Century-Fox, Georgie Stoll of MGM, and Jonie Tapps, of Columbia, all were ring-siders. They applauded regularly.

From Club Oasis, Sarah moved into the Million Dollar theater. Herb Jeffries is here with the vaudeville show at the Paramount theater.

Male bit and supporting players have been working in the mountains every night on location for "King Solomon's Mines," MGM film shot mainly in Africa.

Included in the lineup of supporting players in "Union Station" starring William Holden are Ivan H. Browning, James Davis, Milton Shockley, George W. Ross, Chester Johnson, James Adamson, Jay Loft Lynn, Robert Lewis, and Bobby Johnson. It's a Paramount film.

A word more about the Lena Horne-Billy Eckstine Miscue local splash seems to have come from Louella Parsons column, and others grabbed the apparently juicy morsel and bannerlined it.

Hollywood AFL film council has worked out a plan to get 25 percent discount from established prices for treatment at the William E. Branch clinic. Darryl F. Zanuck of Twentieth Century-Fox, producer of "Pinky," recently received Redbook's silver award for his contribution to movie production during 1949. First award went to studio rather than single picture.

Louise Beavers has another tearjerking role in Twentieth Century-Fox's "My Blue Heaven." She became famous as a crying star in "Imitation of Life."

Hollywood is fighting back at congressional attempts to censure the movie industry. In a public statement the Motion Picture Association of America pointed out that Hollywood has its own censorship program, and needs no government licensing.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ACADEMY AWARD

Unfortunately this is being written before yours truly and his girl "Friday," Essie Mae Seabron of Joliet, Ill., go to the glittering glamorous academy award cere-

monies at the Pantages theater at Hollywood and Vine.

Miss Seabron is lovely in her silver fox and pink orchid. Also added to the select list of correspondents invited is Chester Washington of the Courier. He visited Arch Reeves of Producers association three weeks ago and was approved.

Among the glittering stars who will be present will be Ethel Waters, candidate for supporting actress award. Will tell you all about who was and was not there next week.

Added features to this year's celebration include an 850 seat bleachers being constructed for fans outside the Pantages theater. From there fans will view the glittering glamor of the evening. First come, first served will be the policy observed—no admission. A special public address system will operate to let the crowd know who's who as the stars enter the theater.

African Report Discussed at Press Conference

NEW YORK. (ANP). The recent report on the status of African students in the United States was discussed here last week at a press conference conducted by Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director of the Phelps-Stokes fund, and Dr. Ruth C. Sloan.

The report, titled "A Survey of African Students Studying in the United States," was based upon a study made by Dr. Sloan and Ivor C. Cummings of Sierra Leone, a member of the British Colonial office welfare department and the directorate of colonial scholars.

Dr. Sloan and Cummings interviewed hundreds of African students in schools throughout the United States.

The study revealed that Africans are most surprised by the discrimination they meet in America. They also are faced with financial problems. They find it difficult to get into professional schools of such fields as medicine and engineering.

United States postal money orders were first issued during the Civil War.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The knowledge will be small consolation if you get stuck in the mud this spring, but Nebraska has come a long way since pioneer times in the development of its public roads and highways. A glance through pioneer reminiscences and the spring issues of early newspapers provides plenty of evidence that good old-fashioned Nebraska mud was one of the principal obstacles in the way of spring-time travel in old Nebraska.

Covered wagon emigrants, beating their way to Oregon, California, or Utah, frequently had trouble with Nebraska's mud—the Nebraska leg of the long journey almost always was undertaken in early spring. The trails became so badly rutted that wagons simply could not pass and new roads had to be marked out. (This, incidentally, accounts in part for the fact that the Oregon Trail may be several miles wide in certain parts of the state, notably southeastern Nebraska.)

In territorial times, roads were little better than trails; and when the ground thawed out in the spring they usually were impassable. Rural roads were not the only ones afflicted by the spring thaw. Village and city streets suffered in equal or greater proportion.

An editorial in the *Dakota City Democrat*, April 20, 1861, may be considered typical: "Last week this city was visited by shower after shower of April rain that reduced the condition of our streets to the consistency of paste. Pedestrians worked them up into a still worse condition with stogas and gutta percha boots, until the upper surface for two feet deep, was of the primitive nature of brick. Stilts and other pedal appendages, adroit jumping, and the aquatic knowledge of sturgeons, were in much requisition. But this state of things could not last, so, the weather after being the cause of a monstrous amount of profanity, and the subject of universal remarks of an invidious nature, was induced—using language more expressive than elegant—to 'dry up.'"

Even the proud city of Omaha was afflicted with mud. Frank J. Burkley devotes an entire chapter of his excellent book, *The Faded Frontier*, to "Muddy Omaha."

He quotes from an early Omaha



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Elwood, Kansas

By Wilberta Brady.

Hello folks:

Here I am this week bringing you the exciting news from Elwood, Kansas.

The Elwood High School Glee Club sang at the Baptist Church, Tuesday evening. Refreshments were sold after services.

Mrs. B. Bernard Watson of Kansas City, Kansas State P.T.A. president, spoke at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. She gave an interesting talk on education.

Rev. R. Rogers and choir of St. Luke Church of St. Joseph rendered services at Bethel A.M.E. Church Sunday afternoon. Visiting ministers were as follows: Rev. and Mrs. M. Medlock of Third Street, Rev. L. Lilley of St. Paul C.M.E. Church, Rev. W. Bletson and congregation of Grant Chapel. It was a great meeting. Everyone attending reports a good service.

Miss Darlene Brown entertained a group of teen-agers Monday evening at the Scouthouse. Everyone had a swell time. Miss Patricia Burns will entertain next Monday at the Lincoln School.

The Sr. Y-Teens are having fun for all: Cake Walk and Box Supper at the Lincoln School Thursday evening. Everyone is invited to come and have a great time.

Mrs. Charles Scott is presenting her piano pupils in a recital Wednesday evening at the Lincoln School.

Miss Nova Barker spent the week end in Kansas City visiting

newspaper as follows: "We saw a dray laden with groceries sink into three feet of mud on Eleventh street near the northwest corner of Douglas street yesterday morning. Its freight had to be taken off and put on an express wagon before it could be moved from that slough of despond."

And here's a choice verse from the *Omaha Herald*, March 13, 1868, reproduced in *The Faded Frontier*: "Some towns are famed for beauty, 'And others for deeds of blood. 'But say what you may of Omaha, 'It beats them all for mud.'"

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relatives and friends. She returned home Monday evening.

The Elwood High School Glee Club is preparing to go to Lawrence, Kansas, March 31 and April 1.

Well folks that is about all the news I have for you this week. Hope you enjoyed the visit with me.

Bye now!
Bert

Bunche, Nimitz May Settle Indian Dispute

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (ANP). Dr. Ralph J. Bunche may become a UN mediator once more in a tense situation if plans offered for settlement of Indian disputes go through.

According to the latest plan Dr. Bunche will be part of a two-man team of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and himself which will try to settle the issue between India and Pakistan over who is to get Kashmir.

Adm. Nimitz would be mediator, and Dr. Bunche, chief of staff.

The Indians, however, are said to be opposing the idea not because of objection to Dr. Bunche, but because Adm. Nimitz has the title of UN pleviscite administrator in Kashmir, and he is the one who decides the results of a planned vote.

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