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licize and perpetuate the achievements of our heroes in the wars of the United States; to build a patriotic resistance to alien movements that would undermine our loyalty and patriotism; to safeguard our youth from the influence of such movements; to provide representation before the Veterans Administration and other government agencies charged with dispensing aid to veterans for veterans who in certain states, are denied the privilege of membership and representation in other national veterans organizations to promote the general welfare of our comrades, their widows and orphans; to keep alive the spirit of comradeship among ourselves; and to pass on to posterity all benefits that may accrue from our association.

Starting with nothing in 1940, the NCNV now operates in fourteen states and is rapidly spreading into many new ones with many members in the armed forces overseas.

Immediately after the organization was incorporated, a nine point program was adopted, setting forth the objectives of the Council and calling on all eligibles to join up and help push the movement to a successful conclusion. From those nine points the following have been accomplished or are moving rapidly forward:

1. Full representation in all departments of our national defense: Army, Navy, Marines, Aviation, Engineers, Aircrafts, Medical department and Mechanical Forces.
2. Full representation in industries in peace as well as war.
3. Admittance of Negroes into schools of training for officers.
4. Restoration of the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 24th Infantry to full strength as combat units.
5. The training of Negro enlisted men in all phases of modern warfare in peace and war times.
6. That this training of officers and enlisted men be maintained in peace time in proportion to our population.
7. To seek federal legislation that will give to the American citizens protection against lynching and discrimination.

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**Elwood, Kansas**  
By Wilberta Brady.

Hello folks:  
Here I am this week bringing you the news in this fair city of Elwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Arbury Turner gave a birthday party for their son, James. He received many lovely gifts. They served sandwiches, pop, ice cream and cake. Everyone had a lovely time playing games. James is nine years old.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ewing gave a birthday dinner for their mother, Mrs. Ella Hayes, April 30. She received many lovely gifts. Mrs. Gaskin and William, jr., helped them celebrate. The dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing.

Miss Delphinia McKinney is visiting relatives and friends in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Washington visited Mr. and Mrs. Nura Washington, Monday afternoon.

The Baccalaureate services of the Elwood High Senior Class of 1950 will be held Sunday, May 17, at the Assembly of God Church. Rev. O. F. Barnard will bring the address. The graduation exercise is Wednesday, May 17. There will be eight graduating seniors this year.

The Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church gave a program, April 30. Mrs. Bletson gave a fine talk on missionary work. Willa May Hayes and Wilberta Brady sang a duet accompanied by Shirley York. Mrs. Mable Tapp sang a solo.

The Women of First Baptist gave a chicken dinner in the basement of the church Sunday afternoon, May 7.

Willa Mae Hayes, Marian Chambers, Betty and Shirley York, and Rev. H. Brown attended Church in Severance, Sunday afternoon, May 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wallingford and family, Mrs. Sloan, and Mrs. John Gorman Sunday, May 7.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Randall from Sioux City are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brown. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Randall are Mrs. Brown's daughters.

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

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Nationally, there was a great deal of opposition to the Kansas-Nebraska bill, creating the territories of Kansas and Nebraska, signed by President Franklin Pierce just 96 years ago this May 30th. In the West, however, the bill came as the answer to a demand that the territories be organized to provide an opportunity for white settlement and development of the vast territory beyond the Missouri River.

In both Iowa and Missouri there was a demand that Nebraska be organized in order to provide a route for the Pacific railway, about which everyone was talking much and doing little. Missouri's famed Thomas Hart Benton, defeated for re-election in 1851, made the organization of Nebraska one of the important planks in his campaign to get back in the senate. Both of Iowa's Senators conducted public meetings in the western part of the state urging Nebraska's organization.

And even from the Indian Country came a demand that the territory be speedily organized.

The Wyandots, nominally Indian but with much white blood and many white customs, had been removed from Ohio to the west bank of the Missouri at the mouth of the Kansas River. They were much interested in territorial organization because they thought it would increase the value of their lands when the time came (as they knew it inevitably would) for them to sell out and move on again.

To facilitate organization, they formed a provisional government of Nebraska territory. Abelard Guthrie was elected delegate to Congress and was sent to Washington to urge the organization of the territory. William Walker was elected governor. (His papers, incidentally, were published in one of the early Publications of the State Historical Society.)

The provisional government soon found itself involved in controversy. When he came up for re-election, Guthrie was defeated

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## What's Doing In the Churches

**QUINN CHAPEL:** Mrs. Lulu Colley and Mrs. William Woods were chosen as Mothers of Quinn Chapel for 1950, at Mother's day services Sunday morning. As a tribute to Mothers on their day special services were held. Persons participating were Mrs. Rachel Edwards, a reading "Our Mother," a paper by Mrs. Joseph Dunn "A Tribute to Mothers of All Times" and a solo "Mother's Prayer" by Mrs. Melvin Shakespeare. Rev. J. B. Brooks preached on the topic "The Reach of a Mother." . . . The Omaha District Conference will start here May 24, 1950. . . . The Sunday School's Voice Subscription campaign will end with a party in the church basement Friday, May 26.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST:** Rev. W. I. Monroe used as his subject Sunday morning "Attributes of Motherhood," which was very inspiring. . . . Van Simpson, 8 year old grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Monroe, preached a trial sermon and was approved for license. . . .

by Rev. Thomas Johnson, a Methodist missionary to the Shawnee Indians. At the same time, a group of men from western Iowa had gone across the Missouri River to Bellevue and elected Hadley D. Johnson as delegate.

So provisional Nebraska had two Johnsons claiming to represent it to the floor on Congress—perhaps as an omen of years to come when Johnsons and other "sons" would dominate Nebraska's ballots.

Both men went to Washington, armed with certificates of election. Both were admitted to the floor of Congress. Finally, however, Congress tired of the whole business and removed both.

Except for the immediate political fortunes of the two Delegates Johnson, it made little difference, for by that time the official organization of the territories of Kansas and Nebraska was shortly to be an established fact.

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Sunday, May 21, is closing date for the remodeling campaign. Afternoon services will be held and all churches are invited to attend.  
**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST:** The State meeting of the church closed Sunday night after a successful meeting held the past week at the church and Urban League. Guests from over the state attended.

**NEWMAN:** The annual conference of the Methodist church will meet the week of May 23 at Kansas City, Kansas. The Rev. C. C. Reynolds will be host pastor. Rev. W. A. Greene is pastor of Newman Methodist.

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