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EDITORIALS

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Editorially Speaking

Georgia's favorite race segregationist, Governor Herman Talmadge, attacked last week several TV shows that featured Negro entertainers and mixed groups.

Talmadge singled out Arthur Godfrey, Ken Murray and Clifton Fadiman. A rebuttal by Godfrey ended in pity for the governor. Godfrey said, "I'm sorry for his excellency, Gov. Talmadge, but as long as I'm on this show the Mariners are going to stay with me."

The Mariners are a mixed quartet of two whites and two Negroes.

Talmadge, race-hater extraordinary, last week, in his weekly newspaper, "The Statesman," devoted a three column front page editorial to criticism of television shows that feature Negroes and whites on an integrated basis. He said the shows offend southern white people "who have to sit in their living rooms and take these insults or turn off the set and miss good shows."

Walter Winchell, in his Sunday night broadcast said:

"The recent article written by Governor Talmadge of Georgia proves him to be the bigot we have always thought he was, and was a demonstration of the most base ignorance that could be property of a public official of a state of this nation."

Another blast came at Talmadge from Dick Campbell, vice-chairman of the Council of Negro Performers. Campbell wrote Talmadge:

"Your article is a sad commentary on our democracy for which thousands of Negro soldiers are

dying in Korea and a ridicule of our American way of life in the eyes of the world."

TV, WHICH HAS been short on serious music, is to get a new series starting in February titled "Meet the Masters." Contralto Marian Anderson has been selected to appear along with other greats on this coast to coast telecast.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE reports one lynching in 1951 (in Florida, of course), one killing (also in Florida) "technically" not a lynching since the sheriff did it all by himself; and three near-lynchings (in Va., Ala. and N.C.), one of them white. The statistics do not include the bombing to death of the martyred Mr. Moore of Mims.

EVAN EDWARD WORTHING, Houston, Tex., millionaire, left a \$500,000 trust fund recently to provide scholarships for deserving graduates of Houston Negro high schools. He was a white man.

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT dismissed the case against the University of Tennessee last week when the college assured the court that Negroes would be admitted to the graduate and law schools of the University.

the player "who demonstrates a high esteem for the football code and exemplifies sportsmanship to a high degree."

"Even to be considered for the Nelson award would have made me very happy," Bright told the Gridiron club diners. "But getting it is the biggest thrill of my life."

The 213-pound Bright, from Fort Wayne, Ind., is an all-around track performer, although he has not had much opportunity to compete in that branch of intercollegiate sports.



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Delegates to Congress

The sixth and—not counting the period which T. M. Marquette, the first congressman from Nebraska, served as delegate prior to the state's admission into the union—last territorial delegate to Congress was Phineas W. Hitchcock. Though Mr. Hitchcock, the father of Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, is best known for his later career as United States Senator, his campaign for the post of territorial delegate in 1864 created a great stir in Nebraska politics.

Phineas Hitchcock was born in New Lebanon, New York, Nov. 30, 1831, and came of New England stock. After a common school education in New York, he attended Williams College, graduating in 1855. After graduation he worked as a newspaper reporter in central New York state and studied law on the side. Shortly after his admission to the bar, however, he got the urge to go West, and in 1857 he settled in Omaha, then only a frontier village, despite the fact that it was the capital and most important community in Nebraska territory.

The next year he married Annie Monell, the daughter of Dr. Gilbert C. Monell, also a native New Yorker and a pioneer Nebraskan. In Omaha, young Mr. Hitchcock practiced law and engaged in business; for a time he was one of the owners of the Omaha Republican, an important territorial newspaper.

Like many another young man of ability and ambition who came to Nebraska territory, Mr. Hitchcock soon was attracted to politics. In 1860 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency. The next year, President Lincoln appointed him marshal of Nebraska territory. Later he was surveyor-general of the territory.

The most important aspect of his territorial political career, however, was his campaign in 1864 for the position of delegate to Congress. Hitchcock was nominated by the new Union party, with which the Republican party fused in 1864. His Democratic opponent was Dr. George L. Miller, who the next year was to found the Omaha Herald, fore-runner, incidentally of the Omaha World-Herald, with which Phineas Hitchcock's son Gilbert was so long identified.

The campaign was a bitter one.

Phoenix Cemetery Agrees to Bury Negro Veteran

BY THOMAS GRIGSBY

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(ANP)—In the face of opposition from three veteran's organizations and an aroused public, Greenwood Memorial park cemetery changed its policy to allow the burial of a Negro soldier killed in Korea and thus brought to an end the five-week battle to obtain burial of the soldier.

The body of Pvt. Thomas C. Reed, 19, had been resting in a mortuary since Nov. 28 awaiting clearance on a burial site in the cemetery, owned by Arizona lodge No. 2 of the Free and Accepted Masons.

The three veteran organizations which asked the cemetery to permit burial of any veteran without special notarized letters of request were:

The Luke-Greenway Post of the American Legion, Post 720 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans.

Until recently, Greenwood Me-

morial park had restricted burial in the veterans section to white persons. However, several months ago it adopted a policy of considering special letters of request from the three veteran organizations and had allowed four Negro soldiers to be buried there.

Pvt. Reed's father had objected to having to ask the organizations to intercede in behalf of his son and send letters.

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Drake Star Gets Nelson Trophy

BOSTON.—Johnny Bright, Drake university's 21-year-old Negro halfback, Saturday night, accepted the "Swede" Nelson sportsmanship award and disclosed plans to try out for the United States Olympic team in the decathlon events.

Dedicated to a former Harvard player and coach, the Nelson football trophy is awarded annually by the Gridiron club of Boston to

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