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Terror Strikes Harlem As Crime Takes Over

NEW YORK (ANP) — Terror reigns in Harlem. An unprecedented wave of snatchings, muggings, hold-ups and house robberies have swept in with the Christmas season that baffles the police and defies stopping.

Over at the swanky Riverton, owned by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., the situation has gotten so serious, the management has sent letters to every tenant urging the utmost caution, not only in walking through the beautiful park surrounding the apartments, but in riding elevators and in admitting unknown persons to apartments.

In a newly concocted scheme, robbers now disguise themselves as delivery boys, bringing fake parcels to the elevators. Unsuspecting passengers enter the self service cars with a pistol or a switch blade.

Several cases of robbery at knife-point in this fashion have been reported to the Riverton management which can do nothing about the matter.

Further, robbers boldly ring apartment door bells and gain entry through other ruses, sticking up the tenants and making get-aways before help can be had.

Street hold-ups are becoming more and more common. Purse snatching has reached the epidemic stage. Last Thursday night, two women had their purses snatched within two hours of each other and within one block of each other. The thieves made clean get-aways. In one case, teen-agers accosted a woman walking up the outer walk near Madison Avenue after she had

left the bus at 135th and Madison. They darted out from behind parked cars and, grabbing her dangling purse, ran rapidly up to 138th street, crossed Fifth avenue and were lost in the "jungles". Riverton guards, assigned to protect property and persons, were nowhere to be seen. Neither were the city police whose prowling cars seldom visit this neighborhood.

All this happens just at the time a committee visited the Police Commissioner asking additional police protection in the area between 125th Street down to 59th Street on the West Side (Eighth Avenue to the River).

Reports are that students at Barnard college, a woman's college unit of Columbia university, are warned not to leave the buildings after dark unaccompanied. Tenants of apartment houses in the neighborhood of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine report frequent robberies (one house was robbed 35 times within a month). Residents of the avenues bordering the parks in the area dare not venture near the parks after dark.

The whole community is in a frenzy of fear and Police Commissioner Monaghan has promised additional police as fast as they can be added to the force. He has asked for a force of 25,000 men, but even that may be inadequate to combat the rising tide of crime that is terrorizing Harlem.

Yule-Birthday Banquet Given Ex-Slave, 106

Mrs. Emma Davis, 2156 U, spent a quiet Christmas day with her son, Girt Davis, and grandson. Christmas day, 1952, was the occasion of Mrs. Davis' 106th birthday.

Employees of the First Trust Company, the Salvation Army, and the Girl Scouts contributed food for the Christmas-birthday banquet.

Mrs. Davis says she was born in Waxahatchee, Tex., in 1846 and worked as a slave girl until 1865.

She lived in Cooper, Tex., most of her life but moved to Lincoln to live with her son, Girt, five years ago. Another son, Jim Fuller, 2244 S, also lives in Lincoln but was not present for the birthday dinner.

Girt Davis says his mother is not able to walk well enough to leave the house. She spends her time sewing and making quilts.

"Second-Hand Christians," Too Many Americans Are

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Church membership in the United States is at an alltime high of 85 million people. The reason these 85 million professed servants of God aren't making more of a spiritual impact on American life is because too many of them are second-hand Christians, claims Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in an article in the December issue of Pageant Magazine.

For too many American church members their religion is formal, not vital; they have inherited it from their families or borrowed it from their friends. They believe after a fashion, says Dr. Fosdick, but the profound experiences of the human soul which transform character, sustain strength and

Thought for Today

Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

Proverbs 14:1,2.

F. Rivers May Become Federal Judge

NEW YORK — (ANP) — When Justice Francis Rivers' 10-year-term as member of the City Court judiciary expires on Dec. 31, there is a strong probability that the life-long Republican will be rewarded with an appointment to the U. S. District Court. If this happens, Judge Rivers will be the first Negro appointed to that court.

Although the salary is \$5,000 a year less than his present salary, the job is a lifetime one, compared with the terms served in other courts. A long-time adviser on Republican affairs to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Herbert Brownell, Rivers' appointment is considered a foregone conclusion.

At the same time, there is a well defined rumor that James Yeargin, for 13 years an assistant district attorney, now in the homicide division, also will be rewarded for his long service to the party. Yeargin was an unsuccessful judicial candidate on the Republican ticket two years ago and returned to his job where he is one of the main cogs in the prosecutor's office.

Bakers Cooperate With OPS to Guard Shoppers' Budgets

Most housewives recently began paying an additional penny for white bread—but they're getting bigger loaves for their money.

This was pointed out recently by Henry C. Winters, District enforcement director for the Office of Price Stabilization, who praised bakeries in Nebraska communities for the compliance with OPS price regulations.

OPS recently granted the bakeries an increase of one cent a loaf for white bread, with the stipulation that the weight of the loaf must be upped from 20 to 21¼ ounces.

An intensive check of the principal bakeries by OPS enforcement agents reveal that in nearly all cases, bakeries have adjusted their weights to comply with the ruling. In a few instances, where the adjustment had not been made, bakery officials readily agreed to comply, after the ruling was explained to them.

"Although a penny per loaf seems like a trifling increase, it amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars in the annual household budgets of Nebraskans," said Mr. Winters. "Because of the cooperation of the bakeries with OPS, housewives can be assured that they are still getting full value when they buy bread."

State OPS Chief To Quit Job Soon

Edwin Moran, Nebraska district director of the Office of Price Stabilization has submitted his resignation from the price controls job which he has held since March 19, 1951. His successor has not been named.

Mr. Moran plans to return to his private law practice in Nebraska City. He has courage, and make God personally real, they have not known first hand.

Speaker At St. John Banquet

New Executive Secretary Is War Veteran

The new executive director of the Lincoln Urban League, Sidney H. Alexander Jr., is a veteran of World War II.

The 33-year-old Denver man will assume his post in early January.

He will make his first official public appearance at the league's 21st annual dinner, January 28th.

Acting executive secretary since the resignation of Lynwood Parker in August has been Mrs. Sara Walker.



Courtesy Lincoln Star

Twenty-Nine Favor More Road Revenue

By CLIFF SANDAHL
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It is just a coincidence, but 29 members of the Nebraska Legislature—exactly the required number to pass legislation with an emergency clause—are on record in favor of increasing state funds for highway construction.

At least that is their attitude as expressed in a pre-election poll, and there is no reason to believe it has changed since. As for the other 14 members of the Legislature, they are either uncommitted or open-minded.

Legislation passed with emergency clause becomes effective immediately; legislation without the emergency clause becomes effective 90 days after passage. The former requires 29 votes for passage; the latter 22 votes.

Among 1952 senators answering a flat "yes" for increased road revenue are J. Monroe Bixler, Harrison; Hal Bridenbaugh, Dakota City; Dwight W. Burney, Hartington; H. K. Diers, Gresham; Tom Dooley, Papillion; A. A. Fenske, Sunol; O. H. Liebers, Lincoln; C. C. Lillibridge, Crete; Joseph D. Martin, Grand Island; Robert D. McNutt, Lincoln; L. M. Shultz, Rogers; and Karl Vogel, Omaha. Of these, Liebers, Lillibridge and Vogel voted to kill the gas tax bill in the 1951 Legislature.

On Saturday night, December 27th, The Lebanon Lodge No. 3, sponsored a St. John's Day Banquet at the Lincoln Urban League.

Honorable Charles A. Stewart, C.C.F.C., of Omaha, Nebraska, was the guest speaker.

Using the eleventh chapter of St. John and the 33 and 44 verses as the background of his topic, "BURIED TALENTS—UNLOCKING YOUR POSSIBILITIES," Hon. Stewart says: Stir up the gift that is in you, have a definite aim, and a burning desire to get what you want. Desire is the starting point of all achievements. To become satisfied with oneself is to stop growing.

Giving four definite purposes for achievement, Hon. Stewart states further:

- 1—Know what you want (fix in your mind the exact thing that you want, be definite),
- 2—Set a time to get it (Establish a definite date for the acquiring of the thing desired),
- 3—Know why you want it (determine what you intend to give in return for the thing you desire, as there's no reasoning in the thought that you get something for nothing), and
- 4—Know how to get it (create a definite plan for putting into action your desired goal). These purposes, backed by the urge to go in the right direction, the urge to go from where we are to beyond ourselves, and the urge to be attached (do a little more than that which you're being paid); These are the bases for the stimulation of unlimited possibilities.

Others appearing on the program were: Rev. Wm. I. Monroe, Prayer; Choral selection by the Denton Chapel Trio, directed by Mrs. Sarah Tarpley, a piano selection my master Charles Bonds, and solos rendered by Mrs. Lenora Letcher and George Randol.

Brother Clayton P. Lewis, Grand Master of the lodge, gave the closing remarks and introduced the grand officers, visitors and committee members.

Stock Notes

The coupon that appears in the lower right hand corner of The Voice, is for all persons in Nebraska, who are interested in securing better housing for the lower income groups in this area.

All Citizens of the State of Nebraska are asked to join together and support this very worthy movement. Any questions that you might have concerning this stock please call, 2-2247, or 2-4085.

GOOD SPORTS



Lynn Fishman, young Muscular Dystrophy victim from New York City, and Bill Stern, nationally known sports personality, collaborate on making a contribution to the 1952-53 Muscular Dystrophy appeal. Bill Stern is serving as National Chairman for the Sports Committee for the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., nationwide campaign, currently being conducted throughout December. Funds are being sought to sponsor medical research to find treatment and cure for thousands of youngsters like little Lynn who are victims of this progressively crippling disease.

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