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"DIGESTING  
The NEWS"  
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Every Week from this Column  
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The Fading Color Line.  
With England flying to Italy; France making overtures to America; Germany on her rocking horse; Japan and China playing see-saw; India gaining a measure of independence; quakes and tornadoes in our own country; the whirlwind actions of congress; beer starting to ferment; hundreds of banks opening—and hundreds more remaining closed. With all of these happenings, in spite of the protest organizations, the color line seems to have faded during the recent days.

And if we lost any recognition in Liberia and Haiti we, at least, gained attention at Washington. When the president will send a white house car to bring to him a retiring department employee, and that employee is colored, we need not ask whether the employee was efficient or not. And when the same president will have a colored clerk transferred from another department to the white house, again, we need not ask whether the employee is efficient. In both instances, efficiency accomplished results that protests never would accomplish. Why, we even read, during the week, of a colored journalist being admitted to the white house conference.

Indeed, throughout the country, many appointments were made of purely local significance it's true, but they were made, seemingly, without the usual fanfare of protests, applications or demands that Negro receive recognition. On the contrary, they seem to have been made as the result of cold reasoning, sense of fitness and right, along with a conscientious policy of giving the "forgotten" man a chance in the "new deal".

In West Virginia one race member succeeds another in a position that has been held by the race for nearly two decades. But in Detroit a race man succeeds a white banker on an institutional committee that is of much significance because of the unusual honors bestowed. Usually the appointment of a person of color to such positions as messengers, clerks, stenographers, investigators and assistants is heralded far and wide, but when a colored person is placed on the committee that controls the policies, expenditures and personnel, then we are inclined to think that the color line is beginning to fade.

An editorial in a leading national race paper, which is presumed to be the "mouthpiece" for the "new deal" party now in power, states that many leaders are not so anxious for, or interested in, securing jobs for certain Negroes, as they are for securing rights, privileges and representation for all Negroes. And if this attitude is not merely a shield for an apparent lack of individual influence then we must heartily applaud their sentiments.

A few more catastrophes, making the whole nation kin, and we will soon learn that by being ready, being efficient and being useful is of great value and influence than being vociferous in protests.

### "With Our Lawmakers"

NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE  
by O. J. BURCKHARDT

Monday morning, March 27th, the house met at 9 a. m., and the senate at 10 but both senate and the house at this time commonly speaking up in the air circling around and wondering which airport will be the softest to land on as all of them look dangerous.

The bit appropriations bill is emerging toward a deadlock and it may take a special session to get it out of the air and on the ground.

The present Governor budget with reduction of \$950,000 of which the university and state normals are asked to absorb approximately \$700,000 and how to solve that problem is the thing that is worrying the finance committee.

But in the afternoon meeting the house refused the Governor's budget and upheld the original committee report. Representative Bruvelut of Stanton served notice Monday afternoon that at the proper time he would propose that appropriations for the university be cut from \$2,568,200 recommended by the committee to \$2,389,085.

The committee is now asking the university to withdraw from the north central association, but this request is thought by some to not be germane to the subject of the appropriation. Cushion questions the constitutionality of writing this provision into the bill. But the committee was sustained 40.35 in its attempt to write the university out of the north central association of colleges. This move was referred to as "Indian gift and trading". It was only the quick actions by the committee in a minor amendment that any attempt in any way to alter university board of agriculture college and other appropriations were struck down with emphasis. Speaker O'Malley is strictly an administrative man and tries all ways to uphold the governor's wishes. For the support of the Bryan budget figures was answered a moment later by Representative John Havekost (dem) with the statement that conditions had changed since the Governor made his budget.

"We have seen the time of 10c corn," he said, "I again want to call your attention to the tax payers condition. Many operations of business is below cost. We want to conserve the schools, the conservation of the homes are more important. The bill to elect the school board from districts and the non-employment of married women was killed in the committee; but Senator Dworak, Bren, coupled up with Representative John Owen and Teasor, have succeeded in resurrecting it again and it is now on the senate roll for further action. The present school board is very active in using its influence to defeat the measure, but there are those connected with both the house and senate, who believe that it is right and just that each district should be represented. Senator Dworak says one of the reasons why the school board is opposing the house roll 31 by Teasor, is that such a bill would at least help to make it possible for colored teachers to be restored back into the public schools. This bill should be made a law in justice to all tax payers.

Gov. Bryan's Code Bill was passed in the senate. The senate rejected the amendment requiring the senate to confirm all nominations, however, things got a little warm in the senate today, the boys called each other what God struck Ananias and Sapphira dead for doing.  
(Watch next week's notes, they will more than likely be hot.)

#### SAY GIRL THREATENED GROCER WITH KNIFE

Helen Campbell, 17 year old Negro girl, was turned over to juvenile authorities Monday when Jacob Lundell, proprietor of a grocery store near Twenty-sixth and Seward Street, complained that she had threatened him

## Detroit Man Gets Important Post

### Student Dance Starts College Rift

### N.A.A.C.P. Official



WM. PICKENS  
DEAN WM. PICKENS IN OMAHA Secretary of New York, will be in Omaha, April 5-10th in interest of the NAACP Membership Campaign.

with a butcher knife. Earlier last week, he said, the girl bought a package of cigarettes but did not pay for them. Saturday, when she made another purchase he took out money for the cigarettes. The girl objected and later returned to the store with the knife.

### Frost Speaks

I, Frank E. Frost, President of the Frost Battery Company, wish to inform you that as a candidate for City Commissioner, I pledge my promise, if elected; I shall CONTINUE using my present beliefs in FAIRNESS to ALL regardless of race or creed. And also; That I shall do everything within my power to promote anything that is of importance to the community's welfare and happiness.

#### OMAHA MINISTER LEADS PRAYER IN SENATE CHAMBER

In the Senate Journal, daily report of the fifty-eighth day of the Legislature, Rev. O. J. Burckhardt, led the prayer for the morning session. Rev. Burckhardt has worked in the senate for many sessions and in many instances has been given honorable mention which is a credit to our race group.

#### BRITISH NEGROES JOIN JAPANESE AIR FORCE

London.—It became known here last week that the steamer Stanleyville left Blyth, Northumberland on

March 6, for Japan, manned by a crew of Negroes, who are British subjects, determined to join the Japanese air force. The ship had cleared the port when a delegation of the British Anti-War Council arrived in taxicabs from London bearing 200 Lbs. sterling with which they hoped to induce the discontinuance of the voyage. The Begian owned vessel had been sold to the Japanese government. The crew was enlisted after the youths were offered 20 training airplanes for practical aviation instructions if they journeyed to Japan.

#### NO "TREASURE" FOR HIM

A fortune teller, buried treasure, ghostly sounds, and a dark man with a secret mission—all these combined to excavate a 5 by 10 foot hole in a polished dance floor a flight up at 1902 North twenty-fourth street, Monday night. As a result, Tom Coulter, Negro, 1602 North Twenty-seventh street, is in jail for 30 days.

#### JOHNNY OWEN ENDORSES WESTERGARD

To My Friends in Omaha: I have always believed in having my friends know exactly my position on matters concerning our mutual welfare. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of using the columns of this excellent newspaper to state my position in the city election now before you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The opening date of the Mid-City Community Center has been changed from April 3rd to April 9th.

#### A LESSON FOR MOBS

How unjust it is to judge of guilt on the strength of superficial circumstantial evidence was illustrated some time ago by the case of a 11 year old boy murdered in Arkansas presumably for a small amount of money he carried.

It was known that shortly before his death he had been in company with a one-eyed Negro boy, who also was missing. Search for the negro was begun, with open threats of summary vengeance. After several days the negro boy was found not far from where the white boy was killed. But he was also dead, with indications that he gave his life in common battle with the white lad's murderers.

Now suppose that the two boys had separated before the white boy was killed. And suppose the mob had captured the negro lad, whose sightless eye would have identified him beyond question. There would have been just one more lynching of a negro, despite his pleadings and protestations of innocence.

This should be a lesson for any who may be tempted to take part in mob murder.

#### BLAINE YOUNG IS PLEDGED TO ENTIRE CITY

While many of the 91 candidates filed for the city commission are stressing that they are pledged to no political faction or organization, and have no commitments, Blaine Young is boasting that he is PLEDGED. "I am pledged and committed, not to one man or group of men—not to any so-called 'gang' or 'machine'—but pledged unreservedly to 219,500 citizens—committed to every man, woman and child in Omaha to do simply my best in the interest of our city. What my ability is I leave to the judgement of my friends," said Mr. Young.

Blaine Young, who is a successful insurance man also stated that the insurance rates in Omaha could be materially reduced by electing seven men to the city council who will work in harmony and accord. Fire, liability and burglary insurance rates all depend on efficient city management.

Another issue of importance to a great number of sportsmen in Omaha, would be the material improvement of Omaha's municipal golf courses. Johnny Goodman, Omaha's pride of the golfing world, says, "It would be a great break for Omaha's munny golf players if Blaine Young is elected. I am sure Blaine would make an effort to see that all of the fees paid by munny golfers go right back into the upkeep of the courses, and not used somewhere else."

#### MR. BUTLER DIES

Mr. A. C. Butler died last week at 6:40. He was one of the old friends and father of J. J. Butler, 2709 Corby St.

#### NEGRO PLACED ON IMPORTANT COMMISSION

Detroit, Mich., Mar.—John C. Dancy, secretary of the Detroit Urban League, has been named by Mayor Frank Murphy as a member of the commission of the House of Correction. The House of Correction commission is one of the four key commissions of the city government. The appointment stirred up protest from prejudiced white people, but Mayor Murphy is ignoring the agitation. He stated he named Mr. Dancy not as a political appointment, but because he is an able and trained, high class man such as is needed for the work. Mr. Dancy is one of the best known social workers in the country. He is the son of John C. Dancy, former register of deeds for the District of Columbia, and is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He has been at Detroit Urban League for 13 years.

#### HARRY TRUSTIN, CANDIDATE FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

In meetings of various civic and political groups last week Harry Trustin vigorously announced his intentions if elected to the City Commission. He stated: "I am for government of the people, free from any machine entanglements and from any organized group, free from any pledge of patronage to any class, color, or creed. I am not in favor of any extension of natural gas except by the vote of the people and I will do my utmost toward giving the city an economical and business-like administration. He added: There is something a great deal more important than declaration of platform in this particular campaign; because of the existing conditions, it is more necessary than ever before that the voter be more careful in his choice of the men who will sit in the City Council Chamber for the next three years. I believe that it will take a courageous man. It will take an honest man, and it will take a man who has been tested and proven. It seems to me that one can only be proved by his record in the past. If he has given of himself to the civic organizations of the city for the betterment of the community in which he lives; if he has given of his time unstintingly for alleviating the distressed and infirm; if he has been thoughtful of the future citizens of our country and has tried to make conditions better for those growing into manhood; if he has been active and interested in making better citizens; and further; if he has education and has had professional or business training and necessary experience in both; if his life has been without stain and his home life irreproachable; if he has in his daily life among the citizens in his community, conducted himself in an upright and substantial manner; then, that type of a man should receive the vote of the people."

#### "Y" PLAYERS CLICK

Before an appreciative audience at the Zion Baptist Church on last Thursday evening, members of the "Y" Dramatic Club presented very effectively two one act plays. The first, a Negro Drama, with a realistic setting, captivated the audience. Each actor showed individuality and intelligence in portraying his and her part. According to Community Playhouse critics, few amateurs achieve the effect which Fannie Lu Levison produced as the betrayed wife of a worthless husband, Mr. Henry Thomas as "Old Man Williams" showed, through his speech, a careful analysis and understanding of Negro dialect. James Dotson, as the small boy, was completely at home on the stage; and Mr. Alvin Wilkes, as the worthless husband, carried the audience along with his fine acting. The second play, "All Gunned Up", a comedy, was light and entertaining. Vera Chandler was a charming sophisticated actress. Mr. Eugene Murray showed a naturalness while Mr. William Peebles portrayed a fine characterization as the irate musician. True to form was the playing of Charles Dickerson and Ruth Gale Griffith made a lovely indulgent wife. The players were highly commended and will be presented at two later dates in the same performance in Council Bluffs and at the Joslyn Memorial.

#### WEEK'S TRIP TO THE WORLDS FAIR

Here's your chance to see the wonder of the age! The long talked about "World's Fair" held once every 20 years and this year, held in the 5th largest city in the world. You can go! All of your expenses paid for one full glorious week! Simply register in the "Trip to the World's Fair Contest", sponsored by the Finance Committee of the North Side "Y". Get full particulars by phoning Webster 1539! Mrs. Florence Johnson, Chairman.

#### DOWNTOWN STORES WILL CLOSE AT FIVE-THIRTY

The Associated Retailers today announced their stores would close at 5:30 p. m. starting April 1, on the understanding that all general merchandising stores downtown would do the same. All but a few were "in line" today.