

CURRENT EVENTS

By Gaines T. Bradford

We present the final installment of the memorandum started last week proving that Fascist Italy cannot justify her claim that she is "civilizing" Ethiopia when conditions in her own country are almost unbearable. At the time of this writing we are informed that more than two thousand Ethiopian warriors were killed in combat with the Fascist murderers. We hope that Guide readers have studied the points outlined carefully in order that they might understand the viciousness of a fascist regime.

This rapid and summary review of thirteen years of fascism in Italy would not be complete if we failed to mention the profound and growing discontent is more and more revealing itself in open hostility on the part of the masses of people to the fascist regime, and we ask the delegates to the League of Nations to take into account this state of discontent, since it is the essential element explaining the need for a mad and criminal war which is leading the Italian people to the verge of catastrophe and which may throw the entire world into a bloody conflagration.

The incidents we are about to mention, although they cannot give a complete idea of the situation now existing in Italy, are nevertheless enough to show how unpopular the government and this war are, and how false is Mussolini's statement that, even if he tried to hold them back "the 200,000 guns which are in Eritrea would go off of themselves."

The "carabinieri" (militia) were forced to search for those called to the colors in Julian Venetia: this search almost took on the character of a series of arrests. It was forbidden to sing hymns in the Slavish languages in the churches.

At Poschiera, soldiers leaving for Africa protested. Their officers beat the soldiers to force them to march: result: one soldier was killed with blows from a club and a captain was thrown into a ravine for vengeance.

Newspapers publish decrees forbidding discussion of the war against Ethiopia.

At Sulmona, 300 militiamen refused to leave for Africa and were arrested.

A rebellion broke out at Tricassia: five were killed and a large number wounded. At Ascoli Piceno and at Naples, the soldiers revolted.

At Olgiate, relief was refused to families of those called to the colors.

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LOWER POWER RATES FOR OMAHANS ANNOUNCED BY NEBRASKA ELECTRIC CO.

Mrs. Swanigan Speaks Up for Her Defense To Guide Readers

LETTER PRINTED

To the Editor of the Omaha Guide:

My Dear Editor:
For some time past now, I have been trying to bring myself to write you this letter, but as time went on, I have put it off from time to time until now I am real sorry I haven't written sooner. For the past seven years I have from time to time had little mean, nasty things said about my character. Things that hurt in a way, I have felt were just born of jealousy or something, but I have let it run along, until the people who started it have succeeded to the extent that they have made people believe I am a person to be shunned or loathed. I had thought that my everyday walk through life would prove to the intelligent class what I really am, but I think most people forget intelligence where gossip is concerned. Now I am just about fed up on the whole mess, and I think the time has come to put a stop to the whisperings. From now on, the first colored person in Lincoln that I see or she is saying or has said something about my character, I am going to give them a chance to prove what they said in court, and let all of Lincoln and the world know what they (Continued on Page 6)



W. ELLIS STEWART

W. Ellis Stewart, chairman of the committee of management of the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A., secretary of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company and secretary of the National Negro Insurance Association, has been elected to the National Y. M. C. A. council and a delegate to the international convention which convened this week in Niagara Falls, N. Y., after the national council convention.

Voluntary Reduction Effective Beginning January 1, 1936

LOWEST IN YEARS

51,440 homes in Omaha—every residential electric customer,—will obtain a saving in their electric bills when the latest voluntary rate reduction goes into effect January 1.

Announcement of this big voluntary rate reduction was made during this week by J. E. Davidson, president of the Nebraska Power Company, in a talk before the City Council.

"The voluntary reduction in Omaha follows our policy of furnishing electricity to our customers at the lowest possible rates consistent with a high standard of service," said Mr. Davidson.

"Electricity has always been cheap in Omaha, but now electric service for all uses in the home will be cheaper than ever before."

Mr. Davidson explained the rate reduction in the following manner: "Our so-called 'top' rate is now 5½¢ a kilowatt hour. This will be cut to 4¼¢ a kilowatt hour, giving to this city one of the lowest electric rates in America. This reduction will leave in effect our very low 3¢ rate for the next block and 1½¢ rate for the remainder."

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Herndon Speaks Before He Joins The Chain Gang

Below is published the major portion of a speech delivered by Angelo Herndon on October 19, five days before he was to surrender to the Georgia chain gang. The speech was made at a conference in New York, called by the Joint Committee to Aid the Herndon Defense.

Every person who heard the speech was swept away by the fire of the young Negro leader and here, and when he finished, the entire audience rose to take a solemn pledge that they would not rest until he was freed.

By Angelo Herndon

This monstrous frame-up of myself is not something that has been directed against an individual, but is symbolic of a people, the oppression that all workers are faced with.

I wonder if those of you who have never been South, who have not had a chance to see what the conditions are like, have an idea what the worker has to go through. I worked for a number of years organizing black and white workers in the various states in the South. We know that Negroes constitute

New President of Tuskegee Institute



DR. FREDERIC DOUGLAS PATTERSON

Who was inaugurated president of Tuskegee Institute Monday afternoon at special exercises held at the famous Alabama school. Dr. Patterson succeeds Dr. Robert Russa Moton, now president emeritus.

Banks Honored At Reception

On Sunday evening, October 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Biddix, 2218 N. 27th Avenue, entertained at a reception at the Y.W.C.A. to honor their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fredric D. Banks, who were recently married at St. Philip's Episcopal church. Nearly one hundred and fifty guests attended the reception.

The room was decorated with potted palms and vases of white roses, which were very skillfully arranged. The huge wedding cake was placed on one end of a large table which was covered with a beautiful lace cloth. In the center of the table an aisle was formed by two rows of tall white candles, between which a small bridal procession of dolls stood. A large bowl of punch, at the other end of the table, and several dishes of candies completed the table adornments.

Two candelabras, each holding seven white tapers, and a number of potted palms formed a background for the receiving line, which was composed of Mrs. H. Biddix, Mr. and Mrs. Fredric D. Banks, Mrs. Josephine Bell and Att'y H. J. Pinkett.

Mrs. Banks was beautifully gowned in eggshell chiffon velvet with a corsage of pink roses. Her mother, Mrs. Biddix, wore dahlia chiffon velvet, and Mrs. Bell wore black and red crepe.

Mrs. E. R. West presided over the wedding cake, and

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Omaha Guide is pleased to announce to the friends and subscribers of the Guide in Council Bluffs, our new news representative, Mrs. H. M. Funcher, 2528 Fourth Ave. We are also pleased to recommend to you our advertisement representative, Mrs. George Mina, 2522 Sixth Ave. If you have a room to rent, or anything to sell or advertise, see Mrs. Mina.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX EXEMPTION GROUP GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP

Misses Helen Singleton and Ruthgale Griffin served the punch. Mrs. Ruth McGraven and Mrs. Norma Jackson assisted at the door. Mrs. Minnie Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Millard F. Singleton, III, Mr. H. A. Grayson, Jr., and Mr. Harold Biddix graciously assisted with the reception, especially with the gift display.

The guests were favored with vocal selections given by Messrs. Jesse Hutten and Thomas Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. They are at home at 2118 N. 25th street.

Australia is expected to mine gold valued at ten million pounds this year, a new high record, about one third more than last year.

More than 350,000 acres of land in Mexico have been placed under irrigation as the result of a government program launched in 1920.

4,000 CHEST WORKERS READY TO INAUGURATE CAMPAIGN FOR 1936

Armless Traveler



CLIFFORD BLOUNT

known as the "Mayor of 58th Street" in Chicago where he operates a news stand and lending library, who will attend the Missouri State Teachers' convention in St. Louis, next week in furtherance of his program to distribute Negro literature and later a similar gathering in Texas. Mr. Blount although armless has traveled alone all over the nation.

A New Jersey inventor has inserted a watch in the handle of an automobile ignition key to serve as a clock when left in a car's lock.

Omaha Is Expected To Do Her Part In the Mobilization For Needs This Year

\$555,300 NEEDS OF BUDGET

With Omaha's 13th annual Community Chest campaign less than two weeks away, an army of more than 4,000 Chest solicitors already has been mobilized and is waiting the signal from division leaders to advance toward this year's \$555,300 goal.

"Be a good neighbor" is the slogan of the approaching Community Chest drive, November 12 to 21.

W. Dale Clark, president, and J. L. Haugh, general campaign chairman, both anticipate a hearty response to the appeal for help for the 28 welfare agencies supported by the Chest.

Mr. Haugh states that misunderstanding of the national government's relief policy is one of the obstacles that must be overcome if the drive is to be a success. He says, according to officials in Washington, the number on relief will be gradually reduced and discontinued by June 1936.

"Thus the Community Chest becomes a greater civic duty this year", the general chair added zeal to help those less we will meet the situation with added zeal to help those less fortunate."

Initial gifts and other divisions will begin their actual work before the general drive November 12.

The speakers' bureau headed by W. L. Pierpoint has contacted more than 150 Omaha clubs and organizations. While members of the speakers' bureau don't actually solicit funds, their work is of importance to the campaign, Chest officials say.

Mrs. Howard Rushton, woman's division chairman, asserts he has more than 2000 women enrolled and ready for the general drive. The women's division is the largest single sector of the Chest campaign and one that generally reaches its quota.

The business division under Chairman Ford Bates is more thoroughly organized than ever before. When the campaign opens, this group will have 350 workers. Chest leaders are confident of success.

Division chairman for the drive are Mrs. Howard Rushton, women; De E. Bradshaw, initial gifts; Alvin E. Johnson, industrial; Ford Bates, business; Glen B. Eastburn, national firms; W. L. Pierpoint, speakers' bureau; Phil W. Moore, South Omaha, and Frank Fogarty, publicity.

Don't Forget Omaha Guide's Food Show Starts Nov. 25th