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Wins Fight



Melvin B. Johnson

The progressive 30-year-old editor and half owner of The Newark Herald, who won his fight against Grand Jury discrimination in Essex County.

The fight ended when Sheriff James McRell caused the selection of Rev. James A. Gughes of Orange, as a member of the grand jury. A jury commissioner had explained that only "chance" had caused Negroes to be left off the panel. Mr. Johnson is a native of Richmond, Va. and studied at Union University where he was an outstanding athlete and honor student. He began his journalistic career at Union as editor of the student paper and also published a church paper.

Carlton Goodlett Presented

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will present Mr. Carlton Goodlett on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. at the Community Center. Mr. Goodlett will speak on the topic, "Negro Youth Faces Perplexing America." Others who will appear on the program will be Miss Edna Blair, Miss Christine Dixon and Mr. Lloyd Lee. It is expected that a large audience will be present. The NAACP is in the middle of a membership drive. Dr. Jones, president, C. Davis secretary.

PRESENTS GIFT SERVICE

Mt. Moriah Baptist church, 24th and Ohio Sts., F. P. Jones, pastor, presents its fifth annual WHITE GIFT SERVICE Sunday Dec. 20th at 8:15 p. m. Special music by the Lewis symphony orchestra and a chorus of 40 voices directed by Rev. J. S. Williams. The public is cordially invited to share this treat of the season. You are advised to come early for a seat.

APOLOGY FOR AN ERROR THAT WAS MADE

I am very sorry there has been a mistake made by an adjuster, who I had looking after some accounts. He connected the wrong persons with some and sent statements without my consent to others. I do not want to press those who cannot meet their bills. I want to do unto you as I want you to do unto me—live and let live. Those who are my debtors, come and see me, regardless of how your conscience feels. I would appreciate it and will meet you half way and for the widows and the real old couples that have no means with which to pay their bills, bring me your statement, perhaps I will see what old Santa has at Christmas time for those who come. Those who are not working, not making sufficient money to take care of all your obligations, come also. Hoping you will not overlook this and wishing you well.

Yours truly,
(Signed) Dr. G. B. Lennox

Vernon Bean and Willard Levison Are Sentenced

In the district court, Monday, Dec. 14th, Vernon Bean, 2730 Caldwell St., and Willard Levison, 2728 Burdette St., received deferred sentences on the charge of grand larceny when they pleaded guilty.

On Nov. 26, 1936, Bean and Levison concealed themselves in the show room where used cars are fixed in the office of Greenlease-Lied Motor Co., and when the place was closed, robbed a cash drawer of \$120.

Apprehension of Bean and the other persons connected with the Standard Cleaners and Dyers plant robbery, 1445 So. 13th St., which took place Dec. 7th will end the series of robberies which had been taking place it is thought.

A glance over Bean's confession showed him and others to be implicated in below named robberies:

Oct. 30th, Stop and Shop Market, 4015 No. 16th St., by Foch Allen, Joe Smith and Bean; Nov. 9th or 10th, Campus Inn, 501 No. 24th St., by Foch Allen and Bean; Nov. 3rd, Winn Cigar Store, 4008 Hamilton St., by Joe Smith and Bean; Thorn Grocery, 4010 Hamilton St., by Joe Smith and Bean; Nov. 14th Diamond Beer Tavern, 2552 Cuming St., by Foch, Wm. Avant and Bean; Nov. 18th, Rosen Liquor Store, 2311 Leavenworth St., by Willard Levison, Frank Terrall, Avant and Bean; Nov. 8th Kubvoy Tailors, 4622 So. 24th St.

Bean stated that he and Foch Allen first started out making robberies; later group was composed of Lyle "Soup" Lawson, 2509 No. 26th St., Elmer Williams, 2314 No. 21st St., Joe Smith, 2405 Blondo St., Joe Allen, 2705 Hamilton St. and William "Hunky" Tapley, 2730 Caldwell St. (Terrell's address was given as 1811 No. 25th St., while Foch Allen's was given as 2705 Hamilton St.)

In the district court Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17th, Bean was sentenced to three years in the reformatory; Levison received a five year parole and must make restitution of \$197.00

OVERDOSE OF ASPIRIN

Monday, December 14, 1936 when Bessie Alexander, 2060 No. 19th St., went upstairs to the room of Gertrude Astroy, she found Miss Astroy lying on the bed bleeding from both wrists and unconscious. Dr. G. B. Lennox was called, who cared for her. She suffered six puncture wounds on the right wrist, laceration of the left wrist and from the effect of an overdose of aspirin.

CAR HITS PEDESTRIAN ON SIDEWALK

Edith Johnson, 2211 Miami St., was struck by a car while standing at 24th and Paul Sts., Monday, Dec. 14th, suffering bruised right leg, hip and back.

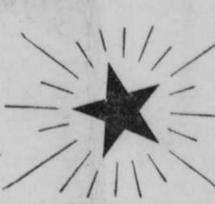
Standing on 24th and Paul Sts. talking with Thomas Seroy, Edith Johnson was struck by a Chevrolet coach driven by John Specht, 1701 Davenport St., who was going north on 24th St. This accident was largely due to the fact that Specht's car skidded on the slippery pavement, causing it to go over the curb on to the sidewalk.

The injured was taken to the police station and treated. Specht, driver of the car was booked "Operating Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquors."

STRUCK BY CAR

Edward Jones, 2425 Maple St., was struck by a dark colored sedan while crossing 24th street on the south side of Corby, driven by an unidentified driver, who failed to stop.

Mr. Jones suffered a possible fractured right leg and bruised left leg. He was taken to the Nicholas Senn hospital by officer, where his condition is reported as being good.



YOUR NEWSPAPER BRINGS A MESSAGE

Twenty centuries ago a guiding star... a star of hope promising much to expectant mankind... led three Wise Men to a lowly stable in the little town of Bethlehem.

Twenty centuries, and today, as a world pauses, humble and shot with a glowing spirit of happiness, your newspaper comes to you asking that it may continue in its chosen course... tireless and unfailing service to you and your community.

It is our wish that this newspaper, dedicated to the provision of news, leadership, education, and the sponsorship of moral and civic idealism, be permitted to carry into your homes, not for this one time only, but for an entire lifetime, this same spirit of unselfish service to all.

We consider Christmas an institution successfully serving an inner need, an institution based on old, well founded precepts, as well adapted to the needs of today as it was twenty centuries ago, an institution capable of fulfilling an age-old requirement... that of joy to mankind.

It is our hope that from this day you will gain the full measure of joy. Merry Christmas!

THE PUBLISHERS

GIRL RESERVE NEWS

Mr. Eugene Murray presented an hour's entertainment to the Girl Reserves at the YWCA on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 5:30 o'clock. The Three Bears and other characters performed. The Marionettes have been made by Mr. Murray and much effort and expense went into planning for this show.

The Gross Eicks, Jr. and Sr. Girl Reserves made candy and exchanged gifts on Dec. 15th. A very useful book was presented to Mrs. Saybert Hanger as expression of thanks for her interest and service. The Gross Eicks also dressed dolls for the doll festival to be presented to the Christmas bureau.

The Freshman Girl Reserves of the Northside YWCA invites you to their ceremonial opening the Christmas season, Dec. 20th at 4 o'clock. This service will be directed by Miss Asilee Dotson, advisor.

The Up-to-Date Grade School Girl Reserves will make candy for the Old Folk's Home. Mrs. Goode will instruct the girls in candy making at the school. Mrs. Ralph Adams will also present a Christmas play at the home.

DROPS DEAD WHILE SHOVELING SNOW

Mr. Robert Banks, 75, 2521 Miami St., dropped dead Sat., Dec. 12th, while shoveling snow at the John Yeager residence, 5012 Webster, where he was employed as yardman.

Mr. Banks was formerly a resident of Clarinda, Ia., coming to Omaha a number of years ago.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM OF THE URBAN LEAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER

Dec. 22nd—8 P. M.
Uncle John's Christmas Story.....
.....Written by B. E. Squires
Rae Lee Jones
Singing.....Grade school students
Carols.....N. Y. A. Choir
Staged by Urban League Staff
Drama.....Madoline Sterling
Music.....Rae Lee Jones
WPA Recreational Staff
Dec. 23—8 P. M.
A pantomime of Christmas Carols..... Grade School Students
Under direction of Lucy Mae Stamps.
Dec. 24—10 A. M.
Tiny Tots Party
Games, Pantomime and Nursery Rhymes
Direction of Madoline Sterling
Helen Singleton
Celestine Smith
Dec. 24—4 P. M.
Grade School Party
"The Meaning of Christmas"—
Grade school students
Direction of Madoline Sterling
Games..... Refreshments
Dec. 30—4-7 P. M.
High School Matinee
Dancing
Supervised by WPA Recreational Staff
TO SING CAROLS
The Literary club of St. John AME church will sing Christmas Carols on Christmas morning. They will make their rounds in a wagon.

Yellow Cab Driver Robbed

Elmer P. Miller, 315 No. 20th St., driver of a Yellow Cab was robbed of \$2.00 by an unidentified Negro Friday, Dec. 11th.

Asked to be taken o 25th Ave. and Michigan Ave., upon arriving there, Miller's passenger pulled a gun and proceeded to rob him of \$2.00.

Little Theater Group Present "Sun Up"

The Little Theater group presented, "Sun Up" the first of a series of four plays, at the Urban Center on Thursday night Dec. 17th, to an appreciative audience.

The cast of "Sun Up" was composed of some of Omaha's best known amateur player, namely: Lillian Pettiford as Ma Cagel, Susie Whiteside as Emma Todd, Gaitha Pegg as Russ, Eugene Murray as Pap Todd, Ralph Adams as the stranger; Boyd V. Galloway as Jim Weeks, the Sheriff, Richard Lewis as Bud, John Williams as the Preacher. Some of those who assisted in the presentation of the play were Mr. Marion of the Federal Theater, Mrs. Gladys Pulkam of the YWCA; Mr. B. B. Cowan, Mr. Dillard Crawford, Mr. B. E. Squires; R. Gordon and others.

The next play "Millionaire" will be presented Dec. 30th.

At a meeting of Iroquois Lodge No. 92, Wednesday night, eight candidates were initiated. Beginning Jan. 1st, a six months intensive membership drive will be conducted for re-instated a new members. Every eligible man will be contacted and asked to join. It is hoped to have between 300 and 400 members when the midwestern association of Elks convenes here next July. Lodges and Temples the women's division, will be represented from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Wyoming, between 3,000 and 4,000 delegates and visitors are expected to attend the Omaha Chamber of Commerce has offered its cooperation in making this convention a big success; also other civic and business organizations have volunteered their assistance.

The following candidates were initiated: Dr. G. B. Lennox, Johnnie Owens, Charles F. Davis, Leroy Childs, Hugh Pollard, Clifford Hill, Chas. Trimble, Lubie Nance and Gardner Macklin. The next meeting will be Wednesday night Jan. 6th. For applications see Dr. Price Terrell, secretary, 2502 No. 24th, C. B. Mayo, 2420 Lake St., or Johnny Owen director of the drive, 2218 Ohio St.

Checker Cab Driver Robbed

B. A. Thomas, 2102 Chicago St., driver of Checker Cab was robbed of \$12.00 Sunday, Dec. 13th at 28th and Hamilton St., by a Negro.

When ordered to take an unidentified Negro passenger to 26th and Hamilton, only to be told to drive on o 28th and Hamilton, where he was robbed of \$12.00 Thomas was then commanded to drive to 28th and Seward, where his passenger alighted and disappeared in the darkness.

"CON" MEN AT WORK

Jesse Shields, 3417 W St., reports that he met two Negro men at 26th and Q St., who gained his confidence and worked the old "con" game on him as they walked to 24th and N Sts. Shields lost \$16.00.

THANKS By Johnnie Owen

To my many friends on South 13th and in South Omaha, and to my many friends of the North Side, I express to all of you my most sincere thanks. It was a glorious victory for me, winning by a large majority in each section of the city. To hundreds of voters, and to those who worked on the polls for me, and to those who furnished cars for me, I want you to know that I am very grateful of this, your loyal support.

In this election was something very personal with me, victory came at a time when I needed it most. To have been defeated would have been a crushing loss and a great set-back in plans of future building.

My conduct in office shall show my true appreciation.
Gratefully yours,
Johnnie Owens

Johnny Owen is Elected Mayor



JOHNNY OWEN

Johnny Owen, former state legislator and South high athlete was elected, Negro Mayor of Omaha, Monday, Dec. 14th by a margin of nearly two to one over his nearest opponent, R. C. Price, former president of the NAACP. 16,43 votes were tabulated giving Owen 771, Price 441, J. C. Carey, 223 and John Benj. Horton, jr., 208.

Owen who has been active in city and state politics for eight years and who is at present a deputy register of deeds, said his first objective would be to improve the material conditions of Omaha's race population.

"The are 15,000 of my people in Omaha," the the mayor said, "about one-seventeenth of the population. I intend to try to get them one-seventeenth of the jobs in industry, business and politics and one seventeenth of the representation."

Owen, says he entered politics because he was tired of having his people sold out by self-appointed leaders who worked mostly for their own personal benefit. He wants more recreational facilities for the colored district, a new YMCA and YWCA, possibly a hotel. He believes Negroes should have one-seventeenth of the political jobs in the city since they make up that much of the population. He would like to see Negro teachers in the schools.

Mayor Owen was married nine years ago to, Thelma King, they have two children, Shirley Jacqueline, age 7 and Barbara Jean, age 5. They reside with Mr. Owen's parents, the Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Owen, 2228 Ohio St. Johnny is the brother of Joe Owen registered pharmacist and employee of the Utilities Dist.

Owen will take part in no functions in his present semi-official capacity of 'Negro Mayor' until he is formally inaugurated by the Bacchanite club which sponsored the election. The inauguration probably will be held Jan. 1st at either a dinner or a ball.

John Adams, jr. state representative, denied he and Owen had any understanding that Adams would step out next term to permit Owen to return to the legislature. He said he felt a newspaper story about Owen Tuesday implied such an understanding.

IN THE RACE FOR NEGRO MAYOR

From the five polling places, votes were as follows:
Herman's Market, 778
24th and Seward, 247
13th and Pacific, 101
28th and Q, 285
27th and Lake, 120