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GAVAGAN BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Woodmen 36th Anniversary

Rev. Harper and Dr. McKinney Address Lodge at Celebration

Denver, Colo., April 24—An overflow crowd witnessed the thirty sixth anniversary of the Supreme Camp and Annual Thanksgiving services of The American Woodmen, Denver Camp No. 1, at New Hope Baptist church, 2531 Ogden street, here Sunday at 3 p. m. O. G. Gist, was master of ceremonies.

The two principal speakers were Dr. T. T. McKinney, supreme physician, who represented the Supreme camp officers and Rev. C. C. Harper, pastor of Central Baptist church, who preached the annual sermon. The Reverend Harper, who formerly pastored Zion Baptist church, has been a member of the order for twenty five years.

In his address, Dr. McKinney emphasizing some of the principles of fraternalism and defined it as 'organized brotherhood. He said, "In organization men find the means of team work which is impossible without mass cooperation. Men accomplish more when bound together under a common banner than they can ever do working separately. In discussing the benefits of fraternalism, Doctor McKinney said "There is a feeling of good fellowship which inspires men to do their best. No man is at his best alone. He needs to give and receive the human touch, the brotherly association, the social companionship to give strength to organized effort. All normal men are social creatures by nature and by habit. The mingling of men in one common design, gives strength to the individual, and the individual gives power to the group."

FREE FOUR YEAR SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

A chance to win a four year scholarship to any Negro college is being offered by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to all persons of color, male or female who are classified as high school seniors who will graduate in time to enter college in the fall of 1937 or to high school graduates of one year standing, providing such persons have earned no college credit to date.

The subject of the essays will be "How can Negro Youth Contribute to Future American Life." must be in correct English and shall not be more than 2,000 words. All essays entered must be submitted in triplicate and typewritten on good bond paper.

The deadline for this contest in Nebraska will be May 15th. For further information call or write Boyd V. Galloway, State Director at 2418 Grant St., WE 1517.

COLONIAL TEA A SUCCESS

One of the most beautiful and unique affairs of the early spring festivities was the 2nd annual Colonial Tea given by the members of the Modern Art Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cozy Nicholson, 2715 Maple street. An exhibit of beautiful needle work held the attention of the guests as they entered and drew bursts of admiration for the members of the club whose expressions of art were so evident in the fine needlework displayed. The table was beautifully and appropriately decorated with a centerpiece of a rustic fence, entwined with colorful morning glories, and a little old lady at her knitting. This clever bit of art was the work of Mrs. Melissa Hooper, the instructor of the club. The crowning feature was the beautiful costumes worn by members of the club which represented the colonial dresses worn by great grandmothers of the past. Over 150 guests were daintily served with an appetizing menu.

Goodwill Musical To Be Given Sunday

The music lovers of Omaha are all aglow over the Goodwill musical featuring over 200 voices representing some of Omaha's best choirs, assisted by the City Service orchestra, directed by George W. Bryant.

The unison numbers will be directed by the Rev. John S. Williams outstanding chorus director of the middle west.

The musical which will be presented at Pilgrim Baptist church 25th and Hamilton, on Sunday April 26th at 2:45 p. m. was designed three years ago with the direct purpose of spreading a spirit of goodwill through the church world of Omaha.

Dr. P. A. Adams, pastor of St. John AME church will deliver the keynote message of the afternoon on "The Relation of a Choir to Public Worship."

The professionals will start promptly at 2:45. In order to get a good seat the public is urged to be on time as a capacity house is anticipated.

Former Weights and Measure Inspector To Open New Business

Mr. M. C. James announces the opening of a new DX service station, located at 24th and Grant streets. He will be remembered by the populace of Omaha as the former weights and measure inspector of Omaha and while in the service of the city, played a great part in the formulating of the present ordinance which governs the accuracy of scales in our city.

Mr. James came to Nebraska in 1903 following his graduation from Lincoln high school in Kansas City, Mo. locating in Lincoln, Nebr., where for many years served as the technical chemist for the major cleaning industries of that city, later in 1924 moving to Omaha where he grew into the civic interest of the city especially as it relates to the youth of our group.

In this new undertaking, Mr. James promises to the public a service station completely renovated and a station prepared to take care of all needs with a smile.

Mr. James is married and is the father of Miss Betty Jean James, who is an honor student at Central high school.

Honored at Birthday Dinner

Mrs. Helen M. Sampson, 2609 Lake street, celebrated her 65th birthday on Thursday, April 15th. She celebrated very quietly at birthday supper, given here by her son, Harry. She received many beautiful gifts from her children who are out of town. Among the gifts she received was a beautifully decorated five pound birthday cake. The Omaha Guide extends congratulations to Mrs. Sampson and wishes for her many, many happy birthdays.

Nebr. Presbytery Elects Race Moderator



Rev. John S. Williams

The Rev. John S. Williams at the spring meeting of the Omaha Presbytery, held in one of the city's fashionable churches, was unanimously elected Moderator (President) of the Presbytery. Rev. Williams is the pastor of Hillside Presbyterian church, and the first member of the race to hold this office. This distinguished honor came to Rev. Williams as a great surprise. "If I had known what was going to happen, I would not have been present—I shall do the best I can to deserve this honor."

Mr. Williams in 1923 graduated from Stillman Institute, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, attended the YMCA College in Chicago graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1928.

Not only a forceful and logical preacher, but Rev. Williams is also the leading race choral director of the middle west; having studied music in Alabama, and with Harold Simonds, music teacher of the Chicago Theological Seminary; coming to Omaha he also studied with Omaha's most prominent voice and piano teachers including Cecil Berryman, piano; Miss Mary Munchoff and Mr. Fred Ellis, voice. All three studied in Paris. Next June he will receive a fine arts degree from the University of Omaha majoring in music, including harmony and counter point. In 1930, Rev. Williams organized a choral society composed of the leading singers of the race.

The chorus is still intact, and for the past 16 months this group is being heard over radio station WAAW each Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Each Easter the chorus presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by DuBois, and each Christmas, "The Messiah" by Handel. In 1935 he was appointed music director of a 300 voice chorus that participated in the Mid West Music Festival, sponsored by one of Omaha's daily newspapers, The World-Herald. In that year he directed a chorus that took third place among 33 other (white) choirs from the west.

All Omaha honors Rev. Williams for his Christian character, and for his influence in the community.

Improve the Looks of Your Neighborhood

We must try to improve our own neighborhood, first by examining ourselves and then our surroundings. Begin first by cleaning up outside. Remove old cans, papers and rubbish. Put them into an old container as it accumulates and it will help to improve the looks of the surroundings and the sanitary appearance alone will make you feel better and it will improve the health conditions. Let us all take it upon ourselves to improve the vicinity in which we live by having our buildings improved or dilapidated ones torn down. Improve the appearance of the yard with a fence and flower bed. If you are renting, ask the landlord to have the house painted, if needed and all necessary improvements taken care of. It will cost but little and will add so much to the pleasantness of the neighborhood.

It is a good plan to have a neighborhood garden club wherein the members compete for the honor of possessing the most well tended yard. A prize should be given at the end of the season to the one who has the best looking place. With every family in the neighborhood striving to make his home and yard appear just a little better, it would improve, very much so the looks of the community and it would also be inviting to outsiders. This is something to think about.

G. B. Lennox M D

ALL-CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

More than two thousand of Omaha's school children participated in the first annual All City Music Festival held at the Municipal Auditorium, Thursday and Friday evenings, Apr. 22 and 23.

The first night was "Vocal Night" and featured numbers by an elementary school chorus of 1,000 voices, two and three part grade school choruses of 500 each and high school choruses of more than 500 voices.

ARTIST'S MODEL

Miss Pearl Winston who modeled the "Military Hairdress" at the Quack Style Review, was selected to model for nine artists at the YMCA for her hairdress. The hairdress was designed by Pearl's sister, Versie Winston, instructor at Northside Beauty School.

YWCA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

At a dinner meeting of the YWCA membership committee of which Mrs. Vera Graham is chairman, a partial report of the membership drive was made. It was reported that the drive thus far had netted 104 new and renewed memberships. The chairman announced that the drive would continue indefinitely. The house committee of which Mrs. Lenora Gray is chairman rendered service.

Anti-Lynch Bill Passed In House Amid Race Hatred Arguments

Washington, D. C., April 24—After seven hours of debate the last hours of which were bitter with hate stirring anti Negro talk, the House passed the Gavagan anti lynching bill by a vote of 277 to 119.

The vote came just before seven o'clock, April 15th. Northern Democrats and Republicans joined to administer a crushing defeat to southern congressmen who have fought all anti-lynching bills ever proposed.

A lone Texan—the liberal Maury Maverick—voted for the bill, as did two Oklahoma congressmen. Outside of these there was no Southern support for the measure. At first southerners kept their arguments on a fairly high plane. The leading opponent of the bill,

Chairman Hutton Sumners, of Texas, of the House judiciary committee, made a fifty minute speech against the measure, literally pleading with the House not to force the south.

But when it became more and more clear that the bill was going to pass, and when amendment was defeated, the southerners grew more wild in their speeches. They dragged out all the old arguments, all the 'bugaboo' tales of the big 'burly black brutes' 'pure southern womanhood' 'unspeakable crimes against our sisters, wife and daughters.'

The congressmen from the state (Mississippi), where the horrible blow torch double lynching occurred April 12th in the midst of debate on the bill apparently were not ashamed, but took the lead in fighting the bill and declaring over and over again that the south should be left to handle lynching in its own way.

The bill was called every name in the book including "a bill to encourage rape" and "a bill to make Harlem safe for Tammany Hall."

Southern after southerner took the floor to say that if the bill should be passed every Negro in the south would believe "he now had permission to rape white women."

The most emotional, blood thirsty speech was given by Congressman Rankin of Mississippi who told a story of a 'brute' attacking a white woman on her way to a WCTU meeting. Rankin also declared that after the Dyer bill was passed in 1922, a white girl had been attacked "right here on the Capitol grounds" Rankin left the well of the House and took several steps toward the desk of Congressman Joseph A. Gavagan, and shook his finger at the New York sponsor of the bill.

The most pathetic speech against the bill was made by Congressman Weaver of North Carolina, who dug up the old, old story of his 'black mammy.' Weaver, like every other southerner who spoke declared he "loved" colored people and that the southern whites were "the best friends of the Negro. He said no "good" Negro ever suffered in the south. All the southern speakers said they hated lynching.

Numerous northern and western congressmen spoke for the bill with Congressman Maury Maverick of Texas giving a plain speech of support.

How Nebraska and Iowa Congressmen Voted on the Anti Lynch Bill

Against the Bill—119
Nebraska—Harry B. Coffey
Iowa—Fred Biermann

For the Bill—277
Nebraska—Henry C. Luckey, C. F. McLaughlin, Karl Stefan.
Iowa—Cassius C. Dowell, Edward C. Eicher, John W. Gwynne; Vincent Harrington, William S. Jacobson; Lloyd Thurston, Otha Wear-in.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Sponsors Scholarship Ball

The Dreamland ballroom, known among the popular set in Omaha as rendezvous for swanky affair, was the spot where the Alpha Psi Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity greeted more than 300 people Monday, who tripped to the swing music of Eli Rice's syncopating band, and as an added feature the crowd was captivated by a sizzling floor show of rhythm dancing featuring Dick Rice, Tiny Spruill and Willis Rogers.

The Kappa Fraternity, one of the four national college Greek letter organizations of our group, sponsor each year throughout the country, similar affairs for the purpose of raising funds for scholarships to be awarded to worthy high school graduates that they may continue their education through college, such meritorious project is to be commended.

The entire affair was described as being one of the most brilliant and worthwhile in Omaha this year. Kappa is to be congratulated.

Six Are Awarded Scout Certificates

History was made at the graduation exercises for the South Omaha district Scout Master training course Thursday night April 15th at the Bluebird Tea Garden, when for the first time in the South Omaha district race men were awarded Scout Master certificates. The awards were made to the following scout leaders: Mr. C. A. Stewart, present scout master of Troop 83; Robert Mosely, Wm. Wright, Raymond Alexander, Donald Steart and Henry Davis all of whom are leaders of Troop 83.

The awards were made by E. M. Hosman, chairman of the Scout leadership and training committee during a banquet in honor of the graduates.

Twenty-six white received similar awards.

James "Boogy" Lee, 2417 Maple street, left Monday for Kansas City where he will visit his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Williams. He will also go to Denver and Detroit before returning home.

GOING ABROAD



ADOLPH HODGE

Director of the Hodge European Tours, 1949-74th street, Brooklyn, N. Y., who will sail on July 9, aboard the Ile de France on a 47-days tour of France, Switzerland and Italy, all by motor. This is Mr. Hodge's ninth tour, and his party will consist mainly of educators, professional and business people.

Spend "A Night in Hollywood" Dreamland Hall Monday, May 17