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Boy Scouts Hold Merit Badge Show

BIG CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD AT CITY AUDITORIUM

The Boy Scouts will hold a Merit Badge show at the City Auditorium on Friday and Saturday April 29 and 30. There will be 73 booths showing various scout activities that will make up the show. Tickets will be sold by all Scouts who will be competing for cash commissions and attendance prizes.

There will also be a stage show with plenty of comedy. This will be one of the greatest shows that has ever been presented by the Boy Scouts.

A capacity crowd is expected each night. The tickets will sell for twenty-five cents. Be sure and attend to help your favorite troop win the cash prize and attendance prize. The attendance prize will go to the troop that sells the most tickets.

The committee for the show include: chairman, A. J. Rhoades; Frank Pellegrin; publicity, W. L. Byrnes; booths, J. B. Rosenzweig; stage show, Irving Benalken; programs, W. L. Wilcox; patrons, and prizes, Paul Willis; and attendance, J. R. Moriarity.

The Omaha Council Sponsors 3rd Forum

The Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress sponsored its third monthly forum Sunday, March 27, at the Urban League Community Center, at which time the local unit of the NAACP was presented in panel discussion. The theme being, "The Rights of a Citizen."

Dr. Wesley Jones, president of the local unit, delivered the principal address after which the meeting was turned into a panel discussion on many vital issues pertaining to the rights of citizens; among which were the right of representation in the administrative staff of the Logan Fontenelle Homes; the denial of Negro representation in many local enterprises who thrive from the support of Negro patronage; the shelving of the anti lynching bill in which our state senators, Norris and Burke, took an active part to bring about, thereby slapping the Negro constituents of Nebraska squarely in the face.

Mr. S. Edward Gilbert, executive secretary of the local council and local representative for the National Negro Congress, read at the conclusion of the panel discussion, the following excerpts from a national release as it pertained to the part taken by the NAACP in the nation wide effort to pass the Wagner-Van Nuys anti lynching bill: "The splendid work of the NAACP recommends it for continued leadership in this vital struggle. The National Negro Congress proposes to cooperate fully with the NAACP in bringing this bill back before Congress and in securing its passage at this present session of Congress."

Mr. J. Westbrook McPherson, president of the local council, presided.

Correction

Because of a typographical error it was stated in last week's issue that the Reid's Pharmacy had purchased the Thull Drug Store at 24th and Seward streets. The statement should have read "purchased building in which the Thull Pharmacy was formerly located."

The Thull Drug Store is still in active operation three doors south of 24th and Seward streets on the West side of the street.

Prize Book Published



RICHARD WRIGHT

Twenty-nine year old M's isppn born Harlemitte, whose volume of short stories, "Uncle Tom's Children" has just been published by Harper Brothers, New York. Mr. Wright recently won a \$500 prize for the book in a nation wide contest conducted by Story magazine, in which the royalties will also appear. Contest judges lavishly praised the young author for his brilliant work.

Negro Chamber of Commerce Meets

The meeting of the Negro Chamber of Commerce at the Urban League Community Center Thursday evening was filled with enthusiasm as the Better Homes, Better Yards campaign took on shape.

A report by the chairman of the Better Homes, Better Yards committee, Mr. Dillard Crawford, brought to light the fact that the committee will in the next few weeks launch an extensive publicity campaign through which the committee hopes to secure the support of every home, church, civic, social and political organization in its drive to make Omaha a clean and sanitary place in which to live. The committee has been promised full cooperation by the City Health Department.

Other important issues discussed were the developing of a definite boys work program, creating of jobs and the forming of a clearing house committee made up from representatives of all existing Mens clubs. Dr. G. B. Lennox, president.

File For Equal Pay

Upper Marlboro, Md., April 2—A petition was filed in the circuit court here today seeking to have the board of education of Prince George's county and the superintendent of education equalize the salaries between Negro and white school teachers. The petitioner in the case is Evelyn Elsie Cook, a teacher in the Chapel Hill colored elementary school.

The petition states that Miss Cook "and all other Negro teacher and principals in the public schools of Prince George's county are paid salaries less than those paid white teachers and principals in the public schools of Prince George's county with identical qualifications and experience."

No salaries are mentioned in the petition, but the salary of the petitioner is guessed to be about \$760 for an eight months term, whereas the salary for whites for the same time is about \$1,150.

New Education Bill Fair To Negroes

Washington, April 2—The new federal education bill which will give millions of dollars to the states to aid them with their school has been drafted so as to be fair to Negroes in the states which have separate schools by law. The new bill, which takes the place of the C. V. Harrison-Black Fletcher bill (S. 419) was discussed here at a conference March 23 composed of approximately 100 representatives of various organizations throughout the United States, including the NAACP and other white and colored groups. The bill states:

"In states where separate schools are maintained for separate races, the joint plans shall provide for a just and equitable distribution of the federal grants for the benefit of schools maintained for separate races without reduction of the proportion of state and local funds spent for schools for the minority races."

If the state spends any portion of the grants contrary to the joint plan, an equal amount is to be withheld from the next appropriation by the federal government until replaced.

Just and equitable distributions are provided for in the following sections of the bill: general aid for elementary and secondary education; aid for teacher training schools; aid for school buildings; aid for adult education; and aid for library services. It is specifically stated in the bill after each of the sections dealing with the above subjects that a just and equitable distribution to Negroes is required in the states having separate schools by law.

In its proposition for fair treatment of the Negro, the new bill, which is based upon the report of the President's advisory commission on education, embodies all the points raised by the National Co-ordinating Committee last year in its consideration of the Harrison-Black Fletcher bill. The principle of equitable redistribution to the school population of the states of the respective races is embodied in the new bill.

The initial appropriation authorizes 40 million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940 and this sum is to be increased to 140 million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945. For school construction the bill provides 20 million dollars for the first year and 30 million dollars each succeeding year through June 30, 1945.

For rural library service the bill provides two million dollars for the first year, increasing to six million dollars the third year and specifically states that equitable distribution of library service must be made for the benefit of minority races in the states which provide separate library service for separate races.

The conference on March 23, which was attended by Charles H. Houston, special counsel of the NAACP, added to the bill a definition of just and equitable distribution by providing that the funds expended on Negro education in the states shall not be less than the percentage of the funds which the Negro population bear to the state population.

POSTAL ALLIANCE AUX.

The Postal Alliance Auxiliary held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Ollie Lewis, 2415 Blondo street. So beautifully did the hostess serve a delicious and delightful luncheon that it was more than enjoyed by everyone.

A short talk was given by the president. The meeting was closed after a lovely evening.

Mrs. C. B. Wilks, President

ART OLIVER FIGHTS HERE MARCH 31ST

By BILLIE DAVIS

Art Oliver, Negro heavyweight and 1936 Olympic champion, who hails from Chicago, will fight Carl Vinciqueria, former team mate of Oliver, in the main event at the City Auditorium, Thursday night, March 31.

Oliver is a great fighter, with plenty of punch and is expected to give Vinciqueria plenty of trouble. Vinciqueria will enter the ring a slight favorite over the Chicago lad.

This battle will be well worth seeing. Promoter Mike Clayton is giving the fight fan a great card, as he always has done. Mr. Clayton is bringing boxing up in Omaha by having some of the best punches in the country here.

On the same card in the preliminaries is that great little fighter Buddy McCune of Wichita, who will meet Bob Venner, athletic instructor of the Cudahy Athletic Club and who is also the trainer of the World Herald Golden Gloves Champions. He and Roy Felton will leave for Boston with the Champions Friday night, April 1, at 9:30 in a special car.

Henderson Plays For Omaha Crowd

Fletcher Henderson and his swing band was in the city Sunday night for a dance engagement at the beautiful Chermont ballroom. He broadcast at 10:45 over WOW.

With Henderson is a new find, Chuck Richardson, one of the sweetest vocalists you would want to hear. He is a very fine chap with plenty of personality. He hails from Baltimore, Md.

The band is on the way back East from the west coast where they have been playing in some of the best clubs.

On the coast, Mr. Henderson is well known by his theme song, "Christopher Columbus." He has one of the greatest swing bands in the country. He has composed a lot of swing music for the king of swing, Benny Goodman.

Henderson is a graduate of Atlanta university where he was a star all around athlete. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

THRIFTY 12 ART CLUB

The Thrifty 12 Art club met Tuesday, March 22, at the home of Mrs. Viola Oliver, 3018 W. St., with the president, Mrs. O. T. Whitlow, presiding. We are deeply grieved to know Mrs. Minnie Williams is yet unable to meet with us. We do hope she will soon be up and out again.

The club welcomed the new member, Mrs. Luebirda Arnold, of 2875 Binney street. Miss Addie Foxall was our guest. She played, and sang many beautiful numbers. The hostess served a lovely luncheon which was enjoyed by all. Everyone seemed quite busy on their many different kinds of pieces during the time.

Nearly everyone expressed himself on the housing project. At the end everyone seemed to put forth the idea that a bird in the hand is worth a dozen or more in the tree tops. Much work was accomplished for the afternoon.

M. Robinson

N. Y. School Board Bars Picture Show

New York, April 2—The Board of Education of the city of New York in response to a letter from the NAACP, has decided not to permit the showing of the film "The Birth of a Nation" in the city schools.

Superintendent Harold G. Campbell has written the NAACP following the protest of the Association that the board members witnessed a showing of the film and agreed that it ought to be shown in the system. The NAACP protest was sent after the Stone Film Library had sent circulars to principals of the city offering to rent the film "as an educational feature."

May Day Festival Committee Meets

Monday evening at the YWCA, the following churches sent either in person or by proxy, their representatives to aid in formulating plans for the second May Day festival that is scheduled for Sunday, May 22: St. John A.M.E., Christ Temple, Second Baptist, Clarinda, Iowa, Bethel Baptist, Mt. Moriah, Metropolitan Spiritual, Bethel A.M.E., Pleasant Green, and the Seventh Day Adventist. Mr. Booker Washington was appointed secretary of the group.

The committee announces a second meeting at the Y, Monday evening, April 14 at 7 p. m. and urges every church interested in the cultural welfare of the youth to be present in order that plans may be completed.

Mr. E. Edward Gilbert, sponsor, and Miss Ethel Jones, general director, are seeking the cooperation of all churches including Council Bluffs and Lincoln in making this the greatest demonstration of youth talent in music ever witnessed in Omaha.

Apartments Yet Open At Fontenelle Homes

The management of the Logan Fontenelle Homes announces that there yet available apartments, that may be leased, emphasizing the fact that they are vitally concerned about people in the lower income bracket whose salaries range around \$55.00 per month.

You are urged to come to the office of the Logan Fontenelle Homes and make application for these apartments which are modern in every respect.

Your health and comfort should be the paramount issue of your home life. Then why live in dilapidated houses without the proper ventilation and plumbing, when you can secure a modern apartment, a home of high grade construction, built according to specification calling for the installation of modern facilities, at a reasonable rent which includes light, gas, water, gas stove and refrigerator plus a beautiful landscape surrounding all of which go to make an ideal home and community life. Prives \$28.95 to \$24.95

QUACK CLUB

Friday night was social night. The social committee planned games and other entertainment for the girls. Social night is held once a month for the purpose of getting acquainted with the new girls.

A number of girls attended Sunday morning services at the Presbyterian church. The girls met at the church and went in as a group. A very interesting sermon was delivered by Rev. J. S. Williams.

Mrs. Gladys Pullum, the branch executive secretary, gave a very interesting book review on the book "The Hunger" by John Boyer.

ATTORNEYS CAN NOT AGREE ON THE CITY ORDINANCES

Dr Bethune to be Here



DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune Cookman College of Daytona Beach, Fla., will make her first visit to Omaha Tuesday April 12th.

Dr. Bethune is on an inspection tour of NYA projects in the middle west her capacity as director of the division of Negro affairs of the National Youth Administration. She is making two stops in Nebraska. One here and the other in Lincoln.

The various social agencies and other organizations interested in the welfare of youth, working in co-operation with the local and state NYA. Officials have outlined an extensive on day schedule that will keep the distinguished visitor busy on a series of activities, including a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce, a radio interview, an inspection tour of the local projects, a dinner meeting at the Urban League, a public mass meeting at Zion Baptist church followed by a reception at the YWCA.

Seattle Teachers Hear Wm. Pickens

Seattle, Wash., April 2—The public school teachers association of Seattle has invited William Pickens, director of branches of the NAACP, to speak to them on the work of the NAACP. They chose the topic for the address. Dean Pickens is in Seattle on a month's leave of absence from the NAACP as a lecturer for the forum division of the U. S. Bureau of Education.

Dean Pickens spoke also before the Seattle chapter of the American Association of University Women in the house of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He reports that people are attending the regular forum lectures from as far as 160 miles from Seattle.

Catholic Youth Urge Interracial Justice

Providence, R. I., April 2—A pronouncement urging Catholic college young people throughout the country to insist on interracial justice was issued here March 20 by the Catholic Intercollegiate Interracial conference.

Catholic college students were called upon to make a thorough study of interracial justice in the light of the encyclical of Pope Pius XI; to insist that the interracial program be included in the general course of student Catholic action; and that every Catholic collegian set an example in race relations by his individual conduct.

The student conference was addressed by Charles H. Houston, NAACP special counsel, and Father John LaFarge.

The case of Charlie Johnson, Don Marcin, and William Brown, a Negro, who were arrested on March 17 at 1404 1/2 Farnam street, third floor, was continued until Wednesday, March 30, by Judge Holmes.

All three of the men were charged with keeping a disorderly house and inmates. The evidence that was produced by the arresting officers was race horse forms, money sack, with a bit of change in it, and several slips. Also a package of pencils were introduced.

Charles Johnson was named as proprietor.

Several investigators that said they were hired by Bob Smardick, former police chief, testified that they were given money by Mr. Smardick to go out and place bets on horses in the different bookies and to go back and report to him. Each investigator said that he was on a regular salary of \$25.00 a week.

Atty. Boyle for the defense said that these men are charged with being the keepers of a disorderly house and a disorderly house under section 18 of the Ordinance of the City of Omaha be a person dealing with intoxicating liquors. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Linnehan said that Sections 17 and 18 of the City Ordinance read the same. He and Atty. Boyle couldn't agree, so Judge Holmes put the case off until the Ordinance be checked.

Several other bookie cases are waiting for trial, that are similar to this one, but they won't come up until the outcome of this case is over.

Sigma Delta Tau Honors Dean Of Terrell Law School

The Lex Club of the Sigma Delta Tau fraternity will give a dinner in the honor of George A. Parker, dean of Robert H. Terrell Law school, Saturday evening, March 26, at the Capital Pleasure club. A unique program was prepared under the general chairmanship of William O. Woodson, president. Those assisting were: Geo. Parker, arrangements; W. T. Thomas, speakers; G. S. Davis, entertainment; Neris Tymons, decorations and menu; R. Featherstone, reservations; H. W. Delegrave, W. A. T. Jenkins and F. B. Parker, publicity; and the Misses Flaxie M. Pinkett, Rose F. Ford, Marjorie A. McKinzie, Gerseva E. Davis, E. B. Briggs; Mesdames Bessie Chase and M. A. Haywood receiving the guests.

It was an invitational affair.

Cast of 65 to Give Gypsy Operetta

One of the most beautiful attractions to be given during the colorful operetta, "The Gypsy Troubadour," which will be given Monday evening, May 9, at the Dreamland Hall.

A special stage will be constructed to accommodate this large group of players. The auditorium will be converted into a beautiful Spanish garden, where a carnival will be held after the operetta.

Music groups appearing in this delightful production will be the Las Cantores, Los Amigos, and Junior Culture Girls. The operetta will be under the direction of Miss Ethel Jones.