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The Weather  
Weather outlook for the period December 26 to 31. Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys colder weather Monday with temperatures mostly below normal remainder of week; snow Tuesday or Wednesday and again about Saturday.

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## « HAPPY NEW YEAR »

### Kerns' Sponsored Race Relation Institute Creates Much Interest In Cincinnati, Ohio

Dec. 25—

Acting on the suggestion of the Division of Negro Welfare of the Community Chest, the Woman's City Club of Cincinnati, one of the most influential white woman's organizations in the city sponsored an all-day Institute on Race Relations in December.

The Institute, one of the most significant ever held in Cincinnati attracted 950 persons to the three sessions. J. Harvey Kerns, Executive Secretary of the Division of Negro Welfare, and co-sponsor of the Institute, said never before had such a representative group of social workers, employers club vote so much time to a serious dis-

In the morning session special consideration was given to the Problems of Negro Women. Miss Virginia Jones, Executive Secretary presided at this session. Miss Ethel of the West End Branch YWCA R. Clark, Co-supervisor of Colored Activities of the Recreation Commission spoke on Problems of Delinquency of Negro Women, causes and suggestive programs to remedy this problem.

Dr. R. E. Clark, Negro member of the Surgical Staff of the General Hospital, presented a thought provoking paper on Health Conditions of Negro Women. Dr. Clarke presented a dramatic picture of how overwork was a large contributor to morbidity of Negro women. He pointed out the fact that many Negro women after working from 10 to 12 hours in domestic employment, must go to her own home, clean it and prepare dinner for her husband and family, he said the day off of many domestic workers, only means an occasion for home laundry and general cleaning. The Industrial Status of the Cincinnati Negro Women was discussed by Miss Anne Smith, Welfare Association. Miss Smith District Supervisor of the Family Welfare Association. Miss Smith told of the necessity of most Negro women to work in order to supplement the inadequate wages of Negro male workers. Miss Smith said provisions for benefits to working women as provided by both the NA and the Wagner Labor Relations Act, failed to benefit at least 80 per cent of Negro women because they are in occupational categories not covered by federal legislation.

In the afternoon Mr. Judson McKim, General Sec'y of the Cincinnati YMCA presided. The industrial Status of Cincinnati Negroes was presented by Mr. Shad Jones, Executive secretary of the Lockland YMCA he was followed by J. Harvey Kerns of the Community Chest who had prepared a number of charts and graphs showing employment conditions of Negroes and whites. Both Mr.

Jones and Mr. Kerns emphasized the difficulty the better trained Negro finds in securing employment even in industries largely patronized by him. An analysis of placements in the Cincinnati Employment Office, January-November, 1938 by Mr. Kerns showed Negroes who were placed almost exclusively in unskilled and personal and domestic service. Mr. Kerns also pointed out where only 15 per cent of the whites who usually work were unemployed in 1935, Negro unemployment during the same period was 48 per cent. A most interesting discussion of the afternoon meeting was an address by Rev. G. Barrett Rich, pastor of the Avondale Presbyterian Church, and Chairman of the Racial Amity Committee of the Division of Negro Welfare. Rev. Rich spoke on the Negro in the News presenting findings of a study of news appearing in the 3 metropolitan dailies about various phases of Negro life, and relating the significance of certain types of news in the formation of attitudes about Negroes.

#### WORKS PROGRESS—

FEDERAL MUSIC  
Dec. 23, 1938—

Beginning Sunday January 8th, the first of a series of weekly concert will be given at the Recreation Main Center, 24th and Pratt Streets. These concert will feature performances by the Omaha Civic orchestra and various local choral organization and soloists. The concerts will begin at 8:00 P. M. and will be free to the public. At the chapel service at Good Shepherd Home Christmas morning, a program of Christmas hymns was sung by a choir of 60 girls trained and directed by William Seymour of the Federal Music Project. The group also appeared in the program of a Civic Concert given at the Home December 22nd. Youthful singers under WPA Federal Music Project direction broadcasted a fifteen minute program of carols December 24th over WAAW.

These choristers, together with the Civic Orchestra provided musical entertainment Saturday morning at the Salvation Army Headquarters during the distribution of baskets to the needy.

The following excerpts picked at random from a bulky batch of letters recently received from school children, are typical of the scores of expression of appreciation which almost monthly reach the office of State Director, William Meyers.

"I enjoy the concert very much. I am very happy that your orchestra is allowed to play for us." "The children of St. Anthony's and myself personally enjoyed the concert very much. I enjoyed the things they (namely the musical numbers) expressed."

### CORNELIUS KING



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Director of agriculture at Southern university, Scotlandville, La., who last week was appointed assistant to the governor of the Farm Credit administration, filling the place made vacant by the recent death of Dr. Henry Hunt of Fort Valley, Ga. Mr. King, selected from among 217 applicants takes office Jan. 5 He will draw an annual salary of \$5,000. (ANP)

"Today's program was very interesting. I wish you could come every week instead of only once a month." "I wish to write you a few lines to show you how much we appreciate good music."

Following is the schedule for the week of January 2nd.

- Monday: WPA Civic Orchestra; Joslyn Memorial, 4:00 P. M. Tuesday, WPA Colored Orchestra; South High School, noon, Wednesday, WPA Civic Orchestra; Garfield school, 9:15 A. M.—South Lincoln School, 10:30 A. M.—St. Bridget, 1:15 P. M.—Colored Orchestra; Benson High school, noon.
- Thursday—WPA Civic Orchestra; Hawthorne school, 9:15 A. M.—Pefferon school, 10:45 A. M.—Colored Orchestra; South High school, noon.
- Friday—WPA Civic Orchestra; Blessed Sacrament school, 9:00 A. M.—St. Philip Neri school 10:00; Notre Dame School, 1:00 P. M.—Florence School, 2:00 P. M.—WPA Colored Orchestra; Benson and South High schools, noon—Recreation Main Center 9:00 P. M.

#### MISS McCAW TO FLY TO TWIN CITIES

Miss Bernice McCaw who has been visiting her family for the past two months will return to Minneapolis via the plane Saturday morning, Dec. 31st. The return trip by plane was a Christmas gift to her from two of her sisters, Mrs. Melva Stuart and Gertrude McCaw.

#### COLLEGE STUDENTS RETURN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

College students who have returned home to spend the Christmas holiday with their families are Mr. William Haines, who is attending Pittsburg, Pa., university; Mr. Carlton Goodlett from Virginia; Misses Othella Gordon, Ethel Davis, Betty Davis, Juanita and Katherine Macey, of the Ne-

### ZION GIVES XMAS PARTY

The Zion Baptist Sunday school sponsored its annual Christmas program and Christmas Tree party December 24, Christmas Eve. Every child present received some gift from the tree. Mrs. Jesse Cain was one of the teachers in charge of the program. All the little tots took part in some part of the program. A few of the children's names are: Violet Springs, Hazel Kerr, Naomi Downs, Buelah Gibson, Robert Combs, Mattue Frank, Nathania, Aubry and Elaine Station. Marie Williams, Marion, Rebecca, and Roy Spears, Donald, Jean and Kermit Cain, the two Pollard children, and the Booker and Whitley children. Little Miss Gibson rendered the welcome address for the beginners. Little Master Frampton welcomed the Primary and Juniors, Elnora Jones, Ruth McHugh Beverly Bozel, and Coleta Williams gave a talk for Christmas.

#### CHRISTMAS SCENES

Christmas day, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hawkins took Mrs. Greenfield and her guests Mrs. N. P. Greggs, of Los Angeles for nearly a two hour drive over the city to many of the most interesting places. After the drive Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram R. Greenfield for a Christmas dinner. Mrs. Greggs will probably visit in the Greenfield home all winter, so anxious is Mrs. Grenfield to have her extend her visit.

#### MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WOODS GIVES AN ELABORATE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. George Woods 3030 Pinkney St., entertained with a gorgeous elaborate Christmas dinner party Monday Dec. 26th at 2 A. M. in their lovely home. The table was laden with the choicest and most delicious foods and delicacies from the large golden brown roasted turkey with oyster dressing to the maple leaf sugar sweets from relatives in Washington, D. C. The four courses served consisted of the seasons best well cooked food. The place cards were unique, at each place were red Christmas baskets with assorted nuts, which had "Merry Christmas" and the guest name. Mrs. Woods the hostess is outstanding as one of Omaha ideal homemakers and wonderful hostess. Her home was decorated with Christmas decorations which added a truly welcome wholeheartedness to the festive affair. Covers were laid for six including the host and hostess.

Those present were Mrs. N. P. Greggs of Los Angeles of California. Mrs. Ardenia Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram R. Freeland. All enjoyed the fine hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. George Woods and departed after 9 P. M. with a high praise to them for a delightful time, never to be forgotten.

### To Appear on "Wings Over Jordan" Program



JAMES E. GAYLE

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#### MRS. A. L. HAWKINS ENTERTAINS FOR LOS ANGELES CALIF. VISITOR

Mrs. A. L. Hawkins, 2120 1/2 N. 24th St. was the charming hostess for a beautiful at 1 o'clock 5 course luncheon last week at her pretty home honoring Mrs. N. P. Greggs of Los Angeles Calif. Covers Covers were laid for 8 including hostess. A tiny decorated Christmas tree formed the centerpiece of the luncheon table while tall vases of yellow Chrysanthemums were artistically arranged in the living room and other parts of the house. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in conversations of current events.

#### Mother of "Y" Secretary Is Honored Visitor

Miss I. Roberta Bell, executive secretary of the North Side branch of the YWCA has as her guest over the holidays, her mother, Mrs. Katie F. Bell, and her young sister Juanita. Many affairs were given in honor of Mrs. Bell, among them an afternoon tea by Mrs. Alton Goode, a breakfast by Mrs. Irwin and a dinner by Mrs. Salon Bell. Mrs. Bell will return to her home in Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday December 28. Miss Juanita Bell, will leave Saturday for Kansas City.

#### NEGRO UNDERTAKER INSTALLS BROADCASTING SYSTEM—USES NEGRO MANUFACTURED CASKETS

New Orleans, Dec. 29 (ANP)—Air conditioned parlors and an elaborate broadcasting system are among the new features added to the Joseph P. Geedes Funeral Service, Inc., located here. With the aid of the broadcasting system and its modern devices, music appropriate to the occasion may be transmitted to either one of the three parlors where funeral services are conducted.

An ardent and consistent supporter of the National Negro Business league and the Funeral association, Mr. Geedes purchases his caskets and embalming supplies from Negro factories.

### Boystown To Hold Election

Boys Town, Nebr.—

This is election week at BOYS TOWN where Father E. J. Flanagan's Boys home is located and don't let it be said the campaign is not sizzling as the 14 candidates for city offices attempt to round up enough votes to put them over the victory side of Boys Town election register.

BOYS TOWN, incorporated under a special charter granted by the state of Nebraska in 1936, is actually a city of "little men." The mayor and six city commissioners are elected semi-annually from and by the "little citizens" at BOYS TOWN.

Saturday, Dec. 31, each of the 200 odd citizens of BOYS TOWN will cast his vote for his favorite candidates. Every boy will go to the polls for it is instilled into the minds of each citizen at this unique village that god citizenship pays big dividends and to vote is a fundamental principle in good citizenship.

Because of the intense campaign for city offices at this semi-annual election the candidates themselves have agreed to take their campaign to the airlines—just like the candidates in the big cities, county, state or national elections, Thursday at 8:00 P. M. via KOIL during the dying minutes of the coming election.

#### A. L. LEWIS OF JACKSONVILLE

#### An Outstanding Example Of Thrift And Industry

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22 (ANP)—From a most humble position of birth, A. L. Lewis has steadily forged ahead until today he occupies



A. L. LEWIS

occupies a unique position in the forefront of American business. He is one of the founders of the Afro-American Life Insurance company. This company has over a period of 37 years has amassed assets of more than a -1,000,00 and given employment to hundreds of ambitious colored men and women.

A. L. Lewis is one of the founders of the National Negro Business league, and with such associates as the late Booker T. Washington, R.

There are seven candidates on each of the two slates. Jack Far- rald, retiring mayor, is not a candidate for re-election.

The Conservative slate has as its slogan, "Help Boys Town," while the Progressive candidates are campaigning on the platform "Build Boys Town."

Reports are current at Boys Town that despite efforts to round up the "little citizens" to vote a straight ticket, there will be much scratching the ballots.

Bud Thorpe, KOIL announcer will handle the election campaign broadcast. In addition to interviewing each of the candidates he will also briefly interview Mayor Far- rald on the governmental set-up at Boys Town.

Candidates for offices on the Conservative platform include Joseph Pline, Clince Simmons Robert Paradise, Charles Bieknell William Meagher, Tony Martinez and Franklin Walker.

On the Progressive ticket are Sam Turner, Jesse Ruiz, John Kelly, Patrick McKenna, Richard Alvey, Sam Bree and Martin Kuhn.

The lad securing the largest number of votes is named mayor, and the six other high candidates will become city commissioners. The newly elected city officials will be installed Jan. 1 for their six month term.

R. Moton, C. C. Spaulding, Major R. R. Wright, and many other has remained active in the affair of this organization, serving over a period of years as treasurer.

As a philanthropist, Mr. Lewis has given generously to the cause of religion, education and social betterment in various sections of the country. In appreciation of his generosity, the Welfare Center in Jacksonville, a \$10,000 edifice sponsored by the YWCA was named "the A. L. Lewis Community Center." Wilberforce university has as so conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of law.

Extremely interested in fraternalism, Mr. Lewis is affiliated with state and national councils of Masonry and Odd Fellowship. He has taken the lead in city and state civic affairs, has been superintendent of his Sunday school for more than 50 years and still serves in the local and higher council of the AME church. He is at present a member of the Episcopal council and the moving spirit in the development of its institution of learning in Florida, Edward Water College.

Mr. Lewis' gifts to Florida Normal, Bethune-Cookman college Morehouse college, Wilberforce university and many others educational and charitable institutions have characterized him as a man of unusual generosity.

In addition to his many and varied activities, he still serves as chairman of the board of director of the Afro-American Life Insurance Co. His son, James H. Lewis is president and his grand-son Attorney, J. Leonard Lewis, vice president and counsellor of the company.

May Health, Wealth, Joy, And Happiness Be Yours In 1939