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## Hats Off to Mrs. Roosevelt



People everywhere, regardless of race or color who believe in liberty, freedom and the principles of democracy, guaranteed to all its citizens under the Constitution of the United States, will applaud the fine gesture made this week by the "first lady of the land", Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, in resigning her membership in the exclusive yet undemocratic organization, the D. A. R. which barred Marion Anderson, the great Negro contralto, called by some of the worlds most prominent musicians, "THE GREATEST SINGER IN THE WORLD", from appearing in Constitution Hall owned by them, because of her racial identity.

Mrs. Roosevelt explains her reasons to her press conference thus, "In this case I belong to an organization in which I can do no active work. They have taken an action which has been widely talked of in the press. To remain as a member implies approval of that action. I am therefore resigning."

This is not the first time Mrs. Roosevelt has boldly and courageously championed our cause publicly. We all remember how some weeks ago she went on record as approving the passage of an Anti-Lynch bill by congress because she felt it to be a step in the right direction.

Thank God for Mrs. Roosevelt, a woman of highest character, born to wealth and high social position, yet too honest, too fair minded, too democratic to bow to narrow minded prejudice.

Certainly we as Negroes appreciate Mrs. Roosevelt's stand, certainly we applaud her action. But this is not enough. Let us show her in some tangible way our gratitude by sending her a post card, a letter, or a telegram, thanking her for this expression of her desire for justice and fair play.

Don't delay—write to Mrs. Roosevelt TODAY.

If you as a real American, have not sent your letter or telegram of thanks to Mrs. Roosevelt for the stand she has taken to kill American Ignorant Prejudice—STOP and do it today. DON'T WAIT Send that telegram or letter.

## TORTURE REPRIEVE STIRS TEXAS AGAINST GOVERNOR

Houston, Tex., Feb. 2—(CNA) A popular movement for impeachment of Governor O'Daniel is developing throughout Texas as a result of O'Daniel's recent announcement of the reprieve of a 19 yr. old Negro for the purpose of 30 days torture facing certain death in the face coupled with growing against the governor's anti-labor policies.

Almost universal condemnation freed the governor's announcement of a 30 day reprieve for Winzell Williams "in order that Win-

zell Williams may suffer this dreadful punishment 30 days before he is relieved by death in the electric chair."

All of the ministers in O'Daniel's home town, Fort Worth, with one exception, characterized the governor's statement as barbarous. One legislator from Houston, J. E. Winfree, used the adjective "heinous" in describing the governor's action.

In the recent state conference of the Communist Party, Homer Brooks, state secretary, declared: "The 30-day sentence of infinite torture to which O'Daniel sentenced a 19 year-old Negro boy is

enough to show the closeness of the sadism and medieval barbarism that is fascism to stir all of us to greater and greater aligning ourselves with the democratic forces of the world."

O'Daniel's action in the Winzell Williams case was preceded by the governor's recommendation for a transactions tax that would increase the workers' cost of living 5 per cent, and by other reactionary moves.

Texas trade unions, CIO and AFL, have launched a determined drive against the transactions tax and the appointment of a company of a company union man as State Labor Commissioner. There is talk although nothing definite yet, of a broad progressive conference of trade union, farmer progressive legislators and others to form a block to challenge Garner-O'Daniel control over the Democratic Party in 1940.

## BILL WOULD PUT KLAN ON SPOT

Atlanta, Ga. March 2—(CNA)—Rep. J. B. Davis, of Newman, is leading a fight to suppress the terroristic Ku Klux Klan in Georgia headed by Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans.

Davis is author of a bill making it a misdemeanor to wear a mask, hood, or regalia for the purpose of concealing identity. The measure was before the Georgia House's Committee on the State of the Republic last week.

"This bill is aimed directly at the Ku Klux Klan," Davis said. "I think the Klan has brought shame and disgrace to the whole South. It is a disgrace to permit the hooded hoodlums of the Klan to appear in public."

"If we can keep the masks off these men, we can identify them. Then our courts can arrest and convict them."

The Klan, after several years of inactivity, has shown renewed life in recent months. Among its recent activities have been an organized attack on CIO unions in the South and a campaign, initiated at a secret meeting, to eliminate prominent Negro Democrats from the next National Democratic convention and to swing the convention behind Vice-President Garner of Texas for Democratic nominee for President.

## TEACHES THRIFT



W. A. QUILLAN

Supervisor of thrift club activities of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company which are modeled after children's hour and birthday party radio broadcasts, being especially designed for children between the ages of 1 and 15. Mr. Quillan, former Scoutmaster of the City of Atlanta, also did special work in training children for the A.M.E. church in the Gate City. He is now in the second year of his new job and is meeting with success in promoting thrift clubs in several states. The clubs have local supervisors who carry out entertainment programs at periodic meetings. Also through this program, valuable economic training is given to children which will be helpful in later life. (Calvin service.)

## NAACP TO HOLD BIG MASS MEETING

There will be a big mass meeting held March 19, 1939 at which Dean William Pickens will lecture. More details will be given in next week's issue of The Guide.

## \$1,250,000 REFUND TO MEMBERS

Four Thousand Omaha members of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society will soon receive checks for their share of a \$1,250,000 refund of payments, placed in the mail Saturday. Three hundred thousand members in all corners of the world, will share in the refund, according to De Emmett Bradshaw, president of the Society.

While the vast majority of the checks will remain in the United States, there are about 50 which are destined for far-flung ports—Alaska, Canada, Canal Zone Tahiti, Hawaii, Mexico, Philippine Islands, Colombia, Spain, Japan, Scotland, South Africa, Australia, Puerto Rico, Italy, Cuba, Palestine, Germany, Bermuda, British West Indies, Sweden, Samoa, Chile, France, Nicaragua and other Central American countries.

The current refund brings the total of payments returned to members to more than twenty million dollars, a record that is unsurpassed by any similar organization. Mr. Bradshaw said the refund was indicative of the financial stability of the society.

The amount of each check was determined by the length of time the member's certificate had been in force, and the amount of each annual payment. Three hundred thousand members who have held beneficiary certificates (in good standing on Dec. 31, 1938) for more than two years, shared in the distribution.

"The Woodmen of the World has taken great forward strides in the past decade," Mr. Bradshaw said. "Our membership has increased more than 50,000. Our assets have grown from 85 million to more than 128 million dollars. Our field men have carried the influence and benefits of fraternalism far afield—reaching into the homes of untold thousands of less fortunate members."

"In the past year alone, the Woodmen of the World delivered certificates for \$56,647,291 of life protection. This remarkable progress in days of stress is not accidental. The Woodmen of the World is filling a vital need—providing social contacts and security for thousands who might otherwise be deprived of future happiness."

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN PLAN FOR CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN BOSTON NEXT SUMMER

Kansas City, March 2, (ANP)—In a letter tent out this week by Mrs. Susie V. Bouldin, national chairman of the arts and crafts department of the National Association of Colored Women, she urged that all club women interested in the art department exhibition of the national convention to be held at Boston from July 29 through August 5 hurry with their work in order to be ready with their exhibitions at that time. Members are urged to send their work if they are unable to attend.

State chairmen are asked to contact every individual club in their state, reminding them of the exhibition. Each state will exhibit within its own regional, and the beautiful "Senator Arthur Capper Regional Loving Cup" will be given the region showing the best work. The Southwest is now holding the cup. All kinds of art work are requested for the exhibit.

## FOUNDER OF WOODMEN OF THE WORLD SOCIETY, DIES



John T. Yates, last of the original founders of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society and pioneer fraternalist, died at his home in Omaha, Neb., early on the morning of February 16. He was in his 83rd year, and had been critically ill for several years.

Burial was at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, in Omaha, after an impressive ceremony at the All Saints Episcopal Church, of which he was senior warden.

Leading citizens of the city were pallbearers, and the great church was filled with friends and relatives from all over the middlewest. Dr. Frederick W. Clayton, pastor who officiated at the burial ceremony, paid glowing tribute to Mr. Yates.

Mr. Yates came to Omaha in 1886 as a salesman for Milton Rogers and Sons, one of the largest wholesale houses in the middlewest at that time. He became acquainted with Joseph Cullen Root, a nationally known fraternalist, and worked with him in organizing the Sovereign Camp of the Woodmen of the World. Meeting in a small room in the Paxton Hotel in June 1890, Mr. Yates, Mr. Root and other devout fraternalists founded the Society, which was to grow into the strongest one of its kind in the world.

Mr. Yates was one of the original incorporators and was made National Secretary, a position that he held for 46 years. He retired on March 15, 1937, and has served as secretary emeritus and advisor to the finance committee since that time.

Mr. Yates took an active part in church work throughout the years, and had been active in lodge work as a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Maccabees, Modern Woodmen of America, Fraternal Aid Union and a charter member of Alpha Camp No. 1 of the World. He served as treasurer of Brownell Hill, a girls school in Omaha, for a number of years, and was editor and publisher of the Woodmen News, a fraternal paper.

Mr. Yates wrote many short stories and poems, and published two books, "The Hunchback" and "Morans", both of which have enjoyed large sales.

Although born in Maryland, Mr. Yates spent most of his life in Nebraska. He came to southeast Nebraska in 1883 and engaged in the hardware business in Nemaha City, Brock and Beatrice. He was married on October 18, 1880 to Mary Catherine Schuey. Five children were born of this marriage and all are living. They are: Frank Yates, lawyer, of Omaha; Mrs. Anna Catherine Guild, of Omaha; Jack Yates, insurance man, of Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Harry Weil, of Cincinnati; and Mother Mary, Mother Superior of Good Shepherd Convent, of Omaha.

Mr. Yates' first wife died in 1905, and he was married three years later to the late Mary Free, who died in December 1936. There were no children by this marriage.

## OFFICER GUSTIN TO BE HONORED

Iroquois Lodge IBPOE. of W. To Confer Award COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND

Officer Lureay Gustin, who single handed captured a dangerous desperado attempting to rob a safe-way store on his beat at 30th and Cuming streets, last week, is to be signally honored on Monday evening, March 6th at the Elks Hall, 24th and Lake streets, when the Omaha Welfare League will present him with the Data Club Merit Award of 1939 for outstanding service to the people of Omaha.

Iroquois Lodge No. 92, Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of which Officer Gustin is a member, has been chosen as the body under whose auspices the award, which is to be a beautifully engraved white gold watch, will be presented. Atty. Charles Davis, Exalted Ruler will make the presentation address.

Others appearing on the program will be Mayor Dan Butler, Police Commissioner Richard Jepsen, Chief of Police J. J. Pzanowski, Asst. Chief of Police Robert Munch, Senator John Adams, Jr. and Officer Gustin.

Music will be rendered by the Omaha Civic Orchestra under the direction of Prof. James Bryant.

Iroquois Lodge, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend this affair.

## Honor Omahas Own and Especially Yours Mr. Negro

Be on hand at the Elks Hall, Monday March 6, at 8 p. m. Not only the at the Hall, but Lake St, from 22nd to 26th, should be jammed. Every Negro and people of other races should be at the Elks Hall and take part in paying honor to whom honor is due.

## A MODERN WATER HEATER INCREASES VALUE OF HOUSE

It is agreed in realty circles that the installation of an efficient modern water heater increases the market value and sales appeal of any house. However the heater must be typed and sized to fulfill the requirements of the house in question.

"Constant research and developments in the realm of automatic gas water heaters have brought forth a numerous array of types and sizes," says W. J. Barber, assistant to the General Manager, Metropolitan Utilities District. "Such variety is in no sense needless because water heating engineers with years of experience have found that variations in service requirements are in themselves so numerous they could not be met by limitations in heater."

"Consequently there are gas water heaters specifically designed and engineered for about every conceivable home need.

"A convenient form of the automatic storage heater is the convertible or adjustable recovery type—on which the amount of gas burned can be changed to furnish amounts of hot water.

"For example, one type of heater has two burners, the first to be employed for ordinary hot water demands, with the second burner available for manual use to meet extra demands for hot water service.

"The heating efficiencies on all types of gas water heaters have been improved; it is estimated this amounts to a 10 percent increase in the last three years,—a factor of marked advantage to the home owner."

## MISSISSIPPI LOUISIANA AME BI-STATE COUNCIL

Greenville, Miss., March 3 (ANP)—Ministerial and lay representatives from all parts of Louisiana and Mississippi of the AME church gathered at St. Matthew AME church here Monday in a bi-state annual council presided over by Bishop S. L. Greene, A. M., D. D., Little Rock, Ark., the director of episcopal affairs of the Eight Episcopal district of the African Methodist church.

In addressing the 800 religious leaders on the subject "The Negro, a Potent Factor in the Development of the South," Bishop Greene urged his hearers to get back to the religion of our fore fathers as a sure means of reviving our churches and creating a new spiritual attitude among our people, as well as keeping sacred the religious heritage of the fathers.

The 27 presiding elders of the two state reported finances for Campbell college at Jackson amounting to \$3,500 following the address of the bishop.

## 'UNCLE TOM' GETS

HITLER BAN, IT'S TOO 'ANTI-NAZI'

Berlin, March 2—(CNA)—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" is not a suitable book for German children to read, in the opinion of Nazi educators.

Education Councillor Hans Meinhäuser, addressing a Hitler Youth gathering, said "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was not a suitable book, "because it runs counter to our racial ideals."