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**City Edition**  
The Weather  
Weather outlook for the period May 8 to May 13  
Upper Miss. and Lower  
Mr. Vallys, generally  
fair and continued warm  
first of week, except  
showers and cooler north  
portion Tuesday. Show-  
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## MARIAN ANDERSON MURAL FUND COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C.—An appeal to young people and others who are interested to contribute pennies, nickels and dimes for a mural depicting Marian Anderson's Easter concert was issued here last week following organization of the Marian Anderson Mural Fund Committee under chairmanship of Edward Bruce, chief of the Section of Fine Arts, Treasury Department, Procurement Division.

The committee, composed of members of both races, was organized by Mr. Bruce for the purpose of raising funds to commemorate that event. Elected to serve with Mr. Bruce as officers of the committee were Professor J. Vernon Herring, head of the art department at Howard University, secretary and Jesse H. Mitchell, president of the Industrial Bank of Washington, treasurer.

"We have undertaken this project," the chairman said, "because Miss Anderson's concert in front of the Lincoln Memorial was one of the significant occasions in our national cultural development. It served to focus attention upon the enduring qualities and genuine elements in our democracy. The committee believes that the beauty, solemnity, grandeur, and challenge of that occasion was of such importance that the scene deserves to be preserved for future generations."

The appeal is being made primarily to the youth of America, Mr. Bruce asserted, because Miss Anderson both as an artist and as a person represents what can be done in this country despite discrimination and other handicaps. "Her triumph is worthy of emulation and should be a source of encouragement to all young people," he said.

Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, who is a member of the committee has given assurance that the mural when completed, will be accepted and installed in the Department of Interior Building in Washington. The mural will be executed by the winner of a national anonymous competition open to all American artists and conducted by the Section of Fine Arts, Treasury Department.

Young people are urged to send contributions through their organizations or schools to the treasurer of the fund, Mr. Jesse H. Mitchell, President, Industrial Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C. As the expenses of administration are being borne by the sponsors, every cent contributed by the school children and young people of the country will be used solely for the purposes of having the mural executed and installed.

Members of the sponsoring committee include Senator Warren Austin, United States Senator; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, National Youth Administration; Miss Bertha Blair, Vice chairman of the Marian Anderson Citizens' Committee; Miss Mary Brady, Director, Harmon Foundation, New York City; Mr. Edward Bruce, Chief of Section of Fine Arts, Treasury Department; Hon. Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of Interior; Mrs. Raymond Clapper, Washington, D. C.; Mr. John P. Davis, Secretary of the National Negro Congress; Mr. Frederic A. Delano, Chairman, National Capitol Park and Planning Commission; Mr. Todd Duncan, Assistant Professor, Howard School of Music; Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst, New York; Dr. Dorothy Ferebee; Mrs. Juliana Force, Director of the Whitney Museum of Art; Dr. Ernest Gruening, Director of the Div. of Territories and Island Possessions, Dept. of Interior; Mr. Roland Hays, Boston, Massachusetts; Mr. J. Vernon Herring, Head of Art Department, Howard University; Mr. Charles H. Houston, Chairman of the Marian An-

## LEADS YOUTH



REV. W. H. JERNAGIN

President of the National Baptist Young Peoples Union which meets at Tuskegee on June 21-26, who announces a special demonstration of 500 Boy Scouts in cadet formation, under the direction of Rev. Samuel Pettigree of Atlanta, Ga., assisted by Richard Otey of Nashville, Tenn., special Scout Commissioner for the Baptist denomination. Rev. LeRoy of East Chicago, Ind., is working out the boys program. Rev. Jernagin, native of Macon, Miss., has been pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist church, Washington, D. C., for 26 years, and for a longer period a leader in Baptist ranks throughout the nation. (Calvin service)

erson Citizens' Committee; Hon. Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the Interior; Hon. Kent E. Keller, Chairman, Library Committee of the House; Mr. Jonas Lie, president of the National Academy; Mr. Jesse H. Mitchell, President, Industrial Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Mr. Carl Murphy, Editor, Afro-American, Baltimore, Maryland; Hon. Frank H. Murphy, Attorney General; Mrs. Caroline O'Day, United States Congress; Read Admiral Christian Joy Peoples, Director of Procurement; Mr. Duncan Phillips, Washington, D. C.; Mr. C. C. Spaulding, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, N. C.; Mr. Nathan Straus, Administrator, U. S. Housing Authority; Dr. John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of Education, Department of the Interior; Hon. Robert F. Wagner, United States Senator; Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Special Assistant to the Administrator, United States Housing Authority, Department of Interior; and Mr. Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

## M. E. BISHOP SLAPS D. A. R. PREJUDICE

**Omaha Prelate Deplores Ban On Marian Anderson In Devotional Address**

In his devotional address Saturday morning, April 29, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, M. E. bishop from Omaha, took a slap at the kind of prejudice which caused the D. A. R. to bar Marian Anderson from Constitution hall for Easter Sunday concert.

Speaking on "He Came Too Late, This Christ," Bishop Oxnam urged Americans to forget the D. A. R.'s prejudice and to turn rather to the "expression of an Americanism worthy of the founders of this Republic," referring to the concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

"Now is the time to cease postponing the idea of brotherhood," said Bishop Oxnam. "Now is the time to take it and enthrone it. Let us not associate the idea of holy love with anger alone, but relate it to mill and mine and market. Let us take the idea of a Father of all mankind and translate that idea into instruments that make for a brotherly world.

"Let us have done once and for

**M** is for the million things she gave me  
**O** is only that she's growing old  
**T** is for the tears She shed to save me  
**H** is for her heart of PUREST GOLD  
**E** is for her eyes, the love light shining  
**R** is right and right she'll always be

Put them all together and they spell  
**MOTHER**—The word that means the world to me.

all with the atheism that lies in pagan statements bandied about by nominal Christians who declare "Self-interest is the only sufficient motive to drive men to real achievement;" "moral right must bow to economic necessity;" "war is inevitable." Now is the accepted time. Christ did not come too soon. We came to Christ too late.

"It was not the Daughters of the Confederacy—no, it was the Daughters of the American Revolution—who refused Marian Anderson the right to sing in Constitution hall. Let us forget that and turn rather to the expression of an Americanism worthy of the founders of this Republic—I refer to the concert given there upon the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Easter Sunday.

"I saw men and women of the South, distinguished leaders of this nation, among the great who had come to pay tribute to a voice. I saw them sitting there while she sang, "America, My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty." And then we heard "Ave Maria—Hail Mary!" A black girl—Hail Mary, a Jewish girl. Send that message across the sea and let them know One is our leader, even Christ.

## 59,407 VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS ON MAY 9th SO GOES THE SECOND WARD, SO GOES THE ELECTION—Just An Old By-Word

The following are a few tabulated figures on the votes cast in this race of City Commissioners in the Second Ward only.

Trustin, precinct 1-233; 2-262; 3-185; 4-212; 5-193; 6-196; 7-237; 8-222; 9-255; 10-182; 11-253; 12-246.

Towl, precinct 1-165; 2-183; 3-441; 4-198; 5-170; 6-159; 7-176; 8-207; 9-170; 10-193; 11-176; 12-246.

Mehrens, precinct 1-136; 2-168; 3-136; 4-187; 5-167; 6-150; 7-170; 8-216; 9-183; 10-183; 11-143; 12-271.

Green, precinct 1-159; 2-201; 3-125; 4-191; 5-173; 6-163; 7-168; 8-205; 9-145; 10-182; 11-115; 12-228.

Brown, precinct 1-130; 2-187; 3-139; 4-207; 5-162; 6-132; 7-200; 8-176; 9-177; 10-157; 11-142; 12-214.

Kresl, precinct 1-229; 2-199; 3-158; 4-128; 5-112; 6-115; 7-148; 8-169; 9-186; 10-116; 11-239; 12-170.

Adams, precinct 1-156; 2-162; 3-122; 4-166; 5-138; 6-124; 7-162; 8-191; 9-178; 10-153; 11-149; 12-220.

Hannon, precinct 1-144; 2-184; 3-123; 4-174; 5-145; 6-125; 7-173; 8-164; 9-156; 10-145; 11-162; 12-202.

Jepsen, precinct 1-219; 2-196; 3-132; 4-128; 5-108; 6-106; 7-153; 8-115; 9-165; 10-139; 11-224; 12-160.

Knudsen, precinct 1-227; 2-204; 3-136; 4-102; 5-104; 6-113; 7-153; 8-102; 9-142; 10-98; 11-208; 12-135.

Hummel, precinct 1-176; 2-188; 3-155; 4-107; 5-102; 6-96; 7-141; 8-121; 9-156; 10-92; 11-183; 12-141.

Frost, precinct 1-128; 2-164;

3-130; 4-155; 5-106; 6-117; 7-133; 8-111; 9-115; 10-128; 11-148; 12-145.

Butler, precinct 1-175; 2-192; 3-124; 4-85; 5-79; 6-86; 7-142; 8-70; 9-149; 10-81; 11-213; 12-112.

Korisko, precinct 1-187; 2-168; 3-137; 4-85; 5-76; 6-78; 7-113; 8-83; 9-131; 10-74; 11-213; 12-134.

Totals, Trustin 2,676; Towl 2,126; Mehrens 2,110; Green 2,065; Brown 2,017; Kresl 1,969; Adams 1,921; Hannon 1,877; Jepsen 1,809; Knudsen 1,724; Hummel 1,658; Frost 1,580; Butler 1,508; Korisko 1,479.

## RICHARD WARD ARRESTED ON ELECTION DAY BY CAPT. PALMTAG

Richard Ward was arrested on election day on Lake street near twenty-fourth by Captain Palmtag and was held a short while on investigation. Wednesday, May 10, a hearing was held in Judge Day's courtroom. Richard Ward was represented by Attorney Greenville P. North, Assistant city prosecutor representing the city.

After hearing the evidence and testimony of Officers Barrow, Harry Buford, Atty. Olson and Eugene O'Sullivan and Captain Palmtag, Judge Day sustained Habeas Corpus writ which was issued on election day.

Officer Barrow was asked if he knew Richard Ward or had he ever seen him to know him before. The answer was no. Officer Barrow was also asked if he saw Captain Palmtag lay a pistol on the desk. He answered that he did not see him do so while Richard Ward was being searched. Officer Buford was asked if he had had a telephone conversation with Captain Palmtag early that morning. His answer was "No."

Atty. Olson was asked how long he had been acquainted with Richard Ward. He said he had known him about 25 years and did not know anything wrong about him.

Attorney Eugene O'Sullivan was asked by Attorney North if he made a statement to Capt. Palmtag about something someone told him that someone had been told about the death of Billy Hines. Atty. O'Sullivan answered that he met Captain Palmtag on the street and in a conversation casually remarked to him about something he had heard from a friend who had been told by someone about the death of Mr. Hines.

## ALPHAS IN MIDST OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for the past weeks has been conducting its annual educational campaign, according to a recent announcement from the office of Dr. Rayford W. Logan, professor of history at Howard University, the Fraternity's Director of Education. Most of the chapters will conclude their Go-to-High school, Go-to-College Campaign or the Campaign of Education for Citizenship on May 7 with public meetings and radio

## History Repeats Itself

Six years ago, ex-Mayor Roy N. Towl went into the City Hall with five I. V. L. City Commissioners. Dan Butler, the Lone Wolf. After several I. V. L. private meetings, Mr. Towl was elected Mayor for three years.

Is the Mayor's office now the hot spot???

The Police Department was at one time called the killed of a City Commissioner. It was the rule in the OLD GANG RULE days if they wanted to destroy the influence of a City Commissioner, and put him on THE SPOT for CERTAIN defeat in the coming election, he was made a Police Commissioner; but now, it looks as though the Mayor's office is the HOT SPOT.

It is undisputed by the citizens of Omaha that ex-mayor Roy N. Towl put a stop to GANGDOM rule in Omaha by making Robert P. Samardick, Chief of Police and giving him full reign to take the Police department out of politics. There isn't any question in any one's mind who knew the political situation and corruption that controlled the Police Department at that time, that it was called to a halt by Robert P. Samardick and Omaha was given one of the finest and most efficient Police Departments that it had ever had in the past forty years.

No one ever accused Roy N. Towl of bargaining with or taking any part in any kind of underworld activities. It was commonly thought by experienced politicians that if ex-Mayor Roy N. Towl erred, it was an error of the head and not of the heart. He tried hard to give the people of Omaha exactly what the I. V. L. pledged themselves to do during their campaign; But what happened? The following election ex-Mayor Roy N. Towl was overwhelmingly defeated and the IVL organization was shot to pieces. Robert Samardick was demoted and he resigned.

At this same election, Mayor Dan Butler ran independently and was overwhelmingly elected with the largest vote ever cast for a City Commissioner in Omaha.

The elected Commissioners, desiring to carry out the will of the people, elected Mr. Butler as the Mayor.

For three years, Mr. Butler, with his wide political experience, having served in the City Hall for a number of years when the Dennison machine was in control, and in serving during his time in about all of the City Commission departments, knowing the underworld's tricks, knowing what hardships the Dennison machine had worked on him and on everyone else who took issue with that machine during its days of control. Mr. Butler knew all

the key men in the Police Department who assisted Dennison in the persecution of the citizens who took issue with that machine.

With the exception of Mr. Butler's personal feelings against Robert P. Samardick with what he considered insubordination, and Mr. Butler's desire, from years of experience in the financial department, to save the taxpayers an ex-chef of Police's monthly pension, Robert P. Samardick was removed from Chief of Police and J. J. Pszanowski was appointed. With the exception of this one act, we believe that Dan Butler, as Mayor, has worked just as hard as it was humanly possible to give Omaha a decent, honorable and upright City Administration. For the past three years, he has kept corrupt influence from getting a hold on the Administrative affairs of the city of Omaha. What happened to him on May 9th???

In appreciation for these services, Omaha citizens by a vote dropped him to sixth place.

Omaha citizenry did not expect Mr. Towl to stop gambling, nor do they expect it now; but they did then and do now resent public take-off gambling games of any description and what is commonly called pay-off protection.

In neither Mr. Towl's nor Mr. Butler's administration has any one laid claim to any kind of paid protected vices in Omaha. Yet, both for some peculiar reason were shown a lack of appreciation for the services rendered to the people of Omaha.

If Towl had been elected by a large majority with three of his co-workers along with him, it is possible that the conclusion would have been that there was a resentment shown in the demotion of Robert P. Samardick; but what is the fact? Towl barely got in the seventh place. Practically a rank political stranger came within less than five hundred votes of defeating him.

For some unknown reason, we found in our neighborhood the Church people and the sponsors of the gambling element working hand in hand to defeat Dan Butler and his administration.

In the past City election, the gambling element was between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea, for it was known if Roy Towl was elected mayor, Samardick would have been returned as Chief of Police and most certainly there would have been no paid protective vices under his administration as Chief.

Well, we wonder who wants the HOT SEAT, the Mayor's chair, in this administration.

**talks.**  
During the past five years, Professor Logan stated the Fraternity has awarded \$6,400 in fellowships and scholarships. Additional awards to be made during the next few weeks will bring the total to almost \$8,000.

## MISSISSIPPI HAS HIGHEST MURDER RATE

Aberdeen, Miss. May 11 (C)—Mississippi has the highest murder rate of any state in the world,

according to L. J. Folsie of the State Planning Commission. The State leads the nation in homicides, about 500 a year in a population of 2,000,000.

## JESSE OWENS FILES BANKRUPTCY

## JESSE DESERVED REAL FRIENDS

A gain Jesse Owens breaks into the news. But this time it is to our regret. National and Olympic champion in running and jumping, he fell short of being a

business success and has had to take bankruptcy. We are sorry.

If for no other reason than his athletic prowess, Jesse deserved a better fate. But it was his misfortune to fall into the hands of the group who operated one of the political headquarters. Having nothing of their own, they used him to attract favorable public notice. It was not fair either to the boy, or to the voters, and now Owens pays, while they—well the less said the better.