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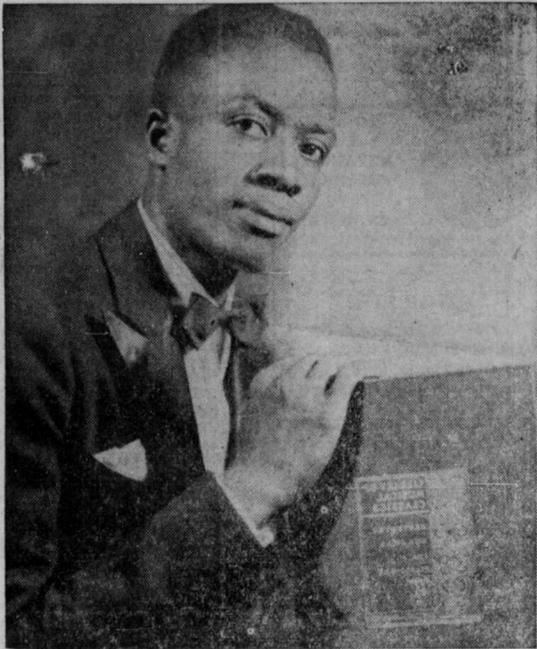
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Fire Interrupts Services For L. K. Williams

Loves Church and Choir Work



ROBERT L. NOLAN, Pianist and Accompanist (Interview by Miss Ruth Forrest of The Omaha Guide Staff)

This is the likeness of Robert L. Nolan, brilliant young pianist and accompanist, of the nationally renowned Eva Jessye Choir. Mr. Nolan is a graduate of The Cleveland Institute of Music and Howard University School of Music in Washington, D. C. He has done some outstanding work as a concert pianist. Here, he is shown with his volume of Beethoven Sonatas, which he studies each day (mentally, while riding through the country).

Miss Jessye and her twenty singers left New York City around the first of October and they have been giving concerts in different cities each night to large and appreciative audiences in some cities, they have been required to do a matinee and evening performance. So it is no wonder, these fine young artists need the two day rest period, which they are spending here in Omaha. From here they will go to the state of Kansas to appear in many different cities there. The Eva Jessye Choir is under management of the Outstanding Artists Bureau of New York City.

The singers all live in different parts of the country. Mr. Nolan when not on tour with Miss Jessye, resides in Detroit, Michigan, where he is director of music at New Bethel Baptist Church and Community center. Here he teaches piano and conducts a chorus of 300 voices. The Rev. W. E. Ramsey is pastor of this great church in the motor city. Mr. Nolan told the reporter "Along with my concert work, I love and enjoy the privileges of working in this church, where I can help and inspire the plain people of the Lord."

Mr. Nolan made a personal visit to the offices of the Omaha Guide. While in the city Mr. Nolan was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willis W. Gray of 2124 Lake St. Mrs. Gray entertained many guests in honor of Mr. Nolan. The other members of the choir were entertained at several functions by various people of the city.

Speaking for himself and the rest of the choir, Mr. Nolan stated that they appreciated to the utmost the hospitality of the Omahans. Mr. Nolan said that he was so impressed by Omaha that he would like to make his home here. If Mr. Nolan was to make Omaha his place of residence, his first desire would be to organize a young people's chorus.

Mr. Nolan also wishes to thank Mrs. H. B. Lewis of 2025 Lake St., for her preparation of an old fashioned tonic which is doing much to abate the cold he contracted while traveling from New York to Omaha.

Mr. Nolan has studied piano in several cities under very competent

(Fire Damage Unestimated As We Go To Press)

CHICAGO, —November 6. —Firemen poured a steady stream of water on a blaze which broke out in the Olivet Baptist Church on Chicago's Southside, at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, while funeral services were being held for the pastor, Dr. L. K. Williams, 69, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., who was killed in an airplane crash during a fog last Tuesday evening, October 29, near Charlotte, Michigan.

MRS. ROOSEVELT AND MRS. WILLKIE UNITE TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE AT HAMPTON

Hampton Institute, Va.—Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie today joined hands for a common cause. An announcement by the Board of Trustees at Hampton Institute today revealed that the two "first ladies" are members of the national committee sponsoring a two day Conference, November 25 and 26th, on the Participation of the Negro in National Defense. The inauguration, on November 25, of Malcolm S. MacLean as the sixth president of Hampton will open the Conference.

Prominent national figures from 17 states are included in the list of 83 members of the joint Inauguration and Defense Conference Committee.

Along with Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Willkie, such outstanding personalities as Mrs. Andrew Carnegie of New York, President Elmer A. Carter of the Urban League, Surgeon General Thomas W. Parran, President Guy S. Ford of the University of Minnesota, Governor J. H. Price of Virginia, Winthrop Rockefeller, Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, Walter F. White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Aubrey Williams, Director of the National Youth Administration, have joined hands in sponsoring this important conference at Hampton.

at the federal building here as soon as the bars were supposedly let down to admit Negroes, was awaiting the call to enter the services of his country. On Oct. 24 he received that call, the order being signed by Lieut. Col. Joseph L. Bachus, in charge of enlistments. Gray was to see service with the Sixth U. S. Army Air corps, to be taken to Jefferson, Mo., for training along with 270 other Detroit boys. After training at the camp at Jefferson City, the entire group of 2,000 men from the Sixth area was to leave for Hawaii for duty there.

But on entering the recruiting office, jubilant because he was entering his preferred branch of the service, Mr. Gray was politely informed that the order meant only white men and there "had been some mistake". They made the bluff of trying to determine how the gross mistake was made and who made it.

Several months ago, Gray, 20, a high school graduate, tried to enlist and they gave him the run-around by referring him to the 25th infantry, to which outfit he wrote only to be informed by that outfit that they were not taking recruits at that time.

MAN CAN REMOVE CHAINS SAYS WHITE UNEMPLOYED MAN WHO DONATES \$5

New York.—"The chains of human bondage were made neither by God nor by nature, but by man himself, and by man they can be removed."

This was the moving sentiment contained in a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week, accompanying five dollars for a membership renewal. The letter came from an unemployed white

Dignitaries of both races throughout the nation joined in simple rites for the renowned leader. His body was viewed by many thousands as it lay in state from Monday evening until the services at Olivet at which Dr. A. L. Boone, of Birmingham, host to the recent national convention; the Rev. T. S. Boone, of Forth Worth, convention historian; the Rev. T. O. Fuller of Memphis and Dr. R. C. Barbour of Nashville, editor of the National Baptist Voice, as well as many others, took a prominent part in the services.

Meanwhile the CAA has opened an investigation in the fatal crash which snuffed out the lives of three others in addition to the famous preacher. The Rev. William M. Haynes, prominent pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church; Edward Whiting, the pilot, and Don Schmitt, white, student flier and an employe of the Chicago Daily News, were the other fatalities.

The party was on its way to Flint, Michigan, where Dr. Williams and Rev. Haynes were scheduled to address a Republican Rally. They had missed connections on the regular plane to Detroit and chartered the private craft, a five passenger Stinson cabin plane owned by the Monarch Air Service. They were nearing their destination when they encountered heavy fog.

Farmers living near the crash scene, about two miles from Charlotte, said they heard the plane circle two or three times as if seeking a landing place. The motor apparently was in working order. Landing flares were thrown out by the pilot, but as the craft neared the ground the engine roared as if an attempt was being made to gain altitude. The machine crashed and burst into flames.

The pilot was burned beyond recognition. The others were thrown 200 feet away.

Dr. Williams, in addition to being president of the National Baptist Convention, was for 12 years vice president of the Baptist World alliance, president of the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Co., chairman in 1936 of the Western Colored division of the Republican National committee, a winner of the Harmon award for distinguished service, and a member of the National Memorial association to commemorate the deeds of Negroes in various wars.

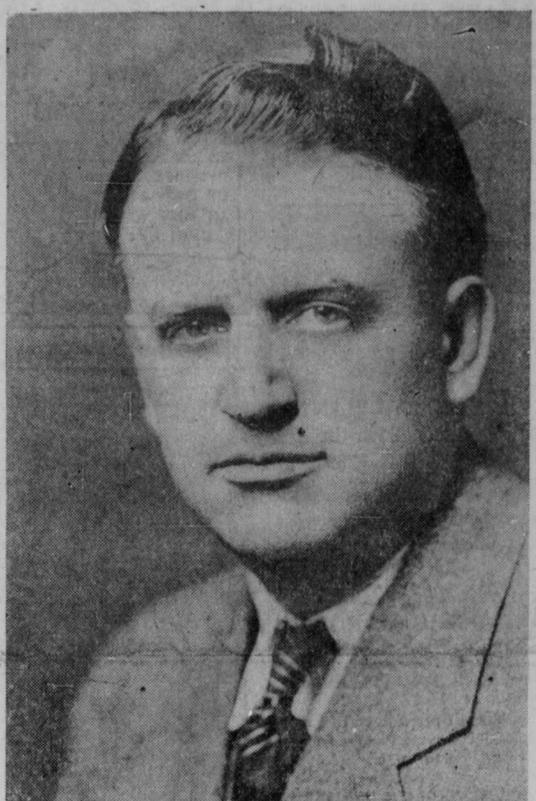
member of the association, living in New York.

"I am out of work, at the present time," the letter said, "so that money is certainly not plentiful with me. But I never think of my dear colored brethren, without the feeling that their need is so much greater than mine. I have never spent any money in the world that gives me as much pleasure as that which I am sending you. The chains of human bondage were made neither by God or by nature, but by man himself, and by man they can be removed. Let us persevere in the righteousness of our course."

VICTOR METOYER BREAKS COLLARBONE

While practicing football on the St. Benedict's lot, Victor Metoyer son of Mrs. Victor Metoyer of 2316 Paul St., suffered a broken collar bone. He received medical treatment at St. Joseph hospital.

Nebraska Goes Republican and Why



The HONORABLE SENATOR KENNETH S. WHERRY.—Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, who did the one job in the 48 states, which broke the Roosevelt landslide in Nebraska.

"THANKS"

I wish to thank the Editor of this paper and the people of this district for the support they gave me in my campaign for re-election to the State Legislature. I appreciate the confidence the people have shown in me by electing me the fourth time and I will at all times try to merit this confidence.

Yours truly,
JOHN ADAMS

HIGH COURT REFUSE TO REVIEW DECISION UPHOLDING EQUAL SALARY FOR NEGRO TEACHERS

Washington, D. C.—In a decision handed down Monday, October 28th, the United States Supreme Court refused to review a U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision upholding the right of Negro teachers in Virginia to receive salaries equal to those of white teachers doing the same work.

The decision was rendered in connection with a case involving Melvin Alston, Norfolk, Virginia, school principal who seeks to force the Norfolk schoolboard to pay him and all other Negro teachers a salary equal to that of white teachers in the state who have the same training and experience. The case now goes back to the Federal district court in Norfolk, whose decision the Appeals Court for the fourth district, sitting in Asheville, North Carolina, reversed last June 18.

Although no date has been set, Oliver W. Hill, resident counsel for Mr. Alston has asked Federal Judge Luther B. Way, for an early hearing. Associated in the case with Mr. Hill are Thurgood Marshall, special NAACP counsel and Dean William H. Hastie and Leon A. Ransom of the association's national legal committee. The case is being conducted under the direction of the Negro teachers of Virginia, in conjunction with the NAACP.

The Omaha Guide thinks it was due to the leadership of the Honorable Senator Kenneth S. Wherry Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and the close cooperation he got from those who had implicit confidence in his ability to do the job and the ever-ready office crews who so willingly served him. It is true that Nebraska voters are an independent set of voters. They, as a rule, pick the man they think can do the job they want done, and Senator Kenneth Wherry is an admitted go-getter—a hard, honest, enthusiastic worker. He put his candidacies on the political stump at least six times during the campaign, and after he had given them that red-hot introduction he let them tell their own story in their own way. Then he would come right to the front with that enthusiastic feeling "let's give him a big hand. I mean a great big hand". and a hand they would get because the public in general could discern in Mr. Wherry's heart through the eye, that deep-seated Republican democracy, and they could tell from his talk there was a bigger job than just electing another man to an office. He made his audience feel that the only way to preserve this great American democracy was to elect the man he had brought before them and believe it or not, from the looks of things, the day after election, the citizens of Nebraska took his advice. The Nebraska candidates, under the leadership of Senator Wherry swept the State House clean and gave the Honorable Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican candidate for President, the largest vote in the history of the State of Nebraska, immediately after a 12 year Democratic regime. This victory cannot be praised too highly and another thing that is important to think of while we are talking about this election: Governor R. L. Cochran has been in the public eye in the State of Nebraska, as a public servant for 25 years, and he is known to be a man that would carry out the policies of the Roosevelt administration if he was

elect to the Senate. Senator Elect Hugh A. Butler's name has never appeared on the ballot for the State of Nebraska for a political position. Hugh Butler is not a flowery orator. He is a man who thinks before the people of the State of Nebraska as a good, hard, Christian, honest business man who has come from the bottom up, with the pioneer sod houses of the western prairies to a prosperous grain dealer.

This was no small job, for the State Chairman, believe it or not, to take Mr. Butler, and beat Mr. Cochran.

Governor Elect Dwight Griswold who has ran for governor twice before this election, placed his all in the hands of Senator Kenneth S. Wherry and under his leadership today is one of the few Republican Governors elected.

The thinking citizens of Nebraska take their hats off to the Honorable Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, for the job he did in this State-wide campaign. We predict the Hon. Kenneth S. Wherry is headed for national fame as a leader who America can well afford to push to the top of the ladder.

When Omaha's Armistice Day Parade swings through the business district next Monday, veterans of '17 will be reinforced by a large contingent of selective service registrants, according to Mr. E. K. McDermott, general chairman of the celebration committee.

"This year's program will be unique in that interest will focus as much of the potential veterans to be as one of the veterans themselves said Mr. McDermott. "And the theme will be peace through total preparedness."

Notices have been posted in the offices of the ten local selective service boards announcing to all registrants that the veterans invite them to march as a body in the armistice parade and giving detailed information as to assembly areas and line of march. In order that the selective service men may make a creditable showing in the parade, every effort to organize them is under way, according to Lieutenant Colonel Reuben Noel Perley, committee member assigned to the selective service men's part of the observance.

"A strictly civilian atmosphere will prevail in the selective service men's group," Colonel Perley said. "It is expected that leaders, who have had a limited amount of military training, will be selected from among them so that their line of march will function smoothly. The registrants will march in high school class groups.

The assembly areas for the various local board groups are, as follows: 7th Local Board Area, 28th Avenue, Farnam to Douglas; 10th Local Board Area, 28th Avenue, Dodge to Douglas; 11th Local Board Area, 28th Street, Farnam to Douglas; 8th Local Board Area, 28th Street, Dodge to Douglas; 5th Local Board Area, 2th Avenue, Farnam to Douglas; 9th Local Board Area, 26th Avenue, Dodge to Douglas; 4th Local Board Area, 25th Avenue, Farnam to Douglas; 1st Local Board Area, 25th Avenue, Dodge to Douglas; 3rd Local Board Area, 25th Street, Farnam to Douglas; 2nd Local Board Area, 25th Street, Dodge to Douglas.

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YOUNG OMAHAN ATTENDS AMMUNITION SCHOOL

Private Clinton D. Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Lloyd of 2702 Miami Street, has recently been transferred from the Ninth Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas. Private Lloyd is at present attending the 40th Ordnance Service School at the Raritan Arsenal on the coast of New Jersey. This distinction was placed upon Private Lloyd as the result of an examination, he being one of the 14 out of 50 who passed this examination.

Along with a few other soldiers stationed at Fort Riley, Private Lloyd enrolled at this government institution last Wednesday to receive a classification as a gun expert, the title awarded to all graduates of this arms and ammunition school.

FREE IDENTICAL TWIN ON FIGHTING CHARGE

It was simply a case of mistaken identity, Ed and Fred Martin, 19, identical twins, of 2625 Wirt street, told Municipal Judge Wheeler this morning.

Ed and Eugene Rice, 20, of 2617 Grant Street, were arrested Sunday on charges of disturbing the peace by fighting in the Ritz theatre. Ed explained he was trying to hold Fred back. The case was dismissed.

Choir Leader



Eva Jessye, Director of the famous choir, who stopped over in Omaha for a two day rest.

en teachers.

The following are a few of the prominent men with whom he has studied: Mr. Beryl Rubenstein of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Cecil Cohen of Howard University, Washington, D. C.; and Maurice Dumesnil, of Detroit, Michigan.

Even though the choir was on a two-day rest period in Omaha, nevertheless, they held two rehearsals each day at the YWCA.

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ASKED TO REPORT FOR AIR CORPS THEN BARRED

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 6 (ANP)—Another case of gross discrimination against Negroes by United States army officials in connection with the armed forces of the country came to the fore here when James H. Gray, Jr., was refused admittance to the United States Army Air corps after having received an order to report.

Young Gray, who had enlisted