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#### Community Asked To Help!

"The Omaha Urban League faces the possibility of closing its doors," Mr. Saybert C. Hanger, President of the Board of Directors announced Monday.

"An appeal will be made to this community soon for funds to buy our present location," he added. "We have to buy or the 2,000 children and 500 or more adults who meet here regularly will be left without a community center. By the response to our plea the community will prove its interest in Negro youth."

For nine years the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company has given over rent free the use of a former sub-station to the people of this community. The company has even paid the taxes, insurance, and made some repairs without a complaint to the Urban League officials, because the League work was so necessary and valuable to the community.

Although a welfare agency, the Board of Directors of the Urban League was not successful in relieving the Telephone Company of the tax burden because the building belonged to the company.

The increase in defense activities however, has caused the Telephone Company to seek more storage space. The Urban League's location will provide this space at no extra cost to the company. It followed them as a matter of good business for the Telephone Company to ask that the Urban League buy or move not later than June 1. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Urban League with the Telephone officials disclosed that they were very sympathetic toward the problem of the Urban League, but the pressure of business make this move necessary.

They expressed the hope that the community had appreciated their generosity and the work of the Urban League and would respond immediately to keep the agency from closing its doors to hundreds of youngsters who seek recreation and guidance under its roof.

Officials of the Board of Governors of the Community Chest and the Urban League could discover no structure in this area which meets the needs of the community as well as this location.

They realized too that the community could not afford to lose this work that had influenced the lives of so many people, young and old, in Omaha.

The Community Chest Board after due consideration agreed to approve the Urban League's request to campaign for \$1,000.00, the initial payment on the building.

Twenty-five persons were notified this week to meet Tuesday night at the Urban League and were asked to serve as captains in this worthwhile effort. Many more will be called upon to serve as workers and the whole community will be asked to give generously to this important welfare work. All donors are asked to give only to those workers with the proper credentials from the Omaha Urban League, or directly to the League office.

#### GOV. LEHMAN SIGNS BILL MAKING RACE PREJUDICE A CRIME

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Lehman on Friday signed a bill making it a crime in New York State for anyone to discriminate against any person because of race, creed or religion.

The new law puts teeth into Section 2 Article 1 of the State Constitution which prohibits discrimination by persons, corporat-

#### U. S. Treasury



WILLIAM PICKENS of New York City, one of the best known public figures in America who was appointed as an aide in the United States Treasury with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Mr. Pickens, who for many years has served as Field Agent for the NAACP, and who is recognized as one of the most brilliant scholars and speakers upon public affairs within the group will especially emphasize the sale of Defense Bonds in his new work (ANP)

ons, institutions, the State, or any agency or subdivision of the State.

Footnoting the bill with an indication of his approval of its content, Lehman wrote:

"This bill will strengthen the democratic processes of our government and I am glad indeed to give my approval to it."

#### NAACP ASKS ROOSEVELT TO PREVENT SLASH IN WPA FUNDS

New York—President Roosevelt was notified Thursday, May 8 that the Negro people of the country will suffer seriously if impending slashes in WPA funds become a reality.

Those who argue for the cut state that because of the defense program there is less need for the WPA, since workers will be going into private employment.

In a letter to the President, Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, made it clear that there is notorious discrimination on the part of employers, some labor unions and some officials in national defense work. This fact alone means that Negroes will constitute, through no fault of their own, an increasingly large proportion of the WPA rolls.

In addition, the President was reminded, there are comparatively few defense industries in the South where the largest number of people on WPA are Negroes, and even now hundreds are waiting assignment to the lists, but lack of funds keeps them off.

If WPA is drastically reduced, it was pointed out, Negro and white workers who are denied opportunities in private employment will be thrown on local charity which, because of increased taxes, may not be able to support them.

"We contend that it is not unreasonable to ask," the letter concludes, "that until such time as the barriers to employment in private industry which face Negroes are broken down that they should not be deprived of WPA employment. Negroes don't want to stay on WPA, but conditions beyond their control cause most of them to face the choice of either remaining on WPA or starving."

#### TO LAY CORNERSTONE AT MASONIC TEMPLE

The Masons appearing on the program are P. G. M. Edward R. Fletcher, P. G. M. Walter L. Seals, I. S. McPherson, Grand Trustee and Russell Reese, Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. after which the Ceremonies will be turned over to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, with Nathaniel Hunter 33 degree, M. W. Grand Master in charge.

Monday night, May 19th a home coming celebration will be held at the Masonic Temple. The Public is cordially invited to attend both of these affairs.

Elaborate ceremonies will attend the event which will be conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, (Prince Hall Affiliation) on Sunday, May 18th 1941, —A. L. 5941, at 2:30, p. m. A number of Masons from our Sister Jurisdictions have been invited to attend the occasion. Iroquois Lodge, No. 92, IBPOEW. of Omaha will be Special guest of the Grand Lodge. In addition to out of town guest those to appear on the program will be Atty. Chas. F. Davis, Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge and State Senator John Adams, Jr.

#### A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH PREDICTS DRASTIC CHANGES IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE

Atlanta, Ga., May 11—In one of the most dynamic addresses ever delivered from the rostrum of Sale Hall Chapel, Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, predicted to come in this generation "some of the most profound transformations in our economic and social life that have even been witnessed in the modern world. Changes are taking place that are so vast the students were told, that unless we are able to adapt ourselves to them, crystallization will set in that will prevent us from ever taking our place in the new economy."

"No longer can the Negro depend on outside agencies," the speaker declared, "as philanthropic foundations are drying up and the good people who were concerned about humanity are not existing as they once did." A great challenge to the young Negro of today as described by Mr. Randolph is in the organization of the power of the masses. "Get tools of information and learn how to analyze problems," he told the students, "develop power, intelligence, courage, and the will to do, and go out into the masses and place your genius into industry. Organize cooperatives upon the farms, consumer cooperatives in cities, trade unions, tenant farmer organizations, develop mass movements in order to place power where it might be of greatest advantage to the group, for in this area is the new statesmanship among Negro people." Rewards might not come in terms of money, Mr. Randolph said, but in the higher terms of service to the race and the nation.

The Speaker is a former lecturer at the Rand School of Social Sciences in New York. He is one of the most able leaders in labor circles today, and was in Atlanta this week to hold conferences with members of organized labor. He is the editor of "The Black Worker," a labor journal and author of "Terms of Peace and Darker Races" and the "Truth About Lynching".

Accompanying Mr. Randolph to Morehouse College was Mr. Milton Webster, first vice president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Chairman of its international executive council. He spoke challengingly to the Morehouse students about the work of the Brotherhood, stating that the efforts of this organization show that progress can be made on the industrial front. More Negroes are hired by the Pullman Company than any other organization, he stated, and the problems this company faces in personnel are used as examples by other industrialists the

country over that hire Negro help. The porter is a vital factor in the sale of service, he informed the students, and this is really what the Company exists to sell. Although we have professional men and business men, the masses of Negroes for a long time to come will be workers, and if the business man is to be successful, he observed, it will be because he does business with successful workers. Since the working people are the foundation of the Negro race, we cannot make much progress unless this foundation is built on a solid rock, he said. The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has opened up a way to show Negroes what can be done, the speaker concluded, with a result that workers have definite hours with pay for overtime, and now the Negro can get proper recognition regardless of whether he is located in the North or South.

#### REV. T. A. SEARS, PREDICTS SECOND MORTGAGE BURNING MONDAY, AFTER 1st SUNDAY IN MAY 1941—

At his morning service, Mothers' Day, Rev. T. A. Sears, Pastor of the St. John A.M.E. Church, prophetically announced that he had felt called to perform a special task. It seems obvious that the completion of St. John is a part of that task. The plans which Rev. Sears outlined to his audience Sunday, placed him definitely in the ranks of those leaders who not only dream dreams, but who possess great executive ability and tact.

Materials for the new church auditorium will be placed on the ground this week. With much faith in future possibilities for St. John Church, Rev. Sears predicted that the expense for the new auditorium would be completely done away with in a Second Mortgage Burning which will take place on Monday after the first Sunday in May in 1941.

The first Mortgage Burning took place May 5th of this year. Over 300 people witnessed the performance in which Mayor Butler assisted.

#### CLUBS TO CONVENE IN CITY

The Ladies of the Modern Priscilla Art and Study Club, met May 7th with Mrs. U. S. Matthews as Hostess. This being an all business meeting, the unfinished business was taken up. All plans were completed to entertain the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs which will convene in Omaha, Nebraska, Tuesday, June 24th, 1941 for one day session.

Strawberry short cake and coffee were served by the hostess.

DOROTHY MAYNOR AN ACCOMPLISHED PERSON New York, May 15 (ANP) We know of only one person who can do all the following things: sing beautifully, play the English horn, play the oboe, orchestrate a song, conduct an orchestra score, play the flute, and transpose an accompaniment at sight. That person is Dorothy Maynor, the noted Negro soprano who's guesting this Sunday (May 18) on the Coca-Cola program.

Dorothy Maynor, sensational Negro soprano, will appear as guest star Sunday, May 18, on the Kostelanetz-Spaulling Broadcast. This popular program which regularly features the fine music of Conductor Andre Kostelanetz and Violinist Albert Snauldin, is heard every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 EDTST over the Columbia network. (ANP)

#### THE OMAHA GUIDE LAUNCHES ITS SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

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the Board of Directors and friends will give pep talks in the interest of the effort.

#### MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF PILGRIM HONORS MOTHERS WITH PAGEANT

Mrs. C. L. Jackson Receives Certificate



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As part of its Anniversary Celebration, the Missionary Society of Pilgrim Baptist Church, honored its President, Mrs. C. L. Jackson who has held that office for 17 years. Mrs. Jackson was presented her second certificate by Rev. F. S. Goodlett, for Leadership Training sponsored by the Presbyterian Seminary through the International Council of Churches. Mrs. Jackson's certificate was sent by the Northern Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. C. L. Jackson is the mother of six children one of whom is Maud Wright, a teacher of Ala., who is now visiting in the city.

Climaxing the activities on Mothers' Day at Pilgrim was the Pageant, A Tribute To Mothers, which was directed by Mrs. Emily Dickson and Mrs. Mabel Avant.

#### THREE COUNTIES ADD APRIL FATALITIES TO LIST

The examination of our highway fatality records reveals that only three counties added April fatalities to the list of those reported in previous months of 1941. Douglas County added a traffic victim after a "no death" month during March.

However, Nebraskans must be grateful for the second successive monthly fatality reduction.

The May trend thus far overshadows any excessive enthusiasm. Eight Nebraska lives lost in eight May days! We are approaching the seasons of the year in which accident frequencies rise. More traffic, more daylight hours, holiday celebrations—all will combine to increase the shocking effectiveness of accidents. Only the full cooperation of safety minded citizens will permit our reduction records to remain intact.

The Nebraska Safety Patrol joins you in the columns of your newspapers in hoping that safety may not be overlooked in these important days. Yours very truly, R. T. Schrein, Captain, Nebraska Safety Patrol.

The Omaha Guide, 2422 Grant Street, Omaha, Nebraska

The Omaha Guide Publishing Co. is launching its Scholarship Campaign this week.

This paper has been published every week during these momentous years. In them, too, the Company has gone through fire and flood. A splendid plant has been built up during the years, and the doing of it makes one of the most striking chapters in the annals of the race.

What is needed now is a larger circulation for the Guide that its services may be extended far beyond its present field of well-nigh matchless usefulness.

All this has meant great sacrifice for C. C. Galloway, and his staff. About the only thing the public can do now is to subscribe for the paper and by serving it, serve themselves and the fine young contestants for the prizes.

Success to all of you, Sincerely yours,

—H. J. Pinkett.

#### SELECTEES ALLOWED TEN DAYS TO ADJUST PERSONAL AFFAIRS BEFORE INDUCTION INTO ARMY LIFE

Seeking to prevent undue hardship in registrants selected for military training, Selective Service Regulations have been amended to allow selectees at least ten days to adjust their personal affairs after an order to report for induction has been received, Brigadier General Guy N. Henninger, State Director of Selective Service announced today. And this ten-day adjustment period, he stated, can be extended by local boards up to 60 or more days if need is proven.

Previously, General Henninger pointed out, at least five days had to elapse between the time a registrant received his order to report and the actual date of induction. The amendment extending the period to ten days and authorizing local boards to increase it to sixty or more days when they deem such extensions justified, states:

"The time specified for reporting shall be at least ten days after the date the order is mailed; provided, in any case where unusual individual hardship will otherwise result, the local board may, whether or not the order to report for induction has been mailed, postpone the time when such registrant shall so report for a period of not to exceed sixty days from the date of such postponement, subject, however to further postponement upon good cause therefor being shown."

The new amendment, General Henninger said, gives local boards full authority to afford individual registrants an opportunity to make adjustments in their business affairs, take examinations required of certain professions by state laws, and otherwise make satisfactory arrangements in their private lives before entering the military establishment.