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THE HERMAN LEWIS CASE

Last week The Omaha Guide published a story about a beating given Herman Lewis by the Omaha Police Vice Detail in his own home.

As we understand it, the law of this state is that a police officer cannot legally make an arrest without a warrant for a misdemeanor, unless the offense is committed in his presence. In this case the offense which the officers claimed had been committed was not in their presence and they went to the home of Mr. Lewis to make an arrest without any legal right to make it. They entered the home without legal right and beat Mr. Lewis into unconsciousness. Mr. Lewis was unarmed and there were three police officers armed with deadly weapons. Why the beating?

Moreover, the police officers knew Mr. Lewis was an Omaha fireman and had been such for more than eight years, yet they charged him with vagrancy. Are the police imbued with the notion they can regulate the private lives of citizens and their private morals in their private homes? The invasion of the Lewis home was not only illegal, but arrogant and impudent and it must not be permitted to go unwhipped of justice.

Furthermore, Herman Lewis is not a tramp. He belongs to one of Omaha's oldest and most respected families. His father was at one time assistant pastor of St. John's A.M.E. Church, his mother is a woman of the highest Christian character and blameless life; one of his brothers, Dr. James Lewis, is a physician in Fort Scott, Kansas, having graduated from the Nebraska University Medical school, and another brother, Joseph D. Lewis is a successful undertaker of this city. His sister is a graduate of Central High school and an Omaha Business College, is widely known and highly respected throughout the community. And this family has been property owners and tax payers in Omaha for 60 years.

If the police can get away with this, what home will be next? Will they walk into your home without a warrant and brazenly tell you I am in here, and if you tell them to get out, they place you under arrest and beat you up and then charge you with resisting arrest and take you into court where you are fined a substantial sum.

No, that is not legal. And it will not be allowed to stand until the COURT OF LAST RESORT declares such an outrage to be the law of the land. And if such a declaration is made, we should proceed to abolish courts and substitute policemen in their place and stead.

Mr. Lewis is represented by able counsel, both white and colored and we should back them up to the limit of our power. This must be done in rac-

ial self-defense. For you know full well that policemen would not think of invading the home of white firemen in like manner.

This is a case for the Negro Ministers, the NAACP and other civic bodies.

They should go before the city council and demand that the officers guilty of assaulting Mr. Lewis, be dismissed from the police force.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD

Dwight Griswold is Governor of Nebraska. And if he serves wisely and well all the constituents of his state, without fear or favor, a pathway stretches out before him to a pinnacle he little dreamed of when as a lad he did his chores upon the farm.

He descends from Revolutionary forbears, some of whom served with Washington to make The United States of America a free and independent commonwealth. And long years afterwards, his grandfather was the friend and champion of Lincoln and served him to help free a race and save a nation. And in 1917, true to his family heritage, Dwight Griswold, joined the armed forces and fought as an American Army officer to preserve civilization. WHAT A SPLENDID HERITAGE!

In the conduct of his office as governor will he prove to be worthy of it? Will he be swayed by ignorance and prejudice against religion and race, or will he put them down and serve as Governor of all the people? And will he include among the people and the rewards and emoluments of government, the Negroes of his state?

Will he have the courage of his noble and heroic sires, who dared to do and die for justice and right and freedom for all?

Can he do, will he do, for the one percent Negro population in Nebraska, what District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey did for five percent Negro population in New York City? Dewey appointed two Negro lawyers as first class deputies in his office and four minor deputies. He thought of them as men and women and citizens and he has endeared himself to the 15,000,000 Negroes in the United States.

Dewey, too, has a fine American background, but not one white better than Dwight Griswold's.

There is your standard, Governor we wait and watch hopefully to see you reach it and maintain it, in spite of some of your close advisers who are immediate descendants of southern slaveholders.

GERMANY VS. ENGLAND

Many colored men and women are privately expressing the hope that Germany will be able to defeat Great Britain and bring the war to the United States and impose upon the white people of America some of the cruelties and injustices which colored people through the long years have suffered at the hands of the white ruling class particularly the South.

It is all too true that colored people have reason to be aggrieved. They have had the longest average residence in the United State of any race except the Indian. And what they have given in unrequited toil to the enrichment of the nation can never be repaid. Nor has their contribution been less in war than in peace. They have become the purest of American stock, with no allegiance to any country but the United States. They have witnessed many political and social anomalies involving immigrants from many foreign lands, and the, as yet, unsuccessful effort, to absorb them into our political life under free institutions with allegiance to them alone.

White men who have been wielding the sceptre of power, alone are responsible for this regrettable mental attitude.

Those among us, who would choose the side of Germany may not be familiar with the history of the German government in relation to DARK-SKINNED PEOPLE.

Long before the first world war, King Leopold of Belgium who was of German blood, permitted and directed, the most cruel and brutal treatment toward the natives of the Belgian Congo in Africa. The natives were required to collect rubber gum each day. As time went on they had to go further for the gum from the trees. They were required to bring in a certain number of pounds per day. But when they fell below the required number, the natives would have one hand cut off; for a second offense, they would lose the other hand. At the end of this barbarity, there were thousands of natives without hands in the Belgian Congo.

Sir Harry Johnston, a British Consul in the Congo, persuaded the English government to intervene on behalf of the natives and these cruel-

ties were stopped in the Belgian Congo an never again revived.

At the Peace Conference in France after the first world war, Lloyd George, speaking on behalf of England, urged that Germany should not have jurisdiction over weaker peoples in Africa, and presented German documents showing that in the Cameroons, a German colony in Africa, on German Feast Days, one hundred native babies would be collected and the German soldiers would throw them out over the lake and shoot them with rifle bullets as we here in America shoot clay pigeons in trap shoots. And Lloyd-George argued that no nation is fit to rule a subject race which practices such heinous barbarity. And the German colonies were taken from her. But in that period many Germans of high political and social rank were friendly to many colored men, including the Kaiser Today, Hitler and his advisers boldly promise to make all conquered races slaves and to make the black and dark peoples the slaves of

slaves. On the face of the record, these things await colored people everywhere, if Hitler wins this war.

On the other hand, if England wins, the peoples who have been enslaved will be freed, and the dark-skinned peoples will themselves have a new birth of freedom. In the years which lie ahead, these dark races will rise to a never growing level of equality and opportunity, where more and more emphasis will be placed on ability and merit and not on prejudice and color.

We admit that England and America are guilty before the God of nature of monstrous wrongs against dark people. But we must choose the English side; the lesser of two evils. Under the English civilization we have left for a while the weapon of education. With this weapon here in America, we have reasonable hope of fighting our way to ultimate freedom and equality of opportunity in our native land.

SOCIAL NEWS

MODERN PRISCILLA ART & STUDY CLUB

The ladies of the Modern Priscilla Art and Study club met June 4th with Mrs. Charles Murry as hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president. The minutes of the last meeting were read and dues collected. Each member answered the roll call with a quotation. The unfinished business was taken up. Reports on the rummage sale was heard. Mrs. U. S. Matthews reported that she had secured the Elks club place to hold the rummage sale which will be Sat., June 21.

Again we wish to remind our many friends that the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women's clubs will convene in Omaha Nebraska, June 24th at Clair Chapel Church with the Modern Priscilla Art and Study club as host. We are very happy to announce the coming of Mrs. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Brown is the president of the Central Association of Colored Women clubs. Twelve states are in the district while in the city she will be the house guest of the R. C. Prices. Two new names were added to the roll, Mrs. Jane Alexander and Mrs. John Adams Sr.

The meeting adjourned to meet June 18 with Mrs. Frank Johnson as hostess. Mrs. R. C. Price, president, Mrs. Frank Johnson, reporter. Our motto "Lifting as we climb."

BEAUTIFUL HOME

Viewing a beautiful home please look at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones of 2866 Grant St.

WILL ARRIVE

Mrs. VanGibson of Blytheville, Ark., cousin of Mrs. Claude Watts and Mr. Homer Daniels will arrive in Omaha Sunday to visit Mrs. Watts and make Omaha her home.

Mrs. Gibson was preceded by her husband 2 weeks ago, who has been employed by Watson Bros. transfer co.

BEDFAST

Norman Ross, clerk at Johnson Drug is bedfast again with tonsillitis. We hope he will be well soon.

MAKING A CALL

The Girl Athletic Association is making a call for all girls who participated in the Omaha U basketball. They are Commodores, Roundtables, St. Benedicts, Sham rocks. Please report at Mr. Dixon's house at 28th and Binney St.

REVIVAL

A revival was held by Rev. Ivy at the Church of God in Christ.

GIRL RESERVES

Girl Reserves of the five Omaha high schools, Bellevue and the North side YWCA. have elected inter-club council officers.

MERIT AWARDS

The boys and girls of the 8th grade at Howard Kennedy who took part in the student government and for the fire patrol and safety patrol, were presented Awards of Merit for their fine work during the year.

TO CREIGHTON

Robert Nelson of Tech high received a scholarship for Creight-

MEETING ENDS

The meeting of the Church of God in Christ ended June 8th. Visitors were Bishop Williams of Dallas, Texas, Elder Ivy from Oklahoma city, Bishop Barker of Kansas City, Mo., Rev. Brown of Los Angeles, Sister Martha of Los Angeles. Others from the state of Iowa. Sister Mina of Council Bluffs.

SPEAKER

Mrs. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines Iowa will speak at the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women's clubs June 24th at Clair Chapel Church. The public invited.

CALIFORNIANS ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Paris of 2810 North 22nd St., entertained Madam Louise Braxton and her group from Pasadena, California at a 6 o'clock dinner, Saturday, June 7.

A ring of red roses centered the table. Covers were laid for eight.

After dinner the guest retired to the beautiful living room where they were entertained by Wendell Jenkins at the piano and served a delectable.

Mrs. Braxton was passing thru on her way to her summer home which is located at Idle Wilds, Michigan.

TWELVE LINKS CLUB

The Twelve Links met Thursday evening June 5 at the home of Mrs. Isadore Wilson, 940 N. 27th St., the meeting was called to order by the President at 8:45 The minutes were read and all the business transacted. Discussion the picnic on June 15th and a twilight lunch given on June 20th at 2706 Maple St.

The meeting adjourned early in favor of the kitchen shower given for our Pres. Miss Laverne McGough, who is to be married June 11. She was presented with every need for a red and white kitchen. A very tasty repast was served by the hostess, which was very much enjoyed.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Juanita Bassett at 2920 N. 25th St. Laverne McGough, Pres., Sarah Hall, Reporter.

THE CONSERVATIVE 12 CLUB

The Conservative 12 club held their regular meeting June 4 in the home of Mrs. Millere Collins 2414 Caldwell St. The meeting was carried on in the usual manner, with the President presiding. We wish to thank our members and friends for their loyal support in helping to make our Lawn social a success. While refreshments were being served, Bobby C. Montgomery, son of the hostess, sang a few popular numbers for the benefit of the guests. We hope all members will be present on our next meeting on June 11 with Mrs. Virginia Nichols at 2521 Blondo St. Mrs. Leona Allen, Pres., Mrs. Millere Collins, Reporter.

KENTUCKY SINGERS

The Kentucky Singers, Mrs. H. L. Braxton Jr., I. H. Braxton Sr., directors. Mrs. Vera Kyles pianist contralto. Mrs. Wood Culture soprano. Mrs. Braxton Jr., 2nd soprano. Mrs. Braxton St., sang asleep in the deep, and the low notes register as clear and much clearer than some men's. They were touring in a

BUICK 41. Their home is in Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Braxton Sr., is a talented lecturer as well as a singer. She spoke on the same platform with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on the subject "The difference between a house and a home", "Youth and Parents Today!"

They sang Negro spirituals—"Down Jericho Road," "Don't you hear them bells," "Hand me down to Jordan." Mrs. Vera Woods sang a beautiful solo. "Ethiopia, Chief Cornerstone."

MT. MORIAH

Church was well attended at Mt. Moriah with the inclement weather as it was. With the Rev. Jones at his best a message inspiring to all who heard it.

CHICKEN DINNER

Mrs. Florence Barnes served a very delicious chicken dinner for some of her most prized friends.

SUCCESS

The Coronation Ball sure was a success this year for the attendants was superb. The plan for the ball this year was beautiful from start to finish and some of the latest creations were worn by the girls taking part.

LOVELY TEA

The Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority gave a lovely tea in honor of the June graduates at 3001 North 30th St. at 6:00 p. m. A delightful time was had by all who attended.

GRADUATES PICNIC

The June graduates gave a picnic and dance afterwards for friends at the Fontenelle Pavilion at the Fontenelle park, June 3 the picnic for the grads at 6-8.

The dance for friends from 8 to 11. Everyone had a lovely time. Mosts and Bests were chosen from the June class. Some of them were—Most Popular Girl Betty Riggs, Most Popular Boy, Harvey Bridges,—Most likely to succeed Girl, Katherine Taylor, Most Likely to succeed boy, Milton Mallory; Most Romantic Girl Walterine Wright, Man About Town, Kenneth Maroney, The Peppiest Girl, Vineta Swaney, The Best Artist, Gaines Partridge, The Best Dancer, Percy Byrd.

GROSS EICKS

The Gross Eicks of the North-Side Young Women's Christian Association gave their Formal Dancing Party Wednesday June 4, from eight to eleven p. m. at the Fontenelle Pavilion, at Fontenelle park. The affair was enjoyed by who attended.

WOMAN'S DAY PROGRAM AT ZION SUNDAY AT 3 P. M.

The following program was rendered on Sunday June 8, 941 by the women of Zion Baptist Church. Music by Zion Baptist Chorus; Prayer by Mrs. Ella Cochran Music by Zion Baptist Ladies Chorus; Paper by Mrs. Cora Hayes, Pres. of Women Auxiliary of New Era Assn.; Vocal Solo by Mrs. Rose Buckner; Instrumental Solo by Mrs. Wendell Thomas Vocal Solo, Mrs. Irene Morton; Address by Mrs. Herbert Wiggins Music by Clair's Chapel Ladies Chorus; Violin Solo, by Miss Helen Wheeler; Instrumental Solo by Miss Bertha L. Davis; Finance Committee, Mrs. Susie Yancy, Mrs. Stella Glover, and Mrs. Jessie V. Hilton; Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. A. L. Hawkins; Mrs. G. Flanagan, Pres., Rev. W. C. Will-

WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers Club of Mount Moriah Baptist Church held its regular meeting Tuesday night June 3rd at the home of Mrs. Charity McGee 2302 Grace St., with a very large attendance. Refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. McGee. The next meeting will be held at the church and a free social will be given and the club wishes all members and friends to be present on Tuesday night, June 17, 1941. The members of the club wishes the speedy recovery of their president Mrs. Sallie White who met with a misfortune sometime ago. Mrs. Lindsay has been elected vice president for the remaining year.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. E. Fort, Pastor L. A. Henderson, Reporter Sunday school opened on time by the Supt. The 1 o'clock service was very much enjoyed. The pastor preached from the 23rd Psalm "The Lord is My Shepherd" During this service we had one connect for baptism. At 3 o'clock we were very pleased to have Pleasant Green worship with us. The effort was very successful. B. T. U. opened at the usual hour.

Evening service opened by the Deacons, the Pastor gave a very soul stirring message and the choir rendered special service.

Our delegates are ready for the convention and everyone seems to be falling in line now. We will be glad to have you come and worship with us. Visitors always welcome.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROM

(by Bertha Davis)

The Gross Eikes of the North-Side YWCA, whose sponsor is Mrs. Vann, gave their Annual Junior and Senior Prom at Fontenelle Pavilion at Fontenelle Park, June 4, 1941. This prom was well attended. The formals were too numerous to mention, but I will tell you about a few of the beautiful formals worn—Miss Rozella Thomas, wore a gorgeous white formal and maroon velvet evening jacket. Miss Beatrice Berkeley, wore a lovely blue satin formal. Miss Leona Edwards looked so demure in her light blue formal. Miss Bertha Davis wore a cotton pique south American formal and a leopard fur coat. Miss Bessie Taylor looked so sophisticated in her dark blue formal with white dots and a white chenille evening wrap with a hood. The Kincaide sisters looked gorgeous in their blue formals. Miss Joyce Hall looked so dignified in her beautiful black formal. The boys also looked fine. Mr. David Hughes wore a very attractive suit. Mr. Joseph Wright wore draped pants and a gray blue coat. Mr. Willard Wright was also draped. Lewis Baker looked fine and mellow in his dark brown suit. Mr. Benjamin Burton was dressed to a fine. There were many other boys and girls who really looked nice in their suits and formals. Boys wore tuxedos namely James Mosley and Theasa Stone. I wish you all could have seen these

young sophisticated and aristocrats at the Prom.

This Week In Religion and Thought

BY ROBT. L. MOODY

Inspiration Through Meetings

From now until October there will be many inspiring associations, camp meetings, conferences, and conventions among our church groups. Every church worker needs the inspiration that comes from meeting with others. In so doing, we are able to share experiences, problems and visions, and with these, we should be able to build a more effective church.

We are, greatly blessed to have freedom to meet without the presence of a gestapo. Our meetings should be gatherings wherein we thank God for these blessings and join in United prayer and planning for the conditions our country and the entire world. If our meeting place become modern upper rooms we are likely to receive a refilling of the Holy Spirit. We may have a repetition of Pentecost in that many souls may be born into the Kingdom of God.

We extend greetings to the New Era Baptist Association and other groups that will meet during this season.

PROMINENT OHIO PHYSICIAN KILLED IN HEAD-ON

Columbus, O., June 11 (ANP)—Dr. J. Harmon Wilson, 47, prominent physician who had practiced in Columbus for 21 years, was fatally injured when his car was in a head-on auto collision on the highway between Brownsville and Linville. Dr. Wilson suffered a skull fracture, fractured left leg and internal injuries and died in Newark City hospital shortly after being taken there. He is a graduate of Ohio State university, where he earned a Phi Beta Kappa key.

LOOK FOR THE BEST

(by William Henry Huff for ANP)

search with eagle eyes for what is best In every person whom I meet And treat each one as I would treat a guest Without that venom of deceit. In each and all I find a lot of good Which causes me to leap for joy; This search for good when truly understood Will every hateful strife destroy.

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