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FEBRUARY FOURTEEN AND SIXTEENTH SET FOR THIRD SELECTIVE REGISTRATION

More than 16 thousand Douglas county men between the ages of 20 and 45 will register for possible military service Saturday and Monday, when the Third Selective Service registration will be held throughout Nebraska.

The ten local boards of the county have set up 33 special offices where the registrations will be accepted in addition to their regular headquarters. Every possible convenience for registrants has been anticipated.

The offices will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on both days. Large staffs of volunteer registrars have been recruited through the Volunteer Office of Omaha, and other organizations.

Those who must register are all unregistered men born on or after February 17, 1897, but not later than December 31, 1921... those who were twenty years old or more on December 31, 1941, but who will not be 45 until February 17, 1942 or later.

Men who register on October 16, 1940 or July 1, 1941 need not register again.

Registrants are urged by I. D. Zimmerman, publicity co-ordinator for the county, to determine in advance in which board they reside, and the locations of the boards' offices and special registration points. He recommended that the following list be cut out for reference.

All must register in the board covering their residential address.

Those who will be out of town on Monday should register Saturday here, or on Monday wherever they are. Their cards will be forwarded to their home boards for numbering and classification. Visitors to Omaha must register at one of the boards here. Their cards will be sent to the proper boards in their own cities.

Special arrangements will be made for registration of men seriously ill in hospitals or at home if relatives or friends contact the proper board.

Offices and special registration booths of the ten county boards are the following:

Board No. 1—532 Insurance Building; old University Building, 24th and Pratt Streets; Pershing School, 28th and East Locust Sts.

Board No. 2—703 Omaha Building and Loan Building; Fire Hall, 16th and Izard Streets; Elks Hall, 2420 Lake Streets; Warsham Hall 25th and California Streets.

Board No. 3—Lower Lobby, Fontenelle Hotel; Union Building and Loan Association, 1408 South 13th Street.

Board No. 4—South Side City Hall, 5002 South 24th Street; Social Settlement, 3069 Q Street; Fire Hall, 38th and P Streets; First Hall, 33rd and K Streets; German Home 4206 South 13th Street; Bohemian National Hall, 21st and U Streets; Grace Methodist Church, 25th and E Streets.

Board No. 5—705 Omaha National Bank Building; Beal School, 45th and Center Streets; Windsor School, 34th and Martha Streets; Park School, 29th and Woolworth Ave.,

Board No. 6—1217 First National Bank Building; St. Peters School, 25th and Leavenworth St.; Blackstone Hotel, 36th and Farnham Streets; University Hospital; 42nd and Emile Streets; University of Omaha, 63rd and Dodge St.

Board No. 7—719 Insurance Building, Tech High school, 33rd and Cumings Streets; Fire Hall, Underwood Ave. and 50th Street.

Board No. 8—Benson Medical Center, 63rd and Maple Streets.

Board No. 9—1233 First National Bank Building; North High School, 36th and Ames Ave.; Florence Community Center, 8702 N. 30th Streets; Fire Hall 30th and Hanover Streets.

Board No. 10—Ralston Town Hall; Millard Town Hall, Irvington School House; Bennington, office of Gland and Gland; Elk City School House; Elkhorn Town Hall; Waterloo Community Building; Valley Town Hall, Clearview Home on West Maple Highway; Ponca School North of Florence.

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SPINGARN MEDAL TO RANDOLPH

27th SPINGARN MEDAL

New York... A Philip Randolph, international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and head of the March on Washington Movement, is to be the twenty-seventh recipient of the Spingarn Medal, awarded annually to the Negro who has performed the most distinguished service for his race during the year.

The Spingarn Medal Award Committee of the NAACP made its decision Saturday, January 31. It was stated that the Medal is to be presented to Mr. Randolph in recognition of the dramatic culmination of his years of leadership in the field of labor organization and national affairs in the mobilization of Negro mass opinion in 1941 in a March on Washington, to exercise the constitutional right of citizens of a democracy to petition their government peaceably for the redress of grievances... this being done when all other methods failed.

The Committee said that Mr. Randolph's leadership was instrumental in the issuance of Executive Order 8802 and the establishment of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice both of which profoundly affect the basic economic status of the Negro and other minority groups.

Stating that Mr. Randolph is among the distinguished leaders of this generation, the Committee concluded by saying: "In all that Mr. Randolph has done not only for the Negro, but for America, he has acted without thought of self."

PIONEER OMAHAN AND R. R. MAN PASSES

Mr. Othello Roundtree, one of Omaha's old settlers, passed away February 5, 1942. He was born at Jacksonville, Illinois Feb. 5, 1870.

Burial at Laurel Hill. He leaves a wife, 6 sons, 4 daughters, a number of grand children, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Letters of condolence from Mr. Paul Rigidon, Union Pacific R.R., a friend of many years, a letter from Mr. H. A. Hansen, manager DC&H. dept and a letter from his old friend "Joe" Thomas and others.

HEALTH MEETING

There will be a special meeting at St. John Church, Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Everybody interested in their health please be present.

SAYS TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS BY COPS SETTING STAGE FOR ANOTHER HOUSTON RIOT

Maj. Threatens Reporter

HOUSTON, Feb. 11 (by John H. Thompson for ANP). Are thinking white police officers in Houston trying to incite Negro soldiers to another riot like that of the 1st World war? Is here a studied attempt on the part of local police to make Negro soldiers feel inferior? Is the uniform of a soldier respected by Houston army? Are soldiers of the U. S. army to be treated like dogs merely because they have black faces? Are Negro soldiers being trained to fight the white South or a foreign foe?

These and numerous other questions have been asked by local Negro citizens who have been aroused over abuse heaped on a number of Negro soldiers this past week while in a tavern in the heart of a Negro section of Houston.

According to reliable witnesses, all telling the same story cops came into the place, began calling a number of soldiers in uniform by the hated name of "Niggers". When a young, intelligent sergeant told the cop in a nice way,

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KEEP 'EM ROLLING!



DICKERSON TO RUN FOR CONGRESS AS INDEPENDENT

Chicago, Feb. 12 (ANP)... In a statement issued here last week, Alderman Earl B. Dickerson declared that although he had not been chosen as the regular Democratic candidate for congress from the first congressional district of Illinois, he was nevertheless enter-

ing the race on an independent ticket.

In viewing the need for capable Negro representation in congress, the alderman stated, "One of the most important congressional election campaigns America has ever known lies just ahead of us. It comes in the midst of war. It

comes as a phase of this nation's emergency, the solution of which can only be realized through the unity of American people.

"This is a war election. The congress of this country has been presented with decisive responsibilities. Production must be geared up to meet the demands of victory appropriations of billions of dollars must be made; the unity now developing throughout our land must be made of an enduring character; the welfare of the people must be raised; their civil liberties protected and their standards of living raised. Democracy here at home must advance as we destroy fascism abroad.

"It is clear that the people must select their candidates with the greatest care. No one else can do this for them. Now, certainly the people must speak."

Holding that the responsibility (Continued on page 27)

ed at Ellington field, was placed under arrest by a white MP.

A near riot was averted when a printer by the name of W. H. Mitchell tried to tell the officers that the soldiers were from the north and did not know the way of the south. He also said, according to those present, that he as a civilian resented being called a "n---r" and these soldiers must also resent it when they were fighting for their country. He was immediately placed under arrest, carried to jail and placed under a \$1,000 bond for three days when local citizens had the bond reduced to \$400 and he was then released.

This correspondent attempted to get in touch with authorities in charge of the military police in Houston and was told that Major Smith, who was in charge had gone to Beaumont and would not be back until the next day. Authorities at Ellington field when contacted said Major Smith was the party to talk about the case.

Houston is once again setting on dynamite. Negro soldiers being trained in camps near here are for the most part, from the north. Most of them are intelligent boys, reared on the doctrines of democracy. They resent being kicked around by white MP's and local white police. Their attitude was

eloquently expressed by one lad who said, "Since I am in the army for the duration, I would much rather die fighting for my race here in America than to fight and die for my country in a foreign land."

This seems to be the consensus of opinion of most of the soldiers talked to by this correspondent.

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JURY UNABLE TO AGREE, DISMISSED BY JUDGE DAY AFTER 21 HOURS OF DELIBERATION ON CASE

JOSEPH W. MARTIN JR. TO BROADCAST SAT.

Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, Republican Leader in the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Republican National Committee, will be heard over the National Broadcasting Company Blue Network from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Eastern time; 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Central time; 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mountain time and 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pacific time, Saturday February 14, 1942.

Chairman Martin will be speaking at the Missouri Lincoln Day Banquet to be held in the Continental Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. His topic will be "Lincoln and the Republican Party."

NEGROES AGAIN IN DANGER OF LOSING PROJECT HOMES

Detroit, Mich... In spite of his decision of February 2, to uphold Negro occupancy of the Sojourner Truth homes here, C. F. Palmer, Coordinator of Defense Housing, has again yielded to pressure to delay this occupancy, and as a result, colored families may not be allowed to move in, the NAACP learned this week.

According to Louis Martin, editor of the Michigan Chronicle, four local city councilmen, Gus Dorais, Bill Rogell, Eugene Van Antwerp and James Garlick, warned Palmer last week to delay occupancy for two weeks so that they would have time to try to find another site for a "Negro Project."

Palmer yielded, despite the fact that the mayor and the city council had gone record to restore the project to colored defense workers.

It was also reported that three Catholic priests testified before a meeting of the council in opposition to occupancy of the project by Negroes.

Detroit is in an uproar over the month-long battle over Sojourner Truth homes which were originally built for colored tenants. The controversy has drawn nationwide interest and its political ramifications are widespread.

The NAACP said the new decision of the Defense Housing Coordinator indicates bigotry that borders Fascism.

Washington, D. C.... The official position of the Congress of Industrial Organizations against discrimination will not be changed in any future consideration of combining the CIO and the American Federation of Labor, according to a statement made by James B. Carey, CIO secretary, to the NAACP last week.

The NAACP had urged, when a merger of the two movements seemed imminent, that the CIO remain firm in its stand for fair and equal treatment of colored workers, and not sacrifice this principle to facilitate the merger.

The meeting will be held March 2 to 5, inclusive at Prairie View State College,

"It is quite fitting that this assembly should begin on March 2," said Miss Nichols, "because to win the world war for freedom and independence in which our country is now engaged, the health of all our people is of vital importance.

Negroes constitute one-sixth of the population of Texas, yet more than one-fourth of the deaths from certain diseases occur among them. The diagnosis and treatment of these diseases will be discussed at this meeting, which will be attended by practically every Negro physician in Texas. Lectures and clinics on tuberculosis, syphilis, heart disease and infant and maternal health constitute the pro-

The Omaha branch of the NAACP will have as their guest speaker Carl R. Johnson, President of the Kansas City branch, on Friday Feb. 20, 1942 at St. John AME Church 22nd and Erskine St. Attorney Johnson is known for his militant stand in the life of the NAACP. He led the fight for the employment of Negroes in defense projects in and around Kansas City and he also has been active in the investigation of the recent lynching at Sikeston, Mo. He is the national leader of one of our largest college fraternities, the Kappa Alpha Psi. He was elected Grand Polemarch at the Convention recently held in Indianapolis.

PALMER ANNOUNCES SUPPLEMENTARY RACIAL POLICY FOR NEGRO DEFENSE HOUSING

Asserting that the "public interest and the war program demand that equitable provision for housing be made for Negro defense workers," Charles F. Palmer, Coordinator of Defense Housing, this week announced a supplementary racial policy adopted by the Division of Defense Housing Commission.

This statement of policy, worked out in operation, with Robert R. Taylor, Consultant, calls attention to the urgent need for housing Negro workers, indicates the problems involved in the selection of sites, and sets forth certain procedures for the development of defense housing projects.

Under the new policy, the Federal agencies selecting sites are requested "to secure the opinions, approval, and cooperation of the local housing authorities and/or other responsible public and civic groups, including responsible Negro leadership, before final decisions made of the site."

Because most projects are developed on vacant sites, the selection of a site for Negro occupancy has "become a major problem" due to the scarcity of open areas in Negro neighborhoods and opposition encountered when such sites in other neighborhoods are proposed.

This difficulty, the Coordinator suggests, "shall not constitute an impediment to the defense program through failure to provide adequate housing for Negro war workers." Nor should it be used as an excuse for the selection of sites which "violate acceptable housing principles and standards."

The policy further proposes that the Federal agencies developing the projects "have their race relations offices review and advise concerning sites previous to final determination" and "utilize to the fullest" their respective "racial relations divisions and that of the Coordinator's office in an attempt to create desirable interracial relations in a community by establishing contacts with enlightened and responsible local persons and groups."

In determining the need of defense housing for Negroes, the new policy proposes that studies be made of the extent of in-migration of Negro war workers to defense localities, the extent of anticipated in-migration and the impact produced on resident Negro war workers by in-migration of white war workers.

The new policy supplements a statement of policy on racial relations issued last spring by Mr. Palmer. The earlier statement set forth certain measures "to assure equitable and adequate housing facilities to eligible Negro personnel and industrial defense workers."

Specialists in these fields of medicine from both the white and the Negro medical profession will be on the program.

In addition to the scientific sessions for physicians, there will be a series of lectures for laymen on good health practices in time of war, Miss Nichols said.

The meeting is sponsored by the National and State Tuberculosis associations, the state department of health, the Hogg Memorial Foundation of the University of Texas, as the Lone Star State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical association, and Prairie View State College.

LEM FRANKLIN TO MEET BOB PASTOR FEB. 24TH

Cleveland, Feb. 14 (ANP)—A 10 round bout at Cleveland arena Feb. 24 was formally agreed upon when Lem Franklin, Cleveland heavyweight and Bob Pastor, white of New York, signed contracts last Tuesday. This bout was arranged after Pastor's manager, James J. Johnston, received a guarantee of \$9,000 and a privilege of 30 percent of the net receipts.