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## Church Choirs To Sing Together in Annual Event

"THE GOODWILL SPRING MUSICAL"—founded by that beloved Presbyterian minister, John A. Williams, now of Kansas City, and L. L. May—will feature the various choirs

of our churches who will blend their voices together in song in their Ninth annual concert at the City Auditorium, Sunday, May 16, at 2:30 pm.  
Hymns of all churches, Negro

Spirituals and anthems will be featured on the program.  
Henry Washington, Director of the Paul Briggs ensemble, assisted by other choir directors, will direct the huge choir.

The Rev. F. S. Goodlett, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, will speak on "Church Cooperation."  
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## Need For War Nurses Critical

Volunteers Relieve Registered Nurses



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Relieving the shortage of registered nurses, Volunteer Nurses' Aides are being recruited in hospitals throughout the country. Part of the class of Senior Volunteer Nurses' Aides of Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C., includes (first row, left to right): Mrs. Gertrude Stone, assistant captain; Mrs. Lynnwood Cundiff, Miss Doris Stevenson, Mrs. Arthur Randall, Mrs. Martin Beleno, Mrs. Robert Ming; (second row); Mrs. George M. Johnson, captain; Miss Susie Freeman, Miss Florence Grant, and Mrs. Louis Lucas.

NEED FOR WAR NURSES  
CRITICAL TO STAGE RECRUITMENT RALLIES MAY 13, 14

Because the need for additional war nurses has become critical, Red Cross chapters in Lincoln and Omaha will stage Nurse Recruitment Rallies on May 13 and 14. These rallies will bring to a climax the observance of National Nurse Recruitment Week, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth and National Hospital Week.

The principal speaker for both rallies will be Jane Tiffany Wagner, of New York City, Director of Women's War activities for the National Broadcasting Company. The Lincoln rally will be at 8:00 p. m. in the Cornhusker Hotel on Thursday, May 13. The Omaha rally will be at 8:00 P. M. Friday, May 14 at the Jostyn Memorial Auditorium, Major General Frederick E. Uhl, Commandant of the Seventh Service Command, U. S. Army, and Governor Dwight Griswold, of Nebraska, will also address the Omaha rally.

Mrs. Wagner, former Iowan, is supervisor of the NBC Red Cross program. THAT THEY MIGHT LIVE (11:30 A.M. Sundays on WOW) which is the nucleus of a national campaign being put on by NBC and its affiliated stations for the Red Cross nursing programs. The national drive seeks to enlist 36,000 additional War Nurses, 100,000 additional Red Cross Nurse's Aides, and 1,000,000 additional enrollees in Red Cross Home Nursing Classes. Delegations from Red Cross chapters within a radius of 50 miles of both Lincoln and Omaha will attend the nearest rally. The general public, particularly women interested in nursing, is invited to either or both rallies.

WINDOW IS SMASHED TO GET CHOICE BEEF

New York, May 10—Thieves smashed a display window in a Brooklyn restaurant and fled with a 125 pound hunk of choice beef. The restaurant is across the street from police headquarters.

## House To Vote On Poll-tax Bill Mon., May 24th

WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP)—The last 218 signatures was secured Thursday afternoon for the petition asking discharge of the judiciary committee and the rules committee from further consideration of H.R. 7, the measure designed to wipe out the poll tax in seven southern states, and the bill was immediately scheduled for a vote by the house of representatives on May 24.

Thus a job which took a year and a half of the 77th congress was accomplished in less than three months of the present session. The coalition bill jointly sponsored by five congressmen but bearing the name of Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP) of New York, was introduced on the first day of the new session, Jan. 6. The resolution asking the discharge was put on the speaker's table on Feb. 23, and an intensive drive was begun.

Congressman Marcantonio was the first signer, and Congressman Antonio M. Fernandez (D) of New Mexico was the last signature of fixed.

In the drive to corral the needed signatures a steering committee which crossed party lines was organized and chaired by Rep. George H. Bender of Ohio. He was supported by Reps. Joseph Clark Baldwin, William L. Dawson, Joseph V. Gavanagan, Warren G. Magnusson and Tom E. Scanlon.

Handling the campaign outside the halls of congress was the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax whose two day conference here in March stimulated pressure from back in the districts.

One hour after Congressman Bender had announced that the required signatures had been obtained, Rep. Marcantonio issued a statement in which he called for continued vigilance and an intensifying of effort "all along the line." He warned that opponents of the bill will seek to lead it down with amendments aimed at eliminating property qualifications for voting, a condition now imposed in some states.

"To combat this strategy," he said, "there must be no let down in our fight. In fact, we must intensify it to the end that every congressman will be on the floor on the day the measure comes up for a vote, and to fight off every attempt made to cripple the bill."

Marcantonio also extended appreciation to the Negro press for their cooperation and support. He did this in a telegram to the Associated Negro Press in which he said in part: "I want to express my personal gratification to you and through you to the entire Negro press and to the Negro people and their organizations for the unyielding support they have given me and my colleagues in this fight. We have cause to be glad that a vote will take place on anti-poll tax legislation in the house, but we must not let up our pressure either in the house or the senate."

He also paid tribute to the late Congressman Lee E. Geyer of California, father of anti-poll tax legislation. Congressman Bender was also jubilant over the progress made and so in the success of the discharge petition a strengthening of "our internal morale" and a demonstration "to our own people that the congress has full confidence in the democratic will of our people." He also viewed it as "evidence to

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## Missing Child Found in St. Louis

Missing since last Saturday afternoon was Arletta Moseley, 9 a little girl who had been living with her aunt, Mrs. Josephine Jackson 2020 Willis avenue, was found in St. Louis at the home of another aunt. She had told the conductor of the train that she had lost her ticket. The child's mother is visiting her soldier husband at a Florida camp.

## woman works 25 yrs. in firm office; gets \$1,000 war bond Launch First All-Negro Built Ship

### Midwest Mobilizes For Conference On the Problems of War and the Negro People

Detroit, Michigan, May 10—In a letter to Edward Strong, Secretary, National Negro Congress, C. Pat Quinn, President of the Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union Council, pledged the sponsorship of that body to the forthcoming Midwest Conference of the War and the Negro People, to be held in Detroit, May 29-30. Said Mr. Quinn, in his letter: "Be assured that we shall cooperate with you in every way possible," and further, "that all locals affiliated with the Council will be urged to cooperate fully to sponsor and send delegates."

The Midwest Conference, which was called by the National Negro Congress to rally the people of the Mid West to save the Fair Employment Practice Committee and to mobilize for passage of the anti-poll tax bill, has also received the sponsorship of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council, the Detroit Citizens Committee, Local 600 of the United Automobile Workers of America, CIO, and a score of other important labor, civic, and religious organizations.

Among the seventy leading individuals from Chicago already listed as sponsors for the Conference are Attorney Earl B. Dickerson, Acting Vice Chairman of the FEPC; Oscar Brown, President of the Chicago Chapter, NAACP; Alderman William H. Harvey, newly elected Alderman, Second Ward; Ishmael P. Flory, International Representative, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; William L. Patterson, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln school; Attorney C. Francis Stratford, President, and Miss Bertha Tipton, Executive Secretary, Chicago Council, National Council, National Negro Congress; Dr. Charles M. Thompson, Treasurer, Chicago Urban League; Willis A. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, Federated Hotel Waiters Union, Local 356, A.F. of L.; Bishop Bray, CME, Church; Lucius Harper, Chicago Defender; Grant Oakes, National Chairman, Farm Equipment Workers, CIO,

## DR. LIN YUTANG... CHINESE PHILOSOPHER Interviewed on "Race Questions"



DOCTOR LIN YUTANG, CELEBRATED AUTHOR AND SCHOLAR BEING INTERVIEWED BY MR. LLEWELLYN RANSOM.

BY LLEWELLYN RANSOM  
"No one has a right to condemn Hitler's racial arrogance as long as that one shares it himself," said Lin Yutang, brilliant Chinese philosopher and author of American and Chinese best sellers, in an exclusive interview on the Negro question at his New York home in Gracie Square.

Dr. Lin began his interview with a statement of his position as a foreigner and as a citizen of a United Nation: "As a foreigner I have no right to criticize the domestic policies of another nation, I am interested in the Negro question from the point of view of basic, human rights and I think I have some little right to talk about this issue, in so far as it affects the things we are fighting for in this war; and I believe we are fighting for freedom and equality of all peoples."

### WAR FOR SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES

Secondly, we are fighting for human rights besides economic rights. Whatever progress is made in the realization of these ideals in the U. S. will naturally have a tremendous effect on all Asiatics and strengthen the conviction that we are fighting for spiritual principles and not for war booty.

There seems to be a prevalent misconception that the Negro issue is one of economic rights and not of human rights. In this age we are tending more and more to think of the right to a job, right to security, and less and less to talk of the ordinary good old rights of man.

I believe the bottom of the Negro issue is a social not economic. The first thing that white men have got to learn is not to increase wages but to think of them as human beings and human brothers like ourselves. Unless we can rise to that civilized level of thinking, all legislation is useless.

### CHRISTIAN BIGOTS AND SOCIAL EQUALITY

So far as Negroes' rights are concerned they are perfectly stated in our Bill of Rights, but the spirit of social equality is lacking. Man can make laws but man can also break them with everyone's consent. So the problem is really psychological. It is the problem of the education of the white man to that civilized level of thinking. That incidentally is also the level of the Bible. But I understand some of the most devout Christians are among those who have the most bigoted racial prejudices.

### ARYANISM AND U.S. PREJUDICE

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Chester, Pa., May 10. The Marine Eagle, first ship built entirely by Negroes, was launched at the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Mrs. Rachel Stevenson, for 25 years a cleaner in the office of the Sun President John G. Pew, christened the vessel. She received a \$1,000 war bond, gift of the company.

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## Paul Briggs Ensemble Travel 250 Miles thru Rain, Mud on Goodwill Concert tour

Through rain and mud, the Paul Briggs Ensemble, directed and managed by Henry Washington, traveled 250 miles Sunday, May 9 to keep their engagements in three cities. They were accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Lucas Craig, Juvenile Court Probation Officer who served as narrator, and Mr. R. R. Brown, Executive Secretary of the Omaha Urban League, their guest speaker.

In Nebraska City, the entire morning services were turned over to the ensemble and their guests. The church congregation thrilled to the beautiful songs as presented by this group of young choristers. The praise following the services indicated that the audience felt the sincerity with which the songs were sung. Mr. Washington, by the excellent shading shown in the renditions, made one conscious of the fact that he is a trained as well as natural musician. Mr. Brown's sermon was entitled "Faith—the Way of Understanding." Rev. W. H. Parker, the pastor of the First Methodist Church, expounded the hope that the Briggs Ensemble would return in the very near future.

In Falls City, the program was sponsored by the Negro Methodist Church and held in the Episcopal Church under the guidance of Father Claudius. Although this program was held in a more formal atmosphere, the ensemble acquitted itself with great credit and caused the audience to feel deeply these beautiful spirituals as they were sung; namely "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray", and "He Never Said a Mumbling Word". Mary Jarrett, contralto soloist, was very brilliant in singing, "My Lords a Riding All the Time". The bass section

led by Mr. Jesse Carter, was very outstanding in "Rock My Soul in the Bosom of Abraham".

In Hiawatha, Kansas, the ensemble was the guest of all the churches in the community who met in a union service at the Evangelical Church. The evening services were attended by about 450 persons who were very attentive and interested in the program from beginning to end. The ensemble presented an entire program to the body singing many songs with Mrs. Craig explaining the grouping of song and Mr. Brown delivering a sermon based on "Faith and the Brotherhood of Man". Outstanding soloists were the Misses Katie Beasley, Mary Jarrett, Colleen Kincaid and Jacqueline Johnson, with great care. Mr. Washington brought to the congregation all that could be obtained in the way of beauty from the spirituals that were sung.

A quartette including Mr. Washington and the Messrs Jesse Carter, Clarence Smith, and William Butler sang "Study War No More" and "I Got a Robe". These were well received by the congregation. By special request, Mary Jarrett sang "The Old Rugged Cross" with the ensemble giving her beautiful choral support. On this occasion, the ensemble was especially brilliant in "Walk Together Children" and "I Can Tell the World". Other songs presented on these programs were "Down Here", "He Knows How Much We Can Bear", "You Must Have that True Religion", "Ride on, King Jesus", and "Certainly, Lord".

The singers were presented to the various audiences as Goodwill ambassadors bringing songs of hope and cheer because of their

love for music and not because there was any financial gain for them as individuals. In each community where they appeared, they were enthusiastically received and many expressions were made in regard to the beauty of their youthful voices and requests were made for them to return.

## Single Gun Duel Kills Man, Divorced Wife

San Antonio, Texas, May 12—Grover V. Lewis and his divorced wife, Mrs. Opal Lewis, were shot to death and police were told, each killed the other with one gun used for both killings.

Harry North, a roomer in the boarding house in which the shootings occurred, said that Mrs. Lewis was shot by her former husband, North told police Lewis stood over Mrs. Lewis a moment, then dropped the gun and fled. Although dying, Mrs. Lewis picked up the weapon, fired once and hit the fleeing man in the head.

### TRAIN HITS HORSE, GIRL RIDER UNHURT

Lincoln, May 10—Joanne Walker, 14, escaped serious injury and possible death Sunday when the horse she was riding became frightened and ran into a passing train. The girl, thrown clear of the tracks just before the horse was hit by the oncoming passenger train was badly shaken and bruised. Two of the animal's legs were sheared off and it was shot.

## Omaha Girl Awarded Year's Study at Columbia

Miss Juliette Lee, instructor in the Division of Nursing of Dillard University, New Orleans, has been awarded a General Education Board

Fellowship for a year's study at Columbia University, according to an announcement today by President A. W. Dent.

Miss Lee received her B. S. in nursing education at Loyola University of the North. Her professional experience includes service

in General Hospital No. 2 in Kansas City, Mo., Provident Hospital in Chicago and Homer Phillips Hospital 1 in St. Louis, Mo.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee, 2863 Maple St., of this city.