

OCD N-E-W-S

TAKES MUCH NEEDED REST

When Forrest N. Croxson retired from the insurance business 15 months ago he looked forward to plenty of free time for rest and recreation. Then came the organiza-

tion of Omaha's civilian defense corps, and he was drafted by its Commander, J. E. Davidson, to the post of chief air raid warden.

In the past year Croxson has had plenty of recreation. He has been busier than before he retired from business spending up to 18 hours a day on the job of organizing the city's air raid warden service, attending hundreds of training classes, and supervising activities of the air raid wardens.

Croxson is now taking time out for rest. He has gone to Lake Okoboji, Iowa, for several weeks vacation. During his absence, Rolland F. Wellman, division warden of Region 2, will be acting chief warden. Wellman was a member of the first air raid warden training class formed in April last year at Beals school.

Looking back on the year since the air raid warden service was organized and its 3,200 members trained, Croxson admitted it has involved plenty of work, but also plenty of fun.

"Most of the credit is due to the generous response of the thousands of Omaha men and women volunteers in the organization," Croxson said, "Without that, we

could not boast; as we have the right to do, that Omaha has one of the finest volunteer air raid protection service corps in the country."

Croxson paid special compliments to Mrs. H. E. Egan, air raid wardens' office manager, and Mrs. James Moore, his assistant, who have given almost full time to the mass of detail work required during the organization and training period.

He also paid tribute to other members of his staff, including W. C. Rathke, director of instructors; Dr. Wilfred Payne, chief of instructors on programs; Mrs. George Baker, first aid instructor; Robert Paige in charge of pictures, and Wilbur Wolfe, who arranges for the use of schools for air raid warden meetings, the 12 division wardens and 64 senior wardens.

"Without their loyal, unflinching interest and help, this big job could not have been done," he said, "It has been done so well that I now feel I can take this vacation, certain that the organization will run along as smoothly as if I were on the job. Direction of its activities has been decentralized so that the big load is taken off the shoulders of the chief air raid warden and his staff."

GAS PLANT EMPLOYEES COMPLETE 383 DAYS WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT

Employees of the Metropolitan Utilities gas plant, who have completed 383 days of work without an accident up to May 24, heard themselves praised by Lt. Col. Mayo A. Darling, civil internal security division, Seventh Service Command, the Utilities District Board and General Manager Walter S. Byrne at a meeting of the district's safety council.

Lt. Col. Darling stressed the importance of safety in the home front, and especially in essential industries and public utilities serving war plants.

The resolution passed by the board of directors congratulated the foremen and employees of the gas plant for achieving a safety record that is "more than ordinarily outstanding." General Manager Byrne declared each of the gas plant's 100 employees is to be commended because "safety is a personal matter and only the efforts of each individual made this splendid record possible."

An intensive safety program is being conducted throughout all Utilities District departments by a safety council directed by Earl Fredericksen, safety engineer. Suggestions from employees are discussed at the council's monthly meetings. Since January, 1941, Fredericksen reported, 765 safety recommendations have been received and 615 accepted and completed. The remainder were rejected or held in abeyance as impractical because of security of materials or for other reasons.

OCD MAN PUMPED SUNDAY

Responding to the request of Mayor Wilson E. Mabry of Carter Lake village, 18 members of the OCD fire and rescue corps and a crew of residents of that area, manned three OCD pumping units Sunday and cleared basements of 29 homes of flood water.

Although it had previously been announced that no pumping would be done for two weeks, or until possibility of basements refilling from seepage had passed the homes pumped out Sunday, had been selected by Mayor Mabry in an effort to speed up their rehabilitation by the Red Cross. The pumping crews worked from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Homes in the Carter Lake area still needing basements pumped out will be served later by the fire department when it is believed they will not refill. Fire Chief Daniel A. O'Connor said Monday. Calls will be handled at the fire department office, Harney 3727, as rapidly as possible, he said.

Fire and rescue corps volunteers have disbanded further week end



"HIS MASTER'S VOICE"

CHICAGO, (Press Photo Service, Inc.) Labeled as leading air-craftsman, youthful Gordon Dove, is shown in the above picture beside a radio in the Servicemen's Center No. 3 here getting an earful of his Prime Minister Winston Churchill's eloquent speech which was broadcast from Washington, D. C. on May 19. London born, the Royal Air Force student returned to Canada Monday of this week to his training camp from where he will soon be "turned loose" on the tracks of "Hellish Adolph". His stay in Chicago was under the sponsorship of the Servicemen's Center No. 3. A graduate of Wycliffe College, Gloucestershire, England, the 22 year old flier was obsessed by Chicago's hospitality. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frederic William Dove, prominent British West Africans.

TAX GROUP IN ACCORD ON PAY-GO PLAN

CANCELLATION OF LEVIES UNDER \$50 PLANNED; BILL GOES TO HOUSE

Breaking a five-day deadlock, senate and house conferees late Tuesday agreed on a compromise pay-as-you-go income tax collection plan which would cancel a full year's taxes for persons owing \$50 or less, and 75 percent of one year's taxes for others.

To put taxpayers on a current basis, a 20 percent withholding levy above basic exemptions would be installed against wages and salaries, effective July 1. The residual 25 percent of one year's tax—1942 or 1943, whichever is the lesser—would be payable over a two year period, 1944 and 1945.

SPECIAL 'NOTCH' PROVISION

A special "notch" provision will be written to equalize the amount of forgiveness for a person just under the \$50 figure and those slightly above. The terms of that provision have not yet been decided.

Persons with incomes other than wages and salaries, including those receiving income from business, professions, rents and royalties, interest and dividends, would be required to file an estimate by March 15 on the current taxable year's income and they would pay their taxes in four equal installments.

PAYMENTS COUNTED

Since most taxpayers have filed their 1942 returns on March 15 and their payments on March 15 and June 15, 1943, will be treated as payments on current tax liabilities. The decision of the committee, appointed to adjust senate and house versions of the long-controverted legislation, was reached by a vote of 11 to 3.

The compromise goes first to the house for approval, then to the senate. Chairman Doughton (dem., N. C.) of the house conferees said he hoped to call it up late this week and was hopeful of approval of both houses.

Doughton estimated the bill would abate about six billion dollars of one year's tax liability, or about 64 percent of the total taxes for a year.

The agreement broke a stubborn deadlock between the tax experts of the two houses of congress. Doughton would make no guess as to what effect final approval of the bill might have on the president's request for an additional 16 billion dollars this year in taxes and savings. He said he hoped the president would approve the compromise.

The NAACP pointed out that pumping and the six army trucks used to transport the pumps have been released back to the army. Floyd S. Reep, chief training officer of the corps, announced.

Four pumps are still being operated day and night by county crews to drain the area, Fifth to Ninth avenues, Fort to Browne Streets, North Omaha. The rain Sunday night delayed completion of this drainage work and water is again 18 inches deep and 16 homes are still surrounded with water in the basements of 40 homes.

Drainage of the area and clearing of the basements is expected to be completed by Saturday night. Earl Whitaker, maintenance engineer of the county highway department, said Monday.

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We have to learn by trial and error, the hard way. When we read of this or that in the daily papers, whether it is an issue of new stocks or bonds, whether it is new sources of supplies or new substitutes for building materials, or the development of new neighborhoods, or subdivision of real estate, it is too late. When it gets in the papers you can be sure that everything has been cut and dried. We never get in on the ground floor. The reason is we are isolated in our business efforts. We on the outside.

Well, what's the answer? The answer is that we must cease to think in terms of Negro business. If interracial cooperation is necessary in other fields, then it is necessary in business enterprise. We must join together with white men and women to expand our business efforts to secure fresh capital, to gain the benefits of association with those who have access to the traditions of a thousand years in commerce and trade.

It is a very strange and sometimes disheartening phenomenon that white and colored people in this country have rarely joined together in business enterprise except on the level of the underworld. There is no valid reason why the efforts of Negro businessmen should be confined to Negro areas no more than that Italian or Jewish business men should be confined to Italian or Jewish neighborhoods. A high grade Negro chef could be a partner in a restaurant downtown as well as in the Negro section. I know of a highly successful printing firm in New York City situated downtown where one partner is colored, the other white.

Strange to me it is the colored member who makes the contacts and executes the contacts. There is no field where colored men and women are successfully engaged in business that there could not have been even greater success if the enterprise had been conducted by the white capital, management and labor of both groups.

But where are we to get white people who would be interested?—is a legitimate question. Well, people both white and black go into business for one primary reason... and that is to make money. There are some of us who say that they go into business in order to help the race but if the business doesn't make money the race will be in a tough spot. In my experience I have learned this, that if you can show how money can be made you won't have much trouble interesting some white folks.

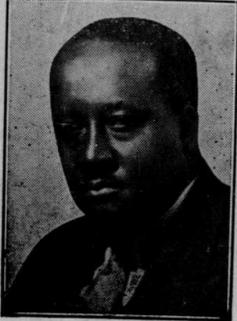
NAACP WELCOMES BELATED SELECTION OF FEPC HEAD New York, N. Y.—The NAACP, expressed gratification this week at the long awaited report of the selection of a chairman for the Fair Employment Practice Commission.

The new chairman, Monsignor Francis J. Haas, dean of social sciences at Catholic university and a veteran labor conciliator who succeeds Malcolm MacLean who resigned last January will resume the work of the committee which has been practically at a standstill since that time.

Haas has a reputation as a liberal and a record as being opposed to labor unions that discriminate on the basis of race. The NAACP pointed out that of importance equal to the choice of an FEPC chairman is the text of the new executive order not released at the time of going to press. The NAACP reiterated that unless FEPC is provided with independent status, adequate funds and staff and adequate sanctions to enforce its findings no committee can function.

The NAACP, said this week that it wished again to express its strong conviction that the members of the committee should be retained because of their experience and long association with FEPC problems.

Plain Talk..



ELMER A. CARTER

We dare not permit ourselves to be isolated for then it would be ridiculously easy to be culturally, economically and socially hemmed in. We would be like a city besieged. We would be subject to the whim or caprice of whatever group happened to hold power and it would be easy to pick out the Negro group for repressive action. That is the real reason why we object to segregation—not that we object to association with our own but because segregation invariably and inevitably puts us "out on a limb." It's terrible consequences are so clear that failure to comprehend its dangers amount almost to stupidity. For instance, if colored people were permitted to live where ever they could pay the rent, and white and colored lived in the same neighborhoods, the residents would receive equal treatment. They could not pave the streets in front of the houses just occupied by white folks. They could not collect the garbage for white families every day and that of the colored families once a month. They could not single out the neighborhood as a Negro crime center, and if the neighborhood was improved by modern lighting, sewage and fire protection it would have to be done for the colored residents as well as the white. The same is true of color when colored men and women belong to the same labor unions as white men and women. You cannot make one scale of wages for the white members and another for the colored. But when they must be organized in separate unions of the same craft or trade, it is not uncommon in some sections of the country for the wage scale for colored workers to be lower than that of white workers. In other words, the Negro can be isolated and therefore singled out for special treatment, usually especially bad treatment.

If this is true in labor and in community living, it is no less true of business enterprise. Negro business as such has made a fairly good record, but it still has a long way to go. We as business men lack capital, lack knowledge of business practices which you can't learn in school, lack contact with sources of information as to what is going on in the business world.

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NYA TRAINING THROUGH PRODUCTION

C. B. Lund, Regional Administration announced that for the first half-year of operation of this fiscal year, the NYA has assisted, through its war program and student work program, in the State of Nebraska, a total of 8,128 young people.

The young men and women assigned to the war training projects in the five states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota during the first six months of this fiscal year produced a total of 2,963,315 items of value in the war activity. The estimated market value of the items produced total in excess of three-million dollars.

The production work is an integral part of the training philosophy of the NYA program. While in training, the youth produced actual job orders comparable to those found in war industry. In addition to the war production program, the War Manpower Commission, thru the National Youth Administration, has established a number of Farm Shops throughout the Region where young people receive training in the repair and maintenance of farm machinery. Training opportunities are available for young women and men between the ages of 16 and 25. Youth are in training for 160 hours per month during which time they earn a wage of \$40 per month to cover items of transportation, board and room, and the training tools which are necessary.

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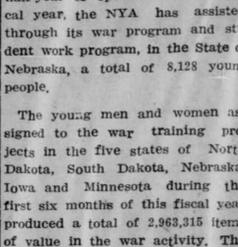
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