

Tom Daley's 'Sport Parade' To Pay Tribute to Dorcas Thornton ★ "tune In!"

TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DORCAS THORNTON, "OLD ORIGINALS" BALLPLAYER
Bert Murphy invites all Amateur Baseball players, and all Omaha Colored people to tune in Friday night December 10, on Tom Daley's "Sport Parade," 10:15. A tribute will be paid to the late Dorcas Thornton, the greatest Colored baseball player in Omaha's history. Thornton will long be remembered as a member of the first great Omaha Amateur baseball team, "The Originals."

NAVAL HERO HEARD OVER CBS CHAIN



Chicago—Last week, over the hero's action in sighting, firing and Columbia network, Christopher C. sending the sub to the bottom of Sheppard, an officer's steward, 1st the sea. Stewart Sheppard was class, was featured on "The First dubbed "a one man crew," by his Line" a half hour radio program, skipper, Lt. Charles H. Hutchins, "Chris," told his story of the USS because the messman, ignoring the Destroyer Borie's gallantly triumphant ceaseless firing as it concentrated phant fight against great odds in his direction kept on loading and sinking a German sub. A drama-firing until the battle was over. tization was given of the young (Press Photo Service).

Landis OK's Negroes In Major Leagues

THEIR USE STRICTLY UP TO CLUBS AND OWNERS

Baseball Commissioner Me- v Mountain Landis answered base ball's roughest question last Friday when he ruled at a joint meeting of the major leagues in New York that "any big loop club is free to employ Negroes to any and all extent it requires."

A group of Negro newspaper publishers, accompanied by Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer and actor, appeared to plead for use of Negro ball players in organized baseball.

After the session was addressed by Ira F. Lewis of the Pittsburgh Courier, Robeson and John Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender and president of the Negro Publishers' association, a four point plan was presented by Howard Murphy of the Baltimore Afro-American.

This called for steps to be taken to have Negro ball players enter organized ball, for their promotion through the ranks of the minors to the majors and for a similar system of selection from ball schools, sandlots, semipro leagues, and so on.

No action was taken on the recommendations, since there is no written rule barring Negro players. They have been kept out by baseball custom.

However, the two leagues and Landis issued a statement that left the use of Negro players up to each club without any restrictions.

PROVIDENT, NAACP REMEMBERED IN WILL

Chicago, Dec. 8 (ANP) Bequests of \$10,000 and \$15,000 were left to Provident hospital and the NAACP in the will filed Saturday of Archibald F. Freer, white, 88 year old retired capitalist and real estate operator who died a week ago Monday.

The entire estate is said to be in excess of \$1,000,000. The major portion was left in trust for 15 years for the benefit of his daughter, Mrs. Leonard Karcher of Barrington, Ill., with the situation that should she die without an heir, this residue is to go to Provident.

The deceased philanthropist has long been a benefactor of the hospital and was largely responsible for the funds with which to construct the nurses' home at the institution.

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Mt. Moriah to Observe 47th Anniversary

The Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 24th and Ohio streets, will observe their 47th anniversary of its founding beginning Sunday, December 12th continuing through Sunday, December 19th. Leading pastors of the city and their congregations will take part to make this a most joyful occasion.

Since Reverend David St. Clair, the present pastor took charge, Mount Moriah Baptist Church has went forward rapidly. He, aside from being a good minister, is a good business man as well, and the public can expect even greater improvements and advancement for the church in the near future, as he is untiring in his effort and is never satisfied unless things are constantly going forward.

TO BE DIESEL ENGINEER FOR UNCLE SAM



CORPORAL HAROLD C. WHITESIDE

Cpl. Harold C. Whiteside has left Marsh Field, California, where he has been stationed for the last eight months, to attend Diesel Engineering School in Peoria, Ill. After completing his course he will have charge of all Diesel Equipment of his Battalion.

"A very fine school," he says. Corporal Whiteside is the son of Mrs. Benj. Whiteside, well known Christian woman of our city, and the brother of Mrs. Ray L. Williams, both of whom reside at 3007 Ohio street.

MRS. BETHUNE PRAISES OUR BOYS' FIGHT FOR FOUR FREEDOMS

Washington, Dec. 9 (ANP) Praise for the contribution Negro fighting men are making for the preservation of the four freedoms was voiced by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro women, last Sunday. She was one of three guest speakers at the Thanksgiving dinner given for wounded soldiers and sailors by the Equestriennes, a club of government girls, at the Lucy Diggs Slowe Hall.

"We women want to do all we can to help that your pathway is as smooth as possible," she told the servicemen who listened intently. "Whatever happens to that body," she added, "we know that the soul is eternally at rest."

"My prayers are for you, my work, my fight. Be honored and be proud of the contribution you are making for the four freedoms."

William H. Hastie, former civilian aide to the secretary of War and Major Harriet West, Women's Army Corps, were the other two speakers.

Hastie gave the lie to the "25 year-old" story that Negroes in World War I were a failure. He described the story as an attempt to discredit Negro fighting men.

He told of the responsibility which all will face in helping the men of the armed forces to return to civilian life and full employment after the war. Selective service, he said, will have to carry much of the burden but it will remain for many others to help in the transition.

The Equestriennes originally organized as a riding club with a membership of nine government girls, have turned their attention to entertaining soldiers at the Walter Reed hospital and sailors at the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md. Each Sunday they take smokes, candy and newspapers to them and converse with them for a few hours.

They have been able to bring the soldiers and sailors to Washington on occasions and have them entertained by several of the night clubs. At the local premiere of "This Is the Army," they brought 50 soldiers in for the occasion. They are planning to take a group of performers to Walter Reed some time in December.

BURNED OUT OF HER HOME

Mrs. F. L. Hogan, burned out of her home at 3318 Emmett street, is for the present time making her home with Mrs. Dixon, at 1722 North 27th street.

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Smith Committee Launches Attack on Executive Order Banning Discrimination

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (ANP)—A new attack upon President Roosevelt's executive order banning race discrimination and the effectiveness of the FEPC was launched last Monday by the Smith committee of the house in a report which stated that all anti-discrimination clauses in public contracts should be prohibited by law.

The report, which mentioned neither the FEPC nor the executive order by name, declared that any such contractual provisions must come only after laws to that effect had been enacted by congress and that no government agency had any authority on its own to insert such clauses.

Head of the committee is Rep. Howard Smith, Virginia Democrat. Other members are Reps. Hugh Peterson, Georgia; John J. Delaney, New York; and Jerry Voorhis, California Democrat and Reps. Clare Hoffman, Michigan; John Jennings, Tenn., and Fred Hartley, New Jersey Republicans.

Several federal agencies were attacked in the report and the Federal Surplus Commodities Corp. was specifically condemned for insisting that dairy companies which sell to Uncle Sam include anti-discrimination clauses in their contracts. This is the same committee which also took potshots at the OPA for seeking to enforce price ceilings on meat.

Said the committee report attacking the regulation anti-discrimination clause in surplus commodities contracts:

"Congress has never enacted such a law and, however laudable its purpose may be, no government agency has been authorized by legislation to impose such a condition."

"The subsidy program, the lend lease, as well as the needs of our armed forces, were never intended by congress to be used as a subterfuge to impose legislation upon the country which congress had failed or refused to enact."

"Any effort to use subsidies, lend lease funds or other appropriations for any such purpose should be prohibited by law."

Although the Roosevelt executive order was not mentioned by name, the report condemned "unauthorized executive directives which are bound, sooner or later, to fall of their own weight."

Seeking to justify its stand, the report continued:

"Progress in the interest of the common people of America will not be made if devious or unconfessional methods, or methods not authorized by congress, are used to bring about such progress. "Sooner or later, the whole basis of such action will be swept away and the net result will be loss rather than gain for the people's cause."

"Some members of the committee are opposed to discrimination regarding employment and are strong in their support of all the provisions of the wages and hours act."

"However, the members of this committee are unanimous in their conviction that neither the objectives of the wages and hour act nor the prevention of discrimination can be accomplished by the device of making subsidy payments conditional upon what amounts to the writing of new laws by an executive agency."

HURT THANKSGIVING MORNING

Mrs. Esther Dixon, 1722 North 27th street, slipped on a step early Thanksgiving morning and dislocated a small bone in her ankle, and she is still confined to her bed.

To Hear Lynn Case



NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 7—On December 8th the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in New York City, will hear the Winfred Lynn case. Arthur Garfield Hays will argue Lynn's case and will carry it to the Supreme Court.

The Lynn case is the only court test made to date of the legality of the U. S. Army's discriminatory treatment of Negro soldiers. Winfred Lynn, a colored corporal, claims he was illegally selected in a Jim Crow quota. His case rests on the 1940 Draft Act, which specifically forbids "discrimination against any person on account of race or color" in selection and training.

The National Citizens Committee for Winfred Lynn, with offices at 1 West 125th Street, was recently formed. Among its sponsors are George S. Counts, William H. Hastie, Willard S. Townsend, George L.P. Weaver, John Haynes Holmes, A. J. Muste, James T. Farrell, Norman Thomas, A. Philip Randolph, George Schuyler and Alex Rose.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO DISCHARGED SERVICEMEN

The Office of War Information issued a report on the training and employment opportunities open to discharged servicemen of this war and what advantage is being taken of these opportunities. The report, based on information obtained from seven Government agencies, indicates that a majority of the returning servicemen are accepting employment in war plants where, despite their disabilities, they are doing a good job and are becoming a real factor in relieving the present manpower shortage. Relatively few are taking advantage of the opportunity to obtain vocational education at the cost of the Government, but the Veterans Administration expresses the belief that many of those who are now accepting employment in industry will request vocational training if and when their present employment ends.

To date, at least 800,000 veterans of this war have been given discharges from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The Army released 585,000 from Pearl Harbor through September 30, 1943. The Navy discharged 133,155 from Pearl Harbor through October 31, 1943, and the Marine Corps discharged 34,759 during the same period. Of those discharged, 370,000 were released from the Army for medical reasons and 46,961 from the Navy and Marines for medical reasons. The remainder have been discharged for a number of reasons, the most important of which is over-age.

Of the total number discharged, 26,000 have applied to the Veterans Administration for continued

CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TO MINORITY IS TOLD

Raymond R. Brown, executive secretary of the Omaha Urban League, has returned from Ogalala, where he spoke on "The Church and the Minority Problem" as one of a series of Sunday night forums programs at the Methodist church there.

Many significant changes have taken place during the last few years, in public thought regarding minority groups, Brown told the group. A genuine concern has been developed not only for the status of minorities but also for the reaction of these groups to that status, he said.

hospitalization and 2,800 have applied to the same agency for vocational rehabilitation. The bulk of the remainder have either returned to their old jobs or have taken new jobs.

A discharged veteran is entitled to the following:

1. His old job if he wants it (under certain conditions).
2. Preferential consideration should he wish to work for the Federal Government.
3. Assistance in obtaining a new job.

Vocational rehabilitation or training.

5. Free hospitalization and medical treatment in a Veterans Administration hospital as long and as often as he needs it for service-connected disabilities and for non service disabilities if facilities are available.
6. A pension for life or as long as the disability continues for a service-connected disability if the disability is rate dat 10 percent or more.

LEND SANTA CLAUSE A HELPING HAND ASKS TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

The Office of Defense Transportation asked Christmas shoppers to lend Santa Claus a helping hand. This is how shoppers who use street cars, buses and taxicabs can help:

1. Shop now. Mail now. Do not wait until the "eleventh hour."
2. Ride the buses and street cars during off-peak hours...between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Transit facilities are crowded in the morning and evening with workers.
3. Move back in street cars and buses. Make room for others.
4. Have exact fares ready if possible. This will speed up service.
5. Queue up for orderly boarding of buses and street cars.
6. Use taxis only when necessary...and when you do, share them with others if possible.
7. Carry your packages whenever possible...but only during non-rush hours on buses and street cars. Such packages deprive workers of space during peak hours and slow up the movement of passengers in boarding and leaving.

And remember, War Bonds and Stamps make the best Christmas gifts; for, with their other advantages, they also do not take up space in transportation.

The ODT had a word for school students, too. It was this: Do not linger downtown after school until the evening rush hour begins. There is not enough room on street cars and buses for both workers and school children.

FOR GOOD ENJOYABLE READING SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Rev. J. E. Blackmore To Head NAACP. New USO Director

The annual meeting of the local branch NAACP was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, at 3 o'clock at the Hillside Presbyterian church. Reports of work of the past year were given.

Excellent talks were given by the President, Dr. A. L. Hawkins, Mr. J. D. Crawford, Atty., H. J. Pinkett, Rev. John Adams, Sr., and election of officers for the year 1944 was held. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. E. Blackmore; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Loretta Bush; 2nd Vice Pres., F. C. Williams; Sec'y, Mrs. John Albert Williams; Treas., Mr. W. L. Myers.

Executive Committee: Dr. A. L. Hawkins, Mr. Ed. Fletcher, Mr. J. Snell, Mr. Adam Lee, Mr. Robert Harris, Atty. J. D. Crawford, Atty. H. J. Pinkett, Mr. L. F. McIntosh, Mr. H. W. Smith, Mr. E. W. Mc Cowan. Other members are to be elected to the Executive board.

PIONEER NEBRASKA SETTLER, PONY EXPRESS MAIL CARRIER

MARK H. ALEXANDER, 101 YEARS OF AGE, DIES

Mr. Mark H. Alexander, age 101 years, died December 1 at his home 1607 7th street. He first came to Nebraska in 1860, in earlier life Mr. Alexander had been an Indian scout and carried the Pony Express Mail. He had been married to Miss Ella Dalay, now deceased at Wilbur, Nebr., in 1862, where they farmed for a number of years. To this union ten children were born, seven of whom survive namely: Miss Opal Alexander, Mrs. Rena Ellis of Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. Earl Alexander, Omaha, Mr. Mark Alexander, Detroit, Michigan, Pvt. Leroy Alexander, Pvt. Frank Alexander, both in the U. S. A. army, Mr. Herschel Alexander, Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, December 9, from The Thomas Funeral Home, with Rev. J. E. Blackmore officiating, burial Prospect Hill cemetery.

Dreamland Hall on Saturdays and Sundays for the rest of the month, affording entertainment and lodging for the men.

Mr. Butler has also been very active in civic, social, religious and education life of the community in which he has lived. He is a member of the Methodist Church having held important offices in the church and conferences; a member of various social and civic clubs and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. His wife and 15 year old daughter reside in Springfield, Ohio, and expect to join him at a later date.

As an outgrowth of his splendid record, he was selected to develop the USO in Omaha. Mr. Butler has been loud in his praise of the citizens who have been so loyal in supporting the present set-up, and it is his aim to continue and improve the services.

The government is expected to complete negotiations within the next few days for securing the Jewell Building. Through the generosity of the American Legion, the USO will be able to use the

Willkie Says Ku Klux Klan Predatory Move

(By Doris Hollis-Montgomery)
DALLAS, Dec. 9 (ANP) Asserting that "the Ku Klux Klan is a predatory movement that has no place in America," Wendell L. Willkie, titular head of the Republican party, pleaded that such an evil influence should not infect Texas Quality network Friday night. Speaking to an audience in the Fair Park auditorium, Mr. Willkie stated: "I am told that in many parts of the country something resembling the spirit of the Klan is showing signs of revival. You who see it at close range, you who know it for the evil it is, will never permit it to become again a potent force in Texas. "There is hardly a region in the United States from Massachusetts to California which has not been at some time susceptible to this sickness. This is a predatory movement wherever found and whatever its dress. It has no place in America." Applause from the audience was loud after these remarks.