

Will Run If Given the Nod



President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who said this week that if he was nominated at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next week, beginning July 19, he would run for a 4th term as the President of the United States.

The powerful National Political Action Committee of the CIO which numbers many prominent Negroes as members and supporters of its organization, has unanimously called for a fourth term for "FDR."

Patriotic Services to be held at Bivens Tabernacle

The following is a Patriotic program to be held at the Sgt. Bivens Tabernacle, 2711 North 24th Street, Sunday, July 15, 1944 at 8:00 pm.

1. Scripture Reading and Prayer by a Minister.
2. Difference between Right and Privilege, by Sgt. Bivens.
3. The Constitution Rights.
4. The Public is invited.
5. Boy Scouts are invited, the Position of the Procedure will help some Boy at Camp.
6. It will be an all WAC Program. Date will be announced later, the Procedure will be for Coal and the Little Wesley Boy.
7. Thanks to Rev. B. E. Jones, Rev. Rucker, and the Congregation.

U.S. Leases Great Negro Owned Mine

Atchison, Kansas, July 12 (ANP)—In what is one of the largest transactions negotiated by the government with a Negro business concern since the beginning of the war, the War Food Administration is completing arrangements for leasing the famous Ferford limestone mine here. The government plans to use the 12 million feet of cubic space to store lard, eggs and other perishables in an unprecedented project which promises to revolutionize storage of the nation's food supply, ANP learned this week.

The mine, which is operated by the George W. Kerford company, and located at the edge of Atchison, has long been one of the most substantial business enterprises conducted by Negroes in the nation. Founded in 1897 by George W. Kerford, pioneer colored Kansan, the mine was bequeathed at his death to his two sons, Lloyd and George Kerford. George Kerford II died three years ago and the third generation has entered the business. George Ed Kerford sharing management with Lloyd.

The mine has long attracted the attention of stone quarriers. Instead of digging into an open quarry, the Kerfords have mined their rock using labor saving machinery and digging straight into the hills which comprise their holdings. The result has been a huge cavern with level floors and ceilings, the thousands of tons of remaining rock supported by great pillars. Among the firm's clients are most of the railroads of this section, the states of Kansas and Missouri, the Army and Navy and the governmental river and flood control projects. Their operations have extended over three or four states and they have valuable rock holdings under lease in other areas. They work both Negro and white workers and at times have had as many as 500 men on their payroll.

The mine has a normal temperature of 50 degrees. Refrigerating machinery will be installed by the government to give it a temperature between 30 and 32 degrees. It will thus become the largest single cold storage house in the United States. To construct a building with equivalent floor space would cost approximately \$15,000,000 according to government estimates. Between 3,000 and 3,500 carloads of food, with an estimated tonnage of between 60,000 and 70,000 can be stored with ease.

For the farmer it will mean that government support prices on hogs will be met particularly in times of peak marketing. WFA can continue to buy hogs even after commercial storage has been taken up.

For the consumer it will mean less wastage of food. It will no longer be necessary to divert eggs to live stock feed or lard into soap as WFA finds itself with oversupplies. The agency will simply route the foods to

MASONIC LODGES OF NEBRASKA A. F. & A. M., TO CONVENE JULY 19TH

By Maynard L. Wilson, G. R.

Robert L. Harris, Grand Sec'y, with the assistance of Maynard L. Wilson, Grand Reporter, with the approval and consent of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Clayton Lewis of Lincoln, Nebraska, has issued a call to all Masons and their respective lodges that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska will convene in their 26th Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, 26th and Blondo streets, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning on July 19, 1944.

Out of state delegates are expected to attend from Lincoln, Hastings, Alliance and Grand Island.

SANDALL COMMITTEE TO MEET IN OMAHA

LINCOLN—Members of the executive board and its associates will gather for this year's annual meeting of the Nebraska Committee, Brewing Industry Foundation to be held Friday at Hotel Fenwick, Omaha, announces State Director Charles E. Sandall. The board will hear Mr. Sandall's annual report of progress with the organization's program of self-regulation in the brewery industry, will adopt plans for the ensuing year.

"Interest and support for our good-conduct program is stronger than ever as we now observe our sixth anniversary," said Mr. Sandall, but explained, "Attendance at this year's annual meeting is limited to board members because we wish to comply with the government's program to ease wartime strain on travel and hotel facilities."

Atchison for future use.

Lloyd Kerford and his wife have a son and a daughter, the son in the army at Kessler field and the girl in high school here. The late George Kerford had two sons one of whom is office manager of the concern and the other in the army.

The Kerfords under the contract will continue to mine limestone, carrying on business as usual and constantly providing more and more stone for the government. Lloyd Kerford was the first delegate at large ever named from Kansas to the Republican convention last month.



FATHER ACCEPTS MEDAL FOR HEROIC COAST GUARDSMAN

Joseph H. Deyampert, retired Pullman Porter of Mobile, Alabama, is presented with the Navy and Marine Corps medal, awarded posthumously to his son, Warren T. Deyampert, Coast Guard Steward, by Comdr. Le. G. Mueller of the Mobile District. The Coast Guardsman lost his life aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba. The citation states: "Despite

Kansan, Former Olympic Star Joins Staff of Local Urban League

Son-in-Law of Rev. David St. Clair to Fill Job as Boys' Work Secretary.....

The Board of Directors of the Omaha Urban League Community Center announce the appointment of Mr. Duward Russell Crooms to the position of Boys Work Secretary on July 1, 1944.

Mr. Crooms came to Omaha from Kansas, the state of his birth, where he received his educational training. He was graduated from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas in 1937, when he had completed majors in Physical Education and Speech in addition to courses in Sociology, Economics and Psychology.

In college, he was a member of the "K" Club, College YMCA, and President of the Youth Forum. During Mr. Crooms' college career, he gained world-wide recognition as an outstanding athlete, participating on the Olympic Relay Team representing the United States in 1935 at the Berlin Olympics. He was active, too, as a member of the college football team.

As a former supervisor of a group of Hi-Y boys at the Emporia YMCA Sunday School teacher, secretary and president of a Christian Endeavor League, and trained teacher, Mr. Crooms comes well prepared for his duties as head of the agency's Boys Work Department.

As the father of a son, Mr. Crooms has a natural interest in his new position. His wife, also of Kansas State Teachers College, is the daughter of Rev. David St. Clair, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

End to Vote Ban

ASKED BY 168 LEADING WHITE GEORGIANS.....

ATLANTA, July 12 (ANP) That there is a growing list of white Georgians who are willing to go on record as urging the lowering of color bars against the Georgia Democratic Executive committee has been announced by the committee.

The signers of the statement represented a cross-section of the more liberal-thinking element from virtually every section of the state. "It would appear from press reports that the executive committee of the Georgia State Democratic committee has ruled that Negroes, otherwise qualified for voting, will be barred from participation in the July 4, state Democratic primary," the statement read.

"We, the undersigned white voting citizens of Georgia, interested in all matters that will contribute to the welfare of the state and to the largest possible participation of all eligible people in all elections regardless of race, do not agree with this action of the executive committee of the Georgia State Democratic committee. We would urge that all eligible citizens, regardless of race, be permitted to exercise their right of participation in this primary if they have indicated their desire to be members of the Democratic party.

"In expressing this sentiment we speak as Georgians and citizens of a nation dedicated by the fathers to the principles of total democracy and reaffirmed in the Atlantic charter as a noble objective of this world struggle." (Continued on Page 372)

ST. JOHN A.M.E. SEEKS TO RAISE \$16,000 BUILDING FUND

Captains Hard at Work Pushing Their Groups Toward Success.....

The St. John A.M.E. Church, 22nd and Willis street, is engaged in a rally to raise \$16,000 for their Building Fund. This rally will be on Sunday, July 30th with special services.

The church has been divided into two sides for this rally. Each side has a general, 32 captains, who have 8 members in their crops. Each soldier is to contribute \$32.00.

The leader of the Red forces is Mrs. Gussie McPherson. Mrs. Eva Ray is directing the Blues' campaign. Each of these ladies is hard at work seeing that their side will not come up lacking when the drive is over.

Both generals this week issued special announcements urging their members to give heavily this Sunday on their individual goal. According to reports a goodly number have raised and already paid their \$32.00. Many more have expressed that they will pay their soon.

The success of the drive depends upon how the individual members take part, the leaders said. They warned that while things look bright, there is still a lot more work to be done within the next two weeks.

Numerous other affairs have been given and are being given to raise this building fund. All Omahans are urged to support this worthy drive.

Rev. E. F. Ridley, pastor of St. John, said he was pleased at the keenest of competition and revealed that the government had granted priorities for the amount of work to be done which will be determined by the success of the drive.

Let's all help put that top on St. John!

Golden Gate Quartette To Appear Here

The Golden Gate Quartette, that famed group of Negro singers will appear in person at the City Auditorium on Saturday, July 29th, through arrangements with the Music Corporation of America.

You will remember them as this season's stars of the Columbia Broadcasting system from where they have been heard three times a week on a coast-to-coast network. They are long run stars of the Manhattan's noted night club, Cafe Society Uppers and frequent guest stars of the Coca-Cola Program and the Fitch Band Wagon. They now rank as one of the best known and most popular musical attractions in the country.

From the music halls of Mexico to the glamour of Hollywood their singing has brought great commendation. Their appearance in "Star-Spangled Rhythm" a Paramount picture was so successful that they were called back to appear in "Bring on the Girls", a stupendous technicolor musical soon to be released.

This is the first appearance of the quartette in the middle west. Mail orders for tickets are now being received at the City Auditorium. Prices range from 55c to \$2.75.

CAPT. MARY L. PETTY TO HEAD NEW NURSE SCHOOL

Fort Douglas, Utah, July 12 (ANP) A new basic training center for Negro nurses is to be established here at Fort Douglas it was announced by Major General David McCoach, Jr., commanding general of the 9th service command. Capt. Mary L. Petty of Chicago, the first Negro nurse in the army nurse corps to hold a captaincy and the highest ranking Negro nurse in the 9th service command and perhaps the country will supervise training at the new school.

Capt. Petty will be in charge of 135 nurses who will later be assigned to station hospitals located in the command. The assumption is that this innovation means that induction of more Negro nurses into the armed services. Recent graduates and those who will be finishing the nurse cadet corps are expected to be especially interested.

Capt. Petty is a graduate of Wendell Phillips in Chicago, Freedman's Hospital School of nursing in Washington and was employed at Dixie hospital, Hampton, Va. She began active duty with the army nurse corps in September, 1941.

Join the NAACP!

OPEN AIR PICNIC AND BARBECUE FEAST..... Since it is true that both youth and adults enjoy summer weather and especially the outdoors, why not plan now to attend the Mammoth Open Air Picnic and Barbecue Feast to be given on July 23, 1944 on the beautifully decorated lawn of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. McPherson, 1712 North 28th Street. Sit in those lovely and comfortable chairs—also "enjoy a musical treat while you eat." The public is cordially invited to attend.

COLMAN SUCCEEDS CAREY AS POST COMMANDER.....

Charles J. Colman, long a diligent and hard working member of American Legion Post No. 30, last week was elected to succeed Jacob C. Carey as Commander.

Call to Action Features Naacp Chicago Meet'

Held in Chicago July 12th thru 16th

Chicago—A call to action on the problems of the right to vote, employment, housing and discrimination in the armed forces featured the opening of the NAACP wartime conference here July 12-16 inclusive.

The sessions are being held in the Metropolitan Community Church, 41st Street and South Parkway, and opened Wednesday night, July 12 with a keynote address by Judge Hubert T. Delany of New York City, and a speech by James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO on the subject "The Stake of Organized Labor and the Negro in the November Election."

Delegates from 33 states and the District of Columbia were welcomed to the Chicago meeting by Governor Dwight H. Green, Mayor Edward J. Kelly, Rev. Archibald J. Carey and others.

The conference will close Sunday afternoon, July 16, with a huge outdoor meeting in Washington Park on a slope overlooking the lagoon opposite 60th street and South Parkway. Walter White, NAACP secretary, will give a full report on his trip to England, Ireland, North Africa, Italy and the Middle East, where he observed the treatment of Negro soldiers. Marshall Field, publisher of the New York newspaper PM and the Chicago Sun, will give an address. The 29th Spingarn Medal will be presented at this meeting to Dr. Charles R. Drew of Howard university, for his work in blood plasma. The presentation will be made by Dr. Earnest A. Hooton of Harvard university.

This meeting will be preceded by a parade, headed by Col. Clifton E. Jones, Commander of the 8th Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia. Other meetings which were held during the week were: Thursday morning, July 12, "How will the Negro hold his job?", discussion led by G. L. St. Clair of Detroit, with George M. Johnson, Jr., Associate Director, FEPC, as consultant; afternoon, "A Housing Program," led by Dr. Frank Horne, Horace Cayton and Andrew D. Weinberger.

On Thursday night, a speech was delivered on the legal campaign for civil rights by Thurgood Marshall; a short address by Odell Stukes, of West Philadelphia, Pa. on "Negro Youth and a Free World," and "What the Negro Soldier Expects," by Capt. Grant Reynolds.

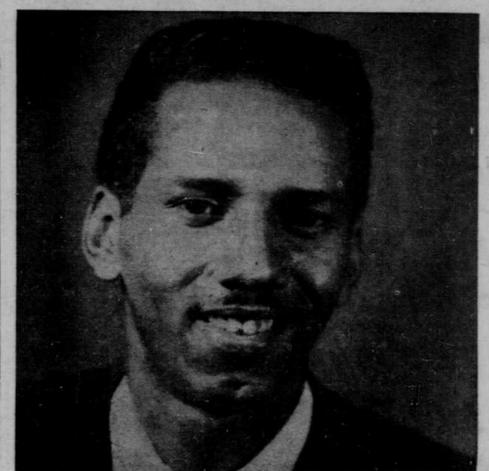
On Friday morning a discussion was held on how the Negro should vote led by Rev. Maynard Jackson of Dallas, Texas, and Leslie S. Perry of the Washington Bureau, NAACP; afternoon, the plight of the Negro in the armed forces led by Judge William H. Hastie.

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PERRY H. HANSBERRY SUES TO ABOLISH DISCRIMINATION IN THE ARMY.....

Perry H. Hansberry, 23, of 6140 Rhodes Avenue, has filed suit in the Federal Court charging illegal discrimination in the Armed Forces in violation of the Selective Service Act of 1940.

By this suit, he is seeking to abolish all discrimination against colored people and delay his induction until such time that the discriminations and abuses there under are actually discontinued.

Justice Department Must Enforce Election Laws, NAACP Tells Biddle

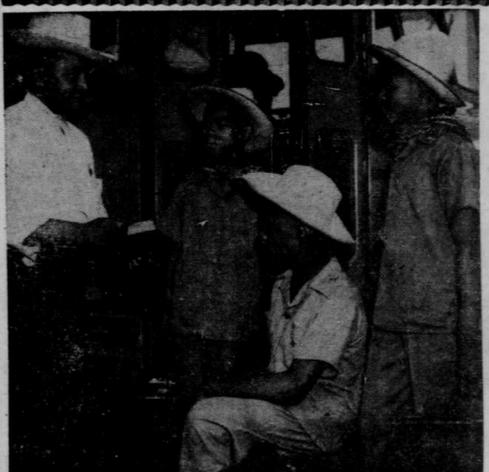
New York—The job of enforcing the Supreme Court decision declaring that Negroes may not be barred from primary elections is squarely up to the Department of Justice, Attorney General Francis Biddle was told last week by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP.

FEPC SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING IN LOS ANGELES.

Malcolm Ross, Chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, announced that the committee has scheduled a public hearing in Los Angeles, Calif., August 8 and 9, to examine numerous complaints filed with the committee alleging employment practices by the Los Angeles Railway Company in violation of the Executive Order against discrimination in war industries because of race.

The complaints, said Ross, charge that the company refuses to employ Negroes and members of other minority groups in certain categories of work because of their race or national origin.

Negotiations with the company are being carried on at present, Mr. Ross said, and there is still hope that they may result in making the hearing unnecessary.



THREE BROTHERS ENLIST AS V.F.V.'S.....

Among the 120 Washington, D. C. youngsters who have enlisted in the Victory Fash Volunteers to help harvest important wartime food crops in Maryland this summer are three brothers, Samuel, James and Wilbert, shown above with the father, Joseph Haywood, just before they boarded the bus and bled to Maryland farms.

The suit was filed by Atty. George C. Adams of the Hansberry Foundation and Atty. Chairman of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

Perry Hansberry is the brother of Carl A. Hansberry, Jr., now serving with the Army overseas; and the son of Carl A. Hansberry Sr., who fought the famous Lee vs. Hansberry Restricted Covenant Case successfully through the United States Supreme Court.

There was no disturbance from the attempts to vote over the state, although a flood of rumors that riots would result kept police and even state guard units in a state of emergency should violence break out. It had been clearly stated in the press and over the radio that only a restricted vote would be attempted and masses of Negro voters who had rushed to qualify themselves after the Texas decision were advised not to go to the polls under the circumstances.

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LIST WOMEN FOR KEY COMMITTEES.....

Washington, July 12 (ANP)—A national roster of women qualified to serve on national and international committees and delegations looking to postwar adjustment is being established, the National Council of Negro Women announced last week.

The move is an outgrowth of the conference held by 200 women three weeks ago at the White House where the spokesmen for numerous women's organizations placed their claim for a right to share in negotiations and conferences being held to restore the world to peace and to maintain it that way.

"We plan to establish this list and to make recommendations of qualified persons whenever the opportunity permits," Mrs. Jeannette Welch Brown executive secretary of the council announced.

Willemsstad, Curacao, DWI, July 12 (ANP)—Elie Lescot, president of Haiti, spent Saturday and Sunday in Willemsstad and left for home Monday morning, it was announced.

On Sunday a pontifical high mass was held in the cathedral here, followed by a reception in the officers mess at Parera. That afternoon he visited the oil settlement of Isla, and in the evening was a ceremony in the Rosy theatre.

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AFFIDAVITS TO BIDDLE..... Atlanta, Ga.—Affidavits on the refusal to allow Negroes to participate in the Georgia Democratic primary July 4, were sent to Attorney General Francis Biddle by A. T. Walden of the Atlanta NAACP branch. It was announced here the day after the primary.

ATLANTA, July 12 (ANP)—Attempts to vote were made by Negro leaders in nine Georgia communities Tuesday, July 4, and in each instance were met with polite, but firm refusals on the part of election officials. The officials, however, were careful to state they were acting under instructions from the Georgia Democratic Executive committee, which a week before the statewide primary re-affirmed its determination to restrict the primary to white electors only, despite the supreme court's ruling in the Texas primary case.

Leaders presented themselves at the polls in Atlanta, Macon, Brunswick, Augusta, Albany, Columbia, Savannah, Moultrie and Fitzgerald. All were members of the newly organized Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic clubs, which a few days before the primary planned the strategy which would lead to a series of suits throughout the state designed to smash the white primary.

Officers of the Citizens Democratic club of Fulton county who presented themselves at polling places were greeted cordially at the doors, given application for ballot forms on which to place their addresses and signatures and then told that their names were not on the lists as secured from the county registrars. The lists sent to the polling places had the names of only white electors.

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