

WALTERS' COLUMN

By H. W. Smith
WE. 6458

The Waiters Club at 2407 Burdette street, sponsored a very fine opening on Tuesday evening August 1, and it was a lovely affair and a very beautiful program was rendered and a very joyful evening for everyone. The decorations were very exquisite and we should give them a look-in often.

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Blackstone hotel waiters on the up and go at all times.

RR boys serving and often working overtime.

Summer clubs going good and the boys enjoying the good cool breezes from the trees and grass.

Mr. Walter Jones formerly of Omaha but now living in Des Moines, Iowa, enjoying a three week vacation visiting Rock Island and Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., Erie, Pa., and New York.

James Robinson's family increased from three to four and he is all smiles although a little disappointed as he had expected a boy and it is a very fine girl.

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THE WEEK
Mrs. Verville Dickinson, antique doll dealer pleaded guilty in U. S. District court in N. Y. Friday, July 28, of violating wartime censorship code by sending messages to South America. Judge S. S. Chandler set August 14th for sentence.

American RR's will be ready to switch from east to west when the war is over with Germany.

Labor officials of the RR. Brotherhood stated Friday July 28th, that Sidney Hillman of the CIO is raising a great slush fund to carry the coming election. The union journal stated that Hillman's group is likely to injure the Roosevelt-Truman ticket.

Two hundred Bishops, ministers and laymen at a meeting in Chicago, Friday, July 28 outlined a plan for a crusade program for Christ.

U. S. Congress at the coming session will start deliberation on post-war planning.

The U. S. Navy will make an investigation of conditions at the Naval hospital at Camp Parks, Calif.

Drivers of old time horse drawn cabs were absent from Central park in New York Friday July 28 in protest against a change of cab rates.

An 18 year old girl of Popular, Mont. killed a 400 pound bear with a 22 rifle that had been killing her father's sheep.

U. S. Congressman Buffett's tax-lift bill to small businesses with a capital of less than \$100,000 be exempted from taxes for three years after they are established.

U. S. Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York, may enter suit against Maxwell Anderson for an article reprinted in a Nyack, N. Y. newspaper, Saturday, July 29th.

Howard A. Cox was found dead near Carter Lake Sunday July 30.—he had been shot.

Texas Democrats about ready to unite.

Chicago and Northwestern train jumps the tracks entering the station in Milwaukee.

Read The Omaha Guide!

Lightning strikes and destroys a river bridge at Chester, Ill., Saturday night, July 29th.

St. John's A.M.E. Church had good success with the closing of the rally last Sunday, July 30th.

Topeka district conference of the Methodist Church opened Wednesday August 2nd at Topeka, Kansas.

Oklahoma matches funds received from the government and private funds to fight forest fires.

The Democratic party is criticized by Gov. Dewey for friction in the party.

Minnesota's former governor H. E. Stassen assistant to Chief of staff to Admiral Halsey said in a speech Sunday July 30 that men in the armed services have a hard way to go.

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SUPREME COURT WINNER LEADS NEGRO VOTING IN TEXAS

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demanded that he leave the booth. One man in ejecting the photographer declared that he had purchased his last copy of Life. The photographer responded by snapping his picture for publication in his magazine.

One of the most dramatic scenes in the entire day's activities was when C. N. Love, political warhorse of another day, was escorted to the booth in precinct 30, and cast his vote. Mr. Love, affectionately known as Editor Love, founder of the Texas Freeman, now merged with the Informer, recalled days when he regularly voted in all elections and could include among his best friends, mayors and legislators.

C. W. Lidstone, election judge at Precinct 30, when asked if it would be permissible for Mrs. Love to assist her aged husband in filling out his ballot said he would personally assist him for he had known the veteran editor for more than 50 years. Editor Love filled his ballot out alone and did a magnificent job of it.

Mr. Lidstone said colored voting at his precinct was heavy. He was one of the most friendly judges throughout the city and readily posed for a picture with two colored voters.

Nowhere did violence occur. Election judges and their assistants were courteous and many white voters who were going to the polls at the same time that colored were displayed friendly attitudes. One man who was a candidate for office asked two reporters if they had voted right, adding that to vote right was to vote for him.

Negroes were on their best behavior, intelligently casting their votes devoid of any arrogance. Early in the day it was obvious that the special deputies that Sheriff Neal Polk had stationed at the polls would not be needed. All Houstonians, white and colored, displayed an awareness that Saturday's historical occasion was an other strong muscle in the arm of democracy on display.

No accurate number of colored votes cast is available, but all agreed that they reached high in the thousands.

COLUMNIST DENIES HE SAID SELT IN NAACP IS IMMINENT

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of broader concern for the common man has sneaked up on the membership and that a break is sure to follow. It also compares the situation to the Japs at Pearl Harbor. Nothing could be more false or more vicious. The philosophy of the NAACP is created by its members. The NAACP is the largest dues-paying civil rights organization in America, white or black. It is responsible not to any outside control, but to its members. Those members want more and more activity for the common man, not less.

There is no split visible anywhere in this association. At our Chicago conference July 12-16, a certain hired worker for a political party, who has the backing of The Chicago Tribune, tried in every way possible to create dissension and disunity among the delegates. Scores of Good Republicans were at the Chicago conference, some of them very prominent in party work in their sections. They said nothing about splitting over political activity. This was a pure invention of this hired Negro henchman of a political party, working hard to impress his bosses and earn his paycheck.

"This man harangued delegates outside the conference hall and tried to conduct a poll, sampling less than one-fifth of the registered delegates. His activities became so obvious that the delegates paid no attention to him whatsoever.

"Mr. Cayton, in the last line of his telegram, has put his finger on the sore spot. The arch conservatives, both black and white, are alarmed that Negroes in independent organizations are thinking for themselves on the issues as they affect the race, without regard to political party labels. The Negroes who are hired by these political conservatives are the hatchet men for their bosses. These bosses hate to see Negroes talking about housing and jobs and social security, about the unity of the common man of every race and color and nationality. They hate to see Negroes and organized labor working together on common problems.

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War Production workers in Vallejo, California, one of the largest shipbuilding centers in the country, depend on the USO, member agency of the National War Fund, for many of the home-like pleasures and companionships which they could not otherwise enjoy in this gigantic temporary industrial city. Vallejo, once a quiet town adjacent to the Mare Island Navy Yard, has boomed in population and shipbuilding activity since Pearl Harbor.

Especially do Negro women workers look to the USO-NCCS at 1209 Georgia Street, Vallejo, for leisure-time recreation and friendships. This club serves as a rendezvous after hours for the

majority of the 3,000 Negro workers—mostly women—employed in the city's shipbuilding industry. The club also serves Negro members of the armed forces stationed nearby.

Arts and crafts, a well-attended sketching program, cooking classes, "Mix 'n' Mingle" hours, Saturday night dances, Sunday night songfests and community singings are among the facets of the club program. On Monday nights women visiting the club have a nourishing, home-cooked meal there and spend the evening at sports and other recreational games.

Recently the Women's Industrial Organization, composed of war workers from the Mare Island Navy Yard, invited a group of 50

sailors wounded in the South Pacific to be their guests for the evening, including supper at the club.

Women war workers comprise the majority of the 200 junior and senior hostesses at the club, maintained by the USO. They not only attend the dances and work with the director on special hobby groups, but also travel to three of the largest camps and naval bases nearby for post parties.

The USO which is financed by contributions of Americans in every town and hamlet throughout the country, through local community war funds representing the National War Fund, operates approximately 3,000 units from Alaska to the Caribbean and from Nova Scotia to Hawaii.

PLAIN TALK

(BY DAN GARDNER)

NEGROES ACCEPT HOODLUMS, THUGS, ETC., AS PART OF SOCIAL ORDER WHILE RACE SUFFERS FROM CRITICISM

There is an alarming growth of hoodlumism among Negroes that should demand the attention of all thinking members of the group. And the reason for such alarm is predicated on the fact that hoodlums are gaining national recognition and places of trust in the higher councils of Negro life. Under the system of ghetto-life into which 15,000 Negroes are forced by existing custom and tradition, we are getting so mixed up in our social, economic and political affairs that the result cannot help but be harmful.

Negroes, aside from the rope and the noose of the Dixie lynch mob, are most afraid of criticism from the white. We have been educated to a high degree of sensitivity on this score and consequently if a white person looks at us for over six seconds, we feel uncomfortable and resentful, the latter depending on whether the incident is North or South of the Mason-Dixon line. When one Negro acts out of line, we all feel it in some way or another. When the whole race can be criticized and held up to public condemnation for its failure to differentiate among its various elements according to standards of decency and self-respect, the entire group feels it the hard way.

WHAT WE TRADE FOR "GLAMOUR"
The whites are getting the idea that we are most happy when we can let racketeers and hoodlums have full sway among us—especially if the hoodlums and racketeers give us song

"The NAACP is the most prominent target these forces can find. It is not 'owned and controlled' by any bosses, any politicians, any rich men who pull the strings. It is owned by its dues-paying members. So, since no inside bosses can tell it what to do, the next best thing is to attack it from the outside, to create suspicion and disunity, to try to shut it up. We shall continue on our course of analyzing the issues of the day as they affect Negroes, and of making public the records of men in both parties who fail to support the issues vital to our progress as a race. The conservatives and their hired stooges don't want this. They try to label it 'partisan politics.' But we are not intimidated. We rest solidly on our membership and its wishes."

The Omaha Guide received the above mentioned release, but refused to publish it.

and dance joints, whiskey joints, and plenty of loose living which gets away under the ambiguous title of "glamour." The white thinks, and perhaps rightly, that the Negro will tolerate all such things if a mistaken idea of prosperity is allowed to flourish along with it. That is why our better hotels and restaurants are the frequent harbors of pimps, horse players, petty crap shooters, god-fathers, prostitutes and other members of the underworld who can thrive publicly only under a relaxation of standards and tolerance of the community in which they operate.

WHAT WE WANT SEEN AS BURIED

White people constantly emphasizing in story and picture to the actual desires of the great mass of Negroes is only a lot of fun, whiskey, and sex life. It is small wonder that what we actually want and strive for is buried almost completely. The politicians manipulate the strings to help the hoodlums get in and keep in the saddle in Negro communities. They do so with the fact always in mind that what later will be made will come too late to do any good. "Thugs, hoodlums, prostitutes, and such low elements kept down many racial groups new to America for many years, but such groups get rid of them to a certain extent and thereby change public opinion about their desires and capacity for recognition as actual parts of the American body politic.

The Italian-Amer can had his vendetta for years as well as his "Black Hand" Mafia societies. He got rid of them because the better element among the Italians raised enough noise to be heard. The Chinese-American had his tong war; his Black-Dragon Societies, so far, when threats were made to deport the Chinese-American, he eliminated his tong killers and other hoodlums. The Irish-American got control of his lower element. The American Negro seems to be left alone with his.

THE WHITES CAN SHAKE OFF DIRT

The white person who in his night life mingles with diversified elements lives in restricted residential zones where living conditions are highly individual and select. He can, in a measure, shake the mud from his feet and walk on the plush rug of respectability without leaving footprints. The Negro cannot. His church is located next to the pool-room. His high school is situated in front of a house of ill-fame. His grocery store also collects numbers or policy slips. His business men are constantly under fire to lower their high standards to meet the pool-room and routabouts competition of the black hoodlum. His daughters have to wade through many pimps, prostitutes and procurers to get to school and back home.

Police department in big cities have come to view the situation as one in which Negroes are getting what they want. The cops then are content to keep white ventures into the unknown scene of Negro life from harm, to protect the business places of nightly absent white owners and give mere lip service to the protection of life, limb and property.

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