

North 24th USO Club To Get New Building

\$14,000 Granted by P. W. A.

Word has been received from Sen. Hugh A. Butler that final approval has been made by the Federal Works Administration for a grant of \$14,000 for improvement and enlargement of the 24th Street USO Club.

The appropriation brings to a suc-

cessful end, efforts of the director to secure a better and more spacious building and facilities for members of the armed forces in this area.

Mr. Mosley, director of the USO

Club here stated that the new club, when completed will be one of the best in the country.

Work on the new club is expected to begin in the near future.



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SON'S AFFIDAVIT REVEALS LYNCHING OF MINISTER-FARMER

New Orleans, La.—A lynch-killing of a 66 year old minister last March 26 in Amite county, Miss., because he hired a lawyer to safeguard his title to a 230 acre free farm, has just been revealed in an affidavit sworn to by Eldridge Simmons, son of the murdered man.

Rev. Osaac Simons was going peacefully about the business of running his farm and had no trouble until it began to be suspected that there was oil on his land. Whites then tried to "muscle in" and take his property away. When they found he had consulted a lawyer they got together a small mob and killed him in the presence of his son, who was later driven out of the county.

Eldridge Simmons sent his affidavit to the NAACP in New York which in turn has asked Governor Thomas L. Bailey of Mississippi to investigate. The NAACP also has asked Attorney General Francis Biddle to examine into the possibility that Federal conspiracy statutes have been violated.

The dramatic story of the lynching is told in the following paragraphs from the affidavit:

"Between 11 a.m. and 12 o'clock noon, March 26, 1944—which was on a Sunday—a group of white men including Noble Rider, two of his brothers, Harper Dawson, Rabbit Spillman and a man I did not know, came to my house which is located about a mile from my father's house, both being on the property owned by us.

"The man asked me if I knew how the property line ran. I told them I thought I did. They told me to come and show them.

"I went down the road with them for some distance then we came to a car. The car was a late model Studebaker, I believe, with the gear shift on the steering wheel. It was gray-

ish in color.

"I got in the back seat of the car and they drove about a quarter of a mile from my father's house. The man I didn't know did the driving. They kept telling me that my father and I were 'smart niggers' for going to see a lawyer.

"Three of them remained in the car with me; three walked up to my father's house.

"Some time later, I saw the three men returning with my father. They were Noble Rider, Harper Dawson, and another man (I can't remember whether it was one of Rider brothers or Spillman.)

"Noble Rider and the other man were walking on either side of my 66 year father, Isaac Simons, while Dawson walked behind him kicking and punching him.

"When they reached the car, they made my father get in the front seat. They all got in the car.

"My father begged them and prayed with them not to hurt him or me as they drove down the road. Two of them kept beating me as I sat in the back seat.

"Some distance down the road they stopped the car near a side road where there were lots of thickets. Let's take them down here, one of the white men said.

"They told my father to get out of the car. He got out and started to run from the road. One of the men leveled the shotgun and fired twice at my father. One reloaded the gun, the other two ran in the direction my father had taken. The man who reloaded the gun ran off in that direction also, then I heard another shot I begged the men in the car to spare my life.

"A while later, the other three returned. They all talked in low tones behind the car.

"Finally, they came around and told

me. 'Alright, nigger, we're going to let you go.

"One of them told me to get out of the car; another said, 'I'll tell him when to get out.'

"Noble Rider asked me 'You don't want to get beat up any more, do you?'

"I answered, 'I sure don't.'

"He said, 'If this comes up again, you had better not know anything about it.'

"They told me that they gave me ten days to get off the place and clear off my tenants. I had two tenants, Willie Huff, and A. D. Robinson, who worked for me. And also an old man, S. B. Moton, who had no other place to stay.

"When they put me out of the car I was bloody, ragged and half blind. I went to my sister's house and told what had happened.

"The news spread. Church meeting broke up and we all went down to where my father lay in the thickets. That was about 1 o'clock p.m.

"When we got to the thickets, we saw my father dead, lying half on one side. He had been shot three times in the back and some one said his arm was broken. Nearly all of his teeth had been knocked out, and his tongue was cut out.

"Someone went and got Constable George Hazelwood. The constable went and got the high sheriff.

"They held an inquest and gave the verdict that my father had met his death at the hands of unknown parties.

"In the letter to both the Governor and the U. S. Attorney General, the NAACP pointed out "This case clearly represents a conspiracy on the part of certain individuals (named in the affidavit) to injure, threaten, and intimidate these citizens in the free exercise or enjoyment of rights secured to them by the United States Constitution."

Women Begin House-to-House Canvass for Registered Voters

IF YOU DON'T REGISTER—YOU CANNOT VOTE NOV. 7th

Don Larson, chairman of the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee, disclosed that the annual Jaycee "Get Out The Vote" campaign got on its way Monday, August 21. One hundred civic minded ladies began a house-to-house campaign in order to determine whether or not all Omahans are properly registered.

Larson pointed out that past election experience shows many would-be voters have been disfranchised by their failure to register on moving to Omaha, on coming of age, or when changing address locally. This campaign is being conducted as part of a far reaching Junior Chamber of Commerce program to reawaken civic responsibility.

The Jaycees ask the assistance of all Omaha housewives in extending every possible courtesy to their fellow housewives who are making this survey.

The following ladies are assisting in conducting the canvass in our community: Cleota H. F. Reynolds, Ida T. Willis, Gussie Ellison McPherson, Christine Althouse, Eva S. Milsap, Mrs. Carl Bone, Celesta McFalls Nona Abram and Esther Starks

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PLACE FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN SEPTEMBER

Notice is hereby given that special places for the registration of voters residing in the City of Omaha have

been provided as follows:

South Omaha Areas
South Side City Hall, 34th and 'O' Streets. Friday and Saturday of each week during the month of September, to-wit: September 1 and 2; 8 and 9; 15 and 16; 22 and 23; 29 and 30.

North Omaha Areas
North Branch Omaha Public Library, 29th and Ames Ave., Basement North Entrance.

Monday (except Labor Day) and Tuesday of each week during September, to-wit: September 5; 11 and 12; 18 and 19; 25 and 26.

Urban League Community Center, 2213 Lake Street. Fridays and Saturdays of the last three weeks of September, to-wit: September 15 and 16; 22 and 23; 29 and 30.

Benson Area.
Fire Engine House, 60th and Maple Streets: Wednesday and Thursday of each week during the month of September, to-wit: September 6 and 7; 13 and 14; 20 and 21; 27 and 28.

All of the above places except the South Side City Hall will be open from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. South Side City Hall will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. The above schedule is subject to discontinuance in the event of lack of registrations. Voters who prefer to do so, may register at the Election Commissioner's Office at the Court House daily from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., except Saturdays to 12 noon.

All voters (except those voting by mail because of absence from Douglas County) who have not registered heretofore, or who have changed their residence, or their names by

marriage or otherwise, since their last registration, must register in order to vote at the general election November 7, 1944 and such voters are respectfully urged to register at their earliest convenience and thereby avoid unnecessary last minute congestion. Registrations will close Friday October 27, 1944 at 9 o'clock p.m.

Joseph A. Vojir, Election Commissioner, Douglas County, Nebraska.

NAACP COUNSEL ARGUES VOTE REGISTRATION CASE
Birmingham, Ala.—Special NAACP Counsel Thurgood Marshall and Attorney Arthur D. Shores of Birmingham, representing the NAACP appeared before the United States District Court in the Northern District of Alabama, August 21 to argue the case of W. L. Patterson vs Registration Board of Birmingham, Ala.

The complaint in this case was filed in August, 1942, when several Negroes presented themselves to the registrars for the purpose of qualifying for the privilege of voting. The complaint states that the Board of Registrars unlawfully combined and conspired together to prevent Negro residents of Jackson county from being registered.

The oral arguments heard on August 21 are on defendant's motion to dismiss the complaint. The NAACP has filed briefs with the courts on this motion and is also opposing a motion made by the defense to have the case tried before a jury.

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Funeral Services Held for Allen 'Mack' McClair 'Omaha Old Timer'

Felix Eboue the Man who Saved France



Photo Courtesy, M. Jean De La Roche, Secretary to Gov. Eboue
At Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, Governor General Eboue presents his troops to General de Gaulle at the extreme left, with the double stars on his sleeve, is General Le Clerc, distinguished for his 1333 mile trek with these troops across the desert, bringing the British effective support in Libya in a series of dramatic raids on Axis outposts. Today he is leading the French Division in the new invasion of France.

Sets Colonial Example Policy For Postwar World to Follow

(BY THYRA EDWARDS)
(For Continental Features)

Harold Diers of Omaha. Memorial Address, Lt. Margaret Servine, WAC.

Presentation of Memorial Electric Organ to Mr. E. R. Burke, manager Lincoln Veterans' hospital.

Child's Welfare Breakfast Held at Fontenelle Aug 22
Mrs. Biart, Department Chairman for the State American Legion Auxiliary, presided at a breakfast in the beautiful Black Mirror Room of the Hotel Fontenelle last Tuesday, Aug. 22nd.

Mr. Biart, Department Chairman for the Legion, gave a report on Child Welfare Activities in Nebraska. Judge Herbert Rhoades gave an interesting talk on Child Welfare. "Punishment does not cure crime," he said. "Education, discipline and supervision are important."

Judge Rhoades said, "If I had my way in some cases, I would send the parents away and keep the child at home."

FEPC ADJUSTS 702 CASES SATISFACTORILY
Satisfactory adjustment of 702 cases during the six months period from January 1 to June 30, 1944, was announced this week by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice. The figure represents more than a third of all the cases closed during the half year.

A satisfactory adjustment, according to the Committee, is a settlement in which is eliminated any discriminatory practice, or policy in violation of the Executive Order 9846 and redress is given to the complainant.

With activities of the Committee stepped up through steady operation of eleven field offices throughout the country, a total of 1,939 cases were disposed of during the January to June period.

Despite this, however, the six months period showed an increase in the number of cases pending with the Committee, from 1,939 to 2,100.

The totals show an average of 117 cases satisfactorily adjusted per month by the Committee as against a total of 2,109 cases docketed during the half year for an average of 351 per month.

Aside from the satisfactory adjustments, a total of 1,237 cases were closed during the January 1, June 30 period because of lack of jurisdiction insufficient evidence, withdrawal by the complainant or other reasons.

Ladies of Roosevelt Post Unit Attend
Admist the one hundred and ten guests at the Child's Welfare Breakfast were ten ladies of Unit No. 30. They were Mrs. Eva Milsap, Unit President; Mrs. Lula Bryant, Mrs. Sadie Nelson, Mrs. Pearl Brummell, Mrs. Zodie Gardner, Mrs. Anna Pierson, Mrs. Florence Garland, Mrs. Jessie Covington, Mrs. Ora Glass, Mrs. Pearl Thomas.

Hold Hour of Memory
On Monday, August 21, 1944 at 11 a. m. An Hour of Memory was held. Scripture reading, Mrs. L. E. Hutchins, Department Chaplain.

Vocal Solo "O Dry Those Tears"
by our own, Mrs. Lula Bryant.

Roll of the Departed Members.
Tribute to Minnie Freeman Penney first Department President by Mrs.

URGE YOUTH TO RETURN TO SCHOOL THIS FALL

Top-ranking men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps strongly urged the nation's youth of pre-military age to return to high school in the fall instead of continuing in summer jobs.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces; Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel, U. S. Navy, and Lt. en. A. A. Vandergriff, Commandant of the Marine Corps, issued statements addressed particularly to boys and girls under military age stressing the importance of high school education, not only for use in the armed forces but as preparation for post-war life.

Alarmed by a drop of 1,000,000 in high school enrollment since the war's beginning, the Government, with the cooperation of civilian and military leaders, has opened a drive to convince boys and girls of the value of a high school education.

General Arnold indicated in his message that all branches of the service need leaders, engineers, scientists and specialists, and that in the "years to follow victory, we will need them ev-

WAS VETERAN OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR
Mr. Allen McClair, 63, died August 19th at the Veterans' Hospital in Lincoln. Mr. McClair had been a well known and liked resident of Omaha for 35 years and his home was at 2856 Corby Street. His wife Mrs. Sophia McClair preceded him in death by five months, having died this past March.

Mr. McClair served in the Spanish American War as a mess sergeant and in later years he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad as a chef cook and Private car chef for Mr. William Jeffers. He had been retired from the railroad on pension for the past several years. Mr. McClair was a member of Zion Baptist Church and Camp Allensworth No. 25 U. S. W. V.

He is survived by Mrs. Georgia Clark Brown of Omaha and Private Donald R. Clark, U. S. Army, who he and his wife raised from children, two brother-in-laws, Mr. Lindsay Beverly of Omaha, Mr. William Beverly, Kansas City, Missouri and a host of friends. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from Zion Baptist Church with Rev. F. C. Williams officiating, military services in charge of Spanish American War Veterans of Camp Allensworth No. 25 with burial in the family lot at Prospect Hill cemetery. The body lay in state at the Thomas Funeral Home from Sunday until the funeral hour.

Mrs Dora Martin Dies

Mrs. Dora D. Martin, age 64 years, died August 18th at her home 2207 1/2 North 20th Street after an extended illness. Mrs. Martin had been a resident of Omaha for 18 years. She spent part of her childhood in Lincoln where she lived for a number of years. She married Mr. John R. Martin in October of 1899 at Holton, Kansas and lived in Topeka for 25 years. She studied music under Daniel Mueller and was an accomplished violinist. While living in Topeka she united with the B Street Baptist Church and was a devoted Christian. She was a member of Camp Beck No. 8 Ladies Auxiliary U. S. W. V.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her husband, Mr. John R. Martin, three daughters, Mrs. Ramah Buxton, Mrs. Doris McDavis, Mrs. Beatrice Mason all of Omaha, three sons, Mr. Donald J. Martin, Boston, Mass., 1st Class Seaman Lawrence Martin, U.S. Navy, Puget Sound, Washington, Mr. Harold E. Martin, Omaha, one sister Mrs. Julia Gross, Gary, Indiana, one brother, Major Pleasant.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from The Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. W. S. Metcalf and Rev. S. K. Nichols officiating. Pall-bearers members of Camp Allensworth No. 25 U. S. W. V. with burial at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Brazzaville

On August 25, 1940 Felix Eboue, then Governor of Chad, on the border of the English-Egyptian Sudan, was known only in French colonial circles where he had won distinction as an administrator in Africa and the West Indies. On August 26—one day later—Felix Eboue had attained recognition as a statesman of global significance. For it was on that day he proclaimed to General de Gaulle: "Chad is ready!" and swung the colonies of French Equatorial Africa—European population and native tribal chiefs alike—to the support of Free France and the United Nations.

Had Felix Eboue not made that momentous decision all Africa might have fallen to the Axis. Egypt and the Sudan would have been cut off from the shortest land route across Africa and from reinforcements. The Belgian Congo, left unprotected, (Continued on Page 374)

PLAIN TALK

BY DAN GARDNER
THE JIM CROW TRAIN STILL ROLLS THROUGH THE SOUTH; THIS COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED TO DERAIL "HUMILIATION SPECIAL"

The Jim Crow Train is among the foremost of the vicious evils practiced against colored Americans. Jim Crow transportation hurts us more than the poll tax. The colored American feels more keenly the effects of Jim Crow railway travel than he does public bans against intermarriage prime among the cardinal sins in the eyes of the white man. In story and in song the Jim Crow Train has been the barometer at gauging the temperature of the Negro minority.

Aside from the ignominy of being victims of the practice, Negroes who ride the Jim Crow Train also suffer major discomfort. They are herded like cattle into dirty, ill-kept, outmoded coaches tagged on behind the coal car. In the heat of the southern summer they get thick coats of smoke streaming in from the open windows; their eyes, their hair, their clothing are filled with hundreds of flying particles of cinders. They are forced in many instances to sit in the aisles on their luggage; to eat standing up; to sleep in every conceivable kind of incongruous position. Yet, they pay the same fare as the white passenger in the cars behind who ride in relative comfort, cleanliness and are not packed like pigs in a pen.

WHAT JIM CROW TRAIN MEANS

Yes, the whistle of the Jim-Crow train screams throughout the trackless expanses of the broad south. It screams its message of intolerance, of greed, hatred and derision and millions of people hear it and pray for the day when the Jim Crow Train is derailed and cannot be set right again. And with the Jim Crow Train its defiant whistle, goes the tobacco-chewing, redneck conductor who arrogantly walks through the Jim Crow Train barking his orders to those whose money is divided as being 'Negro money, and Negro fares.' With the Jim Crow Train go the ignorant hillbillies from the Ozarks, the Tennessee mountains, the crackers from the lowlands of the delta region, the peckerwoods from the bowels of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. They are elevated in their ego to the status of lords by the fact that the system calls for travel facilities much worse than the homes from which they come for people who are thereby set apart as permanently on a lower level than they.

These things, these conditions make the work of the Committee to Abolish Jim Crow Transportation in the United States of cardinal importance. This group has its headquarters out in Detroit and stresses the motto: — "Let Us, As Americans—Clean Our Own House."

This Committee states its objective as "our common cause" in quest of means for group betterment and national unity. It is the only organization engaged exclusively with "this most vicious form of Jim Crowism." It contends that "when a patient is suffering from a malady that is deep-seated and difficult to reach by ordinary means, it is a custom among physicians to call a consultation with the skillful to determine the most effective method of treatment. Jim-



DUKE PRAISES BAHAMIAN FARM WORKERS

The Duke of Windsor praised the Bahamian farm workers whom he visited in Delaware during his inspection tour recently for the fine way they are helping their American Ally produce vital war food. The Duke is shown examining a basket of peaches picked by the Bahamian who

looks on. To help relieve the critical farm labor shortage, the Office of Labor of the War Food Administration has brought here, under contract, more than 5,700 Bahamian workers. These dockers are playing an important part in this year's harvest of fruit and vegetable crops.

—WFA photo by Cooper.