



CIVIC, FRATERNAL LEADER, Atty. J. Dillard Crawford Dies

Bishop Brinker, Delivers Last Rites Thursday Morning; Buried in Family Lot at Forest Lawn Cemetery

Flowers Fill Chapel
As Men and Women of
Both Races Pay
Last Respects
FUNERAL RITES HELD
THURSDAY, FROM SAINT
PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH;

Omaha was shocked beyond words last weekend, when news spread of the sudden passing of Attorney J. Dillard Crawford electrified the community.

Mr. Crawford became ill while shopping last Saturday afternoon and at 10:17 p.m. that night at his home at 2214 North 28th avenue.

Attorney Crawford, 44, had been a practicing lawyer for the past five years and had been distribution clerk in the County Clerk's office for the past twenty-three years.

He was the first Negro to be graduated from the old Commercial high school, predecessor to Technical high school.

He has been active in scouting circles and the Thursday before his death, he was awarded one of the highest honors a Scouter may achieve—the Silver Beaver Award.

He was active in legal and civic affairs of the community; a member of the Masonic Shrine's lodge; an Alpha Psi Fraternity member; member of The Omaha Bar Association; on the Board of The Urban League, The Executive Board of the NAACP, The Family Welfare Board; member of the Interracial Council; and a member of Saint Philip's the Deacon church since he was a lad.

MASONIC RITES
The Masonic last rites were held at 9 p. m. Thursday, at the Lewis Chapel.

BURIED IN FAMILY LOT
Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10 p.m., from The St. Philip's Episcopal Church with the Right Reverend Howard R. Brinker and the Reverend S. G. Sanchez, officiating.

Mr. J. Dillard Crawford was laid to rest in the family lot, at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy Charlotte, sister, Mrs. Florentine Pinkston, brother, Lovejoy of Boston, Mass.

Relatives who arrived for the funeral were: Mrs. Sybil Williams, Miss Delores Young, nieces, both of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Harriett Oliver, cousin of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ruby Gillard, Sister-in-law.

Active pallbearers were: H. W. Black Raymond R. Brown, Arthur B. McCaw, Saybert C. Hainger, Dr. W. W. Solomon and Orlo V. South. Honorary Pallbearers were: from the County Clerk's office, John Slavik, Ralph Roman, B. J. Svoboda; from the Masonic lodge, Mr. T. P. Mahammit, Mr. Bert Johnson, Mr. Maynard Wilson; from the Urban League, Rev. W. H. Phelps, Wm. G. Hayne; from the Bar and Civic Assn., Mr. Virgil Northwall, Judge E. Frederick Wolfie, Mr. Harrison J. Pinkett, Mr. C. C. Galoway, Mr. Herbert Fisher, Mr. Howard Redden; from the Kappa Alpha fraternity, Mr. Ralph Adams, Mr. Russell Bryant, Mr. Charles F. Davis, Mr. Willis W. Gray, Mr. Milton E. Johnson, Lt. Gaiting W. Pegg, Rev. E. F. Ridley, Mr. Eugene Skinner, Mr. Ray L. Williams, and Mr. Delmar Woods.

Junior Busy Bees of Workmans Club Sell \$300 Worth of War Stamps
The Junior Busy Bees of the Workman's Club have scored again. In the fifth War Bond drive the Busy Bee Juniors of the Workman's Club ranging from three and a half pre-school age to twelve years, went out and sold \$100.00 in war saving stamps, and in the Sixth Bond drive now in progress, have to date, sold about \$300.00 worth.

The community is very proud of this group of youngsters and take great pride in getting behind them in their undertaking. Little Anna Mae Wright, with a wonderful record at West Side School, and the Woodson Center, is the leader, with the able assistance of her sister Victoria, who won first prize in the Fifth Bond drive, and Vera Starks, Barbara Jean Moore, Leonard Loftin, and many others.

These youngsters' motto, which is often repeated, is: "Buy your Bonds and Stamps Today, in Big and small amounts, It will help the U.S.A., and that's what really counts."

WORKMAN'S CLUB WILL HAVE OPEN HOUSE
The Workman's Club will hold open house for the entire membership on Xmas Day. The hours will be from 3 to 6 p.m. All refreshments free.

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Carol Brice, Young Negro Contralto in Debut Saturday,

Jamacians 'J-Cd' in Negro Hotel

CHICAGO'S PERSHING HOTEL UNDER FIRE
by O. T. Shelton
Chicago, (PPNS) The unveiling of a life of horror existing beneath the polished exterior of the swanky Pershing hotel was made this week when the death of Michael Myers, one of a group of Jamacians brought to this state to supplement the manpower shortage, was reported after attempts to suppress the scandal failed.

Young Michael reportedly met his death after contracting a contagious disease, which resulted from substandard health conditions and facilities imposed upon ninety of the Jamacian group who were forced to live in one large room. Herded like cattle into their stuffy quarters, the men bunked on army cots that crowd every inch of available space. A reeking odor emits from scattered garbage and other refuse that litter the floor, while proper ventilation is difficult because of the large number occupying the room.

The men go for weeks without a change of linen, and the lack of chairs, lockers or other useful furniture necessitates the piling of their clothes on the floor. They have access to a toilet with water pressure so low that only one inch of water fills the commode.

The cost per man for these "accommodations" is \$3.50 per week, making a total income for the management of \$1,260 a month. These unbelievable conditions that exist in this secluded portion of the hotel is in marked contrast with the finery accorded regular guests.

The men are ostracised and not allowed to communicate with the other guests. They are employed by the Union Stockyards and upon arriving from work must go immediately to their quarters, using the side of the lobby to gain entrance.

O. T. Shelton, the writer, who made an unofficial investigation of the case, places the blame on the WMC, the hotel management and Atty. Bentley Cyrus, who acts as advisor and consultant for the men.

Roosevelt States Democracy's Victory Must be Negroes' Victory

Atlanta, Ga., (PPNS) The sixth all-Southern Negro Youth Conference held here last week was highlighted by an inspiring message from the nation's commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt. The message praising highly the Negroes' contribution to America, was received with deep appreciation by the assembly. In the typical eloquent style of the President, the letter stated:

"It is good to know that at its meeting in Atlanta this year the all-Southern Negro Youth Conference will have as its theme, 'Democracy—The Challenge of Victory.' It is increasingly apparent that this is the challenge faced by us all.

"I know that on the road to victory hard at first and bloody still, the Negro youth of the south met, with other American young people, this challenge with a courage which has dignified their generation. Hundreds of thousands of young Negroes from the Southern States serve in our armed forces. In the factories, on the farms, and in all fields of activity, thousands of other Negro young people have given freely of their skill, their strength, their courage and their loyalty.

"They have fought not only to defend America but to advance America. They have fought to establish a universal freedom under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all—regardless of station, race or creed.

"Their fight has been democracy's fight. And democracy's victory must be their victory—to cherish and extend as the men and women of to-

Tries to Extort Money from Omaha Woman

Vallejo, Calif. Man Held by FBI Agents

Sylvester James Jarrett, colored, arrested December 5, 1944, in Vallejo, California, by Agents of the FBI for attempting to extort money from Mrs. Rose McClinton, colored, of 1917 North 27th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, according to Special Agent in charge, Duane L. Traynor of the Omaha FBI office.

A complaint was filed against Jarrett in Sacramento, California on December 6, charging him with violation of Section 402b, Title 18, U. S. Code in that he did cause to be transported in interstate commerce a threat to injure a person with intent to extort money.

The arrest came as a result of two long distance telephone calls which Jarrett made to Mrs. McClinton in which he indicated to her that her son, Eli McClinton, who is presently serving in the United States Army in Italy, was on an island near California and needed \$500 to buy civilian clothes so that he might enter the United States. In the first call, which was made during the first part of November 1944, Jarrett, using the name of James White, told Mrs. McClinton that her son would soon be reported missing in action by the war department but for her not to believe such a report if received. He desired that Mrs. McClinton send money to him for her son in order that he might buy civilian clothes and get home.

On December 1, 1944, according to Mr. Traynor, Mrs. McClinton received another call from Jarrett in which he instructed her to send money to an address in Vallejo, California, and threatened that her son would be done away with if she did not comply. In making this threat, Jarrett violated the Federal Extortion Statute.

As a result of investigation conducted by FBI agents in Vallejo, California, Jarrett was apprehended and admitted he had made the calls as James White.

According to Mr. Traynor, Jarrett formerly resided in Omaha at the home of Mrs. McClinton and thus learned of her son and his activities. Jarrett was born in Flint, Michigan, March 30, 1923, served in the United States Army from January 15, 1943, to August 12, 1943 receiving an honorable discharge. He was recruited for work in the Mare Island Navy Yards, at Vallejo, California from Omaha, Nebraska in October 1944.

Jarrett will be held for prosecution action in California.

Graduates from Howard Medical School

Mr. Edward Nathan Wiggins, better known to his Omaha friends as "Ed" graduates from the College of Medicine at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 22nd. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wiggins plan to be present at the graduating exercises.

Walter White to Pacific as War Correspondent

New York—Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, left December 5, on the first leg of his trip to the Pacific as War Correspondent for the New York Post-Mr. White expects to visit all areas where Negro troops are centered, and to interview elading government, military and naval authorities in all theatres of combat, and civilian circles. His itinerary will include specifically the China-Burma-India theatre, and Russia. Stories, bulletins, articles and special dispatches from these sections

EXOTIC TONDA



New York—Tantalizing TONDALEYO, famous dancer of stage and screen has the distinction of being owner of the only night club of her race in the gay white way of Broadway.

The famous night club and cafe restaurant has developed into the most popular rendezvous in the Times Square area, located at 18 West 52 street, attracting celebrities of stage, radio and screen of both

sexes. TONDALEYO is now starring in her own revue, featuring Gladys Bentley, "Queen of Cabarets"; Maxine Johnson, "Pin-up Thrust"; Rubberlegs Williams, "Rockin' Like An M4 Tank"; Kenny Watts, "Boogie Woogie Swinger"; Danny Ricardo Tonda's baritone discovery and George James' Rhythm Trio—Photo by Snelson.

the effort to help that victory become a reality," said Mr. Melford. Dr. Walter F. Clarg, of New York City, Executive Director of the American Social Hygiene Association, speaking before a luncheon at the Fontenelle hotel, Friday, composed of distinguished Nebraskans and members of the Omaha Social Hygiene Committee, outlined a program which the community must adopt to meet the needs of its returning servicemen and civilians alike. Among those attending the luncheon were Dr. Wesley Jones, Mr. Raymond Brown and Mr. Duward Crooms of the Urban League and Mr. Ryland E. Melford of the State Health Department.

PACKING WORKER HELD IN STABBING OF WIFE

David Clifford Choice, 27, of 3220 South 28th street is held for investigation by South Omaha police in connection with the stabbing of his wife Opha, 25, at the Swift and Co., plant Monday eve.

According to a police report, both are employed at the plant, and shortly after 5 p.m. Monday, Choice walked into the canning room and stabbed his wife several times. He fled, but later appeared at the plant emergency room, where he was arrested.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, ROSE RUSSELL ON NAACP BROADCAST

New York—December 20, on station WEVD (10:15-10:45 pm.) Mr. Thurgood Marshall, famous jurist, and Special Counsel for the NAACP will broadcast the story of the Association's fight for equal educational facilities. Sharing the program will be Mrs. Rose V. Russell, Legislative Representative of the New York Teacher's Union, who will present proposals for similar objectives in New York. Copies of speeches may be obtained by writing to Miss Constance C. Young, director of the broadcast, after the program.



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TALK OVER GAS SITUATION—Private Edward Clay of New Iberia, Louisiana, talks over the gas situation somewhere on the Western Front with General Dwight D. Eisenhower Supreme Allied Commander. "Ike" places a lot of confidence in men like Clay. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo from BPR.)

Wife Bestows Honor



Tuskegee, Alabama, (PPNS) Sec- daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Epps ond Lieutenant Halbert Leo Alexan- of Nashville, Tennessee, pins his der, of 310 E. 13th St., Georgetown, wings on immediately following the ca- III, beams proudly as his lovely wife, det graduation at the Tuskegee Army the former Miss Alice Hazel Epps, Air Field.

JOB OF BOND DRIVE IN NEBRASKA CAN NOT BE DONE WITHOUT INDIVIDUALS DOING THEIR FULL SHARE

This is the last week of the Sixth War Loan drive in Nebraska, and while indications were that over-all quotas would be reached in most of the state's 93 counties, E bond sales were still far behind those of the rest of the country, Federal Reserve reports over the weekend indicated.

Leon J. Markham, Executive Manager of the Nebraska War Finance Committee, said that individual bond buying was still lagging, and that although corporation buying was shoving the over-all totals up, the job could not be done without individuals doing their full share.

The state's apparently slow buying prompted Dale Clark, Nebraska War Finance Committee Chairman, to issue the following statement to Nebraskans: "The path to victory is never cheap, but if our Nebraska boys can pay for it with their lives, we can pay for it with our dollars. The G. I. Citizen's dollars must march with G. I. Joe."

Governor Dwight Griswold used a state wide network of radio stations, Sunday, to address a plea to Nebraskans to back up the Sixth War Loan drive. He said, "Our current assignment is to back up Nebraska's fighting men by providing them with the material of war that War Bond dollars must buy." He referred to Nebraska's record-breaking corn crop, and said that it isn't enough to have produced such a crop if it isn't turned into dollars and cents that will pay for the fighting equipment needed to bring Nebraska men home.

"War Bond buying is the personal responsibility of every Nebraskan. On that will depend whether Nebraska meets its War Bond obligations in the final analysis," the Governor said. He expressed confidence that the same Nebraskans who harvested this year's tremendous crop are equal to the task of putting over Nebraska's War Loan drive.

First county to make its over-all goal, but still lagging in individual sales was Lancaster County which topped its \$11,608,800 quota last Thursday. Reversing the order, Buffalo County topped its E. bond quota as first in the state to score this victory. Buffalo over-subscribed its E Bond quota of \$456,900 by exactly seven dollars, Federal Reserve reports through December 6 indicated.

additional battlefronts and to do whatever the NAACP can in improving the conditions under which Negro soldiers are fighting. I hope, also, by talking with the leaders of China, India, Russia and other countries to call attention to the importance of the world problem of race which must be solved and solved right, if there is going to be any lasting peace in the world." Mr. White will return sometime in the early spring.