

# Jewel Building to be Renamed 'Federal Recreation' at Official Opening, Sunday, Mar. 4

## To House New 24th Street USO

STAFF OF 24TH STREET USO



From left to right: Miss Helen Owen, Secretary; Mr. Joseph P. Mosley, Director; Mrs. R. B. Reese, Staff Aide.

**Building Completely Renovated and Equipped for Service Men Women Needs**

**Many Outstanding Civic, Religious, Military Men And Women To Appear On Dedication Program**

**Hastings Naval Base Band to Play**  
 Official opening of the new USO Club will be held Sunday, March 4, 1945. The program is as follows:  
**DEDICATORY PROGRAM FOR NEW USO**  
 Atty. Ralph Adams, Master of Ceremonies.  
 3:00 P.M. Band Concert—Hastings Naval Ammunition Depot band.  
 4:00 P.M. National Anthem—Led by Mrs. Lucy Mae Britt.  
 Invocation—Father Sanchez.  
 Greetings—Mayor Dan Butler.  
 Remarks from the following:  
 Major General C. H. Danielson, Commanding Gen. 7th Serv. Com.  
 Lt. P. J. McDonnell, Comm. Officer Naval Barracks.  
 Lawrence A. Wheeler, Regional Executive USO.  
 Milton Abrahams, Chairman USO Council.  
 Raymond Brown, Executive Secretary Urban League.  
 P. W. Richardson, Regional Supervisor YMCA-USO.  
**Transfer of Keys**  
 Dan Farrell Federal Works Agency to Joseph P. Mosley, Dir. Dedication.  
 The program will be preceded with a band concert by the Hastings Naval Ammunition Depot band. Open house will follow the opening program. The Public is urged to attend.

### USO Hostesses Schedule Pre-Opening Saturday Eve., Formal Dance

Although the official opening of the New USO Club, (formerly the Dreamland Hall building), has been scheduled to open on Sunday, March 4th, 1945, a gala event has been called to open activities in the new club. Club hostesses are having a formal dance Saturday March 3. This affair which is to be held in the beautiful ballroom, promises to be an outstanding social event of the season. Music is to be provided by the excellent (23) piece Hastings Naval Ammunition Depot Band.



**MR. JOSEPH P. MOSLEY, Director of the 24th Street USO Club.**  
 Before coming to Omaha, Mr. Mosley served as Associate Director at the USO Club in Cheyenne, Wyo. Under his leadership the Club has made splendid progress. Mr. Mosley's home is in Lawrence, Kansas and he is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Master's Degree in Social Science. He has done advanced graduate work at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Mosley is a member of the Alpha Phi fraternity.

### COMMUNITY MEDICAL FACILITIES MUST BE EXPANDED

**Failure Will Work Hardship on Returning Veterans**

**SAYS SUBCOMMITTEE ON WARTIME HEALTH AND EDUCATION**  
 Claude Pepper, Chairman (D. Fla.)  
 James M. Tamm (D. Del.)  
 Robert M. LaFollette, Jr. (P. Wis.)  
 H. D. Thomas, (D. Utah)  
 H. Alexander Smith, (R. N. J.)

Present health facilities and programs, if not greatly expanded and developed by communities, will fall far short of meeting the health needs of the 15,000,000 returning veterans of this war. This was the chief conclusion in an interim report on the Health Needs of Veterans released by the Senate Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education under the chairmanship of Senator Claude Pepper (D. Fla.). A further study of the quality of the medical care provided for American war veterans will be made by the committee with the view toward formulating concrete recommendations to meet the tremendous medical care problem that will be created by the return to civilian life of the veterans of this war.

"The men and women in the services have become accustomed to the best in medical and hospital care," Senator Pepper said. "They will not be satisfied with anything less than the best when they return to civilian life."  
 The report states that the committee's continuing study will be made with the help of outstanding medical authorities, veterans' organizations, and professional groups in the health field. The primary purpose of the investigation, the report states, will be to make certain "that every possible step is taken to safeguard the health of disabled veterans." The report takes cognizance of criticisms of the medical care of veterans expressed by witnesses who have testified before the committee. It also points out that the Veterans' Administration operates under the handicaps of a rapidly increasing veteran load, shortage of personnel, and lack of authority to provide out-patient treatment for all disabilities which men with service-connected disabilities may have.

The report recommends that any veteran who has a service-connected disability should be given hospitalization and out-patient treatment, not only for his service-connected disability, but also for any other disability from which he may suffer. There is no assurance in the present law that a veteran having full medical care is not being given any disabilities connected with service should be given to the Veterans' Administration.

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### THE LIVING SOUTH

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#### JERICHO ON THE SANDY LAND

Now, I've often wondered what those Jericho walls were made out of to come tumbling down so



MR. HAROLD PREECE

quick when Old Joshua marched around 'em with a lot of poor folks. I reckon that there mustn't have been enough sand in the cement when the big men built the big houses and the big walls of Jericho. I reckon that those big walls must have been mighty weak and rotten inside to come tumbling down in the faces of big people when a lot of little people started marching. I reckon that the walls of Dixie must be mighty weak and rotten for a whole side of them to come tumbling down when Georgia repealed the poll tax the other day. For now all the little people of Georgia—the Negroes working for dry cornbread back on Cap'n Willie Cunningham's plantation in Oglethorpe County, the Blue Ridge mountaineers whose granddaddies fought to free the black men in the Civil War—will be able to step across the breach to start building that new Jericho which will be the New South.

Now, the Bible tells me that Canaan was a land of milk and honey for the Lord's children after they had marched across the broken walls of Jericho and started clearing off the brush to plow up the new ground.

I believe that the New South will be a land of milk and honey, a land of justice and peace and prosperity for the Lord's white and black children of Dixie, once they have torn down the walls that divide us. I believe that your children and my children will live together as brothers because white hands and black hands are hammering down

## White 'G.I.' Tells of Negro Soldier's Courage

Warren, Ohio—The kind of unselfish devotion and camaraderie being experienced between Negro and white G.I.'s in this war is revealed in a recent clipping from the Daily Examiner under its column ABOUT PEOPLE. This time it is William Gillespie, white private formerly with the Third Army in France (now recovering from an attack of sciatic rheumatism in a hospital in England) who tells the story of James Alvin Wilson, 1224 Lenox Ave., N. Y., killed in action November 23, 1944.

"In spite of the rain and snow, I could see Jim reach down into the foxhole and gently lift me to the edge. "Now I weigh about 176, and at the time I was, as they say, soaking wet. But it evidently didn't make much difference to this soldier, who had volunteered to take me back to the aid station. "The pain in my hips was at that time quite acute, and Jim was always asking if he was hurting me. As I laid my head upon his chest, I could hear his deep breathing and the laboring of his heart. He carried me a little over a mile to the aid station, and it was then that I learned Jim had 'trench feet,' and had carried me all that distance through snow. Every step must have been torture. "We were together from then on, sleeping in cots close together, because Jim told them that he would take care of me. "The care he gave me became a legend with the other patients. At

night when I awoke from the pain, Jim was there with water, talking to me, telling me to "take it easy," bringing me a cool towel and wiping my face. He would bring cigarettes every day, and I had the best of everything. "And then came our parting. Jim took me to his outfit and myself to a general hospital. He carried one end of my litter to the ambulance and when they drove away his parting words were, 'I'll see you in the States kid,' and we pulled away. As I looked back the sun was shining, and Jim stood there waving his big powerful hand, and as the sun hit his combat helmet, it seemed to glow into a halo, and I could see he was crying as I was. "Thus was my friendship with a fellow named Jim. I wondered as the days passed why he didn't write as he promised. Then one day I had my answer as I was reading the 'Stars and Stripes.' I came across an article something like this: "James Alvin Wilson, colored, 1224 Lenox Avenue, New York, N. Y., Killed in action, November 23, 1944."

### Mr. Dee Offers Novel Plan for Acquiring A New Bedford Home

In a special announcement made by Mr. Hiram D. Dee, head of the Improvement Realty Co., who are building the new homes at 39th and Wirt street, known as the Bedford, addition, he said, "due to the fact that many have inquired about a plan to accumulate a down payment for a new home, we now offer a service that will help all who want to buy a home now or later. The plan offered is this:  
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 2. Make payments as may be convenient for you—until the full down payment is made.  
 3. All down payments are 10 percent of total cost of house and lot with all improvements included.  
 If interested see Mr. Dee at 342 Electric building or call JA-7718 or JA-1620.

### 3RD QUARTERLY BOARD MEET OF NEW ERA BAPTIST ASSN. TO CONVENE MARCH 7-8

The Third Quarterly Board meeting of the New Era Baptist Association and Auxiliaries will convene on Wednesday and Thursday, Mar. 7, 8, 1945 with Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 24th and Ohio Streets, the Rev. David St. Clair, Pastor, of the Omaha Nebraska edifice. The public is cordially invited to attend. Much inspiration is to be gained for those who attend these sessions.

## "Full Ballot Rights, and Complete Democracy..."

### Resolutions Adopted at Negro Editors and Publishers' Meeting

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Determination to effect the full right of the ballot and a concerted campaign for "complete democracy" were contained in resolutions unanimously adopted here by editors and publishers at the joint regional meeting of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association in Booker T. Washington High School Friday and Saturday.

The theme of the convention, called by Carter W. Wesley of Houston, Texas, Western NNPA vice president, and C. Scott of Atlanta, Ga., Southern NNPA vice president, was "Winning the Right to Vote".

The body promised legal and political action for full voting rights in every State in which the Negro is disfranchised, as the conclusion of a public panel in which Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Oklahoma City Black Dispatch, presided and analyzed the vote situation in Oklahoma. Mr. Wesley reviewed the fight for enfranchisement in Texas; Percy Greene, editor of the Jackson Advocate, gave the vote picture in Mississippi; Emory O. Jackson, editor of the Birmingham World, pictured conditions in Alabama; Mr. Scott related the latest political developments in Georgia; John McCray, editor of the Columbia (S.C.) Lighthouse and Informer, gave a consummate view of the status of colored voters in that state; and A. G. Shields, editor of the Arkansas World, of Little Rock, brought recommendations for political action there.

In the "color panel, for which the speakers were Father Vincent J. O'Connell, Ernest J. Wright and J. H. Morton, FEPC representative, the colored press was lauded for the part it has played in effecting the gains for the race on the labor front. A consummate picture of war time employment and integration of Negroes in defense industry was given, as well as the picture of labor.

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 February 20, 1945.  
 Omaha, Nebraska

The Editor, Omaha Guide, 2420 Grant Street, Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to report to you that the Omaha Guide has again performed a splendid public service for the American people in assisting The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the March of Dimes in Celebration of the President's Birthday, and I covet this privilege of informing you of the large part played by the Negro Press in this public service.

Our clipping services and complimentary copies of newspapers, magazines and bulletins indicate the interest and full use of materials sent from National Headquarters. Many publications carried releases originating in local communities and others prepared their own feature displays. The full story of the activities of the National Foundation and its Chapters was told again and again and again by the Negro Press.

When my travel schedule permit me to visit your city, I shall use the opportunity to express my personal thanks for your cooperation; and I invite you to call on me whenever you are in New York.

Sincerely yours, CHARLES H. BYNUM,  
 Director of Negro Activities.

### MANY VITAL SERVICES

In its efforts to care for the needs of service men in this area, the USO Club has been called upon to perform many important and sometimes unusual services for members of the armed forces. These requests have included: Care for babies, securing of marriage licenses, securing of blood donors, lodging for wives and families, information regarding train schedules, providing recreational opportunities, location of persons, excepting and sending messages, providing home hospitality, distribution of religious literature, counseling, mending, wrapping and sending packages, visits to hospitals, and parties on military bases.

A typical month's activities would include a building attendance of 10,000.  
 1,000 articles checked,  
 20 packages wrapped,  
 50 religious pamphlets distributed,  
 1500 USO envelopes and post cards distributed,  
 215 messages excepted,  
 General location directions to 16,000.  
 Rooms and housing facilities for 1,000.  
 Individual counseling to 125.

### CLUB DIRECTOR MEMBER OF LOCAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

One of the greatest and most appreciated honors coming to the club was an invitation from the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance to the director, Mr. J. P. Mosley, to become a member of this group. The admission of the director to this organization is a manifestation of the splendid cooperation of the ministers of the city with the club.

The ministers of the city are taking an active part in providing for the religious needs of the men of the armed forces visiting Omaha. To foster this program a Religious Emphasis Committee from the Ministerial Alliance has been formed. Members of this committee are Rev. J. Blackburn, Rev. C. C. Reynolds, Mr. J. P. Mosley.

A program has been adopted whereby the Ministers will visit the club, fellowship and counsel with the men, bring vendor programs to the club, and send representatives to the club to escort service men to churches. Rev. Brooks is president of the Alliance.

### COUNCIL OF VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN 24TH STREET USO CLUB

Since its inception in 1942, one of the club's most active supporters has been the Council of Volunteer Organizations. This group led by Mrs. Sarah Walker, Chairman, Helena Thomas, secretary and composed of many clubs in the city, has been responsible for providing refreshments for the many service men who visited the club. Many projects for improving the morale of the men and women of the armed forces have been sponsored by this group. The club meets at the USO the 1st Monday of each week.

### SERVICE MEN ACTIVE BLOOD DONORS

On many occasions, members of the armed forces have exhibited their appreciation for interests shown toward them by Omaha. An outstanding example of this occurred when an emergency arose at one of the local hospitals and blood donors with a rare type of blood were needed urgently.

The director called Lt. McCartney at local Fort Crook and four soldiers with this type of blood volun-

### Staff Aide



MRS. RUBY B. REESE, Staff Aide of the 24th Street USO Club. Mrs. Reese has been associated with the organization since it started. Her friendly smile and pleasing disposition have made her a great asset to the Club.

### Secretary



MISS HELEN OWEN, Secretary of the Club, is efficient and capable and has an important part in the organization.

### Custodian



JOHN PUGH, Custodian, is responsible for the fine maintenance of the building.

### Easter! Easter! Easter! Flowers! Flowers!

First come, first served. Yes, this is war time. The flower industry is suffering for the want of help just as the other industries are, due to the manpower shortage. There is no question about there being a complete sell-out by the florists in this area, a long, long time before Easter. So use good judgment whether you want an Easter lily or any other kind of beautiful flowers, beautifully designed by an expert and call WRIGHT'S FLOWERS Shop for your Easter lilies and other floral designs. Get your order in now for Mr. Wright will go down the book according to registered orders. Call JA-9484 and register your flower wants for your Easter Sweetheart.

### Samuel B. Patterson Dies

Mr. Samuel B. Patterson, 66, died Tuesday, February 20th, at his home 2116 Miami street. He was employed at the Nebraska Ordnance plant at Omaha. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Patterson, daughter, Miss Lucile Patterson, both of Omaha, two sons, Corporal William B. Patterson, Godman Field, Kentucky, Pfc. James E. Patterson, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., five sisters, Mrs. Maxie Smith, Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Zola Brown, Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Nancy Whiteall, Fremont, Nebr., Mrs. Susie Whiteall, Lincoln, Mrs. Betty Cash, Omaha, one brother, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Malta Bend, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Zion Baptist Church with Rev. F. C. Williams and Rev. W. S. Metcalf officiating. Committal services and burial in the family plot at Ridge Cemetery, Fremont with Rev. T. T. McWilliams, Sr. in charge, arrangements by The Thomas Funeral Home, 2022 Lake Street.

### Father of Mrs. Aneita Blackburn Dies in Ga.

Mrs. G. Aneita Blackburn and son Clifton Harper, have gone to Georgia, where Mrs. Blackburn was called home on account of the death of her father, Professor W. H. Harper. Prof. Harper was Supt. of Negro Education in northeast Georgia for the past 23 years. He was widely known in civic and fraternal circles and for his intense interest in bettering conditions for the members of his race. He was ill only a short