

## ChatterBox

BY DORIS MCGILL

## GREETINGS GATES

New members in Tomorrow World Club are Lillian Speese, Naomi Vealand, Louise Seay, Robert Rodges, Wm. Payton who are really swell people to know.

What certain girl is sweet on L.

B? Could it be Lorraine Jackson?

What young ladies are so inquisitive over Robert Bates?

FLASH!!!! What incident happened last week on the Crosstown car—did S. P. really kiss M. F.? (good deal)!!!

Could it be that R. R. has a job? He catches the Crosstown car early every Saturday morning, ha! ha!

Sonny Partridge is back looking very nice in his navy uniform.

Is K. G. still rocking his Dream Boat, over R. F.? (I Wonder). ???

ATTENTION: Spring is nearing. Girls you better get your jobs? (Now or never)!!

STOP!!! Did you like the Road Show act Edsul Hudson and Udot, sie Goodwin Jitterbugged (very nice Lois Brown acted as Lena Horne, (Perfect).

Pvt. M. L. Johnson was home on leave looking fine in his army (Easter) suit.

Who was caught in Reed's Sunday night? Could it have been A. D?

M. H. and F. S. are going steady! (nice work Mable).

Have you noticed that G. S. and F. M. are becoming better friends, (ha ha).

What certain chick told a certain Cat Sunday?—NO GO!

Did R. A. find what she was looking for Saturday?

J. D. and J. J. are the best of friends. Watch out girls!

D. G. and J. T. are still together and are happier than a pair of larks.

How is B. D. and J. D. getting along? Are there any interferences? (I Wonder).

D. W. and N. W. went to Hastings; have a nice time (We don't miss U).

How is C. M. coming with K. B? (fine I hope)

What certain Cat was caught Sunday night and couldn't pay his bill in the Sharp Inn? Could it have been L. S. G. ???

Have you noticed J. C. E. and M. M. P. being seen together—What's up???

R. J. took P. F. home Sunday, is there any intimate friendship?

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### "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"—Doorstep Scene From 20th Century Fox Greatest Movie Hit!



#### A SHORT STORY ABOUT

#### "A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN"

One of the most heart-warming novels ever written, Betty Smith's "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is now one of the most heart-warming films ever made.

Twentieth Century-Fox, which brought another memorable best-seller, "The Song of Bernadette," to life on the screen, has surpassed even that achievement with "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn". Just as the book has been phenomenally popular, selling more than a million copies in its first year of publication, the picture should set new box-office records.

On film, as between book covers, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is as absorbingly dramatically, entertainingly, humanly real—an experience to talk about, to share.

The picture excels in every department: scenario, acting, direction, photography, scenic design, set decoration, editing and music. It will inevitably be a popular contender for Academy Awards.

Dorothy McGuire, James Dunn, Joan Blondell, Lloyd Nolan, Peggy Ann Garner and Ted Donaldson head the carefully chosen cast. Supporting players include such talent as James Gleason, Ruth Nelson, Frankie Bore, John Alexander, B. S. Pully, Charles Halton, Adeline deWalt Reynolds and J. Farrell Mac Donald, among others.

"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" was published August 19, 1943. The first copy had not yet rolled off the presses, and the book had not yet become a Literary Guild selection, when Twentieth-Fox acquired the screen rights. The purchase was made from galley proofs, at the urging of Producer Louis D. Lighton.

The film treatment of the story was fraught with problems. The book was a delightful, infinitely detailed, rambling succession of incidents, strung on a thin thread of plot, telling the nostalgic tale of a young girl's growing up—in the Brooklyn tenements of a generation ago. The charm of the book was that through that young girl, Francie Nolan, everyone relieved his own childhood, no matter where that childhood had been spent. That charm has to be preserved in the film, but for screen purposes the thread of plot had to be tightened, clearly defined. Also, all of the incidents in the book could not be put on the screen without having a picture five hours long. Some of the minor characters had to be omitted, for the same reason. In short, the story had to be telescoped without sacrificing any of the elements that made it so memorable. Most of the things that happen in the book also happen in the picture, but in a shorter period of time—approximately a year. And, very definitely, the picture has caught the mood of the book.

When the script was completed, the studio sought—and obtained Ella Kazan as director.

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### SOCIAL NOTES

**VISITS RELATIVES HERE**  
Mrs. Katie Taylor, and Mrs. W. C. Coburn, of Meridian, Oklahoma, are in the city, visiting kinsfolk. There stay here is indefinite.

**CORPORAL SEAY HERE**  
Corporal James Seay, 2326 Seward Plaza came home on furlough last week, to visit with his wife, and daughter, "Mitten" as they so affectionately call her.

Corporal Seay is a former linotype operator of the Omaha Guide.

**3 BATTLE SCARS**  
Mrs. Callie Rich of 986 North 25th avenue received a letter from her brother Earston Channing stationed somewhere in the army, that he has received three battle scars.

Reports say that he is doing nicely. She hears from him regularly of which she is very proud.

**MOTHER LUSTER GETTING ALONG NICELY**

Mother Luster of 2421 Caldwell Street seems to be getting along nicely as she has been somewhat ill this past winter but says that she feels better now. "I have a great deal of patience and am depending upon the Lord first. We wish that everyone would put more trust in the Lord and wait for His coming," she stated.

**ASK SOUL SAVING ASSISTANCE**

Elder S. J. Watson of 2827 Decatur street, has a revival meeting going on, conducted by Mother Watson 2408 Caldwell street. We are asking the Missionary workers of the city at large and also Elders and Ministers to assist in this wonderful soul saving revival conducted by Mother Watson. Come everybody, you are welcome and bring the sick and be healed.

—thanks.

#### CLIPPERS AND RAZOR

Mr. P. J. Taylor of 1708 North 25th street, is a very busy man these days, using the clippers and razors. He says it is his purpose to make a man look and feel better. Mr. Taylor has a very nice barber shop, operated under sanitary conditions. He is a christian gentleman and does not like any cursing or profanity around him. You are always welcome.

#### CONSISTENT LIFE

Mr. Logan of 1711 North 25th St., says he is doing nicely and is living a very consistent life. I would be glad to have everyone to live a consistent, moderate life and to think more seriously as this is the time to read and think.

#### ILL TWO WEEKS

Mrs. B. Blow of 2802 North 30th street as been sick for two weeks. When the reporter called, she was resting on the bed, eating popcorn and said she was doing nicely but at times still felt bad.

#### AWAITS HUSBANDS RETURN

Mrs. Annie McWilliams of 2515 Miami street is staging a home, waiting stay, waiting for the arrival of her husband who is a waiter on the UPRR, when the railroader, who keep her company.

#### FULLMAN PORTER

Mrs. John Voner of 2537 Binney street has lived in Omaha for 25 years and the longer she lives here the better she likes it, she says. My husband is working as a Pullman porter and has been for 21 yrs. They have three children, 2 girls and 1 boy.

#### TAKEN ILL AT ELKS CLUB

Mrs. Azalee McFadden, 2527 Binney street, taken suddenly ill at the Elks Club, 18th and Dodge Sts. on the 14th of February, 1945. She was taken home by Mrs. Mattie Jones and is much better at this writing.

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**STUDENT AT NORTH HIGH**  
Adolphe Nelum of 2533 Binney St. is a student of North High school and a private in the ROTC and he likes his school fine.

### ACTIVITIES AT THE NORTH TWENTY FOURTH USO CLUB

J. P. MOSELY, DIRECTOR

There has been a marked increase in activities, programs and attendance at the 24th Street USO Club since entering the new quarters. Clubs and organizations have found the committee room quite convenient for meetings and several have availed themselves of the opportunity of using it. Last week meetings were held by the Zeta Phi Beta sorority and the local committee of the FEPC here.

In programming, emphasis is being placed upon service men's participation. Opportunity is given members of the armed forces to give expression to their ideas through appearance on programs. One program innovation is the designating of certain days by the name of a camp which will have complete charge of program for that day. For example, Sunday, March 18, was Grand Island day and soldiers from that base were in charge.

#### SAILORS ENTERTAIN USO HOSTESSES AT ST. PATRICK'S DAY BALL

130 junior and senior hostesses journeyed to Hastings Naval Armament Depot, Saturday March 17 where they were guests of the sailors stationed at that base for a St. Patrick's Day Ball. Five bus loads left the club at 1:00 pm. and arrived in Hastings at 6:00 pm. After a delicious meal, hostesses dressed and dancing began at 8:00 pm. The hall was beautifully decorated in the spirit of St. Patrick's day; the music was furnished by the fine Hastings band and was excellent; and everyone had a great time.

#### TRIPS

On Thursday March 22, two buses will take hostesses to Kearney, Nebraska, where they will entertain the service men from that base at the Kearney USO. The following Thursday, 36 girls will go to Grand Island for a party.

#### PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday a group of soldiers from the Kearney AAF will have charge of the program. There will be a religious program at 10:00 am and Vespers at 4:00 pm. The public is invited and urged to attend Vesper program. Easter Sunday will be observed through appropriate services in the morning. Plans have been completed for providing service men with all the boiled eggs they can consume that day. These eggs are being furnished by the hostesses and organizations of this city. Any donations of eggs will be welcomed.

#### "SAILORS HOLIDAY" TO BE PRESENTED AT 24TH STREET USO CLUB

A big treat is in store for all of Omaha, on April 7. On this day the famed Hastings "NAD" band, choir and talented enlisted men will bring to the club highlights of the navy production "Sailor's Holiday." This show recently played 3 night engagements to a packed house in Hastings, Nebraska, and was enthusiastically received. The brilliancy of the performance has gained praise for those responsible for the production and those performing in it. The admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

#### MR. SAYBERT HANGER ADDED TO MANAGEMENT

A recent addition to the Management Committee of the 24th Street USO Club, was Mr. Saybert Hanger, well known lawyer and government employee. Mr. Hanger is very active in the civic affairs. He is a former member and president of the Urban League Board. Presently he is a member of the welfare board. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. With the addition of Mr. Hanger, it is certain that the committee will continue its progressiveness and will remain a dominant factor in the successful operation of the club.

#### NAACP SERVICE FOR VETS TO BE NATION WIDE

New York—In order to render greater service to veterans of World War II, the NAACP is setting up Veterans branch committees all over the country to work closely with Jesse Dedmon, Jr., new NAACP Veterans secretary with offices in the Washington Bureau, 100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, DC.

"The purpose of this new service" as outlined in a letter by Acting Secretary Roy Wilkins, to the branches, is "to give immediate aid in answering questions that will arise and to see that they are given full benefits as regards housing, reemployment and education which they are entitled to without discrimination because of their color."

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### WAITERS' COLUMN

BY DEAN H. W. SMITH

WE. 6458

Jimmie Johnson a very good station bus driver.

The waiters Club welcomes you at all times.

The RR boys are all ready for the spring business and we are hoping the month of March will give them more sunshine.

Fontenelle hotel waiters topped off St. Patrick's day banquet.

Paxton hotel waiters out in front and going along good.

Regis hotel and White Horse Inn waiters serving with a smile.

Are you a subscriber to the Great Omaha Guide?

Blackstone hotel waiters very much on the job.

Waiters at the Hill Hotel improving on all service changes fast.

Rumor has it that one of the swell country clubs which folded up some time ago, will reopen this summer.

The Omaha Club waiters are on the up and go on quick service.

All waiters should attend church on Sundays as leading a Christian life is an uplift to everyone.

Read the Omaha Guide.

THE WEEK—by H. W. Smith

Two men were killed Wednesday March 14 when a truck and auto one hundred and thirty second crashed at 132 and Center Street.

The largest aircraft carrier Mid way will be christened at Newport News, Va., March 20—it will carry more than 8 twin-engine planes.

Sara Joshua is held as a suspect in the theft of \$90,000 to \$100,000 in checks at Blytheville, Arkansas from a mail pouch.

The Missouri river continues to fall between Nebraska cit and KC Mo., March 15th.

U. S. Senator Wherry has asked a food probe and meat shortage. Mrs. Edward Lee of 2420 Maple St., sojourning in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier of 2331 Miami street on an early shopping tour Friday March 16th. Jerry Simpson the streamlined sleeping car porter taking on more weight.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor of 2308 North 27th Avenue in Hot Springs Arkansas enjoying the baths and recreational facilities.

Easter Sunday is in the making and weather permitting the Easter parade will be viewed by many. Perry Taylor the streamlined barber and Sunday school teacher very much out in front at all times.

The NY legislature passed the FEPL and it was signed by Gov. Dewey and it was the first state to get out in front for justice to all races.

Virginia State Supreme Court to test Jim Crow law.

Rev. C. C. Adams and H. W. Smith have a friendly chat in the streamlined barber shop Friday March 16th.

We did not notice many green ribbons on St. Patrick's day March 17.

The Urban League presents Wm. S. Townsend vice president National Urban League in a membership drive at Pilgrim Baptist church Thursday evening, March 29th. Tickets \$1.20 membership included.

Iowa highways were flooded by the overflow from the Des Moines and Cedar rivers for two days the week of March 12th.

Chicago police recovered three million, two hundred thousand ration coupons Sunday March 18 in an apartment.

A 17 year old girl was fatally injured in a taxicab and truck accident at 33rd and Burt streets early Sunday morning—she died at a local hospital.

Mayor LaGuardia of NY City, says the rigid rule of midnite closing will not work and he has added one more hour in NY city.

Read the Omaha Guide for all the latest news.

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chandise as there is a limit on material and prices for the greater Omaha Guide as the news and the ads are catering to the wants of the public and will listen to any suggestions for the improvement of the paper.

### ARMY STUDYING MORE EFFECTIVE NEGRO TRAINING

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in the division did not benefit by it, he said.

Negroes were drafted to fill the division, in stead of being classified and sent to whatever branch of the service they were best suited for; many went straight from the reception center to the division without preliminary basic training.

Similarly, many replacements have been sent to the division without adequate infantry training, and it is in units with the largest proportion of replacements that Mr. Gibson found the greatest tendency to "melt away."

Gibson said experience showed illiterates did not necessarily lack native intelligence and could often be made into excellent soldiers, but they require special training methods and cannot absorb combat infantry training in a short time.

War Department records show 46.6 percent of all Negro troops to be in Class V (illiterate), while only 4 percent of all white troops are in Class V and 16 percent in Class IV. The illiteracy rate in the 92nd Division is 17 percent in Class V and 75 percent in Class IV.

**LAW FOUND ARMY UNREADY**  
Mr. Gibson said the Army had very few policies toward Negroes in 1940, and was relatively unprepared to handle the problem when the Fish amendment to the National service act obliged it to accept Negro draftees in large numbers.

Negro units had to be rapidly expanded without adequate cadres of trained officers and without adequate methods to meet special difficulties.

A mixture of white and Negro officers in the same units causes some hard feeling, because, altho the Army policy is opposed to segregation, separate officers' clubs develop and incidents of race prejudice tend to be exaggerated. In front-line units, Negro officers are not put in command over white officers. Negro promotions are made by a block system which works hardships on individuals.

Mr. Gibson said most of the 92nd Division officers killed in combat have been Negro officers, which he said, reflected more credit on their courage than their judgement. The best answer is to appoint officers not because they are colored or white but because they are good and the division is trying to do that, he added.

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