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The birth of the National Negro Health Week was the timely fruition of Booker T. Washington's practical philosophy of "head, heart, hand and health" education for effective service and wholesome living. Controversy on the adjustment of the Colored man to his new

environment had ranged around the social hypothesis, "Can the American Negro Survive?" In 1915, Dr. Robert R. Moton, of Tuskegee Institute guided the National Negro Health Week movement toward its destined objectives in his article, "Organized Negro Effort for Racial Progress," which briefly defined the origin of the Health Week as an observance in which persons of all races cooperate and the object, of

course, to improve the health of Negroes and the conditions under which they live. Today the National Negro Health Week movement has grown to proportions undreamed of. As outlined by the present National Negro Health Week Movement, under Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Health Education Specialist, for the U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, DC, two definite objectives are outlined (1) to stimulate the people as a whole to cooperative endeavor in clean-up-educational, and specific hygiene and clinical services for general sanitary improvement of the community and for better health of the individual.

To the side is the Home of The Carver Savings and Loan Association. This building has been purchased by this institution. It is not the largest building in the city of Omaha in stature, but it represents a firm foundation of the largest financial institutions in the State of Nebraska to the Mid-City section. It is a partial fulfillment of the dream of the founders of the Omaha Guide which was decorated in the Guide platform 15 years ago. The idea of this Association was conceived and planned and worked to its present perfection by one of Omaha's keenest legal minds, Atty. Charles F. Davis, assisted by a group of men who he has been working with in Iroquois Lodge No. 92 and of which he is Exalted Ruler. Atty. Davis' strict business administration, in the Elk's Lodge and his ability of working out a solution of the problems which confronted him, with the assistance of his able Secretary, Dr. Price Terrell, placed in the men who he was working with, a confidence that was unshakable.

When Atty. Davis was elected as Exalted Ruler of the Elk's Lodge, he set as his goal a permanent home for this organization. He found a frail structure to begin with and a group of men divided between themselves—destroying the very things which they were organized to perfect. With the rental agreement on a building which was practically worthless due to the lapse of time, it was no small job for him to weed out the selfish interests which was in the hearts of a few of its members. With his eye on the beam, he picked his co-workers to perfect an organization that would do the job and during the time he was working out these problems, he established such a permanent confidence in his closest associates until they observed in him a man who was giving unstintingly every ounce of his energy in the interest of building a firm organization in the interest of its members and not for no one individual.

When Atty. Davis took charge of the administration of this Lodge, they had no home, no money in the treasury, no credit, and practically no respect in the community in which it existed. Today, they own the building which cost \$64,000.00 to build and which at one time was purchased by C. C. Galloway for the sum of \$40,000.00. With the increase of property value at this date we would say this building today is well worth \$60,000.00 and could not be reproduced for \$85,000.00 cash for the same. They are now carrying an average balance in the bank of from 12 to 15 thousand dollars with a good credit rating and several thousand dollars worth of U S War bonds to their credit and this Lodge has been instrumental in the community in contributing to many charitable institutions and individuals and above all this organization now has a group of men who have implicit confidence in Atty. Davis' firm business administration in the interest of humanity to such an extent that he was able to pick out a few men of this organization and organize the Carver Savings and Loan Association. There isn't any doubt in any of the incorporator's minds, as to the future success of this financial institution.

The Negroes of Omaha alone, have deposits in the downtown financial institutions of \$138,000.00 and are paying interest on capital stock controlled where they cannot get but a meagre financial consideration and where they are given employment to 49 employees.

Why not transfer this in the whole to where it will give your boy or your girl who is coming out of High school every year, something in the line for which they are trained for.

The Carver Savings and Loan Association not only deserves a 100% cooperation of the Negro in this community, but it also deserves and will expect the full cooperation of every business that is operated in this section of the city of Omaha. The Omaha Guide firmly believes that when the fundamental principle of this organization and the worth of it to this community is properly unfolded to the business firms of this section, that they will rally to the strengthening of this structure, for the business firms of this section, heretofore have also felt the sting of refused consideration from a financial point of view by the downtown financial institutions, due to the fact that their businesses were located in this area.

So, we The Omaha Guide, suggest to the official family of the Carver Savings and Loan Association, to begin to-day to build that confidence up in the business men of this section—that confidence which is



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Write Your Senators to Support HR-1698

Anti-Lynch Bill

'RACE NO FACTOR IN FIGHTING ABILITY'

...Says General MacArthur

REP. POWERS HITS VIOLENCE AGAINST SOLDIERS IN SPEECH FOR ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

WASHINGTON, DC—The first move toward getting a federal anti lynching bill before Congress this session was made March 21, when Discharged Petition No. 3 on HR 1698 was submitted to the House by Congressman D. Lane Powers (R-NJ) who is sponsoring the NAACP measure. The petition requires 218 signatures in order to get the bill out of Committee where it is now bottled up. Every supporter of anti-lynching legislation is therefore being urged to write his Congressman to sign the Discharge petition.

In outlining the reasons why the 79th Congress should outlaw the crime of lynching without further delay, Congressman Powers declared that 5,144 persons in the United States met death at the hands of lynch mobs from 1889 through 1944. He said 2,688 of the victims have been Negroes and in the overwhelming majority of cases, they were lynched by native white Americans. Placing stress particularly on civilian police brutality against Negro servicemen following World War I and the increasing gravity of similar incidents in the present period, Powers cited the lynching of soldiers who were slain "simply because they had tasted a little freedom, a little travel and had a little pride in the part they played in the army that fought for democracy." He pointed to the April 3, 1941 lynching of Private Felix Hall, found hanging from a tree in Ft. Benning, Ga., and to the recent beating (Mar. 13, 1945) of Negro overseas veterans by Jackson, Mississippi civilian police, because they were fraternizing with some white soldiers whom they met in the railroad station at Jackson.

In quoting from a newspaper article describing the incident, Representative Powers, read "The police, seeking to preserve southern customs informed the men that they could not mingle together in Mississippi. When they did not immediately break up the conversation, the story continued, civilian police, armed with sawed off shotguns and tommy guns, beat the Negro soldiers about the head with blackjacks and forced them to immediately board their train enroute to Camp Shelby."

Concluding that such instances are only a foretaste of what is to come, Powers declared, "I am concerned about the violence that has been, and is being, perpetrated upon the Negro soldier and the Negro veteran. There is no room in America for lynchings; there is no room in America for race riots. This must apply particularly to the

Easter Is Sunday

Attend Church Services (See Church Directory, page 3)

Executive Secy. FEPC. Committee Here April 8

Mrs. Ann Arnold Hedgman, Executive Secretary of the Committee for a Permanent FEPC, will be in Omaha, Sunday, April 8, to stimulate efforts for the Drive to make the Fair Employment Practice Committee a permanent institution.

postwar period. We, as a nation, are preparing to take our rightful place of leadership in world democracy.

"That democracy for which men fought and died is not, and must not be a democracy labeled "for white Europeans and white North Americans—only." It must be a democracy for all of the nations and all of the peoples of the world. We will assume world leadership in the post-war era because we have won it. I ask this House then to make this democracy a real and meaningful thing to the millions of Negro servicemen and their families who have helped to make victory and leadership possible. I ask that this House take immediate steps to outlaw lynching by adopting HR. 1698 so that when these boys come home, black and white alike, they will know that they have truly fought for—and won—a better America and a better world."

Leslie Perry of the NAACP Washington Bureau said that "any Congressman who is in the leastwise concerned about the postwar America will lose no time in signing Discharge Petition No. 3 on the Anti-Lynching bill and letting voters in his district know that he has done so."

Girl Alleges Father Inflicted Back Hurt

Yvonne Ellis, 11, of 2530 Maple Street, told police she was beaten by her father, Edward Ellis, 36, at her home early Sunday.

She said he hit her when she refused to tell him the whereabouts of her mother, from whom he is estranged. She was taken to Doctor's Hospital with a back injury and a broken tooth.

Due to space we will run the Kate Smith Article next week.

INDIGNANT OVER RUMORS 93d DIVISION FAILED; ARTILLERY BATTALION GETS HIGH PRAISE FOR WORK

Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea — "Race has nothing whatsoever to do with a man's ability to fight," General MacArthur told Walter White when he conferred recently with the New York Post war correspondent in the Philippines. "Any man who says that another man's fighting ability can be measured by color is wrong. I learned that," declared the General obviously provoked at the persistent rumors discrediting combat performance of the 93rd Infantry Division, "in serving as a junior officer with the famous 25th Regiment. One of the greatest armies I have ever commanded was a Filipino one."

Nat Towles' Home Burglarized

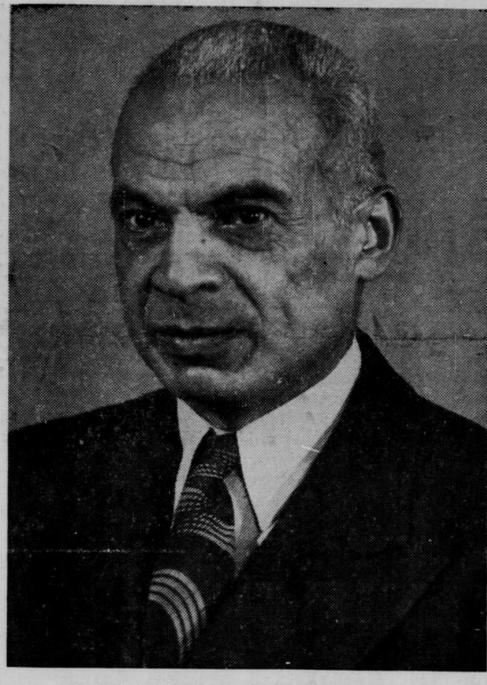
On March 26th between 7:30 and 9 o'clock, burglars broke into the home of Mr. Nat Towles, 2626 North 24th street. Every lock in the lock in the house had been tampered with and every room ransacked. If it had not been for the return of Mrs. A. Miles, the loot would have been much larger. From all appearances of the condition of the house, there must have been two or three burglars working together. All the closets, trunks, dressers and chiffoniers' drawers were emptied out. Choice, select items had been stacked on the bed ready to lift, but seemingly time was too short when they heard Mrs. Miles enter—for them to make their get away with the planned haul. The following items have been missed by Mrs. Towles so far. She is investigating trying to determine just what is missing: camera, carton of cigarettes, two dinner rings, two bill folds, one with Mrs. Towles' name engraved, three pints of whiskey, (Old Thompson), and a quart, box of nuts shipped from Florida to Mrs. Towles from Mr. Towles, and a bank with approximately \$12 in nickels and dimes, \$250 in war bonds with either Ruth or Nat Towles name on them and Mrs. Miles lost a cigarette case and a clock. Mrs. Towles is very much upset over the loss of her two valuable dinner rings and a camera that was presented to her by her husband on her last birthday. Mrs. Nat Towles is offering a liberal reward for the return of the camera. Mrs. Towles will appreciate of being notified by anyone to whom the above items might be offered for sale. Just call JA-5255 and you'll be amply paid for your trouble.

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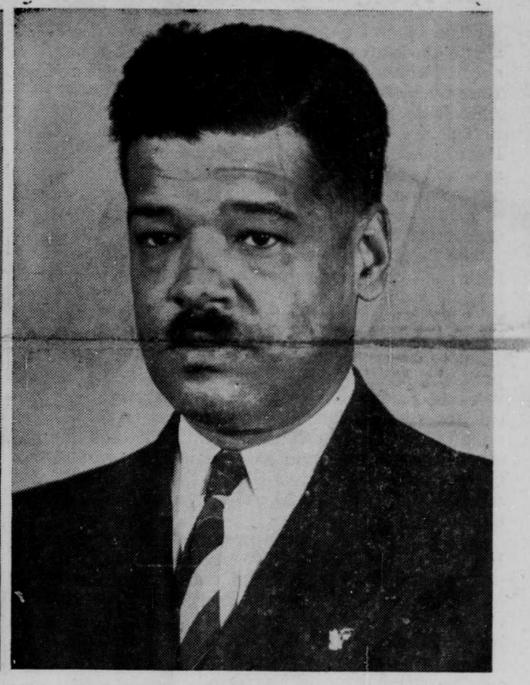


BUILDING: Purchased for the future home for The Carver Savings and Loan Association. Occupancy planned within sixty days. Watch for opening date!

Members of The Carver Savings & Loan Association



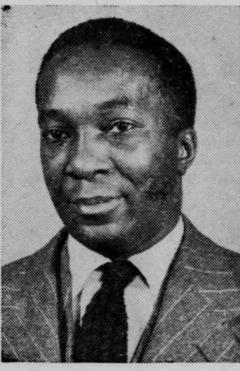
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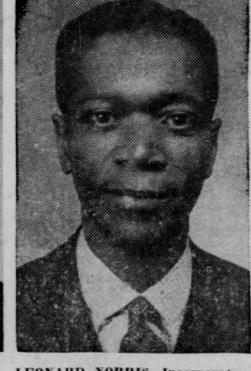
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 The UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK of Omaha Nebraska
 To: Charles B. Prager

CHECK: Iroquois Lodge No. 92, first with active group support as evidenced by their check for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).