

"Production Needed to Solve Housing Shortage"-Griswold

Former Omahan, Rev. John S. Williams' Choral Organization To Present Grand Opera

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The STREET and thereabouts

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OUR GUEST Column

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How safe is The Street for us and our families? Recently there have been numerous crimes in our neighborhood ranging from petty thieving to murder. Law enforcement or Crime Waves? Which shall it be? We can sit timidly by and wait for Hoodlumism to engulf our neighborhood, hoping that it will not reach our homes and families or we can cooperate with the law-enforcing agencies; demanding that Floaters with no means of visible support and criminal morals be cleared out. We can also help by not letting our youngsters roam the Street at night, lest they become entangled with these criminal floaters and bring disgrace on to themselves and families.

Individual Liberty is a priceless possession. But it does not give anyone the privilege to molest others without their approval or consent.

Crime and Vandalism are the enemy of Decency. Neither can be condoned and shouldn't be tolerated. Our Street must be made Safe, Pleasant, and Prosperous for each and all of us.

PLAY BALL! At the Ball Park on 21st Street activity is at its highest. The Stands are crowded with the old and the young, some screaming at the sight of a long hit or a close play at home plate. Many of the Star Players are men recently discharged from the Armed Forces and of course they hold the spotlight, but the up and coming youngsters are by their playing ability giving the returned Vets a tough way to go in order to hold their berths.

The North Side Merchants, 4 C's, Jackson's Cafe, and the H. S. S. are for teams pretty evenly matched. Big Husky, Marty Thomas, the director of the League, is a familiar figure. He so leisurely and coolly umpires the bases as well as directing the play. If you are looking for late afternoon entertainment, just forget your troubles, take the children by the hand and dash off to the ball park for an afternoon of excitement and recreation.

It is a known fact that I am a familiar sight on Our Street and often I may be seen rambling into the different clubs and cafes, but there is one young man, I know, who patrols 24th St. as much or even more than I.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (U.S. Mid-west) Packing house workers almost took over Washington this week, to carry on a people's lobby protesting lay-offs in the meat packing industry, attacking the packers' refusal to buy meat, and fighting for OPA and price control extension.

Consisting of 27 rank and file workers the lobby systematically combed government offices, seeing their representatives in Congress and high officials, they followed the tracks of packing trust lobbyists attempting to break OPA controls.

Chief on the list of people seen by the lobby was Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, who has been in nominal charge of operating the packing plants since the strike of last Jan. In their hour-long interview with Anderson, the packinghouse workers pointed out that about 25,000 workers have been laid off from the packing plants since the government has been running the plants. These lay-offs, the workers claimed, are caused by the big packers refusing to buy livestock in an effort to knock out OPA.

The packinghouse delegates told Anderson that the big packers are deliberately encouraging stories of black market in meat in order to bring more pressure against price control. The lobby noted that the packers tried the same stunt last year when the OPA was up for extension by Congress. "This is open season against the OPA," the delegation said.

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Protest Packing House Lay-Offs

Griswold Says War Veterans Should Take Active Part in GOP Politics

If veterans don't take an active part in Nebraska Republican affairs the party of this state will be unable to provide a leadership capable of speaking either for the veteran or for the rank and file of our people," Dwight Griswold declared in an interview on Monday.

Discussing issues of the present senatorial campaign with Ben Rogge, a 25 year old veteran from Seward, the Governor said, "We simply must keep rentals controlled as one means of helping us get through this emergency period."

Griswold told Rogge the real key to solving the housing shortage is production and that the first duty of Congress is to provide a method for settling strikes so that lumber and materials can be produced.

"You can't build a house with the paper that a housing bill is printed on and steel and you can't build houses with the blueprints that come out of some federal planning agency".

Rogge, who formerly lived at Trumbull and Hastings, made eighty flights across the Atlantic, twenty across the Pacific and saw Army service in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. He strongly endorsed the Governor's stand on international affairs and he warned, "We can't go back to isolationism and have peace."

Philip Murray Pleads Support To Hastie

The following statement was issued today by CIO President Philip Murray following Senate confirmation of Judge William H. Hastie as governor of the Virgin Islands:

The CIO is gratified at the Senate's confirmation of Judge William H. Hastie as governor of the Virgin Islands. He has the whole-hearted support of our organization and of progressive minded people throughout the country.

"Judge Hastie's experience, learning and constructive approach to human problems serve to qualify him especially for his new assignment. Under his leadership we can look forward to an unusually effective administration in the Virgin Islands."

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NAACP Pres. Makes Statement

"I have been favorably impressed by the large number of new members added to our organization, the NAACP, during our spring membership drive. However, I do not intend to indulge in the illusion of hope or close my eyes to a painful truth and listen to the murmuring song of procrastinators till they transform us into intellectual, spiritual and moral dwarfs. Is this the part of energetic colored people of Omaha, engaged in a difficult struggle for Better Racial Relationship, better housing, a better community? Are the Negroes of Omaha to be classed as those of the blind, deaf and dumb? For a number of years the colored people of Omaha have not supported the NAACP as they should, thus minimizing the importance of the Organization until today it is a living parasite, living not by its own merits locally but on the name of the National Organization or Parent Body. How long shall we continue to sleep? Candidly I think I voice the sentiment of the executive board and loyal members of our local branch of the NAACP, that every Negro and every liberal white person should wholeheartedly support this organization. I think we all should be willing to know the whole truth, to know the worst and to provide for it. Let us not sleep until we are awakened amidst a possible crisis. The paramount objective of the NAACP is to emancipate the Negro from economic slavery and to teach and to live tolerance. To endeavor to prevent racial clashes and wholesale Post-War job lay offs as were experienced after the last world war and are threatening again. May I conclude by saying, I am convinced that the indispensable duty of each Negro in Omaha to put his or her shoulder to the wheel and make our organization second to none. Thanking you in advance for your loyal support.

James Fellows, President

Carver Savings & Loan Pres. Welcomes FIRST DEPOSITOR



With the earnest sincerity befitting of such an occasion, little Charles C. Galloway hands over the first deposit to Milton E. Johnson, President of the Carver Savings & Loan Association on the opening day, May 1st. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Galloway, 2814 No. 28th St.

AMVETS Hold Grand Opening

The Amvet's Post No. 2 held the Grand Opening of their newly decorated Club Room and Lounge at 24th & Miami Sts., Friday May 10th. They entertained a large group of guests with music by Basie Given and his band, a floor show, souvenir photos, and refreshments.

The new officials of the Amvet's are: Herbert L. McCaw, Commander; Harold C. Whiteside, Finance Officer; Woodrow F. Morgan, Adjutant; William A. Davis, 1st V. Commander; Raymond Alexander, 2nd V. Commander; Columbus Morris, 3rd Vice-Commander and Paul B. Allen, Manager.

OLD TIME REVIVAL TO BE HELD AT SALEM BAPTIST

The Most Reverend J. W. West of Memphis, Tennessee, one of the greatest preachers of his day will conduct a Old Time Revival meeting at Salem Baptist Church, 28th and Decatur Sts., Sunday May 12th through the 24th of May.

"Institute of Health" To Be Held for Professional and Student Beauticians May 13

Ryland E. Melford, Nebraska State Department of Health, announced that an "Institute on Health" for professional and student beauticians will be held Monday, May 13 at the Urban League Auditorium, 2213 Lake Street. The one-day Institute is being sponsored by the Urban League on May 17-18-24-25.

Voters! Voters!

Don't fail to register if you have a change of residence or name by marriage or have not voted before in Douglas County. Register any day until May 31st at the Election Commissioner's office, County Courthouse, or at the Urban League on May 17-18-24-25.

KANSAS CITY.—The John S. Williams Choral Ensemble of Kansas City, Mo., under the training and direction of the Rev. John S. Williams, formerly of the Hillside Presbyterian Church, here, will present a Grand Opera production which for the first time has been attempted by musicians of the Race in the Southwest states. The scene of the Opera will be in the Lincoln High School auditorium, 2111 Woodland Ave. and the production will be Verdi's "La Traviata". The orchestral accompaniments will be played by members of the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra which the Rev. John S. Williams has repeatedly directed.

The principals in the cast have all been trained in vocal technique in the Williams music studios. Taking the role of "Iolenta" will be Juanita Ricketts; "Olive" Alfred by Luther Albritton; "Germont" by James Anderson.

The date is Monday evening, June 3rd.

Lest We Forget, Sunday May 12, 1946 Mothers' Day

Once more Mother's Day is near, and the Nation pauses to pay its respects to its most wonderful women... its mothers. Omaha will observe Mother's Day with special services in churches. There will be teas, luncheons and dinners. And each individual will honor his or her mother with some special token of love.

We would like to list all of the wonderful Omaha mothers here, but time and space will not permit. So we hope to reflect through the small number I was able to visit today, our high esteem for all Omaha mothers and mothers throughout the world, our appreciation and understanding of the sacrifices they make and the joy and sorrows they experience in the upbringing of their beloved children.

MOTHER'S DAY
By Myrtle Goodlow

May they who wear red flowers today Offer up to God a prayer. Thankful in their hearts that they Have another chance to express Every wish for Mother's happiness Remembering her love and tender care Sacrifice and efforts for their welfare

THE 1st NEGRO HONORED



NEY YORK, N. Y.—Snapshots—A Mrs. Clarissa Clement of Louisville, Ky., 71, has been chosen "American Mother of 1945" after a poll conducted by the Golden Rule Foundation, a nationwide organization. She is mother of 7 children, national president of the Women's Society of African Methodists, Secretary of the Kentucky Division (Negro) of the American Field Service and is a statistician of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs. Her late husband was Bishop Zion Church of Louisville. Her children are all graduates of Livingston College and one son is President of Atlanta, Ga., University. Another is professor of physics at West Virginia State College.

CLAIR M. E. CHURCH CELEBRATES PASTOR'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Beginning this coming Sunday after noon May 12th, Clair Church will celebrate five years of unparalleled service of the pastorate of Rev. C. C. Reynolds. Rev. Reynolds is one of the leading pastors of the Central West Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. He is Conference Director of Evangelism, a member of the Publishing Committee and a member of the Conference Relations Board.

As well as observing the 5th anniversary of their Pastor, the week of May 12—19th will mark the closing of the Conference Year of Clair Church. Rev. Reynolds and delegation will go for their annual conference, Tuesday, May 21st. Clair Church extends a cordial welcome to the many friends of Rev. Reynolds to join with us in making this fifth anniversary of our pastor, not only a success but a high tribute to his unflinching loyalty and devotion to the religious life of the community.

Sunday afternoon May 12th at 3:30 the service will be sponsored by the Sunday School and Young People, with the sermon by the Rev. E. B. Chidress and music by St. John AME Church Choir Monday night May 13th, Rev. C. Adams of Paradise Baptist Church and Choir; Tuesday night, Rev. Chas. Favors of Pilgrim Baptist and Choir; Wednesday night, Rev. E. V. Wade of Cleaves Temple C. M. Church and Choir; Thursday night Rev. F. C. Williams of Zion Baptist Church and his Choir; Friday night, Rev. C. L. Williams of Bethel AME Church and his Choir, Sunday afternoon May 19, Rev. R. W. Johnson and Choir of Mt. Calvary Community Church and Choir. This service will also be supported by the pastors and members of Christ Temple Church, Mt. Nebo, New Hope, Morning Star, Union Memorial, A-B Chapel, and others.

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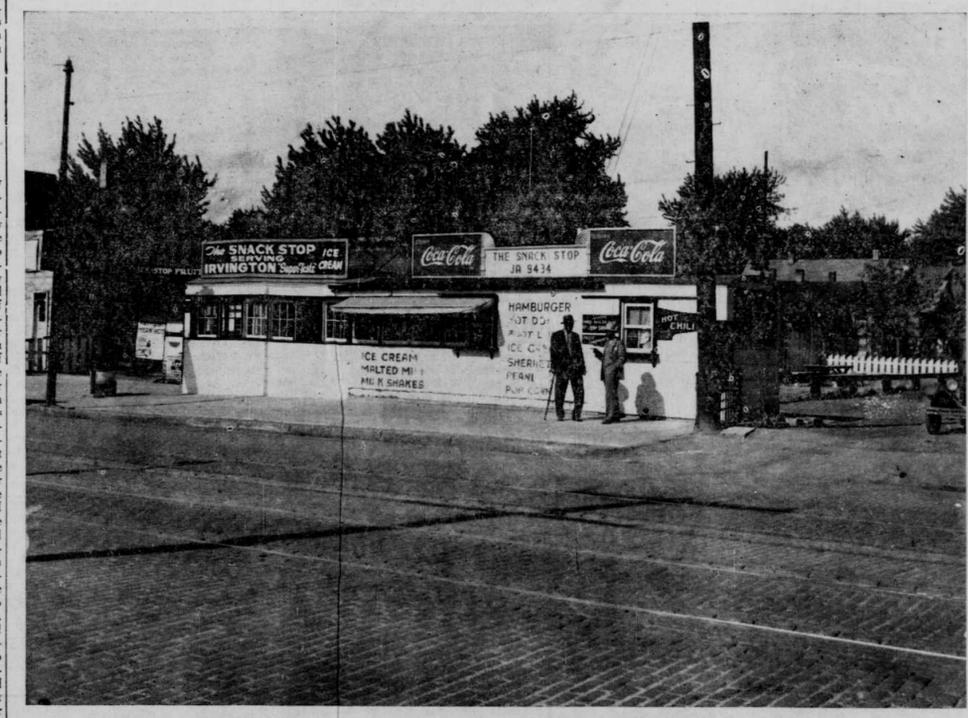
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