

The STREET and thereabouts

by LAWRENCE P. LEWIS

OUR GUEST Column

Edited by Verna P. Harris

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World YMCA Representative to Speak Monday Night

Paul Moritz, YMCA World Representative in China, now in this country on furlough, will be the dinner guest of the local YMCA World Service Committee on Monday night, May 20th at 6:00. Moritz will speak at 7:30 in Room 203 of the YMCA to which the public is invited.

YMCA at Kansas University, President of the Westminster Council and of the Field Council of the Rocky Mountain Region. He held several national posts before going to China in 1939 as a special ambassador for the American Student Christian Movement. Moritz has for several years been closely connected with student affairs both at home and abroad. Well educated, widely experienced, and with a thorough understanding of student needs and problems, he is well qualified for the responsible posts he holds.

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BRIGGS - WASHINGTON RECITAL DRAWS PRAISE OF CRITICS

A well pleased crowd of about 400 witnessed the brilliant recital of Messrs. Paul Briggs, baritone, and Booker T. Washington, virtuoso of the Steinway, last Sunday afternoon at the Amvets Club.

Truly this disbursts, or such magnificent local talent is a rare treat for music lovers of this community as many others have made their war contributions likewise to these two artists. They spent nearly four years fighting the horrors of war to emerge with none of their musical ability lost, as was very vividly displayed in this recital.

The program was opened with Malet's "Lord's Prayer" which was reverently rendered. This number was not programmed, this is the usual method used by such celebrated artists as Roland Hayes, Paul Robeson and Marian Anderson.

Group 1 consisted of "The Blind Ploughman" by R. C. Clark; "The Builder," by Cadman; and "Morning" by Oley Speaks. This group of songs are trying in any presentation but were well rendered in this particular case.

In the "Morning" selection, the higher range of Mr. Briggs wasn't quite up to par, but as for the group in its entirety was well rendered.

In the second group Mr. Briggs gave fourth tremendously with "Div. Passents." This was one of Mr. Briggs' best presentations. The song was presented in Italian and the change of moods and tempo, crescendo and diminuendo had a tremendous effect on the enthusiastic audience.

The third group of vocal offerings consisted of Handel's "Where'er You Walk" and Ischaikowsky's "Pilgrim Song." In this respective they bracket the initial number gave Mr. Briggs a chance to exhibit some fine breath control which he broke the popular strain losing effectiveness although his accentuations and subdued tone quality were well placed which initiated this effect for the baritone, "The Pilgrim's Song" a typical baritone number was typically rendered with double forte still predominating the higher range.

Group four brought fourth the inimitable Mr. Booker T. Washington the very ardent and efficient accompanist, concertist, and composer. For his contribution, Mr. Washington gave fourth with one of his own compositions "Improvisations" with the assurance of Iurbi the composition of himself as Rubenstein. Mr. Washington performed magnificently displaying a surplus of the song title "Improvisations" the music hung audibly readily received this Mr. Washington was recalled to the piano for an encore. He paused momentarily and then played a five second ditty that any first year student could have handled with one hand. This was to come under the

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ARRANGED BY BRO. ELLSWORTH G. DEVEREAUX

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NEW AMVETS' BAR, LOUNGE AND BALLROOM OPENED



Standing before the new bar in the recently opened New AMVETS Headquarters are reading from left to right are: H. L. McCaw, Commander; Woodrow F. Morgan, Adjutant; Columbus McMorris, Vice Commander; Harold C. White, Finance Officer; and Paul B. Allen, Manager.

"A Name to Conjure With"

(By George H. McDavis)

honor guests in the services at Clair Sunday, and will charm our hearts by their songs of praise.

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"FRIENDS FOR HALF A CENTURY"

"At long last," These memorable words were last spoken by King Edward when he abdicated the throne several years ago. Little did I know, or dream that in my generation there would ever be an occasion for me to repeat these words.

On Friday evening, May 10, I was privileged to be an invited guest at the opening of the AMVET Post No. 2 Club Room and Lounge. I have always maintained that Omaha was behind the times in comparison to other cities of equal Negro population. I wish to retract that statement and to doff my hat to a courageous group of men that has been my privilege to know. These men have banded together and provided the needed stimulus to a doltish populace.

COME WITH ME ON A SIGHT SEEING TOUR ON THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION:

The bar and lounge are comparable to "Chicago's Club De Lisa or the Rumbogogie." Any type of drink may be had from a Tom Collins to a Pink Lady. The cuisine is perfect presided over by the capable Mrs. Craig. Soft lights, the tinkle of glasses, the efficient waitresses, such dignitaries as Val Peterson, Candidate for Governor, John Ekstrom, Candidate for Sheriff, Jack Chase, Chairman of the Liquor Commission, Jimmy LaHood, Democrat Candidate for Sheriff, and many other political aspirants, all in attendance to make this opening one long-to-be-remembered occasion. Now let us move in to the Ballroom where "Basil Givens" is giving out with his sophisticated swing. On my left I see Dr. and Mrs. Solomon; C. C. Galloway, Editor of this Publication; Mr. and Mrs. McGowan, Salesman for an Insurance Company and many others.

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How To Have Good Government

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The choice of our leaders is our responsibility. We must not elect a mediocre man because we like him, or because he feels entitled to the job. We have done that too often in the past, at too high a price. We must select our candidates not from the bias of party, but on the basis of past record, ability and character.

But we must not only select. We must be willing to act. The express obligation of all men is to exercise their right of franchise. Furthermore, we must be willing to serve. If able men say they are "too busy" to run for local offices they have only themselves to blame if they find incumbents the incumbents at whom they rail because of their inefficiency.

Popular government can only be maintained if the people are interested in the government.

secreted to the ideals of democracy, not a master state. Any attempt of the state to rule would mean the death of the nation.

The men of our choice must, like the prophets of old, be capable of inspirational