

# The STREET and thereabouts

by LAWRENCE P. LEWIS

## OUR GUEST Column

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"We on Our Street will make the Carver's Savings & Loan Association a success or a failure. If we support the Carver's Savings & Loan Association, success will be assured. What is good for our community is good for the people who abide in it. An organization of this kind is an outstanding achievement for Our Street."

"Good afternoon, Urban League," said a soft, low voice over the telephone.  
I was waiting to speak with Mrs. Grace Bradford, who was at this time attending a staff meeting, so I began a conversation with the Urban League's polite and soft-spoken Office and Employment Secretary.

"How long have you worked here," I asked.  
The young lady looked from her work, quietly sat her pencil aside, and answered, "Four months."  
She seemed a little startled at my questioning her and I smiled, saying, "I write a column for the Omaha Guide. I write about people about business, oh, I write about almost anything, and at the present time I would like to write about you."  
"Gosh, I'd better be careful about what I say," she said.  
"What do you enjoy most about your work?" I asked.  
"It is really hard to say," she answered. "I like my meeting people, and I come in contact with so many of them, and before I realize it, the day has passed. I am forever calling people to come to such and such a meeting."  
Miss Orlan Grice stood up, walked to the pencil sharpener and began sharpening her pencil. She seemed tall and slender while standing, yet while she was sitting, I got the impression that she was small.

"You attended school in Omaha?" I asked as she returned back to her desk.  
"Yes, I went to Tech," she answered.  
"I have been away from Omaha for three years and I met so many people that I do not know. It has been a pleasure meeting you, Miss Grice. Social work is important work, and you seem to be very capable of doing your job well," I said.  
Miss Orlan Grice smiled, nodded goodbye as I closed the door behind me, and I could faintly hear her saying as she answered the telephone, "Good afternoon, Urban League."

A few years ago I worked on a dining car with Voyal V. Watson. During numerous conversations I found out that Mr. Watson was not completely satisfied with his work on the dining car. I met Voyal Watson last week for the first time in three years, and he seemed satisfied so I asked him if he was still working on the dining car. Of course I found that he was now in business, owner and instructor of the (Last Word Beauty Salon).

Yesterday I visited Voyal Watson's School of Beauty. I was amazed at the neatness of his school, the painted booths, the modern equipment, the tidy classroom, and the daintiness of the ladies in their starched white uniforms and the men in their white jackets.  
"Come in, Lawrence," he said as he shook my hand. "I'm certainly glad to see you."

"Well Voyal, you got something here" I said after glancing around. "How and when did you get in this line of work?"  
"It happened like this," he answered. "I was not using up all my time, and you know me, I've got to be doing something, so I decided to learn this business. The more I learned, the more I enjoyed it. I couldn't be satisfied just being an operator, so I opened up this school, (The Last Word Beauty Salon)."

"What do you think about men in this line of business," I asked.  
"In all fairness, to the ladies who now dominate this type of business, I believe that men are more concerned about their work and are more concerned about how the women look. More men are entering the field every day and it won't be long before men will catch up with the women as operators," he answered.

"Who are the ladies that are now taking the course," I asked.  
"At the present time there is Mrs. Max Williams, Mrs. Lucille Summers, Mrs. Ruby Lee Bodie, Mrs. Rebecca E. Evans, Mrs. Angeline McSure, Mrs. Alice Singleton, and we have one man, Mr. Vernon L. Estes. Of course I believe more men will soon enter the field. Veterans can take the course under the G. I. Bill of Rights, you know," he answered.

Voyal stopped working on a lady's hair and we walked around the salon. He pointed out the different rooms and the different equipment.  
"Everything is sterilized and is kept that way. I have a complete line of products which run into hundreds of dollars. At first many thought it was strange that I undertook this business career, but more men are being trained as operators everyday. It is an open field for men, and more men should take it up. As soon as two of my students get their license I intend to study further at some school in New York or Chicago," he said.

Voyal V. Watson today is a successful operator and instructor. It is not easy to go against convention and succeed, but Mr. Watson has done just that and now gets great pleasure and satisfaction in passing on his knowledge to others.

I spend many of my evenings rehearsing for the play (The Whole Town's Talking) now in rehearsal at the Urban League. A young lady, very intelligent and talented, Miss Jeanette Ridd, gave me a clear cut view of our Omaha, and somehow I have not forgotten it.  
"Miss Ridd, you tell me that next year you will graduate from Omaha U. and you plan on going East to enter some kind of social work. Why, Miss Ridd, do you have to go East?" I asked.  
Miss Rudd studied a moment, and then answered, "There is so little opportunity in Omaha, I want to be successful and in order to accomplish that which I want, I must go somewhere else. I can broaden my education and my knowledge of social activities by traveling. After graduating, Omaha has so little to offer the educated Negro."  
"How true," I said.  
My thoughts stayed on that statement (so little opportunity in Omaha). How right this lady was. How little Omaha has to offer the young educated Negro on going East to another city in the East or in the West or in the South.

# 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.

Paul Moritz was President of the 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 students 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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## 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)

"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 dishes 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 Rhumboogie." 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 "Doris 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. McCaw, of the Urban League; Mr. McGowan, Salesman for an Insurance Company and many others.

**REV. C. C. REYNOLDS TO DENVER CONFERENCE**  
He will speak on the morning worship hour on "How reads your score card?" and on Sunday night "Affectionately Yours."

The Royal Jubilee Singers will be at the...  
**ST. PHILIPS EPISCOPAL CHURCH will Present Their CORONATION Ball & Pageant**  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1946 at The AMVETS Hall 24th & Miami -MUSIC BY- LLOYD HUNTER'S Orchestra

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"FRIENDS FOR HALF A CENTURY"



George W. Watson, Real Estate Dealer, C. C. Galloway, Publisher of the Omaha Guide and Irvin W. Gray, Headwaiter at the Exclusive Del Prado Hotel in Chicago since 1921, held a reunion last week upon the visit of Mr. Gray to Omaha.  
Messrs. Watson, Galloway and Gray first became acquainted more than 40 years ago while serving as waiters at the Loyal and Rome Hotels. Although now engaged in different endeavors, they still enjoy getting together at intervals to discuss their experiences of the past and their hopes for the future.  
While in Omaha Mr. Gray was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Watson, 2413 Lake St. He was the recipient of many social courtesies and renewed many old acquaintances.

## Elks Endorse C. C. Galloway for STATE-SENATOR



**C. C. Galloway**  
ELKS FAVOR CARVEES LOAN ASSN SUPPORT COCA-COLA \$300,000 INVESTMENT

By Bro. Ellsworth G. Devereaux  
IROQUOIS LODGE No. 92 I. B. O. E. of W.  
At the last regular session of Iroquois Lodge No. 92; Charles H. Davis, Exalted Ruler, gave a very interesting discussion on the Negro in Omaha taking care of its own and looking forward to the building up of his community. Mr. Davis was proud to say that the month of May will mark a milestone in the history of Omaha, and in coherence with this statement Iroquois Lodge endorses the following events:  
Carver Building and Loan Ass'n. Mr. C. C. Galloway, Candidate for State Legislature from the 5th District. \$300,000 plant to be erected in this district by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Iroquois Lodge has completed negotiations for purchasing the property of 2811 Caldwell Street for the purpose of converting the said property into a home for aged and disabled members of this order. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Herbert Mayberry, for the work that has been done by himself and his committee in the selecting of this property.  
The Annual Oratorical Contest was held at the Elks Hall, 2420 Lake St. Friday, April 18, 1946. The judges awarded first prize to Miss Amelia Moore who will graduate in June of this year from Central High School here in Omaha. The subject of the Contest was "The Negro and the Constitution." Miss Moore will go to the Mid-West Convention where she will compete with other District winners for the Mid-West Award. The Oratorical Contest was under the direction of Bro. Paul Holiday, Director of Education, Nebraska and Jurisdiction. Bro. Holiday worked as he has done for a number of years in making the Oratorical Contest a success. Many thanks to Bro. Holiday and Committee.  
Iroquois Lodge is also proud to announce a new organized unit added to the Order since the beginning of the year; the Elks Band under the direction of Joe Rizzers. The Elks Band will make its first public appearance at a concert to be held at the Elks Hall Friday, May 24, with the assistance of the Elks Ensemble. Bro. Gen. Emery Hichman will be in charge of the arrangements.  
**Antler Guard**  
The Antler Guard of Iroquois Lodge No. 92 is proud to announce the following promotions:  
Col. Emery Hichman, Brig. Gen.; Capt. James R. McAlister, Col.; and supervisor of Western Division and of Units throughout his Jurisdiction; I. Herbert Richardson, Col.; Eric Broche, Capt. John Davis succeeding Bro. T. Herbert Richardson as President of the Elks Ensemble, Co. No. 367. Ralph Bates Marching Company No. 367 sponsored a card party at Elks Hall May 10. Bro. P. L. Adkins, secretary of the Elks Ensemble, and Ralph Bates Marching Company No. 367 (CONTINUED ON P. 8)

## FORMER OMAHAN VISITS GUIDE



C. C. Galloway greets boyhood friend, Irving W. Gray in front of the Guide building. Mr. Gray, now of Chicago, was impressed by the intricate machinery and presses used in the publication of The Omaha Guide.

# How To Have Good Government

The responsibility for good government in a democracy you and me. We are the ones who make the choice. We are free people who select our own candidates. If they are bad, we have no alibis, for we choose them. If they are good, we can take the credit.

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 nincompoops the incumbents at whom they rail because of their inefficiency. Popular government can only be maintained if the people are interested in 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 leadership in time of peace and in time of crisis alike. "We must," according to the words of the prayer book, "make choice of wise legislators and faithful counselors, who, soberly, justly and with a godly spirit may enact things just and wise and merciful for the benefit of all people." They must be men whom we can trust—so that we can confidently follow them.  
Great is the need for leaders. Great is the need for men of vision who can face facts with courage, see things realistically, state truths honestly, accept responsibility humbly, and never lose sight of the unalterable ideal upon which this nation was built—a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.  
"O Thou, who didst touch the prophets' lips with fire, send us Thy prophets for our dreadful days."