

Mrs. Cecilia W. Jewell Dead

**WAS NATIVE OMAHA,
ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY
WELFARE MOVEMENTS**

Mrs. Cecilia W. Jewell, widow of the late James G. Jewell, prominent Negro businessman died at St. Catherine's Hospital Oct. 1st. She was born and raised in Omaha and graduated from Central high school in 1902. She was soloist of her class. A philanthropic woman of that day recognized her

musical talent and assisted her in going to Europe to further her study. While in Europe she sang before many crowned heads. Returning to Omaha she gave up her musical career and married James G. Jewell and from this union one child was born, James C. Jewell, who survives her. Other survivors are Ruth A. Caswell, niece and other distant relatives. She was one of the founders of the Colored Old Folks Home and

was active in the church and other charitable organizations. She was also active in Republican circles having been a member of the Douglas County Central Committee for several years. Shaffer Chapter order of the Eastern Star will conduct Masonic services at Myers Mortuary Friday at 9 a.m. Requiem Mass will be held at St. Philips Episcopal church at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Taylor Bryant, 2629 Grant St. Grant St. was discovered in an unconscious condition Tuesday by Mrs. Mildred Willis 2627 Grant St. when she smelled escaping gas while raking leaves in her yard. Mr. Bryant who had arrived to

visit his sister is believed to have fallen asleep and was overcome when boiling water extinguished flames on the kitchen oven. He was revived by the Rescue Squad and taken to Doctors hospital.

Young Republicans To Hold Meeting

Young Republicans Club will hold a meeting at p. m. Monday, October 7th in Directors' Room in the basement of the City National

Bank Building, 16th and Harney. All young Republicans between the ages of 18 and 35 are welcome.

Other Pictures of Gala Affair on pages 2 and 5

"Miss 9 Center" WINS POPULARITY CONTEST

COUNT BASIE CROWNS "The QUEEN"



JUANDA RUFFIN, appearing through Courtesy of Orpheum Theatre, Crowns JUANDA RUFFIN, "Miss Mid-City Queen".

SPIEGALS AWARDED BRAINS TROPHY



JUANDA RUFFIN, shown with her sponsors Mrs. and Mr. Richard H. Spiegel, proprietors of the 9 Center Variety Store. Mrs. Spiegel is holding the BRAINS Trophy, to be awarded annually to the sponsors of the Winning Candidate. In background is Mr. Herman Smith, father of Erma Smith, 2nd place winner who represented The Waiters' Key Club.

JUANDA RUFFIN, Energetic Campaigner, Wins Contest With 1,291 Votes
Erma Smith, "Miss Waiters' Key Club" Is Close Second With 1,141 Votes
735 Count
"Miss Frazier Bros. Cafe" South Omaha, 3rd With

await, in thrilling suspense the awarding of the 10 grand awards. All of Mid-City and South Omaha are offering congratulations to the 26 charming young ladies who so good naturedly entered into friendly competition in this inspirational and morale building civic-social event which has aroused and held the interest of so many Omahans. In the words of one of the contestants "It's all been a lot of fun". Public interest has made each contestant a Queen. We believe Mid-City Womanhood to be glamorous and glorious. May she, in her bronze beauty, forever occupy the throne of glorification and admiration.

representing Fontenelle Apt. A beautiful solitaire diamond ring.
FIFTH
ROXIE ANDERSON, representing Maple Street Citizenry: A radio set of blonde wood.
SIXTH
PEARL FAULKNER, representing Johnson's Drug Store: A beautiful fitted vanity set.
SEVENTH
ANNABELLE KING, representing Erskine Street Citizenry: A cocktail bar set.
EIGHTH
ANN SMITHERMAN, representing Althouse Beauty School: Shaver Pen and pencil set.
NINTH
MAE PARTRIDGE, representing the Victory Beauty Salon: lamp set.
TENTH
ROWENA SUDDUTH, representing UPWA-CIO No. 8: Three boxes of cosmetics.

THE WINNERS
JUANDA RUFFIN, representing the "9" Center won first prize of \$200 cash, a 100 week-end trip to Chicago, the title of Miss Mid-City Queen and an added award of an overnight bag.
SECOND
ERMA SMITH, representing the Waiters' Key Club: \$50 cash, a lovely solitaire diamond ring and two pair of sheer nylons.
THIRD
MARTHA WILLIAMS, representing Frazier Bros. Cafe South Omaha: an expensive diamond-studded lapel watch.
FOURTH
ADDIE HALL GILMORE, representing

Each of the other contestants received a pair of sheer nylons. Mr. John Smith, well-known Omaha designer and Paul K. Allen of the Amvets House Committee acted as masters of ceremonies. The judges who tabulated and adjudged the votes were: Dr. Aaron McMillan head of the Willis B. Pierce hospital in Angola West (Continued on page 5)

The Omaha Guide-Amvets Popularity and Beauty Contest, glorifying the charm personality and popularity of our mid-city womanhood, drew to an exciting close on Monday night September 30th at the beautiful Amvets Skyroom. As Earl Graves' Orchestra played "To Each His Own" 23 lovely young ladies, glamorously attired; each wearing a ribbon designating her sponsor professed before Count Basie and a large appreciative audience. After passing in review, the finalists assembled on the stage to



SECOND PLACE WINNER—Erma Smith, "Miss Waiters' Key Club".



THIRD PLACE WINNER—Martha Lee Williams, "Miss Frazier Bros. Cafe".

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Violence Flares At Columbia Trials

Negro Republicans Confer With National Chairman



Left to right: Illinois Industrial Commissioner King; Grant Reynolds of New York City; Chairman Reece, Frederick M. Roberts of Los Angeles, California.

"Only Republican votes can break Bilbo-ism in the Congress of the United States" Republican Chairman Carroll Reece told the three Negro candidates for Congress in a historic Washington, D. C. conference which brought the three together from the ends of the Nation.

The three were: From Los Angeles, Frederick M. Roberts veteran of many terms of the State Legislature and distinguished Negro leader. From Chicago, Commissioner William E. King of the Illinois Industrial Commission and one of the Nation's outstanding leaders

of his race. From New York, Grant Reynolds, fire-brand orator who single-handedly won a stirring primary victory over radical opposition, and who is a new leader of Negro youth. Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is interested in his campaign.

The three met with Reece at Republican Headquarters to discuss their campaigns. They were all assured of the National Committee's interest and support of their candidacies. They were agreed that Democrat votes simply mean that Democrat leaders from the Jim Crow states, who now control

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn. September 26—Like a dark cloud, the threat of violence hangs over the Lawrenceburg Courthouse, where 25 Negroes are on trial for attempted murder during the February 'riots' in Columbia, Tenn. As feelings rise and tempers erupt, the possibility of violence is assuming serious proportions. That the situation is fraught with explosive elements was evidenced last week when Attorney General Paul Bumpus, furious after having been corrected by Dr. Leon Ransom, a NAACP defense lawyer, before more than 200 arguing farmers, klansmen and other town hangers-on, told Maurice Weaver, Dr. Ransom's associate, that if that SOB contradicts me again I'm going to wrap a chair around his g... head. Later on September 24th the trial was brought to a nearly violent climax, as Mr. Weaver said that the statement from a Negro witness was secured by intimidation and terror, and Bumpus, shaking with rage, strode over to Mr. Weaver and shouted I dare him to repeat that outside court. Weaver answered him firmly the Atty General will not intimidate me inside or outside this court.

It is in this atmosphere that the oddly selected jurors have been hearing the State's case for the past week. A week in which over a dozen State's witnesses have been produced, not one of whom has so far identified a single defendant as firing the shots that wounded four police officers.

A highly informed source intimating to correspondents, covering the trial that the State may be expected to introduce dramatically one of more "Judas" witnesses from among Columbia's Negroes.

There is every indication said this informant that Atty. General Bumpus may have been successful in finding one or more Negroes in Columbia to put the finger on some of the defendants. The thirty pieces of silver they'd get for that job wouldn't be of much help to them if they intended staying in Columbia after the trial if this is true.

Under questioning, stories of Negro witnesses for the State have revealed that following the shooting, they were packed in the jail like cattle, refused counsel, and subjected to beatings and other acts of intimidation on the part of state officers. Weaver asserted these acts of intimidation were aimed at causing the witnesses to testify to things they believed false.

discriminatory policies preventing Negro workmen from being employed as helpers, apprentices, and journeymen.

Thomas repeats his charges, made in a recent study of the (Continued on Page 8)

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Appointing Negro Organizers In La.

NEW ORLEANS—A large number of the organizers employed by the American Federation of Labor in its South-wide Organizing Drive are ambitious young colored men and women, some with college backgrounds, who are paid starting salaries of \$40 a week plus expenses and are advanced in pay and rank according to their ability to produce results.

Louisiana, where the AFL organizing program is solely needed is one of the focal points of the overall sectional campaign of the organization and, New Orleans, the hub city of the State, is the center of a tremendous educational program.

Pat Ryan, coordinator of the New Orleans Organizing Committee, announced this past week-end the establishment of educational classes for all organizers working out of his headquarters in Carpenter's Hall, 836 Carondelet St., here. The classes, which are filled by recently hired organizers, some with little or no previous experience in the labor field consist of lectures by outstanding AFL officials stressing the background and philosophy of the Labor Movement in America with special emphasis on labor laws which affect organized workers and labor unions.

Assisting Mr. Ryan in his work is George W. Snowden, associate professor of economics at Dillard

Gas Supply Must Be Increased

F. C. Miller Wins Socrates Award

Frank Miller, General Manager for Bozell & Jacobs Advertising Agency received October 1st the Socrates Honorable Award for outstanding newspaper advertising performed in the public utility field.

The citation goes on to state: "This award, won in a reconversion year, with its many problems of changes and uncertainties makes it greater than normal significance."

Mr. Miller has had the exclusive handling of all the Metropolitan Utilities District Advertising policy for the last twelve years, during this period the Utilities District has often gained national recognition for some outstanding bit of publicity in public utility field.

University, who is a special advisor on minority problems for the AFL Organizing Campaign. They have announced the classes every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 and they are open to all representatives of AFL local unions and members of the organizing committee staff.

Regardless of whether the people of Omaha vote for full Natural Gas or not at the November 5 election, the city's gas supply must be increased to meet growing demands, according to an announcement by the Utilities District board of directors.

They point out that, although daily send-out capacity of the Gas plant has been more than doubled since 1940, anticipated daily peak requirements for gas home heating this winter just about equal the maximum plant capacity. Increased demands forced the District to stop accepting new applications for gas home heating this summer.

Two alternatives are seen for increasing Omaha's gas supply: 1. Increase the proportion of Natural Gas to 75 percent as provided by Present state law. Although costing one and one-half million dollars, it is seen as only a temporary solution, because engineers estimates show that demand would catch up with a mixed-gas supply in a few years.

2. Supply straight Natural Gas if authorized by a majority of voters. Changeover cost would be about the same but would supply a practically unlimited supply of gas for Omaha's present and future needs.

A leading gas engineer has advised the Utilities District that a change to straight Natural Gas is the only permanent and economical solution of the problem.

NEGRO BUILDING MECHANICS Urged To Seek Employment with Home Builders, Contractors

Negro veterans trained in construction crafts and Negro building mechanics are urged by the National Urban League to seek employment with hundreds of contractors and home builders now facing serious labor shortages. Acting on information provided by the Federal Housing Agency, officials of the Urban League declare that builders in many sections of the nation are unable to maintain construction schedules because of shortages in skilled workmen.

An appeal to the Urban Leagues local affiliates is also being sent by Julius A. Thomas, the League's Industrial Relations Director, requesting that they step up their recruitment of veterans with army training in the building crafts. Simultaneously, the League official is also requesting all building trades unions to discontinue any

Chatter-Box Starts Chatting Again!

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