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Former Omahan Passes Suddenly of Heart Attack; on Trip Here to See Relatives, Friends

Death Comes As Surprise and Shock to Entire Community

Mrs. Bennie Anderson, formerly Mrs. Leon Ray, arrived in Omaha a few days ago with her husband, Mr. Duke Anderson, to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Anderson was well and hearty and was seen conversing with many of her friends Saturday and Sunday. She was entertained by a group of her friends at the Amvets Sunday evening. Monday morning, about 5 o'clock, she was heard saying, "Lord help me," and was making a curious noise which awakened her husband. In a few minutes, they discovered she was dead. The funeral was held at St. John's AME church, Thursday at 2 o'clock, and she was buried in Forest Lawn. She is survived by a husband, Duke; one son, Robert Ray; one grand daughter of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Viola Tate, of New York; one niece, Laver Powell; one nephew, Clyde Powell of New York; three brothers, Mr. William Clay of Snyder, Texas; Mr. S. Clay of Waco, Texas, and Mr. L. V. Clay of Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Anderson also has several surviving cousins in Omaha.

Pres. Truman to Speak at Ass'n Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C.—It was announced by the White House this week that President Truman will speak Sunday afternoon, June 29, at the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital, to the concluding session of the 38th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Other speakers sharing the platform with the President will be Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; Senator Wayne Morse, of Oregon; and Water White, executive secretary of the Association.

It is expected that an audience as large as that which heard Marion Anderson at the historic 1939 Easter Sunday concert, will again fill the Lincoln Memorial. One hundred thousand people filled the national shrine to hear the world-famous contralto at that time, following refusal of the DAR to allow the Negro artist to sing in Constitution Hall. The huge audience, at the June 29 meeting, will hear another great Negro singer, Carol Brice, a youthful mezzo-soprano, who has appeared with the Boston Symphony orchestra and other orchestras throughout the nation. Critics here and abroad have been unanimous in crediting Miss Brice with possessing one of the greatest voices of modern times. Instrumental music will be furnished by the United States Marine Corps Band.

The President's speech, which will be broadcast over several major networks, is being eagerly anticipated in domestic as well as international circles, since it is expected that Mr. Truman will make a major declaration of government policy on racial tensions both at home and abroad. It is known that the rise of bigotry since the war's end has been a matter of major concern to the President, as evidenced by his appointment of a Commission on Civil Rights, headed by Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric. The front page notice and unprecedented editorial comment which the foreign press has devoted to lynching and racial discrimination in the United States, particularly when Secretary of State George Marshall issued his definition of democracy during the recent Moscow Conference, are known to have been a matter of grave concern to the President, according to sources close to the White House.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the oldest and best known agency in the country dealing with racial problems, having been organized in 1909. It has at present 1509 chapters, youth councils and college chapters with a bi-racial membership of 535,000 distributed through forty-three states and the District of Columbia. It is said to be the largest civil rights organization in the world. The NAACP's national Board of Directors is bi-racial and includes Mrs. Roosevelt, Herbert H. Lehman, former governor of New York and director of UNRRA; Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Producers Association; Governor William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands; Philip Murray, president of the CIO; Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas; Arthur B. Spingarn who is the Association's president; Dr. Louis T. Wright who is chairman of the Board and Fiorella H. LaGuardia, former mayor of New York.

FORMER OMAHAN VISITING CITY

Mr. and Mrs. A. Black, former residents of the city of Omaha, are here visiting their many friends. They are now residing in Oakland, Calif. While in Omaha, they are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Biggs, 3524 Parker st. When living in Omaha, Mr. Black operated a filling station for a number of years at 2412 Willis av. The Blacks' have been extended many courtesies while in Omaha.



From left to right standing: Earl Fredericksen, charge of accident prevention; Burgess Manchester, Gas Engineer; C. F. Holdrege, assistant to Mr. Manchester; Frank Reynolds, in charge laboratories and assistant training supervisor. Seated: Robert Kinckner, in charge space heating; R. H. Lawlor, Conversion Division Director; W. T. Burgess, in charge power supervision and assistant training supervisor; Vincent C. Dworak, assistant to Mr. Lawlor; William V. Bell, not in picture, in charge industrial heating.

SHORTER WORK DAY ASKED BY BARBERS

Omaha barbers have petitioned the City Council of Omaha for a shorter work day. On Tuesday, May 27 the Council heard the Barbers request from the Associated Master Barbers and Local 765 of the Journeymen Barbers International Union. These men want the ordinance changed regarding present hours of work. They now work from 7:30 a. m. to 7 p. m. daily and from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Saturday.

They want the following changes made in hours: 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily and 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Saturday. Their letter has been referred to the City Legal Department.

INCREASE IN ARSON NOTED

It is believed that an increase in arson is in the offing along with similar increases in other crimes. Prof. L. L. Ling, director of the public safety institute of Purdue university forecasted at the 51st annual meeting of the National Fire Prevention Association.

"We lack accurate statistics regarding the prevalence of arson today because many fires are never properly investigated by men trained in recognizing and preserving good evidence," according to Professor Ling. He believes that proper investigation of fires suspected of being set is the province of police and fire departments and demands specialized training and a well coordinated plan of operation.

Spare Sugar Stamp 12 Effective at Once

Spare Stamp Nok 12, good for 10 pounds of sugar, may be used immediately, effective today the Sugar Rationing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, announced. Another stamp, good for 10 pounds, will be validated not later than August 1, 1947. This next stamp will assure household consumers of the full 35 pounds of sugar assured them under the provisions of the Sugar Control Extension Act of 1947. If current improvement in sugar supplies continues, additional sugar above the 35 pounds will be made available to consumers.

Spare Stamp No. 53, good for five pounds, was made valid on January 1 and expired on March 31, 1947. On April 1 Spare Stamp No. 11 was validated for 10 pounds. It will expire on October 31, 1947. Today's stamp, No. 12, will be good until October 31. Since these stamps are to be used for sugar to cover both household and home canning uses, today's action has been taken to prevent loss of early berry crops in southern areas which may occur for lack of sugar for canning purposes. It is impractical, however, to validate the stamps on a geographical basis.

C Day Will Begin On June 9th

What's C Day? "Why don't you know?" That's the day set by the Metropolitan Utilities District to change over from Manufactured Gas to Natural Gas. Let us go back a little for background, then we will tell you how the Change-Over will be accomplished. Saturday, May 31, 180 college men went to the Technical high school, which will be the headquarters for the change over and were given a rigid physical examination before the City Council, but despite protests the Council saw fit to sign a contract with the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Graduation Edition Off the Press Friday, June 13

The Omaha Guide Graduation Edition for June graduates of 1947 will roll off the press on Friday, June 13. The date of this history making edition has been moved to the 13th in order that this edition will be complete in every respect in keeping with the Guides policy of bringing and building for our citizens served in the city of Omaha especially the Mid City Community, a Greater Omaha Guide.

We don't want any of our readers to miss this edition filled with stories and pictures of the June graduates. It will be on sale at the news stand nearest you. Purchase your copy or copies to keep and send to your out-of-town friends. Students that still desire to have their individual pictures plus their story of their school activities have until Tuesday noon, June 10 in which to get them into the Omaha Guide office, 2420 Grant st.

All church, organization, and general news to appear in this breath-taking edition must be in the office of the Omaha Guide by 4 p. m. Monday, June 9.

We have reserved a copy of this Graduation Edition, Friday, June 13, at your favorite news stand so be sure and purchase your copy.

Dirt Track Champ in Lincoln, Nebr. at State Fair

LINCOLN, Nebr. (Special)—Emory Collins, national dirt track champion, and holder of the State Fair track record of 24.85, which he set last July 4th, has confirmed his entry to Secretary Edwin Schultz for the second annual championship auto races to be held here Sunday, June 15. Collins, who ails from Le Mars, Iowa, will bring his big red Riverside Special, valued at \$20,000 to Lincoln a day early in order to get in a few practice laps, according to the letter accompanying his entry.

The Iowan's entry was the fifth to be filed at Secretary Schultz's office. Four states now have representatives in the coming speed classic with two from California, two from Iowa and one from Kansas, sending in entries. Big Ben Musick, the veteran Texas driver and long time favorite of Lincoln fans notified IMCA Zone Representative William E. Howe that he has hung up the goggles and will not compete this season. E determined effort is being made to secure the signed entry of Deb Snyder, who is now wheeling a new Offensauer Special equipped with the late Gus Schrader motor.

A seven-event program has been arranged by National Speedways Inc., promoters of the annual event, in cooperation with the State Fair Board. Time trials are set for 1:00 p. m. and the first race at 2:30 p. m.

Demo Action League Send Invitation

The Democracy in Action League held a special call meeting Monday night, June 3. At this meeting the directors instructed their president, Mrs. Herman Cohn, to extend an invitation to the honorable Henry Wallace to come to Omaha for their second big meeting to be held at some convenient place as soon as arrangements can be made and as soon as Mr. Wallace accepts the invitation.

Ask City Council Project Race Ban to Lift Housing

NEW YORK—In view of the efforts of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, builders of Stuyvesant Town, to renegotiate their contract with the City Council, so that rents for the housing project may be raised, the NAACP this week urged the Council, if it reconsiders the contract, to insist that the stipulation against Negro tenants be removed.

Officials of the Association said in a statement, "There is no necessity for repeating to the informed members of our City Government the situation with respect to housing for Negroes in New York City. While there is a great shortage of housing for all people, the pattern of restriction against Negroes, which created ghetto housing and all of its evils, has resulted in an acute, peculiar and vicious discrimination against the Negro population.

"The NAACP is opposed to this. It is opposed to the announced policy of the owners of Stuyvesant Town of excluding Negro citizens from that development solely because of their race. It opposed this proposal when the original contract was before the City Council, but despite protests the Council saw fit to sign a contract with the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

"That contract provided for a maximum rental of \$14 per room. The company now seeks to re-open and renegotiate that contract with respect to the clauses relating to the maximum rental per room, and desires the Board of Estimates to permit an increase in that maximum to \$17 per room.

"This Association believes that, if the contract is renegotiated in any manner whatsoever and any of its provisions altered, the Government of the City of New York in fairness to its Negro citizens should insist that the stipulation limiting occupancy by Negroes be cancelled.

By this action the City would simply be affirming the ordinance passed in 1945 forbidding any discrimination against the applicants for housing in projects of the nature of Stuyvesant Town.

"We are opposed to any increase in the rental schedule at the Riverton housing project."

New Anti-Lynch Bill Now in Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.—At the request of the NAACP Senators Robert F. Wagner and Wayne Morse this week jointly introduced in the Senate a strong anti-lynching bill. Wagner a New York Democrat, has been closely identified with the lynching fight in Congress since the 1930's and Senator Morse is a liberal Republican from Oregon.

The Wagner-Morse bill, S-1352, is practically identical with other bills introduced in the House under NAACP auspices by Congressman Clifford P. Case (R., N. J.) and Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Calif.).

The Wagner-Morse Case Bill has "real teeth" the NAACP said. It defines lynching as any violence to person or property by a mob (an assemblage of two or more persons) because of the race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry or language of the victim or because the victim was suspected, accused, or convicted of a crime offense.

"The victim does not have to die in order to be lynched" within the meaning of the bill. Any injury is sufficient. "Members of the lynch mob, or any person who aids or abets the mob, are made punishable by a maximum imprisonment of 20 years or a maximum fine of \$10,000 or both.

"Dereliction on the part of state officers charged with responsibility of protecting the victim or apprehending the lynch mob is made punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years or a maximum fine of \$5,000, or both. "Every governmental subdivision of the state which willfully or negligently permits an individual to be seized, abducted and lynched is made liable to the lynch mob, if he lives, for monetary compensation for injury of \$2,000 to \$10,000 or, if he dies, to his next of kin. These suits would be brought in a Federal district court and prosecuted by the Attorney General of the United States in behalf of the victim or the victim's next of kin.

"All criminal prosecutions under the Act would be brought in a Federal district court."



Simon Harrold and Miss Juanita Hanger (King Borealis XVII and Queen Aurora XVII) ... receive congratulations at coronation ball.—World-Herald Photo.

Juanita Hanger, Simon Harrold Reign as King Borealis and Queen Aurora

Simon Harrold, a long time resident of Omaha, employee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and civic leader, was crowned King Borealis XVII. Queen Aurora XVII, Miss Juanita Hanger, was born and reared in Omaha, attended the public schools, and graduated from Central high school in June 1946. She was a member of the Central High Players and many other clubs and organizations of Central high school.

Miss Hanger is a student at the University of Nebraska, enrolled in the Medical College, taking her pre-medical work. Miss Hanger's mother is a teacher in the public schools of Omaha and is noted for her service in the community.

The retired King Borealis XVII, Mr. Milton Johnson and Queen Aurora XVII, Miss Eloise Jones, passed their sector on to Mr. Harrold and Miss Hanger, wishing them a successful year as King Borealis XVII and Queen Aurora XVII.

After the King had arrived on the throne, he summoned the following members of his court: Mr. Leo Bohanon, Executive Secretary of the Omaha Urban League, acting as Grand Potentate, relating the King's summons, first called the ladies in waiting of the former Queen, followed by the Crown Bearer, Willard Wright, and the Pages, James Hall, Jr., Melvin McCaw and Larry Morse. Next, the princesses, Louise Brown, Jean Pierce, Florentine Crawford, Marjorie Hughes, Betty J. Nelum, Pearl Faulkner, and Norma Ampy. The Duchesses were then summoned by the Grand Potentate. They are as follows: Eleanor Brown, Erna Blackburn, Geneva Brown, Barbara Waldron and Nadine Hancock. The Crown Bearer was little Miss Ronetta Marie Hobbs.

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Civil Rights Congress Asks Investigation of N. C. Lynching

The Civil Rights Congress last night urged Attorney General Tom C. Clark for the immediate investigation and federal prosecution of those guilty of the North Carolina lynching of Godwin Bush. "Coming on the heels of the shocking acquittal of the lynch mob in Greenville, S. C., today's lynchings in a neighboring state place complete responsibility upon the federal government for protecting the life and limb of Negro Americans in the South," CRC stated in a telegram to Mr. Clark.

"We also call upon you, at the same time, to declare publicly your energetic support for swift enactment of the anti-lynching bill recently introduced to enable the Department of Justice to put an end to the murderous attack upon Negro-Americans," the attorney general was urged.

"In view of the outcome of the trial of the lynch mob in Greenville, S. C. a confession by the federal government of its inability to halt this wave of killings is tantamount to confessing that our nation is unable to grant the most elementary protection to 13,000,000 of our people."

BLUES SINGER GIVEN YEAR

In the United States District court in Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, May 28, Billie Holliday, a blues singer, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing narcotic drugs. She was given a year and a day in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va. She earned and spent \$250,000 in the last three years, according to her testimony.

ELKS LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

The Elks Lodge No. 92 held election Wednesday, June 4, 1947. The following officers were elected: Charles Davis, exalted ruler; Curtis "Son" Harris, esteem election knight; Robert Johnson, election knight; Mason Miller, treasurer; T. C. Hall, incharge, and H. J. Johnson, esquire.

The Amvets will sponsor their First Annual Membership Drive Dancing Party, Wed., June 11. All World War II vets and Guests invited. Adm. free