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## MAN, WIFE SUCCUMB OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS RECEIVED House Gets Anti-Lynch Discharge Petition No. 9

### Argument Leads to Gunplay And Finally Death For the Couple

In one of the most tragic incidents in the Mid-City area over the fourth of July holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffin were shot by Mr. Saunders Wells 2516 Blondo street on Saturday July 6, at 24th and Hamilton st. in front of a tavern.

According to the information received from Mr. Wells better known as "britches" the shooting was the climax of a feud between him and the Griffins. They were all gathered in the Sam Flax Tavern drinking when some way or another the argument that began early in the morning came to a head again. As it became more heated on this hot and day of hilarity charges and counter-charges were hurled back and forth at a rapid pace. As the atmosphere became more charged and according to Mr. Wells when it look as though M. Griffin was going to do him (Mr. Wells) body harm, he (Mr. Wells) pulled out a gun and shot the pair.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Griffin laid critically wounded in the hospital for several days, but they did not seem to respond to treatment both dying from wounds from the gun fired by Mr. Wells.

Services for Mrs. Griffin and burial will be at Carbondale, Ill. Asister Mrs. Etta W. Jackson, Carbondale came to make arrangements for the body to be sent to Carbondale, Ill.

Mr. Griffin funeral was held on Monday July 14th, from the Myer's Funeral Chapel and body was interred at the Forest Lawn Survers: two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Moore of Omaha, and Mrs. Lucille of Seattle, Washington. See picture on Page Two

### Tuberculosis Gains 50 Per Cent in Reich

No hospital facilities for 14,500 cases

Tuberculosis, the No. 1 disease problem in Germany, has increased more than 50 per cent in the American zone in the last year. General Lucius D. Clay's monthly report said this Sunday. Close to 14,500 cases of infectious tuberculosis are walking the streets because hospital facilities are unavailable, it said, and this "must be regarded with grave concern."

General Clay said the weekly average of new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis increased from 923 per week in March to 1,259 in May. This is far in excess of the weekly average of 578 in May a year ago.

The known cases of active tuberculosis of lung and larynx under medical supervision increased from 93,821 in July last year to 121,842 in April, 1947. Of these, the report said 35,539 were classed as open, infectious cases.

Slightly more than 21 thousand beds are available for isolation and treatment of tuberculosis patients in hospitals, the report continued.

Syphilis also war reported at a rate more than 50 per cent above May, 1946. Otherwise, the incidence of all major communicable diseases in the American zone was lower in May than a year ago.

Industrial production in the United States zone continued upward during May.

American zone prisons are filled to overflowing. Of the total of 27,089 inmates, more than 7,500 await trial.

Robert Schumann wrote many of his best compositions with a pen which he found on Beethoven's.

### Delay of FEP Causes Serious Concern to Its Supporters

NEW YORK.—The long delay of a Senate sub-committee in submitting a report on hearings on a National Act Against Discrimination in Employment, which were concluded on June 20th, was causing serious concern to supporters of the measure it was disclosed by the NAACP today.

Roy Wilkins, NAACP assistant secretary, expressed the anxiety of the Association in a letter to Senator Forrest C. Donnell (R., Mo.), Chairman of the Subcommittee. Mr. Wilkins stated, "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is distressed at the delay in the hearings of S. 984, the National Act Against Discrimination. The hearings on this measure, we understand, were concluded on June 20 and it was our impression that a report would be forthcoming from the Subcommittee to the full Labor and Public Welfare Committee and from that Committee to the Senate prior to the adjournment of Congress so that this measure would be on the calendar of the Senate when it reconvenes."

"The 800 delegates to our recent annual conference in Washington, D. C. were firm in their request for the enactment of this type of

### New Secretary



Mr. Edward P. Tinker, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Safety Council as approved by Dwight Havens, president of the Council.

Mr. Tinker has been employed with Fisher Body Division of General Motors Cooperations as a Statistician and prior to that time was employed in various sales, organizational, and promotional activities.

A native of Nebraska, he was born in Lincoln where he completed his education and attended the University of Nebraska. His wife the former Virginia Van Waning, was also born and raised in Lincoln. He has two children, Bill age ten, and Mary Kay, age four.

His duties with the Nebraska State Safety Council will be to assume active responsibility for the promotion of the State Traffic Safety Program as adopted by over six hundred delegates at Nebraska's Traffic Safety Conference held last fall. The Council plans to have available to cities and villages throughout the state the services of trained personnel to assist them in the development and stimulation of local safety programs. The Council will maintain offices in the State Capital.

### RADIO INSTITUTE TO OPEN

The second annual Creighton University Radio Institute will start in the Creighton Auditorium at 1:15 p. m. July 17th.

### Academic Committee to Probe Firing of School Teachers

#### St. John's Church Holds Picnic at Elmwood Park

Monday 14th St. John Junior choir under the direction of Mrs. B. J. Childress forgot their music and song for awhile and had themselves jolly good time at Elm Park. They packed their lunch baskets brimfull of good things to eat and set off to a gay holiday fun and play.

The Rev. Childress pastor and husband of Mrs. Childress was their sitting on the side lines cheering the boys and girls on as they had fun playing softball etc.

Guest of honor were the Peace Caravan Girls; Miss Williams, Miss Jean Lamont, Miss Cynthia Mallory, and Miss Zerita Thrower.

A wonderful time was had by all and plenty of ice cream, punch, cookies, along with the baskets of food made the outing complete in every respect.

### COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN'S BOARD MEMBERS PLAN MEETING

On Tuesday, July 1, the Council of Colored Church Women's Board Members met at the home of Mrs. J. Diamond, 2714 Grant st. The following program was outlined for meeting, July 23 at Pleasant Green Baptist Church at 10:30 a. m.

Theme: The Importance of Christian Living. Devotionals: Solo by Mrs. G. Brooks; Sermon by Rev. A. Washington; Offering; Remarks by President; Lunch.

Afternoon: Devotionals by Mrs. Dallas; Solo by Mrs. Lula Bryant; Discussion on Theme lead by Mrs. C. Dacus.

Business president, Mrs. Cora Haynes in charge, after which the hostess served a very refreshing repass, which was enjoyed by all. Hoping all churches will be presented at this meeting.

Mrs. Cora Haynes, is president.

### Fermer Omahan Visits Friends Here

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strowder, formerly of this city have returned to their home in Washington, D. C. after a three-week vacation with the parents of Mr. Strowder, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker, at 2210 N. 27 st.

While here many social courtesies were shown the couple. Among them were a lovely dinner in Council Bluffs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Akers; Brunch given by Mrs. Thomas Hayes; dinner at Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blaines, also at Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Bailey's a huge family picnic at Elmwood Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Wanasehe Fletcher entertained with a barbecue. Ten guests were prnt. Mrs. Fletcher is the sister of Mrs. Strowder, who will be remembered as Miss Korea Clark, a former beautician of this city, who now holds a government position in Washington.

The couple left Sunday for a week's visit in Chicago, before returning to their home.

On June 16th, Considerable attention was focused on the meeting when Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski (R., Wis.) led a fight to bar Mr. Wallace through a Federal Court injunction.

### Heads Delegation



The Civil Rights Congress has announced a delegation to Washington on Friday, July 18, to press for enactment of Federal anti-lynch legislation before the end of the present session. Pending legislation has been introduced in the House by Representatives Douglas and Representative Case and in the Senate by Senator Warge and Senator Morse.

The delegation will number at least 150 persons, representing CRC chapters in New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other cities throughout the country. All other organizations are urged to send additional delegates.

The one-day delegation will have its headquarters at Friendship House, 619 D st., S. E. Plans for action include visits to Congressmen, Senators, Minority and Majority Leaders of both House and Senate, and the Chairman of the Judiciary Committees of both Houses.

### DR. WIGGINS APPOINTED TO FACULTY OF MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY

Dr. Forrest Oran Wiggins of Indianapolis said he has accepted a permanent appointment as the first Negro ever to be named to the faculty of the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Wiggins said he will be an instructor in philosophy.

### Congressman Chase Files Petition to Further the Consideration of Bill

#### Long Time Omaha Resident Passes

Mr. Henry Thomas 47 2874 Maple st., a resident of Omaha departed from this world on Friday July 11th. He had been employed by the Swift Packing Co. for over 25 years; receiving his 25 year service pin and commendation for faithful service to Swift and Co. a littleover two years ago. During his lifetime Mr. Thomas was a active member of the Zion Usher Board where he gave the same faithful service as he rendered at Swift & Co. Along with his membership in Zion Church, member of the Usher Board; he was a faithful member and supporter of various church auxiliars.

Those left to mourn this great loss are as follows: Wife Mrs. Emma Thomas, daughter Miss Rozella Thomas, of Omaha, Sister Mrs. Georgia Banks of St. Joseph Mo., Mrs. Beatrice Weaver, of St. Joe. Mo., Brother Mr. Charlie Thomas Sr., of St. Joe, Mo., Cousin Mrs. Addie Floyd of New York City.

Mr. Henry Thomas funeral was held on Tuesday July 15, 1947 at 4:30 p. m. from the Zion Baptist Church. His body was shipped to his home St. Jo., Mo. for burial.

### Teen-Agers Fun Night July 19

July Fun Nite for all teen-agers, sponsored by the Y. W. C. A., will be held Saturday evening, July 19 at the Fontaine Park Pavilion from 6:30 to 10:30 p. m. The Y. Teen Summer Fun Council has planned a fine program.

Dancing in the pavillion will be preceded by a picnic which will be eaten on the porch. Everybody is to bring his own unch. All teen-agers are invited to come and bring their friends.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Angered over the failure of the House Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on his anti-lynch bill, H. R. 3488, Congressman Clifford P. Case, Republican of New Jersey this week filed a petition to discharge the Committee from further consideration of the measure. Known as Discharge Petition No. 9, it will require the signatures of 218 Congressmen in order to by-pass the Judiciary Committee and bring the anti-lynch bill to the floor for vote.

The NAACP-supported anti-lynch bill was introduced in Congress on May 15th while the infamous Greenville, South Carolina trial was going on, and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, headed by Congressman Earl C. Michener, Republican of Michigan. In spite of the outcome of the Greenville trial, Michener steadfastly refused to seriously consider bills before his Committee to outlaw lynching.

In a statement to the NAACP when he placed the Discharge Petition on the Speaker's desk, Congressman Case said: "It is my earnest hope that a majority of the members of the House will promptly sign the petition so that at the earliest possible date he anti-lynch bill will be brought before the House for action."

Meanwhile, Senator Homer Ferguson, another Michigan Republican has succeeded in keeping the Wagner-Hart anti-lynch bill, S. 1351, bottled up in his sub-committee since May 27th when the measure was presented to the Senate.

With the introduction of Discharge Petition No. 9, the NAACP opened its drive to get 218 congressmen to sign to bring the anti-lynch bill up before Congress goes home for the summer the latter part of this month. All persons are asked by the NAACP to wire their congressmen to sign immediately the anti-lynch discharge petition.

Folio 16, newest Guild publication, is now available free upon written request. It features collaborating opportunities with stellar tunesmiths and lyricists J. Fred Coots, Lou Alter, Doris Fisher, Edgar DeLange and Sam H. Stet, who are some of the top songwriters of the day.



I drew a cartoon for a man in 1927, for which I charged \$20, as I had agreed. I was too young to know the cartoon was worth \$50. So now I am going to sue the man for \$30. Also I forgot to charge the man for delivering the cartoon. That took me 25 minutes each way. I am going to sue the man for \$1.50 for delivery time. Also I forgot to charge for the cardboard. That was 11 cents. I am going to sue for that. If anybody ever underpaid you, no matter what your understanding was, nor how long ago, sue him! Let's everybody sue everybody! It's such a nice way to make easy money!

### Far Reaching Benefits Seen In President Truman's Speech

New York.—There were indications that President Truman's speech at the Lincoln Memorial Mass Meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on June 29th would produce far reaching effects of a beneficial nature in domestic race relations as well as in some sections of international relations. The President's speech, which closed the 38th Annual Conference of the NAACP, was broadcast over the four major networks and by short wave to every section of the globe where American influence was being maintained. According to reliable observers, the foreign press devoted a good deal of editorial space to the Chief Executive's discussion of civil rights. It was considered significant that the short-wave transmission of Mr. Truman's speech was made through direct State Department request.

Although the effect of the speech on foreign listeners was not underestimated, NAACP officials were concerned primarily with the more immediate results of a forthright official statement in areas

of the nation where Negroes are constantly under pressure. The fact that many Southern newspapers devoted part of their editorial pages to the speech was considered one of the more immediate benefits. One example of Southern comment was an editorial in the Birmingham (Alabama) Herald in which it was stated, "President Truman was at his best when he addressed the NAACP in Washington Sunday. He spoke with real sincerity and force on the subject of civil rights. He expounded a democratic doctrine which is altogether admirable. His points were (1) that an evolving freedom means a broadening of democratic rights.

(2) that in the fight against discrimination and prejudice of federal government must take the lead without waiting for the growth of a will to action in the slowest state or the most backward community, (3) that if we are to maintain a democratic front abroad, we must give "practical evidence that we have been able to put our own house in order."

### REPRESENTS LEGION POST AT DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary to Post No. 3 was represented by the president and the 1st. vice-president Mrs. Pearl Brummell and Mrs. Greta Wade, at the Douglas County Convention held at the American Legion Auxiliary to Post No. 331 So, Omaha.

### CARD PLAYER CARRYING KNIFE HELD BY POLICE

Police Sunday were holding a man arrested in a card game Saturday with an open knife in his pocket.

"TUT, TUT, NOTHING BUT BUTTER-NUT BREAD"

### THIS WEEK

by H. W. Smith

John H. Keest of Springfield, Ill. took a stroll of 24 miles on his 78 birthday on July 11. This has been his custom for the last ten years. Federal Judge J. W. Woorough was a witness in County Judge Troyer's Court on July 10 in a routine case. Opposing Attorneys, Edson Smith and Fred Hellener, did not cross examine him.

Kansas City, Mo., Republican leaders entertained Gov. Dewey of N. Y. at a luncheon on July 10, Ex. Gov. Leeman of Kansas did not attend. Messr. Edward J. Flanagan met with President Truman on July 11. He reported on his trip to Japan and Korea. He went on request of General McArthur for Children's Welfare.

A N. Y. poultry dealer reported one of his hens laid a two-yolk egg when it was hatched out, it had four legs and two tails and walked very spryly around the poultry yard.

Have you noticed the Omaha Greater Guide? If not look at it. Four convicted murderers were electrocuted in 18 minutes in Sing Sing Prison on Thursday night, July 10.

Walter Winchell will be off the air for four weeks.

Jimmie Luncheonford, the outstanding orchestra leader is dead.

State Supreme Court of Georgia rendered a decision in favor of Negroes voting in Democratic Primary Elections. Governors Conference in session in Salt Lake City this week.