

American Legion sponsored efforts to raise at least \$250,000 for a Nebraska Youth Memorial Building took concrete form recently with the release of an architect's conception of the proposed structure, which is to be located on the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture campus.

The building will serve as headquarters for the thousands of boys and girls from outstate who convene at various times during the year for youth programs at the state university. Tentative plans call for accommodations to simultaneously feed and house 400 youngsters, both boys and girls.

In addition to the 4-H Club groups and the Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' States, the building will house high school students from all over Nebraska who journey to the state fairs, basketball tournaments

and other similar activities. Such groups as the Flying Farm-agricultural extension groups and short course attendants will also utilize the building.

Harry B. Coffey of Omaha, chairman of the sponsoring committee, recently said funds for the building will be solicited from the entire Nebraska all statewide youth and agriculture programs.

W. W. Burr, beloved Dean of the College of Agriculture, described the proposed building as "the answer to a long-hoped-for need, as well as an investment in Nebraska's two fundamental resources—youth and agriculture."

On March 15th, Governor Val Peterson, in an official proclamation, urged every citizen of the state to give full support to the campaign. At that time, Legion spokesmen

pointed out that to donate to a cause from which they will directly benefit.

E. P. Barnes of Omaha, State Commander of the American Legion, emphasized that the civic campaign for the Youth Memorial Building is to be "by Nebraskans, for Nebraskans—an investment which will result in a badly-needed building constructed on state property, for all of our Nebraska youth!"

As conceived, the building will be a living "memorial" to the men and women from Nebraska who served in World War II.

"In broader terms, however, the building will also be a memorial to our faith in the youth of today, and the youth of tomorrow who will use the building through the years", Chairman Coffey said.

NEGRO FARMER AWARD ED MERIT CERTIFICATE BY SO. CAROLINA BANKERS ASSN.

James Archie, South Carolina farmer who has climbed up from sharecropping to the ownership of an 88 acre farm through the assistance of the Farmers Home Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was awarded a certificate of merit recently by the South Carolina Bankers Association for outstanding soil conservation work on his farm.

Farmer Archie, who lives near Chester, S. C., is the first colored farmer in the Catawba Soil Conservation District to receive the banker's award, reports E. N. Williams, State supervisor of extension work with Negro farmers.

Archie and his wife worked their 88 acre farm one year as sharecroppers and four as renters prior to 1942. They were paying three bales of cotton rent each year to a local bank which had charge of the eroded and run down farm. Then one day a representative of the bank suggested that the Archies buy the farm. They were told to talk it over with the county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration.

"Figuring we had nothing to lose, I made a visit to the county FHA office," Archie relates. "After discussing the matter with the supervisor, I made an application to buy the farm." Soon the Archies' attention was on their way to own the farm. Today, they are well ahead of schedule in repaying the 40-year farm purchase loan.

During the summer of 1943, Archie asked the Chester County unit of the Catawba Soil Conservation District for assistance in making complete soil diagnosis of this run-down farm on which he was breaking his back trying to eke out a living.

Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service made a map of Archie's farm which showed the production capacity of each acre. This map was turned over to Thomas F. Carter, a Negro conservationist who understood not only the land, but also many of the problems which the Archie family faced. Carter assisted Archie in planning his farm field by field for a cotton and dairy program. Terraces were built, and a

four year strip rotation was set up which called for planting every other terrace at intervals in small grain followed by lespedeza, a hay crop. "Grain and lespedeza will replace land faster than anything I know," Mr. Archie says. As proof of this statement, he says that after putting his soil conservation program into effect, his cotton yield rose about half a bale to the acre to a bale and a half per acre.

With the increase in grain and hay which resulted from his soil conservation program, dairy program. Today, he has five milk cows, besides getting plenty of milk for their own seven children, the Archies have a milk check of from \$25 to \$40 coming in every month from a nearby creamery to which they sell milk.

The improved farm practices which the Archies are carrying out are reflected in better living. Hams and sides of bacon may be found in their smokehouse year round, and on the pantry shelves are hundreds of quart of canned meats, fruits, and vegetables. "We butcher four or five hogs every year and we usually can a calf and about 800 quarts of fruits and vegetables," say the Archies.

In 1944, the family built a new home made of concrete blocks. It sits on a ridge overlooking most of their farmland which neighboring farmers come to look at regularly to see how they are conserving and building up their soil.

Farmer Archie is high in his praise of those who gave him a helping hand in getting started and are still aiding him. Special mention is made of Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, the Farmers Home Administration, and the Production and Marketing Administration. He uses his PMA payment largely for terracing and pasture improvement. He was the first colored farmer in his county to construct terraces with a two horse turn-plow and get them approved for payment the first year.

His county agent has asked him to be a leader in the soil conservation group which is being started in his community. His answer is, "I am ready and willing to do what I can to help other farmers get on the road to better living on the farm."

WHAT WELL DRESSED WOMEN WEAR
By Hazel Green

Mrs. Sam Jones looked nice in her gray and tan plaid dress, of soft wool, gray hat with the small brim and gray veil, and black form fitting coat, black leather bag and shoes. She was wearing washable beige gloves. Mary Jones was wearing a small black felt hat with small veil, a gray three quarter length coat, green dress and gloves, black patent leather shoes and bag.

Katherine Hubert, looking lovely in a light tan gabardine suit, a beige mesh straw hat with small tan colored veil, brown blouse, bag and shoes, and tan colored gloves.

Maria Elkins, 2207 Maple, was very well dressed in a Cocoa colored gabardine suit, with brown leather bag and a unique pair of sandal type shoes of changeable brown colored leather (sort of like the June bug), yellow blouse, and gloves and a small brown hat with soft straw and a large bow on the side. She was also wearing a fur piece called Ring Tail Bassarisk or Mountain Sable.

Estrela Horton was wearing a tan full back "Great Coat" of the new look, buttoned high under the chin, black patent leather bag and a small black cloche hat, black low heeled shoes, with small jeweled pins on the side.

Charlotte Keith, 2209 Franklin Plaza, wore a small black hat, a light weight muth colored striped soft wool jacket, with a peplum and a three quarter length sleeves, straight skirt, black suede shoes and a box shape bag. Black Gloves.

Mrs. E. B. Huston looked nice in gray suit, black hat, black suede shoes and black gloves. Around her neck was a mink scarf.

Mrs. Fred W. Storms was wearing a victor blue suit, a white and small rolled brim navy blue hat. She was carrying a blue leather bag and wore blue shoes.

She wore a Fushia colored three quarter length coat. Doris Ware was wearing a black striped gray suit, with a pair of Silver fox furs, small black hat with veil, black suede sandal shoes and bag. She had black gloves on.

Clarice Dacus wore a black gabardine Great Coat of the new look, a black corde bag, black suede pump shoes, small black hat with veil. She wore a chartreuse and white striped suit and a string of pearls.

Lucille Merritt, 2102 Ohio Street, wore a black gabardine suit with black velvet edging. Black suede shoes, a black corde bag; small crown hat with large purple flowers, purple blouse, and black gloves.

Mrs. Elsie Turner looked nice in a blue two piece suit with a bow in front. Navy blue soft straw hat, turned up on one side, navy blue shoes and bag.

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OUR GUEST COLUMN

Continued from Page 1) must be trained and disciplined in Gandhi-like self denial and sacrifice, if they are to follow Gandhi's example. Mr. Randolph has only dramatized a standing American problem. Unless he, and those who agree with him, are prepared to go further toward solution—have the answers to some of the really tough questions he has opened up—the net result of his action will be negative, rather than positive.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT SAYS NAACP CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE

New York, N. Y., April 15—With NAACP membership campaigns under way in 500 cities, prospects of surpassing the goal are "most hopeful" according to Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, chairman of the national-wide campaign committee of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People.

Mrs. Lampkin together with the NAACP field secretaries and a host of volunteers are sparking the drive to achieve the largest membership in the history of the association. Already several cities, including Columbus Ohio, Wilmington, Del., and Indianapolis have surpassed last year's membership. In Boston, with a goal of 5,000, the churches have agreed to hold an NAACP Sunday to mobilize the church members.

Goals set for other cities include Houston, 10,000, Rochester, N. Y., 3,500, Omaha, Nebraska 1,000, Bluefield, West Va., 1,000, Austin, Texas, 750, Jackson, Mich., and Newport, R. I., 250 each. "If we continue at the pace we have started," Mrs. Lampkin said, "we'll surely go over the top. Certainly, the outlook on the basis of the reports so far received, is bright and our prospects most hopeful."

THE WAITERS COLUMN
By H. W. Smith

The Waiter's Key Club extends a very friendly welcome to all.

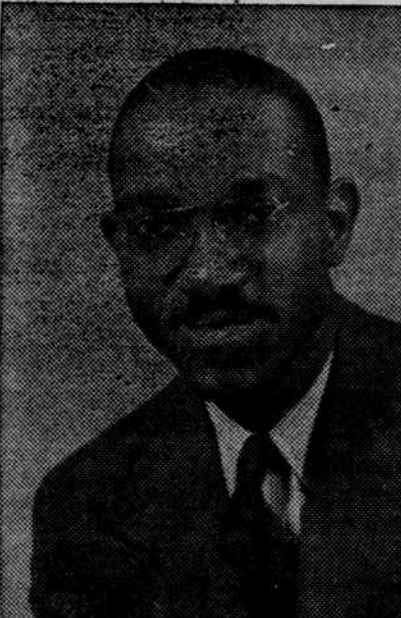
Blackstone Hotel waiters are improving on service.

Paxton Hotel waiters are on the up and go at all times.

Waiters at the Legion Club are going good.

Fontenell Hotel waiters are very much out in front at all times.

Waiters at the OAC are topping the service with a smile.



Dr. John Hope Franklin, author of *From Slavery to Freedom*, returns to his alma mater as a guest speaker during Fisk University's 19th annual Festival of Music and Art, April 30 to May 1. He is professor of History at Howard University and is a trustee of Fisk.



Jack Adkins, newly elected head coach at Fisk University, is spearheading the drive "To return Fisk to her former high place in the sports world." The former Fisk gridiron star was head coach and athletic director at LeMoyne College from 1926-43. He is succeeding Julian Bell, whose resignation was accepted several weeks ago. (Photo by Robert Studio)

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All telephone customers located in the territory to be transferred—indicated by shaded part of map—now have dial service except those in the Kenwood area of which there are about 300. Work of converting their telephone instruments for dial service has been started and information about the change is being furnished to them personally.

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