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Marian Anderson Coming To Omaha For Concert at Music Hall Monday Eve., March 12

Marian Anderson, an indomitable spirit, and famous American singer, is appearing in concert in the Music Hall of the City Auditorium, Monday evening, March 12, 1956 at 8 p.m. She is sponsored by the Corinth Baptist Church, Rev. J. Andrew Thompson pastor.

Many of the persons who have heard Marian Anderson say that she casts a magic spell over her audience with her wonderful voice. Her hearers have come away from her recitals uncertain whether they have enjoyed an aesthetic or a religious experience because when Marian sings, she gives everything she has to God and He in his love gives it back to the listeners. She has a rare simplicity, dignity, art, power and glory. She, with her deep contralto tones can also sing one of the lightest of organs, "Le Violette" and follow with the deep tones as "They Crucified My Lord." If you have not heard Marian Anderson, you are not aware of what you have missed. If you hear her once, you will want to hear her again and again.

Some of her listeners comment that she gives all that she has to every song that she has, but the spirituals she gives more because she can give her racial integrity and warmth as well as her religious and aesthetic feeling. Those who know her best, say that her innermost secret is that she lives as she sings. Her respect for her art is no greater than her respect for her life.

Soap Box Racers Meet Saturday

The first important meeting of the 1956 Omaha Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, February 25, at 9:30 A.M. in the Downtown Y.M.C.A., 17th and Harney Streets, Omaha, Nebraska. All boys who will be 11 years of age, but not 16 years of age on or before August 12, 1956, are urged to attend.

A representative of the Omaha Cardinals Baseball Team will speak on how a baseball team operates. Also there will be a film of the 1955 World Series.

This meeting will answer questions, explain the 1956 Official Rules and give directions on how boys can enter the Omaha Soap Box Derby. Nicky Vondrak, last year's Champion from Nebraska City will speak, and the color film of the 1955 All American Soap Box Derby will be shown at this meeting.

The Omaha Soap Box Derby is sponsored by the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Omaha-Council Bluffs Chevrolet Dealers.

hole at 28th and Seward St. He was an Omaha resident about 26 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Ferguson of Omaha, three sisters, Mrs. Mary Jackson of McNeal, Ark.; Mrs. Eva Lee of Waldo, Ark., and Mrs. Jennie Simpson of Stevens, Ark.; brother, Joe Ferguson of McNeal, Ark.

Rev. Wm. Ferguson

Rev. William C. Ferguson, age 63 years of 2p03 No. 29th St., expired Monday evening, February 20, 1956 while working in a man

Rights of American Citizens Should Not Be TempORIZED

Excerpts from Address of Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan to the Israel Histradut Campaign, Chicago, Illinois.

Charity, of course, begins at home, and America's support of free peoples all over the world will be effective only to the degree that we support freedom at home.

Israel is not the only place where we must concern ourselves with the rights and duties of men to live peacefully side by side, each paying to the other the respect which is due to all. Right here in the United States we have our own areas in which the rights of citizens are in jeopardy.

Let me take this occasion to say that I stand unequivocally with those who believe that the rights of American citizens must be protected, whether they are black or white, and whether in the North or the South. I do not agree with anyone, whether in my own party or in other parties, who would temporize with this question, or wait for it to go away.

There are continued and repeated reports of violence against some of our citizens for daring to register to vote, or for publicly advocating the rights which belong to all Americans.

In the face of these incidents, the Federal Government, it seems to me, has remained inexcusably inactive. There is a Federal civil rights statute, which specifically forbids interference with the rights of citizens to vote, as well as other violations of the rights of citizenship.

I believe the President and the Attorney General should invoke this law in these cases, if state and local authorities are unable or unwilling to see that justice is done.

The school segregation issue is another phase of the question. I do not agree with those who say that federal grants in aid should be given to schools which remain segregated in defiance of the Constitution and the courts.

This question appears likely to disrupt efforts to enact a desperately needed federal school aid measure. It seems to me that the Attorney General has a duty to render a clear ruling on the question whether federal aid can be given to segregated schools. Such a ruling would clear the air and perhaps make it unnecessary to inject this question into the school aid bill.

The argument has been made that things are going well because we have made some considerable progress in the area of civil rights. It is true, and I agree, that the vast majority of our Southern citizens are men and women of good will, struggling with a grave and long-standing problem. It is also true that over the greater part of the South the Supreme Court integration decision is being put into effect quietly, efficiently, and as rapidly as could be expected.

But I do not agree that things are really going well when an American citizen can be literally stoned away from a public university because of her color, or when homes are bombed and shot at, because American citizens have registered to vote. When these things happen it is time for all men of good will, in the North and in the South, to stand against them—because when the bell tolls for one man's rights it tolls for the liberty of all.

And I think it is time for the President of the United States, and I believe it is his duty, to exert the great power and prestige of his office, as head of the Federal Government, to see that the rights of United States citizens are protected in every part of the Union.

Seek Directors For Teen-Agers

Mrs. Jewel Robinson, Northside Teen-Age Program Director, sends an appeal to parents, teachers, any interested persons, men and women, to volunteer services in working with the teen-agers. We know the value of activities among young people—but large groups must have additional supervision and guidance. Is there anybody who cares—cares about the youth of Omaha enough to give an hour or two a week in helping to guide them? Call Mrs. Robinson at Pleasant 6299.

Northside Brotherhood Program Sun.

Sunday afternoon, at 4:30 p.m. there will be a special Brotherhood program during the regular monthly Twilight Hour at the Northside Building. At this time Mrs. Archie Marvel of Hastings, Nebraska will bring the message. There will be special music, under direction of Mrs. Jean Rogers, and as a special feature, there will be a Spiritual Pantomime by members of the Brownlow Studio. This promises to be most interesting. After the program there will be a reception in the Lower Lounge, where the audience may meet and greet Mrs. Marvel. Table hostesses will be in charge of Mrs. Wolf, and ladies of the Temple Israel Sisterhood, assisted by Mrs. Dora Green, and other members of the YWCA. Mrs. Charles Brown is chairman of the Program Planning Committee. All members and friends are invited and urged to be present.

Martha Adams, Founder Of Grambling, Dies

By COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

GRAMBLING, IOWA—Funeral services were held here Tuesday morning for Mrs. Martha Adams, 78, wife of Charles P. Adams, founder of Grambling College.

Mrs. Adams died at her home following a long illness. Brief campus services were held in the college auditorium at 9:00 a.m. followed by solemn requiem high mass at 10:00 a.m., in St. Benedict Catholic Church with the Rev. Severin Nelles, OFM, pastor, St. Thomas Church, Ruston, officiating.

The Rev. Cassion Northbauer, OFM, pastor, St. Benedict Church, Grambling, delivered the sermon. Interment was in Grambling Cemetery.

One of Grambling's first teachers, Mrs. Adams spent most of her life here and helped her husband stage a desperate struggle to keep the school alive during its formative years.

A native of Tuskegee, Alabama, she came to Grambling in 1901 as the school's first domestic science teacher.

Mrs. Adams is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Fidelia Johnson and Mrs. Teresa Garner; three sons, Edward, Henry and Ralph Adams, and eight grandchildren.

Hattie Crawford

Mrs. Hattie Crawford, 75 years, 2926 North 28th Street, passed away Sunday, February 12th at a local hospital. Mrs. Crawford had been a resident of Omaha fifty years. She was a member of Zion Baptist Church.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by her husband, Rev. Cecil Crawford, Omaha; son, Mr. Charles Hill, McMinnville, Tenn.; step son, Mr. Robert A. Crawford, Chicago, Illinois and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, February 17th from Thomas Mortuary with the Rev. Claude Williams officiating, assisted by Rev. F. S. Goodlett, Elder James Stuart, Sr., Rev. Columbus McMorris.

Pallbearers were Mr. H. S. Brown, T. A. Holt, William Beasley, Charles Morris, Henry Johnson and Adam Lee.

The Businessmen of the Near North Side met Friday morning to consider the organization of a Business Men's Association for the purpose of providing leadership in this area.

They met at 11:00 A.M. at the Near North Side YMCA and proved to be an enthusiastic group apparently ready to go to work for things of interest to the North Side. Nearly 100 were in attendance.

John F. Bradley was named Temporary Chairman of the group and he appointed a committee of five to draft a permanent Constitution and By-laws for the organization.

Those named to the committee are: Felix Motroy, Don Wilkerson, Jerry Morris, Lawrence McVoy, and Arthur B. McCaw.

It is planned that the organization will serve as a Chamber of Commerce for the Near North Side. It will promote things which are beneficial to the business interest of those in business in the area and will attempt to ward off false leadership by those who are not qualified or who do not have the best interest of the area at heart. The organization shall be non political.

Mrs. Bertha Calloway was named Secretary.

The group will meet again next Wednesday, February 29th at 11:00 A.M. at the near North Side YMCA to hear the reports of the committee and to adopt the permanent Constitution.

Violets For Kim



KIM NOVAK admires a bunch of violets on her arrival in New York from the West Coast, where she just starred with Tyrone Power in "The Eddie Duchin Story." As Mrs. Eddie Duchin, in the picture, she has a special liking for violets and she wears them off-screen, too. The Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, which makes it possible to wire flowers anywhere in the world in a matter of hours, approves Kim's choice of violets as the perfect fashion accessory for daytime or evening wear. Violets are reasonably priced and widely available during mid-Winter and early Spring.

March Is Membership Month In YW

March is membership Month for the Omaha YWCA. Northside has set for itself a quota of 600 in '56. At a recent meeting, the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Thomas Beck, appointed the following Captains, Mrs. Alfrean Geary, Mrs. Christine Phillips, Mrs. Mattie Henry, Mrs. W. W. Peebles and Mrs. James Henderson. Each captain has enlisted 10 or more workers, so it is hoped that no person who wants to join the YWCA will be overlooked.

The Committee will sponsor a Kickoff Luncheon on March 3, at 1:30 p.m. All workers will be attending to get their supplies, and to hear the special speakers.

Sunday, March 4th will be YWCA Day in the churches. Ministers will inform their congregations, and when possible, there will be a special speaker from the YWCA. There is a good movie available, and any group desiring to see the YWCA program in Omaha in action, can make arrangements to have the film shown. There is no charge. Call JA. 7243, or JL. 6299 about the film.

Two classes of people believe in voluntary control: the naive and the predatory.



New Safety Movie Filmed In Omaha

The Omaha Safety Council announced today the completion of another safety movie, filmed in Omaha. This is the fourth safety movie to be made in Omaha in two years.

"Fork Lifts . . . Safety and Care" was produced by the Personnel Department of Vickers, Inc., Omaha Production, in cooperation with the AFL-UAW No. 171 and the Omaha Safety Council.

"This 10-minute movie is unique," said Council Manager Harry Hatcher, "in that it compares the caution and care one uses with his own car, with that he should be using with the equipment at work."

Harold Sherman, of the Personnel Department of Omaha Production, said his intention in creating the film was to strike at the mental attitude of the drivers.

"The use of this film and lessons therein, should enable management to enjoy a substantial reduction in repair cost to fork-lifts," said Sherman.

The film, which has magnetic sound, is available from Omaha Production, or the Omaha Safety Council, for use by other industrial firms.

Sen. Curtis "Grateful" By Letters

Senator Carl T. Curtis said today he is "gratified" by the large volume of mail which he is receiving from every state in the nation regarding a bill, S.3074, which he recently introduced for the purpose of preventing union dues from being used to support candidates for political office. Curtis said that most of his mail comes from union members who favor the legislation and complain about dues collected to hold their jobs being used to support political candidates whom the union members oppose.

Curtis said that he expected criticism which has come from labor leaders and pointed out that his purpose is to encourage union members and all other citizens to take an active part in political campaigns. "This" said Curtis, "should be done on a voluntary basis either individually or through duly constituted political committees." Curtis remarked that the objectives of his legislation are in response to President Eisenhower's request that "the rights of minority union members should be scrupulously protected."

Holland To Head Crippled Children Work

Richard D. Holland has been named president of the Douglas County Chapter of the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children. He succeeds J. Robert Hoff, who has been elected chairman of the board.

Other chapter officers named are Mrs. Tom Quinlan and Mrs. J. Richard Hackney, vice presidents; Mrs. Edward J. Micek, secretary and Richard Hiller, re-elected treasurer.

The Executive Board membership was increased from 12 to 15 members with new Executive Directors Mrs. John Swanson, Mrs. Lloyd Beal and Mrs. Micek elected to the Board. Also re-elected were Mr. Holland, Mr. Hiller, Mr. Hoff, Mrs. Quinlan and Mrs. Hackney.

Other re-elected Board members are Mrs. Dwayne Harris, Mrs. Albert Hedelund, Mrs. Walter Louis, Miss Frances M. Edwards, Fred Brodkey, Jack Deising, and Roy Barnes.

The Board voted to affiliate to the Society, The Service Club for Handicapped Children and the Women's Association of Allied Beverage Industries, as a recognition of the work they have done on previous drives.

Police Department Offers Excellent Field For Competent Negro Men

Homemakers Meet Wednesdays

Don't forget the Homemakers Holiday, which holds forth each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30. Mothers may bring their children. They will be cared for by Mrs. Susie Yancey, while the mothers are sewing, knitting, cooking, painting, and what ever they desire to do. Investigate this. Its fun.

The Quack Club will sponsor a Card Party on Friday evening, February 24th. All are welcome.

Saturday evening, the H and H Club, group of young marrieds, will have a business meeting. Officers will be elected, and plans made for subsequent meetings. Mrs. Marlene Gray, temporary chairman, is calling the group together for an 8 p.m. meeting.

REMEMBER MARCH WITH YOUR YWCA IN MARCH

Legion Concentrates On Members

Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30 American Legion is combining its full strength to increasing its membership and joining with its Ladies Auxiliary in an effort to put over a great affair designed to greatly help the cause of real Legion progress. The Executive Board is now in the midst of elaborate planning to again bring the Post to public notice and favor. The new Commander is doing a wonderful job and is receiving the wholehearted support of officers and members of both bodies of the Legion.

Let us all pay our 1956 dues now and attend the meetings. The ever non-failing spirit of true comradeship to sick veterans is led by the loyal visits to VA Hospital by Comrade Frank Payne. There are quite a number of sick veterans confined in the Hospital, so please pay them a visit. They are Ralph Underwood, Henry Toland, Geo. Barber, John Pierce, Wm. Calhoun, Clifford Foster, Walter Williams, Wm. Cullens, Eugene Freadls and others not reported.

Taps for Comrade Emory Hickman whose last services were held at St. John's Methodist Church. The Legion paid last respects at the cemetery.

We close ranks and continue to march on in that grand endeavor to reach our service goal of loyalty to God, our fellowman and our country.

H. D. Stewart, Commander
H. L. Embry, Jr., Adjutant
N. H. Comans, Pub. Officer

Pansy Collins

Mrs. Pansy B. Collins, 65 years, 2622 Grant Street, passed away Thursday afternoon, February 16th at a local hospital. Mrs. Collins had been a resident of Omaha fifteen years and was a member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, James Saunders, of Omaha; step-mother, Mrs. Maggie Phelps; sister, Mrs. Tina Smith, of St. Joseph, Mo.; niece, Miss Margaret Bell, Omaha, and other relatives.

The Rosary was recited Sunday evening at Thomas Mortuary with funeral services Monday morning at eight thirty from St. Benedict's Catholic Church with Father John Kiloreen, Father C. Kerr, S. J. officiating.

Pallbearers were Mr. Earl Richardson, G. Morton, C. Hammock, E. Lee, T. J. Glass, M. K. Smith. The body was forwarded via rail to the Alexander Funeral Home, St. Joseph, Missouri. Burial was made Tuesday morning in the family plot at Ashland Cemetery with Father Cornelius Van Dorff, S. J. in charge of committal services.

Omaha U Theater Show March 22-24

The Omaha University Theater will present "Finian's Rainbow" March 22, 23, and 24. Lyrics for the musical are by E. Y. Harburg, and the music by Burton Lane.

The show will have three directors: Dr. Edwin L. Clark, head of the Dramatics Department, John D. Miller, University choir director, and Dr. James Peterson, head of the Music Department, orchestra conductor.

Dr. Milton Johnson Pledges Support of His Group to The Effort

The Omaha Police Department, to those interested, is a golden opportunity for a career in a community service.

Thirty-five (35) additional men will be hired in the immediate future to bolster the present force, and indications are to the effect that the force will be increased commensurate with the city's growth.

Dr. Milton E. Johnson, President of the Near Northside Activities Association, has pledged support of his organization in obtaining qualified applicants, to take the examination. It was indicated to him through authoritative sources, that there is a good possibility of some Negroes being appointed at an early date.

Dr. Johnson urges other civic organizations, within the area, to attempt to induce top-flight applicants to take the present examination.

The starting salary for patrolmen, under the current wage plan, is \$350.00 per month together with the benefits of a good insurance and retirement plan. All persons who are interested should go to the Civil Service Board, located on the First Floor at the City Hall, to obtain applications.

Easter Seal Drive Opens March 10

Volunteers representing groups of all kinds in Nebraska are spending afternoons and evenings in their homes and public meeting places hard at the task of helping crippled children.

They are the friends and members of county committees of the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children who are seeing to it that the 1956 Easter Seal Appeal will roll toward success when it opens March 10. Crews of local workers in each area are assisting with every phase of preparation for the biggest Easter Seal appeal ever made in this state.

Working hand in hand with county committees are members of women's clubs, college societies, business organizations, youth clubs, leaders in educational circles and civic groups and all those who wish to help crippled children. They are checking mailing lists, counting and sorting materials, addressing envelopes, all ready to serve in any capacity in which they are needed.

Victor D. Smith, state president, said that the enthusiasm displayed by volunteers is indicative of the interest of Nebraskans in helping their crippled neighbors and a most encouraging symbol for crippled children who are awaiting the financial aid from their county committees.

The month-long campaign will be conducted simultaneously by crippled children's societies across the nation, March 10 to April 10.

YWCA Offers Swim Work

The YWCA is offering a Swim Plunge for those who wish to swim or practice swimming strokes under an able swim instructor. Instruction will be given at the Jewish Community center pool, 20th and Dodge Streets. Call the YWCA, JA. 27448, for further information.

FLEETA JAGODNIGG
Administrative Assistant

Among the nation's 10,000,000 heart sufferers are 500,000 children of school age. The Heart Fund supports the fight against the heart diseases. Help Your Heart Fund, Help Your Heart.