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Business Activity Strong In Omaha During Year '56

(Note: The following report concerning Omaha business activity during 1956 is based on information furnished by the Business Research Bureau of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, directed by Wilbur F. Lipp.)
Business activity in Omaha during 1956 held strong in the total picture, despite adverse factors in certain areas and "competition" with record-breaking 1955. In those areas where slight declines were noted as the books closed on 1956, the changes are attributable to drought conditions in the four-state area of which Omaha is the hub, and which reflected a lesser farm income in the past months.

For example, the value of manufactured products in Omaha is reported down 1.9 percent as compared to last year—but up 100.7 percent over 1946 in a ten-year comparison.
This business indicator includes livestock received and processed. The decline, although offset substantially by other manufacturing in Omaha, shows the effect of fewer livestock receipts here and the lower market price that prevailed.

Despite these factors, reports from authorities on the livestock market indicate that Omaha will continue as the "World's Largest Livestock Market and Meat Packing Center," leading again over Chicago.

Grain receipts and shipments no longer are considered dependable economic indices because government storage of grain in rural areas has changed substantially the pattern of shipment from the producer to the consumer.

The number of livestock shipped, although recorded as a minus in the Chamber of Commerce report, actually is an asset to the community because that in itself shows more handling and processing locally, rather than merely shipping the livestock through to other markets.

In other areas of business activity, substantial gains are reported for the year.

Building permits, while compiled on a different basis in 1956, and therefore lending themselves to no direct comparison, show that residential construction remained at a very high level throughout 1956, and set new records in non-residential construction.

Contrary to the national trend of a nearly four percent increase in retail sales, consumer buying decreased some 2 1/2 percent in Omaha—reflecting again the less favorable crop conditions and prices in agriculture in the mid-west.

Wholesale sales increased 4 1/2 percent over 1955, giving evidence to Omaha's continually growing importance as a distribution center, and the establishment here of still more firms engaged in wholesale business activity.

Completing the picture of Omaha business activity in 1956 are a number of other basic economic indices—all of them showing strong gains that offset those declines already pointed out.

For example, bank clearings and bank debits, up 1.7 percent and .9 percent respectively, over record-breaking 1955, are proof of a continuing healthy local economy.

The increase in postal receipts (up .6 percent) and electricity produced (a gain of 7.9 percent) also lend firm support to the local economy.

Businessmen in Omaha, looking to recent years, recognize that activity here in 1956 continued strong and steady in the total picture; and although the year 1956 set no sharp gains as did 1955, continued progress for our community was well-established by the record of the past 12 months.

A man usually leads with his chin when his mouth is wide open.
Seems to me that dieting is a thing of mind over platter!

Always begin somewhere. You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Life is ten per cent what you make it and ninety per cent how you take it.

The wise man meets a marital crisis with a firm hand—full of candy or flowers.

Giants Sign New Pitcher

Oxford, Ohio—(CNS)—The New York Giants acquired a new Negro right hand pitcher in 21 year old Chester Preyar. Preyar, originally of Mobile, Ala., says he signed for a \$500. bonus with \$500 more to come if he stays 30 days with the Giants' Class B team at Danville, Va. He's to report to Danville after graduation in June.

Activities Scheduled At Kellom

Sports:
Open Basketball Tournament
Kellom will be the scene of the Fourth Annual City wide basketball tournament on January 2, 3, & 4. Finals start Friday January 4, 1957 at 2:00 P.M.
Club News
Senior Citizens will meet at Kellom Friday, January 4, 1957 at 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Senior Citizens also work two days each week on hobbies, in their new club room on Charles Street.
Boys' B B Gun Club:
Will meet at their regular time Wednesday January 2, 1957 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
Youth Council:
Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Tap dancing Saturday January 5, 1957 starting at 9:00 A.M.
Clubs:
The Junior Boppers 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. each Wednesday.
The Rock a Bop Social Club
Will meet January 9, 1957 from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M.
The Junior Hoppers:
Will meet at their regular time Monday January 6th, 1957.
For additional information call Ja. 1116: The Center will return to its regular schedule January 7, 1957.

Miami Bus Segregation A Surprise

MIAMI, Fla.—(CNS)—The City of Miami was completely surprised by Federal Judge Emmet Choate's ruling that its bus segregation laws and those of the entire State were unconstitutional. For the ruling came during what is ordinarily pre-hearing maneuvering in such cases.

Even the NAACP Attorney, G. E. Graves was surprised by the ruling. He went to court thinking the "judge was going to convene a three-judge court and have us go to trial." Mr. Graves was bringing his case for four women who complained that their constitutional rights were violated when they were told to move to the rear last October. Negroes continued to ride in the back on the buses, while the white folks sat in the front.

Ethel Waters Is In Debt For Taxes

Chicago—After 41 years in show business and grossing well over a million dollars, Ethel Waters is heavily in debt to the U. S. Government for back taxes. In 1956 all of her engagements together added up to only nine weeks, "not enough to make me eligible to receive unemployment compensation," she says in February EBONY. For the last two years her earnings have been low enough to entitle her to tax refunds which she had to re-invoice back to the Federal government in payment of tax arrears. All of her royalties from her best-selling autobiography, *My Eye Is On The Sparrow*, were also collected by the Internal Revenue Bureau. Her ten-room home in Los Angeles, which is shackled by U. S. tax liens, is being rented out as a school for handicapped children.



RED CROSS VOLUNTEER Mrs. Dorothy Allio, chairman of the motor corps of the Somerville-Raritan Chapter, Somerville, N. J., stops to chat with a refugee family as she prepares to unload supplies from chapter wagon at the Army reception Center.

Southern School Bonds Go Begging

NEW YORK, January 3.—Some southern states are complaining about the lack of buyers for school bonds to finance segregated schools, according to newspaper articles and editorials from the South received at NAACP headquarters here.
Gov. Leroy Collins of Florida is so perturbed about the school bond situation that he has written an 800-word letter to President Eisenhower asking the federal government to purchase Florida's state school bonds.
In his letter Gov. Collins said conditions "are making it difficult, unfeasible or impossible for states and local units of government to market bonds for the financing of vitally-needed public improvements."

Judge Rules Jim Crow Bus Law Invalid

MIAMI, January 3.—The Florida state law requiring racial segregation on local buses is unconstitutional, United States District Judge Emmet C. Choate declared in an oral opinion handed down here today. The federal judge ruled in a case brought jointly by the Dade County Council of NAACP Branches and the Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches.
Immediately following the decision, G. E. Graves, the attorney who filed the case for the NAACP, announced that he would return to the court to file papers for an injunction restraining the State of Florida from enforcing Jim Crow on the buses.



DELTA SIGMA THETA OF FICIALS, headed by national president Dorothy I. Height of New York City (seated fourth from left, center row) pose for cameraman at the sorority's 24th national convention held in Detroit, Michigan, during the recent holiday season. More than 1,000 delegates from 30,000 states and the Republic of Haiti attended the session, centered on the theme: Releasing the Delta Potential: For Leadership, For Service and For Personal Growth. Speakers included Dr. Martin Luther King of Montgomery, Alabama, president of the Montgomery Improvement Association on which spearheaded the successful boycott against segregated buses; Dr. Bleu Gallagher, president of the College of the City of New York; and Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, the two women members of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights. (ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS PHOTO)

Teen News BY WEAD

Hello cool ones, I hope everyone had a swinging time during the holidays. I better get started to catch up on some of the latest gossip and stuff. I see lots of new bracelets, sweaters, shirts, rings and things flashing around. Santa was real good to you huh?

I have had an urgent request to tell the happenings out at (West Dodge Hi) O. U. First, I would like to congratulate the newly weds, Nadiene and Kenneth, and Bonnie and Jimmy. Good luck. It seems Charlene J. will be next on the list, she found a ring in her stocking Christmas. S. Kirsy, N. Mitchell and J. Collins had a certain interest in the N.A.A. tip-off tournament. What could O. U. be like without Mr. Cool Brooks, changing the slang around "All that's good to "All that's well and giving lectures in the lounge, Janice C. not losing her voice, Janice M. not borrowing pennies, W. Bowman walking down the halls, and no one borrowing cigarettes.

Well, later for the college gang and on with the teenagers. Let's start with Margaret M. sending a certain guy a get-well card. Pat A. still hanging on to B. D. It must be nice. Irene C. does every one know of your new flame, A. Horne? Alyce Mc. how was the show "Rock Pretty Baby" especially with V. W. C. Fowler I don't see you and T. Davis much anymore, what's happening? I see Joye J. and Al still making it tight, Sam W. I heard you went steady only 2 days, what kind of love is that?

Well kiddies and kats I'm going to shove off. On my word of honor, because I want you to return to me, ha, ha, I'm getting Spring Fever.

PERSONALITY FACTS OF THE WEEK

- Best Dressed Girls: Helen P., Joy J., Alice Mc., and Gwen S.
- Best Dressed Boys: Gene R., James B., Dennis F., and Harvey R.
- Best Girl Sport Players: V. Johnson, H. Curry, E. Hobson, and M. King.
- Best Boy Sport Players: Gene R., E. Owens, and Art B.
- Best Couples: Ruth and Jim, and Leta and Otis.
- Cutest Couples: Willie F. and Leon.
- Mixed up Couples: Violodora and Kenneth.
- Craze: Marvia B.
- Crazier: Violodora J.
- Craziest: Wellie F.
- Tuff Girls: The Mad Mademoiselles.

Charles Johnson

Mr. Charles Johnson, 65 years, 929 1/2 North 26th Street, passed away Monday evening January 7th at a local hospital.

Mr. Johnson had been a resident of Omaha for over twenty five years.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lovie French, Foreman, Arkansas, nephew, Mr. Otis French, Akron, Ohio, two nieces, Mrs. Louise Fitzgerald, Omaha, Mrs. Myrtle Beaver, Akron, Ohio and other relatives. The body is at the Thomas Funeral Home pending arrangements.

Fate leads the willing and drags along those who hang back.

Join THE MARCH OF DIMES IN JANUARY

Filibuster Show Down Is Certain

The United States Senate is facing a real show-down on the old question of filibustering. When Congress opens this week a bipartisan group led by Senators Douglas, Humphrey, Ives, and Clark will make a bold bid to change the Senate rules. They are aiming especially at an interpretation of the rules which in effect requires unanimous consent to change them. But their ultimate objective is to curb filibusters and clear a path for civil-rights legislation.

It would be well if the civil-rights controversy were not allowed to confuse the issue over filibusters. For this issue concerns the larger and continuing question as to whether a small minority should be able to veto indefinitely congressional action on any subject. Opinions may differ as to the purposes for which filibusters have been used; many who have opposed their use at one time have favored it at another.

The best arguments for it are that it provides a last-ditch safeguard of the rights of a minority and that on some questions the intensity of minority feeling to be given extra weight. There may be wisdom in such reasoning. But the civil-rights issue raises a further question, for here the filibuster has been used to deny the rights of a minority within a minority.

Theoretically and historically the filibuster looks like a poor adjunct of effective representative government. It is not really a safeguard of free speech, but rather an abuse of speech. Often it is a doling of words which makes speech meaningless and frustrates democratic action. History attributes most of the weakness which permitted the repeated partitioning of Poland to rules that blocked action by its Parliament. The Senate's closure rule—requiring 64 affirmative votes—is not so stringent, but the provision barring any closing of debate on a change of rules does permit a veto by one member.

If the filibuster were generally used, it would not be tolerated. If it were frequently used against those who favor it most, they may lose their taste for it. We do not recommend a resort to such extreme measures. But those who defend the filibuster should think twice about the extremes to which they may be tempted. At the very least they ought to concede that the Senate rules should not be frozen until unanimous consent is obtained to amend them.

The senators proposing a change will make their move in the first minutes of the 85th Congress. They contend that at that moment the Senate, like the House, can adopt a new set of rules by a simple majority vote. Their opponents argue that the Senate is a "continuing body" because two-thirds of its members carry over.

The advocates of change declare the legislation and appointments before the Senate expire with each congressional session and have to be renewed. They point out also that new members should have some effective voice in the rules that govern them. Indeed, they contend that even if the Senate be considered a continuing body, that does not deprive it of the right granted by the Constitution to "determine the Rules of its Proceedings."

Let us recognize that checks on impulsive majority action may be wise and useful. But nothing in the American constitutional system favors a perpetual frustration of the established purpose of the people. Sooner or later procedures which permit such frustrations must be modified.

Dorothy Brown

Mrs. Dorothy May Brown, age 32 years, of 633 Hamilton Street, expired Saturday January 5, 1957, at a local hospital.

She was an Omaha resident for about 8 years and a member of St. John Baptist Church for the



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Lloyd J. Pryor

Lloyd J. Pryor, 26 years, of 3508 Burdette Street, died Friday night January 4th in a Kansas City, Missouri hospital of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Marceline, Missouri while returning home from St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Pryor had been a resident of Omaha all of his life. He was a veteran of World War Two, a trusted employee of Bozell and Jacobs Advertising Agency and a faithful member of the Morning Star Baptist Church.

He is survived by his father, Mr. William A. Pryor, Omaha, son, Lloyd J. Jr., daughter, Holli Pryor, of Omaha; brother, Mr. Robert (Ira) Jackson, Ada, Oklahoma, sister, Mrs. Evelyn Seales, St. Louis, Missouri, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held 10:30 Tuesday morning from Morning Star Baptist Church with the Rev. Z. W. Williams officiating, assisted by Rev. J. C. Wade, Rev. J. W. May, Rev. H. W. Fitch. Honorary bearers, Mr. Kinzie Fairchild, Marion Sweet, James Wilson, Warren Edge, active bearers, Jack Camper, Richard Boasley, Frank Nelson, Joseph Longmier, Jesse Nolan, Joseph Berousky. Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery with arrangements by the Thomas Funeral Home.

Committee of 10 To Probe NAACP

Richmond, Va.—(CNS)—A ten man legislative committee has been appointed to investigate namely the NAACP—and any other organization which promotes "to determine the Rules of its Proceedings."

Let us recognize that checks on impulsive majority action may be wise and useful. But nothing in the American constitutional system favors a perpetual frustration of the established purpose of the people. Sooner or later procedures which permit such frustrations must be modified.

It is armed with a \$25,000 appropriation and can subpoena records of any firm, plus witness. All members, but two, are attorneys. same length of time. Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband, F. T. Brown, 2 daughters, Charlotte Ann and Carol; 4

The high cost of meeting polio attacks has exhausted March of Dimes funds in many parts of the country. Although the Salk vaccine promises eventual victory over the disease, contributions to the March of Dimes are urgently needed to "finish the job," which includes not only providing for the medical care of those who will still get the disease but also helping polio patients of the past fight their way back to normal, useful lives.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has had to advance more than \$6,300,000 in emergency aid to more than 600 chapters that had become impoverished through meeting the cost of patient care. They depend heavily on the 1957 March of Dimes to relieve the financial strain resulting from these inroads. The campaign ends January 31.

Letters Reveal Death Plots

New York, January 7th.—The half brothers acquitted of murdering 14-year old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed today they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-whistle" killing of the Chicago Negro youth.

The threats to J. W. Milam and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, in the form of letters from outside the state, were revealed in an article in the new issue of Look magazine by William Bradford Huie, who repeated charges he made in Look a year ago that Milam shot the Negro youth after Till had made advances at Bryant's wife.

Despite the threats to him and his family Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the sheriff, the magazine said.

Milam also admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic reverses in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following setbacks:
A boycott by Negroes which has forced the pair to close or sell a chain of small stores they had operated in the Mississippi Delta.

Robert D. Allen

Robert Dewey Allen, age 78 years, of 2430 Lake Street, expired early Tuesday January 1, 1957 at his home.

Mr. Allen was an Omaha resident for 70 years and was cook at the Central Police Station for 19 years having retired in 1951. He had completed 30 years as a civilian employee of the Police Department.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Julia Gordon of Omaha; 3 daughters, Mrs. Lucy Elliott, Mrs. Dorothy Wilson of Chicago, Illinois and Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins of Oakland, California; son, Robert (Bud) Allen of Oakland, California; 9 grandchildren, Mrs. Dorothy Morrison, Robert Allen, Richard Wilson, Ralph Elliott, of Chicago, Illinois, Miss Mildred Hopkins, Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson, Miss Patricia Allen, Miss Shirley Allen, "Butch" Allen of Oakland, California; 5 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday January 7, 1957 at 11:00 a.m. from the Myers Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. E. T. Streeter officiating assisted by Father S. N. Jacobs. Interment was in the family plot at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers Messrs Burns Scott, Malcolm Scott, Thomas Chandler, Ralph Adams, Charles Dickerson and Leroy Wright.

Myers Brothers Funeral Service.