

Neb. Historical Society
1500 R. St.
Lincoln 8, Nebr.

This is your newspaper
What you are doing is news.
Please Phone Your News To
HA 0800
or send it to
THE OMAHA GUIDE
2420 Grant St.

THE OMAHA GUIDE

JUSTICE / EQUALITY
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

ALL THE NEWS WHILE IT IS NEWS

HEW TO THE LINE

This Is Your Newspaper
What you are doing is news.
Please Phone Your News To
HA 0800
or send it to
THE OMAHA GUIDE
2420 Grant St.

Friday, March 22, 1957

Vol. 38 No. 1

10c Per Copy

Booker T. Washington Oratorical Contest Soon

BOOKER WASHINGTON BIRTH-PLACE, VIRGINIA OOO The Department of Education of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World is setting machinery into operation to conduct its 32nd Annual Oratorical Contest. During the past 31 years this organization has given more than a million dollars to help open the doors of opportunity to young Americans.

This year organization is cooperating with the Booker T. Washington Centennial Commission in its Goodwill Building Crusade which is being conducted as a part of the Year-Long celebration staged to pay tribute to the one-hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Booker T. Washington.

Sidney J. Phillips, President of the Booker T. Washington Centennial Commission states that his organization is offering \$3,000 in scholarships to winning participants in the Elks Oratorical contest who speak on the subject "BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND THE CONSTITUTION." It is his belief that the ideals and teachings of this Apostle of Goodwill can do much to make good, sound, solid Americans of us all.

In addition to these scholarships the Commission will also send free copies of Booker T. Washington's Autobiography, "Up from Slavery" to contestants who enter the Elks 1957 Oratorical Contest and select as their subject "BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND THE CONSTITUTION."

This week the Booker T. Washington Centennial Commission is sending out letters to thousands of Exalted Rulers and Daughter Rulers whose lodges and temples participate in this great educational program, informing them that the Elks Board of Trustees, in its Mid-Winter Conference, approved of cooperating to spread goodwill through this year's Oratorical Contest.

Young People everywhere are urged to enter the contest—and to select the topic—"BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND THE CONSTITUTION."

Omaha Y Adds Sports To Classes

The Omaha YWCA is offering many spring sports in its spring term of classes. New additions are tennis, golf, fencing and horseback riding. These classes will all begin the week of March 25th.

Fencing is being taught by Mr. Dayton Rasmussen on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The first hour is a period of instruction and the second hour is a period of practice. His class will be in session for a period of eight weeks for the fee of \$6.00 plus the YWCA yearly membership.

Horseback riding or Equitation is being taught in two five week sessions beginning March 27th and May 8th at the Florence Riding Stables. The five week session will cost \$12.00 per person plus the YWCA yearly membership. Each lesson will be an hour in length. Lessons times are 10 to 11 on Wednesday and 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday. Both adults and children are welcome.

Golf is being offered in two six week sessions beginning the week of March 25th and May 6th. Each lesson is one hour in length, Monday through Thursday, 10 to 11, 11 to 12, and 6 to 7 or 7 to 8 p.m. Fee is \$8.00 for the six lessons plus YWCA membership.

Tennis instruction will be held on Saturdays from 10 to 11, specifically for children, and on Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 7 and Thursday mornings from 10 to 11. The fee is 4.00 for a series of 10 lessons.

Many other classes will continue to be held and will also start the week of March 25th. Register now for all spring term YWCA classes.

Mary Lou Templeton Health Education Director, YWCA Jackson 2748

The 'stogie' a small cigar, was first produced for the drivers of the early Conestoga wagons, thus the name.

Fund Help Is Available To Students

Wanasebe S. Fletcher, Chairman of the Osborne Scholarship Advisory Committee, today announced that the committee would soon begin processing applications from area students interested in securing financial assistance from the Osborne Scholarship Fund.

Fletcher indicated that according to the terms of the Osborne Fund, preference will be given to Negro applicants who plan to pursue training for professional or skilled jobs in industry. According to committee chairman Fletcher, the Fund seeks to encourage youth to enter into such fields as: Metallurgy, Electronics, Engineering, Architecture, Industrial Chemistry, etc.

Inquiries about scholarship aid should be addressed to Mr. W. S. Fletcher in care of the Omaha Urban League, 513 Karbach Block (JA 7648), or to Mr. Fletcher's home address, 6914 North 31st Avenue.

Preference in the selection of the school will be given to the University of Nebraska; Illinois Institute of Technology; and Iowa State College. Other schools offering technical training sought by the applicant will be considered.

Three Named by Look To All-American

New York, March 18 —Paced by 7-foot Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain of the nation's second-ranked Kansas Jayhawks, three Negroes were named today to the 1956-57 Look Magazine All America Basketball Team.

Elgin Baylor of Seattle and Guy Rodgers of Temple were the other two Negro stars selected on the 10-man Look squad by the newly formed United States Basketball Writers Association.

Chamberlain the sophomore sensation from Philadelphia, Pa., led the Jayhawks to the Big Seven Conference basketball championship season. "In a desperate effort to cut down Wilt's scoring, the opposition used two, three and sometimes even four men on him," the new issue of Look said in announcing the selections.

Round Dance Workshop March 27

Round Dance Workshop at the YWCA will begin March 27th and is designed as a refresher course for all men and women interested in reviewing or initially learning the round dances to be used in the Omaha Spring Square Dance Festival. Registration is occurring at the Omaha YWCA now. The fee is \$8.00 per couple plus a YWCA membership for each participant.

The class will be held every Wednesday evening from 8 to 10 for a series of eight lessons. All lessons will be concluded before the Square Dance Festival occurs. Any persons who are able to do the two-step and waltz are encouraged to enroll in this class, even if they are not interested in being in the festival. Mrs. Orville Smith, Festival Advisor for many years, will be the instructor.

Call JA 2748 for any additional information.

Berna Walls

Berna Walls, age 44 years, of 2011 Paul Street, expired suddenly Wednesday March 20, 1957.

A native of Salisbury, Mo., he came to Omaha in 1929. There are no known survivors.

Myers Brothers Funeral Service.

Americans eat about 17 pounds of candy per capita per year.

Press Workshop Cake



Pretty Eunice J. Peterson, a Florida A and M University freshman, poses with the cake baked especially for the Interscholastic Press Workshop banquet by H. R. Partridge, director of university foods services. The cake is the exact duplicate of the workshop program cover. Miss Peterson is a native of Jasper, Florida. (A and M staff photo by James Walden)

Friends of Charter in Litigation

An order to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be granted the "Seven Friends of the Charter's" petition to stop a proposed amendment increasing the pay of city councilmen under the new Charter was filed in District Court Thursday.

The order was filed by Thomas P. Leary, attorney for the "Seven Friends of the Charter."

At the same time, a hearing was set on the temporary injunction against the proposed amendment 9:30 A.M. March 28 before Judge Patton.

The slate of seven City Council candidates filed suit March 12 to halt the proposed amendment which would raise the pay of City Councilmen from \$3,000 to \$8,000. The petition asked for an injunction against the placing of the proposed amendment—which was created by the present City Council December 26, 1956—on the April 2 ballot.

The plaintiffs in the suit are N. Phil Dodge, James J. Dworak, Mrs. Kenneth T. Graham, Sam W. Reynolds, Wray M. Scott, A. V. (Al) Sorensen and Harry Trustin. They contend the ordinance is invalid.

Names as defendants were Herman E. Kuppinger, election commissioner; The City of Omaha; M. J. Dineen Jr., city clerk; Samuel Howell, City treasurer; Franklin Dinges, city controller; the Mayor and the present members of the city council.

Mayor John Rosenblatt and Councilman Warren Swigart voted against the ordinance when it was considered by the City Council last year.

A joint statement by the "Seven Friends of the Charter" earlier this week said: "The citizens of Omaha approved the new City Charter. The Charter they approved contained a provision to pay members of the City Council \$3,000. This salary provision was debated thoroughly by the delegates to the Charter Convention who were elected by the people, during the four months the Charter was being written. The \$3,000 figure was considered adequate. This amount was approved by the voters themselves.

"Now, despite this approval, the present City Council is attempting to raise this salary—even before the Charter has had an opportunity to be put into operation.

"The Seven Friends of the Charter believe the new Charter should be established exactly as approved by the voters and do not favor an increase in salary for City Councilmen."

Today's happiness is usually yesterday's kindness, matured.

The first step to a mink is often a wink.

St. Lawrence River is ice-free barely 8 months of the year, yet it moves about 1/4 of Canada's foreign trade then.

Men's Club Hears Aims of '7 Friends'

The platform of the "7 Friends of the Charter" was outlined Monday noon in a speech before the Y's Men's Club at the YMCA by Charles A. Peters.

Mr. Peters is a member of the speaker's bureau for the slate of seven candidates for the City Council known as the "7 Friends of the Charter."

"The '7 Friends' believe wholeheartedly in the new charter exactly as approved by the citizens of Omaha," Mr. Peters stated.

"They have pledged to make full use of the charter for more effective, progressive, modern city government for the best interests of all the people of Omaha," he added.

Mr. Peters said the slate lists three basic reasons why they believe in the new city charter. They are:

1. It will provide much greater efficiency in the operation of Omaha's city government.
2. It will create a better community environment necessary to attract new industry to Omaha.
3. It will make Omaha a better, safer place in which to work, live and raise families.

The "7 Friends of the Charter" are: N. Phil Dodge, A. V. Al Sorensen, Harry Trustin, Wray M. Scott, Mrs. Kenneth T. Graham, James J. Dworak and Sam W. Reynolds. The first five were members of the City Charter Convention.

Mr. Peters pointed out that the people of Omaha "rallied behind the City Charter and it should follow that they would rally behind people such as these who are experienced with the provisions of the document."

for use as stickers on packages and gifts.

Approximately 90 percent of the funds raised during the annual Easter Seal campaign finances services within Nebraska. The remainder goes to help support a national program of service, education and research.

U. S. ARMY MOTHERS

Fifth Annual Spring Breakfast given by the U. S. Army Mothers Post No. 9 Sunday, March 31, 1957 at the North Branch Y.M.C.A., 2311 No. 22nd Street, 8 a.m. to 12. Mrs. Ora Glass, Commander, Mrs. Florida Hunnigan, Adjutant.

Omaha C of C Watching Many Bills Before Legislature

C OF C WATCHES BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

Legislative bills proposed before the Nebraska Unicameral were aired at the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting March 15th.

According to Chamber vice president Ralph Svoboda, in the absence of President M. Cooper Smith, the directors voted unanimously in favor of LB 362 to allow public corporations in Nebraska to make contributions to charitable organizations. He added that the above law would clear the way for such a corporation to subscribe to the Community Chest Fund.

Board approval was voiced for LB 476, a bill which would exempt securities in a trust from the intangible tax provided such securities are for employee retirement or profit sharing plans. The bill provides in lieu of the intangible tax, an amount equal to 2% of the gross income from the taxable securities will be

paid. At the present time, Svoboda pointed out, many trusts for pensions of employee benefit plans for large corporations in Nebraska are being set up in other states to avoid the tax. The passage of LB 476 would encourage the establishment of such trust funds in Nebraska.

LB 361, a bill to provide for additional Municipal Court judges for Omaha also received approval. The Chamber pointed out that the Municipal Court has been limited to 5 judges for many years. Mr. Svoboda said, "in the meantime, the volume of court cases has greatly increased with the result that additional judges are necessary to handle the workload." It was pointed out that at the present time, there is a 60 day delay in the trial of civil cases.

Two recommendations of the Street Traffic and Parking Committee were also approved.

The ordinance requiring off-street parking be provided for new buildings and to establish new parking zone regulations for auxiliary parking lots was recommended. It was pointed out that the central business district and the South Omaha business district and stock yards are exempted from this ordinance.

New buildings or additions to existing buildings in the areas covered must establish facilities for parking based on the type of occupancy of the buildings. The ordinance would also provide for a zoning classification to permit the establishment of parking areas in residential areas adjacent to commercial districts. Mr. Svoboda added that provision is made for protection of adjacent residential property in such cases. The above recommendation to the Chamber's board was also urged by the Urban Development and Planning Committee.

Approved was a recommendation calling for the prohibition of parking in certain areas in central business district between hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The prohibition would also extend to the stopping of any vehicle for loading within 60 feet of a crosswalk where right turns are permitted. The same resolution urges city authorities to work out a near-by stop system for buses. Curb banking stops would not be curtailed.

The directors, upon a recommendation of the Public Highway Committee, urged the State Highway Department to negotiate immediately for purchase of property along the proposed interstate highway route between 42nd and 48th near C Streets. It was mentioned that several commercial and residential developments are planned for this area. Such acquisition would enable owners in the area to fit their plans to the route of the highway.

The City of Omaha, upon the recommendation of the River Development Committee, was urged to appropriate sufficient funds to the Omaha Dock Board to enable it to complete the acquisition of a crane on an installment purchase contract and to make such repairs as may be necessary to keep the municipal dock functional for the coming navigation season.

LB 470, as introduced, was opposed. Milton Abrahams, chairman of the Education Committee, informed the Board that the bill would change the method of allocation of state educational funds to the individual school districts. At present such funds are allocated on the basis of total census of school pupils.

The bill, as introduced, would make the distribution on the basis of enrollment in public schools only. This would reduce the apportionment to the Omaha School District by about 20%. Abrahams said, and would have a serious effect on all school districts in Nebraska.

The meeting was concluded by a report on the Omaha Jubilee by V. J. Skutt, general chairman, and voted full support and cooperation in Omaha's Jubilee plans. The directors heard a suggestion made by the Jubilee Committee that a special exhibit of Omaha commercial and industrial activities be sponsored by the Chamber's Industry Committee.

GIVE

easter seals

Easter Seals Have New Look

A new look in Easter Seals will be introduced to 341,000 Nebraska homes when the 1957 messenger for crippled children and adults go into the mails, to signal the opening of the annual appeal, March 15th.

Accompanying the traditional letter will be the newly styled sheet of assorted Seals consisting

of two sizes and designs as well as a "We Have Given" sticker for contributors to display.

The sticker which appears in the center of the sheet, is a duplicate of the billboard and other posters which will be used in promoting the campaign. It shows an inviting boy with a crutch asking contributors to "Give-Easter Seals."

Contributors are urged to help promote the campaign by displaying the sticker on windows or doors when they have mailed their Easter Seal contributions. Larger size Seals are especially

L.A. Golfers Win Miami Tournament



Eolene Thornton, second from right and Joe Roach, left, both of Los Angeles, California, were winners in the recent third annual Ray Mitchell North-South Winter Golf Tournament at Miami. Ted Rhodes, St. Louis professional, captured the pro division. Above the amateur winners view the championship trophies which were donated by The Moss H. Kendrick organization, Washington, D. C., public relations firm, while Mr. Mitchell, left, and Mr. Kendrick

look on. Below are seen other trophies among which are ones given Nat "King" Cole, Sammy Davis, Jr., Jackie Robinson and a large number of business firms. Chatting at right are Ann Lindsey, Miami business woman and social

leader, Mr. Kendrick, who was Mece for trophy hall and Mr. Mitchell. Mrs. Lindsey serves on tournament committee.