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## Editorials

## ONE MONTH AFTER GRADUATION

One month ago the schools of Omaha graduated a number of young men and women who marched promptly down the aisles, heads erect, shoulders thrown back to receive their sheepskins, indicative of having met the requirements set by the schools. To reach that goal, sacrifice, privations, and the vicissitudes of life were the lot of themselves and their parents, but there was a joy and happiness in knowing that the task was completed, yet beneath this exuberance, tragedy lurks! The days of jubilation are over, and now, having prepared themselves, they set out to find their places in this hard and cruel world. They are startled upon presenting themselves for employment in an attempt to translate into practicability the knowledge acquired at school, when they are told, "Yes, we grant you are trained and prepared, because you were in the same line of march with my son, yet, I am sorry to say I have nothing to offer you." The right to eke out an existence is denied; the doors of opportunity are closed.

The men and women of tomorrow issue a challenge to the men and women of today. What efforts are we as seniors, making to assist them to carry on and perpetuate the duties and services for which they have prepared themselves? They must not be discouraged when they discover that the sacrifice of school days faded into insignificance when compared with the sacrifice they are forced to undergo, before they can find their rightful place.

The organizations of Omaha, civic, social, political, fraternal and religious, are duty bound to do all in their power to help to open the way for our youth, and to that end should resolve themselves into one solid phalanx, putting aside petty jealousies, selfish interests, self-seeking praises and rivalry, and so crash the doors that would hold them out.

This cannot be successfully done, as individuals or single units, but must be done through the coordination of all existing organizations.

Our youth must be our deepest concern. They must play a new roll in our path of progress. They must be treated as assets not liabilities.

No longer must we continue to make a mess of things.

Our youth must be encouraged; they need our planned cooperation, our council, our direction, and above all, they need to receive employment, brought on through our harnessing our dollar, by spending it where our youth are employed.

Shall we accept the challenge or simply brush it aside with high-sounding and meaningless words? Shall we invite youth's benediction or their malediction? As you ponder over this challenge of youth, remember the lines of Bailey, "We live in deeds, not years, in thoughts not breaths, in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives, who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

## A RESUME OF BLACK OMENS

In the June 4th issue of the renowned "Saturday Evening Post" there was to be found the writing of Stanley High with the caption "Black Omens."

Here Mr. High very vividly portrayed the struggles now being carried on by the New Negro throughout the United States for Economic freedom.

Starting in the year 1936 when our country was in the midst of a national campaign, we find the Negro awakening from a state of lethargy led on by two Right Reverends, R. R. Wright and R. C. Ransom, bishops of the African Methodist church, men who had a vision, men who believed that a majority of the 13,000,000 black Americans could be caused to see both the lesser and greater light. In attacking this huge problem, the robed gentlemen formed what was known as the Good Neighbor League and from their office in New York conducted a campaign that rocked

the political world. In October 1936, 16,000 Negroes trekked all the way from Harlem to fill Madison Square Garden, to listen to the story of a new day imparted by the stalwarts of the committee and to witness a ceremoniously unveiling of a colossal painting of the second emancipation with Franklin D. Roosevelt standing, to a height of twenty feet, his hands outstretched in benediction over a kneeling group of Negroes. Such a display brought down the house in tribute to the first president since the immortal Abraham Lincoln, who has taken a definite stand in behalf of the masses, a president who believes that every American citizen has a right to a living wage, a president who only this week while speaking in the state of Texas hit cheap wage plea coming from those who opposed the inaction of the wage and hour bill in its original form. He said: "Cheap wages mean low standard of living and that means low taxable values and therefore difficulty in maintaining good schools, highways, sanitation and other public improvements (Long Live a Man Who Believes in Acting on the Square). The results of this magnificent beginning on the part of the Good Neighbor League was echoed after the election, when the men who fashioned the Democratic victory took inventory of their gains, they found a wholesale shift of the northern Negro vote away from the Republicans. A shift that the political statistician calls balance of power. The difference between victory and defeat.

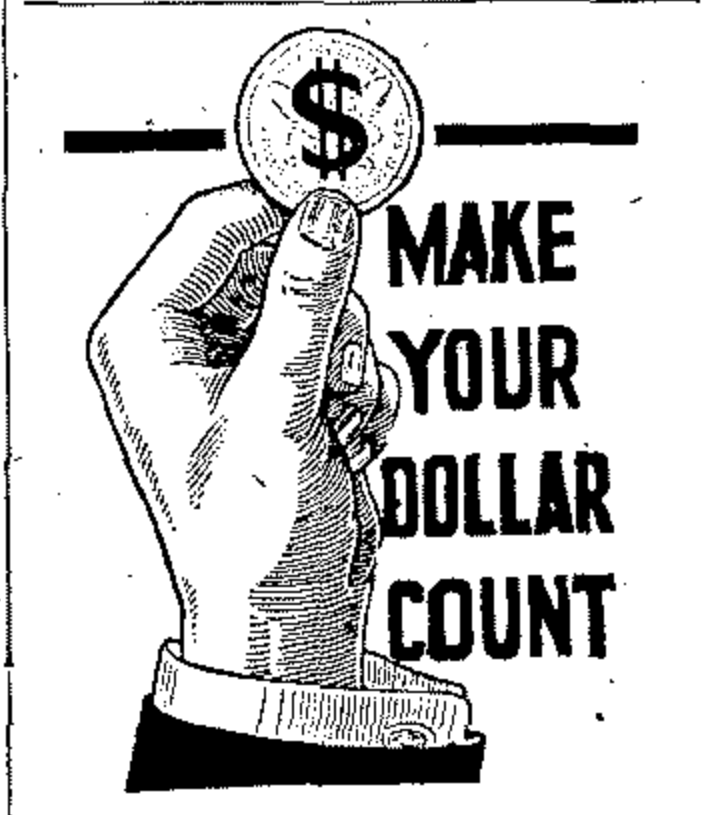
"Now a solid black belt is not a new political phenomenon. The Negroes of the north learned to vote together a long time ago." For sixty years the Negro out of allegiance to the immortal Abraham Lincoln voted an unsplit Republican ticket. Those tickets have sent state tickets to frequent victory and in many cities, provided the most dependable windward anchors for the local Republican machines. Such a record is conclusive evidence that the Negro may be expected to continue voting in a bloc.

In 1936 he voted definitely for the Democratic ticket, however his action is a long jump from that fact to the conclusion that that can be counted on to park there indefinitely. Politically he is going places. But neither the reasons why he is going places nor the places he wants to go are purely political. They are economic. The proof to such a conclusion may be seen in the program now being pushed by such stalwart organizations as the N. A. A. C. P., the National Negro Congress and the Urban League. The N. A. A. C. P. fighting for the civil rights of black America, lead on by that little dapper exceedingly high strung and serious one, Walter White, who was a thorn in the side of all opposition to the Anti-Lynching bill, including our own Edward G. Burke.

The National Negro Congress, a militant organization seeking to coordinate all existing organizations; an agency through which such organization can function with greater economic and political effectiveness, having as its leaders, A. Phillip Randolph, the greatest of all Negro Labor leaders, the man who organized the Pullman Porters and brought to the race, the greatest economic victory of all times, and John P. Davis, a graduate of Bates college and the Harvard Law School.

The effect of such a coordinating agency seen in the numerous movements being launched throughout the country to create jobs for Negro youth, for example in St. Louis, through various methods of approach from committee conferences with managers to boycott, Negroes were placed on dairy wagons, bakery companies employed Negro truck drivers, Negro clerks were put on and many other avenues of employment were opened. The slogan for these campaigns in St. Louis and elsewhere, is "Don't Buy Where You Can't Work."

By all odds, the biggest of the Negro's mass action drives is about to be launched in New York. The blow when it is struck will be aimed at the Utility companies, lead on again by a minister, the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, the pastor of the largest Baptist church in the world. Then last but in no way least, comes that militant organization, known the country over as the Committee for Industrial Organizations, lead on by that gallant labor leader John L. Lewis, an organization which has no color line. An organization whose policy is to treat all men as American citizens.



## An Echo

## From My Den

By S. E. Gilbert

As I sit here in my den with pen in hand, meditating as it were, there comes to my mind a lamentable fact, one that I regret to recognize as such, but facts are facts and inasmuch as I know it to be a fact, I am passing that fact on to you.

Hearing that Negroes of Omaha were patronizing a certain ice cream shop on South Parkway of Omaha, 24th street, an establishment in which not one black American can be found as an employee, but where hundreds may be seen consuming its delicacy. I set out to see for myself this lamentable scene. As I stood across the street in the vicinity of 24th and Lake streets, I saw car after car stop, doors open and black Americans step out and into the ice cream shop, void of a singular Negro representative employee, to purchase a delicacy that a Negro gave to the world after counting in sixty minutes, over one hundred such entrances, I said to myself, "how long, oh, how long" will the Negro of Omaha continue to sleep on their economic rights, the right to make their money county by spending where Negroes are employed.

There is a great need for an awakening, a race awakening that would cause those who, no doubt, unconsciously perpetrating a gross injustice upon the economic opportunity of hundreds of boys and girls of their own race, by spending their money where they receive in return only a cone or a carton of frozen milk. To stop and think, this lamentable scene as viewed by your correspondent, could be turned from a picture of pity into one of joy and pride.

Now before you have gone any further, I shall relate to you a tried experience, sometime ago I was called before a certain group of women to talk following the talk the hostess proceeded to serve her club group, in order that the cream should be firm she had waited to order same after the conclusion of the program, promptly she sent out for that American delicacy called ice cream. Upon the return of the runner, I was charged to note that the package came from an enterprise that has not seen fit to employ Negroes. From one of the women came the remark, our guest speaker is not pleased with our choice, I responded, no, I am not and subsequently, ask the question why such a choice. The reply was, because we receive more ice cream. I immediately asked, are you sure you receive more? Being a registered pharmacist, I am familiar with the many tricks used in packing ice cream. So to convince myself and those in my midst, I sent out and purchased a ten cent package of ice cream from a drug store only one and one-half blocks from the place from which the cream had been purchased and along with a similar package, purchased from the place in question. I proceeded to weigh the two packages, on a pair of accurate drug store scales. The result was that both weighed 9 and two-tenths ounces, thus dispelling the argument that the place in question offered more for the money than the place where one should walk a block and one-half, would be able to enter the portals of a creditable Negro owned enterprise, not only a beautiful place, but one in which you will find the hands of Negro youth busily engaged in the manufacturing of the delicacy called ice cream.

Now I have pictured to you the two sides of the fact which came to my mind as I sat meditating in my den.

One, a picture of pity, a reflection on the forethought of the race, that carries in its wake continued economic bondage, the other a picture of joy and pride, which should the black American of North Omaha support, would mean, not only a bigger and better enterprise, but an outlet for economic opportunities for the boys and girls whom you, dear reader, are sacrificing to educate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dacus and son, Robert, and Mrs. Minnie Dixon returned recently from the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, which was held at Tuskegee, Ala. While there they visited the Government hospital.

They also visited the mother of Mr. Dacus, Mrs. Ellen Dacus, who resides in Brewton, Ala., who is seriously ill. While they were there they were joined by a sister, Mrs. Z. M. Goldstein of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Christine Althouse, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond D. Washington D. Washington and little daughter, of Kansas City, Mo., motored to Council Bluffs, Iowa Sunday where they attended a tea at the home of Mrs. Mills.

## Edward McKim For Lieutenant Governor

Edward D. McKim of Omaha, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, has branded as "ignorant or deceitful" those candidates for the second highest office of the state who are promising to provide for a \$30 per month old age pension if elected.

"Those men who are making such unfounded promises are either ignorant of the duties of the office they seek or are trying to use the aged of Nebraska as props to elevate themselves into public office," McKim charged.

"The lieutenant governor is the presiding officer of the legislature and should take no part in the legislation. He should preside fairly and impartially, as would a judge on the bench."

McKim, a former state legislator, admonished the voters of Nebraska "not to be misled by political propaganda that the lieutenant governor can influence legislation for or against old age pension."

"That is baloney," he said.

McKim has pledged himself to follow and support the program of Governor Roy L. Cochran, with whom he cooperated on legislative matters during the 50th and 51st sessions.

His platform is to "preside over the unicameral legislature in a fair and impartial manner, leaving the legislation to the legislators."

He has declared himself in sympathy with the aims and ideals of Governor Cochran and believes in keeping the White Spot white.

Lieutenant Governor candidate McKim was honored at a rally and dance staged in his behalf last Saturday night by the North Omaha Activities Club at Druid Hall, 24th and Ames avenue.

More than 1,200 persons attending the affair heard McKim extolled by Representatives Charles McLaughlin as "a man of outstanding ability, a man of excellent character—a man who is deserving of the support and vote of every high minded Nebraska citizen."

Governor Cochran was invited to attend the rally but was unable to because of a previous engagement. He sent his regrets.

**PULLMAN PORTERS**

A revision in their contract with the Pullman company which will enable them to enjoy the privileges of other railroad workers is sought in a petition drafted by the Pullman Porters and Maids Protective association.

The petition which seeks the modification of hours and wages, particularly, is to be submitted to the National Mediation board for consideration.

The petition voices dissatisfaction with agreements made with the Pullman company by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters which is recognized the bargaining agent for Pullman porters.

"In part the petition charges that 'the hard and fast rule by which the Pullman company has been constrained to operate since the present agreement was signed in 1937, has forced the company to sacrifice the rule of seniority, to bump, demote, displace and furlough, or put on the extra list 2,500 Pullman porters and maids."

"These rigid operating rules set up at the behest of the bargaining agency has destroyed the traditional feeling of friendship and cooperation that formerly existed between the Pullman company and its porters."

**THE OMAHA LOCAL.**

The Omaha Branch National Alliance of Postal Employees was organized in the fall of 1927. The Alliance is a fraternal beneficiary and welfare organization, devoted to the Postal Employees and the Postal Service. The local meets once a month.

## Seen Thru A Telescope

By Charles H. Davis

Once more death, the grim reaper, cuts down another of the nation's great. This time a Negro, James Weidon Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a black American of whom all America can well be proud. White Americans, because of his contributions through literature toward enrichment of the American pattern of life and by black Americans because of his fine interpretations of their ideas and folk-lore.

An article by Morrison Colladay in the new magazine, "Ken" relates the exp. eriences of a northern white man with white southerners and their ideas and treatment of Negroes in the South. It's entitled, "The Negro You Never Know."

It's significant that news about the Negro is finding its way into the pages of widely read magazines.

Doubt as to whether or not President Roosevelt could be elected if he chose to run for a third term may be dispelled somewhat by noting that four thousand steel workers out in Colorado have already petitioned him to run. Four thousand voters is not a big number but there are millions more who feel the same way about it is the four thousand do.

An opinion may be formed about the thoughts of some white people concerning Negroes, by reading Stanley High's series of articles entitled, "Black Omens" in the Saturday Evening Post. It's interesting to even note that they are thinking all about the Negro and his problems.

Don't spend your money where you can't work. That's a good slogan. Sight and Scenes While Strolling on Local Thoroughfares

Have you noticed— How the young men crowd the sidewalk in front of the Robbins Drug store, especially on Sunday night. They want to see the young misses as they go in, out and by. Ain't young love grand. Or is it?

How often Ella Fitzgerald's new song hit, "Tisket a Tasket," is played in all the beer palaces, restaurants, etc. All up and down North Twenty-fourth street.

How interested many people seem in the new Omaha Star. Thanks, folks for your interest. This writer will always welcome your comments, especially in writing, but if not in writing, then verbally.

That in taking of employment census to date people on WPA are considered unemployed. "That is All"

**70 Years Of Negro Progress At Exposition**

Detroit, July 16—The Seventy-five Years of Negro Progress exposition which will be held in Detroit in 1940 will not only graphically portray the rise of the Race in America but it will also depict the progress of Africans, it was learned this week.

Bishop R. R. Wright of Africa has indicated his willingness to serve on the national committee which is headed by Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan, according to Dr. George W. Baber, executive chairman of the steering committee.

**Notables on Committee**

The million dollar exposition which has been assured the support of the Federal government has been endorsed by the heads of progressive organizations and several hundred distinguished men and women throughout the country, representing all walks of life, have accepted appointments to the National Advisory Committee.

**Seek Olympic Tryouts**

Willis Ward and Eddie Toland, both of athletic renown, are seeking to bring the final tryouts for the 1940 American Olympic team to Detroit which can be held concurrently with the Seventy-five Year of Negro Progress exposition. Plans for a gigantic athletic carnival during the exposition are under consideration.

**PIANO PAGEANT**

Piano pupils of Miss Ethel Jones, will be presented in a piano pageant entitled, "A Melody of Life." Sunday afternoon, July 10 at 3:30 p. m. at Bethel A. M. E. church, 24th and Franklin streets. Mrs. F. W. Cloud soprano soloist and Robert Anderson, trombonist will also appear on the program. Friends and music lovers are invited to attend.

## Hitler Bars Showing Of Louis Fight Films

Berlin, July 16—No Louis-Schmeling fight pictures will be shown in this country unless Hitler changes his mind it developed here this week. Theatre owners in Berlin have been making every effort to land the pictures but have been unable to do so, although given no reason why they could not be obtained. Distributors of American-made films have been non-committal, merely sparring for time and promising delivery.

One theatre owner is known to have asked for a showdown, but no one in authority was willing to admit having knowledge of the whereabouts of the film, known to have been shipped here weeks ago.

**Takes Down Signs**

To add to the mystery, one theatre placed signs announcing the coming of the pictures several days ago but after three days' display, removed the sign without explanation. While no official statement has come from Hitler, it is being whispered, particularly by Americans and foreigners, that his Honor has ordered the barring of the film showing Max being knocked out.

When Max Schmeling arrived here, he was surprised to learn that the pictures had not reached his native home. He was met by his wife who was the first to tell him that no theatre was showing the pictures.

## Pay Raise For WPA

Washington, D. C., July 16—At the direction of the President, Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress administrator, announced last week increases in pay for all unskilled workers on the WPA in 13 southern states. At the same time adjustments in monthly security wages in four of these states—Virginia, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Kentucky.

This action was taken pursuant to a general administration policy of bringing the income levels of the lowest paid workers of the south more nearly in line with the income levels of such workers in other parts of the country.

## Race Girl Wins

**High Average Award**

Philadelphia, July 2—Numbered among the 84 graduates of the Lincoln college preparatory school and business college, of 717 Spruce street, were 13 Race students, two of which received awards for high averages made during the term. Prize recipients were Miss Dorothy Robinson, 1741 Christian street, a gold medal for making the highest average, and Miss Doris Alexander, of 1522 North Nineteenth street, a bronze medal for scholastic achievement.

Awards were made at the twenty-sixth annual commencement exercises, held last Wednesday evening in the school auditorium. Prof. Abram Orlov, white, instructor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania, delivered the principal address. His topic was, "What the Future Offers to the Educated Young Man and Woman."

Race graduates were: Thelma Pierson, Edith Bell, George Short, Zenobia David, Hubert McFarland, Esmer Williams, Pauline Robinson, and Josephine Robinson, academic college preparatory; and Romona Duhart, Doris Alexander, Charles Johnson and Dorothy Robinson, commercial-secretarial.

## Broker's Wife Jailed

New York, July 2—Gertrude Bischoff, 234 W. 111th street, was held in \$1,000 bond for the grand jury by Magistrate Ford in Felony court on a charge of felonious assault on Perry Bischoff, her broker husband.

According to Bischoff, during an argument which occurred after he had reprimanded, his wife about staying out so late at night, his wife picked up a pitcher and hit him over the head, cutting him badly. He was taken to Harlem hospital and treated for his injuries. Doctors claim that Bischoff may lose his left eye.

Perry was a member of the old Martin Heay's club, and has been a broker in Harlem for the past 15 years. His wife was arrested by Detectives Hale, Rane and Finnin of the West 123rd street police station.

Mrs. Edmond D. Washington and little daughter, Margaret, returned Tuesday morning to their home in Kansas City, Mo., after a visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gilbert, 2423 Maple street.

Miss Charlene Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dudley, is ill at her home, 2902 North Twenty-fifth street.

## Letter From Our Readers

July 11, 1938  
Mr. S. E. Gilbert: I read your publication, The Omaha Star, and certainly thought that it was delivering the goods to its readers.

Of special interest to me was the editorial on page four, entitled, "Your Vote." It was about Edward D. McKim, of Omaha, our candidate for lieutenant governor.

I read that editorial over many times and the more I read it the more I enjoyed it. And several of my friends told me that they too, thought it was certainly swell of you to run an editorial like that about such a nice fellow—our next lieutenant governor.

You and I and every other one of us should get out and work for Ed because he certainly does deserve our support. He's a great guy—he has proven—and will stick by you and me and our neighbors when we need him.

He is going to support the program of Governor Roy L. Cochran and that certainly should mean much to us who have benefited since Cochran became our governor.

What more can we ask for than a lieutenant governor who will stick by his guns with the governor of our great state—The White Spot?

## GIRL SEVERELY CUT

New York, July 2—Gordon Griffith, 19 W. 117th street was held without bail by Magistrate in Felony court, charge with the felonious assault on Dorothy Smith, 19, and Adelaide Stephens, 23, both of 100 W. 119th street.

Gordon explained to the police that the girls wanted to use his basement for soliciting men, and he objected. As he was entering a restaurant at 117th street and Fifth avenue, the two girls entered, and started an argument. He claimed the Smith girl threw his food on the floor and the other girl hit him over the head with a bottle.

Then Gordon lost his temper and cut both girls. One of them was taken to the Joint Disease hospital, and the other was taken to the Sydenham hospital. Both are seriously injured. Gordon was arrested by Detectives Knowles and Cushman of the West 123rd street station.

## WINS GOLD PIN

Buffalo, N. Y., July 2—Miss Ora L. Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, 106 Walnut street, was awarded a gold pin, Friday during senior class day exercises at Hutchinson Central high school.

The award is presented periodically to students having maintained superior scholastic rating on the honor roll four consecutive years. It is made possible by the Chamber of Commerce.

## Young St. Louis Pastor

## Lessen Churches Debt

St. Louis, Mo., July 2—"History repeats itself," is an old adage, but as true as can be and is surely applicable to the life and work of Rev. John F. Moreland, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church which is entertaining the forty-ninth Missouri annual conference this week.

The story of Metropolitan since Dr. Moreland has been its spiritual head has been one of success. Coming to Metropolitan six years ago, Reverend Moreland, whose father once pastored the church, and his wife, Mrs. Salie V. Moreland, made plans for taking care of the church indebtedness.

How well he succeeded is evidenced by the fact that the church debt has been decreased by about \$10,000.

Not only has this young minister held great interest for his church alone, and built it to a place of eminence in St. Louis, but he has been kept considerably busy by participation on civic programs.

He appeared before the Greater St. Louis Ministerial Alliance on the same program with Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, white Baptist leader and Dr. John Biogelski, professor at Eden Seminary. He also arranged the closing program for the Greater St. Louis Ministerial Alliance.

Dr. Moreland, who is a master's graduate of Eden Theological Seminary, the second of two members of the Race to receive such degree, the other being the Rev. Joseph A. Gomez, will attend the University of Chicago summer school where he will pursue work on a doctorate.

The Midwestern Republican headquarters will open at 2098 North Twenty-fourth street, Friday, July 15. They will take part in both the primary and general elections.

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