# NAACP. To Hold Mass Meeting, Elks Hall, Friday Eve., October 27th Hear.. RACE, NOT MUT argest Accredited Negro Newspap er West of Chicago and North of KC S SSUE IN TR Saturday, Oct. 21, 1944 Our 17th Year-No. 37 Entered as 2nd class matter at Post-office, Omaha, Nebr., Under Act of March 8, 1874. Publishing Offices at 2420 Grant Street, Omaha, Nebr. OF 50 NEGRO S

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Did Not Commit Collective Insubordination says Marshall

Yerba Benna Island, Calif.,-After listening to three days' testimony of the 50 Negro seamen charged with mutiny for refusal to load ammunition at the Mare Island depot, August 9. Special NAACP Counsel, Thurgood Marshall declared, "These men are being tried for mutiny solely because of their race or color."

Following an urgent telephone call from Joseph James, president of the local NAACP Branch, asking that National Office assistance be given the defendants immediately, Mr. Marshall flew to San Francisco, where he has been reviewing testimony and interviewing the men. In his report of proceedings thus far he -charged:

"The last of the defendants was on the stand today and the defense might close its case tomorrow. The Port Chicago explosion was on July 17th and many of the accused were in Port Chicago at that time. Many of them were hurt. On August 9th they were transferred to another island and told to fall in for work, meaning loading ammunition. They did not. Their officers including the Admiral talked to them. Then their officer asked them the following :who are not fall out and give your names to the officers'. Some stood fast and others fell out. Those who 257 allogether but it ends up that only 50 are charged with mutiny. "The men take the position that the above statement by the officer was not considered by them to be an order and what they meant by their actions was that they did not want to load ammunition. They did not mean to disobey an order. "A typical euample of their testimony is that of Seaman Bordenave, Department of Justice at Washington who is ust 17. He had enlisted when he was 16. das released when they of a 66-year old Negro minister at discovered his age and re-enlisted as soon as he was 17. He had only been handling ammunition a week and wa a 'hatch tender' which meant and timber land. The attitude of that he was the one who directed the operator of the winch as to how to erties Unit of the Department of lower the ammunition into the hole No wonder they were all afraid to es after the Newspaper PM revealed load ammunition. Every man testi- that Rotnem, in discussing the case fied that since the Port Chicago af- with a PM reporter, had made the fair they were 'afraid to load am- remark: "These niggers tell you one munition.' Three of the accused men thing in an investigation and somehandled winches, one had ten months thing else on the witness stand." experience, two had two months experience ... all experience with with reporter, also wrote in her story or

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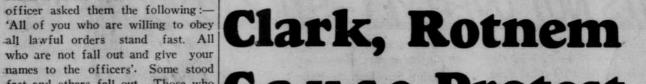
Omaha, Neb. Branch Mrs. John A. Williams, 2418 Maple St. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People acknowledges with appreciation receipt of \$ 268.50 for 537 memberships

vancement of Colored People. The

PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US ...

The above photostatic copi repres- cards was largely due to a shortage given full credit. ents the receipt of monies for the of clerical help, also a prompt report-Your card should reach you very vague and irresponsible discussion, number of members who paid for ing of workers. This has been the soon-

memberships in the local branch of experience of all the local branches, the National Association for the Ad- in almost every state.



Gov. Griswold Urges Importance of Nebr. State Probl With the general election a little

Dewey

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from Republican Natl. Committee

by Arthur B. McCaw)

Charleston, West Virginia-Gov-

ernor Thomas E. Dewey came to

this southern state and bearded the

lion of colorphobia in his den and to

expose the hypocrisy of his opponent

on that issue. He was given one of

he greatest ovations of the campaign

before and after addressing an over-

flow throng at the Municipal Audit-

orium, where he was wildly applaud-

ed when he spoke in part as follows:

country will our American men and

vomen come home to? This elect-

ion will decide that question. We

have a fateful decision to make but

that decision must be made, not on

but on the facts. On Thursday night

of a few weeks ago my opponent re-

politicians and other who quite open-

ly worked to restrict the use of the

ballot in this election."

J. E. Blackmore, President. peated his charge that "there are

"Beyond victory, what kind of a

more than two weeks away, Governor Flays Dwight Griswold urged Nebraskans to study the qualifications of state legislative candidates and give the micameral "an intelligent and capable" membership to attack the "trenendously important probems of the next two years." On Voting and Social The Governor made his plea for Security Proscription

careful voting in a radio interview proadcast on a statewide basis. "I hope", he said, "our people remember that under the one-house

legislative system, we have the entire law-making power concentrated in the hands of 43 state senators and the governor". District confab.

Of his own candidacy, Governor Griswold added, "I have been before the people of Nebraska several times as a candidate and I have now served as their governor for four years. My guess is that by this time the voters know whether or not I have made good and if they want me to continue in office they will vote that way. I know I've made some mistakes, but certainly I have tried to do the best I can". Governor Griswold listed education

as one of the prime subjects involving probleds for Nebraska during the next two years. Financial problems of many school districts, he explained have been made more difficult by the Dr. Schley Brown of Washington, making the total of one hundred and wartime teacher shortage and by the DC, whom I met and am quite fond forty-eight-yes, built according to reflection in Nebraska of the general of. upward trend in education cost.

"Now I do not know who Mr. Since most school districts are opposed to increasing local school tax- St. John to Hold Roosevelt means because he seems to lack the courage to name names and

The Omaha Branch of the Naacp,

• Oscar Stanton DePriest, Jr. WHO WILL SPEAK AT **Dreamland Hall** Fri. Eve., Nov. 3

SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS

Gaval Membership award (by Mrs. Pearl Thomas) Oct. 18, 1944-Thirteen ladies from Unit Number 30, American Legion, attended the Eighth District Convention of the American Legion, October 12 at Papillion, Nebr. It was a beautiful October day and

(by H. W. Smith)

which the Rev. J. E. Blackmore, is President, will hold a mass meet-

ing at the Elks Hall, 2420 Lake St., on Friday, October 27. Come on out

American Legion Ladies'

Auxiliary Win Traveling

and bring a friend.

the ride by bus through the countryside was enjoyed by all who attended. In the morning, Memorial Services were held. They were very beautiful and impressive.

At 12 o'clock, noon, a delicious dinner was served. Red, white and blue colors, with fall garden flowers, and ripe, red field corn, graduated in size, decorated the tables, all of which made a very beautiful setting.

> und gracious hostess. There were many new and inspiring thoughts for service sent our way by the distinguished Presidents and

guests. Auxiliary Unit of Post No. 30, American Legion, received the gaval this year, for the largest percentage of membership gain since the last

"IF I MARRY AGAIN, IT'LL BE DR. SCHLEY BROWN" DECLARES MARVA LOUIS New York City (PPNS) Marva Louis, the lovely wife of Sgt. Joe Louis world's heavyweight champion, put an end to rumors this week that she intends to divorce Joe, when

she stated that possibilities for a reconciliation with her estranged husband still exists, but if divorce proceedings were to take place, er, Jacqueline. However, Marva further stated, "If Joe and I are di-

es, the governor said, "there is a Monthly All Request growing demand for increased financial help either from the state or Song Program federal government." Sunday Eve., October 22nd "To be right honest," Governor Griswold said, "I have not made up The monthly All-Request program my own mind on this problem be- of favorite songs, spirituals and ancause I don't yet have all the infor- | thems will be rendered by St. John's mation I need but it is a problem Senior Choir Sunday night, October Nebraskans should be thinking about. 22, at 8:00 pm., in the Church-"I don't want to have our local

Mrs. Margaret was our charming A Camp Ellis, Illinois' Quarter-

master unit ahs selected dimple cheek Bessie Loraine Williams as "Miss October," the pin-up queen of the month. Miss Williams is the 18 year old daughter of Claude and Mrs. Wil liams, of 4443 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She is a Tennesseean by birth and was an honor grad last June from Wendell Phillips High School. Miss Williams is making plans to enroll as a U. S. Cadet Nurse and hopes to take her basic raining at Provident Hospital.

### **OMAHANS PURCHASE** she HOMES IN NEW would seek custody of their daught- | BEDFORD ADDITION

Fifty new homes now, sixty-one vorced, it is likely that I will marry new homes, thirty-seven new homes, your request in the Bedford Park new addition. The following are a few of the new purchases in this new addition:

ammunition. "Lieutenant James F. Coakley, for- the Rev. Isaac Simmons, that Tom mer assistant prosecutor of Alameda Clark, Assistant Attorney General County, California, under the present under Francis Biddle, and head of Governor Warren is the Judge Advo- the Criminal Division of the Departcate. He asks each of the accused ment of Justice had told her when who is from above the Mason and asked about the case, "I always turn Dixon line 'where are you from ' He these Southern cases over to Rotnem never asks any of the good southern | 'cause people say I'm prejudiced and boys the uestion. Today he asked don't prosecute them".....Miss Wilone of the accused where he was son said that when Clark took her infrom and the man said, "Chicago". to Rotnem's office and introduced her He asked him where he took boot he said "here's a little girl from PM training, the boys replied, "Great who wants to talk to you about that Lakes", whereupon Coakley said, Nigger who was killed down in Mis-"Didn't they teach you to address of- sissippi."

ficers as Sir? Why can't you say, The four white men released in bail in the murder and believed by Sir to me?" There is no sufficient evidence of PM as good as cleared of the charges-are Harper Dawson and the three mutiny or conspiracy. There is no evidence of refusal to Ryder Brothers. ...Idridge Simmons

obey a direct order. These men are being tried for ed his father's death, according to

MUTINY solely because of their his sworn statement before the Amrace or color.

which these men are being tried is- accompany the killers who beat him in the meantime, bought part of the a prisoner in the car, drove to Isaac ATTRACTS NATL. RESPONSE "collective insubordination with in- severely. He said he witnessed one property and tried to sel mineral Simmons' house where they kidnaptent to disobey a lawful command. In of the white men blast away at his and oil rights, but didn't push through ped him, drove to a pine thicket and tus for the Fair Employment Pracorder to find defendants guilty of father's back with a shotgun. Eld- the attempt because of some doubt as fired two barrels of buckshot into his tice Committee is the theme of a mutiny it is necessary for prosecu- ridge Simmons' story involved six to the title to the property. tion to prove there was collective in- men in the killing, but Sheriff Wiley subordination which consists of a Smith arrested only four.

## fast and others fell out. Those who fell out were arrested. There were Cause Protest

Both Refered to Negro as 'Nigger

## (from Continental Features )

NEW YORK (CF)-A storm of protest is gathering here over the way the Civil Liberties Unit of the is handling the cold-blooded murder Jerusalem, Miss last March 28 by four white men who wanted to chase him off his 225 acres of rich farm Victor Rotnem, head of the Civil Lib-Justice, is being catigated on all sid-

...lizabeth Wilson, white, the PM the action of justice in the murder of



Attorney General Nigger lynched in Miss.

48, son of the slain minister, witness taxes in 19931. The Rev. Simmons, of the white men, beat and kicked ing and murder." ite County Grand Jury at Jackson, tite to the and. Nobe Ryder, one of owner. The meaning of MUTINY, under Miss. He told how he was forced to the men accused of the murder, had, The men, with Eldridge Simmor

persistent and concerted refusal or The Simmons property is located in his father. Small and crippled, he headed by Tom Clark a native of N.W., Speakers will include Waltor perform duty with insubordinate acres of the land was sold to the his nephew's home a short distance months, but still hasn't discovered of Sleeping Car Porters.



Victor Romem, Head of Civil Liberties Division, U. S. Attorney General's Office

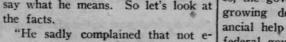
"These Niggers will tell you one thing and you find out something else from the 'law'.



"Here's a little girl from PM who wants to talk to you about that

early this year, thinknig the sale was Eldridge Simmons after he told him back.

State of Mississippi for delinquent from his own, when Willie Huff, a whether the department has jurisdic- Leading civic, fraternal, religious,



ough people vote. Bue he pointed with pdide to the fact that in 1940. 621/2 percent of the eligible voters of this nation went to the polls. "And let me point out, my oppon ent is relying for his main support upon solid block of votes in states where millions of American citzens are deprived of their right to vote by the poll tax and by intimidation Not once in 12 years has my opponent lifted a finger to correct this,

is that we see to it that the school and his platform is cynically silent boys and girls, in the outlying conon the subject. "We ade pledged to an expanding social security for the people of this country. Twenty million Americans

have". have been forgotten by this Admin-New York-First Negro ever elec- istration in the nine long years the ted to a national office of the Unit- old age pension laws have been on

> "We are pledged that our government shall not again use its powers pledged to a government which has equal respect for the rights of agri-

culture, labor and business, and for every race, creed and color. "I say there is a better way. have outlined much of that way

plant. Before the UE-CIO organiz- the freedom they have fought to win ed the shop, according to Mr. Jones, Under divine guidance they will have there were only 300 Negroes employ- here a land of security with freedom and cpportunity for all."

ficulty because one of the men we

wanted to talk to was away."

it's very important for the public to

llegal, hired a lawyer to clear his that his father, the preacher, was the DC. Mass Meeting For

Permanent F. E. P. C. Washington, DC.,-Permanent sta-

Eldridge Simmons fled to New Or- The Department of Justice at Was Sunday, October 22nd at Metropolitments Committee. leans for safety after the murder of hington whose Criminal Division is an AME. Church, 1518 "M" Street, omission to obey orders, or to do a Negro community, about seven mil- told the story of his father's murder Texas, and by Victor Rotnem, head er White, Execeutive Secretary of cussion of postwar jobs for Negroes duty. None of these men appears to es south of Liberty, Miss-, and coun- in that city. He described how on of the Civil Liberties Unit, has been the NAACP, and Philip Randolph, was voted this week by the Interdehave conspired collectively to disobey ty seat of Amito County. All but 25 Sunday moring, March 26, he was at "investigating" the case for two President. International Brotherhood nominational Ministerial Alliance,

ions revealing nation-wide interest in the creation of a permanent FEPC. are being received daily by the DC. NAACP. Mrs. Bertha Lomack is nass meeting scheduled for 4 pm. chairman of the Special Arrange-Designation of October 22nd as

"FEPC Sundaf" with special disthe Baptist and Methodist Minister's

Conferences respectively. Churches throughout the city have pledged thir cooeperation in putting over the drive for funds and legislation for a Permanent FEPC.

Other members on the Committee of arrangements are: Earl Amedee, Mrs. Muriel Alexander, Miss Portia Bullock, Spurgeon Burke, Mrs. Constance Daniel, Dutton Ferguson, Miss Ida Fob, Emmer Lancaster, A. L.

C. J. Mays, George Rycraw, Paul

schools run from Washington, or promises a lovely program assisted by from Lincoln, I want the real conthe orchestra trol left right at home", he continu-The muic-loving public has a warm

ed. "The important thing, however, invitation to come and enjoy the ren- MOTIVE FOR LIVING."

Ryland E. Melford New munities, have a decent chance at education, just as the boys and girls from the more populated centers State Health Staff Member Predicting a general enrollment in-

crease in colleges and universities, Ryland E. Melford, of Omaha has the governor said new buildings will been appointed State Director, Negro be needed at the University of Ne-Health Education, Division of Venbraska and the Norcal schools when wartime restrictions are lifted. eral Control for Nebraska with of-He proposed that the neld State fices in Omaha. The first Negro to Historical Society Building, for hold such a position with the State Department of Health, Mr. Melford is also the only Negro holding that

position in the Seventh Service Command. The new director of Negro Health Education, who is a professional chemist, enters the fielt of Pub lic Health Service after having had start a state institutional-hospital as special training in Veneral Control. wel as school-building program with Mr. Melford, resides at 2916 North out a building tax levy.

28th Street, and is married to the While victory at the polls for eiformer Geraldine Smith, prominent ther the lroposed highway gas tax or young matron of our city. They have the prohibition amendments would one son, Ryland E. Melford, Jr., necessitate adjustments in financing Mr. Melford is a member of the A-PM said, that "we've had some dif- of the state assistance program, the merican Social Hygiene Association governor said he does not believe and attends St. Philips Episcopal there is danger of the assistance pro-

"The Negro press, has caller this gram being discontinued. Old age Church. a lynching, and it's not," he said. assistance payments average \$26.29 compared with \$16.61 for the same

> and labor organizations are numbered among the thirty co-sponsors lending

support to the significant mass meeting. Telegrams and communicat-

> Thousands would vote in the South if they could; -thousands could vote in the North if they would.

> MR. READER! What are You going to do on or before October 27?

> > Well, you just cannot vote if you do not

Augestite

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Trice; Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Alston; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dillard Crawford; Mr. and Mrs. Saybert C. Hanger.

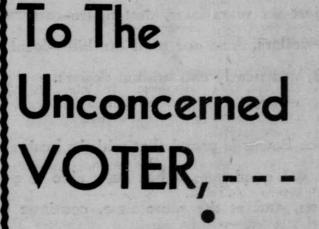
See the advertisement elsewhere in this paper and watch the columns in The Omaha Guide for new neighbors

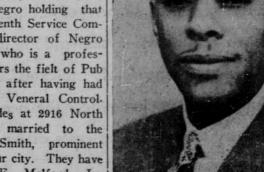
in this beautiful new addition Mrs. Pearl Gibson, the directress, ditions of this very able choir.

The Pastor, Rev. E. F. Ridley, will preach Sunday morning from the subject, "THE CHRISTIAN



Ryland E. Melford





ed Electrical, Radio and Machine the books.

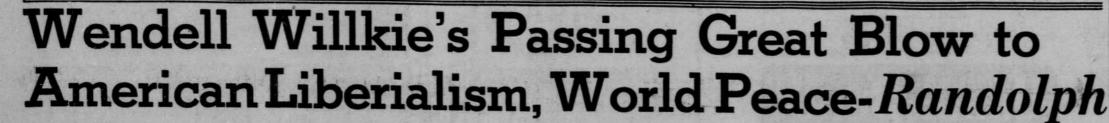
Workers of America, third largest CIO union, is Philip Jones of Saint Louis, elected at the recently conclud- to set race against race, creed against ed intednational convention of the creed, or class against class. We are union, held here.

Mr. Jones, chief steward at the U. S. Cartridge Company in St. Louis, is one of the leading members of UE local 825. He was one of three elec-

ted trustees chosen at the convention. Mr. Jones is one of some 3,000 detail. Ten million returning heroes Negroes working at the St. Louis

A native of Natches, Miss., the new union official is a strong believ er in education as a means of bettering the welfare of the people.

tenant on the land, told him that some white men in a gray car were the men to show them where the property line ran. Noble Ryder, one know the difference between lynch-



New York, October 16 -At the ed the passing of Wendell Willkie as ization of the policies of both the Re- jive. By virtue of his frank, honest, challengng. He is no one of the best International Headquarters of the a definite blow to American liberal- publican and Democratic parties on and broad outlook on the problems white friends the Negro people have Lindsay, Mrs. Olya Margolin, Miss Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Por- ism and world peace. domestic, racial and international of color, war and social reform, Mr. ever had in this country. ters, A. Philip Randolph, Internation-| The influence of Mr. V

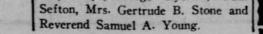
looking for him. He was ordered by "It's cold-blooded murder. I think per recipient in September this year month four years ago. ----

which the legislature is already providing funds, be erected on the University of Nebraska campus. Governor Griswold reported that the state general fund now has a \$3,-500,000 surplus of which \$2,500,000 could be used by the legislature to

will demand that better way under

tion, PM reported. Rotnem claimed

#### al President stated that he consider- served Mr. Randolph on the liberal- becomnig increasingly more effect- become increasingly commanding and Mr. Whike ob- questions was constructive and also Willkie's stature and pubic life has



Register! People are funny that way.