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AMERICA NOW AT WAR... Discrimination Must Go!

We are now faced with common enemies, threatening both our East and West shores, striking with lightning like precision the Army of the "Rising Sun" played havoc with our possessions of the Pacific Ocean Islands. Clearly on the heels of this deplorable action came the declaration of war by both Germany and Italy on Thursday. Thus written upon the pages of world history in human blood is to be found the most momentous event of all times. The

whole world has been plunged into war.

Now since war has come, America must become a united nation of United Americans. No longer should there be Black Americans and White Americans, but to the contrary we must become UNITED AMERICANS, standing in one solid phalanx for the preservation of FREEDOM and LIBERTY held so dear by all Americans.

To America in 1912 came the Negro doing his bit to aid cause and here he has remained contributing his all to the

program of America.

In the discovery of this OUR land, there again in 1820 he came, and our blood, our hopes and our ambitions, our dreams and our failures are definitely a part of this United States.

America is cognizant of the fact that the loyalty of its CLASHING Negroes has never wavered, as Benedict Arnold was to be found.

Now as of old, we stand ready to defend our shores

through the giving of our blood, our lives, our money and our tears.

As the call goes forward for the defense of America, DISCRIMINATION MUST GO, for there is no place in the present scheme for a divided principle.

Our lives and our freedom are at stake. White America alone cannot preserve either, neither can Black America, but together void of discrimination, VICTORY WILL BE OURS, NO HELP IS GOOD.

LET'S FORM A VOTERS LEAGUE 2000 STRONG

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THE OMAHA STAR

Dedicated to the Service of the People That No Good Comes Shall Lead a Champion, and That Evil Shall Not Have Oppression

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'Wings Over Omaha' To Be Staged At Clair Chapel

Hundreds of Children To Be the Guests of Omaha Star

The Public Urged To Support Second Annual Chamber Benefit Program

Christmas Cheer To Be Given To Hundreds of Omaha Children

Toys, Fruit, Candies and Clothing To Be Included In Gifts

THE OMAHA STAR will host year played host to hundreds of children of a Christmas Party, in year laying plans to share the spirit of even a greater number this year, by giving them Toys, Candies, Fruits, and Clothing during the Christmas holidays.

The date and place in to be announced through the columns of THE OMAHA STAR in next week's edition. The management of this fine enterprise, with a goal to include children in the hands of poverty, sponsored Christmas parties for children, who otherwise would have passed through a gloomy

GUEST SPEAKER FOR HOMECOMING DAY



Mr. J. F. Jones

HOMECOMING DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Friday, December 13th will witness the return of our 100th regiment, 8888th Central Postal Directory, which has been in the service of the United States Army in Europe since the beginning of the war. The regiment is composed of 100% Negro soldiers who have distinguished themselves in many campaigns. The regiment is expected to return to Omaha on Sunday, December 15th.

Odell Allen Released Thursday On Bond

Odell Allen, 34, of North Omaha, who has been held in custody since his arrest on charges of armed robbery, murder and kidnapping, was released Thursday on a \$10,000 bond. Allen was arrested on December 1st and charged with the murder of a woman in Omaha. He was held in custody until his release on Thursday.

CALLING ALL AMERICANS!

By J. Westcott McPherson

New with the United States facing the greatest crisis in its history, Negroes, who comprise one-fifth of the population of the nation, are unable to serve our country as it should be served in the face of the hour.

Negroes are handicapped in their desire to serve in the production of the necessary implements of war, because for over a period of more than fifty years they have suffered brutal discrimination and exclusion from jobs in the industry of the United States. Consequently, comparatively few Negroes have either the necessary experience or qualifications to man the war-time plants in defense gear.

Because the industrial situation is so acute, the United States government has appropriated huge sums of money to establish and operate "defense training" schools for Negroes. These schools are being established in various parts of the country. The schools are being established in various parts of the country. The schools are being established in various parts of the country.

COMING DECEMBER 18TH



Mr. J. F. Jones

Mr. J. F. Jones, president of the Omaha Negro Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at the annual chamber benefit program, which will be held at the Clair Chapel on Friday, December 18th. The program will include a variety of entertainment and a collection for the benefit of the chamber.

CITIZENSHIP PLEDGE

I HEREBY AGREE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OMAHA VOTERS LEAGUE, AND FURTHER AGREE TO ENROLL IN MY POWER TO VOTE OTHERS TO JOIN.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

All persons who have reached the age of 21 are urged to fill out this pledge, clip out and mail or bring to the office of THE OMAHA STAR, 208 N. 24th St.

Negro Spirituals, by Paul Briggs' Jubilee Ensemble To Be Featured Throughout The Program

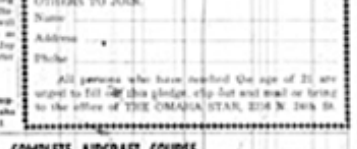
Negro spirituals, depicting the trials and tribulations as well as the triumphs of the Negro people, will be featured throughout the program. The ensemble, led by Paul Briggs, will perform a variety of spirituals, including "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Steal Away to Jesus".



Miss Ann Baker, singer of spirituals

The program, which will be held at the Clair Chapel on Friday, December 18th, will be a benefit for the Omaha Negro Chamber of Commerce. The program will include a variety of entertainment, including spirituals, and a collection for the benefit of the chamber. The program will be held at the Clair Chapel on Friday, December 18th.

COMPLETE AIRCRAFT COURSE



Eight young men completed the 12-week aircraft course in the shop at Technical High School.

The shop at Technical High School is offering a complete aircraft course to young men. The course is a 12-week program that covers the basics of aircraft construction and repair. The course is open to all young men who are interested in aviation. The course is held in the shop at Technical High School.

DEFENDERS OF AMERICA



In the above photo may be seen representatives of thousands of Negro boys ready to defend their homeland in various parts of the world.

A group of defense units, this nation in that they, Negro, who, while exposed to war, will find the moment of triumph. See, on page 10.

DO YOUR DOLLARS WORK? From the money you spend each week for the necessities of life do anything more than help what you purchase when the counter? Does it help you and your run? What the Star asks you to purchase these necessities with advertising in this column, nothing at all is suggested, it's intended to earn you some money's worth.

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