NEWS-GAZETTE

MAY 13, 1942.

Bits about 'em . . . We had a navy lieutenant in our apartment last week-end. Much to our surprise while we were at work Sunday morning, he cleaned up the house, sweeping the rugs, dusting and making the beds. That navy training must be very thorough . . . The Beta Theta Pis have turned over their house Sunday afternoon so their cook of 17 years, Mrs. Ollie Maclin, may give a benefit tea for the anticipated community and recreation center for the colored boys in service. A musical program has been arranged and the town folks are invited . . . The grill work on many of the homes in New Orleans, particularly in the French quarter, is very beautiful, but Uncle Sam could pick up several carloads of iron there . . . The most unpopular ferry tale in Germany is the story of thousands of American bombers shuttling over to England.

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MAY 14, 1942.

PLAN MUSICAL AS COLORED BENEFIT

Plans are going forward for a benefit musical to be given from 4 to 6 p. m. Sunday in the University chapter house of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Funds derived from the benefit will be used to build a community recreational center for colored service men.

Mayors of Champaign and Urbana have accepted invitations from the fraternity to speak on the program. President A. C. Willard is unable to attend and Dean Albert J. Harno, University provost, will speak on behalf of the University.

Several groups of colored musicians will take part in the two-hour program. Julia Valentine, pianist, WDWS performer, and the Bethel A. M. E. church choir are two of the artists on Sunday's program.

Carrie Maclin is chairman of entertainment and has arranged the entire day's program.

Members of the fraternity, prominent faculty, students, and the general public is invited to the benefit.

May 14, 1942

Mayors George F. Hurd, Urbana, and James J. Flynn, will speak and Dean Albert J. Harno, University provost, will extend wishes from the University.

Complete program is as follows: Mayor Hurd; Mrs. Ollie Maclin, "Deep River;" Dean Harno; Nathaniel Green, Chicago, tenor, "Dunna;" Mayor Flynn; Bruce Hayden, clarinet solo, "Grand Fantasy;" Mrs. Rosella Smith, soprano, "Homing;" Julia Walden Valentine, instrumental solo, "May Night;" Hattie May Winfield, mezzo soprano, "Brown Bird Singing;" Dorothy Jones, reading, "Plantation Melodies;" and spirituals by the Bethel A.M.E. choir including: "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," and "I'll Be a Servant."

NEWS-GAZETTE

JUNE 29, 1942.

Bethel AME Choir Surprises A. R. Lee

The choir of Bethel A. M. E. church called on its president, A. R. Lee, chief clerk, office of President A. C. Willard, Friday evening and surprised him. The occasion was his birthday. Lee has been with Bethel choir almost continuously since 1894, and has been president since 1912. The choir will sing at the Union services at Rantoul July 12.

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May 16, 1942

BETHEL CHOIR AS GUEST

The choir of the Bethel AME church was the guest of the 1st Methodist church on last Sunday night at 7:30, Mr. A. R. Lee president of this choir. They will sing at Chanute Field on the fourth Sunday.