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**90,000 Births A Day**  
Often our maps have so little to do with the world through which we are voyaging that we become badly lost. This is especially true when we travel by old maps and the sand bars and harbors have shifted. I believe that if we are to avoid appalling misery for hundreds of millions, we must bring thinking to the world we live in. One of today's most towering facts is the growth of world numbers by nearly 90,000 hungry people every day. The outdated map \*\*\* says there cannot be too many people. This is one of the first maps we must change.—Dr. William Vogt.

**Success Is News, Too . . .**  
It was reported to the American Society of Newspaper Editors recently that stories of conflict and controversy in the desegregation movement received complete and extensive coverage but numerous instances of successful change-overs in Southern schools were not noted.  
This should be a warning to the nation's newspaper editors that the big story in this history-making transition well might be the degree of success being achieved without conflict in many areas rather than the colorful episodes of failure.—Editor and Publisher

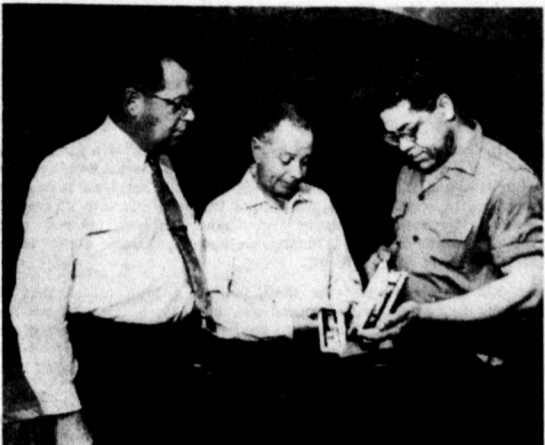
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## D. W. Onan Employs Receive Watches



Left to right in the photo above are C. W. Onan, president of D. W. Onan & Sons, Inc., who presented the watches; J. Helmer Hoyer, electrical maintenance worker who also received a watch in appreciation of his 20 years of service, and Melvin Godman, another 20 year Onan man, subject of a story elsewhere in this paper.

## Roy Russell Family Protests Delay In Otis Skinner Manslaughter Trial

Tuesday, May 18, members of the Roy Russell Jr., family who died as the result of a beating April 16, allegedly administered by Otis Skinner, 882 Dayton Av., protested to the Ramsey county attorney the "continuous continuances" of Skinner's trial.

Skinner, charged with second degree manslaughter, was scheduled to go to trial last Monday, May 16, but was postponed until Monday, May 23, at 10 a. m.

The 34 year old man, currently free on bail, is represented by the firm of Hoffman, Donahue and Graff. They asked the court for a continuance because their calendar was crowded.

This is not an unusual request for attorneys to ask the court and in most instances it is granted. This was the first continuance that the defense has asked from the court.

Both the deceased and the defendant are very well known in the community and as a result there is considerable interest in the trial and its outcome.

John Frank, assistant Ramsey county attorney, prosecuting attorney in the trial, denied that the state was not interested in a vigorous prosecution of Skinner.

He went on to say that Skinner's trial was being handled like any other and that subpoenas were out. Also the county attorney's office was spending every day preparing the case.

He said the county attorney's office was very pleased that the Russell family was interested in prosecuting the case.

Several rumors about the case have been circulating around the community and the two primary ones seem to be:

(1) Because both the victim and the accused are Negro, the authorities are not too concerned about the trial.

(2) Skinner's attorney is going to attempt to get continuances of the trial until such a time that community interest dies down.

Members of the deceased man's family who called on the county attorney were his widow, Cecelia; his aunt, Mrs. Geraldine Anderson, 577 St. Anthony, sister, Ione Thighman, 455 Carroll and aunt, Mrs. Harry (Genevieve) Ballard, 577 St. Anthony.

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## Onan Employee Honored For 20 Years Service

Twenty years ago, May 3, 1935, Melvin W. Godman asked for a job at D. W. Onan & Sons Co., local manufacturers of electrical generating equipment. He was placed in the Wash and Paint Department, given a couple of paint brushes and a big white oval dish pan to hold the paint and told to go to work.

Mel stayed in Wash and Paint for several years, then was transferred to the shipping department where he stayed for three or four years. Shortly before World War II, Mel was back in Wash and Paint as sub-foreman until the war ended, then was transferred to the Machine shop where he has been a production Machinist since 1948.

Mel says . . . "I've enjoyed working here at Onan's. I've talked to other men who have worked other places and they have told me that the working conditions here are much better than elsewhere. I think the working conditions are fine. Hope to finish my working days here. (Picture elsewhere).

### PARENTHOOD GROUP TO HEAR DOCTOR ABRAHAM STONE

Dr. Abraham Stone, noted authority on preventative medicine will be the principal speaker at an informal dinner given by the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Planned Parenthood Ass'n. Monday night, May 23 at 7 p. m. Dr. Stone is associate clinical professor of Preventative Medicine of New York University, Bellevue College of Medicine and Director of Studies in Marriage and the Family at the New York School for Social Research in New York.

### UN Backers Elect:

## Minnesota United Nations Association Elects Jules M. Hannaford President

A Harmonious annual meeting of the Minnesota United Nations Association elected a St. Paul attorney, Jules M. Hannaford III president, May 14, at the Nicollet Hotel along with other officers and a board of 30 new directors.

**Newman Named Vice-President**  
Ceil Newman, newspaper publisher was elected first vice-president of the association. Newman had served on the board for several years. Dr. Oscar Jerde of St. Cloud Teachers College was named second vice-president and Vernie Wolfberg, St. Paul business woman third vice-president. Wallace Boss, St. Paul banker was elected treasurer.

**Directors Elected**  
Directors elected were Mrs. Henry J. Bessen, Russell D. Brackett, Mrs. Hans Brecher, Mrs. Wright Brooks, Dr. Hans Dankers, Mrs. Alice Drechsler, the Rev. V. J. Flynn, Mrs. Arthur Flom, Mrs. Richard P. Gale, Stanley Hawks, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffelinger, Mrs. Louis Hill Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Jacobson, Emily Kneubuhl, Mrs. S. C. Leuben, George O. Ludcke Jr., William C. Luyten, Mrs. John G. Mackay, Dr. Charles M. McLaughlin, Mrs. Bernard Marver, Richardson Okie, Mrs. Mary Pilch, Clarence W. Rife, Walter Ringer, Joseph Robinson, Samuel L. Scheiner, Frank J. Schliefer, Mrs. A. C. Strachauer and Newell Weed.

**Expansion of technical assistance programs.**  
Endorsement of President Eisenhower's "atoms for peace" and atomic merchant ship plans.

**Tariff reductions and abolition of import quotas.**  
Mrs. Donald Heng, retiring president praised members and officers of the association for cooperation extended during the year. The association state headquarters and offices are at 1124 Metropolitan building in downtown Minneapolis.

**U. L. Scholarship Benefit Dance Next Friday**  
Friday evening, May 27, at the Junior ballroom of the Hotel Nicollet from 8:30 p. m. to 1 a. m. the Minneapolis Urban League Guild will sponsor the second annual U. L. Scholarship Frolic.

This will be an informal affair, donation \$1.25 per person, with the entire proceeds going toward the Guild Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship, awarded each year since the organization of the Guild in 1937, is given to a deserving high school graduate in Minneapolis who is interested in and capable of doing college work. It is based on scholastic achievement, character, leadership, promise and need. The scholarship may be used at any accredited college or university chosen by the graduate and is awarded at the June Membership Meeting of the Minneapolis Urban League.

**Over the years the amount of the scholarship has gradually increased, and it is hoped that through projects such as this, the award can be made even more meaningful.**

In 1954, Herman Dillard, an outstanding South High school graduate received the scholarship. Young Dillard is now enrolled at the University of Minnesota and plans to enter medicine upon completion of his studies.

Carl Cockrell, a graduate of Roosevelt High school, was the 1953 winner, and he is also enrolled at the University of Minnesota. Cockrell plans to enter the field of social work.

The recipient of the scholarship in 1952 was James P. Breeden, president of the North high graduating class of that year, who is now a junior at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. Breeden, who was recently elected to Casque and Gauntlet, an honor society of the college, is planning to enter the field of chemical research.

Application blanks for the 1955 scholarship award are in the hands of the Minneapolis high school counselors, and interested June graduates are urged to apply immediately. For further information, please contact the Urban League office, AT 1412.

**Resolutions Adopted**  
The organization took two hours of the day's activity to discuss a number of resolutions including an attack on the Bricker amendment.

**Resolutions approved included:**  
An international police force of "volunteers recruited by the United Nations."  
Creations of a United Nations agency for the control and regulation of both conventional and atomic weapons.

**Opposition to the Bricker amendment.**

**Chairman of the committee was John L. Banks Sr. Members of the committee were:** Ramsey Jackson and the Mmes. Luella E. Brown, secretary, Ida Mae Murphy and Mildred Jordan.

## Crowned Queen Of Maypole Festival



Claudia Ashley, four years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Preston Ashley, of 4201 Second Av. S., was crowned Queen at the Maypole Festival held at St. James AME church, St. Paul on Sunday afternoon, May 15. Contestants were entered from the different St. Paul churches and Claudia represented St. Peter's AME church, Minneapolis.

## Doris Olds Is Elected Chairman Joint Council

The Minneapolis Joint Committee for Equal Opportunity elected its officers for 1955-6 at its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 17.

Mrs. Charles B. Olds is chairman; first vice-chairman, Mrs. Harold B. Taylor; second vice-chairman, Mrs. Carroll Binder; recording secretary, Mrs. Gledney Tuttle; treasurer, Mr. Stanley Rosenfield and corresponding secretary, Miss Caroline Barron.

New board members include Mrs. Signe Burckhardt, Mrs. John W. Gruener, Mrs. Norman Macdonald, Henry Thomas and Mrs. Max Weingarden.

**Raymond W. Cannon Annual Lay Day Speaker Sunday**  
Raymond W. Cannon, Minneapolis attorney will be principal speaker for the annual Lay-Day services to be held at St. Peter's AME church Sunday, May 22, at 10:45 a. m.

Cannon, a member of the Minneapolis FEP commission recently returned from a meeting of fair employment committee members in Washington, D. C.

The services at which he will speak Sunday will be conducted by the laymen of St. Peter's church where M. L. Simmons is minister.

## Coming Events

May 20—Sterling Club Annual dancing Party, Hotel Lowry, Invitational.

May 20—Duke Ellington & Orchestra Concert Northrup Auditorium at 8 p. m.

May 23—Twin City Awards Dinner, Midway YMCA at 6:30 p. m.

May 26—Ruth Brown, singer and Griffin Bros. Orchestra at Minneapolis Labor Temple.

May 26—Past Exalted Rulers Annual Spring Formal, Ramaley's Hall, St. Paul, invitational.

May 27—Minneapolis Urban League Guild Frolic, Junior Ballroom, Hotel Nicollet.

May 28—Fazzan Temple No. 26, annual dance, Norway Hall, at 29th & Chicago, Minneapolis.

May 30—Memorial Day Dance, Just For Fun Club, Electrical Workers Hall, St. Paul.

June 3—Todd Rhodes orchestra, Minneapolis Labor Temple.

## BRIEF NEWS SCENE

"High and Lowdown"  
By BAILEE THOMAS

Roy Wilkins makes a good case for the NAACP in a letter in May 17 LOOK replying to certain sections in Hodding Carter's March 22 LOOK article, "A Wave of Terror Threatens South." Wilkins piece is in the "Letters to the Editor" section.

Jack Wilson of the Washington bureau of the Star and Tribune report on the price of a fifth in these words:

"The average price of a fifth of 86.8 proof blended whiskey in a legal liquor store is about \$4.27. That includes \$1.89 for producing, bottling, advertising and distributing it. The remaining \$2.38 represents local, state and Federal taxes. Put it another way: To buy \$1.89 worth of whiskey, you have to pay \$4.27. A bootlegger can sell the same amount for \$3 and still do very well."

IF Your Are Interested: Sid Caesar and Imogene Coco of TV may be back together by next fall . . . The wholesale price of garlic will soon drop . . . Current TAN Magazine tells the gory details of Cuban baseball star's failure to provide for the support of his baby's support . . . Minos earns \$27,000 a season from the White Sox and despite a judge's order that he pay his wife (he finally wed her) \$65 per week. To date her lawyer has received \$1,000 in fees, but wife and baby have received nothing; so reports TAN.

Mutual Service Insurance Company's publicity department sent out this sobering rib-tickler:

Two men went calling on a friend. The welcome was so lavish and liquid that both visitors were not themselves when they climbed into the car and started home. The driver whirled his car along at fifty, sixty and then seventy-miles per hour. As the speedometer climbed toward eighty his passenger made protest: "Bill," he begged, "ain't you drivin' a mite fast?" Bill looked at him in utter horror, and gasped: "I thought you was drivin'."

**Miss Frances Clyburn To Lead Discussion At Kansas City Mo.**  
Miss Frances Clyburn, 856 Iglehart Av., young adult worker at the Hallie Q. Brown Community house, will lead a discussion on working with young adults at the Regional Conference of the National Federation of Settlements to be held May 19th thru 21st at Kansas City, Mo.

Other staff members attending the conference will be Mrs. Alice S. Onque, executive director, Mrs. Veryl Cashman, Charles E. Robinson and Mrs. Lucille Hargrave.

**ROBINSON IS JAYCEE**  
Charles E. Robinson, 543 Fuller Av., program director of the Hallie Q. Brown Community House, 533 Aurora Av. was admitted to membership in the Jaycees this month. Mr. Robinson will serve on the Youth committee and the Sports and Recreation committee.

## Report James Bradford Is Named To State Attorney General's Staff

By ED BLACKWELL

It was learned by the SPOKESMAN and RECORDER newspapers late Tuesday afternoon from an official source who doesn't wish to be identified, that James Bradford, St. Paul attorney, will be the first Negro attorney in the state appointed to the attorney-general's staff.

Miles Lord, attorney-general when contacted would not affirm or deny Bradford's appointment. He simply said "no comment."

How Bradford's appointment, if it is made, will be received by

**Cities Will Pay Honor to Worthy Citizens Monday**  
At a banquet sponsored by 23 Twin City organizations a citizen from each of the communities will be awarded a plaque in recognition of community and civic contributions in time, service and leadership on Monday, May 23.

The banquet will be held at 6:30 p. m. at the Midway YMCA, 1751 University Ave., near Wheeler in St. Paul.

Ruby Pernell, associate professor, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota will be the principal speaker.

Idea for the annual honoring of citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the welfare and progress of the community was first proposed to Twin City organizations by the Associated Negro Credit Union. A total of 22 other organizations announced a willingness to cooperate, plan and finance the affair.

The group plans to annually honor an individual from each of the cities who is selected after nomination by the public by a committee of citizens. Other awards will go to runner-ups in the selections at the same banquet.

The group has felt that there has not been sufficient public recognition of services rendered by many unsung and unpublicized citizens in the past years. The award dinner is expected to encourage a fuller participation in civic life by more persons in the Twin Cities.

**Sponsoring Organizations**  
Organizations and business firms sponsoring the Monday night banquet are Anchor Hilyard Lodge, PHA, Acirema Clubs, Associated Negro Credit Union, Fazzan Temple No. 26 (Shrine), King David Lodge No. 2, PAO, Minneapolis SPOKESMAN, Men's Club, St. Phillips Episcopal church, Men's Club, St. Thomas Episcopal church, Minneapolis Urban League Guild, Minneapolis NAACP, Palestine Lodge No. 7, PHA, Phyllis Wheatley Auxiliary, Phyllis Wheatley Men's Club, Pilgrim Baptist church, St. Paul NAACP, St. Paul NAACP Auxiliary, St. Paul RECORDER, St. Paul Urban League, St. Peter's AME church, Twin City Golf Association Auxiliary, Twintown Social Club, Wednesday Matinee Club and Zion Baptist church.

This was the result of a story that appeared in these newspapers where he was accused of stating in effect that the NAACP went out of its way looking for trouble.

At this meeting, Lord indicated that he would consult with the committee if he was going to appoint any Negroes on his staff.

Within DFL circles, there apparently is some confusion over these earlier meetings with the governor and attorney-general.

The first delegation of the Committee For Democratic Integration, met with the then governor-elect, Orville Freeman and discussed political policy and how it would affect Negroes.

The afternoon of the same day, a second meeting called by the NAACP was held with Miles Lord and at this meeting civil rights were discussed. Several of the political group are also NAACP officials.

Several weeks later, Lord, along with other recently elected state officials met with the Committee For Democratic Integration at a breakfast at the Hotel Lowry.

Probably where the confusion stems from is that the composition of both delegations except for a few changes is of the same people.

The Committee For Democratic Integration, composed of Negro leaders in the DFL and independents from the Twin Cities in January '55, went on record endorsing L. Howard Bennett as the attorney-general's staff.

At about the same time that Bennett's appointment was being considered, Bradford's name was tossed in the ring by Carl Henneman, staff writer for the St. Paul DISPATCH and PIONEER PRESS, and a leader in CIO circles in Ramsey county.

Henneman was criticized by these newspapers this winter for a "mammy" story that appeared under his by-line. His later explanation incensed the community.

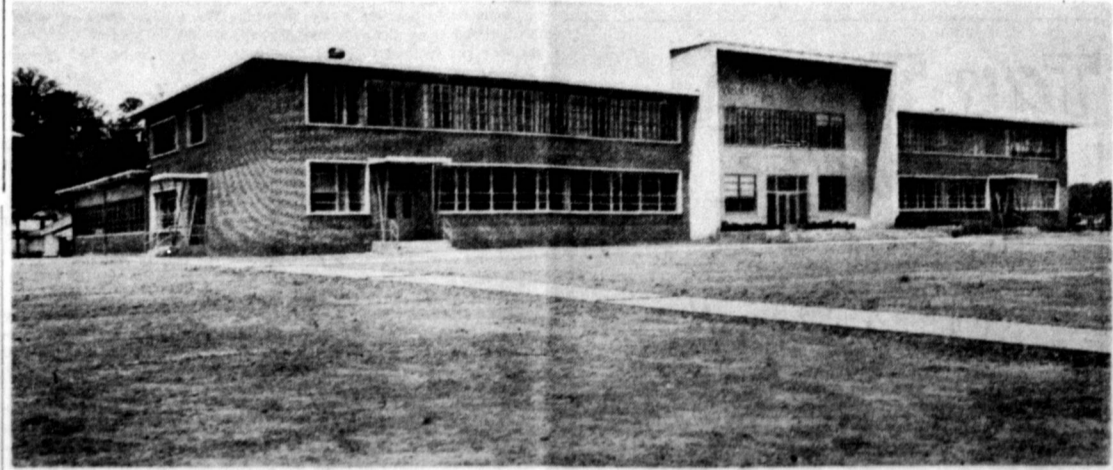
Members of the Committee for Democratic Integration said that they had no objections to Bradford's appointment if he was the CIO choice for the job and was not being made on the basis of race.

If the CIO endorsement was made on race then they felt that they would be opposed to it if they were not consulted.

Henneman did not give an explanation.

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## BIRMINGHAM STUDENTS GET NEW SCHOOL WITH ASSIST FROM MINNESOTA MAN



The handsome new school building pictured in the above photo is not located in Birmingham, Ala. The story behind the photo is that Minnesota had quite a bit to do with the erection of the school.

A Minneapolis man with whom readers of this paper are quite familiar, Charles L. Horn, is president of the foundation which furnished the \$700,000 which the new building cost.

The Birmingham school is the second school built by the foundation for Negro youth in the south since Mr. Horn became president of the philanthropic group almost four years ago. The first school was built in Atlanta, Ga., and is one of the finest equipped schools in the south and is staffed to teach students everything from carpentry to operation of business machines. The Birmingham school will teach students a variety of subjects to prepare them to work in office, factory and in the trades.

Mr. Horn, nationally known conservationist, has long been interested in helping Negro citizens help themselves. He is president of the Federal Cartridge Corp., and served as a member of the President's FEPC Committee during World War II, the first agency launched to halt job discrimination against minorities.

The Olin Foundation has spent \$1,500,000 on the two new schools and their equipment.