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GIRL HOLDS CLUE IN HOLD-UP

GIANTS TO OPEN BASEBALL SEASON WITH CUBANS HERE

Sixteen Pages Of Live NEWS In First Issue

Modern Plant and Equipment
Installed For Two Editions Weekly

New Features, Facts, Fiction
Out Tuesday and Friday each Week

With this first issue of The Metropolitan News, a new page in the journalistic history of Chicago has been written and long-felt want for a newspaper to present local happenings twice weekly, has become a reality.

THE METROPOLITAN NEWS makes its bow to the public amid a flood of congratulatory messages and well wishes from a host of public officials, state and nation, from business and professional men, the clergy and from interested housewives who control the family purse strings, and who extend welcome to this Bi-Weekly pioneer in the local field of journalism.

MODERN PUBLISHING PLANT
THE METROPOLITAN NEWS is printed on the new Duplex press, weighing 20,000 lbs., the only one of its kind in Chicago, and which takes the paper from the roll—prints, cuts and folds it—and delivers the finished product ready for the newsstand. This Duplex is absolutely the last word in printing equipment and is a marvel of precision with its many special features for the production of a really modern, up-to-the-minute newspaper.

Installation of this great press, supplemented by a battery of modern, high-speed linotype machines, a complete line of legible, display type and the score or more of other mechanical devices, will enable THE METROPOLITAN NEWS to expand and grow to serve well the 240,000 Negro citizens of the Greater Chicago Area.

Hon. Nathan K. McGill, member of the Chicago Public Library board and former assistant attorney general of Illinois, is president of The Metropolitan News Publishing Co., and he has surrounded himself by a staff of assistants, all of whom are specialists in their particular line. Everyone connected with the production and distribution of this paper are members of the Race and as the NEWS expands, there will be more avenues opened to our workers. Photos of the editorial, business and mechanical departments appear in this issue, showing the magnitude of the NEWS publishing plant.

THE METROPOLITAN NEWS will have complete coverage of all news, both local and national and in addition to the general news columns will contain the latest happenings of the stage and screen the sports world and the realm of society; there will also be stories of interest by feature writers, cartoons, comics and other special features.

Officials of the various departments of THE METROPOLITAN NEWS will be Eniel F. Simpson business manager; Henry Brown man-

Civic Clubs Aid In Food Distribution

Emergency Money Put In Force As Unfortunate Families Look To Authorities For Aid.

500 Baskets Given Away

Governor Promises Sales Tax To Speed Relief.

South Side Chicago is combating the emergency, which arose a few days ago when the edict was issued that caused the closing of the Relief stations throughout Illinois, in a commendable manner.

Tuesday morning 500 baskets of food were issued to the poor through the Cheerful Givers Organization, 5043 Indiana avenue. Earl Kennedy, president of the charitable organization, told THE METROPOLITAN NEWS that they would do their utmost to continue their distribution of foodstuffs to as many unfortunate families as possible during this immediate crisis.

The Cheerful Givers were besieged Tuesday by a huge throng of people and baskets were issued in much the same manner as food was dispensed during the Xmas season. Baskets were also loaded into automobiles, donated by community business men, and carried to those who were reported ill and unable to appear in person to receive food.

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20th Century Women Hold Baby Contest

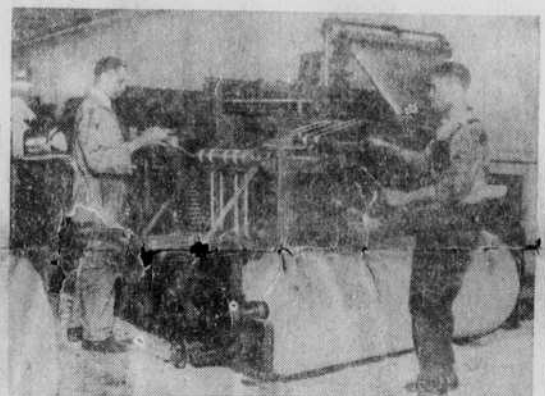
Sunday afternoon, at the Twentieth Century Women's Club, a 75 members and friends of Beta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, drank to the health of nineteen babies in a baby contest sponsored by the local chapter for the benefit of their scholarship fund.

A short program preceded the awarding of the prizes. Little Miss Jane Prescott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Prescott, was awarded the first prize. She received 571 votes. Little Miss Evelyn Lawlah, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Lawlah, received second prize for turning in 457



A Great Newspaper A Modern Plant - -

With this the first issue, THE METROPOLITAN NEWS—"A Bi-Weekly of News—When and As it Happens,"—makes its bow to the public and in so doing makes journalistic history in the Greater Chicago area. Views of the modern, completely equipped plant and offices are shown here. To the left, seated at his desk, is Albert G. Barnett, City editor; below is shown the linotype machines, operated by William G. McCrary (right), and George C. Anderson; the Goss Duplex press is shown being oiled for the initial run by Pressman Elijah Robinson (in front of the paper roll), and his assistant Forrest Bell; below the press is a view of one of the editorial offices, showing left to right, Hugh S. Gardner, news reporter; Earl J. Morris, theatrical editor; Dan Burley, (standing), sports editor, and Henry Brown, managing editor. Other Pictures on Page 2



Find Woman Cops Told In Slaying

Police of the Stanton Avenue station are seeking a girl, whom they have learned is the sweetheart of the only one to escape of the trio of bandits who shot and killed John Breen, white watchman, last Monday during the robbery of a florist shop at 3539 Michigan avenue.

Police refused to reveal the identity of the fugitive and also that of the girl. Officers explained Monday afternoon that they are positive that the girl is not a member of the gang. Police are also seeking a woman, identified as and Hampton James, who confessed their part in the crime, but laid the killing of the watchman to the escaped bandit. For obvious reasons the police are withholding the name of the fugitive.

A coroner's jury held the two captured men to the grand jury and recommended the apprehension of the third man and all to stand trial on a charge of first degree murder.

Find the Woman

The Cherchez La Femme angle was injected into the case after a rigid grilling of the two men. Both bandits stated that the escaped man was madly in love with a pretty girl and that he was always giving her presents. They told police that their partner in crime had the girl under the impression that he was a foreman for Armour Packing company and was in a position to lavish gifts upon her.

Police are of the opinion that the bandit will attempt to communicate with the girl and that they are near a solution in the case. Sergeant Charles King, Cyril Rapier and John Wright have been assigned to clear the case and seize the missing bandit.

Breen was a brother to Lieut. Breen of the Chicago police department. It was a green hat that gave the police the first clue to the mystery. The hat had been dropped by one of the bandits, later learning that it belonged to James. Police were also on the lookout for the report of some doctor with information that a man had been shot. That same Monday evening such a report came and upon investigation broke down the alibi of James, and he confessed.

New Faces Seen With Line-Up

Larry Brown To Boss Team

New York Cubans Plan To Cap Opener As Locals Gird For Battle.

Giants Also Have New Faces In Line-up; Both Teams Show Excellent Form

celebrate their entry into the Negro National league here Saturday when they play the opening game of the season with the American Giants at Cole's 39th street plant.

Under the supervision of the late Nat Strong, for a number of years, the team has been recognized as one of the strongest clubs in the country as many of the old Cuban Stars are with the New York aggregation. In the lineup will be found such stars as Roderrique, Baro and Lefty Tiant.

The Cubans have some of the best players of the current season.

BROWN NEW MANAGER

The American Giants have several new faces to offer the fans, headed by Larry Brown, manager, and one of the best catchers in the league, With Marshall, the "Old Reliable," at second; Radcliffe at third; Wells at short, the Giants expect to play the season through without many upsets. The pitching staff is being well protected with Trent, Foster, Brown, Cornelius and Thomas.

The present league is composed of the New York Cubans, Brooklyn Royals, Pittsburgh Crawfords, Newark, Detroit, Philadelphia, the Homestead Greys and the American Giants.

Man Is Killed By Hit and Run Driver

Richard Baker, 35, was struck down and fatally injured early Monday morning by a hit and run driver in Chicago Heights. Police Officer Ben Weir, who happened to be in the vicinity rushed the auto victim to the St. James hospital, where he was pronounced dead upon his arrival by Dr. Alfred D. Biggs, 10504 Irvin avenue. Baker had been visiting Nolan Collier of 1614 Portland avenue, Chicago Heights, and was on his way home when he was run down in the streets at 16th and Portland avenue. The left side of the skull of the hapless victim was crushed.

The accident occurred about 1 a. m. Monday. The body was removed to Spindler and Krillon Funeral Parlor, 12 Illinois street, Chicago Heights. Baker lived at 1414 Lowe avenue. Witnesses were John Ford, Adam Towns, Nolan

Dr. A. W. Williams Suffers Heart Attack

Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, 70 year old dean of Chicago's physicians, and senior member of Greater Provident hospital medical staff, was stricken early Monday morning by a severe heart attack at his home, 4513 Forestville avenue. He was immediately rushed to Provident hospital, where every possible medical assistance was given him by his personal physician, Dr. Carl Roberts and a staff of medical experts. The latest bulletin regarding his condition reveals that he is resting much easier and is apparently out of danger.

The aged physician is internationally known as a specialist in surgery. He has for many years been adjudged one of the city's foremost citizens because of the great contribution he has made through his knowledge and ability as a surgeon. He has also gained no small amount of prominence as a columnist. For nearly a quarter of a century, heads of families, in the community in which he resides, have reared families and were able to guard the health of their loved ones by the advice submitted to them by him each week.

WIFE DIED IN JULY
Coincident with his recent ill-

Argue Over Fare; Two Are Shot

Argument over the amount of a taxicab fare, resulted in the shooting and wounding of two men, one perhaps fatally, late Monday night, on East 44th street and Wabash Ave. Police are seeking a man known as "Red" as the culprit.

THE METROPOLITAN NEWS learned that Clifford Sullivan, 27 years old, 3518 Giles avenue, driver of the cab, had picked up the fellow on the boulevard, along with George Hill, 26 years old, 4243 South Parkway, and was bringing them to a number on 44th street, near Prairie.

Asking for his fare, which he set at an unnamed sum, Sullivan precipitated a violent argument with the man, "Red," taking a prominent part. A threat to fight

BEATEN

Willis Thornton, 28, was severely beaten in front of his home at 5947 State street, early Sunday morning when he was frustrated a hold-up by an unknown man who fled after the melee. Thornton was taken to the County hospital.

Taken to Hospital

Hattie Bellfield, 6724 Prairie avenue, was taken to Provident hospital early Sunday morning, where it was learned that she was suffering from several lacerations about the body. Police learned that she had been slashed during

Foreword

In presenting the Metropolitan News to the readers of the Greater Chicago area, the publishers, motivated primarily by a full conception of their duty to the community at large, shall direct their energies and efforts in the performance of a real public service—civic, economic, political and religious—that type of service which shall aim to stimulate and encourage pride of community, Race and country and confidence in our community institutions—the inevitable result being a BIGGER, BETTER AND BUSIER COMMUNITY LIFE IN THE CITY.

The Metropolitan News, a Bi-weekly (synonymous with semi-weekly), enters the journalistic field in answer to the popular demand for a paper published with greater frequency than has been the custom in the past and for less money, five cents, and in so doing will present impartially, events as and when they actually happen and not as WE WOULD HAVE THEM HAPPEN. This paper shall not indulge in any malice or hatred against any person, race, business or religion. Everybody is our friend and brother. We shall find and treat the good men and in the community, cit, state and nation instead of parading their faults and shortcomings alone. Thus we will drive out the evil with the good.

We shall not attempt to impede the progress of any race or person by false and malicious accusations or attacks on their character. We are for every one—and against no one. Our mission is to spread happiness and contentment—to replace the frown with a smile. We wish not to lead but to accompany to be not for good only—but a part of the good. We wish to be a part of the community in its representation of love, peace

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