



## Freddie Powell, Commencement Speaker

### Sgt. Clinch Laid to Rest

Funeral services for Sgt. James Clinch, 33, who died in Germany, December 5, was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at the Newman Methodist church in Lincoln.

Rev. G. W. Harper and Rev. C. C. Reynolds, in praising the services which Sgt. Clinch had given to his country, his church, and his community said that Lincoln should be proud that it had a noble character as exemplified in the life of Sgt. Clinch, to stand, not in dishonor but in honor, at his post of duty until death.



SGT. JAMES CLINCH.

Rev. Reynolds said, he liked to think of sleep as a period of rest, rebuilding after a day or period of weariness.

Sgt. Clinch had recently received a letter of commendation from his Commanding officer for his faithful service.

### HEADQUARTERS

3681st Quartermaster Truck Company (TC)  
APO 350 U. S. Army

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: 1st Sergeant James Clinch, 3681 QM Truck Company, (TC), APO 350, U. S. Army.

1. The undersigned wishes to commend you on your achievements while acting in the capacity of First Sergeant of the 3681st Quartermaster Truck Company since it's activation.

2. Your usual devotion to duty, cheerful manner, ability to meet new situations, and soldierly bearing have been an inspiration to officers and enlisted men alike. No task was ever too small or too large for you to face. You were largely responsible for the fine record of your company, taking a large group of individuals and molding a smooth running efficient organization. In short, you have been a credit to your unit, the Army and your race.

3. This organization loses a great leader in your transfer, but you carry the respect and well wishes of its members with you on your new endeavors for your Country. Good luck and may God bless you.

HOWARD V. CASHMAN,  
1st Lt., QMC,  
Commanding

M/Sgt. Norton R. Davidson accompanied the body from New York City. After reading a letter of sympathy from the President of the United States, he presented the mother with the Flag of the United States as Taps were sounded by American Legion Post No. 3, who was in charge. Sgt. Clinch was laid to rest in the soldier's circle in Wyuka.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Jean Stevenson, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Washington, Slaton, Mo., Mr. Carl Washington, Kansas City, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Omaha, Nebr., Miss Virginia Fields, fiancée, Lincoln.

Other persons from out of the city attending the funeral were, Mr. Dave Thomas and Mrs. Yancey, Beatrice, Nebr., Mrs. W. O. Davis, New Bloomfield, Mo., and Mrs. Lloyd McGuire, Des Moines, Iowa.

### Urban League Troop Committee

Troop committee of the Boy Scouts will meet Monday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Urban League, it was announced by Scoutmaster, J. R. Kelley. All boys 12 years of age are urged to be present.

### Urban League Secretary Urges Responsible Community Leadership to Ease Racial Strife

New York—(ANP)— Declaring that riots and general community disorders occur most frequently where the local leadership is weak, Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban league, has called for "less talk and more 'grass roots' work" in reducing the sources of racial conflict.

The Urban league is already experimenting in several large cities with small group and residential block organizations to encourage responsible community leadership. "If we want to keep the communists from leading these people," said Granger, "we must teach them to lead themselves." Much community strife, he observed, is due to "excitable elements which seek to lead without knowing what to work toward."

Granger pointed out that the league has already realized "grafting results" among Negroes and Mexicans in San Diego, Cal., and that a special committee will conduct a three-month program there to train leaders within these groups. The work of the committee will be financed in part by Clinton McKinnon, publisher of the San Diego Journal.

In all cases, states Granger, the league will refrain from partisan politics and from active lobbying. In order to be effective, the league program "must promote the broad interests of the community, no matter what racial group is involved."

In discussing the matter of unemployment among Negroes in 1946, he stated that the number was not as large as the league had anticipated. Although it was estimated that more than a million Negroes would be without work, the figure was approximately 600,000. This was explained partly by the fact that many industries which employed Negroes for the first time during World War II on an experimental basis continued to use them in the post war period.

Freddie Powell, 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Powell has been chosen one of the three honor graduates to speak at the Mid-term commencement exercises of Lincoln High School, Friday, January 24, 1947. Her subject will be "Prejudice is Dangerous." She is the first Negro student so honored in the



history of the school. Freddie, who is finishing the regular High School Course in 2½ years was recently elected to the National Honor Society because of her scholastic record and meritorious achievements. She came to Lincoln with her parents from St. Joseph, Mo. four years ago this May.

Freddie is active in community work, was formerly a member of the Girl Reserve and 4 H clubs, while at present she is the Super-

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