



Opening Of U. of N. Girls' Dorm Result Of Work and Pioneering

Opening of the girls' dormitories on the University of Nebraska campus recently, has been widely praised as a forward step, although the board of regents were, in effect, complying with the public policy of the state expressed in the revised Nebraska statutes to the effect that the "facilities of the University of Nebraska shall not be barred to anyone on account of race, color, creed or sex."

Of course we all appreciate what has been done and hope that other areas of bias at the state university, especially in inter-collegiate Big Seven athletics, will soon be dealt with in a similar manner. These discriminations have been driving the best Negro student material out of the state for years and has markedly reduced the state's return of educated and responsible citizenry.

In a sense, the church stands today as a monument to the dif-

ficulty of getting men to do as they know they ought; but a persistent clergy and faithful laity have kept people working for good. It took a lot of hard work by a lot of people to convince the regents that people weren't to go running around with hands raised in holy horror because of their action. I think some special credit goes to a group of university YWCA members who helped wind up the girls' housing project. It took their persistent work and the faith of a host of other people that democracy will work. Audrey Rosenbaum, chairman, Sue Allen, Mary Jane Melick, Ruth Sorenson and Jean Smith formed the YW committee. Miss Ruth Shinn, executive secretary has shown the kind of pioneering spirit that built our state and that shall make it a stronger community.

Ruth Norman Piano Recital Omaha Success

Assuming the role of musical sponsor for the first time, the Omaha De Porres Club presented Ruth Norman in piano recital at the YWCA auditorium Friday night.

The event was Miss Norman's debut in Omaha after having completed prescribed music study at the University of Nebraska.

That that study had been earnest and well directed was evident in the efficient manner in which she disposed of a serious and difficult program.

Hers is a fluent competent technique and her tone has warmth. Further, her study has enable her to encompass the widely divergent styles contained in her program.

Exerpts from one of Bach's English Suites revealed nice adjustment of contrapuntal lines. The impetuosity of Beethoven's Sonata, Opus 31, No. 3, was well projected and the Schumann "G minor" Sonata was invested with lyricism and brilliance.

An admirably played group of shorter pieces, excursions into modernity by Scriabin, Toch, Debussy, Copland, Creston and Kabalevsky rounded out her printed list.

Audience approval was so hearty as to necessitate extension of that list.—Omaha World Herald.

CROP Tells Where Wheat Sent in 1948

The distribution of commodities from the 1948 Nebraska CROP Friendship Train has been announced by Dwight Dell, State Director for the Christian Rural Overseas program.

Dell said, "We want the people who contribute to the 1949 Friendship Train to realize the many places in the world that are helped by their generosity."

Wheat from Lancaster county was shipped through Galveston to Austria, China, Germany, Greece, Japan and Pakistan.

All CROP gifts were distributed under the direct supervision of church relief groups.

Seeks End To Anti-Negro State Insurance Plan

MADISON, Wis. (ANP). Refusal of Wisconsin to sell state life insurance to Negroes has been challenged by James Rancher of Milwaukee, who filed suit against the state last week in federal court. Rancher charges that his constitutional rights were violated when he was denied a state insurance policy on the grounds that he is a Negro.

The Wisconsin law which bars Negroes from holding state insurance policies came under additional fire Wednesday when Atty. Gen. Thomas E. Fairchild brought suit in Dane County Circuit court.

According to John Lange, state insurance commissioner, the state does not give Negroes life insurance because their mortality rate exceeds the actuarial scale. On the other hand, Lange pointed out, he could not issue insurance at a higher rate because of a 1941 law requires standard rates for state insurance.

However, this interpretation of the law is "open to question," said Fairchild. The attorney general added that discrimination against Negroes in housing and medical care "is an important cause of the fact that life expectancy of Negroes is decidedly shorter."

Drake Halfback Lauds Dixie Foes As Oklahoma Wins 28-0

DES MOINES, Ia. (ANP). Sophomore Halfback John Bright of Drake university became the first Negro to play the Oklahoma Aggie home field in Stillwater recently, but the stadium didn't cave in and the sun didn't drip with blood.

In fact, the Fort Wayne, Ind., youth received a surprisingly great reception. "After what people told me in advance, I thought maybe things wouldn't be so good," he said.

In the old days such a game was good for a story that the colored player was left behind or the school refused to play because of the colored footballer.

Not only did Bright play, but the fans cheered him, and the op-

Porters Sue Unions For \$5,000,000; Seek Ruling

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CLAYTON P. LEWIS

Clayton P. Lewis was honored when on Oct. 18 he appeared on the radio program, "The Jaycee Parade" aired at 7 p. m. on KFOR. He was chosen by a representative group of citizens from listener nominations "for his outstanding service to our community." Mr. Lewis is Grand Master of Nebraska PHA Masons and an active worker of the Urban League board and Quinn Chapel church.

'Home of Brave' Predicted For Movie 'Oscar'

RICHMOND, Va. (ANP). The movie editor of the Richmond News Leader hailed "Home of the Brave" as one of the top moving pictures produced this year and predicted it might win an Academy award. The paper in its regular column of criticism said:

"Look carefully at 'Home of the Brave.' Unless we miss our guess, it's the Academy award picture of the year. An extraordinary film, it should be seen by every man, woman and child in America.

"Its story is the story of humanity and it cannot be relegated to the category of Hollywood's effort to explain racial prejudice. You will be shaken by 'Home of the Brave' but you will also know the satisfaction which comes from having seen a really great drama."

Assert Recent Strike Aimed At Depriving Negroes Of Jobs

ST. LOUIS.—Two porters for the Missouri Pacific railroad filed a five-million-dollar damage suit this week against four railroad unions on the ground that they are attempting to interfere

with the job rights of Negro railroad workers.

The plaintiffs, William King and Miles Harness, asked the St. Louis circuit court to enjoin the railroad, the unions and their officers from continuing the alleged discrimination.

The damages were sought on behalf of the plaintiffs and other Negroes employed by MOP.

The unions named, the four operating brotherhoods, have been on strike against MOP since Sept. 9.

King and Harness asserted that one of the objects of the 11-state walkout was "driving Negro workers out of employment with the railroad and obtaining their jobs for white men."

Circuit Judge James F. Nangle issued an order, returnable at 1 p. m. Tuesday, instructing eight union officers, the railroad and MOPAC Trustee Guy Thompson, to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be issued.

The suit charged that union officers are "conspiring to exert economic pressure" on MOPAC to force discharge of Negroes employed as brakemen. It asked that the union chiefs be enjoined from maintaining a strike "which will efface elimination of Negroes from operation of trains."

The railroad has employed a number of Negroes for many years under the title of train porter-baggage men. These men have performed the work of brakemen but because of the restrictions of brotherhood membership, have not been permitted to join the union that covers their occupation. The white brotherhood claims that these jobs belong to them, opening and

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Marva Louis On Stand At Howard Probe

CHICAGO. (ANP). Poised and smartly-tailored, Marva Louis Barrow, ex-wife of Joe Louis, last week took the witness stand in the coroner's inquest into the slaying of policy baron Winston Howard. Howard was fatally shot by Charles Cole, a business partner, in the Pershing hotel lounge Sept. 30.

However, the divorced wife of the retired heavyweight champion, threw little light on the shooting affray. She told Coroner Al Bradie she could give no reason why the "occurrence took place." Mrs. Barrow was excused from the stand at this point.

Earlier, in private questioning, she had denied rumors that she had invested \$25,000 with Howard, Coroner Brodie revealed. Howard and Cole were partners in the Pershing hotel corporation, operators of the Pershing hotel. It has been alleged that a movement by Howard to oust Cole led to the quarrel that resulted in the fatal shooting.

On the advice of his attorney, Euclid L. Taylor, Cole declined to testify at the inquest.

Lincolmites Train For Polio Care

Oct. 13-20, the Lincoln-Lancaster chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation conducted a training class at Bryan Memorial hospital to prepare local helpers for the infantile paralysis emergency volunteer service. The program is under the direction of E. Clinton Belknap, Nebraska representative of the National foundation, and Mrs. George Steinmeyer, instructor.

Mrs. Carrie E. King, 2238 "R" street, and Mrs. Zelma Ricks, 2237 "T" street, were among those taking the training. During the past week, Mrs. King received her second call for service in the polio ward at Lincoln General hospital. Mrs. Ricks is also reported to be on the call list.

Although other Negro member of the community have finished the course in previous years, they were never called upon to give aid until this year. Mrs. King's service in the children's ward at Lincoln General set a precedent that marks the quiet lifting of previous policies which did not permit employment of volunteer or professional Negro nurses.

Mrs. King reports that volunteer-patient and -parent relationships were characterized by a spirit of friendliness and helpfulness. She hopes to gain enough experience during the winter to be of real service when the late summer epidemics come.

Mrs. King is well known for her active work in the PTA at Elliott and at Whittier school where she is co-chairman of the social committee. She is the mother of two sons, Lloyd and Theodore.

Your Chest Dollar Helps Support The Urban League

At last week's end, the Community Chest drive for \$270,203 was 97 percent complete and scheduled to be at its goal before this reaches your door. But if the campaign has closed and you still would like to make a contribution, the two dozen agencies that share in the fund, will still be benefited.

Among the organizations which are agencies of the Chest is the Lincoln Urban League, an affiliate of the National Urban League. While it must raise some \$2,800 of its budget, they depend on the Chest contribution or 4 cents out of every dollar. When you gave, did you give enough?