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Urban League Host To Church Women

Hunters

Several hunting parties are scheduled for this week-end. Among them are: Mr. Richard Huston, Mr. Julius Cowan, Mr. Ray Jackson and Don Grisby; Mr. Gilbert Hubert, Mr. Hudson, Mr. L. R. Shepard and Mrs. Lucile Wright. They will go to Hastings and Fairmont. In another group will be Mr. Alonzo Carter, Mr. William Burns, Mr. L. Henderson and Mr. Carl Finley and still another party will be Mr. Charles Norman, Mr. Wyatt Williams and Mr. Ray Holcomb.

Presents Program

On Friday, October 18, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Favors conducted a lecture on "The Negro in our History" at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The lecture was conducted with the use of magazines, books, and pictures and statistical information on large posters. Aside from lecturing, Rev. Favors sang Negro spirituals and Negro work songs. Mrs. Favors recited bits of poetry written by Negroes. The lecture was presented to the young peoples club of the church.

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW



Mr. Reginald Johnson, field worker of the National Urban League New York City and Mr. Clyde Malone, executive secretary of the Lincoln Urban League in a recent conference at the Urban League. Mr. Johnson's work has to do with coordinating the affiliate league with the program of the National organization, and the national with the local organizations.

Mr. Malone, one of Lincoln's talented and well known young men, received his education in the Lincoln schools. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and is at present taking work in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University, as well as taking care of the Urban League duties. He has held many positions of prominence including work with the National Benefit Life Insurance Co. and the Phyllis Wheatly Settlement House of Minneapolis. He is active in outside activities and is Worshipful Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 3. A. F. and A. M.

Mr. Malone married Miss Izetta Colley in 1910 and they have one daughter, Jeanne, a student at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Malone and his family are interested in the community and its problems.

Telephone Firm Hires Four As Switchboard Operators

Reveals Negroes in other Skilled Positions

DETROIT—(ANP)—Jim crowism was dealth another crushing blow when four Negro girls were accepted as switchboard operators in the local central office of the Michigan Bell Telephone company here last week. The four girls assigned were the Misses Lillian Campbell, Jacqueline Oliver, Wilhelmina Irvin, and Josephine Taylor.

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According to a company spokesman the employment of Negro operators is in line with the company's overall objective to employ qualified applicants regardless of race, creed, or color in all offices where we need new

employees."

Previously opportunities for Negroes in the company were limited to the so-called white-collar jobs, such as business of-fice and public contract employes. typists, clerks and skilled workman. Company officials estimate that between 200 and 300 Negroes are on the company's payroll, though personnel records of white and colored employes are not kept separate. It is said that some employes are members of the Telephone pioneers of America, an organization comprised of men and women who have been in the telephone business for 21 or more years.

The official said hiring of Negroes as switchboard operators in other offices of the company's territory would be made as soon as the need for help arose and as applicants qualified for duties of switchboard operators. He disclosed that no arbitrary limitation is placed on the number of Negroes it will employ in this

capacity.

Selection of operators for positions will be determined by interviews which will consider aptitude, age, education, height, reach, health and general fitness for work. The minimum educational requirement is said to be fixed at high school graduation level. The same salary and training opportunities will be accorded Negro employes, and they will use the same facilities as whites. In the matter of compensation, job classification will be the controlling factor for wages or salaries.

The Lincoln Council of Church Women held its meeting at the Lincoln Urban League, 2030 T Street, Tuesday, October 15, starting at 10:30 a. m. running thru 2 p. m.

The department of spiritual life was in charge of the program. The theme was "World

Community".

John L. Knight, chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University spoke on "World Community Day" at 1 p. m., following a noon lunch. Mrs. Marie Copeland, Chairman of the entertainment committee and assistants were in charge of the serving. Members furnished sandwiches, with coffee furnished by the Urban League.

Mrs. P. C. Swift had charge of the Spiritual life meeting.

Mrs. Enid Miller Hoffman, of Nebraska Wesleyan, made a plea at 11:30 a.m. for boxes of items that could be used by children from 2 to 4 years old and by European church people.

Mrs. Frank Tishkins directed the devotionals. About 200 were

present

Georgia May Elect Negro TO PUBLIC OFFICE

ATLANTA— (ANP)—The possibility that Georgia will elect its first Negro office-holder since reconstruction days developed here last Thursday with an announcement that Aurelius Southhall Scott, identified with the Atlanta Daily World, is running for office of coroner of Fulton county.

This action is said to be of unusual interest since the Democratic party, dominant in the south and particularly in Georgia, is taking drastic measures to prevent Negro voting, and the Fulton county convention delegation is said to be apprehensive that a solid Negro vote will elect Scott.

Scott is one of 24 candidates for that position. The others are all white

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