



## Health Responsibilities of Citizens

By Charles Washington

### THE SOUTHERAIREs



The Southernaires quartet which appears in a concert sponsored by the Lincoln Urban League, Tuesday April 8, 1947 at 8:15 p. m. at the Urban League Building 2030 T Street, ranks among the greatest vocal ensembles heard today on the air or concert stage. Since 1929 when first organized, their beautifully blended voices have thrilled great audiences all over the country. They are true sons of the South singing melodies of their native soil covering centuries of Negro Music including African Chants, Spirituals, Slave Songs and Negro popular songs. They are also exponents of other kinds of vocal music presenting classics and ballads as effectively as they do songs of their own race.

The weatherbeaten White washed Church has become a

Southernaires trade mark in the past 17 years. This portion of their Sunday morning radio program has brought laudable comments from all over this country as well as overseas. For this reason a short scene is injected into their program so that the audience may hear the old songs of Zion.

The Urban League in presenting these eminent singers is realizing their objective of acquainting the community with the Negro's contributions to American Music.

There will be a reserved section as well as general admission. Due to the limited seating capacity at the Urban League we would advise that you get your tickets early. Tickets are on sale at Walts Music Store and at the Urban League Building.

### URBAN LEAGUE STARTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lincoln Urban League last week began its annual membership drive with a goal of 1,200 members. The campaign is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Helene Foe, a member of the league's board of directors.

The League, which is an agency of the Lincoln Council of Social Agencies, the Community Chest, and an affiliate of the National Urban League, was organized in 1931.

Their physical plant has grown from a 7-room dwelling, in which it was originally started, into an all-modern building with gymnasium-auditorium, library, game and meeting rooms and a well equipped kitchen.

Their membership has increased from 25 to over 900 members last year. In order to meet the estimated budget requirements for 1947 they must secure 1,200 membership.

The League fosters cultural and educational development thru recitals, concerts, forums and public meetings. They also maintain an organized recreational program, which has helped reduce the number of Negro youth appearing in juvenile court from three in 1945 to none in 1946.

The work with community organizations to promote better housing, health, and welfare services for the entire community. It provides an information, counseling and clearing house service for Negroes with unemployment problems.

National Negro Health Week, March 30th to April 6th, will stress the health responsibilities of citizens, local agencies and organizations. Locally, the week is being sponsored by the Urban League. Community-wide cooperation for better health and sanitation is their special objective. The need of elevating the Negro race through better health and sanitation will be preached from church pulpits across the nation.

Booker T. Washington founded Health Week in 1915 to "stress the health needs of the Negro race and to encourage them to take advantage of existing health facilities in the community."

James H. Lewis, president of the National Negro Insurance Association, said that last year a new low record for mortality was established through preventative, educational and scientific application, and that it was the third year in succession to show a decrease in mortality.

Saturday afternoon, March 29, at 5:45, over KFOR, R. T. Malone, president of the Lincoln Urban League board of directors, Mrs. James Fuller, and Mrs. C. W. Malone, general chairman of the local health week planning committee, will appear on a special broadcast.

A well-baby clinic with Dr. Grace Loveland, examining physician, assisted by city health department nurses, will be held Monday morning, March 31, at 9:30.

Youth night will begin at 8 o'clock Monday evening. It will consist of a talk, "Adventures in Food" by Dorette Schlaphoff, instructor in foods and nutrition

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