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## MARION ANDERSON CONCERT

by George Randol

There are days in the cultural, spiritual and political development of the nation that are red-letter days and they are marked in history to be remembered by posterity. April 15, 1947, will surely be marked as such a day by all who had the privilege and pleasure of hearing Miss Anderson at the Coliseum on that date, presented on the Newspaper series to one of the largest music loving audiences ever assembled in Lincoln. Miss Anderson thrilled the more than five thousand (estimated) listeners again and again with her superb artistry and glorious voice.

The program was studded with gems of the old masters—Johann Ahle, Gluck, Bellini, Schubert (group) and Massenet were all represented. There were, of course, the usual English airs after intermission and the Negro Spirituals. The last group included a new work by Hall Johnson that the writer has heard a number of times under Mr. Johnson's direction, but never has he heard it to better advantage.

Miss Anderson is known throughout the world for the excellence of her vocal equipment. Last night, there seemed to be an inspired quality to the performance that lifted one out of the present surroundings and transported one to another world. With the dignified grace and poise of a ruling monarch and the humility of a truly great and sincere artist, Miss Anderson floated majestically to stage center and captivated the large audience at once. With brilliant bell-like high tones and dark warm mysterious low ones, Miss Anderson sang.

The music of the masters, the accompaniment of Franz Rupp,

the beautiful voice and unmatched artistry of Marion Anderson combined to make an ensemble as near perfection as we could hope to hear until the Angels sing. Running the gamut of emotion, from the stark cold tones of death in the "Young Man and Death" by Franz Schubert to the light coquetry of "A Maiden" by Thomas, the artist showed complete mastery of style and technique. Of course, as is usual, the German Language group reflected many years the artist spent in Germany, living among the people, learning the language and studying *Lieder*.

There is so much that should be said about the Anderson concert and yet when it comes to the actual putting down the phrases one finds that words cannot express the sensation that comes with hearing miss Anderson sing.

## Preview of Coming Events

### SPRING VARIETY SHOW

Lincoln Urban League

Friday, April 25 8:15 P.M.

Music, Entertaining Features

### FLOWER PAGEANT

Sponsored by

Mary Bethune Literary and Art Club

Friday, May 2 8:15 P.M.

Urban League Bldg.

### SPECIAL RALLY SERVICE

Christ Temple Church

Sunday, April 20th 3:00 P.M.

## SINGFEST

Fourth of the spring singfests sponsored by Lincoln Ministerial Association and Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, will be held at St. Paul Methodist church Sunday evening, 8 to 9 o'clock. The Hub of Harmony singers will present musical numbers under the direction of Frank Hale. Camp Fire Girls will serve as ushers, and O. H.

Bimson will be song leader. The brief meditation will be given by Rev. Howard Buxton of Trinity Methodist Church, and Rev. Virgil Anderson, associate pastor of St. Paul's, will preside. These interdenominational singfests are sponsored by the Lincoln Ministerial Association and the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and are open to everyone.

## URBAN LEAGUE NEWS

by Katherine Thompson

The 4-H girls had a lot of fun learning how to judge various articles. The group was taught how to do this under the supervision of Mrs. Rachel Gerloff, who is the Lancaster county Home Demonstration Agent. Later on the girls will use this same method to judge their products in cooking.

There was a leadership training course given on the Ag Campus last week, the course was very helpful and informative. There were leaders from various Nebr. counties attending the sessions.

The style show given Wednesday afternoon gave us plenty of ideas to carry back to our groups. The suggestions for trimmings and the inexpensive way to make them was very good.

Troup 21 and 31 participated in the children's folk dance festival given Saturday, April 12. The Brownies were asked to come back that evening and give their dance for the adult group.

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the Spring Variety Show which will be given Friday, April 25th. There will be all kinds of entertainment including music and skits, in addition there will be several outside groups participating.

The program will begin at 8:15 P. M. and the admssion will be twenty-five cents.

## Grand Island

Sgt. and Mrs. Daniels left for Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where Sgt. Daniels is stationed.

The Hub of Harmony will give a Concert, Thursday, April 24 at the High School Auditorium. The program is sponsored by Solomon A. M. E. church.

The Sarah Allen Missionary Society will have a luncheon Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leslie Barnum.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Henderson were in the city recently.