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The Lincoln Branch of the N. A.A.C.P. will start its membership kick off Tuesday May 6, 1947 by a visit from Mr. Le Roy E. Carter, Assistant Field Secretary, from Kansas City, Missouri.

The meeting will take place at the Lincoln Urban League building where refreshments will be served free.

Everyone is invited to attend. Present members are urged to renew their memberships.

### Personal Mention

Visiting Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Moody over the week-end was Mrs. Marie Calloway, 1422 No. 22nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. Mary Lewis is reported somewhat improved after being ill for sometime.

Mrs. Wm. Becks and daughter, Mrs. Louise Patterson of Beatrice, Nebraska were in the City Wednesday.

### DR. McMILLIAN TO SPEAK

Guest speaker for the Rural Ministers Association Monday noon, May 5 will be Dr. Aaron McMillian, Missionary to West Africa. Lunch will be served at 11:45 in room 2—second floor of the YMCA, following the lunch a program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Grace Hadsell, and Dr. McMillian will speak. The public is invited.

### DELEGATES TO ELECTORIAL COLLEGE

Among the delegates attending the Electoral College to be held at Leavenworth, Kansas, Wednesday, May 7, will be Miss Belva Spicer, Solomon A.M.E. Church, Grand Island, Nebraska; Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare, Calvary A. M.E. Church, Hastings, Nebraska; and Mr. Clyde W. Malone, Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Lay-Delegates from Kansas City District and the Omaha District over which Dr. John Adams and Dr. L. S. Goolsby preside, will elect five delegates from this number for the General Conference to be held at Los Angeles in May of 1948.

## VOTE! Tuesday May 6.

May 6th is election day. The right to vote is a privilege and a duty. To have the opportunity of saying who your city officials shall be should not be overlooked.

To have the candidates recognize publicly the needs of the Negro people of Lincoln and to pledge themselves to promote and cooperate with any and all issues that will accord the Negro first class citizenship and full democratic rights, is an unusual experience that must not be overlooked.

We urge you to vote for these candidates who will remember to give the Negro every right as a citizen of this great Democracy—sharing according to his ability with no regard to color or race.

### COMING EVENTS

Flower Pageant date was changed to Wednesday, May 7th, at 8:15, at the Urban League building. Mrs. Clyde Coulter is chairman—Mary Bethune Literary and Art Club, Sponsoring.

May 16—4-H Program, Fun Night

May 17—Volunteers Party

May 5—Dr. Aaron McMillian, —Y.M.C.A. — Guest Speaker

May 11—Mother's Day Breakfast at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church Sponsored by the Wee Modern Club. Serving from 9:30 to 10:30. All are invited. Please get your ticket in advance.

### WORKS TO PROMOTE BETTER RACE RELATIONS

In a recent interview with Freddie Washington, pianist, for the Calvacade Orchestra recently appearing here, it was discovered that they concentrated not only on the musical aspect but were directly interested in eliminating racial barriers.

There are ten members of the band and a songstress—four of them white, all working under the direction of a white manager. Mr. Washington stated that the experiment had worked successful thus far, and they are all very optimistic.

### BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Rev. Targo O. McWilliams, Pastor of Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness), held baptismal services at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Tuesday evening. Those baptised were: Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Self, Mrs. Margie Turner, Patricia and Catherine King, Fletcher and Walter Gill. Assisting the pastor was Mr. Alfred E. Simms. Mrs. Mary L. Ashley of Omaha attended the service.

### ANNUAL YARD CLEAN-UP

The Lincoln Urban League will start its Annual Yard Inspection, May 12. This is the event that has increased yearly conscientiousness of home-owners throughout the city. Prizes are awarded for beautification, clean-up and improvement.

### REVIVAL OF FEP FAILS

The Legislature Friday afternoon refused to revive LB 421, the Fair Employment Practices Bill killed last week by the Labor Committee.

Senator Harry A. Foster, Omaha, introducer, who represents most of Omaha's Negro population, moved to raise the bill. The vote was 11-13 with 19 not voting.

The bill would have prohibited most employers from denying work to any one because of race or religion. Opponents said the principle is a good one, but that the bill is impractical because prejudice cannot be eliminated by legislation.

### Secrecy an Issue

When it killed the bill, the Labor Committee used a written, secret ballot. It is believed to have been the first time a committee ever balloted in that way. That became an issue in the attempt to raise the bill.

The secret ballot was designed to prevent other committee members and the press from knowing how a committee member voted on LB 421 and two other labor policy bills acted upon at the same meeting.

As it turned out, the secret ballot did not conceal any member's vote on LB 421. The vote was 6-2 to kill the bill. The action of Senator Foster and Senator Prichard indicated that they were the two members of the committee who voted against the killing. That shows the other six members of the committee present that day voted to kill it.

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