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*Lincoln Mother Named for 1947—***MOTHER**

Mother is the world's most precious possession. She is God's noblest handiwork. Without her the human race must long ago have perished forever.

No one can be as brave as Mother. No danger can swerve her from the call of duty; no pestilence can stay her footsteps upon an errand of mercy. Without a tremor or a faltering step, she walks unafraid along the brink of the abyss of eternity to fulfill her mission of destiny.

No love can be like unto hers. Her children may neglect her, stray from her, even disdain and forget her, but throughout the silent watches of the night she will listen for their footsteps and breathe a forgiving prayer for their welfare and happiness.

Moreover, there can be enshrined in the human heart no memory that is so dear as that of mother. Upon our bed of pain we long for the soothing touch of her hand. As we grow weary and our footsteps falter upon the pathway of life, we are made stronger by the remembrance of her encircling arms. Then, when we hear the call of the Master, we shall go in the fond hope of an eternal meeting with Mother.

—Delbert Shiek

ROBESON DEFENDED

The action of Mayor Erastus Corning of Albany in refusing to allow the use of the high school auditorium for a concert by Paul Robeson on May 9, in spite of the ban on Robeson's appearance there by the Albany Board of Education, has been condemned by the National Lawyers guild as well as by other groups. The guild statement branded the action a "Serious infringement on constitutional rights."



Mrs. Vara Vivian Powell is a native of Winona, Mississippi. She took her high school training at Rust College, Holy Springs, Mississippi, and is a commercial graduate of Roger William Howe Training School, Memphis, Tenn. During the first year of her marriage she was a teacher at Zion High School, Winona, Mississippi where her husband was principal.

Mrs. Powell came to Lincoln with her husband and two daughters in May of 1943 as Mistress of the Newman Methodist Church parish house, and has been active in community activities since that time.

Her philosophy with her two daughters was not to spare the rod and spoil the child, consequently her daughters were honor graduates of Lincoln High school; one of them being the first Negro commencement speaker in Lincoln. She graduated at the age of 15 years.

Mrs. Powell is an active member of Newman Methodist church where she holds the office of financial Secretary. Her daughters are now attending the University of Nebraska.

LEROY CARTER SPEAKS TO N. A. A. C. P.

Mr. Leroy Carter, Region Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. was the principle speaker at the regular meeting of the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. Tuesday night, at the Community Center. Mr. Carter, who is a native of Georgia, said that reactional forces against racial prejudice is more outspoken today than ever before.

He urged that all well thinking citizens wheather black or white, become a member of this great organization.

He spoke that the N.A.A.C.P. had been to the supreme court of America twenty four times, and had won twenty-two victories.

Mr. Carter came to Lincoln from Kansas City, Mo., where the office for this region is located.

TRES-JOLIE MUSICAL

The Tres - Jolie Women's Club, Lincoln Negro social organization, is sponsoring the Imperialist Ensemble in a Benefit Musical Friday evening, May 23rd, 8:15, at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, 12th and "F" streets. Tickets went on sale this week.

The Imperialists are directed by Walter Bell, native St. Louis musician, and are composed of some of the most outstanding Negro youth talent of Omaha. They will present a program of spirituals, sacred and secular numbers.

A. M. E. CHURCH HOLDS ELECTORIAL COLLEGE

The Electoral College for the Nebraska Conference of the African American Episcopal Church was held at Leavenworth, Kansas, Wednesday, May 7, 1947, at which time Clyde W. Malone, Evangelist Belva Spicer and Rubie W. Shakespeare attended as lay delegates.

The first Wednesday in May each four years each Conference of the A.M.E. Church elects five delegates for the General Conference which meets the same month the following year. Los Angeles, California is the seat of the 1948 Conference.

Four delegates were elected from the Kansas City District: J. J. Parks, Chester Gaskin, P. G. Porter, and G. J. Jones and one from the Omaha District, James Fellows.

Rubie Shakespeare of the Omaha District was elected First Alternate; Mable Banks, Kansas City District, Second Alternate; L. L. McVey, Omaha District, Third Alternate; Etta Saunders, Omaha District, Fourth Alternate; Alma Bright, Kansas City District, Fifth Alternate.

During the annual Conference this year, throughout the entire A.M.E. connection five ministers from each conference will also be elected delegates and these together with the general officers and Bishops will compose the General Conference of the A.M.E. Church.

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