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Writer Probes Lincoln Bias

Makes One-Day Study of Negroes' Status in State Capitals

By Charles Goolsby

George S. Schuyler, nationally famous for his information about Nebraska's government, that our national capital is a seat of government where civil rights were working in state capitals.

He began a tour to find the answers. From the information gathered, he is presently writing a series of sketches entitled "Democracy—How It Works in State Capitals." In studying the status of civil rights, he related, the report of the president's committee "To Secure These Rights" is used as a yardstick. By the end of the day he had talked to a number of people in informed government and social welfare positions.

In an interview with local NAACP officers, the white-haired New York author, in his soft-spoken, unrushed manner, asked many questions about Negroes' opportunities in Lincoln and about discrimination as apparent here. Queries on housing, education and educational facilities, employment, church membership, restaurants, labor unions, discriminations in certain places of amusement and the efforts to develop better relationships between Negro and other groups brought ready replies from the Advancement Association's mentors.

When asked what he thought was the most pertinent reason for the discriminations he had recorded on his tour, the veteran observer replied, "There is no logic to it. People are moved largely by traditions." What then do you feel is the best approach to the problem? "Inter-racial methods are best," he declared, "because then there is no clash. Membership in labor unions, churches, social and welfare agencies is helpful, but perhaps best of all is just the making of friends with members of other groups."

Schuyler holds a Ph.D. degree and has written several books. Among other affiliations, he is a trustee of C. O. R. E. This marks his twenty-fourth year with the Pittsburgh paper.

Award Winner

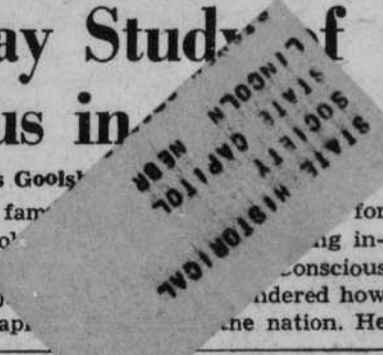
Mr. Walter Starnes of Topeka, Kansas is the first person to receive the National Mental Health Foundation's five hundred dollar award as the "Psychiatric aid of the year."

Dr. Karl A. Menninger, of the Winter Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, said that Walter Starnes "is an ambassador extraordinary. The qualities for which he was chosen—kindness, tact, sensitivity to the needs and feelings of others, patience, humility and above all character, could very well make Mr. Starnes the outstanding man of the year."

Alabama Forgets

The Alabama State Board of Education "forgot" to discuss the application of William Bell, sophomore, at the State Teachers College for Negroes.

Mr. Bell applied to enter the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala.



Installed



Elder McDaniels Made Overseer

Installation services were held Feb. 16-18 honoring the appointment of Elder B. T. McDaniels as Overseer of the state of Nebraska for the Church of God in Christ by Bishop O. T. Jones of Philadelphia. A spiritual feast was enjoyed as Bishop Jones instructed Elder McDaniels in his duties and urged the people to pledge faith and cooperation.

Thursday night, Feb. 19, two hundred and fifty guests at a reception in the Omaha North Branch Y.W.C.A. extended their wishes for unlimited success.

Special service will be held at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, Feb. 29, at Denton Chapel in Lincoln where Elder McDaniels has been pastor for about six years. He resides at 2006 "U" Street.

Susie Conway Accepts Labor Dept. Position

Mrs. Susie Conway, a Pennsylvanian, after successfully passing a civil service examination, has accepted a position with the State Department of Labor in the division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance.

Mrs. Conway is a graduate of the Henry George School of Social Science and holds an Elementary Professional Teacher's certificate from the board of education of the state of Virginia. She also holds a merit award from the Chicago N.A.A.C.P. Mrs. Conway resides with Mrs. A. G. Smith, 645 So. 20th street.

Nurses Sought

In Chicago, the American Nurses Association have asked that Negro Nurses be employed "without discrimination" to cut down the present shortage.

A resolution urging the creation of professional opportunities for Negro Nurses was adopted at the close of the three day meeting by the Registrars of Nurses' registries.

Bethune Club Gives Wheat

The Mary Bethune Literary and Art Club met Thursday, February 19th, at the home of Mrs. Izzetta Malone, 1035 Rose Street. Plans were submitted for a formal tea to be given Sunday, April 11th, at the home of Mrs. Leona Dean, 1018 Rose Street.

Mrs. Helen Randol gave a very picturesque description of "A Day in Mexico."

The club contributed a bushel of wheat to the Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train.

Summaries were given of the lives of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

The club adopted the theme, "Giving Our Best to the Job" as its theme this year.

City Y.W.C.A. Opens Town Meet Series

The Public Affairs Committee its season of local Town Meetings of the Lincoln Y. W. C. A. opens on Wednesday, March 3rd, at 8 p. m. The topic for discussion is "Can We Wage Peace?"

Participants will discuss the following subjects: Dr. Gerald Kennedy, "Fear and Safety," Arthur Emerson, "Economic Ways to Peace," Dr. William E. Hall, "Where Does Peace Begin?" Dr. F. K. Beutel, Dean of the University of Nebraska law school, is moderator. A question period will follow the addresses. Admission is free.

F.E.P.C. Bill Thru Committee

Senator Irving Ives (r., N. Y.) is sponsor of the F.E.P.C. bill which conforms to one of the major plans in President Truman's civil rights program. The bill faces tough opposition in the senate where the republicans will have to meet the head-on filibuster against the measure by southern democrats.

The bill is not quite as strong as the F.E.P.C. bill was during the war. One of the major provisions of the bill is to correct discriminatory practices by a system of federal mediation to be undertaken by a national commission against discrimination in employment. If mediation fails, the commission would be empowered to obtain a court order to enforce it's decision.

Alpha Fraternity Entertains

Members of the Alpha Phi Fraternity and their pledges, the Sphinxmen, entertained eleven selected men from Lincoln campuses with a smoker last Saturday evening, February 21st, at the Student Union. The get-togethers are sponsored each semester as a means of introducing unaffiliated men students to fraternities and to the members of Beta Beta chapter. This is the 21st year for the Alphas at the University, although during the war years the local chapter was inactive.

President's Civil Rights Committee Member Endorses Urban League Vocational Opportunity Campaign

"Being prepared for an unusual economic opportunity is as important as having the opportunity of taking a new and unusual job," Dr. Sadie Alexander, eminent Philadelphia attorney, advises American Negro youth.

NEW YORK.—Sadie T. M. Alexander, well-known Philadelphia attorney who served as a member of President Truman's Civil Rights Committee, gave high praise this week to the National Urban League's 1948 Vocational Opportunity Campaign, in a special call to Negro Youth.

Addressing herself specifically to the VOC slogan "The Future is Yours—Plan and Prepare!" Attorney Alexander warned against careless and indifferent attention to one's preparation for the job either at hand or the job expected in industry.

"We must recognize that the Negro youth must fight harder and endure longer hours of study and training for the unusual in economic opportunities if he hopes for anything better than the basic marginal and low scale type of job. Even after he gets that unusual job he has a harder time than his white co-worker to keep that job and to advance in that position, especially if it is a new one.

"Therefore, the prime thing for the Negro youth is that he get the

BROTHERHOOD

The Rev. Gordon Lippitt, instigator of the forum, "Is Brotherhood Possible in the Modern World?" is active in Lincoln Social Action Council, a member of the Lincoln Cooperative Club, Secretary of the American Christian Palestine Committee, and extremely active in social welfare work in the city. He holds a B. S. Degree from Springfield College in Mass., B. D. Degree from Yale Divinity School and his M. A. Degree from the University of Nebraska. He has served the University Y. M. C. A. for the past three years, and during that time has revitalized the work of that group in the city.

Civil Rights

Representative Walter Huber of Ohio has proposed a 10-men congressional committee to spot-light civil rights violations.

Investigations could be made of such organizations as the Columbians, and the KKK which seek to take away the rights of the individual.

Mr. Huber said that the House Un-American Activities Committee could do this if it wanted to, "but in some cases they seem more interested in taking away civil rights than protecting them."

Officer of Methodist Church Speaks in City

Dr. A. R. Howard, Washington, D. C., Field Representative for the Board of Temperance over the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist church, was guest of the Rev. G. W. Harper, pastor of Newman Methodist Church, Monday and Tuesday of last week. Dr. Howard, who was on a speaking tour of the west, filled an engagement at the Lincoln Urban League on Monday evening before going to Colorado.

highest and most efficient type of training," the eminent woman lawyer advised. I recognize that it is going to be a difficult job, that it will require long periods of sacrifice and perhaps the future will not look too bright at the outset or even shortly after you undertake studying for this new job.

Negro Engineer Succeeds Despite Discouraging Criticism.

"In my experience," Dr. Alexander continued, "I have known some of the most unusual kinds of jobs to open themselves up to young men and women who, in the beginning were laughed at for even expecting or hoping for such an opportunity to take place. For example, in my own city, in one of the largest aircraft designing companies in America, a young Negro graduate of the engineering school in one of the large universities of New York City, came for a job wholly unheralded. But he had a basic fundamental keenness for mechanical design, particularly in the aircraft industry. He was taken on by one of the largest manufacturers of airplane engines in America. Later they transferred him to structural designing of airplanes. In a very short while he excelled in this to the extent that he became chief structural designer for one of America's largest aircraft companies. All during this time many of his friends told him there was absolutely no hope in this particular industry for a Negro. He paid no attention to these discouraging remarks or to criticism from other sources.

This particular illustration could be multiplied scores of times throughout America. The National Urban League has kept records of hundreds of such cases as this in the most unusual fields in American industry. The Urban League staffs in 56 cities are working daily making just such new opportunities for trained Negro people. In 1947 the Urban League placed more than 35,000 Negro workers and helped 1,015 employers in using Negro workers for the first time. It is not unusual for the Urban League personnel to make new job opportunities. As a matter of fact, we experience difficulty today in filling all of the applications that we have for trained and qualified Negro men and women in the various fields."

The National Urban League's Annual VOC is a concerted nationwide effort to make America aware of its responsibilities in providing full opportunity for training and employment of Negro men and women; in eliminating discrimination in all phases of industry; and in equalizing educational opportunities, with a special attention to planning his career and preparing himself for the careers that the Negro boy or girl will choose. It will be observed nationally during the entire week, March 14-21, 1948.