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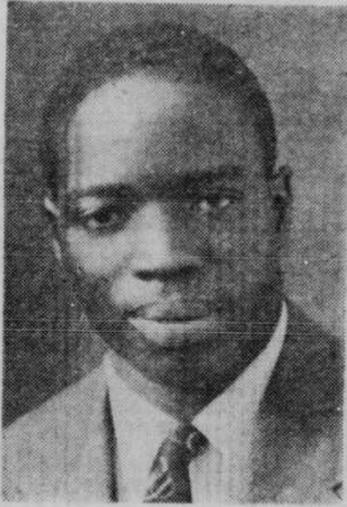


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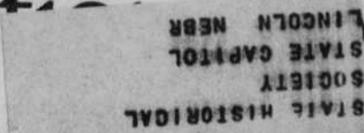
Lincoln 3, Nebraska

Thursday, April 8, 1948

Dedication of Omaha Long School



MR. SKINNER
Principal



MRS. JACKSON



MRS. MILLER



MRS. WOODS



MRS. HANGER



MRS. EWING



MRS. FAVORS



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REV. FAVORS

The Saga of Long School

By Rubie W. Shakespeare.

This week our paper is dedicated to Long School of Omaha, Neb.

For many, many years, Negro teachers have tried to get in the Omaha Public School System. For many years also, qualified Negro Teachers have been turned down. A few years ago, Omaha woke up and realized that teachers could not be denied the right to make this world a better educated one because of race. Negro teachers were hired! Many people are not exactly happy about it because most of the schools in which they are placed are in schools with predominately Negro students, and they feel that they are placed discriminatorily. Perhaps they are right! At present, this is not the issue at hand. For now we are studying the well qualified teachers. Six teachers teach at schools where there are both Negro and children of other races and find that the children respect them as they do any other teacher.

Omaha is a large metropolitan city of fifty-five elementary schools and five public high schools. It has over 1,000 teachers. Twenty-two of these teachers are Negroes. Therefore, about two per cent of the teachers in the system are colored. Of over 1,000 teachers, one hundred and sixty-one members have their master's degrees. Of twenty-two Negro teachers, twenty-two percent of them have their master's degrees. Compare this with the percentage of the master's degrees in the system as a whole. Omaha teachers who have not graduated from college are many in number, but every teacher at Long school has graduated from college and has received his B.A. or B.S. degree.

Long School has one of the finest educational records of any elementary school in Omaha and perhaps in the country. In most instances, those with master's degrees teach in high school or college.

Here is Long's wonderful record:

All thirteen teachers and the
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Rev. Harper Gets Pastorate In Missouri

Rev. G. W. Harper, pastor of Newman Methodist church, has received an appointment in Independence, Mo.

The Rev. Mr. Harper has been pastor of Newman Methodist church since September, 1945.

Rev. and Mrs. Harper has been very active in the affairs of the city. Their daughter, Ruby Lee, graduated from Lincoln High School last January. Their son, Joseph, is two and a half years old.

The Rev. Mr. Harper held his first service in Independence last Sunday. While in Lincoln, he served as president of the Negro Ministerial Alliance.

The Rev. W. M. Green, formerly pastor at Grand Island and Hastings, is the new pastor at Newman.

Pennsylvania G.A.R. Is Generous

MONTROSE, Pa. (ANP). A Negro girl, Miss Belle Price, will be sent to Washington, to appear in Constitution hall this month by the Montrose chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as its good citizenship award candidate from Pennsylvania, it was announced last week.

Miss Price, an 18 year old high school senior, was chosen because of her high scholarship, leadership, dependability, service and patriotism. She will be one of a large group of good citizenship girls from all over the country to be presented in the national meeting of the DAR in Constitution hall.

Dallas Adds to Police Force

DALLAS. (ANP). In special ceremonies at the Booker T. Washington high school last week, three colored officers were added to the Dallas police force to bring the city's total to four.

Many local leaders and officials attended the ceremonies as Jessie P. Dawson, William M. Starks and Charles R. Thompson were sworn in by Chief of Police Carl Hanson. Officer Benjamin Thomas, the city's first Negro policeman admitted last year, made one of the welcoming addresses at the program.

Education for Citizenship Week Begins for APA

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will begin the week of "Education for Citizenship" April 11, at the Mt. Zion Baptist church morning service.

The Rev. Mr. Bryant, pastor of the Omaha Seventh-day Adventist church will deliver the sermon.

The week will end with a three day radio program, April 17, 18 and 19th (11 a. m. Sat.; 10:30 p. m. Sun.; 10 p. m. Mon.) Participants on the program will be the mayor, superintendent of schools, two college professors and a Alpha representative from Omaha.

Tenderfoots Working for Second Class

Under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Adams, Scout Master of Troop 60, the Tenderfoots went to Antelope Park last Friday evening and passed Second-Class requirements in cooking and fire building.

The Tenderfoots are working on requirements for second class for Mothers' day court.

The candidates are: Joe Nathan McWilliams, Donavon Gatus, and Clifford Dunn.

Rosenwald Fund Cease Operation

CHICAGO. (ANP). The Julius Rosenwald fund, established in 1917 "for the well-being of mankind," will cease operations as of June 30, it was learned here last week. Set up by the Chicago philanthropist more than 30 years ago, it has expended some \$22,500,000 on varied projects ranging from rural schools for Negroes to coveted fellowships for writers, artists, musicians, scientists and educators of all races.

In fellowships, \$2,000,000 has benefited 600 Negroes and 250 whites. Among those receiving grants were the internationally famous Marian Anderson, who was able to continue her musical studies and Katherine Dunham, who left the University of Chicago campus to study native dances in the West Indies. A grant to Willard Motley enabled him to finish his best seller, "Knock on Any Door."

Atlanta Adds To Police Force

ATLANTA. (AP). Negro policemen, with instructions not to arrest white persons, patrolled Atlanta streets Saturday for the first time in the city's history.

When asked whether Negro police could arrest white persons, Chief Herbert Penkins said: "My instructions were specific to Negro officers. When they see a white man who should be arrested they are to call the police station and a squad car with white officers will be sent to make the arrest."

YWCA, LWV Will Sponsor Town Meet

On April 9th the YWCA and League of Women Voters of Lincoln will sponsor a town meeting. The subject is: "Your Unicameral Legislative Candidates and Today's Issues."

All 16 of the Legislative candidates have been invited as speakers. Each candidate will have five minutes to speak.

The public is invited to attend this meeting so that the voters will have an opportunity to meet in person the men who desire to be our legislative representatives. The public will be given the chance to direct questions to the candidates during the question and answer period.

The meeting is free and will start at 8 p. m.

14 Yr. Old Boy Given 30 Years

RALEIGH, N. C. (ANP). A 14-year-old boy, David Bryant of New Bern, was convicted and sentenced to a prison term of 30 years in the Orange County Superior court last week on charges of second degree burglary. He was found guilty of breaking into the home of Miss Lucille, a librarian at the University of North Carolina.

Publishers Confer With Forrestal and Royall

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Before boarding an army transport plane for a three week tour of military installation in Europe, the eight Negro editors and publishers invited to make the tour conferred last Thursday with Secretary of National Defense James Forrestal and Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall.

Those making the tour are: Dowdal H. Davis of the Kansas City Call, Carl Murphy of the Afro-American, Louis Martin of the Chicago Defender, William G. Nunn of the Pittsburgh Courier, Frank Stanley of the Louisville Defender, Carter Wesley of the Houston Informer, and Thomas Young of the Norfolk Journal and Guide. Their official escort is Lt. Thomas Martin of the army's public relations department.