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Urban League Launches Drive

Membership Drive Ends May 15 Popularity Contest Announced

By Charles Goolsby

Saturday, Mrs. Helene Foe, chairman of the membership campaign committee of the Lincoln Urban League, announced that plans for the annual membership drive had been completed.

In an interview, Mr. Clyde Malone, the League's Executive Secretary, declared that the local organization had 1,056 members in 1947 and the aim for this year is for at least that number. This was the largest per capital membership per city population of any Urban League in the country. Only one other Urban League, in Columbus, Ohio exceeds it in the number of members. The League's aim, he told, was "working for the development of the spiritual, social, educational and economic advancement of Negroes, but added that the organization is, and has always been interracial in its make-up. It seeks to supply those services which no other agency supplies to Negroes, and to work for their full inclusion in the programs of other social and welfare agencies."

According to figures made public earlier, the Lincoln Urban League provided a regular meeting place for 46 different groups in 1947. Housing was secured for some 224 persons and information was supplied in answer to over 400 requests.

Recreation, Mr. Malone pointed out, is critical for all Lincolnites, so the organization's youth program has stressed it. Recreation programs accounted for over 30,000 persons attending the League last year.

Among other activities announced by the League is its Duke and Duchess Revue, which promises to be one of the most beautiful affairs of the season. The revue and coronation, scheduled for May 14th, will climax a popularity contest between six young ladies for the place of Duchess. These girls and their court of princesses are now selling votes. The proceeds from the affair will be used to help clean up, improve and beautify the League's back yard. The six candidates are Loretta McWilliams, Susie Mae Whitehall, Jeanne Ivory, Betty Rose Huston, Delores Bowen and Marguerite Knowles. Just who the Duke will be has not been disclosed by the League's staff. They say you'll have to be on hand to learn his identity.

Vacation Bible School Teachers Confer for Summer

Mrs. Basilia Bell attended the Council of Christian Education at the Y.M.C.A. April 25 from 3 to 6 p. m.

She reported that Mrs. Storms of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Carl of the First Christian Church gave a demonstration of Visual Aids and their use in the Church School.

Plans for a Vacation Bible School were discussed among the fifteen churches represented.

The next meeting will be May 10th. Anyone who wants to participate should attend the next meeting at the First Christian Church May 10th at 7:30 p. m.

An appeal is made for teachers for the Vacation Bible School.

Gen. Davis to Retire This Year

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Gen. B. O. Davis, highest ranking Negro officer in the armed forces, will retire in June of this year, according to reports current here.

The 71-year old military leader, in good physical shape despite his advanced years, has been assigned to duty in the capital since war's end.

Recalled from retirement and promoted to the rank of brigadier general, Davis rose from the ranks to the highest post ever attained by a Negro in the military.

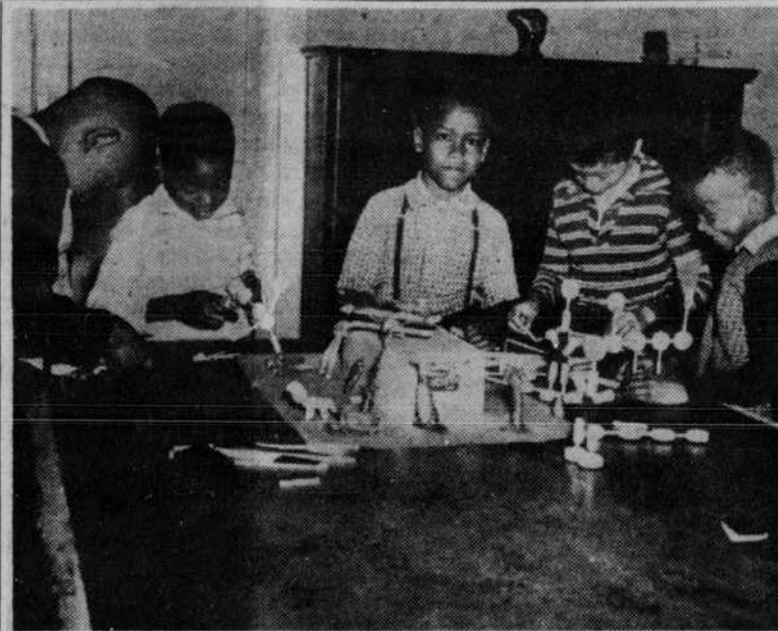
Under rules and regulations, should the general be retired in June, he will be retired at the rank previously held, colonel, as a congressional act is necessary to make his present rank permanent.

In the early days of the war, Gen. Davis was assigned to the inspector general's unit and made several reports on Negro troops in troublesome areas.

Gen. Davis' base pay since his elevation has been at the rate of \$6,600 per annum, plus allowances. A colonel's pay, infantry, is \$4,400 per annum, plus allowances. Retirement pay is a percentage of the base pay.

Pearl Chrisman Ramirez Taken by Death Monday

Mrs. Pearl Chrisman Ramirez, long time Lincoln resident, died in Omaha Monday, according to word received by her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, 1916 Vine street.



—Courtesy Lincoln Sunday Journal and Star.
URBAN LEAGUE FACILITIES USE GROWS—A rapid growth in the number of groups and individuals using the facilities of the Urban League has been registered during the past year. This photo shows a group of young hobbyists in the recreation rooms of the league building. (Staff Photo.)

N.U. Choral Union Presents 'Creation' 7 Negro Nuns Take Vows

Sunday the University of Nebraska Choral Union presented Haydn's masterpiece "The Creation" at the Coliseum. The orchestra and 700-voice ensemble under the direction of Prof. Emanuel Wishnow, presented the choral passages with majestic grace and power. Seen in the chorus were Mrs. Eugenia Brown, Florentine Crawford, Mrs. Edith Hill, Charles Johnson, Jeanne Malone and Robbie Powell. Barbra Kelley was in the orchestra.

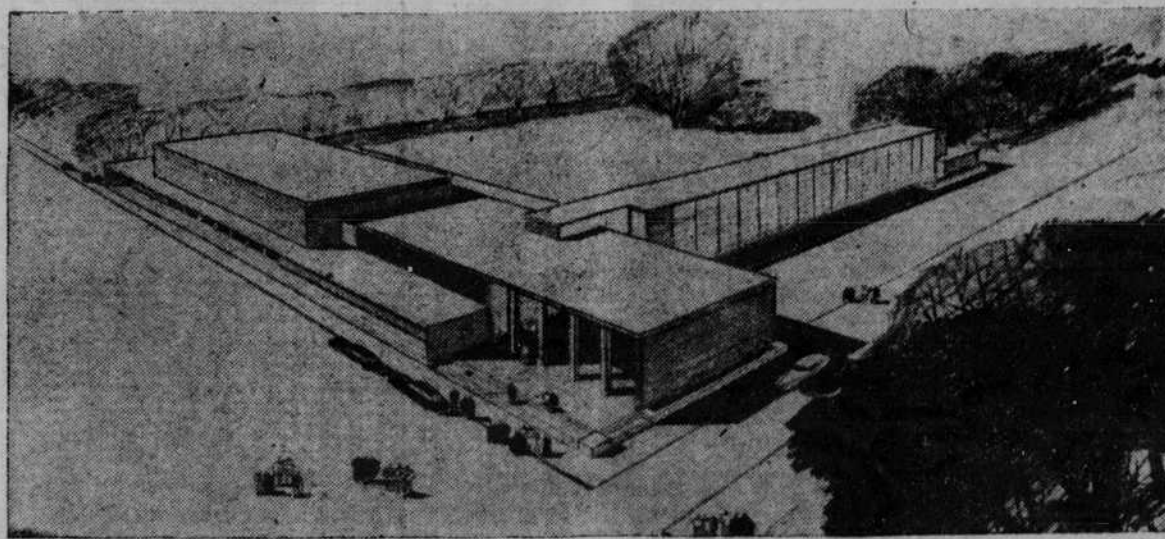
Hampton Man Named To Liberian Cabinet

MONROVIA, Liberia. (ANP). John B. Cooper has been named secretary of the department of agriculture and commerce. Mr. Cooper, member of a well known Liberian family, is a graduate of Hampton institute in the United States. This is the first time agriculture, easily one of the most important phases of the country's economic life, has been placed on a cabinet basis.

BALTIMORE. (A.N.P.) Seven Negro nuns took their first vows last week as Oblate Sisters of Providence, Negro sisterhood, at St. Frances convent. The new nuns are:
Sister M. Joanne Burke, Louisville; Sister M. Ernesta LaBlanc, New Orleans; Sister M. Evangelista Rhodes, St. Paul, Minn.; Sister M. Claudia Collins, Chicago; Sister M. Ellen Joseph Daniels, Savannah; Sister M. Romana Johnson, Trenton, N. J., and Sister Infanta Gonzales, New Orleans.

Quinn Chapel Holds Men's Day Celebration

The services at Quinn Chapel Sunday were sponsored by the men of the church. Rev. Frank Hale of Union College brought a very spiritual message, preaching from Psalms 1. Mr. Leroy Bookhardt sang a solo accompanied by his sister, Miss Lois Bookhardt. Mr. Clayton Lewis, Steward Board head, presided at the services.



Increased interest on the part of American Legion organizations in the \$250,000 campaign being conducted by the Legion in Nebraska to secure funds for the erection of a Nebraska Youth Memorial Building (pictured above) on the campus of the College of Agriculture is being shown in various places.

Typical of the Legion's attitude is a letter from Antelope Post No. 172 at Neligh. After stating that the building was discussed at length at a regular post meeting, Adjutant C. L. Gillespie reports, "It was unanimously agreed that the post here in Neligh should do all that it could to forward financially such a worthy undertaking." As a preliminary contribution from that city, the post voted to give the sum of \$152.00 on the basis of one dollar per member. Because that post has been active in the youth program, it stated it recognized the great need for such a building.

Leo Brinda Post No. 90 at Valentine is another which has gotten nicely under way with the campaign in its town, having sent in the first contribution of \$120.00 toward the building fund.

Other posts in the state have indicated a deep interest in the proposed building. Entertainments of various kinds and other methods are being used to raise funds for the building. In some places, the Legion organization is just getting nicely started, and active solicitation for funds has not begun.

Another generous contribution to match the larger ones already given was announced this week at Lincoln, when the Lincoln Voiture of the 40 & 8, Legion honor organization, voted to give \$1,000 to the building campaign.

Walter White Needles the Oregon Senator

Senator Morse, a member of the senate armed service committee stated that he had received many unfriendly letters and wires because he challenged Mr. Randolph's program. Among the wires received was one from Walter White which stated that the NAACP "would never cease its fight for the abolition of the vicious and undemocratic discrimination and segregation in the armed services."

Concerning the Randolph proposal, the Senator said:

"I should like to have an unequivocal rejection and repudiation of the Randolph program in all its aspects from Mr. White," he said.

In reply to Mr. Morse's wire, Mr. White disavowed "civil disobedience as an effective technique for solving the race problem." He expressed hope however, "that sufficient courage can be mustered by the government to do the simple thing which will make unnecessary and unthinkable any campaign if civil disobedience. That simple act is to wipe out segregation forthwith."

While Mr. White asserted that they had not counseled Negroes to refuse to serve their country, he concluded: "We would be less than honest and grossly derelict to the membership of the NAACP and to America itself if we did not say bluntly that the Negro is totally fed up with segregation in the armed services and will oppose in every legitimate and legal fashion such segregation."

Exhibit Art Work of Howard Prof.

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The work of Lois Mailou Jones, associated professor of art at Howard university, is now being exhibited at the Whyte gallery in Washington.

The one-man exhibit entitled "Paintings of Paris," is composed of a series of paintings done by the artist during several visits to Paris in recent years.

March on Capital For World Peace Is Planned Soon

CHICAGO. (ANP). The World Peace and Brotherhood mission, an interracial organization composed of ministers and church laymen and formed last Feb. 13-19 out of a Church of the Brethren Peace institute, held at Waterford, Calif., is planning a "caravan" march on the nation's capital with a view to encouraging the administration to establish a foreign policy, which will implement world brotherhood and peace "especially in our relationship to Russia, without appeal to arms, universal military training, or any other war method, economic or psychological." The organization is headed by the Rev. Paul B. Studebaker, Church of the Brethren, Modesto, Calif.