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## N. U. Students March On Capital, City Hall And Police Station

### In Protest Over Parking and Police Use of Tear Gas

On Friday, May 7, University of Nebraska students marched the main streets of Lincoln in demonstration against a parking situation on the campus. Fired to righteous indignation when Lincoln Police used tear gas and displayed riot weapons, the students marched on the Police station (above) and city hall amid shouts of "We want parking." The 3,000 students participating ended up in the rotunda of the State Capitol while Governor Val Peterson conferred with representatives. "The University is aware of the seriousness of the parking problem and is working consciously for its solution," said Dr. C. W. Borgmann, Dean of the Faculties.

## Capital Press Clubs to Hear Pearson, Young

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Drew Pearson noted columnist and radio commentator, and Thomas Young, president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers association, will be the principal speakers at the annual dinner of the Capital Press Club to be held at Frazier Hall, Howard university, Friday, May 7.

The Capital Press club, composed of newsmen and public relations specialists, was organized in Washington in 1944. Each year since an award has been presented at the annual dinner to the outstanding newsmen of the year. The honoree is selected by the membership of the organization.

## Ingrams Appeal To Ga. Supreme Court for Justice

AMERICUS, Ga. (ANP). Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, 40, and her sons, Wallace, 16; and Sammie Lee, 14, have appealed to the Georgia Supreme court against life sentences given them for murder of 66-year-old John E. Stratford, white, it was disclosed here last week by Atty. Austin T. Walden of Atlanta.

## School Student Wins in Atlanta Newspaper Essay

ATLANTA. (ANP). Juel Pate Borders, ninth grade student at David T. Howard high school, last week won a city-wide essay

## U.L. Glee Club Sings for Local Music Teachers

The twenty-three voices of the U. L. Girls Glee Club led the procession of choral groups that made up the mass chorus for the Lincoln Music Teachers Association at St. Paul Methodist Church on Sunday evening May 9th. The Glee Club, organized last winter by Mrs. Sara Walker, is under the direction of Mrs. Eugenia S. Brown, university music major. The group has presented programs at several local churches during the season and is the first Negro group to be invited to appear before the Teacher's meeting for many years.

The Glee Club contributed two spirituals to the program: "Sit Down Servant"; Vonna Finley, soloist and "My Lord, What a Mornin'," which featured Misses Winifred Winston, Jeanne Malone, Iona Adams and Phyllis Holcomb in quartet. Other groups appearing were the Westminster Antiphonal Choir, The Cretonians of Crete, Neb., the Trinity Methodist Jr. Choir and the Union College choir.

## Bill Robinson President of Actors Guild

NEW YORK. (ANP). Bill Robinson, world famous dancing star, was elected president of the Negro Actors guild last week. A new office, president emeritus, was established, and Noble Sissle was elected for his service to the guild in its early years.

Robinson's old title, honorary president, was eliminated. He was unanimously voted active president.

contest sponsored by the Atlanta Journal, local daily.

She submitted an essay on "Why I Like My Community High School" to the paper's annual Ready Writers' Essay contest. C. L. Gideons is principal of her high school. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Holmes Borders.

## Chicago To Train Police

CHICAGO. (ANP). Training of policemen in race relations will begin soon, Mayor Martin H. Kennelly of Chicago announced this week.

This answer was given in discussion of a recent recommendation by the Council against Racial and Religious Discrimination in a report of Negro-white friction in housing.

The council advised the "establishment of a special human relations detail and an in-service training program of intergroup relations in the Chicago police department."

The mayor said, "I believe the in-service training program is about ready to go into effect."

## Anne Brown to Wed Norwegian Olympic Star

OSLO, Norway. (ANP). Anne Brown, well known American singer, will be married here May 11 to Norwegian Olympic star, Thorleif Schjelderup. Miss Brown has been in Norway on concert tour where she has been well received.

Her husband-to-be is the son of a Norwegian supreme court judge. He is a law student. In the St. Moritz Olympic games last winter he placed third in the ski jumping events.

## Duke Celebrates 49th Birthday

NEW YORK. (ANP). Duke Ellington, one of the world's leading composers and band leaders, observed his 49th birthday last week with what he calls "a new design."

The new look is on the interior where Dr. George Cahill recently operated on the Duke to remove a kidney cyst.

At the Paramount theater where his band is making a personal appearance; Duke did not talk about his birthday or his music, he talked about his operation and stay in the hospital.

## Bishop Sherrill Honored at Civil Rights Meeting

GREENWICH, Conn. (ANP). The Greenwich branch of the NAACP last week presented a scroll to Bishop Henry Sherrill for his work as a member of President Truman's Civil Rights commission.

Bishop Sherrill, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, told the group that the scroll was not merely a tribute to him but to the work of the whole commission.

## B'nai B'rith Award Given

NEW YORK. (ANP). The man who headed President Truman's Committee on Civil rights, Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric company, last week received an "America's Democratic Legacy" award from the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai B'rith.

He was cited for his "courageous leadership" of the civil rights committee at his office. Four other legacy awards were made at the annual convention of the organization, May 5-7.

Those receiving these awards were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Barney Balaban, Darryl Zanuck and Dore Schary. Gov. Earl Warren of California and James Roosevelt spoke at that meeting.

## Named Supreme Court Law Clerk

WASHINGTON. (ANP). William T. Coleman of Philadelphia has been appointed law clerk to Justice Frankfurter of the United States Supreme court. This marks the first time a Negro has been appointed law clerk in the 158 years of existence of the United States Supreme court.

Coleman is a graduate in law from Harvard university in 1946, and served as law clerk to Circuit Judge Herbert F. Goodrich of Philadelphia for the past year.

It has been a tradition from the time of Justice Gray that Harvard law school pick the clerks for the justices occupying the New England chair on the high bench.

In selecting his aide Justice Frankfurter said he gave the school only two qualifications "professional equipment and character."

Coleman, who is 26 years old, is married and has a one year old son. He will receive a salary of around \$5,000.

He served in the army from 1943 to 1946 and was in training with the all-Negro 477th bomber squadron, designed for Pacific duty when the war ended.

## Boy Fights To Enter High School

WASHINGTON. (ANP). A 14-year-old high school student petitioned the district court here last week for permission to enter the white Central High school. The youth, Robert A. Whisonant, attends Dunbar High school.

The suit, filed by Carlton Whisonant, the boy's father, asked the court to rule that school officials had no authority to set up segregated schools. Members of the board of education, Superintendent of Schools Hobart M. Corning, and Principal Lawrence Hoover, of Central, are named as defendants.

Young Whisonant points out in his suit that when he graduated from Garnett-Patterson Junior High school last February, he was refused permission to attend Central, the high school most convenient to his home.

## Mrs. Ola Baker Succumbs

Mrs. Ola Baker, 1916 Vine street, succumbed on May 4, 1948, after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Baker was born in White-land, Kansas May 18, 1896 but for many years has made her home in Lincoln. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Willis Baker and four children: Willis Jr., Omaha; Lewis, Chicago, Mrs. Willard Shepard of Chicago, and Mrs. John Ward of Omaha; and one sister, Mrs. Raymond Smith of Sedalia, Mo.; three brothers, Hobert and Vernon Layer of Lincoln and Homer Layer of Omaha. Also Mrs. Ola Green of Kansas.

## Visit A.M.E. General Conference



Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Shakespeare left May 4 to attend the 33rd General Conference of the A.M.E. Church convening in Kansas City, Kansas. Rev. Shakespeare pastors a congregation at Hastings, Nebraska. Mrs. Shakespeare is a delegate from this district, and one of a very few women elected to such an office by the electoral colleges. More than 15,000 clergymen and laymen make up the convocation.