



PICTURED ABOVE ARE Albert Bowen and Betty Rose Huston who were crowned "Duke" and "Duchess" in the U. L. popularity contest. Albert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowen, 1600 Whittier and Betty Rose is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Huston of 2420 Holdrege.

Popularity Contest Winners Crowned In Colorful Rites

By Dorothy Green.

The evening of May 14th brought a colorful event to the citizens of Lincoln—the crowning of the "Duchess of L'Urbana." The royal ceremonies climaxed a drive to raise funds for the improvement of the property at 2030 "T" street. Winner of the contest was Miss Betty Rose Huston, who was crowned "Duchess" by Mr. Albert Bowen, mystery winner in the young men's division, who copped the place of "Duke". Miss Huston's attendants were Norma Dunn and Elois Finley. Her flower girl was Gloria Jean Williams, dressed in white satin. Winning second place was Loretta McWilliams. She was attended by Jeannette Venegar, Birdie and Doris Powell, Betty Bowman, Tony Smith, and Winifred Winston. Marlene Copeland and Joanne Botts were flower girls.

Third place winner was Margerite Knowles, who was attended by her sister, Mary Lou Knowles and Lois Hatcher.

A very entertaining program preceded the procession of the winners. It included a solo by Miss Emma White, two selections by the Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Eugenia Brown, a reading, "The Waltz," by Mavis Musgrave, Ag college student, and the singing of "Stout-hearted Men" by Cecil Hatcher. Barbara Kelley, accompanied by her mother played a very excellent violin solo. Pat Larsen sang very beautifully accompanied by Miss Anderson. Charles Campbell, assisted by Bill Whiteman and Sonny Walker, was master of ceremonies.

Veto of Jim Crow Law School Sought

ST. LOUIS. (ANP). As an expression of their opposition to a Jim Crow law school for Negroes in St. Louis, more than 150 persons signed a petition at the close of a race institute of young people of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed churches, last Sunday.

A resolution, asking the governor of Missouri to veto the bill to build a \$400,000 separate law school for colored people was adopted. The resolution described the measure as being grossly discriminatory. Seven aspects of interracial relations were discussed in the two-day sessions.

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Women Attend Truman Party

WASHINGTON. (ANP.) A number of Negro women holding executive positions in the government were among the 2,500 women attending the annual garden party given by Mrs. Truman at the White House, Tuesday.

Among those attending the elaborate affair were Mrs. Christine Hughes, secretary of Rep. William L. Dawson; Mrs. Thomasina W. Johnson, chief of minority group section, USES; Miss Wake Hall; Mrs. Harriet Young, Gertrude Brown, supervisor of Midway hall; Miss Rosebud Smith of the National Training School for girls; Mrs. Velma Williams, member of the district school board; Miss Annie Lee Davis of the children's bureau and Miss Edith A. Lyons, director of division 13, D. C. schools.

Miss Juineta Terry, secretary to Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, received an invitation but was unable to attend. Apparently all Negro women in top government position received invitations except Miss Louise Maxinne Dargans, secretary of Rep. Clayton Powell, who was again overlooked.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Sara Walker and Urban League Staff extend their thanks and appreciation for the co-operation given by the parents and many friends in the Duke-Duchess review. Such an interest contributed much to the success of the affair.

High Legal Body Issues Far-Reaching Decision

Florida Town Fires Negro Police

DANIA, Fla. (ANP). Negroes were wondering what next as this town of Dania fired the last of its two Negro policemen, Arthur Edwards, last week. Patrolman Smitty was fired several weeks ago.

The Negro Chamber of Commerce has demanded that the two colored patrolmen be replaced immediately. Citizens are wondering what is behind the firing because city officials have given no official reasons yet for Edwards' discharge.

Strike for Full Freedom Proposed

WASHINGTON. (AP). Senator Morse (r. Ore.) told a Negro leader Wednesday that he and millions of other Negroes would face treason charges if they carry out a threatened civil disobedience protest against services in the armed forces.

A. Philip Randolph, Negro president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (A.F.L.), replied to Morse that he and other Negroes are "willing to pay that price."

RANDOLPH, TOGETHER with other spokesmen for a "committee against Jim Crow in military service and training," told the senate armed service committee they will lead a civil disobedience drive unless army policies and laws remove racial segregation and discrimination.

Morse, together with Republican Senators Baldwin (Conn.) and Gurney (S. D.), listened to the lengthy protest against "Jim Crowism" from the Negro witnesses.

Then Morse, who is a supporter of the civil rights programs that have been blocked in congress, asked Randolph if he was saying that he would tell Negroes "Do not shoulder arms in protection of your country."

"That is correct," Randolph replied. "I would be doing my country a great service. If it does not develop the democratic processes at home then it is not the type of country worth fighting for."

Randolph had told the senators that millions of his race would refuse to register or serve under draft and UMT unless racial segregation and discrimination are ended.

—Lincoln Journal.

2 Commencement Speakers Chosen

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ANP). Anticipating one of the largest numbers in the history of the institution for graduation, commencement activities are being planned at Lincoln university. Commencement events began with Honors day convocation Thursday, May 13. President W. W. Parker, Southeast Missouri State college, Cape Girardeau delivered the main address on this occasion.

Commencement exercises are scheduled for 10 a. m. Monday, June 7 and baccalaureate services for Sunday, June 6, at 3:00 p. m. Dr. Clarence R. Decker, president of the University of Kansas City, will speak to the combined university graduates at the 83rd anniversary commencement. The Rev. P. H. Hill, Shiloh Baptist church, Topeka, Kan., has accepted the invitation to deliver the baccalaureate message.

Neither great poverty nor great riches will hear reason.

—SPANISH PROVERB.

Ruth Norman Featured In Denver Recital



Miss Ruth Norman, University of Nebraska music school senior and piano major, was featured in recital at the Zion Baptist Church in Denver, Colo., May 6th. She was assisted by the Zion choir under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Jones, formerly of Omaha. The recital, which was sponsored by the Denver Federated Clubs and the church choir, was Miss Norman's first public concert appearance.

Selections, ranging from a stately Bach suite to brilliant and rhythmic compositions of such moderns as Debussy and Copland, afforded the young artist an opportunity to display skilled work in fingering and interpretation. Miss Norman's playing was well-received and during an intermission, she was presented two large bouquets, one of calla lilies and the other of favorite spring flowers. Many patrons sent wires and other congratulatory messages. The program was as follows:

French Suite I Bach
Allemande
Courante
Prelude
Jig
Capriccio 10 Op. 116 No. 7 Brahms
Miss Norman
II
Festival Te Deum Buck
Zion Senior Choir
III
Sonata in G minor Op. 22 Schumann
Prestissimo
Andantino
Scherzo
Rondo
Prestissimo (Finale)
Miss Norman
IV
Swing Low Sweet Chariot Swift
Zion Senior Choir
Prelude Op. 12 No. 7 Prokofiev
Prelude Op. 11 No. 15 Scriabine
Scherzo (Humoristique) Copland
(The Cat and The Mouse)
Jardins sous la Pluie Debussy
(Gardens in the Rain)
Miss Norman

Two encores were demanded by the audience, to which Miss Norman responded to with "Nocturne in C sharp Minor" (Chopin) and "General Levine" —eccentrique (Debussy). She is a member of the A. K. A. society and the Uni Y. W. C. A.

Housemaids Fly To U.S. Jobs

ST. THOMAS, V. I. (ANP). The first contingent of Virgin Islands-born housemaids left here recently by plane, bound for the U. S. to take over domestic help positions in New York and Chicago. Recruited by the Cosmopolitan Employment agency, Miami, they are but a portion of a large number who have been registered and are awaiting their turn to go to the States. Puerto Ricans are also included among registrars.

Restrictive Vows Not In Accord With U.S. Policy

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Negro home owners and prospective property owners are still rejoicing over the supreme court's decision to outlaw restrictive covenants, while many whites are expressing bitter resentment.

Minority groups have waited anxiously for nearly four months for the decision of these cases originating in Michigan, Missouri and the District of Columbia, which were argued before supreme court in January.

The opinion handed down by Chief Justice Fred Vinson declared that the covenants themselves were legal but were judicially unenforceable because they deny protection of laws to all citizens.

As proof that the enforcement of restrictive covenants by state courts was illegal, the chief justice quoted the 14th amendment which "declares that all persons, whether colored or white, shall stand equal before the laws of the states and in regard to the colored race, for whose protection the amendment was primarily designed, that no discrimination shall be made against them by law because of their color."

"It is not consistent with the public policy of the United States to permit federal courts in the nation's capital to exercise general equitable powers to compel action denied the state courts where such state action has been held to be violative of the guarantee of the equal protection of the laws," the opinion stated.

Mr. Justice Reed, Mr. Justice Jackson and Mr. Justice Rutledge took no part in the consideration or decision of these cases. The other six justices voted unanimously on the decision.

N.N.I. Week May 10-15

RICHMOND, Va. (ANP). The National Negro Insurance week was observed by all the major insurance companies, members of the National Negro Insurance association during the week of May 10-15.

"This is the 14th annual observance of insurance week," said C. L. Townes, chairman of the NNI week committee, "and our goal was production of 60 million dollars in life insurance during that week."

NAACP Expresses Thanks to All

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People expresses thanks to everyone who helped to make the Dinner and Membership Drive successful.

Mr. Madison S. Jones expressed that the Lincoln Mass Meeting was one of best attended of his trips.

The NAACP wishes to thank especially the VOICE for its news coverage in keeping the meeting before the public eye.