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## 7,500 March For Civil Rights Legislation

WASHINGTON. (ANP). An all-out drive for civil rights legislation was launched in Washington this week after 7,500 civic and social leaders from all parts of the country gathered in the nation's capital to urge the passage of an anti-lynching bill, fair employment practices legislation and an anti-poll tax measure before the adjournment of the 80th congress.

The visitors also expressed the strongest possible opposition to the Mundt-Nixon bill now pending before the senate judiciary committee.

A mass meeting held at Sylvan theater at the foot of the Washington monument Wednesday evening climaxed a day of busy activity by the delegation. Speakers participating in this meeting included Paul Robeson, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Rep. Leo Isaacson, Editor Percy Green, Mrs. Ada Jackson and Judge Joseph Rainey.

The delegates milled around on Capitol Hill the greatest portion of the day. Dividing themselves into groups of five, they visited their representatives requesting them to vote to defeat the Mundt bill. Many of the senators, however, refused to see the delegations from their states.

A well organized picket line composed of near 4,000 persons led by Paul Robeson paraded four-abreast on the Pennsylvania side of the White House Wednesday afternoon. Picket lines were also thrown around the headquarters of the National Democratic and Republican committees.

The group called itself the "National non-partisan delegation to Washington for passage of Civil Rights Legislation" and was supported by trade unions and peoples' organizations.

Among its sponsors were listed such well known Negro leaders as Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Roscoe Dunjee, Mrs. Estelle Massey Osborne, Earl B. Dickerson, Frank Marshall Davis, Rev. W. H. Jernagin, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Dr. Oliver C. Cox, Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, Louis E. Burnham, Capt. Hugh S. Mulzac and others.

## Interracial Scout Troop Receives Charter in Mich.

SAGINAW, Mich. (ANP). A large crowd of parents and friends cheered as Boy Scout Troop 26, the only interracial troop in the Valley Trails council, received its charter recently at the Church of God.

Scout Commissioner Andrew W. Forbes presented the charter to Clarence Davis. The commissioner gave a short talk on "The American Way of Youth." Davis is chairman of the committee.

Troop 26, one of the youngest troops in the area, was formed three months ago. Commissioner Forbes has formed an interracial Cub scouts unit, too, Cub Pack 326.

## Vacation Church School Opens June 21

Vacation Church School begins Monday, June 21 at 9:30 o'clock in the Urban League building.



Miss Doris Powell, granddaughter of Mrs. Birdie Artis was on the scholarship roll three semesters at Whittier Jr. high school. Betty Rose Huston and Mary Lou Knowles were also on the scholarship roll for three semesters.

Honor Roll (five semesters)  
Mary Lou Knowles.  
Efficiency Roll:  
Ionna Adams.  
Betty Rose Huston.

## Millard 'Mitsey' T. Woods, Jr., Graduates

Millard T. Woods, better known as Mitsey, spent most of his school days in Lincoln until about one and a half years ago when he moved to Muskegon, Mich., with his parents.

Mitsey was graduated from the Muskegon high school June 10th. He was a member of the orchestra and band when he played the tenor saxophone.

Mitsey expects to enter the University of Nebraska next fall.

## Chattanooga Adds 5 to Police Force

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (ANP). Five uniformed Negro policemen, the first in many years, were named to the Chattanooga police force by Commissioner Roy Hyatt last week.

The new men, picked after very careful screening, are Reuben D. Jones, 30; Arthur Heard, 30; Fred Reynolds, 31; Thomas W. Patterson, 30, and Singer Askins, 31.

## Amsterdam News A Semi-Weekly

NEW YORK. (ANP). A Negro daily newspaper in the nation's largest city came a step nearer to reality at the beginning of this month when the New York Amsterdam News began publishing every other day of the week. The News had been published semi-weekly in New York, and as a weekly tabloid in a national edition.

There are two Negro dailies in the United States now, the Atlanta Daily World in Atlanta and the Ohio Daily Express of Dayton. Several colored papers including the Philadelphia Tribune, the Baltimore Afro-American and the Detroit Tribune, are semi-weeklies.

## Wins Coveted Cornell U English Prize

ITHACA, N. Y. (ANP). George H. Fowler of New York City was named winner of the coveted Stewart Lyndon Woodford prize for the best English oration by a Cornell university senior.

Mr. Fowler is the first Negro student to win the award, which carries with it a cash prize of \$120, since its establishment by the former New York governor in 1870. When he receives his degree in June, he will also be the first Negro to be graduated from the university's three year old school of industrial and labor relations. The young World War II veteran has been an outstanding member of the Cornell debating team and has presided as chairman over intercollegiate debates with some of the leading schools in the east. He was also treasurer of the student council of the school of industrial and labor relations.

The winner's oration, on "The Diseases of Democracy," was a compelling comparison of Athenian and American societies. The suppression of free speech, class prejudice and lack of active citizen participation in political affairs, which caused the collapse of democracy in Athens, Mr. Fowler declared, and the dangers threatening democracy in America today. He emphasized the evil in oppression of minority groups and indifference to citizenship responsibility.

Mr. Fowler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens H. Fowler, Sr. of New York City. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

## Bishop Gregg Honored By Kansas University Alumni

LAWRENCE, Kans. (ANP). Bishop John A. Gregg of the AME church, Kansas City, was one of six alumni honored by the University of Kansas Alumni association last week at the association's annual meeting.

This citation is the equivalent of an honorary degree from the university itself. The citation to Bishop Gregg read:

"For the quality and breadth of his leadership in the field of religion and education, and for the effect of his influence for good will among all people, the Alumni association of the University of Kansas cites John A. Gregg, graduate of the class of 1902.

"He was for years a missionary in South Africa, was successively president of Edwards College, of Wilberforce University and of Howard University, and became bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church first for the 17th Episcopal district covering South Africa and later for the fifth Episcopal district covering central United States. During World War II he traveled around the world as an emissary of the United States government among American troops for observing and building morale. In that service he won the high civilian recognition the Award of Merit."

## Truman Still Against Armed Forces Bias

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The segregation issue which is being injected into the congressional fight over selective draft has not changed President Truman's stand on the elimination of discrimination in the armed forces.

After explaining to the President at a news conference last week that some supporters of the draft act feared that its chances for passage had been hindered by the position he had taken, one reporter then asked whether the President was willing to modify his stand.

The President replied that his request to secretary of defense, James A. Forrestal, still stood.

Here the President was referring to his civil rights message to congress early in February when he complimented the army for the progress it had made toward equalizing the opportunities in the armed services without regard to race, color or national origin. He then added that he had given instruction to the secretary of defense to take steps to have the remaining instances of discrimination in the armed services eliminated as soon as possible.

In spite of the President's request, the so-called "Russell amendment" waits in the senate to be brought up when the draft bill reaches the floor. This amendment gives every draftee the right to demand that he be assigned to a military unit composed entirely of members of his own race.

## Hobby is Profitable



(Courtesy of the Roberts News.)

Guy Stephens—his boyhood experience "paid off" during hard times.

When Guy Stephens was only 14, he worked for his uncle in Manhattan, Kans., pulling nails out of old lumber before and after school. He admits that he soon grew sick and tired of the job which kept him from joining other youngsters at play, but in later years he found that the experience he gained as a lad was to serve him first as a livelihood, then as a hobby.

Carpenter work was the furthest thing from his mind, how-

ever, when he joined the Lincoln branch as a custodian in 1925. And it was not until 1930 that he again picked up the hammer and saw—finding in them a solution to the decreased earnings which came as a result of the depression years.

It was about this time that a lady came to his door, selling whatnots made from old orange crates. She did no business at the Stephens' residence, but she

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## California U Newspaper Has Negro Editor

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). A native of Los Angeles, J. Horace Hampton, was elected by the student body as editor of the California Aggie, weekly newspaper of the University of California. Hampton is a student in the college of agriculture.

A U. S. Marines veteran, Hampton was a public relations NCO for his unit. He is a member of Alpha Phi Gamma, honorary journalistic fraternity, and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

## Oklahoma City's First Negro Disc Jockey

OKLAHOMA CITY. (ANP). Oklahoma City's first Negro disc jockey went on the air for the first time last week when radio station KTOW (800 on the dial) hired Clayton White. He is being heard five days a week, Monday through Friday at 4 p. m.

Negotiations with sponsors are already in progress, according to White. The station's managers, Neal Baird and Ted Cramer, reported that they have received a large number of phone calls about the program.

## Quinn Chapel 1949 Calendar Drive Begins

The Quinn Chapel Usher Board Auxiliary that is responsible for the fine calendars put out each year, will meet at the residence of Mrs. R. G. Huston, 2420 Holdrege, Sunday, June 20th, at 4 p. m.

The purpose of the Sunday meeting is to start the drive for the 1949 calendars.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams is Chairman and Mrs. John Robinson is secretary.