

# THE VOICE



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## People You Should Know



The Dale H. Weekes  
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It was my very delightful pleasure two years ago to meet a lovely little lady whom I came to know as Irene who was serving on a committee in Kappa Phi Alumnae organization, a Methodist club of University women. Later at an Urban League Annual Dinner meeting Irene introduced me to one of the board members, her husband, Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale H. Weekes and their two children Dennis 5 and Carol 4 who came to Lincoln in September 1944 are not only lovely homemakers but a definite part of social, civic and religious activities in the various communities which they serve.

Mr. Weeks heads the departments of Economics and Business Administration at Wesleyan University. He received his bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from the University of Iowa and he has done graduate work at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Weeks was elected president of the Lincoln Urban League in January and he is a

member of the board of directors of the North East branch of the Y. M. C. A. He is also a member of the official board of the first Methodist church.

Mrs. Weeks received a bachelor of science degree in home economics at Iowa State and a master of arts degree in Child Welfare Education at the University of Iowa and taught 3½ years before coming to Lincoln. She is president of Central Circle No. 2 of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist church, a member of the official board and an officer of the Young Married Group's Sunday School class. Mrs. Weeks expresses with gratitude the pleasure which she has received in her contacts at the Urban League.

On one occasion when Rev. Shakespeare and I were guests in their home we were royally entertained by Dennis and Carol. I was almost amazed with the complacency on this first meeting and the extremely interesting manner in which they displayed their love for people, and the cordial invitation which they extended for our return.

## Negro Aviators To Meet in First Convention Oct. 1

NEW YORK. (ANP). The first National Negro Aviation convention will be held here Oct. 1-3, under the sponsorship of the Warhawk Aviation club, and will bring together many former members of the 99th and 100th Fighter squadrons, the 332nd and 477th Bomber squadrons, and a host of prominent figures in commercial and civilian aviation.

The Warhawks, organized in 1946 by Archie Smith, former army flight instructor at Tuskegee Army Air school, is primarily for those interested in flying. The club offers its members to continue their flying hobby at reduced rates.

During the three-day meet, there will be a public forum, organizational meetings, a dinner and a dance. The convention will

## Ex-Slave Dies, Age 115

TEXARKANA, Ark. (ANP). Funeral services were held here last week for Mrs. Harriet Vaughan, an ex-slave who died at the age of 115.

Only a week before her death she foretold her passing by saying that one of her four dead children appeared to her in her sleep and said, "I'm coming back next week to take you with me."

end with an air show at Westchester county airport, White Plains, N. Y.

Organizers and officers of the convention are Archie Smith and Edward O. Gibbs, executive directors; Louis C. Bursterman, treasurer; and Charles Penner, Howie Baylor, Lee Hayes, Leon Malone, Mrs. Archie Smith and Mildred Stewart, executive board members.

## Msgr. Wegner Named Head Of Boys Town

OMAHA. (AP). Right Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, chancellor of the Omaha archdiocese, Wednesday was named successor to the late Right Rev. Msgr. E. J. Flanagan as director of Boys Town.

The appointment was made by Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha, president of the board of trustees of Father Flanagan boys' home.

Rev. Edmond C. Walsh, assistant director to Father Flanagan, has been acting director of Boys Town since the latter's death.

Msgr. Wegner, a native Nebraskan, was ordained a priest in Rome in 1925. He came the same year as an assistant at St. Cecilia's cathedral. He was named as assistant chancellor in 1929 and chancellor of the diocese ten years later. Since 1936, he has served as director of St. James orphanage.

Msgr. Wegner served as administrator of the arch-diocese of Omaha after the death of Archbishop James Hugh Ryan until the installation of Arch-bishop Bergan.

## Nation Mourns Ira F. Lewis

Ira Foster Lewis, 65, for eight years president and general manager of the Pittsburgh Courier, Publishing Co., died at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, Aug. 28, of a heart attack in a suite at the Commodore hotel, New York City.

Mr. Lewis also was president of Interstate United Newspapers, Inc., and a member of the board of directors of the Negro Newspaper Publishers association.

Gathered at the bedside at the time of his death were members of his immediate family.

### Dramatic Life.

Mr. Lewis' death brings to a close a dramatic and exciting chapter of American life, a life dedicated to recognition of Negroes as first class citizens in this country.

Born in Lexington, N. C., on Aug. 25, 1883, he lived his early years in Charlotte, attending Biddeford university for one year before leaving for the North.

## Marchers Reveled in Color In Elks Convention Parade

Fred Nevels, Lincoln delegate from Cornhusker Lodge No. 579 was on hand in Cincinnati to see the 30,000 parade on the opening day of their golden jubilee and "they just poured on the gold—golden dresses, golden tiaras, golden badges, shoes, purses," according to the report.

The marchers reveled in color and in the lively music of scores of the best bands and drum corps from all parts of the country.

"There were many magnificent floats," said Mr. Nevels, "each one shot with color and each one laden with a cargo of handsomely dressed women and children. Outstanding were the group of women wearing beautiful gowns of a half century ago—when the order was founded."

While the whole parade was gay, one float, with men repre-

## Human Rights Theme For Delta Sigma Theta Convention

### Churchman Passes Half Century Mark



REV. F. F. MOTEN

The Rev. F. F. Moten, for 50 years a distinguished minister and presiding elder of the AME church, will celebrate his golden anniversary September 16, at Bethel AME church, Kansas City, Mo. Distinguished churchmen will grace the program and his daughter, Etta Moten, will sing.

### Guardsmen Train Without Friction

PEEKSHILL, N. Y. (ANP). High teamwork was displayed between Negro and white troops of the State War Disaster Military corps of the New York State Guard at Camp Smith. According to Maj. Gen. Edwin G. Ziegler the comradeship surpassed all expectations. No friction develops in the side by side training in the field or on the rifle range.

This is the first time that Negroes from Harlem and Brooklyn have been at Camp Smith with white troops from all over the state. Heretofore the non-Nordic troops were trained after all other groups had had use of the camp at the end of the season.

Some 500 Negroes were among the 1,200 guardsmen on hand at the experimental venture. Maj. Emanuel A. Lucas and Maj. Alonzo Brown, were the staff members of Harlem and Brooklyn who saw their trainees through the routine and on the ranges.

(ST. LOUIS, Mo.)—The Twentieth National Convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in its closing session at the Kiel Municipal Auditorium, adopted an action program pledging its membership of 11,000 women in 183 chapters to year-round effort in the struggle for human rights.

The emphasis of the biennial program is taken from the theme of the Convention, "Human Rights Our Challenge—Our Responsibility." The Convention endorsed the proposed Civil Rights program of the American Council on Human Rights and went on record to work for the elimination of segregation and discrimination in national and international life. Major action, which came in the form of a resolution, called for the passage of an Anti-Poll Tax Bill, and an Anti-Lynching Bill; abolition of segregation and the assurance of integration of Negroes in the Armed Services; abolition of segregation in public transportation; and abolition of all forms of segregation and discrimination in the Nation's capital.

Approximately 500 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, from all sections of the country, representing 128 graduate and undergraduate chapters were in attendance at the historic meeting. The delegates urged maximum aid for the strengthening of the Liberian economy.

### Trainer Honored For Good Work

SEATTLE. (ANP). Joseph A. Johnson, a checker and trainer at the Seattle port of embarkation, was honored for his outstanding work.

Although a civilian, he received his award, "additional within-grade salary advancement for superior accomplishment," before a military and civilian group. Col. William H. Donaldson, Jr., port commander, presented the award, and the Fort Lawton band provided music.

His award, the second of its kind ever given by the Seattle POE, was for "outstanding ability and initiative far beyond job requirements in training and developing fork lift operators under his supervision."

Back in 1946 he received the Meritorious Civilian Service award. Col. Johnson said:

"It has been brought to my attention that you have been most conscientious in informing your subordinates of matters which concern them and of their responsibilities toward their job."

"You have inspired confidence in your men because of your impartial approach to problems and because of this, turnover in personnel under your supervision has been negligible."

"It has also been most pleasing, Mr. Johnson, to hear from visiting officials, when making inspections of the courteous treatment accorded them. Your courtesy has not only reflected favorably upon yourself but also upon this command."

### Funeral Service For Dr. Ernest E. Graves

Funeral service for Dr. Ernest E. Graves who died Saturday morning will be held at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. John Favors officiating.