

## 3 Women Ordained

### AMEs Close 28th Annual Nebraska Conference In Omaha; Inspired Meeting

The 28th session of the Nebraska Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church closed Sunday, October 11, and marked the turning point in the history of African Methodism. After invoking the sweeping changes made in the church laws last Spring, the Conference held in St. John AME church at 22nd and Willis Strs., Omaha, ordained seven persons as deacons, three of whom were women.

Evangelist Etta D. Johnson, resident of Kansas City, Kansas for the past 20 years, was the first of three women to be ordained during the 28th session of the Nebraska Annual Conference which was held at Omaha, Nebraska October 6-10. Mrs. Esther Ophelia Randall also of Kansas City, Kansas and Miss Belva Spicer of Lincoln, Nebraska were the other two women to be ordained local Deacons in the African Methodist Episcopal church.

The Rt. Rev. D. Ormonde Walker, presiding Bishop, stated that it was the most historic event since the organization of the church. One other woman is reported to have been ordained in one of the other districts. The ordinations were made possible by a law passed by the General Conference in May 1948.

The Reverend Miss Belva Spicer, who makes her home with her mother at 1821 No. 29th Street, Lincoln, Neb., received her formal education at the University of Nebraska with an A.B. and Masters degrees in the field of Political Science and English.

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### Rep. Powell Straddles Fence

NEW YORK. (ANP). Congressman Adam Clayton Powell last week denied a published report that he has broken relations with Congressman Vito Marcantonio and decided to support President Truman.

In a public statement the fiery Harlem minister and political figure made it clear that he and Marcantonio "are as friendly today as we have ever been" and that "I have not decided as yet whether to support Truman, Wallace or Dewey."

### Named To Civil Service FEPC Board

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Eugene Kinckle Jones, general secretary of the National Urban League, and Jesse H. Mitchell, president of the Industrial Bank of Washington, have been appointed as members of the seven-man Fair Employment Board of the Civil Service Commission.

The establishment of such a board was authorized by the President's executive order issued July 26, setting up a Fair Employment Practices Commission in the federal government.

Members of this board were appointed by the Civil Service Commission and were announced Thursday by Mrs. Francis Perkins. The other five members were Guy Moffatt, chairman; Fred C. Croxton, Dr. Ethel Dunham, Daniel W. Tracey and Judge Anna Belle Matthews.

### Department Head



Mrs. M. W. Johnson

Mrs. Marjorie Witt Johnson is the new chairman of the Group Work Department of the Atlanta University School of Social Work.

She has had thirteen years of experience in several of America's outstanding agencies: including the Chicago Commons, the Newberry Center of Chicago, the Y.W.C.A. of Chicago, the Recreation Division of the Housing Authority of Chicago, and the Karamu House of Cleveland, Ohio. She has supervised students from the schools of social work in both cities.

Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Oberlin College and Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Science, Cleveland, Ohio; where she received the Master's Degree in Social Group Work. (ANP)

### Negro Is Ass't. Superintendent In Detroit P.O.

DETROIT. (ANP). In Detroit, one of the "unwritten" laws applied in the upgrading of Negroes in the post office is being defied. This city postal department has a Negro serving as assistant superintendent.

This ranking postal worker is Andrew S. Waundles who has come up through the ranks and served on every shift on all types of jobs. He was appointed to his present office, assistant superintendent of mails, Aug. 16, 1948.

The promotion of Waundles is a tribute to the fair policies of Postmaster Hueston. Within the past 20 years several Detroit postal officials had made reputations with their anti-Negro acts. Some of them refused to let a colored worker even sell stamps from a window.

This procedure and other efforts to keep the colored workers down are being made a thing of the past by the Huston administration.

He attended Wiley college and

### Suit Filed For G. W. Carver's Birthplace

JOPLIN, Mo. (ANP). Appointment of a five-man appraising commission by Federal Judge Albert A. Ridge of Kansas City this week was the first follow through of a legal suit brought in federal court here in June to condemn land for the site of a memorial to the late Dr. George Washington Carver.

Judge Ridge appointed the commission to assess damages in connection with the condemnation action that was brought by the government against Dr. and Mrs. Dawson W. Derfelt of Joplin. The Derfelts, who operate a hospital here, recently acquired the 210-acre farm which includes the place of Dr. Carver's birthplace.

Construction of a memorial shrine honoring the distinguished American scientist was authorized by congress. Dr. Carver was born in a cabin on the farm which is near Diamond, Mo. When the present owners of the land could not agree on a purchase price, the government brought legal action.

Fisk university. He was born in Beaumont, Tex. He was married in 1923 to the former Wilhemina Webb of Detroit. He has two children, Andrew Jr. and Mrs. Jeanne Guzman and a grandchild Andrew III.

### Rev. J. B. Brooks New Pastor At Quinn Chapel AME Church



The Rev. J. B. Brooks comes to the Lincoln pastorate after seven successful years at Allen Chapel AME church in Omaha. He has an A. B. degree from Western University, and a Doctor of Divinity from the Bishop William School of Religion in Kansas City, Kas. His interest in the civic affairs of Omaha included chairmanship of the Industrial Relations committee of the Urban League; member of the board of directors of the Urban League; president and organizer of the Omaha Neighborhood Council, an organization that has to do with the interpretation and function of

### Pittenger Reviews Republican 2-Yr. Record in State Gov't

By Charles M. Goolsby.

At an open meeting of the University Y.M.C.A. last Wednesday night, Mr. James Pittenger, administrative assistant to the governor, apprized students of the problems and progress of the present state administration. He declared that the problems of the last two years were those

### Mr. James Pittenger



—From The Lincoln Journal  
He had the Dope on the Roads

"There is not a book on earth so favorable to all the kind and to all the sublime affections, or so unfriendly to hatred and persecution, to tyranny, injustice, and to every sort of malevolence, as the Gospel."—Beattie.

### Notice

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that had built up mostly before the war; and were deferred by the war. Such problems were little different from those encountered by students, workers or farmers. "Only two things are necessary to beat them," he said, "—a willingness to work and respect for the value of money."

Speaking of the state's institutions, he related that in 1946 there were only 12 registered nurses and 2 psychiatrists to care for approximately 10,000 persons in the state's hospitals and correctional institutions. These staff members worked an average of 60 hours weekly for an average wage of \$100 per month. Now the number of nurses has been greatly increased and the work week lowered to 48 hours. "One of the most important things for the state's institutions," he continued, "was the 1-mill levy for buildings for the University and other institutions used in developing our youth—backbone of the state."

Concerning roads, he reminded the group that in Nebraska there are about 100,000 miles of roads of various grades. Nebraska is eighth in the nation in road mileage, 27th in population and 23rd in income. The past two years the state has been on its biggest road-building project. Last year 9 million was spent on roads and this year more than 12 million have gone into construction and maintenance. At present prices, it costs about \$55,000 a mile to lay concrete road and \$30,000 a mile to put down 6-inch blacktop. Most of the roads laid have been blacktop for reasons of economy. Increased concrete roads are contemplated when the price of materials has been reduced somewhat.

The average Nebraskan pays \$38.78 a year for taxes as compared to \$52 in Iowa, \$51 in Kansas, \$50 in Wyoming and \$91 in Washington state.

"The fact that we can operate on that amount shows good management," Pittenger said.

In answer to the question "How does the Governor stand on a good F. E. P. C. bill?" he stated that he "didn't know," but felt that "he would react very favorably." He then cited Peterson inaugural speech of 1946 in which he held that the rights of labor must be preserved.

In opening his remarks, Pittenger averred that this was Gov. Peterson's record and that he was "proud of it." Peterson received his A.B. from Wayne and M.A. in political science from the University of Nebraska.

### Lillian Evanti Concludes Successful Concert Tour of Mexico

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Miss Lillian Evanti, noted lyric-coloratura soprano, returned here recently from a successful concert tour of Mexico, Texas and North Carolina. Critics acclaimed her voice and style throughout all her Mexican engagements, and one audience gave her a 10-minute ovation for her rendition of "Estrellita" by the late Manuel Ponce.

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