



Senate Hears Adams

Governor Peterson Calls For A Rededication to Lincoln Ideals

Friday, Feb. 11, the state legislature heard Sen. John Adams Sr. as orator for the annual Lincoln Day observance. The officials of the state attended the formal ceremonies, held in the West chamber at 11, including Gov. Val Peterson and his staff, the Supreme Court, the legislature, constitutional officers, Brig. Gen. Guy Henninger and his staff from the Nebraska national guard.

After a brief introduction by Chaplain E. C. Hansen, Charles Chambers, Doane College student, declaimed Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Music was furnished by Doane College and prayer was offered by Rabbi Samuel Baron.

Senator Adams delivered his discourse in oratorical form rarely heard in our day. Speaking on "Providence and Abraham Lincoln" he held his audience spellbound. "When, in spite of embarrassment, a leader rises to the magnitude of performing such a miracle as stemming the crisis of a cessation struggle," he averred, "liberating four million slaves and holding intact a government like ours, we can but conclude that such genius was divinely assisted and achieved beyond the capabilities of man."

Gov. Val Peterson issued a proclamation setting Feb. 12 as "a day in which we Nebraskans should rededicate ourselves to the principles enunciated by the Great Emancipator." Senator Adams received a copy.

NAACP Publishes Survey of Negro Presidential Vote

NEW YORK. (ANP). Sixty-nine percent of the total Truman-Dewey votes cast in predominantly Negro areas of cities throughout the country in the 1948 election went to President Truman, according to a survey published recently by the NAACP.

The NAACP report, based on tabulations of returns submitted by the association's branches in 23 states, notes that Negro voters supported President Truman even in some communities that have traditionally been republican strongholds, and indicates that in several cases the Negro vote held the balance of power which swung a city or a state into the Truman column.

Reports on the Wallace vote showed a negligible count in all localities except New York and California.

Mrs. Whitebear Taken by Death

Mrs. Marcella Whitebear, 22, of 2030 U, ill for some time, died at her home early Tuesday morning. She was born in Lincoln.

Surviving are a daughter Carol, of Los Angeles; two sons, Michael Joe and Donald Ray, both of Los Angeles; mother, Mrs. Ida Lee Robinson of Des Moines, Ia.; father, Harold Talbert of Los Angeles; stepmother, Mrs. Ruth Talbert of Los Angeles; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose English of Los Angeles and Mrs. Lulu Talbert of Lincoln; great grandfather, Mose Stepney of Lincoln, and ten sisters and brothers.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at Umbergers, with Rev. Trago McWilliams, jr., officiating.

In Pershing Rifles



Gerald Henderson, mechanical engineering Freshman, was initiated into the exclusive Pershing Rifles, University of Nebraska ROTC fraternity on February 10. Henderson was part of a pledge class of 35 selected students.

Candidates for membership must maintain a good average in military science and scholarship and pass a pledge test. Henderson, who has the rank of corporal, is assigned to Company H, of the NROTC.

He hails from Grand Island, Nebraska and is the son of Mrs. Genevieve Henderson of that city. Gerald also played frosh football last fall.

LCCW Sponsors Devotional Series

By Charles Goolsby
Thursday, Feb. 10, the Lincoln Council of Church Women sponsored the second of a series of devotions leading up to the observance of the World Day of Prayer, March 4.

Mrs. Monroe H. Usher read the scripture. Mrs. Clyde W. Malone sang "Prayer Perfect" and Miss Peggy Bayer, university student, sang "The Lord's Prayer" (Mallotte). Mrs. P. C. Swift was organist.

Mediation for the period was given by Mrs. Melvin L. Shakespeare on "The Blessing of Pentecost." "Spiritual power," she said, "is the noblest form of energy."

Similar meetings will be held at St. Paul each Thursday noon and at various homes in the city on Friday mornings for the next two weeks.

Miss Osborne of NYU, Delegate to Sweden

By Gladys P. Graham
NEW YORK. (ANP). Estelle Massey Osborne, the first Negro to be named to the board of the American Nurses association, has been elected a delegate to the International Council of Nurses which convenes at Stockholm, Sweden in June.

Bunche's Pact Ideas Favored By Egyptians

RHODES. (ANP). Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting mediator for Palestine, ran up against a veritable stone wall with his compromise proposals for breaking the deadlock between the Egyptians and Israelis here last week.

Egypt announced it accepted the Bunche proposals "with some modifications" but chief Israeli delegate, Walter Eytan, said the compromise was "unacceptable." However, Eytan said Bunche was given "Israeli observations" on the proposals—which amounts to a full set of counter-proposals.

Mother of Washington Memorial Dies

PIKE ROAD, Ala. (ANP). Mrs. Eugenia Phillips, 74-year-old mother of Sidney J. Phillips, president and founder of the Booker T. Washington birthplace memorial, died at her home recently, after having been confined to bed for a number of months. She was the wife of the Rev. J. P. Phillips, pastor of Pike Road Baptist church, whose donation of five acres of land initiated the famed Rosenwald fund program for the education of Negroes.

Ames Hi Elects Negro Youth Prexy



Ames High School students who backed Fred Martin (with mike) assist as he makes announcements over school speaker system. They are (l-r) Donna Price (FM was campaign stunt), Betty Lou Jones and Irwin Milliken.

Speaking of dark horses, over at Ames, Iowa a couple of weeks ago, students, dissatisfied with the cut and dried way school politics were going, decided that they wouldn't take it lying down. Thus, they staged their own "greatest political upset" which was more of a surprise to them than the election of President Truman.

It all started when Betty Lou Jones, 17, Ames high junior, nominated Fred Martin for the number one job only five days before the school elections. The surprised students, who always had liked and respected Fred, but never had thought of him as a candidate, greeted his nomination

LB 117 Tabled

Solons Vote 6-3

By Charles Goolsby

Proponents of LB 117 filled the East senate lounge Monday, Feb. 14, to have their say at the public hearing for the bill, then before the Labor Committee. About 120 interested persons, representing themselves, the church, business, were present.

Beta Beta Urges Passage of FEP

At its regular meeting Feb. 6, Beta Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha passed a resolution favoring support of LB 117. Copies were sent to various senators. The resolution reads:

"Whereas Alpha Phi Alpha does not endorse any political theory, but does stand behind those measures designed to help the lot of Negroes and encourage the brotherhood of man;

"Be it therefore resolved that Beta Beta chapter urge the passage of LB 117 . . . in the present session of the state legislature."

Sen. John Adams, sr., who introduced the bill in the legislature presented opening remarks in its favor and was followed by a series of representative citizens. These included Mr. Frank W. Cronin, regional director for CIO; Mrs. Ethel Marode, chairman antidiscrimination committee of the CIO; Dr. E. Z. Palmer, Department of Business Research; Mr. Leo Bohanon, Executive Secretary, Omaha Urban League; Dr. S. H. Lewis, Omaha Ministerial Association; a representative for the A. F. of L.; Sen. Harold Pritchard, private citizen; John B. White for the AVC and VFW; Mr. Allen Axelrod, law professor; Fr. Fenner King, insurance man; and Mr. Robert T. Malone, State Department of Unemployment Insurance as private citizen, all of whom presented the legal, political, business, moral and religious aspects of the measure.

Negro History Reviewed By Local NAACP, UL

The Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League sponsored a program for Negro History week in the League's lounge, Sunday, Feb. 13. Rev. Robert Moody, president of the branch and master of ceremonies, set forth the aim of the meeting as acquainting Negro youths with their heritage.

After the national anthem, played by Miss Barbara Moody, the invocation was offered by Mr. Leroy Bookhardt. Mr. Lasisi Akafenwa and Mr. Oscar Harriot spoke of their native lands. Miss Freddie Powell gave a talk on African tribal groups, Miss Gladys Bradford told about famed members of the race in the revolutionary period, and Mrs. Roberta Molden related stories of the antebellum period and reconstruction days.

Mrs. Basilia Bell led the discussion of contemporary Negroes who have been outstanding. Participating in the symposium were Quay Wesley, "Negroes in War;" Shirley Cason, "Negroes in Education;" Miss Robbie Powell, "Negroes in Business;" Rev. Robert Moody, "Reconstruction Politics;" Bob Moody and Monte Bradford, "Negroes in Sports and Entertainment;" Barbara Moody, "Negroes in Music" and Phyllis Bradford, "Negro Churches."