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## Philly FEPC reports

### Education Program Key To Progress In Jobs By Merit

PHILADELPHIA. (ANP). Of the 147 charges received by the Philadelphia Fair Employment Practice commission in its first nine months of operation, 96 have been settled and 51 are now under investigation, it was revealed last week in a report sent to Mayor Bernard Samuel and members of the City Council by commission chairman, Judge Gerald F. Flood.

A statistical summary attached to the report revealed that the 96 cases settled, 73 had been adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned; in eight no evidence of discrimination had been found; in seven insufficient evidence of discrimination had been found; four complainants had withdrawn their charges; and in four other cases the commission had had no jurisdiction.

In addition to reporting on the numbers of charges received, Judge Flood laid great emphasis on the educational program of the commission, which he described as "the key to continued progress in promoting employment on merit."

Among the educational efforts mentioned were: Mailing an illustrated folder to 30,000 heads of firms, unions, churches, schools and civic organizations; filling the more than 50,000 requests for additional copies of that folder which have already been received as a result of the initial mailing; and distributing five thousand three-color posters bearing the legend, "Philadelphia Has a Law. Your right to Employment on Merit regardless of race, religion, or national origin is protected."

### McWilliams Makes Official Visit to Denver Church



RICHARD McWILLIAMS, District President of the Sunday school and H.Y.P.U. of the Midwest District Western Diocese of the Church of Christ, "Holiness," made his official visit to the Christ Temple church, 2919 Stout street, Denver, Colo., Sunday, March 20. While there he was the house guest of the Rev. C. E. Caldwell, pastor of the church.

Mr. McWilliams is the Supervisor of the supply stock room at the Nebraska Book Stores, 1135 R street. He is the son of the Rev. T. O. McWilliams, jr.

### O.E.S. Will Give Benefit

Miss Evelyn Edwards, associate matron of Amaranth chapter O.E.S., is chairman of a benefit entertainment to be given Tuesday, April 5, at the Lincoln Urban League. The basket of groceries to be given away will highlight the evening's entertainment. Assisting Miss Edwards will be Mrs. Beulah Bradley, Mrs. Zeola Hammond and Charles Goolsby, associate patron. The public is invited to attend.

### Creates Fund



Dr. John A. Somerville, prominent Los Angeles dentist and author of a forthcoming autobiography, "Man of Color," has agreed to give his book royalties to the newly established Bethune-Cookman college trust fund. Dr. Alexander along with Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and past president of the college, and Lerrin L. Morrison, Los Angeles publisher, created the fund for worthy students at the college. The publisher will pay to the fund an amount equaling the royalty payments. (ANP).

### N.J. Senate Votes 20-0 Approval of Rights Measure

TRENTON, N. J. (ANP). A revised civil rights measure, extending an existing ban against discrimination in employment to cover places of public accommodation was passed by the state senate, without dissent here last week, and sent to the assembly for concurrence. The vote registered was 20-0, with only one member abstaining.

Places of accommodation are defined as hotels, restaurants, public conveyances and stores. The measure creates a seven-member commission in the state department of education to hear complaints and seek correction of discriminatory conditions through conciliation. The group is also authorized to take criminal action against violators.

Assemblywoman Grace M. Freeman, sponsor of the original bill, indicated that the amendment would probably meet stiff opposition in the lower chamber.

### Small World Dept.

Yes, it's a small world. That's what Mitsey Woods, son of Millard Woods of Muskegan, Michigan thought, according to his grandmother, Mrs. William Woods, when after his enlistment in the army he was sent to several West Coast camps before flying East to Camp Lee, Va. There he was assigned to a company in administrative school. His platoon leader—1st Lieut. Lynnwood Parker, Voice staff member on leave.

### NAACP Hears Bartlett; Makes Plans for Drive

"Private capital will not build rental units under rent control," Mr. Ray Bartlett, local realtor told members of the NAACP, Thursday, March 24. Speaking on the local housing situation and ways to relieve it, Mr. Bartlett pointed out that many rental properties has been converted to sale properties during the past several years, and it is not likely that there will be any real relief from the present housing situation until more rental units become available.

Building costs and loan regulations also make the price of the average new house out of the purchasing range of the average income and also to a certain extent, building codes that do not allow the use of more modern, and efficient construction methods.

The Housing committee of which Mr. McKinley Tarpley is head, will continue to study the housing situation.

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### Conn. Students Adopt Anti-Bias Resolution

STORRS, Conn. (ANP). The University of Connecticut student body adopted a resolution against discrimination by an overwhelming vote here last Wednesday.

The resolution, aimed primarily at fraternities and sororities, was voted upon after President Albert N. Jorgensen announced that no fraternity or sorority containing clauses excluding persons because of race, religion or national origin, in its constitution or by-laws would be permitted to occupy university-owned buildings or buildings on university property, after Sept. 1, 1951.

### Mortar Boards, Top U. of N. Co-ed Organization, Names Miss C. Colbert For Award

Sunday March 20, the Black Mask chapter of the Mortar Board, top girl's organization on the University of Nebraska campus held their annual tea honoring high scholarship among Cornhusker co-eds. Recipient of the organization's scholarship this

year was Miss Charlene Colbert, St. Joseph, Missouri, freshman in the Arts and Science college. She is the first colored girl to be so recognized by the Mortar Board for many years.

Miss Colbert was selected from a field of applicants on the basis of scholarship, interview and recommendations from the faculty to the award committee.

Miss Colbert, who plans a group

### Rev. D. L. Lilley, Presiding Elder Of CMEs, Here

Rev. G. E. Bibens, Omaha, was assigned to replace Rev. George L. Ray as pastor of the local CME congregation on Sunday, March 20, by Rev. D. L. Lilley, presiding elder for the Colored Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Lilley, who superintends some 34 churches in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, was in Lincoln to hold the Quarterly Conference of the church.

The CME congregation meets twice each month in the rooms at 2030 "T" street. At the morning worship service Rev. Lilley preached inspiring, urging his listeners to rally to the great work that that lies before them. At an afternoon meeting, the church women's kensington presented a religious program to a packed house.

Rev. Lilley was in Omaha over the week end to confer with the congregation there, returned to Lincoln Monday to aid the local group effect plans for a regular meeting place of their own. At present he makes his office in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Fuller, 2244 "S" street where he is also a guest. He will leave tomorrow to care for his work in other places.

Mrs. Lilley recently joined her husband, having come all the way from Los Angeles. Rev. Lilley commented on the fine people in Lincoln and the hospitable reception they received here.



MISS CHARLENE COLBERT.

major in sociology, doesn't have a great deal of time for extra-curricular activities, but during the past year she has served as a member of the freshman planning board in the physical education department at the university. She is also a member of Denton Chapel where she is a popular member of the young people's group.

The daughter of Mrs. H. D. Colbert of St. Joseph, Charlene makes her home with a local family during the school year.

### We Saw You There

If you who are described in the following paragraphs and can successfully identify yourself to the editors of The Voice, you will be awarded a coupon redeemable at some well-known place of business.

You were observed Sunday morning wearing a black dress with black accessories, coat, shoes, purse and gloves. Your hat was also black with a beautiful white feather on it. You are a lady about five feet tall.

You were with your husband who was driving a Ford car. Your named has appeared in Social Briefs lately telling about your recent trip.

Your name is..... Well you tell us and collect a \$2 coupon to be used at Hamp's Barbecue, 1941 T St.

If someone else calls in before you, the award will be divided between you and the first caller with the right answer. (Phone 5-6491 or 5-7508.)

Last week Mrs. Jean Stevenson was identified by Mrs. Margaret Hightower, 1952 T Street, and received a coupon for Vine Street Market.

### Rehabilitation of Amputees Aided by U.N.



Gardening is good exercise for everyone, especially war amputees, who have to get practice in the use of their new artificial limbs. Here Filipino veterans work in the garden of their hospital as part of a rehabilitation program sponsored by the U.N. (ANP).