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Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Dr. C. W. Smith, convocations chairman, and Dr. R. G. Gustavson confer before convocation begins. Later, Dr. Johnson spoke at a luncheon for faculty members and friends.

## NU Students Hear Famous Fisk Educator Cite Positive Ways In Which Social Problems Are Met

"Numbers of young people, on their own, are engaging the social problems of our time and new values are emerging that in time, may be the antidote of our age."

Approximately 2,000 students, faculty and friends were on hand at the Coliseum April 26 to honor some 1,800 University of Nebraska students for their outstanding scholarship and to hear Dr. Charles S. Johnson. Introduced as a "distinguished American educator" by Chancellor R. G. Gustavson. Dr. Johnson spoke from the subject "Fear is a Negative Motivation." He told that young people today do not fear war, depression or new ideas, and that one of the most promising symptoms was the positive approach being made to world problems. Citing five values which are "not inspired by fear, the president of Fisk University listed:

1. Their invasion of the not-yet-socially-acceptable worlds of labor, politics, social service, interracial and intercultural education and living. There is a sense of social responsibility and participation that is being demanded as part of the educational process.
2. There is the swift contagion of the doctrine of human rights. Only ten years ago the idea of human rights was largely a concept of philosophy. Today it is a principle of action. Taking an aside at the opposition of the anti-civil rights bloc, he said, "This is indeed a new climate, a new challenge to youth, a new day, despite the insolent rebellion of a provincial section of our own country, against the tide of history."
3. New definitions for such terms as democracy. "Many American youths who fought for democracy," he said, "had little real conception of its meaning. They did not see the incongruity of such a crusade to save or carry democracy to the world in racially segregated units."
4. An almost unhealthy respect for science. Our emotions, our values, ideals and decisions, in their living context of actual experience, lie beyond the reach of scientific methods.
5. The imperative pursuit of peace.

Concluding, he stated that "in our world the possibilities of good are as limitless as the possibilities of evil. There need be no fear and no frustration if you only use the skills and knowledge already within your reach, for fear itself is a negative motivation."

Following outstanding scholars received awards given for scholarship. Among those listed were Granville Coggs, Charlene Colbert and Jeanne Malone.

## Illinois Names Summers Court Commissioner

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (ANP) Frank M. Summers of Springfield was appointed commissioner of the Court of Claims last week by Gov. Adlai Stevenson. The appointment made the 55-year-old attorney the highest ranking Negro state officer in downstate Illinois. He is the first person of his race to hold this position.

Summers is a life long Democrat. In 1948 he was an alternate delegate to the Democratic National convention.

## Afro Arts Bazaar Holds First Annual Exhibit At Hotel Theresa

NEW YORK.—The First Annual Tea and Exhibits of the Afro Art bazaar was held in the Sky-line room of Hotel Theresa last Monday. Estelle M. Osborne and Etta Moten, co-owners, were hostesses. The Afro Arts bazaar is a gift shop which offers objects from Haiti, the West Indies and various parts of Africa. Elsie LaMoine, is the manager of the unique enterprise.

## Calif. House Passes Bills Against Bias

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (ANP). Two anti-bias bills, introduced by the two Negro assemblymen, passed the house of the state legislature, last week. Both bills had failed to pass two years ago.

Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins introduced a bill which would ban bias in automobile insurance, and Assemblyman Byron Rumford introduced a bill outlawing racial discrimination in the California national guard.

Both bills must pass the state senate and be okayed by the governor before becoming law.

## Masons To Give Dawson Award

CHICAGO, (ANP). The United Supreme council, A&ASR, Prince Hall affiliation, has announced when the Scottish Rite Masons meet in Chicago, May 8-10, for their 68th annual session, Congressman Wm. L. Dawson will receive an achievement award as the outstanding Scottish Rite Mason of the year.

Dawson will be the first recipient of the medal which was established in 1948. It is given in recognition of his significant public career as the first Negro chairman of a standing congressional committee and for conspicuous service to the United Supreme council in the liquidation of its cathedral debt.

## Quinn Chapel Revival Series Ended Friday

The series of revival meetings that have been conducted at Quinn Chapel since April 18 came to a close April 29. The evangelist for the series was the Rev. E. V. Wade of Omaha, who did an excellent job of preaching and of inspiring his hearers. Converts received baptism on Sunday May 1.

## Mrs. Gibbons Heads Urban League Membership Drive

## Artists Decline Talks At Univ. Of Ala. Festival

BIRMINGHAM, (ANP). Don't think for a minute that all artists live in abstract worlds, far removed from real issues. Two artists have declined invitations to the University of Alabama art festival because of segregation.

According to the Birmingham News, Dr. Francis Taylor, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and Dr. Thomas Munro, director of the Cleveland Art museum, have cancelled speeches at the university.

The internationally prominent authorities on art will not address the festival, scheduled for April 22 and 23, because the university has accepted the works of Negro artists but denies them the opportunity of participating in the exposition.

## Baptist Laymen Have State Meet In Omaha May 1

The New Era Baptist state laymen's movement had their annual men's day program Sunday, May 1, at 3 p. m. in Zion Baptist church, Omaha, according to Curt Seals, secretary. Guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Z. W. Williams, pastor of the Morning Star Baptist church, Omaha and vice president of the New Era State convention. A civic leader, he is also well-grounded in the field of religious education. The men's choir of 46 voices will furnish music which will be open to the public. Mr. T. H. Jenkins of Omaha is president of the organization.

## Wichita Elects Negro To Board Of Education

WICHITA, Kas. (ANP). By running sixth in a field of 16 candidates, Dr. Hugh N. Sims, a local dentist, was recently elected to the Wichita school board. This makes Dr. Sims the first Negro ever elected to the city board.

The Lincoln Urban League, as of May 1, announces their Annual Membership Roundup under the direction of Mrs. Florence Gibbons. Your membership in this agency is of far greater value as evidence of local interest and co-operation than for financial support. Is the Urban League serving the community? Has it served in the promotion of a better social, economic or education status for the Negroes of our community? Let the record speak.

In posing the above questions, Mr. Clyde W. Malone, executive secretary of the Lincoln Urban League, offered the following information.

"The free Employment placement of jobs stands at 144 for 1948. Estimating the average earnings at only \$20.00 per week the total of \$158,400 was earned by these workers in one year. This does not record the morale and spiritual gains of the recipients.

"New job opportunities were found for 4 persons that may provide openings for other Negro workers.

"67 documents were notarized, without charges, that involved pension application, job references, real estate purchases and reports.

"23 youth and adult organizations and clubs with a total enrollment of 523 were provided with recreation and social opportunities. Average weekly attendance by all groups was 1500, including 21 organizations not under the Urban League supervision. "5114 letters, programs and bulletins were mimeographed without charge other than material used.

"Vocational guidance given to 26 youth, free movies were shown to 15,000 persons and housing was secured for 196 individuals.

Many tasks such as letters of reference written, counseling in individual problems, record keeping, attending meetings in the interest of better race relation and community service, were not listed statistically.

"These and many other services we have and shall continue to render. On the basis of this record we are asking your membership, signifying your co-operation and good-will."

The membership fee is \$1.00 per year and includes your subscription to our Bulletin issued bi-monthly. Get your 1949 membership card at the Urban League office or from any of the following:

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| Mrs. E. S. Wegner      | Mrs. Katherine Lytle |
| Mrs. Florence Gibbons  | Mr. Thomas Pansing   |
| Mrs. Edna Page         | Mrs. Leonard Motley  |
| Mrs. Rutha Banks       | Mrs. Mary Kinder     |
| Mr. John Irving        | Dr. J. M. Reinhardt  |
| Mr. Fred Nevels        | Mrs. Ida Allen       |
| Mrs. Margaret Williams | Mr. Dale Weeks       |
| Mrs. E. L. Williams    | Mr. R. T. Malone     |
| Mr. B. G. Clark        | Mrs. Roma Henderson  |
| Mrs. Carrie King       | Mrs. Beulah Bradley  |
| Mrs. E. P. Leonard     | Mr. C. W. Malone     |
| Mr. Maurice Copeland   | Dr. M. F. Arnholt    |
| Mrs. Helene Foe        | Mrs. Basilia Bell    |
| Mr. Karl Arndt         | Mrs. W. B. Davis     |

## No Easy Chairs For Me

By William Henry Huff  
I seldom sit in easy chairs  
For fear they'll make me lazy,  
I let the others sit in theirs  
Ev'n though they call me crazy,  
I had no such in early years;  
I sat on puncheon benches,  
Sometimes 'mid blood and briny tears  
As boys had in the trenches.

## Included On Nebraska's Honor List



CHARLENE COLBERT.



GRANVILLE COGGS.



JEANNE MALONE

Above are three students who were among the 1890 honored at the University of Nebraska's Honors Convocation April 25. l. to r.: Miss Charlene Colbert, St. Joseph, Missouri, freshman honor student and recipient of the Mortar Board scholarship; center, Granville Coggs, Little Rock, Arkansas, senior honor student listed with those who had an average above 8 since enrollment and who also received a Regent's scholarship; right, Miss Jeanne Malone, Lincoln, recipient of the Chi Omega prize awarded to sociology majors.