



Laymen Of 5th A.M.E. Dist. Plan Meeting In Denver

OSKALOOSA, Kas.—George J. Jones, president of the Laymen's organization of the fifth Episcopal district of the A.M.E. church, has issued a call for a meeting of the executive committee Saturday, June 24, at 10 a.m. in Denver, Colo., at the Shorter Community A.M.E. church.

The purpose of the committee meeting as stated by Mr. Jones in his call:

1. The first meeting since the general conference in May, 1948.
2. The first call meeting of the Executive committee since we organized.
3. To get acquainted with ourselves.
4. To hear reports of our district and conference officers.
5. To confirm and bond such officers as we deem necessary.
6. To plan and put in effect a more co-operative lay program in the district that will help our bishops and ministers increase the spiritual life, membership, loyalty, and more easily solve the material problems of the district.
7. To plan a reason to ask our friendly bishop to declare and set aside one day in each year as Laymen's day throughout his district.
8. To plan for a wide open district meeting of the district in the near future.
9. To plan for more youth activities in our church program.
10. Finally: To plan the future unified program for the district and perform all those duties usual and customary to this committee.

D. Ockander Named As Co-op Head

Don Ockander, of Malmo, Neb., was named president of the George W. Norris co-operative house, inter-racial men's co-op at the University of Nebraska, last Monday night to succeed Earl Dyer.

Other officers are: Churley Jones, Baltimore, vice president; Merritt Cushing, Nebraska City, house manager; Francis Hatanaka, Hawaii, steward; Richard Bennett, Fullerton, treasurer; Clarence Thornby, Nebraska City secretary, and David Pickerill, Syracuse, and Kenneth Lindquist, Holdrege, members-at-large of the board of directors.

The only men's organized house on the campus that specifically attempts to be international, Norris House has members hailing from ten different countries, including Singapore, Holland, Sweden, Turkey, two South American countries and others.

Norris House was organized last fall and occupies a former fraternity house at 1504 S which the group rents from the university.

Organized specifically as an inter-racial, international and inter-religious house, Norris House constitution forbids consideration of race, color, nationality or religion as a qualification for membership. Membership in the house is obtained only by putting one's name on a waiting list, from which members are taken in chronological order as vacancies occur.



R. T. MALONE.

"100 Families" Elect Advisers, Hear Speakers

"The Committee of 100 families" held its first semi-annual dinner-meeting at the YMCA Wednesday, May 4, to elect its first Board of Advisers who will be the active unit of the committee. Four persons were elected for a six-month period. They will serve with four other business and professional people of Lincoln to discuss Voice news coverage with an aim of making this newspaper more expressive of community forces.

Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare, who organized the group last year as a group that pledged support to The Voice advertisers, brought a welcome with a brief history of the committee's founding.

Dr. William F. Swindler, director of the University of Nebraska School of Journalism, explained the reason for and function of an editorial advisory committee. He pointed out that the idea has been slow to take hold; yet it is natural that the small paper should seek the opinions of experts in interpreting the news. However, he pointed out that there should be a fair distribution of news subjects, even though the expert may point out the importance of certain happenings in the long chain of events.

After an introduction by Rev. Melvin Shakespeare, Mr. R. T. Malone, State Unemployment officer and past president of the Urban League pointed out some of the long-range effects of such a publication in increasing mutual goodwill and understanding.

The four persons elected were Rev. Merle Stith, Mrs. Alberta Cooke, Mrs. Frances Robinson and Mrs. Frank Williams.

Charles Goolsby, toastmaster, kept things moving with jokes labeled "Raised in Nebraska."

Bohanan Talks On Organization Of Negro Community

Mr. Leo J. Bohanan, executive secretary of the Omaha Urban League, addressed the class in community organization on "Community Organization in Negro Omaha." After an hour lecture, Mr. Bohanan answered questions for another hour. Mr. Robert Glass is the class instructor.

Social Workers Have Positions This Summer

Among students in the Graduate school of social work at the University of Nebraska who are taking positions this summer are Mrs. William I. Stanton (nee Pomona Banks) and Miss Charlene Jane May, both of Lincoln. They have both accepted positions with the Family Service Association.

Mrs. Stanton will be a caseworker with the Cleveland, Ohio, agency and will leave about mid-June to assume her duties on June 20. Family Service operates a very large Cleveland agency, which, with the aid of the Community Chest there, spends more than \$450,000 in serving the needs of all peoples' especially the emotional needs of disturbed persons more than on a monetary basis.

Miss May has accepted a position as caseworker in Omaha, the association's outstanding agency in the state. There she will do intensive case work and help interpret the program of the agency to the city's Negro population mainly. Although she has done case work all year in Omaha, her duties will not begin officially until July 11.

Miss May served as an officer in the Women's Army Corps during War II and is a member of Gamma Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority Phi Gamma Mu Sociology society and Psi Chi, national psychology honorary. Both Mrs. Stanton and Miss May will receive M. A. degrees in social work in June.

Two Omahans Elected To Church Meet

OMAHA.—The 82nd annual council of the Episcopal diocese of Nebraska, which met in Grand Island, Neb., adjourned Thursday, May 5, but not before new council members and delegates to the general convention of the church to be held in San Francisco, Sept. 23 to Oct. 14.

One of the five clergymen elected to the executive council was Rev. Shirley G. Sanchez, pastor of St. Phillips church. Named as an alternate delegate to the general convention was Mrs. Elizabeth D. Pittman, Omaha attorney. Rev. Sanchez also was elected an alternate delegate.

Choirs, Soloists, Community Singing, Mark Observance Of National Music Week At L.U.L.

Nebr. Students Work On New Constitution

Tuesday, May 10, University of Nebraska students were scheduled to resume their efforts to forge a new student constitution that would be acceptable to the Faculty Senate. The Constitutional convention was adjourned May 3 until the faculty group would give its assurances that students would be given a voice in their government. The Constitutional convention was called after the university administration had cancelled spring elections because, it charged, the present council as being "unrepresentative" and "controlled."

Working on the committee for a "Bill of Student's Rights," one of five groups attacking student problems, were Jeanne Malone, representing the Co-ed Counselors, Bill Broden and Charles Goolsby of the Y.M.C.A. and 17 other students. (See cut).

Racial Prejudice Costly To Business Says Elmer Roper

CHICAGO. (ANP). "There is a loss of real wealth to business and to the people involved in racial and religious prejudice," declared Elmer Roper, public relations consultant and director of Fortune magazine's polls, here recently.

Roper was speaking for the American Brotherhood in its local campaign for funds at a conference of leaders in the food and grocery business in Hotel Sherman. Title of his address was "The Cost of Prejudice to Business."

"It is my contention today," he said, "that we cannot afford to continue to discriminate against Jews, Negroes, Catholics, Mexicans, Nisei and others and still say our economy is an efficient, fully productive system. We cannot afford to train a Negro carpenter in a Negro engineers battalion during war and then have him return to find that building houses for other veterans is a 'white man's mission'—that the

The Annual Music Week was climaxed Friday evening at the Urban League with an appreciative audience participating, with Mrs. Eugenia Brown in charge of the program. Mt. Zion Baptist choir, under the direction of Mrs. Maud Coggs, and the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. choir, under the direction of Mrs. James Wilson, sang many spiritual numbers. The male chorus, composed of Raymond Botts, Collin Davis, Harry Peterson, Verne Wilson, Walter Bell and Victor McWilliams was a special feature. Other numbers on the program included several songs by the Brownie group with Bettie Rose Huston in charge, solos by Peaches Winston and Elois Finley were "Maytime" and "Today"; numbers by the Urban League Glee club were "Good News" and "If You Ever Needed The Lord," both spirituals; and a duet by Vonna Finley and Peaches Winston, "At Dawning." The program was climaxed with an "everyone sing" movie in which the audience participated with unusual enthusiasm.

Mrs. Brown made mention of the observances staged at the coliseum by the various schools and pointed out the importance of music week in bringing to community attention our everyday dependence on music for recreation.

Over 100 Attend Midwest NAACP

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ANP). The recent Mid Western Conference of NAACP branches held at South Bend, Ind., had more than 100 delegates from 11 states and was highlighted by a forceful stand on securing civil rights.

Special attention was paid to the Federal Loyalty order and the Cleveland, Ohio, post office where many Negro postal clerks face the loss of their jobs due to accusations of disloyalty.

carpenters' union won't let him join. We cannot any longer afford to deprive a large number of our citizens of reasonable economic opportunity, simply because a man's skin happens to be darker than others, or his name is Greenberg or Scuderi.

"Today, democracy is on trial throughout the world. We must prove to peoples of all races and religions that our system, founded on basic respect for the dignity of individuals, represents real freedom from want and fear. Our way of life is competing with the Russian way.

"On our side we have enormous advantages. We have democratic processes, the right of free speech, press, assembly and religion. We can proudly say the existence of these liberties is something of the exception rather than the rule in the history of the world. We also have the highest living standards. Our laborers' real income outstrip by an enormous extent the real pay of workers in any other country. Our economic system, in spite of its many flaws, still is the most productive and the wealthiest in the entire world."



—Courtesy The Daily Nebraskan
Miss Ruth Sorenson, right, Uni YWCA delegate, just after her election to chair the "Student Bill of Rights" committee, calls for nominations for secretary. Looking on are Bob Axtell, Neal Baxter and Jeanne Malone. Miss Malone won the tilt for scribe.

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