



**GIRLS STATE CANDIDATES**—The candidates for governor of Girls State congratulate each other on their nomination. Left is Nancy Pumphrey of Wisner and right is Teresa Littlejohn of Omaha who won the election. (Courtesy Lincoln Journal.)

## Omaha Girl Elected Governor of Girls State As Nebraska Lasses Find Out What Makes State Tick

By Charles M. Goolsby

June 6 the American Legion Auxiliary-sponsored Girls State got under way on the University of Nebraska campus with all the pep and spirit of an old-time political rally. Two hundred and fifty-four Nebraska high school girls who had been recommended by their teachers were in for a week of fun and work and to get a better idea of just how their state government works.

There were only two Negro girls in the lot. Jesse Norman was one. This Omaha lass was defeated in a close race by Delores Lux of Hartington, Neb., for the post of secretary of state. The other was also an Omahan, 16-year-old Teresa Littlejohn.

Miss Littlejohn, running on the National party ticket won the race for governor after a hot campaign in which Nancy Pumphrey, Wisner, was the Federal party opponent. Her party rallied under the slogan "For a Governor and a Pal Vote for Littlejohn, She's the Gal." There was a conservationist note in the other slogan, "Pump for Pumphrey and She'll Keep Pumping for You."

When asked how she liked being governor, the charming and pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Littlejohn replied with characteristic energy, "Oh, wonderful!" Do you think that Girls State has accomplished much this year? "Oh, yes," she replied

## Harrison Dillard To Make Tour Of British Isles

NEW YORK. (ANP). Harrison Dillard, Olympic sprint champion and the world's top hurdler, was among the nine U. S. track stars slated to leave last week end for a track tour of the British Isles.

Other Negroes listed with the former Baldwin Wallace star were Dave Bolin of Colorado, quarter and half miler, and Herb Douglas, Pittsburgh sprinter and broad jumper.

The tour was slated to get underway June 6.

"We've done a lot and I've learned so much. I took civics a whole year but I think I've learned more here in a week."

During the week the young Omahan visited the executive offices and on Thursday evening was a dinner guest at the governor's mansion.

At South high, where she is a junior, Miss Littlejohn participates in debate and sings in the cappella choir. She was also selected the outstanding girl of her class at South high this year.

The girls government closed on Sunday and they went home, much the wiser about how they are governed.

## District Meeting Of Church to Be At Christ Temple

The semi-annual Midwest district convention of the Western diocese of the Church of Christ (Holiness) will be held in Christ Temple church, 2149 U street, from June 20 to 26.

Rev. Trago T. McWilliams, sr., district chairman, will preside in the absence of Bishop W. E. Holman, Washington, D. C., who will be able to attend only one day.

Among the guest speakers will be Bishop Holman, who will preach on Sunday, June 26; J. W. Gilbert, Detroit; and Rev. O. A. Askerneeze of Oakland, Calif.

Churches and pastors in the district are: Rev. T. O. McWilliams, jr., Christ Temple, Lincoln; Rev. J. H. Jones, Tabernacle church, Omaha; Rev. A. Burns, Christ Temple church, Kansas City, Kas.; and Rev. C. E. Caldwell, Christ Temple church, Denver, Colo.

The daily program lists gospel preaching at 10 a. m., 3 and 7:30 p. m., and business sessions at 1 p. m.

Rev. T. O. McWilliams, host-pastor, says "We are looking for our Lincoln ministers, church members and friends to come and help us entertain this group, through your attendance and co-operation."

## California Town Adopts FEPC Law

RICHMOND, Calif. (ANP). The town of Richmond adopted a fair employment practices law last week and became the first city in California state to pass an FEPC act.

The bill outlaws discrimination in employment in any firm that signs a contract or franchise with the city. The bill also makes illegal an application asking of race, creed, color, or nationality.

Violation of the law is a misdemeanor calling for a maximum sentence of six months and/or \$500 fine.

## Anti-Bias Group Wants Action By Armed Forces

NEW YORK. (ANP). In a public statement the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Training and Services demanded that President Truman take more positive action to end segregation in the U. S. armed forces.

The committee headed by A. Philip Randolph and Grant Reynolds declared that the president's "equality of opportunity" program did not go far enough in ending Jim Crow in the services.

Randolph and Reynolds said the committee wanted more than "separate but equal, even though the president himself might think that the doctrine of equal treatment might suffice. The committee wants full equality and no segregation."

Randolph declared that he approved of the recommendations made by Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington to end discrimination in the air forces. He said he would withhold more comment until further action had been taken.

He criticized the army and the navy as being "hopelessly bogged down in a tradition of segregation, discrimination, and white supremacy."

## Girls Win First Heritage Awards At Rutgers College

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (ANP). Two graduating seniors, the first Negro women to live in the women's dormitories in campus history, were announced last week as winners of the first Heritage award at the New Jersey College of Women, Rutgers university.

The two winners were Miss Emma D. Andrews, 21, of Plainfield, and Miss Evelyn Sermons, 21, of Summerville. They earned their honors "for contributing to the college tradition of democratic spirit by making the pioneer years of interracial living on the campus highly successful ones."

The award was given by the Associate alumnae. At read: "You have added to our heritage and have raised our eyes to a future of greater understanding and good will."

While at the school both girls became chairmen of the dormitories in which they lived. Miss Andrews became secretary of her class and vice president of its alumnae organization. She majored in chemistry.

Miss Sermons majored in sociology. At school she sang in the college choir, and was a member of the executive board of the Social Science club.

## Craven Scores Wherry Acts To Block President's Civil Rights Program; Urges Rights Support

"The democratic party in Nebraska is becoming a party of issues and not name only," said George I. Craven June 10 as he addressed a group of party workers at a dinner meeting at the YMCA. Speaking on "What has Happened to Our Civil Rights Program," Mr. Craven reviewed briefly the long long history of the struggle for rights that extends back even to Revolutionary days. He grouped the present bills pending in the congress in three general categories, anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and anti-discrimination laws. After comparing the republican and democratic party platforms, so much publicized before last November's election, he posed the question why these laws had not been passed if both major parties were in favor of them. He cited in particular the record of Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, who signed the petition to end the filibuster on the anti-lynch bill early in the session, but when the decision of the chair was appealed, voted in such a way as to continue the talking. Perhaps one of the biggest obstacles the administration program has had to contend with was Senate Rule 22, which could be invoked on petition of 22 senators to halt discussion on a "measure." Mr. Wherry along with Senator Dingle introduced S. R. 15 which would make the cloture rule applicable to all types of discussion in the Senate and limit debate by any senator to one hour. Mr. Wherry's bill was very good, but when it seemed certain to pass, he substituted the provision of a 2/3 vote of those present to one requiring 2/3 of the senate. This made it possible for any 32 of the 34 Southern senators to extend a filibuster by merely not voting on a cloture petition. Mr. Craven alleges that the civil rights program has been

sabotaged for "political spite to prevent passage during the Truman administration lest Truman get the credit for the program. He also pointed out that Senator Butler has voted right along with Senator Wherry.

In closing he urged "Let's quit thinking and talking about winning elections. Let's start talking about what's right and wrong. Let's get behind civil rights. M. V. A... decent labor laws."

Also on the program, of which Mr. Franz Radke is chairman, was Mrs. Grace Barnwell, Lexington, national committeewoman from Nebraska.

## Dr. Geo. Brooks Receives Ph.D.

Dr. George B. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Brooks, 1971 S Street, received his Ph.D. degree in entomology (all about insects) from the University of Kansas on June 6.

Dr. Brooks grew up in Kansas City, Kas., and attended the public schools there. He entered the University of Kansas and won his B.S. there. Then came the war and a three year tour of duty at St. Angelo, Tex., where he rose to the rank of second lieutenant and served as a bombardier. In 1946 with the war over, Brooks came to Lincoln where his parents were living. He didn't take it easy long before he was back at his alma mater and had completed work for his M.S. degree by last year. This year he received his doctor's degree. In the fall he will assume his new duties as associate professor of entomology at Southern university in Baton Rouge, La.

Dr. Brooks is a member of Phi Sigma, national biological science society, Sigma Xi, research society and was the winner of the KU Phi Sigma award for 1947 for significant contributions to biology. He is also a member of Mu chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

## Speculation On New Envoy To Denmark

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Ever since President Truman declared at a press conference last week that he may select a woman as envoy to Denmark, there has been much speculation as to who it may be. In some circles it is felt that it would be a very wonderful democratic gesture if he sent a Negro ambassador to a white country.

## Duke and Duchess Review

Monday, June 6, marked the second annual Duke and Duchess review at the Urban League. Miss Birdie Powell, a very talented art student at Lincoln high school won the first prize of \$20.00 and was crowned the duchess by a very handsome duke, Richard Holcomb. Miss Jeannette Vene-gar received \$15.00 for second prize and Miss Ida Adkins received the third prize of \$10.00. Miss Lois Hatcher received the consolation prize.

## First American Indian Admitted To West Point

PHOENIX, Ariz. (ANP). For the first time in history a full blood American Indian has been accepted to attend the U. S. Military academy at West Point, it was revealed here last week.

Rep. John R. Murdock, democrat of Arizona, appointed Emory Sekaquaptewa, jr., 19, to the academy. West Point records show that only one other Indian has been appointed to the school. That was in 1922, but there is no statement as to whether he was full blooded or not.

## Californian Mother Has Siamese Twins

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). The wife of John B. Jones gave birth here May 14 to Siamese twin girls who are joined together at the head, top-to-top. The babies are reported doing well. Hospital officials state they have a good chance of survival.

Dr. Phobeus Berman, the hospital's medical director, said a study would be made to determine if it would be possible to separate the twins by surgery.