



Littlejohn To Be Alternate Delegate to "Girls Nation"

Girls State Governor By-Passed

Saturday, July 2, the American Legion auxiliary named Nebraska's representatives to Girls Nation, national counterpart of Girls State, to be held in Washington, D. C., August 21-27. Named were Patricia Livingston of Omaha and Nan Alice Pumphrey of Wisner. The popular 1949 governor of Cornhusker Girls State, Teresa Littlejohn was by-passed by the voters and announced in third place. She will attend the meet only if one of the other girls cannot.

Saturday, a high auxiliary official, who preferred to remain unnamed, told a VOICE interviewer that the election was held near the end of the girls meet in Lincoln and that the adult officers, directors and advisory board of Girls State participated. This was a separate election from that for other girl state offices and was largely decided by the impression girls made during the meet.

In many states it has been customary for girls elected to the governorship to be named to the national meet. This has not been so for Nebraska the official said, only "one or two" governors have been selected to represent the state nationally in the past eight years.

According to the official, the Girls meets was conceived to teach democracy and is based on democratic principles of majority rule. In reference to the Ohio situation, the official said that what had happened in other states had not affected the selection.

In Omaha Saturday night, Miss Littlejohn told a VOICE staff member that she was surprised that she was not elected delegate because so many girls had indicated that they were well satisfied with her as governor before the State dissolved.

Congress Lauds Ala. Law But Will Still Probe

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ANP). Although congress and various federal officials have extended congratulations to the state of Alabama because of the speedy passage of an anti-masking bill here last week, the proposed congressional inquiry into night-riding in the state will not be called off. The law banning mask-wearing in public was rushed through the state house and immediately signed by Gov. James E. Folsom.

Immediately following it, the house adopted a resolution asking that the congressional inquiry be dropped as the state was capable of "taking care of its dirty wash." However, officials of the committee planning the inquiry said it would continue as scheduled.

A.A.U.W. Votes To Admit Negroes Without Restriction; Southern Women Support Move, D.C. Quits

SEATTLE, Wash. (ANP). The 68-year-old American Association of University Women voted 2168 to 65 in favor of two amendments to its by-laws to admit Negro members on the basis of graduation from an accredited school only and not on race, last week at its biennial meeting.

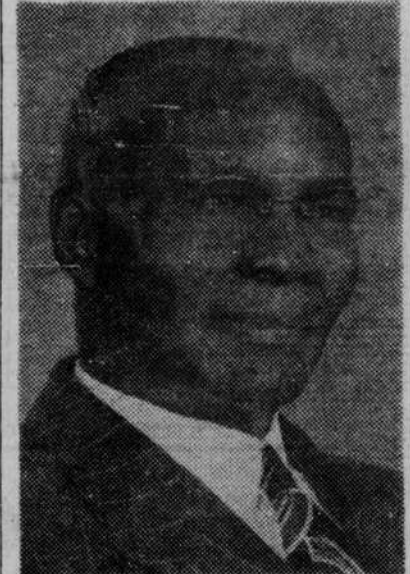
Main support in the by-law changes came from delegates from southern states. Some objections came, however, from delegations from Mississippi and Alabama and the chapter from Washington, D. C.

A. E. Simms Ends Career As Porter

Mr. Alfred E. Simms completed his 40th year as a chair car porter on the Burlington lines and June 30 the last work whistle blew for the 70-year-old trainman.

Simms was born in Atkins, Va., October 30, 1878. In 1888 he came to Cowles, Nebr., and later lived in Fairbury. Then in 1890 he became a resident of St. Joseph, Mo., where he lived 35 years and where he met his wife, Sarah.

July 1, 1909, Mr. Simms began



—Rose Manor Photo.
Mr. Alfred E. Simms

as a chair car porter on the Burlington's "Coloradan" that ran between St. Joseph and Denver. In 1928 the Simmses moved to the Denver end of the run where they lived until coming to Lincoln in 1933. Back from the Denver run Thursday morning, Mr. Simms stepped from shiny No. 6, smiling at the prospect of a long rest.

Mr. Simms cites the changes from the explosive acetylene light fixtures to electricity and the replacement of the old screen windows with modern air-conditioned cars as milestones in passenger comfort. His most unfortunate incident, he relates, was in 1934 when he suffered a broken foot in a train wreck near Brush, Colo. On retiring, he was praised by rail supervisors as a "faithful employee" and "an efficient man."

One daughter, Mrs. Eugenia Brown (U. of N. '49) is now in Marshall, Texas where Mr. Brown heads the chemistry department at Wiley college. Mr. and Mrs. Simms plan a short "vacation" in Missouri, after which Mr. Simms will devote more time to church affairs. A devout Christian gentleman for many years, he is known for his regularity at mid-week prayer services and for his wide repertoire of hymns and religious songs and ability to lead singing. Mr. Simms is a member of Christ Temple church, where in 1946 he was ordained a deacon. He has been commended by several local churches.

It has been reported that the Washington, D. C., chapter has withdrawn from the national organization.

Last week's discussion of the racial issue at the A. A. U. W. meeting climaxes a question that came into the open two years ago when the D. C. chapter refused to admit a Negro member already approved by the national group.

At that time this chapter rejected Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, a graduate of Oberlin college and one of the nation's greatest Negro leaders in civic affairs and one of the first presidents of the National Association of Colored Women.

The national A. A. U. W. tried to persuade the Washington chapter to admit Mrs. Terrell, but it refused. Later it took the issue to court but lost to the local. Early in the biennial meeting the D. C. chapter threatened to withdraw from the organization on the race question.

The two amendments passed reiterated the association's stand that the only basis of membership should be whether or not the applicant was graduated from an accredited college or university without regard to race, and they strengthened the national group's power to act in controversial cases.

Mrs. W. R. Holway of Tulsa, Okl., and Dr. Bessie C. Randolph, president, Hollins college in Virginia, introduced the proposals, and many others supported them including Dr. Gillie A. Larew, vice president of the South Atlantic region and professor of mathematics at Randolph Macon Woman's college, Lynchburg, Va., and Katherine Vickey, president, Alabama State division.

Objections by the Alabama and Mississippi delegates centered around the question of the strict segregation laws of their states.

Among the delegates attending the meeting was Mrs. Irene Moats, Negro delegate of West Virginia.

Officers elected to the A. A. U. W. are:

Dr. Althea K. Hottel, dean of women, University of Pennsylvania, re-elected president; Mrs. Louis F. Troxell, dean of women, University of Wisconsin, first vice president; Judge Dorothy Kenyon, New York City, second vice president, and Mrs. Dorothy B. A. Rood, Minneapolis, Minn., treasurer.

Johnson Sets July 15 Deadline For Army To Plan Segregation End

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson has given the Department of the Army until July 15 to make its final report on progress being made toward abolishing segregation in its department.

Soon after taking on the secretaryship of the Department of Defense, Secretary Johnson called upon the three branches of the service, the army, navy and air forces to make detailed reports to him on what their departments had done to implement the President's Executive Order calling for the abolishing of segregation in the armed forces.

The progress report made by the air corps was immediately accepted by the defense secretary but the reports from the army and navy were returned because they did not meet the secretary's approval.

The second army and navy reports were made to Secretary Johnson last week and the latter was accepted, but the army's report which still was not satisfactory was again returned with the time extended until July 15 for a new report.

It was perhaps due to the fact that the Department of Army is getting a new secretary, Gordon Gray, who was just sworn in to his new post last week, that Mr. Johnson extended the time for the report from June 20 to July 15.

The Defense Secretary probably wishes to give the new army secretary time to formulate his own policy, make his own decisions and file his own report.

Many critical and skeptical eyes are watching Gray's decisions, mainly because he is a native of North Carolina, the same state from which his predecessor hailed.

It is common knowledge that the former Secretary of Army Kenneth C. Royall bitterly opposed integration in the armed forces. It was perhaps for that reason that the army is so far behind the other two branches of the service in making progress toward abolition of segregation.

Many fear that Gray's North Carolina background will cause him to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor.

Ohio Groups Call Upon Legion To Fight D.C. Bias

COLUMBUS, O. (ANP). Lead by the Ohio State Democratic league, a number of organizations, both local and national, are calling upon the American Legion to stand up and help fight Jim Crow in the nation's capital.

This action was the outgrowth of a decision by the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary against sending representatives of the recent Buckeye Girls' State to the national auxiliary's girls' nation, an annual event in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Leslie M. Merritt of Columbus, head of the educational program at the Girls' State said that the decision was to save Joan Rankin, 16, Cincinnati Negro girl who was elected Girls' State governor last week, "embarrassment posed by social discrimination in Washington."

Other organizations which have thus far taken action or shown interest in demanding that Miss Rankin be sent to Washington to represent Ohio at the Girls' Nation are the National NAACP and the Ohio State, Columbus, and Cincinnati chapters of the organization.

R. Eugene Edwards Retires as Carrier

Mr. Rufus Eugene (Gene) Edwards, 2420 P street, retired June 30 after 41 years 3 months continuous service as letter carrier in downtown Lincoln. His route, No. 3, included the area from 10th to 12th and O to R street.

Mr. Edwards was born in Nashville, Tenn., May 25, 1880. His family moved to Topeka, Kans., shortly afterward and in 1886 they went to St. Joseph, Mo., where in 1897 he graduated from Bartlett high school. That year he entered the University of Nebraska and remained until 1899.



—Macdonald Photo.
Mr. R. Eugene Edwards

Comparing student life of 50 years ago, he observed that in those days, "students really took over the town." On April 1, 1908 he became a letter carrier, and has remained in the postal service until now.

Mr. Edwards was ordained Deacon in the AME church last October and now that he has more time will serve as assistant pastor at Quinn chapel church.

At a farewell meeting at the post office, Edwards received the thanks and praise of the postmaster and congratulations from many friends, including the Chamber of Commerce. Among the many gifts was a big, comfortable platform rocker and ottoman from fellow employees—just the thing for the tired postman.

Mrs. Jennie Edwards, his wife, and daughter Evelyn are well-known for their work in church and lodge. He also has a son, Lester E. Edwards, now in Newberg, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards announce that Mr. Edwards will be "at home" to his many friends and acquaintances on Friday evening, July 8 from 8 till 10 p. m.

Old card tables can be given a new face by pasting pretty wallpaper over the top and shellacking.

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