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Voice Provides Choice Recipes for Buyers; \$200 Nurses Scholarships

The VOICE is happy and proud to announce the awarding of two \$100 scholarships to two girls who will enter the Bryan Memorial Hospital School for Nursing next week. Thus ends a phase in the long story of how Negro girls are to be given an opportunity for wider service to mankind.

It all seems to begin somewhere in the dim past, but specifically, about three years ago when Miss Frances Lewis of Lincoln applied for training at the hospital. She was not accepted and the matter was brought before the Methodist conference, to which the institution reports. There, Bishop Gerald Kennedy and later Justice Bayard Paine and other broadminded officials took the stand that Negro girls should be admitted for training. Consequently, during August 1948, after several conferences between hospital officials and Mrs. Rubie W. Shakespeare, Voice business manager, it was announced that Negroes would be accepted for training. It was too late for the Fall class, however, said Miss Mabel Johnston, director and instructor of nursing and Dr. Edwin C. McDade, superintendent of the hospital.

By the time the announcement came, various circumstances had intervened and the original applicants, Miss Lewis, and Miss Alice Duncan, Omaha, were no longer available and others could not afford the training.

So it was that in the fall of 1948 that The Voice Cookbook was conceived, got under way and The Voice nursing scholarship was announced. Lincoln housewives, sixty of them, contributed their favorite family recipes—200 of them—some of which had been kept in the family for generations. After hours of compilation and editing, the first books were ready in time for Christmas. The idea of getting something for your money and at the same time helping a cause caught hold. Soon a number of bookstores, church women's organizations, the Ag Y.W.C.A. and other groups sponsored their sale. The profits went into a special scholarship fund. It ended up being a real co-operative community venture.

While all this was going on, a number of inquiries about the scholarship were received from interested persons. Not all were eligible, but last month two girls took the entrance examinations and were notified last week by Miss Johnston, director of the school, of their acceptance. They were Martha J. Hammonds, Omaha and Ada E. Coffey, Kansas City, Kas. (See The Voice, Aug. 4 for cut).

Thus it is with a good deal of appreciation to a progressive community spirit on the part of private citizens, churchmen, businessmen and the Bryan Memorial hospital administration that we can look forward to a future where deserving girls, without regard to race, may learn together to serve all mankind through the administrations of the healing art of nursing.

Mississippi to Rebuild School for Deaf and Blind

JACKSON. (ANP). Mississippi is now taking bids for the building of a new school for the Negro deaf and blind of the state. The building is to be constructed at a cost of about \$400,000 on the same site which the present plant occupies.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATE CAPITOL

To Lay Meeting



—Courtesy of Lincoln Journal.
RUBIE SHAKESPEARE

Mrs. Rubie W. Shakespeare was among several hundred A.M.E. laymen who were in their second national meeting in Chicago, Aug. 4, 5 and 6.

She was part of the Fifth district delegation which includes Nebraska and is headed by George J. Jones of Oskaloosa, Kas., and represented St. Paul A.M.E. church of Elwood, Kas., and Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church of Lincoln. The next connectional meeting will be held in St. Louis in 1951.

'Pinky' Comes As A Highly Debated Social Movie

CHICAGO. (ANP). Despite fine performances by Jeanne Crain as a Negro and Ethel Barrymore as a southern liberal, September Ebony declares that casting of Ethel Waters as an out-and-out Dixie mammy and Nina Mae McKinney as a razor-toting hussy, will make Darryl F. Zanuck's "Pinky" the most debated film of the year.

"Pinky's moving melodramatic story of a light-skinned Mississippi girl" (Jeanne Crain) who faces up to her Negro heritage and fights for it, will come as a shock to most whites," Ebony states and continues:

"But the roles created by Ethel Waters and Nina Mae McKinney are certain to offend Negroes.

"Pinky" is based on the story of a Negro girl who passes and gets involved in an interracial romance with a white doctor. Darryl F. Zanuck has planned it as his biggest and most costly production of the year. Running two hours and 10 minutes, the movie will be issued in 27 different languages.

Card of Thanks

The 'Lincoln Merchants' ball team wish to thank their many friends who attended the game at Sherman Field Saturday night.—John Miller, Mgr.

Former Omahan Passes Public Accounts Exam

CHICAGO. (ANP). Hiram Langford Pittman, accounting instructor at the Chicago Cortez W. Peters Business college, was notified last week he passed the May examination for certified public accountants. He thus becomes one of the approximate 15 Negro CPAs in the nation, of these Chicago has six. Mr. Pittman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pittman of Omaha, Neb., and a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

Negro Girls Attend Girl Guide, Scout Hemisphere Meet

MUSKEGON, Mich. (ANP). Five Negro girls, two from the United States and three from the West Indies, are included among the 83 delegates to the Western Hemisphere Encampment of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts now meeting in Manistee National Forest near Muskegon.

Living together in a primitive camp setting for the three weeks ending Aug. 12, representatives from 40 states and four possessions of the U. S. A., and from nine other countries in this hemisphere are trying to find ways of carrying out on a larger scale the theme of the Encampment: "Friendship Builds A Better World."

Norma McLaughlin of Greensboro, N. C., was chosen in open competition to represent her state as the most outstanding of all its Senior Girl Scouts, colored and white. Constance Sawyer, a 17-year-old high school senior from Topeka, Kas., is recognized as a leader among Kansas Girl Scouts of all races and was the first president of the Senior Girl Scout Planning board in Topeka. Constance is president of the Kaw Valley Area Conference board, which makes plans for the Senior Girl Scouts of ten towns and cities in Kansas. The Negro delegates from other countries are Jamaican Girl Guide Joy Burke and Jacqueline Charmant and Fernande Michel of the "Guides-Scouts d'Haiti."

Drama Students To Tour Norway

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Twenty-one Howard university drama students and three instructors will tour leading cities of Norway in September at the request of the Norwegian government.

The tour will get under way at Det Norske theater in Oslo, where six performances are slated, and other engagements are scheduled for Trondheim, Bergen and Stavanger.

The idea was conceived when members of the Norwegian embassy staff saw a Howard presentation of the "Wild Duck" by Henrik Ibsen, famed Norwegian playwright and poet. The players will be under the direction of Dr. Anne Cooke and Producer Blevins Davis is co-sponsoring the tour with the Norwegian government.

This is believed to be the first fine arts expedition of its kind from America.

Anti-Poll Tax Passes House in 273-116 Vote

BY ALICE A. DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Having survived two days of bitter battling, the anti-poll tax measure finally passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 273 to 116.

The bill which is the first of the President's civil rights measures to be acted on in this session of Congress, has now been sent to the Senate, where opponents are expected to either pigeonhole it, or filibuster it to death.

The bill makes it unlawful to require the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other elections for national officers. Four times have similar measures passed the house only to be knocked in the head by senate filibusters and kicked out of the race.

The fate of the bill now lies in the hands of Sen. John C. Stennis (D., Miss.), who is chairman of the Senate Rules subcommittee to which the poll tax bill is assigned. Mr. Stennis, who is the successor of the late Sen. Bilbo, is one of the strongest opponents to the measure.

The chairman of the full Rules and Administration committee, Sen. Carl Hayden (D. Ariz.) is also opposed to the bill.

The poll tax bill cleared the first hurdle on Monday when members of the house voted 134 to 46 to by-pass the House Rules committee and take up the legislation.

Cong. Mary T. Norton (d., N. J.) author of the bill, moved that the new House rule be put into action. This rule permits legislation to be brought directly to the floor without the consent of the Rules committee after the bill has been in the committee a reasonable length of time without action.

She pointed out that the bill had been pending more than 21 calendar days without being given the green-light by this committee which serves as sort of a legislative "traffic cop."

In an effort to defeat the resolution, representatives from the Dixiecrat states, seven of which are directly affected by this measure, forced seven time-consuming roll calls. But the administration forces joined by the more liberal Republican Congressmen finally forced a vote on the resolution which passed by a vote of 265 to 100.

When the bill came up for final vote on Tuesday, the Southerners fought to a bitter end to defeat it. Amendments were offered to each of the six sections of the bill, all of which were defeated with a sizable margin. The southerners demanded that three votes be taken on each of the amendments, not being satisfied by the results of a voice vote, they called for a roll call and finally for a vote by tellers. All of this consumed a considerable amount of time.

Arguing that the bill is unconstitutional, Rep. Robert Hale (r., Me.) offered a motion that it be recommitted to the House Administration committee and replaced by a joint resolution to amend the constitution. This motion was defeated by a vote of 123 to 267.

The bill was then passed with an overwhelming majority. In expressing jubilation on the passage of the bill in the house, Mrs. Virginia Durr, chairman of the National Anti-Poll Tax committee said that much credit goes to the national organizations which joined forces in persuading the Congressmen to vote for its passage. She gave credit to the NAACP, the Farmers union, the AFL and CIO, National Council of Negro Women, National Association of Colored Women, YWCA, Women Church Service division of the Methodist church, Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, American Council on Human Rights, and the National Fraternal Council of Negro Churches.

Proponents of the bill feel that it can pass the senate if enough pressure is brought to bear upon the senators to influence their vote. Under the new cloture rule, two-thirds of the senators or 64, can break a filibuster and force a vote upon any piece of legislation.

The Republicans have definitely assured 35 votes for cloture also for the passage of the bill. Out of the 54 democratic senators it is likely that at least 29 will vote for cloture and for the measure. The NAACP has sent letters to each of the senators asking how he expected to vote on the bill. Of the 55 replies received, 22 Republicans and 13 Democrats definitely promised to vote for the anti-poll tax legislation; 19 Democrats and Republicans stated that they would oppose the measure. According to the last check with the Association, 21 Republicans and 21 Democrats had not replied.

Researcher Finds Interracial Units Put Out Most Work

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ANP). William L. Crump, '42 Lincoln University (Mo.) graduate, is the author of a graduate study at Northwestern university, recently released, revealing that both employers and employees believe Negroes are better producers in interracial rather than segregated work units.

Under the direction of Albert C. Fries, associate professor of business education at Northwestern, Crump interviewed employers and employees in 19 companies employing Negro and white workers for the date. The study also includes a treatment of 15 exclusively Negro establishments.

Crump's study indicates that competition between the two races serves to stimulate proficiency and personal endeavors. Crump was a major in commercial education at Lincoln.

700 Dentists to Attend NDA Meet In K.S. Aug. 8-12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ANP). More than 700 dentists are expected to attend the 36th annual meeting of the National Dental association in Kansas City, Aug. 8-12.

Highlight of the convention will be a public meeting Aug. 9 at the St. Stephens Baptist church. City Manager L. P. Cookingham will welcome the convention to Kansas City, and Dr. Russell A. Dixon, a native of Kansas City and NMA president, will respond. Dr. Dixon is also dean of the College of Dentistry, Howard university.