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When a fair employment bill came before the legislature's labor committee last winter, the factual evidence of the need of such a law was overridden by the opinion of the small business association and a railroading brotherhood.

"Education" has been termed the method to solve the problem of making "ability to produce" more important than eye color or skin color in determining whether a person would make a good employee. Laws are the state's most often used edu-

Chi Alderman Presents FEPC Ordinance

CHICAGO. (ANP.) A Fair Employment Practices commission for the City of Chicago will be created by the City Council and included in the 1950 city budget if an ordinance introduced by Ald. William H. Harvey at the request of the Chicago Civil Liberties committee is adopted in the next two months. Public hearings will be held in December by the Council judiciary committee headed by Ald. Nicholas Bohling.

William Scott Stewart, chairman of the Civil Liberties committee, stated: "Everyone regardless of his race, religion or nationality is entitled to an equal break not only in tax-supported jobs but in the big industries and utilities which live by the patronage of all the people. The time is past when you can say that a man is free—to starve or sleep under a bridge."

Ira Latimer, executive director of the Civil Liberties committee, said: "Human relations have been accepted in recent years as a part of the general welfare. It is necessary for the government to protect the social health of the community by exercising its police power. The Harvey ordinance, patterned after those in Philadelphia and Minneapolis, is legal and constitutional under the police powers of the city. It is necessary even if Illinois also adopts a state FEPC two years hence and if the federal government creates an FEPC for interstate commerce. These new administrative laws will help speed new patterns of conduct which in turn change individual attitudes by the thousands over night instead of one by one over years."

Ald. Harvey and Ald. Archibald Carey are the only two Negro members of the Council.

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Roland Hayes Concert Here Nov. 21; Singer For Kings Library Of Congress Records

Roland Hayes, internationally acclaimed concert tenor, will make a real contribution to the cultural life of Lincoln when on Monday, Nov. 21, he will appear in recital at St. Paul Methodist church. For more than three de-



ROLAND HAYES
cades Roland Hayes has been considered one of the foremost interpreters of singing art in America.

Born in Georgia, the son of a former slave, young Hayes worked his way through Fisk university, but took enough time off for his musical interests to become a member of the famed Jubilee Singers. After graduation he studied in Boston and there began his career as a recitalist. From the proceeds of his early efforts he went to England to get

George Randol Guest Director For "The Straw"

George Randol is guest director for the Nebraska Wesleyan university production of Eugene O'Neill's "The Straw."

Mr. Randol replaces Prof. Enid Miller, who is recovering at her home from an operation. The play will be offered four nights, beginning November 16, in the Plainsman theater.

Mr. Randol, who also directed the Lincoln Circle theater until his resignation last fall, played feature roles in such Broadway productions as "Green Pastures," "Porgy and Bess," "Anna Lucasta," and others.

Blackburn To Speak

NAACP Has Its 1950 Election Tonite, Nov. 17th

The Lincoln Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its annual election of officers at the Lincoln Urban League building, 2030 T, tonight, November 17, at 8 o'clock, it was announced by Rev. Robert L. Moody, branch president. The association is in the midst of its drive for 200 active members.

Haile Selassie claimed descent from Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

Noted Sociologist To Be Key Speaker At State Meeting Of United Christian Youth Drive

Nov. 25 and 26, the Nebraska Youth Council of the United Christian Youth Movement will

hold a state-wide interdenominational meeting at Beatrice, it was announced by Rev. Carroll Lemon of the Nebraska Council of Churches last week.

The meeting is planned to give a "top flight experience of worship and inspiration" and will feature talks by the Rev. Dr. Cleo Walter Blackburn of Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Blackburn will speak Friday afternoon and Saturday morning on the themes, "The Job of the Christian in the World Today" and "The Challenge of Christian Citizenship." Smaller discussion groups following the talks will be led by Revs. Richard Nutt, Rex Knowles, C. B. Howells, Charles Kemp, Mrs. Mildred Benson, Laurene Schact and several others.

Youth leaders will play a prominent part in the conference.

Dr. Blackburn has been superintendent of Indianapolis nationally famous Flanner House, a model in sociological technique, since 1936. He is a graduate of Butler and Fisk universities and has been associated with both Fisk and Tuskegee institute as a social researcher.

A member of many professional and service organizations, Dr. Blackburn has achieved an enviable record and is recognized as a leader in his field. He is vice president of the board of directors of the National Association of Settlements, on the executive committee of the World Convention of the Churches of Christ, co-chairman of the department of race-relations of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and Secretary, Church Conference of Social Work.

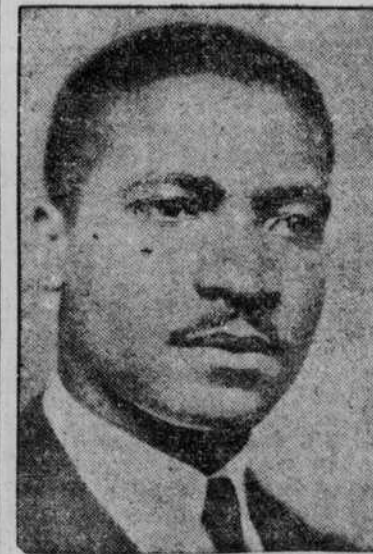
An ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ, he has held a number of positions in his denomination and is a member of the board of managers of the United Christ Missionary society. He served on the Indiana State Board of Education and holds the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award.

He is married and the father of three children.

Praises Virginia Medical Society Past Presidents For Brave Stand

WASHINGTON. (ANP.) Dr. C. Herbert Marshall, president of the National Medical society, the official spokesman for Negro organized medicine, spoke out in high praise this week of the three white past presidents of the National Medical society of Virginia who proposed a resolution that Negroes be admitted to the organization.

Dr. Marshall said: "Orchids to Drs. Walter B. Martin of Norfolk, Hugh P. Trout of Roanoke and J. Morrison Hutcheson, all past-presidents of the Medical Society of Virginia, who composed the special committee which proposed and unanimously recommended passage of a resolution to admit Negroes to the society. It was defeated by a vote of 37 to 31. Such a close margin is indicative of the changing pattern of attitudes.



DR. CLEO W. BLACKBURN

A Phi A Elected To Interfraternity Council at N.U.

Beta Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was recently notified of its election to the Interfraternity Council at the University of Nebraska. The chapter was first recognized by the school in 1927 and again in 1948 and is the only predominantly Negro organization recognized on the Cornhusker campus.

Minn. Governor Opens National Guard To Race

ST. PAUL, Minn. (ANP.) Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl of Minnesota announced last Thursday he would issue an executive order Nov. 22 making it possible for Negroes to serve in the state's National Guard.

Governor Youngdahl's announcement which climaxed an eight year crusade started in the Stassen administration, was sent in a letter to the Secretary of the Army, Gordon Gray and Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington, with a copy to Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, chief of the National Guard bureau.

"The governor pointed out that the 1949 state legislature's passage of a resolution calling on congress to end such discrimination was a clear-cut evidence of the desire of the people to integrate Negroes.

He stated: "I believe also that, in view of this resolution by the legislature, the chief executive, as Commander-in-Chief of the National Guard in Minnesota, has the authority and the duty to eliminate segregation without further delay.

"Consequently, it is my intention to issue an executive order on Nov. 22 which will permit such integration. I feel you should be informed on this proposed step, in case it requires certain action on your part at the national level."

The entrance of Negroes in the National Guard the latter part of the month will mark the first time Negroes will be permitted to join the group since prior to 1917, when they served in mixed units.

Writers Name Don Newcombe Best Rookie Of Year

NEW YORK. (ANP.) Big Don Newcombe, Brooklyn's youthful Negro fireballer, has been chosen the National league's Rookie of the Year for the second time in the past two weeks. His latest honor comes from the poll taken by the Associated Press. Previously, he was given the same honor by Sporting News magazine.

Members of the Baseball Writers association gave Newcombe 105 votes out of 116 thereby making him the second Dodger to win the honor in the past three years. Jackie Robinson earned the title in 1947.

Dr. Player to Serve

GREENSBORO, N. C. (ANP.) The executive committee of the Bennett college board of trustees elected Dr. Willa E. Player to serve as acting president of the college when it met in special session here last week. Dr. Player's period of office will commence with the vacation of President David D. Jones, whose leave of absence is to be announced later.

A native of Akron, O., Dr. Player has been a member of the administrative staff of Bennett college since 1930, when she assumed the position of college registrar.

Also, during the meeting, Miss Daphne Lawson, Greensboro, was elected director of alumnae public relations, and Mrs. Mamie B. McLaurin, Greensboro, was elected associate director.