



\$372,000 Spent for Nebr. Polio Care in 1949; More Adults Among the Stricken

LINCOLN, Nebr.—Polio is no respecter of age. In Nebraska in 1949 an 87 year old man was stricken with the crippling disease and a two-week old baby died of it. Statistics just released by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis show, however, that an increasing number of adults in Nebraska are being stricken with the disease. In 1949, 176 persons over 20 years of age were attacked by polio, 86 of them men and 90 women. Nineteen of these cases—11 men and eight women, died.

"Polio among adults has gone up from about 4 percent of the total cases following World War I to from 20 to 25 percent in 1949," according to Clinton Belknap, a representative of the National Foundation in Nebraska.

"This poses a very serious problem since many of the victims are either fathers or mothers of families of small children," he said. "In 1949 Nebraska's county chapters, with emergency assistance from National Headquarters, spent more than \$372,000 in emergency aid in Nebraska alone. Chapter treasuries, as well as the National Epidemic Aid Fund, are exhausted. The only way funds can be obtained to help Nebraska people stricken with polio this year and provide for continued polio research is through the donations we make through the March of Dimes Campaign now in progress. Need for funds is double that of last year."

For all age brackets, 385 Nebraska polio cases and 29 deaths from the disease were among males, and 296 cases and 14 deaths among women. The greatest concentration of polio was in the five to nine year age bracket which accounted for 171. The death rate was highest, however, in the 20 to 24 year age bracket where eight died.

"Many of us think that polio is a disease which strikes only children," Mr. Belknap said. "While it is true that about 75 percent of Nebraska's 1949 cases were children, we now know that the disease strikes older persons as well and in many instances even more severely than children."

Jewish Fraternity Opens to Negroes

NEW YORK.—A national Jewish social fraternity has voted to admit Negroes as members. At its 40th national convention, Phi Sigma Delta delegates also voted approval of the pledging by the University of Wisconsin Chapter last spring of a Negro senior, Weathers Sykes.

The fraternity, which has nearly 6,000 members in 24 college chapters, adopted overwhelmingly this resolution:

"No male undergraduate shall be denied membership in Phi Sigma Delta solely because of his race, color or creed.

Only two chapters, from the University of Texas and the University of Miami, opposed the resolution. Delegates turned down a proposal which opponents said would nullify the resolution by setting up an "unwritten gentleman's agreement" that no other Negroes would be asked to join.

Although voicing approval of the Wisconsin chapter in pledging Mr. Sykes, the delegates criticized the chapter for not first contacting the national fraternity.

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League Speaker



—Courtesy The Lincoln Journal.

DOWDAL H. DAVIS
Mr. Dowdal H. Davis, general manager of the Kansas City Call, discussed minority problems, with particular reference to employment and housing at the annual dinner of the Lincoln Urban League last night. He is also president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers' association and has held many posts of importance about Kansas City. Mr. Davis is a member of executive committee of the Citizens' Planning council for Greater Kansas City, and in 1948 was one of the representatives assigned by Secretary of War Royall for a tour of Germany, Austria and France. He has also written and produced several radio shows for the major networks.

Henderson Case Postponed Again Till March 13

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The case of Elmer Henderson against the United States which was originally scheduled for argument before the Supreme court last year and later postponed until February, was postponed again this week until the week of March 13.

Two other important cases dealing with segregation in graduate schools, one involving Sweatt vs State of Texas and the other McLaurin vs. State of Oklahoma are also scheduled for hearings during that same week.

These three cases plus the tidelands oil case are considered the four most important cases before the high court during the 1949-50 term. For that reason they have been postponed until Justice William O. Douglas is able to be back on the bench. The association justice injured himself in a horseback accident last fall and has been unable to be on his post of duty during this court term.

He is now rapidly recuperating and is expected to be back on the bench by March 1. The court has now gone into a two week recess and expects to be back in session by the first of the month.

Malone Tells Facts About Lincoln's Non-White House

Senator Lodge Backs Civil Rights Laws

BOSTON. (ANP). Speaking at the Civil Rights Mobilization meeting held at the Union Methodist church last week, Sen. Henry C. Lodge, Jr., declared that "with the non-white people constitution two-thirds of the world's population, our national neglect of civil rights is the chink in our armor, the delight of all our enemies, and a cause of alarm to our friends and allies."

The Massachusetts senator stated that Negro soldiers should never have been regarded as a problem in World War II. He also stated that although the law and administrative regulations cannot solve the problem, they can improve conditions and promote the advancement of justice in certain fields and to just that extent they are worthwhile.

At one point in his spirited talk Senator Lodge asserted: "We will never admit it is unreasonable or extreme to insist on legislation which will, as nearly as possible, protect the right of equal opportunity to work and to advance in life because of race, religion, color or country of origin. Yet in the southern communities where about four out of five colored Americans live the average family income of white people is estimated at \$1,100 as against \$480 for the colored."

Popular Books To Be Reissued

NEW YORK. (ANP). The Book Find club announced last week that it will reissue two of its earlier selections due to the increasing demand from its members.

The two books, both of which deal with the Negro in the United States, are "Color Blind" by Margaret Halsey and Rockham Holt's biography, "George Washington Carver."

Our Honor Roll

The following are some of those who are New Subscribers or have renewed their subscription to THE VOICE.

How does your subscription stand?

- Mr. Ben Parker.
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- Mr. Walter Young.
- Mr. Walton G. Roberts.
- Mr. Guy Wiley, Omaha.
- Mr. M. A. Hyde.
- Rev. L. S. Goolsby, Columbia, Mo.
- Mrs. Evelyn McGinnis, Kansas City, Mo.
- Dr. A. B. Marshall.
- Mrs. Joy Lawson, Berkeley Calif.
- Mr. A. H. Westendar.

"Without going into great detail, it is interesting to note that the 470 Negro families in Lincoln are housed in 311 dwellings. 148, or 48% were found to be substandard. Since 1940 there has been an increase of 700 Negro persons with only 69 additional places to live," said Clyde Malone January 17, as between 500 and 700 citizens heard arguments pro and con on the proposed building of 700 low rent dwellings in Lincoln. People from every walk of social endeavor aired their views publicly to the council and told their story.

Two Negro M.D.s To Staff of Chi Hospital

CHICAGO. (ANP). Two Negro physicians have been appointed to the medical staff of Mandel clinic of the Michael Reese hospital, it was announced here by Dr. Maurice H. Keeger, hospital director. The new appointees are Drs. William E. Cunningham and Harvey J. Whitfield, both members of the Provident hospital staff.

Dr. Cunningham, 29 years old, is a graduate of Howard University Medical school, who served his internship at Homer G. Phillips hospital, St. Louis. He joined Provident in 1945. He will be clinical assistant in the department of medicine at Mandel clinic.

Taking the post as clinical assistant in the department of urology is the 45-year-old Dr. Whitfield, a product of Meharry Medical college, who has done graduates work at the University of Pennsylvania.

The two doctors are the first Negroes to be appointed to the hospital's regular staff. However, Dr. L. H. Berry is a member of the courtesy staff and the famous chemist, Dr. Percy Julian, is a member of the Mandel clinic board of directors.

Rev. Carey GOP Choice for Rep. Dawson's Place

CHICAGO. (ANP). Rev. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., alderman of the third ward, has been made the GOP nominee for a seat in the lower house as representative of the First congressional district, it was learned here last week. Carey will be pitted against the incumbent, Rep. William L. Dawson, who is seeking his fourth term.

Dawson, chairman of the powerful house expenditures committee, is one of the leading figures in the democratic party.

AME Laymen's Meeting Date Is May 31 to June 2

The District meeting of the A.M.E. Laymen's league will be held in Kansas City, Kas., May 31 to June 2, 1950, it was announced by J. J. Parks, Conference president of the organization. The lay movement has been gaining momentum since 1948, and under the leadership of the denomination's most able minds, has formulated an augmented program of church development.

The Rt. Rev. D. Ormonde Walker, Fifth district bishop, has set aside the fifth Sunday in April as Lay Day and special programs are being prepared for the occasion.

Mr. Malone, executive secretary of the Lincoln Urban League, has long been interested in the housing situation and cited information gained in the league's yearly spring clean-up in urging the construction of the additional housing units.

"The present housing problems existing in Lincoln, and throughout the country is not of recent origin with any of these minority groups (Negro, Mexican and Indians)," he stated. "Long before the war they knew the depressing and debasing effects of substandard housing with little hope of relief." He cited 1935 as the approximate time that housing restrictions became widely imposed on local property. Since 1940 the Negro population has doubled and Mexican and Indian residents number 175 more than in that year.

Accommodation of these additional people has been accomplished "simply by crowding them in with other families—houses, 77% of which are heated by space heaters, with a total of 198 tubs or showers for the 470 families. Two dwellings are converted garages, one a converted chicken coop. There are three trailers." The league executive continued, relating more extreme instances. "A family of ten are living in a dirt floor basement without toilet facilities; three families totalling 14 persons are living in a five room house with no modern facilities; one building has 24 apartments of three rooms, each without central heat, no bath tubs or showers and one toilet for each four apartments, with an average of 1.51 families per apartment. As for the 100 Indians in Lincoln, they all are housed in substandard houses without modern facilities. The same is true of most of the Mexicans.

Mr. Malone pointed out that such conditions were a health and moral hazard to the entire city. Because of job discriminations, the average family ("average" income of about \$1,900) cannot afford new housing at today's prices even if the restrictive clauses in many of the property deeds were not there.

In closing, Mr. Malone said that low rent government housing was definitely one of the best means of assuring the minorities of Lincoln an opportunity for a decent standard of living.

Ark. Family 1st Negroes to Get Housing Act Loan

PINE BLUFFS, Ark. (ANP). Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart, owners of an 80-acre Hempstead county farm, near Hope, will have the distinction of being the first Negro family in the country to receive a farm housing loan under the 1949 Housing act, here Friday, Jan. 13. The loan will be used to build a home which is estimated at cost about \$3,000.