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Pinewood Scene Of L.H.S. Graduation Exercises

Friday evening, June 2, will mark the end of classroom days for several hundred Lincoln High school seniors and the product of the patient, hard work of the instructional staff will receive their diplomas at the exercises which are scheduled for Pinewood Bowl, weather permitting. Well, Good Luck, Class of '50 and our special congrats to the following young men and young ladies for sticking with school when it was easier to get a job requiring no preparedness. The class numbers 466 seniors.

Delores Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowen, 1600 Whittier St.

Jean Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Burns, 2443 So. 9th St.

Charles Campbell, son of Mrs. June Campbell, 536 No. 22nd St.

Loretta McWilliams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. McWilliams, sr., 2232 T St.

Birdie Powell, granddaughter of Mrs. Birdie Artis, 1965 Vine St.

Jeanette Venegar, daughter of Mrs. G. H. Venegar, Detroit, Mich.

Arnold Walker, son of Mrs. C. Walker.

Lester White, son of Mrs. A. White, 231 So. 20th St.

Graduates from Whittier junior high who will form part of next year's frosh class at LHS are:

Ida Adkins.

Clarence Brown.

Donovan Gaddis.

Beverly Holcomb.

Lemuel Jennings.

Betty King.

Theodore King.

Bill Nevels.

John Zollicoffer.

Urban League Yard Contest Winner Listed

Last week end, the Urban League's annual Spring cleanup and yard beautification campaign was judged by the committee and these are the winners they named:

CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

1st Prize—Mrs. Etta Gant, 336 No. 23rd St.

2nd Prize—Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wright, 1237 B St.

3rd Prize—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Artis, 1965 Vine St.

Honorable Mentions: Miss Loretta Martin, 728 Rose St.; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Forbes, 674 So. 20th St.; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Allen, 824 B St.; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lintz, 2230 T St., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nevels, 823 No. 17th St.

BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS

1st Prize—Mr. William Burden, 2027 U St.

2nd Prize—Mr. Horace Colley,

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33 Dead, 18 Injured, Block Burns When Speeding Tram Hits Truck

CHICAGO. (ANP). At least six Negroes met death and 13 were injured May 25th in Chicago's most tragic traffic accident in many years which has already cost the lives of 33 persons and hospitalized 18, with many still unidentified.

Gas exploded, flames raged, and one block was warded off by squads of police when a southbound streamlined State street trolley flew off the track near 63rd street as it hit an emergency switch, while going at full speed, and smashed into an 8,000 gallon trailer-truck of gasoline.

Apparently the motorman did

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MISS SAMUELLE VIOLA TOTTI, director of the division of business at Southern university in Baton Rouge, La., is the only Negro woman to hold a Ph.D. in business. Upon receiving her doctorate degree from the School of Business at the University of Chicago in December, Dr. Totty became the first Negro and the fourth woman to receive this degree from the well-known institution. Dr. Totty is a graduate of Tennessee State college. She did advanced work at Fisk and Columbia universities. (ANP).

AMEs Confer, Prepare For Area Meeting

The district conference of the A.M.E. church was held at Quinn Chapel church May 24 under the direction of Dr. John Adams, sr., Omaha, presiding elder. Ministers were present from over the state and from northern Kansas and discussed proposed changes in worship, financial and administrative practices in the area.

On May 26, a Quinn Chapel Laymen's meeting saw the election of three delegates to the 5th District Laymen's meeting in Kansas City, Kas. The area includes those churches north of Oklahoma and west of the Mississippi. Mrs. Rubie W. Shakespeare, Ray Botts and Charles M. Goolsby were elected congregation representatives. Mr. Botts later declined.

not know the switch had been turned on. All street cars were being rerouted off State street at 62nd place because the viaduct south of 63rd street on State was flooded and no traffic could go through.

The trailer truck was heading north as the street car suddenly swerved east, Charred bodies of passengers trying to get out the door were stacked up in a warehouse. Not all the bodies have been identified.

The whole east side of the half block on State between 62nd Place and 63rd was completely burned down except for a tavern on the

Wherry Says Demo Split Cause of F.E.P.C. Loss

By Stanley Roberts

WASHINGTON. (ANP). "The vote on cloture shows very definitely that the Democratic party cannot keep its promises. The Democratic party is split wide open. I point out that 78½ per cent of the Republican membership of the Senate voted for cloture, and only 36½ per cent of the Democrats voted for cloture."

Thus spoke GOP Minority Leader Kenneth Wherry on the Senate floor last Friday afternoon just after signing a 52 to 32 defeat to limit debate on a motion to take up the Fair Employment Practices bill. Sixty-four votes would have been required for approval.

Senator Wherry's revelation was nothing new to many political realists here who

City Council Still Rejects Housing Plan

Public housing was again the subject of a hot discussion in the city council chambers Monday, May 22, as interested citizens from every walk of life crowded the room. Yet, after all the tumult and the shouting died, the status of publicly sponsored housing for families in the low and middle income groups was just where it was before the hearing began. The council defeated the proposal, to build \$5 million worth of rental units, last January by a vote of 5 to 2 with the conclusion that private enterprise could adequately handle the housing problem in Lincoln.

Voting in favor of the proposal this time were its two previous supporters, Mayor Clarence G. Miles and Councilman John Comstock. Councilman Rees Wilkinson also supported the move this trip.

The four councilmen opposing the measure were Arthur J. Weaver, Fern Hubbard Orme, Roy Sheaff (who by so doing has probably lost himself most of those Negro votes), and Thomas Pansing, Urban League Board member.

Among those appearing in favor of the measure was Clyde W. Malone, executive secretary of the Lincoln Urban League, who reviewed many of the statistics presented in January but stated that the situation among Negroes has grown worse. His arguments were not good enough for his board member, Tom Pansing, however. Rev. J. B. Brooks also urged the council to meet the problem squarely.

Max Kier, attorney and spokesman for several realtors' groups, averred that private industry can handle the job.

In the neighborhoods where Negroes live, there has been no private building for several years, not even since January.

To B.U. Faculty



ROLAND HAYES, world famed concert tenor, was appointed recently artist instructor in voice in the School of Music at Boston university. The singer will hold classes only four months in the year, July, August, January and February, in order that his teaching might not interfere with his concert work. Presently on tour, the noted singer returned to Louisville, Ky., the city where he got his start 40 years ago, last week to give a recital before an unsegregated audience. (ANP).

Quinn Chapel Is Scene of O.E.S. Observance

Sunday, June 4, the Amaranth Chapter No. 3, O.E.S., will celebrate its traditional Esther Day with a public meeting at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church, corner 9th and C Streets, says Frances Lewis, Worthy Matron of the chapter. An interesting program has been prepared under the chairmanship of Mrs. Evelyn Irving for the occasion. The Quinn Chapel senior choir will render several selections.

Charles Goolsby, Worthy Patron of the chapter, will address the group on "Courage In These Times." The observance is scheduled for 3:30 p. m.

Arthur Blackwell Dies After Long Illness

Word was received of the death of Arthur Blackwell, 2012 T St., who died in Parsons, Kas., Tuesday, May 23rd. Mr. Blackwell had been ill for more than a year. He went to Parsons to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Blackwell. Among survivors besides his parents and his wife, are two sisters and a brother.

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now realize that if President Truman does nothing to convert a large segment of his own party to civil rights measures that he advocates, his future promises in that connection will have about as much substance as a filibuster.

PARTY SPLIT DEFINITE

Senator Wherry significantly pointed out that for the first time in the history of the United States there was an out-and-out vote on the issue of applying cloture under a petition filed to close debate on a motion.

The refusal of the senate to end the filibuster against the FEPC bill must be attributed primarily to the schism within the Democratic party.

It was noted this week by observers here that President Truman commanded only 19 votes within his own party while 26 other Democrats voted for a filibuster on even a motion to take up the bill.

HAD LARGE GALLERY

The Washington Post, nominally friendly to Truman, conceded editorially that "It was the Republicans who rallied to the support of democratic procedure in the senate, voting 33 to 6 for cloture."

Mr. Wherry's strong language was before an enormous senate gallery audience, predominantly hopeful that FEPC could be debated. It included the following statement:

"The people of the United States who are wondering what is going to be done can see from this vote who their friends are, and who can make good on their promises. Despite the fact that the republican party has only forty-two seats in the senate compared to fifty-four for the democrats, we produced this morning fourteen more votes for cloture than did the democratic party.

52 SUPPORT CLOTURE

"The vote of fifty-two senators in support of cloture, was four votes short of the number required under the old rule, which provided that there must be a two-thirds vote of the senators present in order to adopt cloture.

"Therefore, so far as the followers and advocates of FEPC are concerned, it does not make any difference whether the vote today had been taken under the old rule or under the new rule, it would have failed to provide cloture.

"Even under the old rule, the vote today, failed by four votes to provide cloture. On the basis of the showing made on the democratic side, if we are to have cloture after a petition has been filed asking for cloture, the majority leader had better endeavor to have the rule amended so as to provide for a constitutional majority rather than a rule providing for a two-thirds (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)