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Clayton Lewis Elected To 7th Term as Head of Nebr. Masons

July 19 and 20, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, AF&AM (PHA), held its annual communication at the Masonic Hall at 26th and Blondo Streets, Omaha. Reports of committees revealed an increase in Masonic memberships in the jurisdiction and a spirit of fraternity as reflected in the lack of grievances.

The Grand Lodge showed its interest in the development of young people in two ways. It awarded to each of its youth fraternals \$25 and on the recommendation of the Scholarship committee, awarded a \$50 scholarship to Theresa Littlejohn, June graduate of Omaha's South high school and 1949 "Girls State" Governor.

An overwhelming "vote of confidence" saw Clayton P. Lewis, 1945 T street, Lincoln, elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for his seventh consecutive term in that high position. Mr. Lewis is also active in scouting and in the church. Others elected were: Dep. Gr. Master, Robert Harris, Omaha. Gr. Sr. Warden, C. A. Stewart, Omaha. Gr. Sr. Warden, J. E. McIntyre, Omaha. Gr. Sr. Deacon, Jewell Kelley, Lincoln. Gr. Jr. Deacon, G. W. Camper, Omaha. Gr. Secy., J. H. Andrews, Omaha. Gr. Treas., George Althouse, Omaha. Chaplain, Rev. D. Nicholson. Gr. Sr. Steward, T. Merrilweather, Omaha. Gr. Jr. Steward, Jasper Johnson, Omaha. Tyler, Richard Turner, Omaha. District Deputies: L. H. Burden, Omaha; William Hightower, Lincoln. Foreign Correspondent, Clyde W. Malone, Lincoln.

Others attending from Lincoln were John Irving, Joe Burden, C. Goolsby and Fred Nevels.

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Elwood News

Hello Folks:

I am a couple of weeks behind so I guess I will have to catch up. Mr. Meredith Robinson is visiting his sister in Kansas City.

Mrs. Emmett Parker is visiting relatives and friends in Kansas City.

Mr. George Johnson made a tour of some of the cities in Missouri and Illinois. He returned Monday night, July 10th.

Mr. Theodore Johnson had an open house party at the Scout House Monday night July 10th. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Watson are parents of a son born July 13th. They haven't given him a name yet.

Rev. A. Newton of Beatrice, Nebraska is replacing Rev. M. L. Shakespeare at Bethel A.M.E. church while he is taking a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gaskin have moved to the Martin place.

The First Baptist Men's Chorus will render services at Trinity in St. Joseph, Sunday July 16th.

Mr. John Gorman is on the sick list, Mrs. Kenneth Wallingford is helping to care for him also Otis Hayes and Mr. Coy Williams.

Folks let's not forget prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, and lay-meeting every Friday evening.

Well I hope you folks enjoyed my little visit this week.

Bert

Third Negro To Go To Ark. Med. School

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ANP). Last week Truman Bruce Tollette of Little Rock became the third Negro to be accepted by the University of Arkansas Medical school.

Officials announced that Tollette was one of 90 students approved for admittance into the school in September. He is a graduate of Talladega college at Talladega, Ala.



CLAYTON P. LEWIS, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.F. & A.M. (P.H.A.).

Quinn Chapel Rally Programs Tell of Activity

The financial drive at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church, 9th and C streets, is moving ahead and at the same time giving rise to a number of entertainments in the community.

Unit No. 10, of which Mrs. Raellee Harris is captain, will hold a barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lewis, 1945 T street on Friday, July 28. Unit No. 4 will sponsor a real "southern" fish fry at the home of Mrs. Rachel Fields Edwards, 2024 "S" street on Saturday, July 29.

Wednesday, July 26, a number of units are sponsoring a chicken dinner in the church basement.

The drive, which was started in June, has as its goal, \$1,800 needed by the official board to complete current church improvements, to do needed parsonage repairs, and to help provide for heating equipment in the church.

Tuesday evening, in a special ceremony, the units raising the greatest amounts, will reveal their choices of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Chapel. The event will occur at the church.

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SCAD Hears 135

NEW YORK. (ANP). During the first six months of 1950 the New York State Commission Against Discrimination received 135 complaints, it was revealed last week by Chairman Edward W. Edwards in his semi-annual reports.

The complaints were classified as follows: 65 percent racial discrimination, 19 percent religious bias, 9 percent nationality, and the remainder unclassified.

During this period, the commission opened 48 cases and closed 61, with 84 percent being "adjusted through conference and conciliation." The SCAD also reviewed 138 cases where previous settlements had been made and checked application forms for 296 firms for discriminatory questions.

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The medical school was opened to Negroes in 1948 when a girl student was admitted without segregation. Last year a male student was admitted.

24th Infantry Wins 1st Big UN Korean War Victory

Judge Hastie Confirmed By Senate at Last

WASHINGTON. (PCNS). After six months of stalling and a long continuing series of secret special "conferences," the senate judiciary committee is expected this week to confirm the nomination of William H. Hastie as a judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Meanwhile, last week C.I.O. President Philip Murray bluntly asserted that the failure of the committee to confirm the Hastie nomination to date can be attributed only to the fact that he "is a Negro." Other groups joined in the national protest urging speedy action on the long delayed appointment.

Last Thursday the committee grilled Judge Hastie during a five-hour secret executive session, reportedly regarding his alleged membership in communist-front organizations.

The Murray statement, which has been the first known to be officially made to the committee, clearly implying that the former governor has been the goat of discrimination, was contained in telegrams sent to all members of the committee, in which the C.I.O. head urged a "prompt, favorable report" on the nomination.

Pointing out that there is only a short time remaining in this session of the Eighty-first Congress for the senate to act, Mr. Murray said that "since 1933 Mr. Hastie has served his government as assistant solicitor in the Department of the Interior, federal district judge in the Virgin Islands, civilian aide to the secretary of war, and governor of the Virgin Islands." Mr. Murray said that Judge Hastie "has shown a considerable ability, integrity and competency in each assignment he has had." And he added:

"In view of Mr. Hastie's integrity and proven ability, the failure of the committee to render a prompt, favorable report can only be attributed to the fact that he is a Negro."

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Charles-Beshore Bout Is Aug. 15

BUFFALO, N. Y. (ANP). The ill-fated fight between heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles and challenger Freddy Beshore will finally be held Aug. 15 in Buffalo, it was announced here this week by Promoter Dewey Michaels of the Fairview club.

The 15-round affair will be Charles' first defense of his title since he was declared recovered from the strained heart condition which caused the original postponement of the fight.

A long rest was recommended for him. He took it and was declared physically fit two weeks ago.

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WITH A U.S. TASK FORCE IN SOUTH KOREA. (ANP). The famed 24th Infantry regiment, in its combat role with the 25th Infantry Division in South Korea, chalked up the first sizable American ground victory in the Korean North-South clash here Friday, July 21, by driving Communist forces out of the rail-highway city of Yechon.

The victory came after 16 hours of fierce fighting. The attack began Thursday afternoon (July 20) and ended shortly after dawn the next day. Yechon is 60 miles north-east of Taejon and 55 miles north of Taegu. The former town fell to the Reds Friday night (July 21).

Casualties for the U. S. United Nations forces in this victory are said to be light. No information on enemy losses was available.

MacARTHUR'S COMMUNIQUE NOT CLEAR

An earlier communique from General MacArthur's headquarters had said one regiment off South Korean capital division had counter-attacked and retaken Yechon from the invaders. It was not clear, however, from this report whether the town had changed back into the hands of the Red forces only to be retaken.

The 24th, a part of the 25th division headquartered at Gifu, Japan, is one of a number of Negro troops in active and supporting roles in the Korean version of the U. S. Civil war—differing in that a Democratic South is pitted against a Communism North.

Back of its role as one of the U. S. units siding with the "defending-against-Red - aggression" South Koreans, is the 24th's long and fabulous history of glory which began 81 years ago.

One of four colored regular army units authorized by act of congress on July 28, 1866, it was activated on Nov. 1, 1869, at Fort McKavitt, Tex. It is the only Negro regular army combat unit in the 25th division. There are no Negro combat units of the regular army in the companion 24th Infantry division.

The other three Negro regular army units were the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 25th Infantry regiment, all of which have been deactivated.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS FOUGHT IN CIVIL WAR

Many of the original members of the famed 24th regiment fought with Union forces during the Civil War. The regiment gained its first taste of glory in the Spanish-American war by capturing the strategic San Juan Hill in Santiago, Cuba. It went on to other famed stands in the Philippines and Mexico.

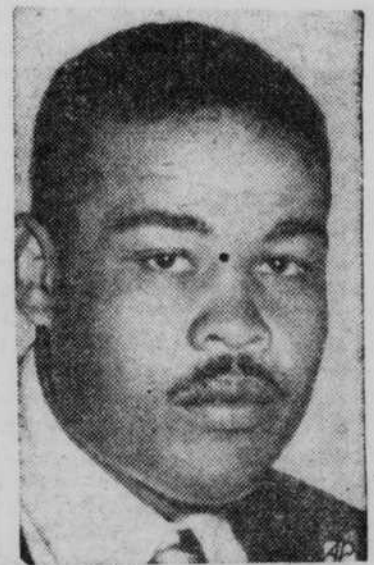
Based for 22 years at Fort Benning, Ga., as demonstration troops for the infantry school, it was sent to the South Pacific in 1942 as the first Negro troops in the Pacific theatre. The third battalion joined the 25th division in October, 1946, and was followed in February, 1947, by the remainder of the regiment.

About four years ago, 75 percent of its officer strength was white. With the deactivation of the 372nd Infantry regiment in Hawaii and the shifting of officer personnel to Gifu, the picture changed. Currently it is estimated that 60 percent of the officer strength is Negro. There has been no integration among the enlisted personnel.

MANY SUPPORTING UNITS

There are many service units supporting the combat drive on the Korean scene. With the 25th division are the 26th Medical Collecting company, 150th Field Ar-

Best Golfer Too



Courtesy Lincoln Journal. JOE LOUIS

Joe Louis, proved himself a champion again by capturing the Central States Golf Association title at the playoffs held in Council Bluffs, Iowa, last week. The ex-heavyweight champ, boxing and housing promoter, not to mention his enthusiasm for swatting the pill, took the tourney with a 72-hole score of 291, just three over par.

Louis succeeds Fleming Cody of St. Louis as champ. Cody trailed with 14 strokes.

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tillery battalion and 77th Engineer Combat battalion.

In the Eighth army itself are the 76th and 933rd AA battalions, 567th Engineer Service company, 512th MP company; and the 15th, 19th, 55th, 56th, 289th and 291st band companies.

The former all-Negro 17th and 19th Engineer Fire Fighting companies are now Detachments B and C of the 803rd Regional Post Engineer unit.

Among other outfits are the 546th Fire Fighters, 570th Engineer Water Supply and 571st Engineer Dump Truck companies; the 59th Medical Disp. company, 567th Medical Ambulance company; 118th Malaria Control detachment; 515th Medical detachment; 519 Veterinarian Food inspection detachment.

There is one battalion of Negroes assigned to the Third cavalry and the Negro 51st MP is doing duty with the criminal investigation department.

Members of the old 332nd Fighter Wing, reassigned to the 13th Air Force on duty in the Far East, are also seeing service in Korea.

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Culture and Study Club Gives Scholarship Award

ENNIS, Tex.—The J. M. Jackson Culture and Study club presented its first scholarship award to a home town graduate of G. W. Carver high school. The student will enter college in September.