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State Hospital Employes First Three Negroes After Coercion

Miss Delores Bowen, graduate of Lincoln High School, became the first Negro to work at the Lincoln State Hospital when she was employed as attendant nurse, June 15, as part of a student unit group.

Miss Bowen was first rejected by the Board of Control when it was learned that she was a Negro. But after intervention by Govern-

nor Val Peterson the young woman was accepted and worked without incident.

Miss Bowen will enter the University of Nebraska in September.

On June 23rd, Mrs. Viola Butcher and her mother, Mrs. Oma Owens, were employed at the hospital with satisfactory working conditions, it was stated by Mrs. Butcher.

Lincoln Graduate Gets Scholarship

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Benjamin Yau Owusu, an August graduate of Lincoln university (Mo.) has been selected as one of fifteen recipients of a full scholarship to Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences for the year 1950-'51.

The scholarships, subject to renewal, are awarded annually to qualified graduates of recognized colleges who exhibit promise and have maintained an average above 2.5 where "A" carries a point credit of three.

Owusu, a native of Gold Coast, West Africa, matriculated at Lincoln in September of 1947. During the past school year he served as president of the Lincoln Foreign Students' association, chaplain of the senior class, member of the Agroanahus club (student organization of the department of agriculture). In June, 1950, he was initiated into Alpha Gamma chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Scholarship society.

Owusu received the Bachelor of Science degree on Aug. 3, with cum laude honors, and will pursue courses in animal husbandry.

Three in Hospital After Auto Crash

Four Omahans were injured in a two-car sideswipe collision on Highway 6 just west of Greenwood early Sunday. Three of the injured were hospitalized.

State Safety Patrolman D. J. Whitefoot said that a car driven by Buster Jennings, 37, of Omaha with Shirley Jackson, 15; Mack Jackson, 16, and Norman Jackson, 17, passengers, was headed east and a second car driven by John Reed, 26, of 2402 S was going west at the time of the collision. The Jennings car rolled several times, the patrolman said, and the two cars were 1,500 feet apart when they finally stopped.

Reported in "good" condition at St. Elizabeth hospital early Monday were:

Jennings with a fractured right leg.
Shirley Jackson with severe face and leg cuts.

Mack Jackson with a severe cut on the face.

Norman Jackson was treated for a cut leg and bruises and dismissed.

No one in the Reed car was injured.

Negro Woman Lawyer Available for U.N. Job

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Edith Sampson, Negro lawyer who is reported under consideration for appointment as U.S. delegate to the United Nations, said Saturday that she is "definitely available" for the job.

"And you can also say that I'm terribly flustered at all the fuss," she added.



CHARLENE J. COLBERT
Charlene Colbert, University of Nebraska junior is employed in the bookkeeping department at Robinson Clothing Store at 1125 O Street. Charlene is the daughter of Mrs. H. D. Colbert of St. Joseph, Mo.

Charlene received the Mortar Board scholarship in 1949 at the University of Nebraska. She is very active in the campus Y.W.C.A.

Joe Louis' Cousin a Casualty

WASHINGTON. (ANP). A Chicago GI, Pfc. Gerald Smith, and Joe Louis' cousin, Pfc. Robert L. Barrow, last week were listed

National Urban League Highlights Lincoln Voice Scholarship Project

Listed as First of Two Lincoln Accomplishments for the Year

'Negro girls admitted for first time to nurses training in Bryan Memorial Hospital' was sighted by the National Urban League in its annual report, "first," under accomplishments for Lincoln.

As the National Urban League enters its fortieth year of leadership on the American social scene, a summary of major steps toward basic goals in 58 cities, in 30 states, where its affiliates are stationed were made. Under Lincoln, two such steps were listed. 'Negro girls housed for first time in University of Nebraska dormitories for girls' was in second place.

The nurse training for the two young women who are now in their second year came as a result of two \$100 scholarships presented by The Voice newspaper.

The National Urban League whose 40th Anniversary Annual Conference will be held at Grand Rapids, Mich., September 3rd to 8th, has been generous in its recognition of accomplishments and work for greater advancement for Negroes in Lincoln.

"Toward Equal Economic Opportunity," is the theme for the annual conference, it was announced by Lloyd K. Garrison, president of the nation's oldest interracial social service agency. More than 400 delegates will meet to review the work of the League, to plan effectively to meet the crucial demands of the present emergency period, and to continue the League's leadership toward equal economic opportunity for all.

Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, struck a challenging note in his annual "Conference call" to delegates and friends of the League. His statement said: "For the second time in eleven years the Annual Conference of the Na-

tional Urban League is held in an atmosphere of world-wide tension, with the rumbling of far-off gunfire as an ominous background. In 1939 we met at the Green Pastures Camp of the Detroit Urban League the day after Hitler's armies had invaded Poland and catapulted civilization into World War II. This year as we gather at Grand Rapids, also in Michigan, American soldiers of all races and faiths are stubbornly, desperately fighting in Korea under the joined banners of the United States and the United Nations.

"Now, as in 1939, we earnestly pray that the current fighting will be localized and not become the powder train to set off chain explosions throughout the world. Now, as before, our struggle is against the forces of totalitarian dictatorship bent upon world conquest. Now, as always, the interests of American citizens of all races, faiths and partisan political beliefs are so inextricably interlocked as to force us to stand together in defense of democracy so as not to fall separately under the heel of ruthless dictatorship.

"It has not been necessary for us in the Urban League movement formally to pledge our services in support of the national effort, because throughout our 40 years of history we have been dedicated to the national interest as a part of our responsibility to the welfare of the urban Negro population. Our lay and professional leadership has proven its dependability and devotion to democracy during two world wars and a calamitous depression.

Muny Skating Rink Cease Segregation

What started out to be a segregated policy at the Muny Park skating rink, operated by G. W. Whitlock was changed when Clyde W. Malone, executive secretary of the Lincoln Urban League and Frank Williams contacted the management about the procedure.

Mr. Whitlock had first refused to allow Negroes to use the skating facilities according to the report. He later arranged a plan whereby Negroes would be allowed an hour of skating time providing not less than 20 persons would pay admission. Mr. Whitlock stated that he was being guided by previous experiences.

The recreation board supported Mr. Malone in his non-segregation stand.

Wilson Enlists in Navy

Ralph Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson left Monday morning for navy exams in Omaha. He enlisted before receiving a draft call.

Mr. Wilson, a graduate of Lincoln High School, was employed at Sides Pontiac-Cadillac company. He is a member of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. senior choir and is well known in Lincoln as a singer and throughout Nebraska towns as a member of a family quartette.

24th Infantry Regiment Fights

WITH THE U. S. 24TH INFANTRY REGIMENT IN KOREA. (ANP). Dogged fighting reminiscent of the days of the 92nd division in Italy during World War II carried the 24th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division to success here this week as its soldiers captured "Little Cassino," but gave it up again.

Little Cassino is a little hill just west of Haman, one of the many peaks in this area. Day in and day out men of the 24th have fought to gain this and other hills from desperate North Koreans, but without too much success.

One day they would capture a hill, and another day, they would lose it. This time they captured the toughest of all these hills, Little Cassino—named such by a veteran from the 92nd who fought at Cassino in Italy.

However, they were forced to give it up again under the pressure of American fire—mortar troops that did not know it was in American hands at last.

Fighting in deadly hand to hand battles, the 24th along with the 35th Infantry Regiment is fighting bloody scraps to capture hill by hill, thrust by thrust, the Little Cassino area in Southern Korea.

among the war casualties in Korea.

Pfc. Smith, 18, is the son of Mrs. Geraldine Smith of Chicago's southside, was killed in battle. He left Phillips high to volunteer for the army in June, 1948. He went to Japan with the 24th Infantry Regiment the same year.

Pfc. Barrow was wounded in action. He is now in his home at Roxbury, Mass. Enlisting in 1948, he also served with the 25th Infantry division, of which the 24th Infantry Regiment is a part.

A. F. & A. M. Grand Lodge Holds Convention



The 32nd annual convention of the A. F. & A. M. Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its jurisdiction P. A. was held recently at the Masonic Hall in Omaha.

Clayton P. Lewis was elected to succeed himself for the ensuing year as Grand Master.

All grand officers were elected by acclamation.

Noble Orlando Beck, recently elevated to 33rd degree Mason, attended the convention. The convention indicated a year of success financially, morally and Masonic. The pictures of the re-elected officers appear above. They are as follows: Bottom row, left to right: Walter L. Seals, P. G. M.; Clayton P. Lewis, G. M.; P. H. Jenkins, P. G. M., and Edward R. Fletcher, P. G. M.

Top row, left to right: J. H. Andrews, G. Secretary; George W. Althouse, G. T.; J. L. McIntyre, G. J. W.; Robert Harris, D. G. M., and Charles Stewart, S. G. W.