

'A Free College Education'

The U.S. Navy Department announced recently that the fifth nation-wide competitive examination for its College Training Program has been scheduled for December 9, 1950. Successful candidates will be given a four-year college education (at the University or College of their choice) at government expense, and will be commissioned as officers of the Navy (or Marine Corps, if desired) upon graduation.

The program is open to male citizens of the United States between the ages of 17 and 21, and quotas have been assigned to each state and territory on the basis of its high school population. Those who are successful in passing the aptitude test will be interviewed and given physical examinations; then, if they are found in all respects qualified, their names will be submitted to state and territorial selection committees composed of prominent citizens and naval officers. The Navy expects to enter about 1,600 students into the program commencing with the fall term of college, 1951.

The students selected by these competitive examinations will be assigned to the 52 Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps units which are located in various universities and colleges in the United States. If accepted by the college, they will be appointed Midshipmen, U.S.N.R., and will have their tuition, books, and normal fees paid for by the Government. In addition, they will receive pay at the rate of \$50 a month for the four-year period. Upon graduation they may be commissioned as officers in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps and be required to serve on active duty for two years. At the end of this time they may apply for retention in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps, or transfer to the Reserve and return to civilian life.

Application blanks are available in the office of your local high school Principal or from the Professor of Naval Science, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 8, Nebraska.

It is emphasized that all applications must be received by the Naval Examining Section, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, by November 18, 1950, and that under no circumstances will any application be considered if received after that date.

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Citizens Tell 50 Years of Progress



Pictured above is a group of Lincoln's oldest citizens who gathered Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, 1310 A street to trace the growth of the city and the progress of the Negro during the past 50 years. The Miller sisters, left to right are Mrs. Julius H. Miller and Mrs. Lillian Miller both of 2251 So. 8th. Mrs. Lillian Miller takes pride in being the second Negro girl to be graduated from Lincoln high school in the year 1900. Standing left to right are John Johnson whose parents came into possession of the home more than 70 years ago. Thomas Estes, who came to Lincoln in the '80's and the Rev. Trago McWilliams, sr., assistant pastor of Christ Temple church.

Negro History of Lincoln 1900-1950

Some employment held by Negroes in Lincoln during the past half century are listed here. **Police:** Tom Carviham, H. M. Williams, George Flippins, Nels Taylor, Jef Stepney, Nim Ross, William Doods, Dave Nichols, Monroe Williams, Frank Burden, Gus Washington and Jerome Easley. **Special Police:** Andrew Baylis. **Penitentiary Guards:** Paul Moore. **Turn Key at County Jail:** Penelton Murry, Harry Johnson and Paul Moore. **Constable:** William Malory. **Street Commissioner:** Bud Linsey. **Laundries:** James Trusty, John Cooley and Son Bizer. **Blacksmith:** Wyley Loyd, Mr. Washington and Henry Gorden (horse shoes). **Grocery Stores:** Jack Johnson, Colley & Malone and L. B. Thomas. **Restaurants:** Sam Westerfield, John Galbeath and I. B. Colley, Guss Stanley,

Wyley & Burks, Anna Ray, H. B. Denton, Walter Rife. **Hotel:** Savoy, Bud Linsey proprietor. **Tailors:** Albert Watkins, Shorty Burroughs, Young, Robinson and McField. **Skating Rink:** Madison Banks. **Plasterers:** H. M. Williams, Frank Malone, William Fields, Muckelroy, Smith Brothers, Nels Taylor, Mr. Lucas, Mr. McKinley Tarpley and Mr. Charles Bradley. **Plumbers:** Mr. Harris. **Excavating:** Mr. Dave Robinson and Mr. Clemons. **Postal Carriers:** Mr. Benning, William Harding, A. Johnson, Ray Pool Gene Edwards, Ed Craft and Ernest Cruder. **U. S. Custom Collector:** L. L. Linsey. **Attorneys at Law:** William Johnson, Clint Ross and Lawson. **Bank Clerks:** I. B. Smith. **Doctors:** Dr. Flippins, sr., Dr. Longdon and Dr. A. B. Moss. **Dentist:** Dr. Cecil Thomas and Dr. Ernest Graves. **Barber Shops:** F. Polk and Ted Emery. **Coal companies:** Clerk, Columbus Lee and yard master, Fred Forbes. **Insurance:** Trago McWilliams. **Newspapers:** William Kemp (Editor), Trago McWilliams (Editor) and Melvin L. Shakespeare (Editor). **Photography:** John Johnson and George Randol. **Photography Assistants:** Miss L. Adams, Earl McWilliams, Anita Taylor, Margaret Williams, and Sarah Walker. **Artists:** Mrs. Anna Burckhardt. **Undertaker:** Wendell Thomas. **Nebraska U. Football:** George Flippin, William Johnson, Bob Taylor, Clint Ross, John Johnson and Tom Carodine. **Furrier:** Horace Colley. **Nursing Home:** Carver.

We have just briefly touched the different phases of employment but time and space will not allow us to name more, but this is enough to see that we have progressed in 50 years but, needless to say there is yet much to be done.

Now And Then

By Rev. Trago T. McWilliams, Sr.

There have been many changes in the living conditions among Negroes in the past fifty years, here in Lincoln.

In view of the fact that our population has increased greatly in these years it is indeed interesting to note some of these changes.

In the early days when we were few in numbers some of the present day prejudice and segregation did not exist.

Our leading hotels employed Negro chefs and cooks, headwaiters and crews were colored. Soda dispensers in the better drug stores, and the better barber shops were owned and operated by Negroes.

For 28 years thru both republican and democratic administrations of the state government, one of Lincoln's outstanding Negro citizens served as butler in the Governor's Mansion. The custodian at the State Capitol for more than 30 years was a Nebraska born Negro. Janitors served in the building for many years.

Efficient police officers in both the city and county have served with credit to themselves and the Race.

A Negro business man and manager of one of our leading hotels became a National Republican Committeeman.

Thrilling indeed were the days when Branches of the N.A.A.C.P. and the Urban League were established here.

In the fields of Art two Negroes have become nationally known. In the fraternal and religious world, Lincoln Negroes have been rugged pioneers.

Altho Lincoln's Negro population has increased greatly, and

with it has come that competition with other races for employment and housing, we believe that discrimination will gradually decrease here. We believe Education and Christianity will soon make for a practical democracy in the Nation, and in Lincoln will bring about such good old days as when a Negro was Captain of a University of Nebraska football team.

We are happy indeed for the "Voice" in Lincoln and trust that in an early issue will be published the names and dates of the outstanding Negroes mentioned in this article.

Amputee to Sing At Baptist Church

Mrs. Gertrude Chapple Brooks, Omaha soprano, an amputee, will be presented in a concert at Mt. Zion Baptist church, 12th and F streets, on Sunday, October 15th at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Mrs. Brooks has been giving wheel chair concerts for almost three years, in most of the Omaha churches, in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

She is pianist-director of the senior choir of Pleasant Green church and a member of the W.C.T.U. council of church women.

Mrs. Christine Allen will accompany Mrs. Brooks.

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