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NEGRO NURSES GROUP TO DISBAND JAN. 26

NEW YORK. (ANP). The National Association of Colored Graduates Nurses, after 42 years of working for the integration of Negro nurses, will officially disband Jan. 26, it was announced this week by Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, national president.

This is believed to be the first time an all-Negro organization has closed down operations because much of its goal has been achieved. The NACGN probably will be transferred to the American Nurses association.

Official termination of activities will take place at a special meeting Jan. 26. That night, the NACGN will hold its last official activity—a testimonial dinner honoring individuals and organizations "who have helped further democracy in nursing."

The NACGN was founded in 1908 to do something about discrimination against Negro nurses found in the following statistics of that era;

Of 1,200 schools of nursing, only 42 schools including 28 for Negroes only, admitted Negroes. Some 17 state associations of the ANA refused to admit Negroes and a few hospitals integrated colored nurses on their staffs.

Today, largely because of work done by the NACGN, the picture is not perfect, but 330 schools admit nursing students regardless of race, and only five state associations still refuse Negro members. Colored nurses still may join ANA, however, even if the state does not admit them.

Today, Negro nurses also have been integrated into the staffs of hospitals, public health agencies, military and veteran services to a large extent.

Mrs. Alma Vessells John, executive secretary of the NACGN, said the testimonial dinner will be held at the Essex house, 160 Central Park South. The following persons will be honored for their work in bringing democracy to nursing:

Rep. Frances P. Bolton, Miss Martha Franklin, RN, Miss Belle Davis, Miss Alma Haupt, RN, Mrs. Hortense Hilbert, RN, Miss David Levy, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Elmira B. Wickenden, RN, Mrs. Jackie Robinson, RN, Mrs. Ruth Logan Roberts, and Miss Katherine Faville, RN. A total of 23 organizations will be honored at this dinner.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. Heads National Council

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—John D. Rockefeller jr., will serve as chairman of the National Council of the United Negro College fund for the 1951 campaign, it was announced this week at fund headquarters here.

Under Mr. Rockefeller's chairmanship, nationally prominent business executives and men and women active in civic and educational affairs will be recruited to serve on the national council for the current year, to aid the fund's program in support of its 32 privately financed colleges and universities.

The fund will seek to raise approximately 10 percent of the combined educational budgets of its 32 member colleges in 1951, to supplement the other 90 percent provided by income from tuition, endowment and annual church board grants.



W. O. SWANSON

Crippled Children

W. O. Swanson, state president, will head the Easter seal sale of the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children. He will be assisted by Oscar D. Mardis, executive vice-president. The dates are February 25, to March 25, Easter Sunday.

Funds raised will provide remedial, educational and rehabilitation services for handicapped children throughout the state. More than 463 were helped last year.

Stressing the increased number of calls, Chairman Swanson asked for more generous gifts than last year. He emphasized the coordinating function of the Easter Seal Society in furnishing a variety of services which no other agency is equipped to give.

"Though the state now provides schooling for the handicapped, there are frequently no funds for equipment, for auxiliary aides such as thereatists, matrons, clinical secretaries, or to pay for transporting the crippled children to and from schools and clinics," he pointed out.

Future plans, dependent on the returns from the 1951 seal sale, call for a mobile clinic, replete with all diagnostic and consultative facilities, to tour out-state districts remote from medical centers, to provide some of the services available to the crippled in larger cities. The Society will also aid in promoting a new building for the Dr. Lord School and Therapy Center. This is sponsored by the Society in cooperation with the Omaha Board of Education's special service, headed by Don A. Warner.

There are now 77 children registered at the Dr. Lord School, nearly double last year's figure. The Dr. Robert Bruner consultation clinic, held one day a month under the auspices of the Crippled Children's Society and the Parents' Council on Cerebral Palsy, will be extended to two days this month, to care for the new case load, according to S. Orson Perkins, Executive Secretary.

Campanella Burns Eye in Accident

BROOKLYN. (ANP). Catcher Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers suffered a burned right eye last week when a water heater exploded in his face. The burns were not serious, however, and Roy will be recovered before spring training begins. No permanent injury will result, according to surgeons.

Ann U. L. Membership Dinner Meeting January 31

School Breaks Color Line Admits Two

DALLAS, Tex.—(ANP)—Another school in the deep South broke the color line last week when Southern Methodist university announced that two Negroes had been admitted to its Perkins School of Theology.

The school did not announce the name of its two student pioneers but it did reveal other facts about them.

One is a graduate of Samuel Huston college in Austin, Tex., and the other a degree from Jurvis Christian college, Hawkins, Tex. They will be the first of their race to study here for credit.

Other colored students have taken courses at the SMU theological school, but none have ever received credit for their work at the institute.

This action, approved by the university's board, does not mean, however, the whole school is open to Negroes. Dean Eugene B. Hawk of the seminary said:

"We are trying to do something Christian for Negro students. The school can and should provide a service to the leaders of a great group of people that will go far toward saving them to the church and from the inroads of communism and other false and subtle philosophies."

Equal Salaries Granted Negro Health Nurses

ATLANTA, Ga.—Negro Public Health Nurses employed by the city government, were granted equalization of salaries with white nurses last week when the city adopted its budget for the year 1951.

City Council finance committee, which finally acquiesced to the demands of the Negro nurses after several years of petitioning, recommended the parity to general council upon the urging of Mayor William B. Hartsfield, who last summer won his election by a slim majority supplied by Negro voters.

The new salary schedule for the 33 Negro nurses and 35 white nurses will be as follows: Two Negro supervisors will be raised from \$175 to \$224 per month to bring them to a par with the white supervisors; 21 nurses will be raised from \$126 to \$175 per month and 10 graduate nurses will be raised from \$125 to \$147 per month.

Sam Jethroe Hurts Throwing Hand

ERIE, Pa. (ANP)—Outfielder Sam Jethroe, rookie of the year of the Boston Braves, hurt his right hand here last week as he closed the door to his garage.

Although his hand is broken, Dr. Michael Skovron, attending physician, described the injury as "not serious." He said Jethroe's hand will be in a cast for about three weeks. A small bone in the hand is broken.

Jethroe throws with his right hand.

Dr. Scrugg, President of Lincoln U. To Be Speaker

Detroit Honors Ralph Bunche

DETROIT. (ANP). Dr. Ralph J. Bunche dashed in and out of Detroit for a few hours Wednesday evening to be honored by his home town.

Mayor Cobo and the city council presented a framed tribute to the director of the United Nations trusteeship council.

In flying to Detroit Dr. Bunche broke a pledge that he would not leave his desk until the world crisis had been solved. It seems that he had cancelled all engagements but the Detroit one. He was back on the UN job the next morning.

Dr. Bunche, winner of the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize, declared once more that hopes for world peace lay in the UN. He said:

If the United States withdrew from the UN it would be an act of suicide. We may cry to be free of the troubles of the world, but we are in an international age, and that cannot be changed.

An overflow audience of admirers heard Dr. Bunche in the auditorium of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Councilman Mary V. Beck presented the tribute to Dr. Bunche. It read:

"The citizens of Detroit are proud that the early years of Dr. Bunche's life were spent in a city famed for assisting in the emancipation of his forebears, and in an environment which inspired him to achievements resulting in international distinction."

NAACP Counsel To Defend GI's In Tokyo, Japan

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of NAACP left here Thursday by plane on the first lap of a 7,000-mile flight to Tokyo, where he will undertake the defense of accused GI's of the 24th Infantry.

He was scheduled to arrive in Japan on Jan. 14, and was to begin immediately an on-the-scene investigation of the circumstances surrounding the court-martial convictions of 36 Negro enlisted men and officers who have appealed to the NAACP for such assistance.

Mr. Marshall is to be in Tokyo for about a month and plans to confer with General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, the inspector general and other top officials of the Far East command concerning the court martialing of the GI's.

Prayer Services to Precede World Prayer Day

Looking forward to the observance of the World Day of Prayer February 9, the Lincoln Council of Church Women has established a number of prayer "centers" about Lincoln where numbers will gather for prayer meetings.

Prayer services will be held January 19th, 26th and February 2nd, at Newman's parsonage, 2263 S Street, from 10:00 to 10:30 A.M. This announcement was made by Mrs. Osceola B. Nathan, wife of the Rev. R. G. Nathan, pastor of Newman Methodist church. The public is invited to attend.

The Annual Urban League Membership Dinner will be Wednesday, January 31, 1951, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Sherman D. Scrugg, president of Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Missouri, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Scrugg is recognized as one of the nation's leading educators and through his leadership, Lincoln University is now recognized as one of America's highest accredited Negro Educational Institution. Dr. Scrugg was a member of a special committee under the auspices of UNESCO which was sent to India to study the social and educational conditions of that country.

Dinner music will be furnished by a University of Nebraska String Ensemble and entertainment by local and Nebraska Wesleyan University students.

Since reservations can be accepted for only 225 persons it is advisable that reservations be made at an early date. Call at the Urban League office for reservations or call 2-2392 and we will mail you tickets. For further information call the Urban League Office.

Mrs. Roberta Molden is general chairman of the planning committee.

Couple to Make Home With Son

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, elderly parents of Mr. William Byron Davis, 820 C Street, arrived here Friday (by ambulance) from New Bloomfield, Missouri, to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are crippled. Mrs. Davis, 74, was taken directly to St. Elizabeth hospital for a couple of days examination. She has been bed-fast for six weeks since suffering two strokes within a month.

Mr. Davis has been a semi-invalid since a polio attack as a child.

Besides their son, Mr. Davis, they have a daughter here, Miss Virginia Davis.

The couple made the 400-mile trip in a Umberger ambulance.

W. Va. State Selects Two For Scholarship

INSTITUTE, W. Va.—(ANP)—West Virginia State College students are among the four state students nominated for scholarships under the Fulbright plan to study abroad, the state Board of Education announced last week.

They are John Evehmonde Anderson, 21, and Carl Stephen Hundley, 22, both seniors with majors in French.

Anderson spent the summer in France under the sponsorship of the Cercle Francais of the college and the International Student organization. He plans to study French literature in France. Hundley plans to study the French language in Belgium.

The other two candidates are white students.

The Board of Foreign Scholarships of the State department will make the final selection of an unannounced number from the four allowed each state sometime during April.