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## Colonel Says He's Sold on Integration



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MAYOR ANDERSON

### Anderson to Run For Lincoln Mayor

Mayor Victor E. Anderson announced Saturday that he will run for a two-year term as Mayor in this spring's municipal elections.

The Lincoln City Council unanimously appointed Mr. Anderson to the Mayor's office last September after Clarence G. Miles resigned to run for Congress.

Mr. Anderson, 48, a former state senator, said Saturday, "I have enjoyed my term because I have had the full co-operation of the public, City Council, the city directors and all of the city employees, which has made my work pleasant.

"I believe we have a very fine city and a good form of government and I am happy to offer my services to help continue to make our city a good place to live."

Mr. Anderson owns a hardware store in Havelock, a Lincoln suburb, and is president of the Havelock National Bank. He is a director of three insurance firms and an investment company.

Mayor Anderson is a Republican, but the Mayor and Lincoln City Council members are elected on a nonpartisan ticket.

### Mrs. Tobias Named Manager at Macy's

NEW YORK. (ANP). The appointment of Mrs. Mary Tobias Dean as manager of the Men's and Women's Handkerchief departments for Macy's store here, was announced last week by Kirt Meyer, vice president in charge of Women's Accessories.

Mrs. Dean, who succeeds Abraham Kavado, came to Macy's in 1947 as a member of the Executive Training squad. Later that year, she was named Junior assistant manager of the Men's and Women's Handkerchief department, and, in May 1948, she was promoted to her present position as senior assistant manager of the Handbags department.

Prior to joining Macy's staff, Mrs. Dean taught art at Atlanta university from 1938 to 1942. During the war, she served as national arts and crafts director for the USO, and from 1946 to 1947, she was an art instructor in the New York City High schools system.

She received her B.A. from New York university in 1933 and her master in Fine Arts from Columbia in 1936.

Mrs. Dean is the daughter of

### Ennis News

The Christmas holidays in Ennis, Texas seemed to have been enjoyable and well-spent by the majority. The weather was pleasant and no one experienced serious accidents.

The school had its program and Christmas tree on the 22nd of December and school was dismissed until January 1, 1951.

On the night of December 21, a choral program of spirituals and carols was presented under a beautifully decorated tree with numerous church and school choirs of the city participating.

Mrs. Andrew Jackson was hostess to many friends at a deliciously prepared turkey dinner with all of the trimmings on December 26th at 7:30. The following Christmas decorations carried out the holiday atmosphere in her home: A pretty Christmas tree in the living room, a center piece of small Christmas trees and a bowl of fruit on the dining room table and small cedar branches gracefully hanging above the fireplace in the living room.

Everyone attending this affair enjoyed it heartily.

On the night of December 28, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Terrell motored to Dallas to view, with hundreds of others, the beautiful and impressive "Nativity scene" displayed and sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, on their spacious lawn surrounding their home at 5200 Swiss Avenue. There were many trees decorated with lights, the largest being over 12 by 6 feet with approximately 1,000 Christmas lights. There were four scenes at different locations on the lawn depicting the following—(1) angels appearing with the message of Christ's birth; (2) shepherds watching their flock; (3) three Wise men on camels bearing gifts; (4) the manger where Christ was born. Every character and feature of the entire story was life-like and life-size.

This nativity scene has been displayed in the same manner for at least three years in succession, and sight-seers from far and neighboring states have witnessed its beauty.

Many Ennisites spent Christmas holidays out of town, while others living elsewhere, came back home for Christmas.

### Bible All Lies, Says Red Press

Vatican City—A dictionary of foreign words printed by the State Publishing House in Moscow defines the word "Bible" as "a fantastic collection of legends without scientific basis," according to reports reaching the Vatican.

The dictionary gives this definition of religion:

"A fantastic belief in God, angels, spirits, etc., which has no foundation whatsoever from a scientific point of view."

"Religion was strengthened in the interest of the reactionary classes. It served to oppress the working classes and to reinforce the bourgeois classes."

Omaha World-Herald

Dr. Channing Tobias and wife of Dr. William Dean of the U.N.'s trusteeship division. She is also the mother of two children.

### Johnson Says Improvements Needed In U.S.

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Improvement of minority rights in the United States will help American foreign policy, particularly in relation to the Far East, it was declared here recently by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk university.

Speaking under the auspices of the Sidney Hillman Foundation, Dr. Johnson addressed an audience at Mandel Hall, the University of Chicago.

He gave three main factors in America's role in the world:

1. Recent U. S. Supreme court decisions involving Negro citizenship rights.

2. Importance of color in relation to the rest of the world, particularly to darker skinned Asiatics.

3. The doctrine of human rights that is spreading throughout the world.

Explaining to the audience how democracy as practiced in the United States affects its position in the world, Dr. Johnson said:

"The new and sudden leadership role of the United States now being challenged with such sweeping force by elements of Eastern society, and the somewhat apathetic acceptance of its leadership by some European countries, are making it urgent and imperative that concrete examples of our own democratic convictions be set now."

Dr. Johnson cited what he called numerous gaps. Among them were enforced racial segregation in many public places, indirect restrictive housing despite the U. S. Supreme court ban against racial restrictive covenants, lack of enforcement of fair employment practices laws, and violations of civil rights.

The Fisk president concluded with a plea that the United States has no guilt on its conscience in reference to the practice of democracy. He said:

"We know that destiny is pressing hard upon us; that we must abandon the luxury of gradualism that what matters most now is not only this change, but the speed of this change."

### Ga. House Passes Anti-Hood Bill

ATLANTA—(ANP) — By an overwhelming vote, the Georgia house of representatives passed 149 to 1 an anti-hood bill outlawing the wearing of a mask by persons over 16 on private or public property. The bill also outlaws cross burning and mob intimidation by the Ku Klux Klan.

Only member to vote against the measure was Alex Boone, a newspaper publisher of Irwington county. Boone claims that he is an "unreconstructed rebel."

Although to many persons the overwhelming vote in favor of the measure has come as a surprise, it may not be one. It was sponsored by the administration of Gov. Herman Talmadge, and probably was sure of passage anyway.

The bill before becoming law will have to be passed by the state senate.

### Foxholes Have No Color Line

With Eighth Army, Central Korean Front—There is no color line in the front line foxholes of one United States infantry division.

White soldier and Negro soldier are fighting shoulder to shoulder

and as officers are commanding mixed units.

In civilian life at home, the subject of race relations may provoke endless debate and no pat solution. Here in the crucible of battle, the integration of black man and white man on a "co-equal footing is an accomplished fact.

"We eat together, sleep together, work together, fight together," said Col. Edwin J. Messenger of Tacoma, Wash., commanding an infantry regiment. "I am sold on the idea of integration."

Colonel Messenger was an All-America end at West Point where he was graduated in 1931. He was chief of the United States military mission in Costa Rica in 1948.

While integration is taking place in all regiments of the Eighth army in varying degree, this regiment has gone farther than any other and offers the best testing ground.

It came here from Fort Lewis, Wash., last summer with two white and one Negro battalions. Thirty percent of the Negro battalion is now white, while 30 percent of the other two is now Negro.

"Replacements started this, and non-commissioned officers are Negroes," said Colonel Messenger.

His regimental surgeon, Lieut. Col. John F. Harris of Washington, D. C., is a Negro. Colonel Messenger and the regiment swear he is the best medic in the division.

One of the most surprising aspects of all integration is the reaction of Southern soldiers. Lieut. Col. Joseph A. Lerot of Eugene, Ore., regimental executive officer since the regiment's first flight, offered one example.

"I assigned a white replacement to our battalion," said Colonel Lerot, "telling him it was a Negro outfit. The boy cocked an eye at me and said he was from Virginia, but would give it a whirl.

"A week later he came to see me. He told me, 'Colonel, no one knows I came here to see you, but I wanted you to know that I have never been treated better by any one in the army than I was by my platoon leader and my squad. That squad of mine really takes care of me. I wouldn't leave the outfit.'"

Everywhere he went, through all companies and battalions, we saw the same mixture of white and colored soldiers.

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### Newman Church to Hold Baby Popularity Contest

Newman Methodist church is sponsoring a baby popularity contest to end January 28, 1951 at 4 o'clock.

Babies entered in the contest are as follows: Sunya Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed; Ruth Colleen Hale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale; Rosanne May Gardenheir, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gill; Fern Hassell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hassell; Carmen Francine Brame, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larmen Brame and Deborah Yvonne Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Shepherd.

Mrs. Mary McWilliams is chairman of the contest.



Courtesy of Lincoln Journal  
Dr. S. D. Scruggs

### Dr. S. D. Scruggs

The Lincoln Urban League will observe its annual meeting with a membership dinner January 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the league building, 2030 T. Members and friends are invited.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Sherman Dana Scruggs, president of Lincoln University of Missouri, Jefferson City.

Dr. Scruggs received his doctorate in 1935 from the University of Kansas. He has held several prominent public posts, including that of vice president of the Missouri council of the United Nations educational, scientific and cultural organization, and as such was a member of a special committee which visited India last summer to study its social and educational conditions. He is also vice president of the Missouri State Association of Adult Education.

As a member of the Missouri state committee of the mid-century white house conference, Dr. Scruggs was one of the special advisors appointed by the national committee.

The local Urban League was organized in 1932 as a social work agency for Negroes. It is regulated by a bi-racial board of directors, 14 Negro and 13 white members. It has been a participating agency of the Community Chest since its organization.

Membership has increased each year to the present number of 800.

Dale weeks is president of the board. Mrs. Robert Molden is chairman of the annual meeting planning committee.

### Bunche to Speak At Smith College

NORTHAMPTON, Mass.—(ANP)—Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, senior director of the U.N. Trusteeship council, will give the traditional Washington's birthday address at Smith college, famous girls' college.

Each year an outstanding speaker is chosen for the special mid-morning assembly on Feb. 22, which is the formal celebration of Rally Day, a day of varied Smith campus activities.