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Significant In Race Relations Gains

In sketching the 1950 picture of Negro life and Negro-white relations in the United States, significant results are shown in the efforts of organizations, certain state and local legislation, the United States Supreme Court ruling on segregation, and the active work of churches, educational groups, and individuals in various communities in bringing certain civil rights measures nearer to fulfillment. Many of all people, regardless of race; but in many cases they were given

impetus because of existing discriminatory practices against Negroes. Also, even with these hopeful signs of ground gained, there are still evidences of the need for continual hammering at the question of equal rights.

Among the year's outstanding achievements are those of: Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Mediator for Palestine, who received the Nobel Peace Prize for 1950—the first Negro ever to win this award, and the eleventh American to win it. Althea Gibson, Negro college student, became the first Negro ever admitted to play in the National Tennis championships of the United States Lawn Tennis association at Forest Hills, N. Y. Mrs. Edith Simpson, Chicago attorney, was appointed by President Truman as alternate delegate to the United Nations general assembly. The annual Spingarn Medal was awarded, posthumously, to Charles H. Houston, Washington, D. C. attorney. . . . In the annual report on Negro students published by Crisis magazine, it was stated that 60,000 Negro students enrolled in colleges, universities and professional schools in the U. S. during the year 1949-50.



Mrs. Camillia Leftridge

Los Angeles Observes 100th Year Methodism

Mrs. Camillia Leftridge, executive board member of the Southern California Conference layman league of the A.M.E. church in Los Angeles, is chairman for a luncheon to be given during the Bishop's council to be in session February 22 and 23.

Mrs. Leftridge is reporter for the Laymen's Executive board and a conscientious worker for the development of the lay movement throughout the A.M.E. church.

Extensive plans are outlined for the entertainment of all visitors during the observance of the 100th year of African Methodism on the West Coast.

Rosenwald Gives \$10,000 To NAACP

NEW YORK.—A contribution of \$10,000 from the Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation of Jenkintown, Pa., last week started the ball rolling in a \$250,000 fund-raising campaign of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Huber Foundation of Red Bank, N. J., contributed \$1,000 to the campaign. Other gifts received during the past two weeks include \$500 from E. Snell Hall, Jamestown, N. Y.; \$250 from the Scerman Foundation, New York City.

National Heart Week Will End February 18th

Heart disease caused 34.2 percent of all Nebraska deaths in 1949. It was announced today by Dr. Harold C. Lueth, President of the Nebraska Heart Association, in a letter to A. Q. Schimmel, Lincoln, state chairman of the 1951 Heart Fund.

"Heart disease caused twice as many deaths as did cancer," Mr. Schimmel said, "One of every three people who died in our state died as the result of heart disease."

"We must fight this battle against heart disease together," Mr. Schimmel urged. "If we support the Nebraska Heart Association in its three way program of research, clinics and education, we can greatly reduce the fatalities from heart disorders."

"National Heart Week began February 11 and ends February 18. It marks an intensified education campaign to bring the facts about heart disease to the public. It's a good time to think about hearts, with Valentine's Day," Mr. Schimmel said.

"Knowledge of cardiovascular diseases can eliminate fear, carelessness and neglect. With early checkups we can avoid needless suffering, premature deaths and check heart damage," he said.

"We must meet our responsibilities," the chairman said. "We must support our state association and contribute to the Heart Fund. Seventy-five percent of the funds will remain in the state to be used here."

Nebraska post offices are co-operating in the heart drive contributions may be sent to HEART, care of any local post office, Mr. Schimmel announced.

Fair Employment Practices Law Is

OUR DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE teaches equality of economic opportunity for all, regardless of race, religion or national origin. Today our way of life faces the threat of totalitarianism and its propaganda. We must be able to demonstrate a national unity and morale which proves: "This is the land of the free!"

Those who have fought side by side for our democracy deserve assurance of equal opportunity for work.

A BASIC TEACHING OF OUR RELIGION: In the eyes of God, all men are equal. Can this be reconciled with denying a man the right to earn a living on grounds of his color or creed? Fair employment Practices legislation will be a practical realization of the basic ideas which we embrace. Even though they are making progress in rooting out our prejudices, education and religion alone cannot accomplish the job of wiping out harmful discrimination! Here is a law which, by the policy it declares and the experiences it provides, is education for democratic and religious justice.

Working people benefit from laws which make employment and advancement dependent upon merit and ability. All workers suffer from lowered labor standards and conditions which result from employment discrimination. Each worker fares well when all workers fare well.

The American Heart Association was formed in 1922 by a group of cardiologists to fight heart disease with planned scientific and educational work. Recently reorganized into a national voluntary health agency, it is fighting heart disease in all its phases.

Dr. L. S. Goolsby Sparks \$147,000 Housing Program

COLUMBIA, Mo. (Special) Columbia will receive \$147,000 from the federal government for low cost housing because of the effects of a local minister, Rev. Dr. Lewis S. Goolsby, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. church.

Dr. Goolsby, leading Negro minister in this city of 70,000, first brought to the attention of



Dr. L. S. Goolsby

the Ministerial Alliance of Columbia, the deplorable conditions under which many Negroes and whites alike are housed. Through his efforts, the ministers began a four-month survey of the situation and then began to interest the city officials. Finally state and federal administrators were in the picture, and on January 15, the government announced that Columbia would receive its grant for public-sponsored low-rent housing. Plans are now being drawn for the construction of the units sometime this spring.

Dr. Goolsby is a native of Georgia. He received his B.D. from Morris Brown college in Atlanta and his A.B. degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He has pastored churches in Georgia, California, Colorado and Missouri during his more than 40 years in the ministry. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1946 at Western University.

Dr. Goolsby came to Columbia in 1948, and since that time has taken an active part and provided outstanding leadership in religious, school and community affairs.

(Editor's Note: Rev. Dr. Goolsby was formerly pastor of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church in Lincoln and presiding elder of the Omaha district of his church.)

Pastor Has Idea On Fighting Reds

HASTINGS, Neb.—"The best way to battle communism is to live a purified democracy," Rev. Charles Shedd, Presbyterian minister from Ponca City, Okl., told a Christian Emphasis week audience at Hastings college.

The people of the United States are in part responsible for the spread of communism, Rev. Mr. Shedd declared, because we have failed to live up to our high ideals of liberty and justice for all.

Heart disease comes second only to accidents in causing deaths of children from 5 to 10 years old.

Members of Executive Board



Pictured above is a group of the members of the Executive Board of the Laymen's League of the Southern California Conference of the A.M.E. Church. Left to right, front row: Mrs. Mabel Norman, conference branch secretary; Mrs. Cora Ross, member of executive board; Presiding-Elder A. K. Quinn; Mrs. Pinkie Wilson, conference branch chaplain; Rev. J. W. Price, founder and pastor of Price Chapel; Mrs. Camilla Leftridge, member of executive board; Mrs. Helen Maupin, field director of Los Angeles County X-ray Service. Standing: C. W. Stafford, conference president; John R. Wright, conference vice-president; Benj. W. Inghram,

member of executive board and chairman of league committee; James Crafton, member of executive board; Mrs. Vassar L. Burks, member of executive board; Donald A. Brunson, vice-president and member of executive boards of conference and district; Dr. William A. Beck, respiratory diseases specialist; M. E. Webb, member of executive board; Mr. Evans, member of executive board; Henry H. Pettigrew, member of executive board and district president's advisory board and William Thomas Person, member of executive board. Not shown: Mrs. Edna Willis, Mrs. Jos. C. Ellis, Mrs. Lucy Minor, and Mrs. Sadie Wilson.

Library of the Late Dr. Garnett Dedicated to Indiana University

GARY, Ind. (ANP)—The library of a great Negro educator and business man, born a slave, last week was dedicated here to the Gary center of Indiana university.

Turned over to the university was the collection of the late Dr. James H. Garnett, a man who founded two Negro colleges and headed five others.

His daughter, Mrs. Ida Guy, a speech teacher in Gary public schools, delivered the main address at the opening of ceremonies. During her talk she recounted how her father fought his way out of slavery. She said:

"When he was a slave on a Georgia plantation during the Civil war some Union soldiers came along the road and asked for horses. Although the slaves had orders to say no, he gave the soldiers three horses, and then ran off and joined the Union army, himself."

More than 600 personal volumes belonging to Garnett form the nucleus of the new Garnett library. Presentation was made by the Anselm human relations forum here. Arthur R. Todd headed the library committee.

The library is open to students with the beginning of the second semester of the school year here.

Dr. Garnett died here five years ago when he was nearly 100 years old after he had led a distinguished career as an educator.

He was the founder and/or president of the following schools: Arkansas Baptist, 1886-87; Gaudalpe, Seguin, Tex., 1887-91; State university, later Simmons, Louisville, Ky., 1891-95; Houston college, 1895-99, and Western college, Macon, Mo., for 10 years.

He also taught at Lincoln (Mo.) for 10 years, was dean of theology and chaplain, Kansas I&E institute, 1922-25, and teacher, American Baptist Theological seminary, East Nashville, Tenn., after 1925.

Born in 1847 as a slave on the Carter plantation, Gordon County, Ga., he joined the Union army in 1864. After being honorably discharged from the army, he later began to get an education.

In 1875 he entered Oberlin in the prep department. In 1881 he was graduated. Then came several degrees from other colleges.

He founded in Gary an insurance firm and held large real estate properties including an apartment house. He also served as a welfare officer for Gary.

The Gary center of Indiana university is a branch of that school.