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\$600,000 Drive Started By Natl. Urban League

Palmer, President Tobias, Chairman

Dwight R. G. Palmer, president of General Cable Corporation, last week (April 9th) was named chairman of the 1951 Urban League Fund drive. At a luncheon meeting of seventy top business, industry and labor executives at New York's Commodore Hotel, Mr. Palmer, in accepting leadership in the drive for \$600,000 said "support of the league offers an opportunity to prove that discrimination based on class, race or religion has no place in the world." Palmer is joint-chairman for labor and industry organizations of Brotherhood Week.

Two \$25,000 Gifts

James Felt, president, James Felt Co., realtors, and president of the Urban League of Greater New York, announced the \$600,000 goal for the 1951 drive, an increase of \$200,000 over 1950. Mr. Felt said two grants of \$25,000 each have already been received. These are from Julius Rosenstiel, president, Schenley Industries, Inc., and Mrs. Loula Lasker, civic leader and board member, New York League.

Dr. Tobias Co-chairman

The 1951 drive, said Mr. Felt, will be concentrated in the spring and fall, in a series of bi-monthly campaigns. The first will kick-off, he said, with a breakfast meeting April 24th and will be led by co-chairmen working as a team. Mr. Palmer and Dr. Channing H Tobias, director, Phelps-Stokes Fund, will lead this first two-week drive.

To Expand Service

"The Urban League," said Lloyd K. Garrison, widely-known lawyer and president, National Urban League, "has found a way of doing a job through cooperative community action — there should be 150 leagues, in every state in the Union." Elmo Roper, public opinion analyst and National Urban League board member, called for support of the league to enable "any man to hold down any job he is capable of holding, regardless of race, religion or national origin." Attainment of this ideal, said Roper, "would triple the Negro's buying power."

"Education is part of the answer," said Lester B. Granger, executive director, National Urban League, "but education without opportunity to put that learning to use adds up to frustration — and it is the league which provides the link between preparation and productive use of a man's skills." Mr. Granger called support of the league in this campaign "proof of a conviction of the worth, and faith in the need and practical nature of cooperative effort."

Guests of honor at the luncheon were Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, 1950 Nobel Peace Prize winner; Dr. Tobias; Robert W. Dowling, president, City Investing Co., and past chairman of the Urban League Fund Campaign; Earl Schwulst, president, Bowery Savings Bank; Edward S. Lewis, executive director, Urban League of Greater New York, and Mrs. Moise Cahn, New Orleans, La., first vice president, National Council of Jewish Women, and National Urban League board member.



MISS FREDDIE L. POWELL

Student Nurse Receives Honors

Freddie Louise Powell, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Powell, of Lincoln, Nebraska, will receive honors on Tuesday, April 24th, at the Twenty-third annual honors convocation to be held at the University Coliseum at 10:15 A.M.

Miss Powell, a junior at the University School of Nursing in Omaha, has received recognition for high scholastic standing for a second time; she was so honored during her freshman year.

Ministers' Wives Council Has Luncheon Meeting

The Ministers Wives Council held a regular meeting Thursday, April 12th, with Mrs. Jennie R. Edwards and Mrs. Golden Brooks as hostesses. After a short business session a program, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Humbert was enjoyed by the group.

Mrs. Osceola Nathan represented the council at the one-day conference held at the Cornhusker on Saturday.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Mary Humbert and Mrs. W. I. Monroe as hostesses.

Family Reunion Day Scheduled at Quinn Chapel April 22nd

The Laymen League at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church is sponsoring a family reunion basket dinner, Sunday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. R. E. Handy, pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. church, Omaha, Neb., will be guest speaker and his choir will furnish music.

Rev. Mr. Handy is a former pastor of Quinn Chapel and Rev. J. B. Brooks, pastor of Quinn Chapel was a former pastor at Allen Chapel in Omaha.

Our Honor Roll

The following is a list of those who are New Subscribers or have Renewed their subscription to The Voice.

Mr. Lewis Botts
Miss Ida Anderson
Mrs. R. C. Brooks
Mrs. James Stewart
Mrs. L. L. Belknap
City Library
Mrs. A. T. Lobdell
Mrs. P. C. Swift
Mrs. W. A. Teachman
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McWilliams,

Workshops Attended

An all-day conference Saturday at the Cornhusker hotel for "An examination of our community attitudes toward minority groups in the areas of recreation, employment, housing and public service, including health," more than 200 sponsors and representatives of various organizations listened to an opening address by Whitney Young, executive secretary of the Omaha Urban League, entitled "A Philosophy of Community Living." The Rev. John P. Markoe, S. J. of Creighton University gave the luncheon address. He used for a subject, "How Do We Live Together."

Enthusiastic delegates filled each work-shop to near capacity. One significant feature was outstanding—the lack of knowledge of existing segregation patterns and discriminatory practices which are prevalent in Lincoln.

In the final analysis recommendations were presented to the open sessions from the work-shops in forms of resolutions favoring a permanent committee whose duty it would be to ascertain facts, and find solutions to the problems dealing with human relations.

First Aid Bulletin's Distributed by the Red Cross Committee

Mr. John Agee, chairman of the Red Cross First Aid committee, announced Saturday that the committee is distributing to more than eight thousand Lincoln families through their school children, a bulletin entitled "Seven Important Safety and First Aid Measures." Mr. Lloyd Jenkins, Red Cross Safety Director, compiled the bulletin from information printed by the Federal Civilian Defense Authority.

Co-operating in the distribution are Mr. Ray Osborn, Lincoln Civilian Defense Director and Dr. Stephen N. Watkins, Superintendent of Lincoln Schools. Arrangements are being made also for distribution of the bulletin through pupils of the parochial schools.

Further co-operation of the parochial schools in the First Aid program is being planned by Father Mitchell M. Kaczmarek through First Aid classes to be sponsored by the PTA of each of the parochial schools. The first of these started Friday night, April 13th, at the home of L. V. Michal, 3320 M, sponsored by the PTA of St. Theresa's School, with Mr. Lloyd Jenkins, instructor.

First Aid classes still open for enrollment are the following: Monday, 7:30 p.m. Consumers, 14th & O, Danny Cochrane instructor Friday, 7:30 p.m. Moose Hall, Federated Finance Bldg., C. O. Fitch, instructor, Friday, 8:30 p.m. St. Theresa's PTA, home of L. W. Micmhal, 3320 M, Lloyd Jenkins, instructor.

Washington, D. C.
Roosevelt Bass, Korea
Mrs. Hattie Jefferson, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Dr. Joshua M. Brown, Chicago, Ill.

Present Facilities Are Inadequate—Watkins

Rev. Trago McWilliams, 65, Dies

Lincoln Christ Temple Pastor

Rev. Trago T. McWilliams, sr., 65, associate pastor of Lincoln Christ Temple (Holiness) church, died Sunday. He had been ill since October.

Born at Falls City, Nebraska, Rev. McWilliams came to Lincoln with his family when he was one year old.

Rev. McWilliams was ordained in 1922 at the Third Christian



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REV. MR. MCWILLIAMS

Church. In 1936 he was ordained and ministered as pastor of the Christ Temple (Holiness) church at Kansas City, Kan.

He was the first Exalted ruler of Cornhusker lodge of the Elks No. 579 IBPOEW, Past Potentate of Islam Shrine Temple No. 63 and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska and Jurisdiction.

Rev. McWilliams was a graduate of Lincoln high school. He attended the University of Nebraska and Omaha University. A member of Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity, he edited and published the Advocate and Review.

He organized the Lincoln Civic and Improvement league which later sponsored his candidacy for representative of the 19th district in Nebraska under the old two house system.

He also helped to organize the Lincoln Urban League. Gov. McMullen and Mayor Frank Zehrung recognized him as an outstanding Nebraskan by naming him to represent Nebraska at the Educational Council at Kansas City, Mo.

During World war II he was publicly honored for his meritorious service as foreman at the Martin bomber plant, Fort Crook.

Besides his life with the church, he was employed by the Greivish drug company, Canada pullman service, Miller and Paine, the State house, Urban league, Martin bomber plant and the Omaha Star.

Throughout his life he demonstrated tenderness, love and wisdom in his befriending many

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Total enrollment in Lincoln's public schools will exceed 16,500 in 1955 and may reach 19,000 by 1960, Dr. Stephen Watkins, superintendent of schools said recently.

Dr. Watkins released these figures in support of the \$6 million bond issue which will be placed before the public on the May 1 general election ballot.

"Some of our schools, particularly at the elementary level, are crowded beyond capacity today," Dr. Watkins said, "and our total enrollment for the current year is but 13,175."

"In another year we simply will not be able to care for the youngsters in the elementary grades and as they are promoted, the same situation will hold true in both junior and senior high school accommodations."

IN REPORTING the procedure used to obtain accurate population figures on which to base estimating future needs, Dr. Watkins praised the Parent-Teacher association members who conducted the November survey of more than 29,000 family units.

IN REGARD TO finances, Dr. Watkins said the present bonded debt of the district is very low compared to other Nebraska cities, both in percentage of assessed real valuation and in present mill levy for debt retirement.

"The total cost of the \$6 million needed will be approximately a million less than the district has had to pay for the \$5 million used in the building program undertaken in the 1920's. (Belmont, Elliott, Hartley, Prescott, Whittier, Clinton, Everett, Hawthorne, Irving Park, Randolph, Sheridan an assembly room at Saratoga, and additions at Hartley, Hayward and Lincoln high school were built or expanded by 1920 and 1924 bond issues.)

1. No additional space is planned where present indications point to a possible decrease in school population in that area.

2. All available space will be utilized before an addition is contemplated.

3. All needs are based on using space at maximum capacity.

4. No new building is planned if additions can be profitably made to existing structures. This is made easier by the fact that present locations of elementary schools are excellent.

5. No additional rooms will be built if remodeling of present facilities can supply needed space.

But even with these rules in mind, a total of 126 class rooms must be constructed to handle the known 1955 peak load. These figures include 20 for Huskerville where planning must be based on the future of that site as a residential area. However, even should the air base be reactivated and the Huskerville residents moved into Lincoln proper, this would only complicate the problem by making still more classroom space necessary in the buildings serving the areas into which these would move.