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## Paper Honors 10 Persons

CHICAGO. (ANP) — Six Negroes were among the ten persons and five institutions cited last week for outstanding contributions to the Democratic way of life and placed on the Chicago Defender's 1951 Honor Roll.

The colored persons are: O. O. Morris, executive of the Washington Park Y.M.C.A. and the Wabash Avenue U.M.C.A.; Pfc. William Thompson, victim of the Korean war; Orestes Mino, Chicago White Sox baseball player, Monte Irvin, New York Giant baseball player; the Rev. Roland T. Heacock, minister of all-white church; and Lt. George W. Lee, Memphis, Tenn., civic leader.

The four white persons are Rudolph Bing, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera; Gov. Paul Devers, Massachusetts; Henry Ford II, of Ford Motor company, and Gen. M. Ridgway, U.S.A. commander in the Pacific.

The five institutions are the University of Illinois, Drake university, St. Francis hospital, Notre Dame university, and National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Morris was named for setting the pace in Y work in 1951 and for leadership in the building of new \$1,500,000 Washington Park Y.M.C.A. in Chicago.

Pfc. Thompson, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, for sacrificing his life in valor above and beyond the call of duty in the Korean war to uphold the ideals of Democracy.

Mino for capturing the hearts of the nation fans and being voted American League "Rookie of the Year" by the Sporting News.

Irvin for helping spark New York Giants to National League pennant and seeking a seat in the New Jersey legislature.

Rev. Heacock for his work in promoting interracial understanding and good will.

And Lt. Lee for his fight against illiteracy and for rallying Negroes to register and vote in Memphis.

Also Bing for breaking down color bar in employment in hiring Miss Janet Collins as company's first permanent Negro ballerina.

Gov. Devers for hiring a colored secretary, Mrs. Ruth Williams, and pressing for better race relations.

Ford for using the vast Ford resources in the fight, against racism and urging fairplay in employment.

Gen. Ridgway for his order banning Jim Crow in the Pacific command and speeding up integration in units of the army.

The University of Illinois for election of Miss Clarice Davis homecoming "Queen" by the student body and for honoring a Negro at its traditional "Dad's Day" celebration.

Drake university for withdrawing from the Missouri Valley conference because of treatment given football star Johnny Bright, who was injured in a game with Oklahoma A. and M.

St. Francis hospital for practicing fair employment and integration despite protests and walk-out.

Notre Dame university for expanding the principle of Democratic education and active participation in campus life of all races and creeds.

And the National Conference of Christians and Jews for its distinguished work in promoting brotherhood and denouncing intolerance.

## Best Legislator



**REP. CHARLES J. JENKINS**  
Chairman of the appropriations committee of the Illinois House of Representatives, the first Negro to hold the post, recently was given the "Best Legislator Award" of the Independent Voters League of Illinois. Governor Stevenson spoke at the ceremony which was held at Kimball Hall, Chicago. (ANP).

## Dimes Fund Wages Dual Polio Fight

Funds contributed to the 1952 March of Dimes this month will become double-barrelled barrages in the war on polio, Jim Ackerman, County Campaign Director, declared today.

"Every dime and dollar finances care of patients, research, epidemic aid and education of much-needed, professional personnel," Mr. Ackerman said.

Fifty per cent of the funds remain here to finance care of local polio patients needing such help or, in an emergency, are made available to the national epidemic aid fund.

The other 50 per cent is sent to National Headquarters, where it is used for these programs:

**Research**—The most extensive voluntary research program ever levelled at a single disease. Aimed at finding a means of preventing or curing polio, March of Dimes grants are supporting research in the nation's leading universities and laboratories.

**Professional Education**—With shortages resulting from increased demands for professional service, inroads made by military requirements; more trained personnel are needed today than ever before, particularly in view of more widespread polio epidemics. March of Dimes scholarships, fellowships and short courses are training more professionals to care for polio victims and to man scientific laboratories.

**Emergency Epidemic Aid Fund**—This is money made available to any community which has exhausted its local March of Dimes funds carrying for patients.

Mr. Ackerman emphasized that "the number of new patients every year, plus the tens of thousands of patients from past years still needing help, have left the March of Dimes in debt at the end of each of the past four years. Thus the 1952 appeal must surpass any of the past." The March of Dimes will continue to the end of the month.

## Bishop Kelly Makes Appeal For College

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—"No project in our Methodism has given greater account of our investment than our own Philander Smith College at Little Rock, Arkansas," Bishop Edward W. Kelly, Sr., wrote in a letter to the ministers of the churches in the St. Louis area, of which he is the episcopal head.

White and Negro Methodist churches in several states including Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Tennessee, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana will take an offering for the Little Rock institution on Race Relations Sunday, February 10.

Bishop Kelly lauded the progress that has been made at Philander Smith College under the administration of Dr. M. L. Harris, who was one of the youngest college presidents in the nation when he was elected in 1936.

Twenty-three of the twenty-five Negroes who received Master of Arts degrees from the University of Arkansas last year were graduates of Philander Smith College, which is reported to be the only Negro church related college in the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

Philander Smith College and Dr. Harris are due much of the credit for the fact that the University of Arkansas opened its doors to Negroes without a legal battle, according to Bishop Kelly and others.

## Jackie Signs for \$40,000 in 1952

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—(ANP)—Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers' great second baseman, last week became the highest paid player in the history of the Brooklyn club when he signed his 1952 contract for \$40,000 and thus entered into the coveted circle of the 10 highest salaried baseball players in the major leagues.

At the time of the signing of his new contract, Robinson, who cracked the color line in modern major league baseball, predicted that he would not last as long as Joe Dimaggio.

He attributed his inability to remain around too much longer to having played too many different sports in college. He said that his having played them so hard had taken a lot out of him. "Another thing is my weight," he said. "It's against my lasting more than a few more years, unless I can find some way to control it."

Robinson was an all-around star at the University of California at Los Angeles some 12 years ago. He soon will be 35 years old. The Yankee slugger, Dimaggio, was 37 when he retired recently.

Robinson's new contract calls for an increase of \$6,000 over his last year's salary.

Among the other major league players, the following probably will earn more than Robinson in 1952.

Yogi Berra, New York Yankees, Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox; Bob Lemon and Bob Feller, Cleveland Indians, all of the American.

Also Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals, all of the National leagues.

## Jaycee Select Publisher Among Young Men Of The Year

TULSA, Okla.—(ANP)—Because of his sensational success in the publication of four magazines, John H. Johnson, editor-publisher of Ebony, was named Saturday, Jan. 12 as one of the 10 outstanding young men of the United States in 1951 by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This is the first time the Junior Chamber has ever named a Negro business man for this honor. Johnson along with nine other young men will be officially honored Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Jaycees' annual banquet in Dayton, O.

To earn this award, Johnson has progressed from the days in 1942 when he and his wife, Mrs. Eunice Walker Johnson, a former social worker, started out with \$500 to publish the Negro Digest in a one-room office.

From his small staff, the Johnson Publishing company has grown to a large organization which owns its own home in Chicago, has offices in New York and Los Angeles, publishes four magazines, Ebony, Negro Digest, Tan Confessions and Jet, and hires a staff of 75 employees.

Born in Arkansas City, Ark., Johnson at the age of 15 came to Chicago with his mother, and enrolled at DuSable high school. There he first showed talent as a journalist, becoming editor of the school paper and editor of his class year-book. He also was president of his graduation class and president of the student council.

While working at Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company and serving as editor of the house newspaper, Johnson got the idea for Negro Digest. For the company journal he used to digest all articles he read in magazines and newspapers about Negroes.

Desiring to present the achievement of Negroes in America, Johnson began Ebony, his best known magazine, in November, 1945. It was an immediate success. It now boasts a circulation of more than 500,000 copies. Five years later, he began Tan Confessions, already in the six figures in circulation. One year later, November, 1951, Johnson introduced a new Negro weekly news magazine, Jet.

His four magazines today have a combined circulation of more than a million, the greatest ever achieved by a Negro publisher in America. As a result, the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce is citing him "for developing publications that record and describe the progress of the Negro in America and serve as an inspiration to all Negroes."

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## Stamp Honors Church Founder

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — A commemorative stamp honoring Richard Allen, the founder of the AME Church, the oldest Negro organization in America, was issued last week.

Designed by the General Conference Commission of the church, the seal heralds the 1952 conference to be held in Chicago, May 7-21.

Allen, a free man of color, founded the AME Church in Philadelphia in 1783 after a group of Negro worshippers had been ejected from a white Methodist church where they went to worship. The original church was located at Sixth and Lombard streets in Philadelphia, the site of the present edifice, Mother Bethel AME church.

In honoring Allen with the commemorative seal, known as the "Richard Allen Stamp," Bishop D. Ward Nichols, chairman of the General Conference Commission, stated that the seals would be distributed throughout the entire church connection.

The project will be handled jointly by the commission and the office of Dr. A. S. Jackson, chairman of the Finance Department of the AME Church, Washington, D. C.

## Lucas to Be Pres. Board of Education

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(ANP)—For the first time in the history of the United States, a Negro, Dr. Stanley L. Lucas, has been made head of an educational system in a Metropolitan city.

Many persons are hailing Dr. Lucas' elevation last week to the presidency of the Atlantic City Board of Education as a major step toward full recognition of colored people in education. A former vice president of the board, Dr. Lucas has been an active member of the board since 1929.

Born in Jamaica, B.W.I., he was educated at Cambridge university, England. He later attended medical college at Queens university, Kingston, Ontario in Canada, where he was graduated in 1906. He has done post-graduate work in London, Paris and Berlin.

During the first world war, Dr. Lucas served as medical officer in health at Jamaica. He came to Atlantic City in 1920 and began his medical practice. He has served as assistant health officer of the city for 23 years.

Dr. Lucas is a member of the Elks, Masons, Odd Fellows and Reindeers. He also is a member of the Anglican church and is a Republican.

Married to the former Miss Ethel Medley, a native of Quebec City, Canada, Dr. Lucas has two daughters, Mrs. Wilma Lucas Nelson, a teacher in the Atlantic City Junior high school, and Mrs. Enid Scott.

## Popularity Contest Closes on Sunday

Newman Methodist church is sponsoring a Baby Popularity contest which will close Sunday, January 20th, at 4 p.m. at the church. Babies participating are: Eyvonne Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavanda Hill; Marsha Lois Dungen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Dungen; Elizabeth Jean King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King; Lynette Elizabeth Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gray; Richard Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Collier and Kevin Leshan Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Anderson.

According to Rev. R. G. Nathan, pastor of Newman, the cash prizes to be awarded will be first, \$25.00; second, \$15.00 and third, \$10.00.