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EDITORIALS

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King George Dies In His Sleep

England has a new queen with the passing of King George who died Wednesday, February 6, in his sleep. The new Queen is Princess Elizabeth, who with her husband, recently started out on a 30,000 mile visit to British holdings in various parts of the world. With the death of King George, the British now have three queens, in the persons of Queen Mother Mary, Queen Elizabeth, the wife of King George and Princess Elizabeth.

AS REGARDS Negro History Week, Dr. Woodson gave this excellent counsel:

"The celebration of Negro History Week is no occasion for glossing over the tribulations and trials which Negroes have suffered because of man's inhumanity to man, but the desired end is more easily reached by showing the achievements of the Negro in spite of these handicaps.

"The purpose of all such efforts is not to ignore facts but to present the facts in a dispassionate

way so that facts properly set forth may tell their own story. Men are not won by abuse and vituperation but by bringing men together to hear truth and reason."

NAACP CHARGES Eisenhower, Taft and Kefauver are biased, and that's not to be regarded as a joke, son. Even Truman, according to Clarence Matchell, NAACP Washington Bureau head, is not doing as much as he could. No doubt about that, folks, but for whom, then, shall one vote?

AMERICANS should have greater confidence in each other—"race with race, creed with creed, and color with color," proclaimed the Rev. Billy Graham last Sunday in Washington, D. C.

White Church Goes Out To Get Negro Members

BROOKLYN — (ANP) — For the first time in the 60-year history of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, Negroes were admitted to membership last week.

The new members inducted by the Rev. Vincent L. Hawkinson were Oscar Johnson, his wife, Henrietta, and their three children, Deanna Louisa, 6; Pearl, 4, and Janis Marie, 3; Mrs. Helen Scott, and Andre Kappel.

Rev. Hawkinson said the service marked the beginning of a program of expansion in the community and development of an inclusive congregation.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The University of Nebraska counts February 15th as its birthday, for it was on that day, back in 1869, that the legislature passed the act which established the University. Each year the University celebrates Charter Day with appropriate ceremonies, traditionally including an address.

On Charter Day in 1881 (just a decade, lacking a few months, after the institution first opened its doors to students), Dr. Samuel Aughey, first professor of natural sciences at the University and a most remarkable man, delivered an address on "The Ideas and the Men that Created the University of Nebraska."

He pointed out that the settlers of Nebraska were by no means unanimous in their desire to establish a university. Some argued that the state was too poor to afford such an institution. Others pointed to the lack of preparatory schools and argued that the building of a university should follow the growth of a system of secondary schools. Still others believed that higher education should be wholly under the control of the churches as it had been in the eastern states.

Against these arguments, men came forward to urge that a new state could not too early establish institutions of higher learning. Others felt that the time had come for the establishment of a university controlled by the people for the benefit of all. Many, while realizing that the prairies had to be subdued, appreciated the fact that there were other interests besides that of the dollar. There was a recognition that cul-

First Recipients Of \$500 Education Scholarships Named

INSTITUTE, W. Va.—(ANP)—Two local persons were named last week recipients of the first two \$500 scholarships to be awarded by the newly-founded Education Foundation of West Virginia.

They are Mrs. Mary V. Harris, a teacher in Hinton, W. Va., who is seeking a master's degree in

education at West Virginia university, and J. Reuben Sheeler, member of the faculty at West Virginia State college on leave for research for his Ph.D. in history and political science.

Purpose of the foundation, which was formed in 1951 by a Charleston group, is to provide financial aid to graduate students of West Virginia university. Phil Conley, Charleston, is head of the foundation. Other officers include Virgil L. Flinn, vice president; Delbert S. Stout, secretary, and Earl H. Wilson, treasurer, all of Charleston.

Though there was much argument over the University in the early years of its operation, there was great unanimity in the legislature when the institution was chartered. The charter bill, introduced in the Senate by E. E. Cunningham of Richardson County, did not receive a single negative vote in either house of the legislature.

Dr. Aughey also called attention to the fact that many of Nebraska's leading citizens were young men, and that many of them had had the benefit of college education in the East before coming to Nebraska. They saw clearly the need for a university and worked vigorously to bring it into being.

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