



Dorothy Maynor Sings In Constitution Hall

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Times are getting better! The DAR last week reversed its traditional stand and allowed a Negro artist to perform in Constitution Hall here.

Miss Dorothy Maynor, noted soprano, became the first Negro to break the lily-white policy of the Daughters of the American Revolution when she was presented in a commercial recital in Constitution Hall last week.

Attention was first focused on the un-American policy of the DAR—and the hall which is their headquarters—when the group in 1939 refused to allow another famous singer, Miss Marian Anderson, to appear in a recital there.

The DAR gave as its reason for refusing to allow Miss Anderson to appear that the hall schedule was filled up. However, the action was protested as racial discrimination.

Last April, however, the DAR board of management approved a proposal by the National Symphony Orchestra that Miss Maynor appear with that group in the hall.

In line with the spirit of "Brotherhood Week," Miss Maynor opened her Constitution hall performance with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's aria extolling human brotherhood and understanding.

To Select 'Classroom Teachers of the Year'

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—(ANP)—Nominations now are being accepted for selecting "The Classroom Teacher of the Year in Negro Schools for 1952," National Teacher's Research Association, sponsors of the event, announced this week.

Any classroom teacher in a colored school in the U. S. is eligible for the honor. Any one may nominate a teacher.

Nominations should be sent to the editor, Negro Educational Review, Box 83, South Carolina State A&M College, here. Deadline is May 15. The review is published by NTRA.

Here is the procedure to follow in entering your favorite teacher: Fill the nomination blank out and send along with the blank a few words, not over 100, stating why the person nominated is outstanding as a teacher:

Get as many persons as possible to vote for the person nominated. Immediately after the deadline, the 10 names of the persons receiving the largest number of votes will be submitted to a board of jurors, who will select the winner.

Among the factors which will enter into the selection of a winner are the following:

Preparation and in-service growth; participation in and contribution to community program; versatility in work and activity, and popularity with patrons, students, fellow-workers as evidenced by their evaluation of her work.

Winner will be given a plaque, inscribed The Teacher of the Year, a trip to Havana, Cuba, an Elgin watch, Parker pen and pencil set, personalized stationary and other awards. Last year's winner was Mrs. Ruth L. Douglas, Shreveport, La.

President to Stand by Beck

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Despite opposition from a senate committee, President Harry S. Truman announced last week his intentions of standing by his nomination of Earl Wayne Beck as recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia.

Beck, a Kansas City political friend of the President's brother, has been unable to obtain confirmation because of an unfavorable report concerning his dismissal in 1940 as head of the Jackson county, Mo., home for delinquent Negro boys.

The Senate District of Columbia committee voted last week to delay action on Beck's nomination after receiving this report from staff investigators. The report also concerned his qualifications for the \$9,360 a year job, which is traditionally held by a Negro.

President Truman, however, asserted that he would stand by Beck because he felt that he was as well qualified as any man who has held the recorder's office.

This marked the third time that the committee has postponed voting on Beck. The latest decision to postpone action on his appointment came after a motion by Sen. Johnston (D., S.C.)

Committee members said privately they did not favor approving Beck and would shelve the nomination by postponing action indefinitely.

The recorder of deeds post was left vacant by the resignation of Marshall Shepard. He later was elected as recorder of deeds in Philadelphia.

Another First

Philadelphia has added another first to the long list of historic firsts in which it has led the nation. The first modern apartment house, elevator serviced, in which white and Negro occupancy is welcomed was formally dedicated in October. Leaders of both races participated in the formal opening of the three-million-dollar Flamingo apartments at 1220 No. Broad Street—a 15-story tower of tolerance.

Heavy Vote Predicted In Primary

Secretary of State James S. Pittenger predicted a relatively heavy vote in the April 1st Primary, particularly on the Republican ticket, because of the hot contest for the nomination for U.S. Senator between Val Peterson and Hugh Butler and the battle between Bob Crosby and Vic Anderson for the Governor's chair. The increased activity in the office of Secretary of State would indicate that interest in the forthcoming election is increasing. "Get Out the Vote" campaigns are rapidly being organized and should stimulate the trek to the polls on April 1st.

Especially keen is the interest on the part of Republicans for an opportunity to help nominate its party's candidate for President, Pittenger said. Nebraska will have 18 votes at the Republican convention and almost 80 candidates are seeking seats as delegates or alternates.

"With the responsibility of nominating a President goes the future of America," he said in appealing to all Nebraskans, "to study the convention delegates as well as every other candidate. The right to vote is a responsibility that is not to be taken lightly."

Pittenger reported that all State and County filings should now be complete, inasmuch as the final date for filing and for accepting, by those whose names have been submitted by petitions, has now passed.

Candidates for President and Vice-President have until March 7th to submit permission for their names to be placed on the ballot. All filings will be certified to the County Clerks by the Secretary of State not later than March 7th and sample ballots will be published about March 22nd.

"Your County Clerk is now prepared to receive applications for absentee ballots in the April 1st Primary Election," Pittenger said. As in the case of military voters,

Reporters Say Integrated Army Better Fighters

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Possibly the most important lesson learned by the army in Korea is that mixed units of white and colored soldiers make stronger fighting teams than segregated units.

In an analysis of the combat record of the Negro soldier in Korea in the current issue of the Reporter magazine, John B. Spore and Robert F. Cocks, both associated with the Combat Forces Journal, declare that "experience taught the army that the average Negro soldier is as able and spirited as his white counterpart when he is convinced that his superiors have confidence in him and are treating him as an equal."

Segregation dies hard in the army despite recommendations as early as 1922. The elimination of segregation in the army is not yet complete, the Reporter states, but results thus far have been significant.

"It has given the Negro soldier a sense of intimate membership in the Army of the United States. It has wiped from the conscience of white soldiers the feeling of moral guilt that segregation inflicted on what is, after all, the army of the United States. And it wrested from the enemies of democracy a sharp propaganda weapon."

Lena Horne to Israel

NEW YORK (ANP)—Lena Horne has signed to do a series of concerts in Israel. Miss Horne will sing with the Israeli Symphony Orchestra. While in Europe she will also fill an engagement at the London Palladium.

A printed application is available from the County Clerk, but it is not essential that it be used. A postcard or letter requesting a ballot, noting your voting residence, your political affiliation, and the mailing address for the ballots will be sufficient.

Ballots will not be available for actual mailing until March 17th but all who intend to vote in absentia should not delay their applications lest they fail to qualify. All applications for absentee ballots must be received by the County Clerks by March 29th and must be voted by March 31st if they are to be counted.

Developing Skills for Career Theme of 1952 VOC Campaign

The 20th Annual Vocational Opportunity Campaign is scheduled for March 16-23rd.

The purpose of the campaign sponsored by the National Urban League is to provide an opportunity for students to learn about requirements for careers and occupational opportunities in agriculture, commerce and industry, trade unions, military service, government and the professions.

The Local Urban League is planning to take an active part in the campaign, Friday, March 21st, with a program at the Urban League.

General planning committee is composed of the following: Robbie Lee Powell, general chairman, Lia Mae McKinley, Dorothy Green, Mary Scott, Mrs. Ralph Nathan, Mrs. Nelson Moore, Mrs. Harry Peterson, Don Brown, Lyman Jeffries and Charles Bell.



LINCOLN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LAUNCHED—Officers of the newly-formed Lincoln Council of Churches are (left to right) Mrs. Harold Shelley, second vice president; Mrs. E. S. Wegner, representative; Dr. Ernest E. Smith,

2 Years' Work, Lincoln Church Council Is Organized

After more than two years of planning, efforts of Lincoln church leaders bore fruit Monday night when the Lincoln Council of Churches was formally organized.

Pastors and lay representatives of 26 Lincoln churches met at Second Baptist Church to launch the organization which will merge three interdenominational groups—the Lincoln Ministerial Association, the Council of Church Women and the Council of Christian Education.

Dr. Ernest E. Smith, who has acted as chairman of the planning committee, was elected president of the newly-formed council. In accepting the position he stated:

"We rejoice in the arrival of this hour when so many people of the churches of the city express willingness to move forward together in the ideals of Christianity."

OTHER OFFICERS elected were:

Dr. C. Vin White, first vice president. Mrs. Harold Shelley, second vice president. Mrs. Elden B. Hitz, recording secretary. Phil Smith, treasurer. Ben Kniffen, the Rev. J. B. Brooks and Mrs. E. S. Wegner, representatives at large.

A report by Mrs. Hitz, who has been secretary-treasurer of the planning committee, showed that the council came into existence with a balance of \$442.76. A statement of the history and activities of the planning committee was given by Dr. William Paul Barnds.

Work toward formation of the council began in December, 1949, when a committee for study was set up by the Ministerial Association. The planning committee was formed in May, 1951, and work began on the constitution which was adopted Monday night.

FOUR CHURCHES approved the council during the past week bringing the total number participating to 26. Newest members are Havelock Christian, East Lincoln Christian, Epworth Methodist and First Baptist Churches.

The council is composed of four divisions: Christian fellowship, Christian education, social betterment and world order, and finance.

Within the council are four departments: Youth work, united church women, united church men, and ministerial fellowship.

The 26 churches which have accepted are listed on page 3.

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president; Rev. J.B. Brooks, representative; Phil Smith, treasurer; Ben Kniffen, representative; Mrs. Elden B. Hitz, recording secretary. Dr. C. Vin White, first vice president, is not in picture.