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Negroes Win Right to Use Kansas City White Pool

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(ANP)—Negroes last week won their right to swim in Kansas City's Swope Park swimming pool, but probably will not use it for some time to come.

A United States district judge ruled that colored persons shall be admitted to the pool.

The city has maintained the Swope pool for white persons and the Parade Park pool for Negroes.

In awarding the decision to three colored persons who filed the suit, Judge Albert A. Ridge said the Parade Park pool was not equal to the one in Swope Park. For that reason, the judge added, the city's refusal to admit Negroes to the white pool is a denial of equal protection under the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

Immediately after the decision was handed down, David M. Proctor, city counselor, said the ruling would be appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme court "because of its importance to the people of Kansas City." He said operation of Swope pool probably will continue on a segregated basis until the case is settled.

Mrs. Esther Williams, Miss Lena P. Smith and Joseph M. Moore were plaintiffs in these filed by the local NAACP. The three colored persons charged that they had been denied admission to the pool solely because of their race.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs were Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel; Robert L. Carter, assistant special counsel, and Carl R. Johnson, president of the local NAACP branch.

The NAACP attorneys also attacked the validity of the segregation practice, contending that segregation is discrimination and therefore unconstitutional. Judge Ridge, however, made no ruling on this issue.

In his opinion, the judge pointed out that segregation in the city's swimming pools was based only on an unwritten policy of the Park department and not on any state law or city charter provisions.

Style Revue Held At Urban League

More than 90 models were a part of the Urban League's annual style revue entitled "Into Spring." Mrs. Betty Woods, who was in charge of the program, was mistress of ceremonies.

Navys, browns, yellows and reds were among the popular colors selected in the new spring out-fits.

The tiny tots looked adorable in their organdy dresses and straw hats and a number of them were wearing white gloves.

Many smart numbers pictured in the magazine, seventeen were modeled by Miss Betty Bradley.

Other entertainers on the program were Mack Hunt, an amateur magician and a piano selection by Jackie Lintz.

Miss Frances Lewis, general chairman was ably assisted by Miss Mary Sampson, Mrs. Evelyn Anderson, Mrs. Betty Lintz, Mrs. Beulah Bradley, Mrs. Frances Robinson, and Miss Betty Wilson.

Mrs. Mary McWilliams furnished piano music for the revue.

Nurse Trainee Scholarships at Provident Hospital

CHICAGO, Ill. (ANP)—Some 10 scholarships have been made available for nursing training at Provident hospital in Chicago, Ill., to honor graduates of accredited high schools.

Four of the scholarships already have been awarded. Applications now are being accepted for the remaining six. Applicants must be between 17 and 35 years old. They must have been graduated from their high school with a B average or rank in the upper third of their class.

Donors of the aids to nursing aspirants are the board of trustees of Provident hospital, Dr. James M. Allison, the medical staff, Carl Roberts Memorial, the women's auxiliary board, the department of education of the Elks, the Junior Service league, H. H. Kendall, the H. H. Wanzler memorial, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward Seabury.



HEADS OF NEW NUL DEPARTMENTS—The National Urban League announced this week assignment of senior staff executives as directors of three newly-created staff posts in a

The National Urban League this week announced the establishment of three new staff posts in a major reorganization voted by its Board of Trustees to meet the needs of defense-impacted communities caused by the migration of large numbers of Negroes from the South.

In making the announcement, Lester B. Granger, executive director of the nation's oldest interracial social service agency working for equal economic opportunity, described the newly-created posts as part of the League's plan for meeting new demands for increased services in health, welfare and housing. One of the new activities is already in operation and the other two will be initiated on July 1st.

The first new post is that of Western Field Director. W. Miller Barbour, formerly executive secretary of the Denver Urban League, began this assignment on January 15th with headquarters in Pasadena, Calif. From this vantage point he will direct the defense emergency operations in the Pacific Coast and Mountain States areas in the League's program being carried on in cooperation with the United Community Defense Services which is financing the operation.

The second new post, that of

Hero Policeman



John Kwasi Oppong, youthful Gold Coast hero, recently became a member of the Gold Coast Police force. Oppong is holder of an award presented by the Royal (British) Humane Society for his bravery in saving the lives of three small boys last August. He saved three small boys from drowning in the Volta river on a dark, windy night. He won the bronze medal and certificate of the Humane Society. At that time he was a prefect at the Methodist Senior school in Senchi. He is now stationed at the licensing office in Accra, the Gold Coast.—(ANP)

major reorganization of its services. Left to right are: W. Miller Barbour, Western Field Director; Reginald A. Johnson, Housing Department Director; and Nelson C. Jackson, Community Services Director.

Housing Department, will be undertaken as a full-time assignment on July 1st by Reginald A. Johnson, now Field Services Director and Housing Coordinator. Under the new setup, Mr. Johnson will devote full time to housing, working with public agencies, private building and financial interests in the field. He will also coordinate housing activities of the 60 local League affiliates in 30 states.

Nelson C. Jackson, present director of the Southern Field Division of the Urban League located in Atlanta, Ga., will move to New York to assume the position of Community Services Director on July 1st. Mr. Jackson will have the responsibility for coordinating community organization activities of local Urban Leagues, and will also continue the supervision of the South Field Office. In his new position, he will take over the field services activities now being carried on by Mr. Johnson.

The reorganization, which brought about a shift of senior executive staff, was the result of the recommendations made at recent NUL annual conferences that more national professional services be made available to affiliates in order to be of the greatest usefulness in their respective communities.

Request for Inactive Status Granted General

1951 Traffic Deaths Increase 1600 Over 1950

HARTFORD, Conn.—(Special)—Nearly two million casualties, the worst automobile accident toll in the nation's history, were recorded in 1951, according to figures released today by The Travelers Insurance Companies.

Last year's traffic deaths totaled 37,100, an increase of 1,600 over the 1950 mark. The injury count soared to 1,962,600, more than 160,000 over 1950, the Hartford firm reported.

The death and injury totals are highlight statistics from "Lucky You," eighteenth in the annual series of traffic accident data booklets published by The Travelers. The company collects and analyzes accident statistics from each state.

More than 13,000 persons were killed and 570,000 injured last year by drivers who were exceeding the speed limit, according to the report. Excessive speed was "far and away the most dangerous mistake in driving" in 1951.

More than 11,000 drivers under 25 years old were involved in fatal accidents and 416,000 more in personal injury accidents, the figures reveal.

Pedestrian experience in 1951 is termed "an island of encouragement in last year's ocean of accidents." A comparison of 1951 with 1950 shows that pedestrian deaths were "held in check" while injuries were reduced by nearly 9,000.

Three Magazines Receive Lincoln U. Awards

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(ANP)—The first Lincoln university School of Journalism awards for contributing significantly to the field of better human relations have gone to three national magazines.

The magazines are the Ladies Home Journal, Tide and the Nation.

Formal presentation of the awards will be made at the Headliner Week Award banquets on the Lincoln university campus April 25. The journalism faculty chose the winners.

Ladies Home Journal was chosen for its discovery of Miss Elizabeth Vroman, a Negro author whose story "See How They Run" appeared in the June 1951 issue and later earned her prize money totaling some \$2,000.

Tide, a trade organ, was selected because of its articles on the Negro market, and the Nation, a weekly magazine, for its race



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The release of General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in Europe will be effective June 1, according to a White House announcement.

Eisenhower formally assumed the command in Europe on April 2, 1951—so his letter was dated exactly a year from the time he took on the task of building a defense wall against possible Communist aggression.

He stated that he considers that the specific purposes for which he was recalled have been largely accomplished.

Eisenhower, World War II leader and a five-star general, was on inactive duty and president of Columbia University when Truman asked him to take the European assignment.

While June 1 is the effective date of his release, some of his supporters anticipate that he may be able to return to the United States somewhat earlier—provided his successor is ready to take over sooner.

Eisenhower asked for return to "inactive" status. This will restore him to the position he had before he took on the command and will maintain his military connections.

In that status, Eisenhower will be subject to some military regulations.

This could place limitations on campaign discussion of past matters of high policy which still remained classified as secret, even though the reasons for actual military secrecy no longer exist.

relations features.

Meanwhile, result in the second annual National Scholastic Essay Contest disclosed that Edward L. Foggs, senior, Sumner high school, Kansas City, Kan., won the \$100 first prize. Second prize, \$50, went to Miss Barbara Graves, junior, Washington high school, Reidsville Baptist seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

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