

Social Briefs

Mrs. Ralph W. Johnson was installed as corresponding secretary of the Lincoln Council of Church Women on Tuesday.

A graduation party, honoring Misses Freddie and Robbie Powell, highlighted week end activities when Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Johnson were hosts at their home, 2301 S, Saturday evening to 24 persons. The guest list included: Misses Betty Wilson, Hazel Wilson, Mattie Chase, Joyce Williams, Ada Parnell, Lillian Rogers, Jeanne Malone and Mrs. Maurice Russell.

Howard Bean, Richard Holcomb, William Mosby, Leroy Bookhardt, Paul Kidd, D.C. Okonkwo, Lyman Jeffries, William Rogers, Verne Wilson, Charles Freels, Victor McWilliams and Maurice Russell. A delicious supper was served and the evening was spent informally.

Miss Robbie Powell was recipient of a beautiful corsage of carnations on Friday as she lunched with Misses Ruth Patterson and Frances Miller at the Student Union dining room. The occasion was the date Miss Powell passed oral comprehensives for her Masters degree at the University of Nebraska.

Brownie Troop No. 17 braved the damp weather on Saturday morning for a hike to Antelope Park. Each Brownie was responsible for cooking her own breakfast. All the girls reported that they had a lovely time. Mrs. R. G. Nathan and Miss Robbie Powell accompanied the Brownies.

On Saturday afternoon Freddie and Robbie Powell attended the annual Teacher's College Graduate steak picnic.

Mrs. Lucille Miller and Miss Zelma Nichols were guests of Mrs. Donald Stith last week. They were enroute home after spending Mother's Day with Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. A. R. Adams of Nebraska City.

Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Walker of Topeka, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Woodson of Horton, Kans.; Mr. Amos Walker of St. Joseph, Mo.; and Mr. and Mrs. Magee of St. Joseph, Mo., are in the city visiting Mrs. Corrine Williams, who is recuperating from surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Mrs. M. L. Shakespeare has returned from Chicago, Illinois, where she attended the AME Quadrennial.



NEGRO TEACHER VOTED BEST AT MICHIGAN STATE — Dr. David W. D. Dickson, 33-year-old Negro English professor at Michigan State College, receives congratulations from wife Vera Mae after receiving the first M.S.C. Alumni Distinguished Teaching award. Dickson, who specializes in the Bible, was selected for the "best teacher" citation by the faculty from 60 candidates submitted by all departments of the college. The award, which also includes a \$500 cash prize, was established by the M.S.C. Alumni Fund as an annual recognition for the most outstanding teachers at the East Lansing university. A native of Portland, Maine, Dr. Dickson received his bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College, Maine, and his master's and Ph. D. degrees from Harvard University.

Leaders of the Action

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Recognized leaders of the movement for the judicial body were Herbert L. Dudley of Detroit, head of the AME Laymen; the Rev. Frank Veals of South Carolina, and Bishop D. Ormonde Walker of the Fifth district.

Bishop Walker, who led the fight for the passage of Judicial Council proposal in the 1948 quadrennial in Kansas City, commented after the passage of Thursday's bill:

"The passage of this legislation has brought freedoms to members of the church and to the bishops, themselves."

By freedom for bishops, Bishop Walker said, he meant that the prelates are now free to act in council without a lot of political fanagling. He said that a bishop may act now without fear of reprisals from the other bishops.

Bishop D. Ward Nichols of the First district, considered by many

the "strong man" of the AME church, had this to say:

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NAACP Asks Probe Of Miss. Vote Law

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These and similar questions have been asked Negroes attempting to register in that state, according to affidavits transmitted to the Department of Justice through Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP.

Endorse Unification

BROOKLYN (ANP)—The Episcopal Committee recommendations submitted at the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, now in progress here, endorsed the proposed unification of all Methodist denominations.

the church. I am delighted with the establishment of the Judicial Council. It has been needed a longtime in the church. It furnishes a court of appeal which in the interim serves as final authority in the church.

"The passage of this legislation is a forward step in the legislative program of the church, and will bring peace to many doubtful minds. I congratulate the General Conference in this much needed addition to our code of laws."

Probably the bishop who has felt most pointedly the lash of the Bishops Council during the past four years, Bishop Wright, said if the Judicial Council had existed during the past four years, he would not have been moved three times. He remarked:

"I think it's a good thing and will do a great deal to remove the trials and other judicial procedures from church politics. The Judicial Council will make impossible in the future the treatment of any bishop as I was treated.

"It also will relieve bishops of judicial functions and give them more time to take care of administrative functions.

"The Judicial Council is one expression of the growing democratic spirit of the AME Church."

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