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## Another 1st—Mrs. Baird To Nat'l. Secretaries' Assn.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Mrs. Enid C. Baird, administrative secretary at the National Urban League, on Tuesday, June 10th, was installed as first Negro member of the National Secretaries Association, at the monthly meeting of the New York chapter in Stouffers' Restaurant, Fifth avenue and 45th Street. The association, with chapters all over the United States, just ended a week-long nationwide observance of National Secretaries Week.

A native of Boston, Mass., Mrs. Baird, nee Dixon, was educated in the Boston and New York public schools and majored in business administration at Hunter College and Columbia University. She resides at 8 Arlington place, Brooklyn, with her husband, Owen Baird, and their son, Robert.

Mrs. Baird was first employed by the NAACP as a secretary and later spent three years at the Urban League of Greater New York. She joined the National Office staff in 1940 and since 1941 has been administrative secretary in the office of the executive director, Lester B. Granger.

Member of Alpha Chapter of the Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Mrs. Baird was the first president of the Administrative and Clerical Council of the National Urban League, which organization she headed for the first two years of its existence and which gives annual dances for benefit of the League.

"I was very happy when the invitation to join the National Secretaries Association was extended to me, and I look forward to being an active member of the organization," Mrs. Baird said.

The National Secretaries Association, with chapters all over the country, has done much to improve the status of secretaries and has helped them to render more useful service by the interchange of ideas and new methods. One of its major projects is the promotion of CPS degrees to "Certified Professional Secretaries."

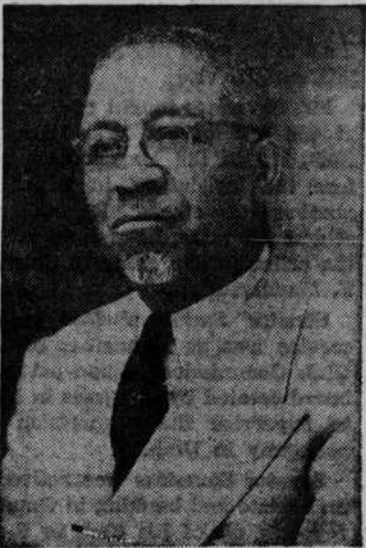
## Mrs. Hairston Receives M.A. From Tulsa Uni.

By Flossie Thompson  
TULSA, Okla.—(ANP)—Mrs. Anita Hairston recently was one of 555 graduates from Tulsa university. She is the first Negro to graduate from this institution.

Mrs. Hairston received her master of arts degree in the field of education. In partial fulfillment of degree requirements, her research included two papers, "The Administration of Education for Exceptional Children in Tulsa and "An Evaluation of the Program of the Weekday Bible School in the Dunbar School area."

The TU graduate took evening and night classes at Carver Junior High school where Negro students of Tulsa university are taught. She had to guarantee eight students for a class before it could be offered. Exceptions were made so that she could take two classes needed for graduation.

She is a graduate of Langston university and Stowe Teachers college. She is president of the local chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority and past of the Federated Women's Club, and the wife of a Tulsa dentist, Dr. E. L. Hairston.



### DEAN HANCOCK RETIRES

Dean Gordon B. Hancock, professor and founder of the Department of Social Science at Virginia Union university, last week announced that he has retired from the field of education. This announcement climaxes a career of more than 30 years of teaching.

Recipient of numerous educational honors and awards, Dean Hancock received his latest on May 27 when he was awarded an honorary LL.D. from Benedict college. On May 26, he delivered the commencement address at Shaw university where he also received another LL.D.

He is also widely known as a columnist, probably the most widely read of all Negro writers with "Between the Lines" for the Associated Negro Press, and as a minister, being pastor of Moore Street Baptist church in Richmond, Va. — (ANP)

### Marian Anderson Gets 5th Doctorate

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Marian Anderson, gifted contralto, last week received her fifth honorary doctorate from Moravia college, Bethlehem, Pa. Miss Anderson was awarded an honorary Doctor of Music degree.

The contralto and honorary member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was highly lauded re-

## Mrs. E. Jones Ist Negro Grad Becomes M.D.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The first Negro to graduate from a formerly all-white southern medical school — 24-year-old Mrs. Edith Irby Jones — will get her diploma from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine Monday.

After graduation, Mrs. Jones will set another precedent by becoming the first Negro to intern at the University Hospital here.

Mrs. Jones was admitted to the school — without segregation — in September, 1948, by placing 28th in a group of 230 Arkansas residents who took preentrance examinations.

She decided to become a doctor "because I thought I could do more in that profession as one person to help my race." She said she saw a lot of suffering as she grew up.

She plans to stay in Arkansas upon completion of her training and internship, ministering to the needs of Negro children.

Medical school officials describe Mrs. Jones as an average student, ranking 46th in a senior class of 79. They said her grades had been satisfactory.

She worked with both white and Negro patients while the class was involved in clinical training, but skirted a possible segregation problem in the school's cafeteria by either bringing her lunch or going home for meals.

One Negro has been admitted to the Arkansas Medical School each year since the board changed its policy to admit Mrs. Jones in 1948.

cently at the mammoth Presbyterian meet in New York's Madison Square Garden where she was cited for her humanitarian efforts in the cause of better race relations and world brotherhood.



EDITH SAMPSON APPOINTED TO U. S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO—Mrs. Edith Sampson, Chicago attorney, shown above receiving congratulations from Howland H. Sargeant, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, upon her appointment to the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO.

The National Commission, composed of 100 leading citizens, serves as liaison between the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization and the American people and advises the Department of State on matters pertaining to UNESCO.

Mrs. Sampson was an alternate United States representative to the Fifth Session of the United Nations.—(ANP)

## Jimcrow in Churches Council of Churches

CHICAGO (ANP)—Spearheaded by the work of Oscar Lee, the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. pledged its member churches to the task of establishing of a non-segregated church and a non-segregated society."

The board voted with only two abstentions and no votes against it to adopt a statement calling for member churches (29 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations) to end jimcrow within their own spheres of operation.

### Students Missing Opportunity for Graduate Study

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Only a few Negroes know how to obtain Fulbright fellowships awarded by the federal government for study in some 22 foreign countries.

Consequently, many qualified students have missed an opportunity to do graduate study outside of the continental U.S.A.

The Fulbright fellowships are administered through the Institute of International Education, U.S. Student Program, 1 East 67th Street, New York 21.

Countries in which study grants are available are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Burma, Denmark, Egypt, France, Greece, India, Iran, Iraw, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, the Union of South Africa and the United Kingdom.

The awards enable students in all fields of graduate work and those with specialized research projects to study in foreign institutions and universities under renowned professors and specialists.

Grants also are available to students with records of accomplishment in such fields as music, art, architecture, and drama. A few opportunities in workers' education and social work are provided in the United Kingdom.

The grants are made under Public Law 584, 79th Congress, the Fulbright Act, which authorizes the department of state to use certain foreign currencies and credits acquired through the sales of surplus property abroad for programs of educational exchange with other nations.

Grants are made for one academic year and generally include round trip transportation, tuition, a living allowance, and a small amount for necessary books and equipment.

Graduate students should write directly to the Institute of International Education, U.S. Student Program, 1 East 67th Street, New York. Students who are still in a college or a university should consult their campus Fulbright advisor.

### Brunswick, N. J., Gets 1st Negro School Marm

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—(ANP)—It was left to a talented young woman, Miss Ellen Hart, to break the educational color line in the schools of New Brunswick, N. J. Miss Hart is the first of her race to serve on a full time basis in the local school system. A physical education instructor, she will serve in September as instructor in her field at the Roosevelt Junior High school.

Holder of the gold pin the highest athletic honor which can come to a physical education major from New Jersey College for Women in New Brunswick (Women's College of Rutgers)

In other action at the NCCC board meeting, the Council voted New York as temporary national headquarters for the next 10 years and that a midwestern city, yet to be chosen, eventually become the national headquarters will be the nonjimcrow facilities available to nonwhites.

Action taken on segregation climaxed months and months of haggling over this issue which has stood ever since the Council was formed in 1950. Only outspoken opponents of the proposal were two delegates from the Presbyterian Church U.S., representing southern Presbyterians.

Lee, who serves as chairman of the Council's Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, was the key figure in promoting the passage of this bill. A large number of white and Negro delegates cooperated with him in promoting this statements.

After the meeting, held at the Morrison hotel, board member after board member shook hands with Lee and praised him for his excellent work.

The statement did these things:

1. Gave a general statement on "The Pattern of Segregation." It noted as evils of segregation that jimcrow "subjects sections of our population to constant humiliation and forces upon them moral and psychological handicaps in every relation of life" . . . "The theory of 'separate but equal' does not work out in practice. . ." Segregation handicaps the U.S.A. in international relationships . . . increases and accentuates racial tension . . . is a denial of the Christian faith. . .

2. Tells a story of almost complete jimcrow under "The Churches and the Pattern of Segregation." It says:

"While the pattern of segregation is too common in our public education at all levels, it is even more general in the churches in worship and fellowship." Only 1/2 of 1 per cent of all Negroes attending church in the United States belong to mixed congregations."

Noting that church institutions such as hospitals, educational institutions, and theological institutions, (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

### Two Earn Degrees

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(ANP)—A man and a woman last week became the first of their race to receive a degree from previously all-white schools.

They are Mrs. Edith Irby Jones, who was scheduled to be graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock, June 16, and Harry Alexander, a native of New Orleans, La., who was graduated from the Law school at Georgetown university, Washington.

Mrs. Jones will set another precedent by becoming the first Negro to intern at the University Hospital at Little Rock. She was admitted to the Medical school in September, 1948.