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J. Duncan Recorder of Deeds

WASHINGTON (ANP)—John B. Duncan, 42, an attorney and employee of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, last week was named Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

It appears probable that he will be confirmed by the senate, thus ending the fight over the post which has found the senate refusing to confirm the Truman appointee, Earl Beck of Kansas City. Congress later passed a bill to take the appointment away from the President and gave the District Commissioners authority to name the recorder.

The naming of Duncan proved surprising to many Negro political leaders throughout the country. For many years, ever since Reconstruction Days, the Recordship has been a federal patronage which Negroes felt was secure for a person of color. For many years also the District of Columbia has contended that the job should be handled by the district officials since its work was purely local. Negroes everywhere fought this idea because they were certain that if the job went into the hands of local Washingtonians, Negroes would not be considered for the post even though it was not totally attractive, paying only \$8,360 a year.

The Rev. Marshall Shepard of Philadelphia, who had held the job for six years, resigned to run successfully for Recorder of Deeds in Philadelphia. There were numerous candidates for the place. Congressman William L. Dawson visited the President personally and told him that the post should go to one of the deserving Democrats who had worked for his election during the last campaign.

President Truman, however, noted for his fealty to his friends, named Earl Beck whom he had known for many years and who had served under him as superintendent of a colored boys home and old folks home in the county in Missouri where Truman was county judge.

Congressional opposition to Truman and Beck's rather inept appearance before a senate committee where he displayed a lack of

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Englewood Makes Amends To Mrs. Mary Bethune

ENGLEWOOD, N. J. (ANP)—The mayor of Englewood, M. Leslie Denning, was the first to grasp the hand of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune last week as she entered the Engle Street Junior High School.

The city thus atoned for the slight it had given the famous woman leader last April 24, when she was refused permission to speak in that same high school. School authorities had banned Mrs. Bethune from speaking on school property because of charges that she belonged to 22 organizations which were on the subversive list of the house Un-American Activities committee and called "fronts" for Communism.

As she appeared before the capacity audience under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the local American Legion post, Mrs. Bethune received an ovation.

The board of education of Englewood and the Henry Douglas Post Auxiliary had made an investigation after the incident had assumed national proportions. They declared that Mrs. Bethune, who denounced any attempt to brand her a Communist, had cleared herself.

Three Earn Phi Beta Kappa

CHICAGO Kappa key awarded to whom many members of the nation's highest scholastic fraternity are:

John Ward, 22 year old blind student from Indiana university; George A. Booze, 33 year old tuberculosis patient who earned his key while a correspondent student from the University of North Carolina, and Miss Emelda Littleton, 20 year old coed from the University of Illinois.

Ward, blind since birth, was graduated from Indiana U. after compiling one of most impressive records in the school's history.

Besides receiving a Phi Beta Kappa key, he held a half-dozen elective campus offices as an undergraduate student. A resident of Marion, Ind., he won a three-year, \$6,300 scholarship to New York university where he will study law.

Booze, a veteran from Winston-Salem, N. C., has spent five of the last 10 years in a hospital undergoing treatment for tuberculosis. He earned a degree in Journalism by correspondence from the University of North Carolina, with an over-all average of 95.48.

His earning of a degree climaxed a bitter struggle which often was marked by setbacks. In 1942 doctors discovered he had contracted the dreaded "white plague," and he was admitted to Otcon VA hospital. In 1945, he was discharged from the hospital with an arrested case of tuberculosis.

He then began his formal education for journalism. After spending two years at Western Carolina Teachers college at Cullowhee, N. C., he enrolled in the UN. However, this was interrupted by a recurrence of tuberculosis. It was then that he was forced to return to the hospital and completed his studies by correspondence.

He now is awaiting his discharge from the hospital so that he can begin his career as a newspaperman.

Miss Littleton, the lone woman among the trio of Phi Beta Kappa

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MISS ROBBIE L. POWELL, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Powell, was recently elected by the Board of Education to a position as a teacher in Lincoln Public Schools for the 1952-53 session. Miss Powell holds the B.S. in Education and the Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska, where she majored in elementary education. She also has had one year's experience, having taught in Kansas City, Kan., school system.

Fisk President Receives Degree

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND—(ANP)—Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., last week received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the internationally famous University of Glasgow here.

Dr. Johnson was named to receive the degree providing that he could be present in person to receive it. This he was able to do because he is in Cambridge, England representing the Fulbright Board of Foreign Scholarships and America at the United Kingdom Institute of American Studies at Cambridge university.

After the three-week institute closes, Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson will visit four other countries at the request of the Fulbright board. He also will serve as United States observer at the Conference of European Scholars being held at the University of Oslo, Norway.

Dr. Wright Reviews Career



Dr. Louis T. Wright, Surgical Director of Harlem Hospital and Chairman of the Board of the NAACP (left), was interviewed by Bill Leonard on "This Is New York" over CBS Radio's flagship station WCBS. Recently honored by 1,500 friends and admirers at a testimonial dinner in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Statler, Dr. Wright discussed Harlem's health needs and medical progress and increased opportunity for Negro doctors since he came to Harlem Hospital some 33 years ago.

St. John-Esther Day Held in Omaha June 22nd

8 May Quit Staff Over Negro Ban

SEWANEE, Tenn.—Eight faculty members of the University of the South, including the dean of the school of theology and the university chaplain, last week said they will resign a year from now if Negroes are refused admittance to the university's school of theology.

The board of trustees had rejected a proposal by the Provincial Synod of the Episcopal Church to admit Negroes, saying they felt "encouragement of the enrollment of such students now is inadvisable."

In a statement telegraphed to Bishop R. Bland Mitchell, Little Rock, Ark., chancellor of the church-operated university, the eight termed the decision by the trustees "untenable in the light of Christian ethics."

In Little Rock, Bishop Mitchell said the protests would receive full consideration from the board of trustees.

Truman Picks Regular to Fill Judge Waring's Post

LAKE CITY, S. C.—(ANP)—President Truman last week sent the name of a successor to J. Waties Waring, former federal judge for Eastern South Carolina.

The nominee, Ashton H. Williams, a lawyer of this city, was selected it is said because he was a regular Democrat who refused to follow Gov. J. Strom Thurmond and his State's Rights campaign during the last presidential election.

There is no evidence that Williams is anything approaching the liberal which Judge Waring proved to be. It is predicted that he will have the support of at least one of South Carolina's senators. Because the political leaders in this state were off the reservation in the last election neither senator had sent a nomination to President Truman for the Waring Post.

Judge Waring became nationally famous for his decision that Negroes had the right to vote in South Carolina Democratic primaries.

Negro Churches Invited to Join Iowa ME Conference

DAVENPORT, Ia. (ANP)—Two Negro churches have been invited to become members of the North Iowa Methodist conference. The decision to admit the two churches came during the annual church conference in session here last week.

Invited to join the white churches in "one firm Methodist City and another at Marshalltown, church" were a church a Mason which have a combined membership of some 100.

Action taken at the recent General Conference of the Methodist Church at San Francisco paved the way for Negro and white churches, located in the same conference, to become members of the same conference provided it was agreeable with all parties concerned.

The Lodges and Chapters of the Nebr. Jurisdiction Prince Hall Affiliation F. and A.M. observed St. John-Esther Day services Sunday, June 22, 1952, at 3 p.m. at St. John A.M.E. Church, 22nd and Willis Ave. Rev. Charles Favors, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church was the principal speaker. Henry Washington, Worshipful Master of Marvin Lodge, Grand Island, Neb., was the master of ceremony. M. Harpley, Lincoln, Neb., Lebanon Lodge was Master of the Day. Mamie Mason, Hiawatha Chapter, Order Eastern Star, Omaha, Neb., served as Matron of the Day.

The Masons met at the Masonic hall, 26th and Blondo, at 2 p.m. Marshal of the day was from Anchor Lodge No. 14. The line of march was east on Blondo to 24th St., north on 24th to Grant St., east on Grant to 22nd St., then north to the church. Members of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled at 22nd and Lake St., under the supervision of the Marshal of the Day, Dorothy Lewis, Lincoln, Neb.

Music was furnished by members of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge under the direction of Mrs. Irene Morton.

Greetings were extended by Clayton P. Lewis, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its Jurisdiction F. and A.M., and Mrs. Edith Wheatley, Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranthus Grand Chapter.

First Negro Special Delivery Carrier Hired

By FLOSSIE THOMPSON
TULSA, Okla. (ANP)—Luther "Spurgeon" West who made a high score on a civil service examination is the first Negro hired as special delivery carrier here.

Colored special delivery messengers are fairly common in many sections of the United States. In the south however, postmasters have usually sought to keep these jobs and those of clerks in the post-offices as special assignments for white employees. Tulsa, which has had a few Negroes working in jobs other than service employment, now has its first Negro special delivery messenger in West.

A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, West attended Xavier college at New Orleans for two years and attended the American Business college in Tulsa.

He formerly played saxophone with Ernie Fields band and worked at a local jewelry store. Until recently, he was employed by American Airliner.

West continues playing saxophone with a combo at the Stardust night club (white) once a week.

West and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy West, a beautician, live in their newly built home of buff brick trimmed with native stone at 2016 N. Peoria.

They have one son, Larry, age 9. He is a member of Saint Monica Catholic Church, the local union of Musicians Federation, National Postal Alliance and the Elks Club.

"Nepotism" means, favoritism to relatives.

We all have a patronymic. It's our family name.

St. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist.