



## Democrats Elect Stevenson-Sparkman

### A.F. & A.M. Hold Annual Communicative in Omaha

Omaha, Nebraska—throughout Nebraska at the thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge which met in Omaha, Nebraska, July 16th and 17th at their Masonic Temple, 26th and Blondo Streets. The Past Grand Masters in attendance were P.G.M. Edward Fletcher, P.G.M. P. H. Jenkins, PGM A. R. Goodlett, Past Deputy Grand Master, Perry Warner of K. C., Kansas. Grand Worthy Matron Edith Wheatley and Grand Patron Leo Elmore, brought greetings from the Amaranthus Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska Jurisdiction, (P.H.A.) From the Kansas Jurisdiction was Brother Thomas Payne and Chairman of the C.C.F.C. Roosevelt Butler of Kansas City, Kans., who brought greetings from the great state of Kansas. The various committees reports showed that the Nebraska Jurisdiction had made tremendous strides in under the capable leadership of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Clayton Paul Lewis, of Lincoln. The eight years M.W.G.M. Clayton P. Lewis has been in office, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska and Jurisdiction has enjoyed over one hundred percent growth in membership. During this season monies were allowed for the Youth Fraternities in the Jurisdiction and a special Scholarship Fund.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Most Worshipful Grand Master Clayton P. Lewis, Lincoln, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Robert W. Harris, R. W. Grand Senior Warden Leonard V. Turner, R.W. Junior Grand Warden Jasper Johnson, R.W. Grand Treasurer George W. Althouse, R.W. Grand Secretary John H. Andrews, Grand Trustees, Jewell R. Kelly, Lincoln, John Irvin, Lincoln, J. W. Dacus, chairman of the C.C.F.C. Charles A. Stewart, W. Grand Lecturer C. C. Dudley, Senior Grand Deacon Henry Washington, Grand Island, Grand Junior Dea-

### Center Chngd to Mixed Use

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The District Recreation Board this week approved the opening of Banneker Recreation Center on a nonsegregated basis. The opening of this center marks the 13th recreation center in the District of Columbia to be opened to all races, and the fourth to be shifted from exclusive Negro use.

The transition committee announced that no hearings will be necessary on the proposed change because there has been no expressed outward opposition.

Recreation Supt. Milo F. Christiansen recommended, however, that public hearings be held due to the fact that many organizations had expressed no opinion on the transition.

He claimed that the committee had sent out 165 questionnaires to various organizations asking their opinion on the operation of the center on a non-discriminatory basis. Only 25 were returned, he said, and of that number 22, said they contemplated interracial programs and only one group said



Clayton P. Lewis, re-elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

con W. C. Carter, Grand Senior Steward Geo. S. Brooks, Sioux City, Nebraska, Junior Grand Steward Wm. Sones, Grand Attorney Senator John Adams, Sr., Grand Standard Bearer James C. Wilson, Lincoln, Grand Pursevant Bert Johnson, Grand Marshall Charles D. Early, Grand Chaplain Rev. D. Nicholson, Grand Custodian P. L. Atkins, W. Grand Tyler Richard Turner.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska closed Thursday evening to meet the third Wednesday in July 1953 in Omaha, Nebraska.

### Blessed Is the Leader

Blessed is the leader who has not sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service, because of his ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going and how to get there.

Blessed is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

Blessed is the leader who seeks (Continued on Page 7)

### Los Angeles Host To NACW Conv. August 1-8

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (ANP)—"How to Achieve Our Goals" will be the theme of the 28th biennial session of the National Association of Colored Women, which convenes, Aug. 1-8, in Belmont high school here.

In line with this theme will be a forum on "The Importance of Voting," which will be held Wednesday. Among the participants on the forum will be Miss Bertha S. Adkins, executive director of the women's division of the Republican National Committee; Mrs. India Edwards, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee;

Also Mrs. Venice Spriggs, courier of the women's division of the National Democratic Committee, and Mrs. Thalia Davis Thomas, assistant, Republican National Committee.

Moss H. Kendrick, public relations man, Washington, will speak at a public education meeting at Shrine Auditorium, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ella P. Stewart, national president, will preside over the business sessions of the convention will concern the Douglass Home at Anacostia, proposed expansion programs, both at Cedar Hill and on Washington, D.C., and the business of the various scholarships funds.

Mrs. Stewart is completing two consecutive terms of two years each as president of the group. Since the constitution forbids a president to serve more than two consecutive terms, a new president will have to be elected.



ROSCOE DUNJEE

### HONORED FOR NAACP WORK

Roscoe Dunjee, for 37 years the editor of the Black Dispatch of Oklahoma City, Okla., recently was honored for his years of dynamic service as a leader for civil rights, particularly in the south. Awarding him for his work was the NAACP at its recent 43rd annual convention, held in Oklahoma City. Dunjee was one of the leaders in the fight for fair educational practices in his state, beginning with the Ada Lois Siquel case, a fight which has opened Oklahoma's state colleges to Negro graduate students without jimcrow. — (ANP)

### UL '52 Annual Conference to Meet Sept. 1-5

CLEVELAND, Ohio—The 1952 Annual Conference of the National Urban League, meeting in the Hotel Hollenden, September 1st through September 5th, will feature a series of panel discussions by experts on community services in health and welfare, housing, employment and vocational guidance. Theme of the Conference will be "Building Better Human Relations Is Everybody's Business" with the Cleveland Urban League acting as host.

The panels will concern themselves with reports of Commissions which have been reviewing developments in health, housing, employment, vocational services and social welfare affecting the Negro population, Guichard Paris, conference secretary, announced.

At the first general session, Tuesday, there will be discussions on health, social welfare and housing. Speakers will be Dr. Warren M. Banner, director of NUL's Department of Research and Community Projects; Dr. Campbell G. Murphy, associate professor of the University of Denver School of Social Work, and Mrs. Samuel I. Rosenman, NUL board member and housing expert.

Commission reports will be given by Mrs. Nida M. Edwards (Elizabeth, N. J.), chairman of the sub-group on health and welfare; Henry vonAvery (St. Louis, Mo.); Alexander J. Allen (Pittsburgh, Pa.); James N. Williams (Providence, R. I.); William H. Boone (Detroit, Mich.); Miss Gertrude Tanneyhill (New York City); Edward King (Grand Rapids, Mich.); and Samuel Rice (Chicago, Ill.).

Also, Thomas A. Webster (Kansas City, Mo.), chairman of the sub-group on housing; Joseph Walker (Los Angeles, Calif.); Edward L. Cooper (Boston, Mass.); George H. Robinson (Newark, N. J.); Earl Fisher (New York, N. J.); Whitney M. Young Jr. (Omaha, Neb.); Everett C. Spurlock (Pontiac, Mich.); W. Robert Smalls (Warren, Ohio); and Eric B. Chandler (New Brunswick, N. J.).

### Kansas Citizens Active in AME General Confab

CHICAGO, Ill.—Delegates, alternates and visitors from Kansas City were active in the AME General conference.

Chester Gaskin of Kansas City, Kas., and Mrs. Zenobia Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., served as assistants to Dr. Russell S. Brown, the chief secretary. Mrs. Cecil Anderson of Lexington also was an assistant secretary.

Prentiss J. Hoffman fifth Episcopal district public relations man, was sitting at the press table giving assistance to the active newspaper people there.

P. G. Porter of Olathe and J. D. William, Kansas City business man, were active as members of the steering committee. Porter served as floor leader for the fifth district. Mrs. Arzelia Gates, a delegate, as on the revision committee.

Gov. Adlai Stevenson accepted the Democratic presidential nomination with reverent gratitude and a pledge to fight with all his heart and soul to win the election in November.

The unanimously-acclaimed candidate said he regretted he could not have heard the words of acceptance "uttered by a stronger, wiser, better man than myself."

But his first words to the delegates who nominated him and to the nation which has followed the Democratic party's first wide-open race in 20 years were: "I accept your nomination—and your program."

Stevenson explained he had not sought the honor he has won because re-election as governor of Illinois was "the full measure of my ambition."

He declared: "One does not treat the highest office within the gift of the people of Illinois as an alternative or a consolation prize." The balding, 52-year-old nominee said he did not seek the presidency because "the burdens of that office stagger the imagination."

He added this sentiment "is not to say I value it the less."

"Rather," he said, "it is that I revere the office of President of the United States."

The selection of Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama concluded on a harmony note a clamorous six days which witnessed repeated north-south brawls which could have hurt the Democrats' chances in November.

Sparkman is the first southerner to be named on the national ticket since 1936 when former Vice President John Nance Garner of Texas made his last campaign as President Roosevelt's running mate.

In Sparkman, Stevenson is getting as his helper a man of his own age, with somewhat comparable experience in United Nations affairs and the same stand on foreign and domestic policies—but with widely different views on civil rights issues.

Sparkman would give the Deep South a place on the ticket for the first time in modern politics—a circumstance which seemed dictated in part by the appeal that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican nominee, is reputed to have in Dixieland.

### Bob Hope to Receive Al Jolson Award

—Bob (Seldom at home) Hope, who has traveled more than 1,000,000 miles during the past 11 years to entertain servicemen, will receive the first Al Jolson award and citation by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was learned last week.

The radio and television comedian was chosen for the honor "for his outstanding and commendable record during the past year relative to entertainment of hospitalized veterans and active service personnel."

Hope will receive the award Aug. 4 at the guest banquet which will highlight the 53rd annual VFW national encampment in Los Angeles.

The Al Jolson Gold Medal award has been authorized by the VFW for presentation annually to the person in the amusement world who, in the opinion of the organization, has done more during the preceding 12 months in entertaining servicemen and hospitalized veterans.