



Dr. Charles S. Johnson Received Honorary Degree

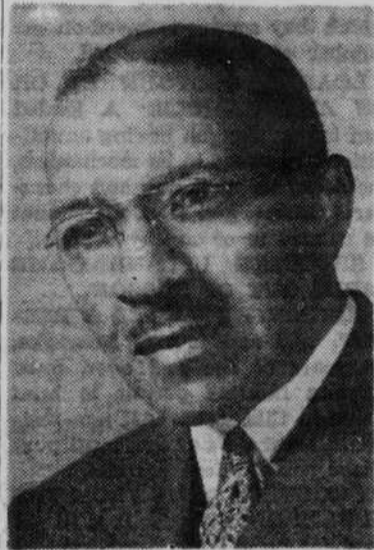
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ANP) — Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of famed Fisk university, recently returned from a seven-week tour of Europe and Scotland where he received an honorary doctor of laws from the University of Glasgow. Dr. Johnson possibly is the first Negro to receive this degree in the 500-year history of the historic institution.

Although his visit to Scotland was to receive the honorary degree, his official European mission was that of representing the board of foreign scholarships (Fulbright board) in visits to the foundations and commissions set up in England, Holland, Norway and France; to serve as observer for the state department at the congress of European-American Associations in Oslo, Norway, and to attend the first conference on American Studies at Cambridge university, a period of three weeks.

In conferring the degree on Dr. Johnson, the citation said in part: "We do but honor . . . our common humanity, in this century of the common man, by conferring distinction on one already so distinguished as Charles Spurgeon Johnson. Outstanding as a sociologist, prominent in every movement for the advancement of his race (and not only in the United States):

"It is now close on a quarter of a century since he served on a League of Nations commission to Liberia, author of a dozen works on this great humanitarian cause, the latest of them under the significant title Into the Main Stream.

"President since 1946 of Fisk university, he has shown with



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what fullness of title he may claim that main stream as his and his people's by his membership of the United States commission for UNESCO of the Fulbright Board for Foreign Scholarships, and by other like activities numerous beyond mention.

"Booker T. Washington, first in the great line of Negro educators in the United States, left France after a visit to Europe 50 years ago with the enigmatic statement that the more he saw of French society the more confident he felt of the future of his own race in America.

"We would not wish President Johnson to leave Scotland with the same reasons for increase of faith, were such increase indeed possible. But in token that his cause commands our fullest sympathy, and the greatness of his contribution to it all our respect, I would ask you now, Mr. Chancellor to admit him to the company of our honorary doctors of laws."

The University of Glasgow awarded the first medical degree earned by an American Negro to Dr. James McCune Smith, almost 100 years ago.

Two Women Vie For Michigan State Senate

DETROIT (ANP)—For the first time, possibly in the history of Michigan, two women will oppose each other for a seat in the state senate at the November election.

Miss Cora Brown, a lawyer and former policewoman, was nominated on the Democratic ticket at the primaries in August. Mrs. Geneva McNeal was chosen by the Republican County committee to run because the duly nominated candidate has moved out of the district.

In the past women have been elected to high position because of the work of women and the strong women vote. It so happens here that women of all races and creeds support women office seekers, regardless of race. Because of this established fact Miss Brown beat her male opponents by an overwhelming vote in the primary.

Now the question arises: how will the women vote this time? It should be an interesting battle depending primarily upon which party carries the city in the election in November. At any rate there will be a Negro woman as state senator.

U.L. Meet Discusses Housing

By VERNON D. JARRETT

CLEVELAND, O.—(ANP)—The accent was on housing during the 1952 sessions of the National Urban League, which concluded an epoch-making convention here last week.

While the 42-year-old league traditionally has stressed employment opportunities for Negroes in urban communities, the Cleveland convention further recognized "democracy in housing as a major pillar in better human relations."

Memphis Equalizes School Salaries

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (ANP)—Negro school teachers in Memphis are getting a better break from the local school board. For the first time, they are being paid on an equal basis with white teachers, according to Ernest C. Ball, superintendent of city schools.

Ball said that the single salary standard applies to white and Negro teachers of equal education and experience, but also to teachers in elementary and high schools.

He explained this by saying that before this year some elementary teachers received less than high school teachers with comparable qualifications.

The new minimum salary for all teachers with a bachelor's degree now is \$2,377, and the maximum for experienced teachers with a bachelor's degree is \$3,676. The minimum and maximum are \$18 higher for holders of master's degrees.

The minimum now is \$100 higher than last year, Bell said.

Touching on school facilities, he pointed out that all white and colored school facilities have been built on an equal basis on all post-war construction.

The construction program during the past four years has resulted in the addition of about 100 classrooms a year, Bell said.

both sides, the board voted 5 to 3 against the jincrow proposal. In doing so, the board takes a stand against the Baltimore city law which requires Negro and white students to attend separate schools.

Ten of the 16 boys who applied for the Poly course qualified for admission.

Men's Day Program To Be Sunday Sept. 14th at Quinn Chapel

Sunday, September 14th, will be Men's Day at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church. Rev. Syrus Keller,

More than 1,000 delegates and visitors heard several of the nation's top housing authorities chart a course in federal and private action to meet the "current crisis."

Walter H. (Chief) Aiken, Atlanta builder and member of the NUL board of directors, dubbed "slum elimination and establishment of decent housing as the number one 'must' in America today." He charged that since the Supreme Court voided restrictive covenants in 1948, banking and lending institutions—particularly in the north—have continued "an unwritten restrictive covenant of their own."

He said Atlanta mortgage houses are making loans to Negroes with area restrictions, while bankers in northern cities, such as Cleveland, Chicago, and New York maintain the color bar.

Aiken has built close to \$10,000,000 worth of new homes for Atlanta Negroes and recently erected a \$2,500,000 five-story, elevator-type apartment building there. He is president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers.

"Until private builders and mortgage houses meet the challenge of minority housing, we must support public housing," he declared.

New Urban League president, Robert W. Dowling, who heads two New York real estate firms, advocated a "long-range goal of labor-industry cooperation" to improve equal job opportunities and urged private industry to meet the country's housing needs. Dowling was introduced by former league president, Lloyd K. Garrison of New York and George Gund, president of the Cleveland Trust Co., the nation's sixth largest bank.

pastor of St. John church in Topeka, Kansas will be guest speaker. Afternoon services will begin at 3:30 p.m. Harry Peterson is chairman of the day. Breakfast will be served at the church starting at 8:00 a.m.

Adult School Attendance Record Seen

A record number of students were on hand for the opening classes of adult high school and school for foreign-born Monday, public school adult education officials say.

A registration for the adult high school classes of more than 80 students far exceeds advance registration in previous years, according to Miss Ona Wagner, director of adult education.

Classes in English and naturalization for foreign-born are also setting records, Miss Wagner said, with more than 60 students expected for the first sessions.

The high registration of foreign-born students has made it necessary to set up 11 English classes this fall, compared with eight classes at the opening date last year. Miss Wagner pointed out that the foreign-born group is actually larger than the figures indicate, since many of the younger adults are registered in adult high school.

Registration, which is usually around 100 by the Christmas season, Miss Wagner said, will continue throughout the year on Tuesday afternoons and evenings.

The students, ranging in age from 17 to 60, include some Korean War veterans, who will attend school under the Korean GI Bill, Miss Wagner reported. Classes are offered in both afternoon and evening, to help people who work split or night shifts to take advantage of the adult high school, she added.

Shorthand, typing and book-keeping classes open Sept. 15, while opening dates for art and other classes will be announced soon.

White School In Baltimore Forced To Admit Negroes

BALTIMORE (ANP)—The white Polytechnic institute, a local public high school, was forced to admit Negro pupils for the first time last week when the city school board voted 5 to 3 for such action.

Some 10 Negro boys are benefiting from this action. They were among 16 boys who applied for a special course at Poly offered to talented youngsters who want to become engineers. Traditionally, students from this school have upon graduation been accepted at the sophomore level in colleges of engineering.

The Negro boys forced the issue when they sought to enroll at Poly because the jincrow Douglass high school for Negroes did not offer such study. Immediately certain members of the board suggested that a similar course be offered at once at Douglass.

Thurgood Marshall, general counsel of the NAACP, opposed this proposal on grounds that it would be a gamble, "and a gamble is not what I consider equality."

Asst. Dean Robert H. Roy of the Johns Hopkins university School of Engineering, commented, "A course at Douglass would be something identical in form but not in spirit."

After hearing arguments on

Alphas Plan 38th Convention in Cleveland Dec. 26

DALLAS, Tex.—(ANP)—Plans are being completed for the 38th annual session of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26-31. A. Maceo Smith, national president of the Greek-letter organization, announced this week.

This meeting of the Alphas, along with five other fraternities and sororities, is expected to attract some 4,000 delegates to Cleveland. The other organizations which will meet there at that time are the Alpha Kappa Alphas, the Delta Sigma Thetas, the Zeta Phi Betas, the Sigma Gamma Rho's, and the Kappa Alpha Psi's. Each group will hold separate business meetings.

Several meetings have been held with the heads of the six participating organizations, and detailed plans for several joint public meetings have been made.

Top business for the Alphas, according to Smith, is the completion of plans for the Golden Anniversary celebration of the fraternity in 1956. The fraternity is the oldest colored Greek-letter organization in the country. It was founded at Cornell university in 1906.

The six groups are meeting in Cleveland in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Council on Human Relations, of which they are members.

Home Nursing Class



Courtesy Lincoln Journal-Star

Demonstrating the preparation of hot packs in the Red Cross home nursing class at Red Cross Headquarters, are (from left) Mrs. Wayne Beach and Mrs. Loretha Shepard. A new class started on Wednesday, and will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. for seven lessons. Mrs. Elva Jones will be instructor.