



National Urban League Announce VOC Awards

The National Urban League announced this week the names of winners of the 1952 Thalheimer Awards held in conjunction with the Vocational Opportunity Campaign, a phase of the League's vocational services program, directed by Miss Ann Tanneyhill.

Contest winners are selected on essays on the subject "What I Want To Be," written during the League's annual Vocational Opportunity Campaign held in March. The prizes, in the amounts of \$150, \$100 and \$75 are given by the student writers of the best original essays to help defray their expenses for further study in their chosen vocations. The awards are named for Dr. Ross Thalheimer, noted philanthropist and civic leader, who since 1948 has donated funds for that purpose.

The winners of this year's contest are: Gloria Lenton, 7125 Oporto avenue, Birmingham, Ala., first prize, \$150; Tilman Jones, 504 15th avenue, north, Birmingham, Ala., second prize, \$100; and Treopia Green, 1224 West 21st street, Little Rock, Ark., third prize, \$75. Both first and second prize winners are eighteen years old and were seniors at Parker High School, Birmingham, when they submitted their essays, while the third prize winner is sixteen years old and was a senior at Dunbar High School, Little Rock.

Miss Lenton, who expects to be a teacher in home economics, is a freshman at Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Jones, whose career choice was industrial chemist, was not able to go to college to pursue his vocation and enlisted in the Air Force. His \$100 prize will be given to him when he enters school after leaving the Army. Miss Green is now a freshman at Hampton Institute where she was awarded a half-tuition scholarship by the Hampton Scholarship Board. She plans



W. C. Atkinson

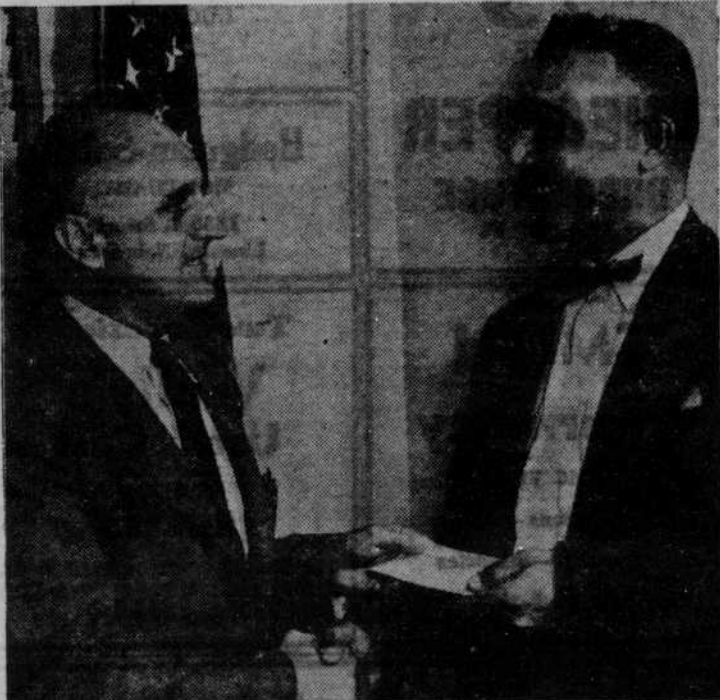
NMA president moves to increase membership—W. C. Atkinson assumed the presidency of the National Medical Association at the recent convention of that organization in Chicago. Immediately upon taking office, Dr. Atkinson issued two requests of his vice presidents. They were to secure every new member possible, and encourage all former members to renew their memberships, and to encourage and insist that every child be immunized against diphtheria.

A resident of Coatsville, Pa., Dr. Atkinson has been actively engaged in bringing about civic improvement in that city, where he founded Clement Atkinson Memorial hospital.—(ANP).

to be a kindergarten teacher.

Judges of the essay contest were three members of the board of the National Urban League, Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, assistant professor of psychology, City College of New York; Mrs. Ronald Tree and Mrs. Dorothy Paley, civic leaders.

Tuskegee and HIF to Study Negro Health



NEW YORK, N. Y. (Special)—A one-year study of Negro health practices in southern rural communities will be conducted by Tuskegee Institute under a grant of \$15,000 from Health Information Foundation (HIF) for the purpose of identifying prevailing Negro health practices, determining what factors influence such practices and formulating principles which will be applied toward improving health in southern rural areas, according to a joint Tuskegee-HIF announcement.

HIF, presents an initial check to Lewis W. Jones, research director of Tuskegee's Rural Life Council, for preliminary work already completed on the project. The study is under the direction of Ernest E. Neal, head of the Council, with field work by Dr. Manet Fowler, Tuskegee research consultant, and Mr. Jones.

HIF is a non-profit, non-political organization sponsored by the drug, chemical and allied industries. It collects and distributes factual information on health care, progress and services in the United States.

Rev. John R. Harris New Pastor At Quinn Chapel

Has Government Experience



Courtesy Sunday Journal & Star
JOHN R. HARRIS

The Rev. John R. Harris, new pastor at Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, comes to Lincoln from Seattle, Washington, where he has served two pastorates the past 17 years. A native of Paterson, N. J., he received bachelor and divinity degrees at Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina and took postgraduate work in political science at Columbia University and at the University of Washington.

While holding the pastorate of the Seattle AME church, Rev. Mr. Harris the past four years was assistant to the county treasurer of King County, Washington. This is the county which includes Seattle. His was an appointive position.

The Rev. Mr. Harris also served three years as state race relations director for the Washington State Council of Churches.

NAACP Starts '52 Christmas Seal Campaign

NEW YORK (ANP)—The annual Christmas seal sale of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People got under way this week with the distribution of 43,000 of the gay red, green and white stickers to the Association's branches all over the country.

As in last year's appeal, Miss Lena Horne, is chairman of the 1952 seal campaign. Letters bearing the signature of the popular stage, film and recording star will be sent to more than one hundred thousand individuals, representing a genuine cross-section of all walks of life. Miss Horne will ask these persons for their support in the Christmas seal appeal.

The seals, which sell for \$1 per sheet of 100, are now available at the NAACP national office, 20 West 40th St., New York, and through local branches.

Ridley to Become Deputy Recorder

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Peter S. Ridley, public relations consultant of the American Red Cross, last week announced that he was resigning from this post to accept an appointment as first deputy recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia.

His resignation from the Red Cross post will become official Nov. 3. On this date he will take over his new post. He said:

"The weightiest item in my decision to terminate my services with the Red Cross was my need to do less travelling at this time in order to remain home and better counsel my son during his formative years.

Recorder of Deeds John B. Duncan appointed Ridley to his new job. He will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Oliver Thornton several weeks ago.

Ridley has been a resident of Washington for the past 20 years. He is a graduate of Howard university and served on the institution's faculty for six years before taking over the post at the Red Cross replacing Jesse O. Thomas.

The new deputy recorder has served as an official of the Crown Savings Bank in Newport News, Va., and as dean of the St. Paul Polytechnic Institute in Lawrenceville, Va.

During World War II, he was a Red Cross director in Europe, administering a program in England and on the continent. He is a member of several civic and professional organizations.

Senator Lehman Wins Civil Rights Award

NEW YORK (ANP)—Sen. Herbert Lehman of New York was named to receive the America's Democratic Legacy award given annually by the B'nai B'rith. The award in recognition of his work in behalf of civil rights legislation was to be presented at a dinner opening the league's five-day 39th annual meeting in Chicago.

Mrs. Bethune OK's Stevenson-Sparkman Ticket

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—(ANP)—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, dynamic Negro leader, last week formally endorsed the national Democratic ticket of Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. John Sparkman as her choice for President and Vice President respectively.

Mrs. Bethune, the founder-president emeritus of Bethune-Cookman college in Daytona Beach, Fla., cited her disappointment with Dwight D. Eisenhower's stand on basic issue, and progress Negroes have made under the Democrats as her reason for supporting Stevenson. She said in part:

"I have been watching and listening carefully to the candidates to see where we might safely rest our future and that of our children.

"I have had hopes that the nomination of Eisenhower heralded a new Republican party worthy to invite Negroes back to the house of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. But in this I have suffered sharp disappointment.

"The general has compromised on basic issues, indulged in purely political maneuvers, played with out-and-out reactionaries and seemed, like many other politicians, willing to do almost anything to win.

"I have watched and listened closely to Gov. Stevenson. He has kept his promise to 'talk sense to the American people.' He has presented the issues in a statesman-like, honest, courageous and intelligent manner... He has shown keen recognition of the role of race in world affairs.

"I have decided, therefore, to march behind Stevenson and Sparkman as I did behind Franklin D. Roosevelt and Jack Garner, and Harry Truman and Alben Barkley."

On the issue which has caused many Negroes to hesitate to support the Democrats Sen. Sparkman, Mrs. Bethune recalled his effort in behalf of poor people—both black and white—in the South, and compared him to such southerners as Hugo Black, Supreme court justice; Russell Long, senator from Louisiana; Estes Ke-

Nebr. Annual Conference Closed Oct. 12

The Nebraska annual conference composed of Kansas City, Kansas and suburban areas of Kansas City and all of Nebraska convened Tuesday, October 7, 1952 at St. John A.M.E. Church.

It convened Tuesday with the Women's Missionary meeting. Wednesday was the official opening day of the conference. The conference closed Sunday, October 12, with two very outstanding services. Bishop Fred Jordan, Los Angeles, California conducted morning services and Dr. Leander Hill, President of Wilberforce, was the afternoon speaker. Appointments were given out in the afternoon service.

Major changes: Rev. E. B. Childress was transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference. Rev. J. B. Brooks was previously transferred to the California Conference, and Rev. Shakespeare to the Colorado Conference.

42nd Annual S. W. Mo. Conference To Meet Oct. 29th

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—What is promised to be one of the most dramatic and informative meetings of the lay leagues of Kansas City will be held at Allen Chapel AME Church, 10th and Charlotte Streets, Sunday, October 26, at 5 p.m., Prentis J. Hoffman, delegate to General conference and press reporter for the 5th Episcopal District, will give the theme for the day, "The People Are Entitled to Know the Truth."

The laymen's program calls for complete rehabilitation of the entire church setup, according to Mr. Hoffman. A member of the Judicial Council will be among the speakers.

R. F. Sweeney, an ardent lay worker, is assisting with plans for the pre-conference meeting.

fauver, senator from Tennessee, and Lister Hill, former senator from Alabama whose liberality led to his defeat.