

Clayton Lewis of Lincoln Elected To Govern Nebraska Masonic Grand Lodge

Demos Give Short; "Equality" Is Strongest Plank

Miss Page One



Miss Jennie Swan, the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Swan of 4135 Evans, Chicago, who was selected "Miss Page One" of Bronzeville News Magazine, a few weeks ago. Miss Swan graduated from Summer

High School, in St. Louis, Mo., and is a student of Stowe Teachers College there. When Jennie becomes a school "marm", it is her plan to teach in the Chicago School system. Photo by Youngs Studio.

TO DEACTIVATE NEGRO DesMOINES WAC BAND

WHITE WIRES STIMSON TO RECONSIDER

New York—Notified of the War Department's decision to deactivate the Fort Des Moines Negro WAC band, Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, wired Secretary Stimson urging reconsideration.

"We submit that original refusal to permit Negro WACs to play in the regular Fort Des Moines band was undemocratic and unwise. To disband now the Negro band which was then formed as compromise measure adds insult to injury and will be serious blow to morale of Negro WACs which is already low because of failure to assign colored WAC officers to duties comparable to their rank, failure to promote colored WAC officers, some of whom have been in their present grades two years, segregation and discrimination at Fort Des Moines as in use of swimming pool and other facilities, refusal to send colored WACs to overseas duty despite requests by theatre commanders with one of which I am personally familiar, and other discriminations. We urge that orders be issued immediately that Negro WAC musicians be admitted to 400 army bands at Des Moines."

MRS. ELIZABETH RICHARDSON, DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, age 70, 2508 Morning July 25th at her home after an extended illness. Mrs. Richardson was a member of St. John's A.M.E. Church and had been a resident of Omaha for sixteen years. In 1942, she and her husband celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Thomas Richardson, Omaha, three daughters, Mrs. Lena Cobb, Mrs. Lucile Woodard of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Iola Jackson, Omaha sister, Mrs. Mollie Pierce, Madison, Wisconsin, brother Mr. Daniel Emory, Columbia, Missouri, two grandsons, Laverne Bueford, Omaha, Roy Cobb, Minneapolis, three son-in-laws, Mr. John Jackson, Omaha, Mr. Floyd Cobb, Mortician Ted Woodard, both of Minneapolis and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. E. F. Ridley officiating with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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NEGRO LEADERS PUT ON PRESSURE AS DIXIE WHITES FIGHT THEM

CHICAGO, July 23 (ANP)—The Democratic party in the strongest resolution in its history last Thursday came out unequivocally for political equality and the use of federal means rather than state, to bring it about.

The racial plank, much shorter than the one adopted last month by the Republicans stated: "We believe that racial and religious minorities have the right to live, develop and vote equally with all citizens and share the rights that are guaranteed by our constitution. Congress should exert its full constitutional powers to protect those rights."

The Democratic plank, while unlike the Republican make no mention of abolition of poll taxes, establishment of a permanent FEPC and the eradication of discrimination within the armed forces, nevertheless caused a two-day delay in the report of the resolutions and platform committee while embittered southerners, led by the insurgent Gov. Dan Moody of Texas, fought a losing fight to have removed that portion of the plank urging congress to protect the right of political equality.

Moody earlier had sought to have the committee adopt a resolution condemning the supreme court for its decision in the Texas primary case, and reaffirming the states' rights principle that the states alone have the right to say who can and cannot vote.

The plank adopted by the convention was interpreted by many observers to mean the Democratic party was putting itself on record in opposition to the white primary and suggesting to congress that it pass laws to guarantee the right of all qualified citizens to vote.

The racial provisions of the Democratic platform ignored the pleas of representatives of several groups of both races, which had appeared before the committee urging the adoption of among other things:

1. The establishment of a permanent FEPC. (This was accepted by the Republicans.)
2. Abolition of poll taxes (The Republican plank on this suggested use of a constitutional amendment.)
3. Elimination of segregation and discrimination in the armed forces (The Republicans called for a congressional investigation of this problem.)
4. The granting of full suffrage to all citizens. (The Democrats okayed this one, on which the Republicans were silent.)
5. Passage of a federal anti-lynching bill. (Both Democrats and Republicans dodged this one.)

Leading the parade of witnesses which appeared before the platform committee of which Rep. John W. McCormack of Massachusetts was chairman were Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, the Rev. Maynard Jackson of the National Progressive Voters League, Phillip Murray, CIO president; and Edgar G. Brown Republican propagandist, who

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C. O. Praises Negro Personnel

Who Served at Port Chicago After Explosion

Negro Naval personnel attached to both the Naval magazine at Port Chicago, California, and the Naval ammunition depot at Mare Island Navy Yard, California, acquitted themselves with "great credit" during the explosion at Port Chicago last Monday night a week ago, according to Captain Merrill T. Kinne, USNR Commanding Officer.

"Under those emergency conditions, he said, "regular members of our complement and volunteers from Mare Island displayed creditable coolness and bravery."

Negro bluejackets comprise a large percentage of the Port Chicago Naval establishment enlisted personnel.

Captain Kinne said it was difficult to single out individuals who participated in rescue and preventive operations at Port Chicago. Four Negro enlisted men did however, move boldly into a danger area around boxcars loaded with ammunition and quell flames, he said.

They were: Richard L. McTee, Seaman, First Class of Detroit, Mich; William E. Anderson, Seaman, First Class of Chicago, Illinois; E. S. Allen, Seaman, First Class of Detroit; John Andrews Haskins, Pharmacist Mate, Third Class, of Washington, DC.

Some 200 Negro sailors volunteered at once at the Ammunition Depot Mare Island, for service at Port Chicago during the emergency Monday night.

Declaring their conduct outstanding Captain Kinne, named the following men as having been observed in courageous pursuit of their duty: Richard E. Webb, Gunner's Mate, Second Class, of Chicago; Bernard N. Claggett, Gunner's Mate, Second Class of Los Angeles; Ivan A. Hoyle, Motor Machinist's Mate, Second Class, of Chicago; James A. Martinez, Carpenter's Mate, Second Class of Shreveport, La.; Floyd E. Scarborough, Motor Machinist's Mate, Third Class of Washington, DC.; Harry Fortune, Seaman, First Class of Philadelphia, Pa.; Wayman R. Nelson, Motor Machinist's Mate, Third Class, of Kansas City, Kansas; Robert Lee Williams, Electrician's Mate, Third Class of Lexington, Ky.; William T. Harris, Shipfitter, Third Class of Bloomfield, New Jersey; William H. DeWitt, Seaman, Second Class of Pittsfield, Massachusetts; Edward Harrington, Pharmacist's Mate, Third Class of New York City; Archie B. Covington, Hospital Apprentice, First Class of Chicago.

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MANY RACE SAILORS KILLED DURING CATASTROPHE

The Twelfth Naval District of the Navy Department this week made public the names of 213 Naval personnel missing and presumably dead in the explosion. The list contained the names of nine Naval officers, 203 Naval enlisted personnel and one Marine enlisted man. None were from Nebraska.

The names of a number of the Negro sailors known to be killed during the tragic explosion have been released. According to latest reports some two hundred or more colored sailors were engaged in loading a cargo consisting of seven tons of TNT, nitroglycerine shells and ammunition on two ships when the explosion took place.

A complete list of the dead is not yet available but the first released names are as follows: DETROIT:—Harrison, Philip Harold, S2c, 928 Brady St.; mother, Ruth Jacobs; King, Calvin, S1c (SCB), 3688 Charlevoix, father Colonel King; Battle, Joseph S2c, 2735 Mullett, mother, Sally Battle.

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Masons To Meet In Lincoln Next Year

by Maynard L. Wilson, G. R.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, meeting in its 26th Annual Communication Session, last Wednesday, July 19th, elected the Honorable Clayton L. Lewis of Lincoln as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nebraska.

The following other men, high in Masonic circles were elected: J. W. Dacus, RWGM, P. L. Adkins, RWGW, Leon Burden, RWJGW, J. T. Scott, RWGT, and Robert Harris, RWGS.

Trustees elected were R. S. Stewart and William Burrell.

The next meeting of the 27th Annual Communication will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, June, 1945.

Brother Collins Lee Attended—Mr. Collins Lee, Past Master of Nathaniel Hunter Lodge No. 12, but now of Uncle Sam's army, attended the Grand Lodge sessions while he was here on furlough. 'A Live wire' as he is known in Masonic circles, Lee offered to the Grand Lodge a workable Masonic plan and program which is even now under consideration.

Collins (Slick) Lee, reported back to camp last Wednesday after enjoying himself immensely while here visiting his wife, friends and other relatives.

FT. HUACHUCA GETS FIRST NEGRO ARMY NURSES TRAINING CENTER

Washington, July 26 (ANP) The U. S. Army last week opened the first basic training center for Negro army nurses at Ft. Huachuca, the war department announced. Also the establishment of a medical training center for Negro WACs is oleated at Huachuca, and is under the command of Col. Midian O. Bousfield of Chicago. The latter course will lead to commissions.

NEGRO SOLDIERS INSTRUCT AT WEST POINT

West Point, N. Y., July 26 (PPN-S)—It is reported that three Negro enlistee men, experts in the operation of amphibian trucks, have arrived at the United States Military Academy to teach the cadets the fine points of amphibian truck operation.

The men under the command of Captain Charles E. Stamps, who will conduct demonstrations for the cadets, are Sgt. John L. Lee, Houston, Texas; Cpl. Walter J. Firby, Philadelphia, Pa.; and T-5 Clarence Adams, Jasper, Texas.

RAILWAY MAIL LOSES EFFORT TO BAR NEGROES

New York—The New York State Court of Appeals ruled on Wednesday, July 19th, that the Railway Mail Association, a national organization of railway postal clerks, is a labor union and had violated New York State's civil rights laws in barring Negroes from membership.

The NAACP, acting as amicus curiae, presented a brief January, 6, 1944 in which it contended that the argument that the Railway Mail Association is a membership insurance corporation and not a labor union was only a screen to attempt to evade the provisions of the Civil Rights Law.

The decision Wednesday, upheld a ruling of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on March 8th, which had reversed Justice William H. Murray of the State Supreme Court in Troy, N. Y. Justice Murray's decision held that the "association was a fraternal beneficiary society." The Attorney General of the State of New York appealed from this ruling.

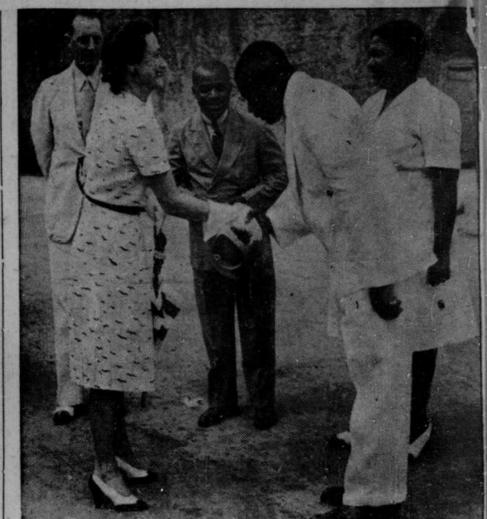
IKE SMALLS TROPHY FOR BEST NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL

New York—Establishment of the Ike Smalls Award Trophy to be given annually to the NAACP Youth Council turning in the best report for all-round achievement, was announced at the Wartime Conferences convening in Chicago last week.

Mr. Smalls, who credits the Spingarn Award as the inspiration for his gift, is a well known merchant and humanitarian in Des Moines, Iowa. He is executive director of the Ike Smalls Medical Aid Fund, established some years ago to aid the poor and under privileged. Prior to the announcement of the new NAACP award, Mr. Smalls presented a State Trophy to the most outstanding NAACP Branch and Youth Council in Iowa. Five years ago, he was recipient of the community award to the most useful citizen by the Des Moines Register and Tribune. Mr. Smalls is the former president of the Des Moines Branch NAACP and was a delegate to the Wartime Conference.

TRAIN WRECKED HEROES ARE DENIED FOOD

New York—Walter Winchell in-



DUCHESS OF WINDSOR GREETS SUCCESSFUL MERCHANT. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor led a party to visit the thriving Negro "Best Ever" Candy Co. at Nassau, Bahamas. Left to right: Capt. Geo-

Wood, aide to his Royal Highness; The Duchess of Windsor shaking hands with the proprietor, Mr. Ulric Mortimer; Hon. T. A. Toote member Legislature, center; and Mr. Ulric J. Mortimer. (ANP)

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Charles Zene Davis Wins Children's Parade Contest



Little Miss Charles Zene Davis daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Charles F. Davis, took first honors of a \$25.00 war bond first prize in connection with the delightful and financial successful Garden Tea Party and Children's Parade sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Andrew of the St. Philip's Episcopal Church, held at the residence of Mrs. Gertrude Vawters, 1716 North 28th street, last Sunday, July 23rd.

Second prize of \$12.50 in war saving stamps went to the charming little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Lennox. Third prize went to little Lennox Hobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs and granddaughter of Mrs. Henrietta Claxton. Third prize was \$6.25 in war saving stamps.

22 children participated in the event. Tea was served from 5 to 8 pm. The children's parade and contest started at 7 pm. The Rev. S. G. Sanchez, is Father of the St. Philips Parish.

CHATTANOOGA SEEKS 1945 BAPTIST CONVENTION

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 25 (ANP) Chattanooga, in a resolution passed Thursday by the city council, has already put in its bid for the 1945 session of the National Baptist convention.

In addition to council action, the Hamilton County council, through its presiding officer, Judge W. O. Couch is forwarding a similar request on behalf of the county government and the Chattanooga Pastors' union (white) unanimously passed a resolution beseeching the Baptists to come to the Mountain City next year.

Three resolutions were given to the Rev. M. Kirby, leading Baptist here, to read before the National Baptist convention, scheduled to meet at Dallas on Sept. 12th.

RACE INVENTOR DEVELOPS ROBOT

Detroit, Mich., July 26 (PPN-S)—Joseph N. Blair, who has won extensive fame as an inventor including a torpedo boat, has announced the perfection of an aerial torpedo for long ranging bombing. The new device which rivals the German robot being used against England, may play an important part in America's future war offensives. Mr. Blair and State of New York appealed from this ruling.

"Next Door" By TED SHEARER



"But the lady says she MUST have steak..."

Photo Layout At Democratic National Convention



1. Congressman William L. Dawson of the 1st Illinois District whose address to the delegates on Wednesday, July 19th was warmly applauded. Mr. Dawson hailed the domestic achievements of the Roosevelt administration and challenged the opposition to match the present war leadership in fighting to total victory. Representative Dawson was one of the most influential figures among the Negro

delegates in attendance and was in the center of the fight culminating in the convention's plank on the Negro.

2. Reading left to right, are Attorney James W. Scott of Washington, DC, and Judge Wendell E. Green of Chicago, confer during the brief lull in convention activities.

3. Reading left to right: Leo J. Stauf, Mayor of Alton, Ill., Cong. Wm. L. Dawson and John R. Parker, Delegate, 17th Cong. Dist., Lincoln, Ill. pose for PPNS cameraman at the Stadium, scene of the Democratic National Convention.

4. Reading left to right: James Pendergast, Kansas City, Mo., and Jordan W. Chambers, St. Louis, Mo. shake hands during a chat over the hot convention floor for Vice Presidential nomination. Eventually Senator Truman, from Mr. Chamber's

home state was the choice of the delegates for Vice President.

5. Reading left to right: Mary L. Carney, Cleveland, Ohio; Percy D. Jones, Columbus, Ohio; and Jack Kroll, Cincinnati, Ohio, have an Ohio get-together on the floor of the convention during Thursday's session when the platform carrying the party's statement pledging the protection of rights for the minority groups was

adopted.

6. Vernice T. Spraggs, Washington, DC, congratulates Cong. William L. Dawson, 1st Congressional District following his stirring address to the delegates, Wednesday, July 19.

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