

Negro Students Take Part In Scholarship Contest

\$1000.00 In Prizes To Be Given At This Year's Sepia Queen Contest And Dance

We wish to take this opportunity to inform our readers of the Mid-City Sepia Queen Contest, sponsored by The Omaha Guide, conceived purely for the purpose of "glorifying our young womanhood, and to stimulate the interest of our younger set."

This contest should have a definite place in the life of your community, and should have the active support of every social and civic organization.

The Omaha Guide wishes to invite all other organizations and individuals to join in making this Second Annual affair a success, in order to establish a precedent for such an affair to which our group may look forward to each year and which it is hoped may encourage others.

With the advent of this contest, The Omaha Guide marked a milestone in endeavor. A vowed purpose to make this one long to be remembered.

1. \$800.00 in Prizes.
2. Seven winners; seven prizes.
3. Winners to be Honored at gala ball on October 6th.
4. No member of the "Mid-City Queen" Committee will be permitted to make any nomination.
5. The Seven Contestants receiving the largest number of votes in order, will be adjudged winners. No person may vote more than ONE TIME.

6. Mail or bring entries to The Omaha Guide Office, 2420 Grant Street, in care of Mr. George H. McDavis.

1. Your club or organization may sponsor a contestant.
2. You may nominate someone yourself.
3. Any girl over 18 is eligible.
4. Please furnish The Omaha Guide with a glossy-print of your nominee for publication.

But this is only half the story. To assure the permanency of this venture, we must have the active help and cooperation of the whole community. There is only one way you can help and that is by picking a Candidate and voting. Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, and several other large cities, have concurred successful contests. Surely that should be an added stimulus to us.

The Omaha Guide is proud to be the sponsor of such a worthwhile undertaking.

To make this contest a success, entails hard work and initiative. This venture can be just as successful as we make it, and we need the publicity and favorable public opinion, and prestige that will come to our city through it. It seems safe to predict that the needed community-wide assistance, will be forthcoming.

The advantages, both temporary and permanent, to be derived from it, are such that it should appeal to all of us.

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Wilberforce Opens At Lincoln Uni. Football Schedule

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Coach David Rains' 1947 edition of the Lincoln University Tigers will usher in the pigskin season here against the Wilberforce University Green Wave on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Lincoln field, according to an announcement by Raymond H. Kemp, director of athletics. Pre-game dope stacks the game up high in quality, and promises a light as to the Tigers' gridiron prospects for this year.

The Wilberforce eleven, playing Lincoln for the first time, is not to be confused with the now designated Wilberforce College of Education and Industrial Arts and referred to as "state side," which is coached by "Country" Lewis and will play the Tigers in Xenia on November 1. The Green Wave appearing here in the opening game is tutored by Dwight Fisher, who only a few weeks ago was called up to coach the Ohio gridsters. Fisher formerly coached at Alabama A and M from 1937-1941, where he piled up an impressive record. This will be the fourth year of mentoring at Lincoln for Coach Rains, whose Tigers last year won five, lost two and tied one. No bones are being made to Rains' charges hoping to better that record this year.

The new Wilberforce squad will not be looked upon as easy pickings by the Tigers in the opener, and Lincoln will use its Tiger paws to probe deep into the Ohioans' inner defense works to start the football war off with a win. Head Mentor Rains' counted nineteen lettermen returning from last year's squad. The returnees include linemen Floyd Campbell, Israel Turner, Jesse James, Louis Polk, Jack Bush, Allen Conley, Isaiah Brewer, Elijah Washington, Wardell Spencer, Bill Vanardo, Frank and Herbert Price, Tom Booker, Leonard Mershon and Jim Simpson; backs J. H. Williams, Charles Hall and Donald Sheppard. Lincoln's scoring hopes will hang high upon the shoulders of a sophomore, Clarence Arbuclie, 190 pound fullback from Webster Greaves, Mo.

Head Coach Rains is being assisted by Coaches Bill Exum and Charles Hoard, who are working feverishly to mould the Lincoln eleven into a swift, hard hitting machine. The Tigers expect to have a line averaging around 190 pounds from end to end, and backfield that will hover just over the 165 pound mark.

THREE OPENINGS IN "Y" INDUSTRIAL CAGE LEAGUE

There is an opportunity for three teams to enter the Omaha "Y" Industrial Commercial Basketball League which will see action every Tuesday night.

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Lela Knox Wins Journalism Award At Lincoln Uni.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Second winner of the Robert S. Abbott Memorial Scholarship in Journalism for study at the Lincoln University School of Journalism is Miss Lela Nuna Knox, junior student from this week. The scholarship, amounting to \$400, was established a year ago by the Chicago Defender in honor of the paper's founder through John H. Sengstacke, president of the Robert S. Abbott Publishing company, publishers of the Defender.

Miss Knox, who ranked second in the 1945 graduating class of 90 students at Douglass high school, Oklahoma City, Okla., has maintained a high average in all of her course work since enrolling at Lincoln university two years ago.

In high school she won the "Most Useful Citizen Award," regarded at Douglass High school as the most worthy recognition a student may earn there. She was also president of the Student council, student conductor of high school assemblies, and received two scholarships to college.

Last June Miss Knox was delegate to a YWCA conference at Estes Park, Colo. She served last year as literary editor of the Lincoln Clarion, campus weekly newspaper.

Miss Knox will serve a three-month internship period next summer at the Chicago Defender.

Miss Mamie Ruth Butler, senior in journalism, who won the Abbott award last year, spent the summer at the Defender and has returned to her studies at Lincoln and to key post on the Clarion staff.

WARDEN'S PRO-CENSORSHIP VIEWS NOT THOSE OF LIBRARY ASSN.

NEW YORK — The plea for censorship of books in prison made by Warden James A. Johnston of Alcatraz federal penitentiary at the recent convention of the American Library Association, does not represent the viewpoint of the association.

This was stated by Paul N. Rice, the association's president in answering Albon Man, secretary of the Workers Defense League's prisoners' aid bureau, who described Warden Johnston's stand as "reminiscent of Hitler's burning of books" and urged that "prisoners should be given access to all books and other publications which are allowed to be bought and sold on the outside."

Rice wrote: "I can assure you that the appearance of Warden Johnston in no way implied endorsement of his policies by the association or agreement with the views he expressed. The American Library Association as a whole and through many of its most influential members has always protested against the censorship of books, newspapers, magazines and other printed matter."

Rabbi Miller Asks Justice to Extend Civil Rights Law

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress, today urged the United States Department of Justice to file amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs in two restrictive covenant cases now pending before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Citing President Truman's declaration of June 29, that "The extension of Civil Rights today means not protection of the people against the government, but protection of the people by the government," Rabbi Miller, in a letter to United States Attorney General Tom Clark called on the Department of Justice to bring its massive influence to bear in the struggle to outlaw racially restrictive covenants.

The two cases before the United States Supreme Court, one in Missouri and the other in Michigan, result from injunctions upheld by the respective State Supreme Courts restraining Negro men from selling property to whites because the homes involved were subject to private covenants barring occupation by Negroes. (Rabbi Miller's letter pointed out that there was a precedent for action by the Department of Justice, recalling that in 1944 the Department filed a brief amicus in a suit in which a Negro fireman challenged the validity of a contract entered into between a railroad and a labor union and also cited the case in California in September, 1946 when the Attorney General of that State filed a similar brief with the California Supreme Court in a restrictive covenant suit now pending before that court.)

Declaring that the Department of Justice was charged with enforcing the Civil Rights Laws, Rabbi Miller's letter quoted President Truman as saying, "We must make the Federal Government a friendly, vigilant defender of the rights and equalities of all Americans—There is much that state and local government can do in providing positive safeguards for Civil Rights. But we cannot any longer await the growth of a will to action in the slowest states or the most backward community. Our National Government must show the way." Rabbi Miller's letter concluded, "We applaud these ringing words and call upon the Department of Justice to bring its massive influence to bear in the struggle to outlaw racially restrictive covenants."

HE WAS ALWAYS GOOD

Years before his histrionic talent got William Powell the titular starring role in armer Bros. Technicolor screen version of "Life With Father," he was the leading thespian at Kansas City's Central High School.

THE DEEP RIVER BOYS

The Deep River Boys, Victor records stars, have been signed to co-headline with the International Sweethearts of Rhythm, famous all-girls dance orchestra, in a special series of 'pop' Concerts, scheduled to commence in late December. Sponsored locally by colleges, schools, religious and educational groups, civic, welfare, fraternal and other organizations, the double-lead-line attraction will appear in 16 cities in the south, southwest and midwest, in an experimental effort to establish popular Concerts as a medium of entertainment, and cultural advancement, as well as to assist in the fund raising campaigns of groups, under whose auspices they will perform.

Prior to start of the forthcoming Concert tour, the Deep River Boys will continue their night club and radio appearances. The International Sweethearts of Rhythm, booked solid until Christmas, will appear in theatres and one-night dance engagements.

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Winners to Receive Four Year College Scholarship And Entrance Awards

Artist



Robert Williams, poster artist for various government agencies and winner of a nationwide art contest, is doing the layout and design for "Smart Woman," the new style magazine for colored women. The young Washingtonian received much professional encouragement from E. Simms Campbell, Williams attended classes at the University of Florence while stationed with the 92nd Division in Italy.

President Scruggs Addresses Lincoln Uni. Opening

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Administrators, faculty and students of Lincoln university assembled in formal convocation last Tuesday morning, opening the eighty second academic year for the institution. The ceremony, held in historic Page auditorium, Memorial hall, began at 2:00 o'clock with new faculty members seated on the stage to be welcomed and recognized.

The convocation was the first for the school year and the beginning of the tenth year for Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs as president of the University. Challenging his audience to the high purposes of life, President Scruggs reviewed the University's purposes in detail pointing out the facilities and faculties assembled to achieve them. A feature of the program was a presentation of the 17 new faculty additions by the University marshal, Prof. M. G. Hardiman.

Supporting musical numbers were supplied by the Department of Music under the direction of Prof. O. A. Fuller. Blessings were invoked by the Rev. C. B. Johnson, pastor of Second Baptist church.

17 CENTS AN HOUR SUES FOR BACK PAY DEAF HOMEWORKER WHO GOT

NEW YORK — Lulu Young, deaf homemaker, used to get only 17 cents an hour for sewing buttons on cardboard squares for sales display, and she used to work as much as 60 hours a week. When she complained about these sweatshop conditions, she was refused any further work.

Now she is suing for back pay and overtime under the federal wage-hour law, which sets an hourly minimum of 40 cents. The suit is being filed by Carl Rachlin and Leonard Cohen, Workers Defense League attorneys. The case was brought to the League's attention by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

First Seed Sale Agricultural seeds were first sold commercially in the United States

"All over the country, boys and girls of unusual promise are denied the opportunity of college training because they can't afford it. We have set ourselves the task of discovering and promoting the growth of some of these students who can add materially to the enrichment of the American way of life."

With this as a keynote, the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board this month is inviting all Negro students graduating from high school in 1948 to enter its fourth annual competition for 139 four-year college scholarships and 350 fifty-dollar college entrance awards.

According to an announcement last sent to the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board to all Negro high school principals, 15 of these scholarships and 75 of the College Entrance Awards have been established specifically for seniors of the South's Negro schools. Negro students may also compete for the awards to be granted in those states which do not have a dual system of education.

Negro boys and girls have been well represented in the past three competitions, according to Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University and a member of the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board. Fifty-nine outstanding students have won the Four-Year Scholarships, President Johnson says, and 269 other Negro seniors have been encouraged to continue their education through the winning of College Entrance Awards. This fall, they will attend some 70 different colleges and universities.

The boys and girls entering the 1948 competition must be elected by their classmates as ones "most likely to make important contributions to human progress." The candidates who win the scholarships will have their full tuition and certain incidental fees paid for four years to any accredited academic colleges they wish to attend in the United States, its territories, or Canada. In addition, they will receive allowances of \$25 a month during the four academic years plus traveling expenses at the rate of three cents a mile for one round trip between home and college each school year. The five runners-up for each Scholarship to be granted will receive the College Entrance Awards, each of which carries a grant of \$50 payable if the winner enters college by the fall of 1948.

These awards are financed by the Pepsi-Cola Company as a part of its public service program, but a winner of a scholarship has no obligation to the Pepsi-Cola Company either during the four years in which his scholarship is in effect or after he has graduated.

October 24 has been set as the closing date of registration for this year's competition. On Friday, November 21, all candidates will take a special aptitude test in their own schools. The students in each state who receive the highest scores on this preliminary test will then take a second examination on January 24. This will be the regular supervised Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board, the fees for which will be paid by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board. The contestants in each state who receive the highest

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29 More Arrests In Palisades Drive Against Jim Crow

CLIFFSIDE PARK, N. J. — The campaign of the Committee of Racial Equality and Modern Trend to end racial discrimination at Palisades Pool was marked by 29 more arrests on August 31.

Nineteen were manhandled and arrested when they attempted to picket the Cliffside Park entrance and hand out leaflets protesting Palisades Pool's ban on Negroes. One was seized inside the park because he had a crania. Nine were arrested on the New York City side of the 125th Street Ferry for picketing in an attempt to stop New Yorkers from going across to Palisades Pool.

The 19 arrested in Cliffside Park will be tried October 15 along with nine others seized on previous weekends for attempting to picket and hand out leaflets. One of those involved, Lise Wertheimer has already been convicted and fined \$10. Mayor Pesin and Hiram Elfenheim, attorneys for the Workers Defense League are handling these cases.

The nine arrested on the New York side are being defended by Conrad Lynn, which has been conducting a similar campaign at Rockaway Beach on Long Island won a second victory when Benjamin Fielding, New York City license commissioner, ordered Curley's Bathhouse to cease racial discrimination of face immediate revocation of its license. Like the Park Inn Baths, against which Fielding issued a similar order early in August, "Curley's" complied.

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