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# The black students went to see Mr. Lee

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Years ago, when black students at the University of Illinois were not allowed to live in dormitories, they went to Albert R. Lee for help.

Mr. Lee, a north Champaign resident and an employee of the UI's president's office, matched students up with families in north Champaign that were willing to rent out rooms. Sometimes, he took students in to live with his own family.

"A LOT OF them came here not knowing what to do," recalls Bernice Brightwell of Urbana, Albert Lee's daughter.

"Some of them wouldn't have enough money to register, and Dad helped them get their fees deferred until they could pay.

"When they came here, they seemed to know about Dad — so many of them seemed to know about him."

Albert Lee was called the "Unofficial Dean of the Colored Students" at the UI for more than 50 years. That title was strictly unofficial, however, for his efforts to help the black college students were made on his own time.

Officially, he worked in the UI president's office under seven presidents, ranging from Andrew Sloan Draper in 1895 to George Stoddard in 1947. He began as a messenger and then advanced to assistant clerk, clerk and chief clerk.

When he retired from the UI in 1947, it was noted he had been the first black employee hired at the UI and the employee with the most years of service — 52 years in all. He died a year later at the age of 73.

A FORMER STENOGRAPHER in the UI President's office said that in the first half of this century, there was no official overseer of black students and their problems. Albert Lee assumed that role.

"They were always coming to him with problems, and he talked to them and helped them," she said. "He didn't lend money — he didn't have the money to lend — but he lent a helping hand. He had a wonderful way of handling students, and he helped them a lot."

Frances Godfrey Dickman, who was secretary to five UI presidents, recalled working with Mr. Lee, and she noted he had a great sense of humor.

"He was a wonderful person. Everyone liked him. He got along well with the presidents and with the other workers in the office.

"He was a bright man, an intelligent man — very well thought of on campus."

He took a special interest in the black athletes at the UI, according to his daughter. Newspaper clippings about Mr. Lee's retirement note that he took as much interest in UI athletics as (former) athletic director Doug Mills, "watching particularly the progress of Negro athletes."

BERT PIGGOTT, A fullback on the 1947 UI Rose Bowl team who now lives in Greensboro, N.C., said he can't remember how he got to know Mr. Lee, but he does remember that Mr. Lee was very popular with black students.

"It just seemed he was a friend to everybody that needed help," said Piggott. "He wasn't outstanding with money or anything. He was just a good buddy. If you had problems, you could go to him and he'd

do his best to help you.

His daughter said that her father frequently found jobs for students. He also helped them learn their way around Champaign-Urbana, which had segregated restaurants and barber shops in those days. Even local theaters confined the blacks to the balconies.

Since black students couldn't live or even eat on campus, they needed a contact person to help them find a place to live in these strange cities. Mr. Lee

knew everyone in the black neighborhood, so he had little difficulty finding a family willing to board a student.

He was born on a farm a few miles northwest of Champaign, and graduated from Champaign High School. In February 1895, he applied for the messenger's job at the UI president's office. President Draper hired him on the spot.

Mr. Lee took a year's leave of absence to attend classes in 1897-98. Although he returned to working full time in 1898, he didn't give up hope of achieving an education. He studied privately, reading university textbooks in his free time.

MR. LEE SAID in a newspaper story in 1942 that in his early years in the president's office he was just called Albert or "the boy." But when David Kinley became UI president, Kinley insisted that he be called "Mr. Lee." Everyone called him that thereafter.

He retired in 1942. But retirement was cut short when they asked him to come back to work in 1943.

"During the war period they needed people," explained Mrs. Brightwell. "They could have gotten along without him, I suspect, but they thought they couldn't. He'd been with them so long and he knew so many of the routines — where things were and how to find them."

When he retired for the last time in 1947 he noted he'd seen the UI grow from a school of 800 students into a university for more than 11,000. He served UI presidents Draper, Edmund J. James, Kinley, Harry Woodburn Chase, Arthur H. Daniels and Arthur C. Willard. He retired shortly after the installation of George Stoddard.

In addition to his work with black students, he was a prominent member of the black community. He was president of the Bethel A.M.E. choir for 36 years, singing tenor in the choir himself. He was a Sunday school district superintendent. He was also active in the Masons and Shriners, attaining the rank of past grand master with the Masons.

"He was a busy man all his life," said Mrs. Brightwell. "He kept busy, and he enjoyed that."

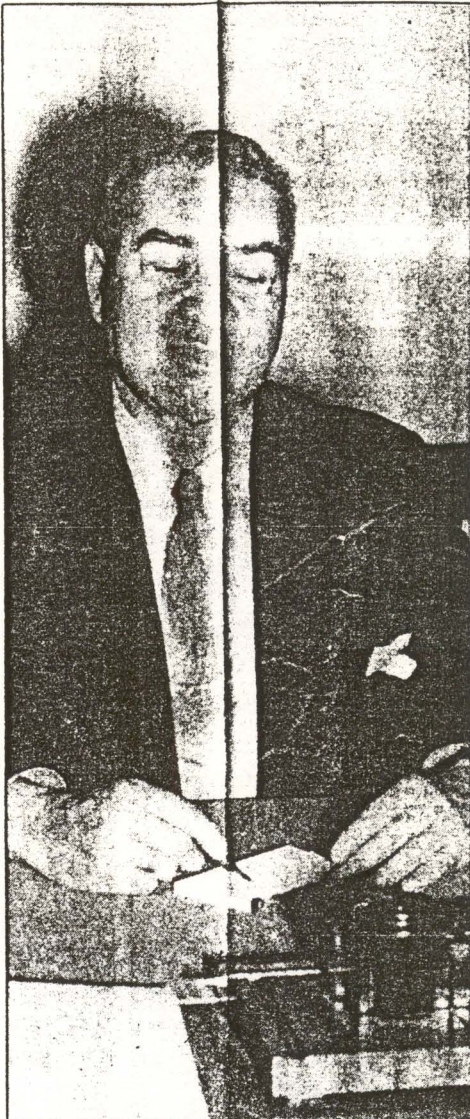
HE AND HIS wife, Maud, raised three children in their home at 605 North Walnut St. Because of his prominence in the community, the house was selected as a historical site in Champaign County by the Bicentennial Committee in 1976.

Mr. Lee proudly sent each each of his three children to the UI, and two graduated. Mrs. Brightwell attained her master's degree in English from the UI in the 1930s.

"He was very proud of my getting my master's degree," she said.

Lucy Gray, a longtime friend of the Lee family, said Mr. Lee did everything he could to help students further their education, if they showed the interest.

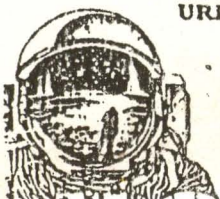
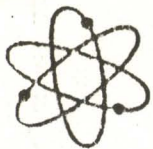
"I think that was his main purpose — to get them involved at the university," Mrs. Gray said. "He was very interested in young people, and he encouraged them to get an education."



Albert Lee, 'unofficial Dean of the colored students'



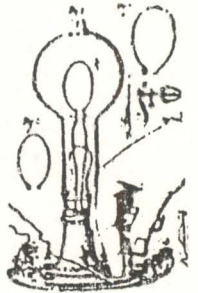
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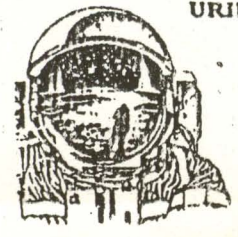
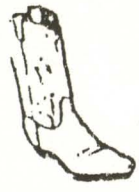
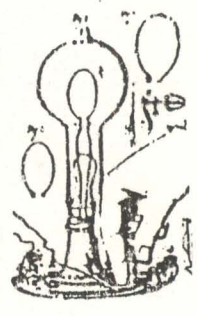


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## FAMILY LIFE

The encouragement of civil rights for black people in Champaign County started on an institutional level in 1895 when the University of Illinois hired Albert R. Lee as the school's first black employee. Initially, he served as a messenger, but as he matured, he became known as the "Dean of 'colored' students." Although there was no official title for the position, Mr. Lee became the person to whom black students looked for assistance in matters of housing, transportation, recreation and classroom problems.



*Albert R. Lee*

*Albert R. Lee was a member of the University of Illinois staff for fifty-two years, from 1895 to 1947. He served throughout seven university administrations and retired as Chief Clerk in the office of the university president, George D. Stoddard. No other person did more to encourage and help young black students through stressful and sometimes hostile times when their quest for higher education was made difficult by discrimination in housing, recreation, transportation, and food service.*

New Mom

2/6/2002

Love you. hugs for Andrew Ruth Ann  
a father for Jessie.

I have been all over the map  
but wanted you to read the  
enclosed articles will chat  
with you on Sunday love

Don't have a ball with you  
Birthday photos 

Post #11.

PROFESSORS HAVE A LOT TO DO even besides lecturing on "The Life Cycle of the Rhizobium," writing and revising textbooks, doing research, speaking before various meetings, interviewing students and—what is most time-consuming—committee work.



With this background we now present the new chairman of the important University Senate committee on student affairs, Leslie E. Card (see photo), professor of poultry husbandry, who has had a year's experience on the committee and now succeeds Prof. George W. Goble. The other committee members are Profs. J. J. Doland, K. B. Lohmann, W. J. Putnam, C. L. Schiatter, W. D. Templeman, and Leah F. Trelease.

A native of Sylvania, Pa., Prof. Card has two degrees from Cornell ('14 B.S., '21 Ph.D.), where he held a Roberts undergraduate scholarship. He taught there, 1919-21, came to Illinois in 1922. He belongs to Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi.

way it set for itself. It has been continually dominated by selfish interests. Committees have shirked their jobs, and fraternities haven't been getting anything for their dues. But of course it couldn't be inferred that the officers have been 'knocking down' any of it."

Retiring from the Work of Student Government is George W. Goble, professor of law, for the last two years chairman of the University Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

When he took on the job two years ago Prof. Goble resolved to foster the cooperation of faculty and student administrators. He ordered the old unwieldy Student Senate to reorganize or disband, and began a general overhaul of the machinery for supervising student affairs. Working with student leaders, he developed a unique system of faculty-student government in which both groups have an equal voice in legislative matters. The result is more

frankness, friendliness, & understanding. After Prof. Goble's resignation the Daily Illini editorialized, "No fairer administrator has been found. Here is a facultyman with such a keen interest in student life that he has refused to grow older."

Negro Student Problems. Unless near-the-campus restaurant owners change their policy and admit negroes, the University ought to set up in the Woman's building a restaurant to serve 250 students without racial discrimination. That was the recommendation of the University Senate committee on student affairs.

The negro students, however, have other ideas. One of them, Joseph Taylor, spoke of the recommendation as "most damaging to the welfare of negro students on this campus as far as the cultivation of better feelings toward a minority group is concerned. The University restaurant idea is a mere sidestepping of the real problem. A more beneficial and less expensive solution would be to bring pressure to bear on the 'offenders'."

There are about 250 negro graduates of the University, and several times that number of non-graduates. Albert R. Lee, '01, chief clerk in President Willard's office, devotes some time to correspondence with them, and also keeps in touch with the 100 or so colored students on the campus.

The Senior Ball June 7 at the opening of Commencement week was the student social finale of the year. Faced with the difficulties of signing up a high-priced orchestra, the committee compromised and hired two less costly ones: Freddie Martin, exponent of "smooth 'n' sweet music," and Bob Crosby's swing band. The student dancing public didn't exactly disapprove. The 1,000 tickets (2,000 people) were sold in three afternoons. Disappointed late-comers offered as high as \$8.50 for the \$3.30 tickets. The profits plugged up a financial hole caused by the unsuccessful senior informal of the first semester.

# All Up and Down

Type-High Talks About

ILLINI CLUB activities during the summer go outdoors, along with many other things, so we hear more about Illini picnics such as the

Champaign County Illini Club Picnic, June 24, at the Urbana Country Club. Everyone contributed something to eat, and the committee furnished the ice cream and lemonade. There were no speeches, but Joe Williamson, '23, led the group singing, with Robert Morris at the console of an accordion almost as big as himself.

Among the 200 alumni and faculty present—Dean and Mrs. Harno; Prof. George B. Weisiger and his family; Director Robert Browne, of the University Extension, Frances Fowler Browne, and their sons; Lita Bane, head of the home economics department; Charles and Mildred Whitaker Havens; Hek Kenney, wrestling coach, and Mrs. Kenney; Charlie and Aureka Kiler; Willis and Nell Platt Goodman, of Bondville; Mary C. McLellan, secretary of the class of '88; Dean Robert D. Carmichael, Mrs. Carmichael, and their family; Prof. W. E. Britton and Mrs. Britton (Sarah Castile); Director P. L. Windsor, of the Library, and Mrs. Windsor; Prof. J. Clyde Spitzer, state director of farm advisers, and Mrs. Spitzer; Louelia Gillespie; Eddie and Mrs. Stafford, and their daughter; Mildred Fisher, of the dean of women's office, and many others.

Members of the committee were Margaret Ebert, '35, chairman; Helen Lindsay Sparks, ('14), Manila Freark Appelle, ('24), C. E. Bowen, '22, R. A. Cone, '27, Clara Dunseth Fay, '21, Grace Dallenbach Finrock, ('16), Ruth Signor Stephens, '10, Virginia Savage, '36, W. M. Mulliken, '36, and Dorothy Stuttle Wheat, '34. Jack Watson, '16, president of the Champaign County Illini Club, also assisted.

Sangamon County (Springfield.) The annual Sangamon County Illini Club picnic was held, June 20 at the Taylorville Country Club. On the sports program were golf, baseball, horseshoes, and bridge. In charge of the reservations were Jean Briggle Thomas, '34, and Florence Grigsby Roberts, '32. Bill Pfister, '34, of Champaign, represented the Alumni office.

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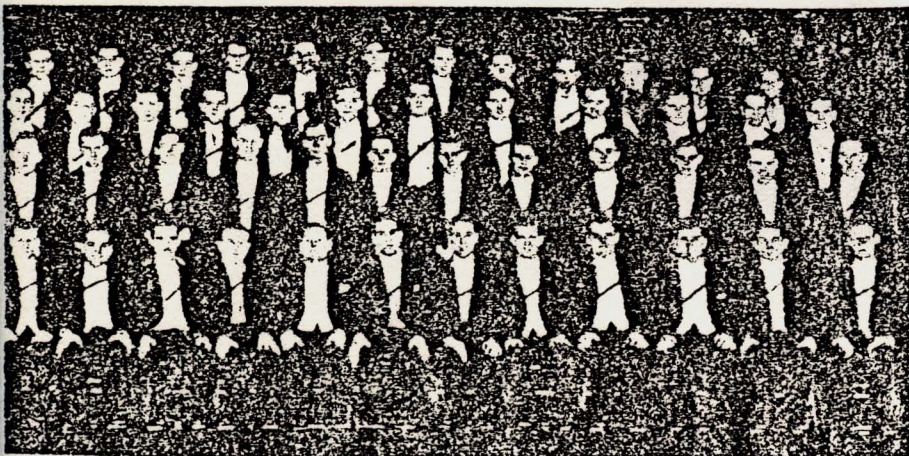


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Left to right:—Deneen A. Watson, '24, president; Waldo Fairhead, '31, directors for three years.

Holdover directors are Harold L. Cummings, '15, James '06, George Halas, '18, Bernard Schroeder, '24, Robert Reits, Otto Seiler, '12.

Deneen Watson, president (vice-president last year) is with Allan Heath, former assistant U. S. attorney, 11 South street. Waldo Ames, an officer of the Chicago Illini for seven



MEN THAT HAVE MUSIC IN THEMSELVES

weeping willow whickers and high-sounding notes at the University flowered in the past few years, whether for the best or not, until now it's just the University of Illinois members are chosen through tryouts of the music faculty. Last year the program was Dads Day and Mothers Day, a

Christmas concert with the Woman's Glee Club, and a formal concert at which John Neher, '35, who makes his debut with the Chicago Civic Opera in the fall, was soloist. The organization also sang over the N.B.C. on Founders' Day. A somewhat similar program has been planned for next year. Many of the members go into professional as well as community organizations upon graduation. Howard Smart, '38, of Marion, is the new manager.

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# ALBERT R. LEE DIES; RETIRED CLERK OF UI

Albert R. Lee, 74, who served the University of Illinois for 52 years under seven presidents, died Tuesday afternoon.

He succumbed about 3:10 p. m. at his home, 605 North Walnut street, of complications following an extended illness.

He was the oldest UI employe both in age and in years of service when he retired July 1, 1947, as chief clerk in the president's office.

While he had reached the retirement age of 68 in 1942, he was recalled for duty during the war, serving on an emergency basis in the president's office from March, 1943, until his final retirement last summer.

In community life, Mr. Lee was active for years in work of the Bethel A. M. E. church, had served during the past year as secretary of the Champaign-Urbana Inter-Churchmen's council, and was a leader in many fraternal activities.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday from the Bethel church, with Reverend E. Taborn, the pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by Reverend J. W. Wright, East St. Louis. Lone Star lodge No. 18, F. and A. M., will be in charge of the services.

Burial will be made in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Doctor George D. Stoddard, UI president, who is vacationing at Hazelhurst, Wis., was notified of Mr. Lee's death by the president's office.

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**ALBERT R. LEE**  
... served UI 52 years

## ALBERT R. LEE SERIOUSLY ILL AT HIS HOME

Albert R. Lee, retired chief clerk of the University of Illinois, remained seriously ill Saturday at his home, 605 North Walnut street. He has suffered a kidney ailment for some time, and has been confined to his home since returning from McKinley hospital where he underwent treatment early in July.

Mrs. Bernice Brightwell, Lee's daughter, reported that his condition has remained unimproved during the past week.

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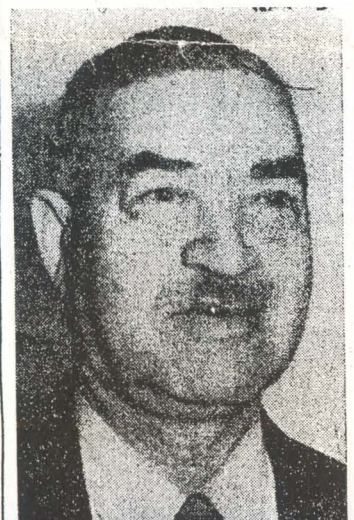
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IT WAS 53 years ago last February when Mr. Lee, then 20 years old, first took a job in 1895 as messenger boy on the staff of Andrew Sloan Draper, fourth president of the U. of I.

Except for a year out to attend the university himself in 1897-98 and for the five months following Oct. 1, 1942, when he first retired, Mr. Lee had been at the U. of I. continuously, serving under seven of the institution's 10 presidents.

He reached the retirement age of 68 in 1942, but was recalled on



## A. R. Lee Leaves Estate of \$5,500

Bernice Lee Brightwell, 605 North Walnut street, Champaign, has been named administratrix of the \$5,500 estate of the late Albert R. Lee, long-time chief clerk to presidents of the University of Illinois.

Heirs named in papers filed in county court include Maurice William Lee, Boley, Okla., and the administratrix.



**WILLIAM R. BAKER**

The last rites of William Rudolph Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Baker was held last Monday in the Douglas Center. Rev. O. B. Johnson and Rev. Anderson officiated. Miss Erma Herndon read the messages and obituary. The Purple Cross Nurses. Rev. M. Rayno, Mrs. O. H. Chatman and Mrs. Margret Merrill served. Parker funeral home in charge.

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He was a veteran of World War II having served 18 months in the Aleutian Islands. He leaves to mourn his loss, his mother Mrs. Mammie Baker of Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. A. D. Young, of North 4th Street has returned home with her niece, Miss Patricia Ester of Center, Iowa.  
Mrs. Emma Brent, of North 4th Street returned home after visiting in Ullin, Illinois.  
Mrs. Viola Thornton, of Chicago, Illinois is visiting Mrs. Callie Washington of North 4th St.

Mrs. Sarah Perry, of East Washington Street visited her sister Mrs. Amanda St. Charles of Indiana.  
Mrs. Velma Colley, and mother of East Vine Street had as their houseguest, Mrs. Alma Steigal of Chicago and guest from Flint, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roey Shavers, of Bloomington wrote to Editor and wife that their 8000 mile trip will soon end and it is very enjoyable in California.

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When Mr. Lee began his work as messenger, UI enrollment was about 800. He watched its steady growth through the years, and at the same time advanced from his starting position to that of assistant clerk, clerk and later chief clerk in the president's office. He had held the latter post since 1920.

He was known to thousands of Illini, and in addition to efficient handling of his responsibilities, he took a great interest in students. He was regarded as the unofficial "dean of colored students," and above his regular duties conducted a counseling service in their behalf.

He enjoyed reminiscing about the University's growth and progress. He knew well and had worked for Presidents Draper, Edmund J. James, David Kinley, Harry Woodburn Chase, Arthur H. Daniels, (acting president one year), and Arthur C. Willard. He retired shortly after the installation of President Stoddard.

He was president of the Bethel A. M. E. choir for 36 years, and was a Sunday school district superintendent for two schools.

His fraternal affiliations included past master of Lone Star lodge No. 18, F. and A. M.; past grand patron, Eureka grand chapter, O. E. S.; past grand high priest, Royal Arch Masons; and past grand commander of Prince Grand commandery, Knights Templar. He also was past grand master of North American encampment of K. T.

He was a member of the Twin City branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, and the Scottish Rite and Shriner orders.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Bernice Brightwell, Champaign; a son, Maurice W. Lee, Boley, Okla., who arrived here Tuesday afternoon an hour before his father's death; and a sister, Mrs. Phoebe Hogue of Champaign.

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The active pall bearers will be Robert H. Earnest, Clarence Wilson, Nathan Williams, John Woods, Eldridge Long, and John E. Smith.

Honorary pall bearers, all members of Coeur de Lion commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar, will include Irving J. Jones, Sr., Harvey Everhart, J. A. McGhee, J. J. Henderson, R. M. Scott.

Mr. Lee had held offices in both the Knights Templar and other Masonic orders.

Lone Star lodge will be in charge of the funeral services, to be held at 2 p. m. Friday in Bethel A.M.E. church. Rev. Elsie Taborn, pastor, will officiate, assisted by Rev. J. W. Wright of East Saint Louis. Burial will be in Mount Hope cemetery.

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In a message from Hazelhurst, Wis., where he is vacationing, George D. Stoddard, U. of I. president, said of his former chief clerk, "Albert Lee was a man of substance and one of Illinois' finest traditions. We shall all miss him."

LEE: Albert R. Lee, 74, 605 North Walnut street, about 3:10 p. m. Tuesday at home. Services 2 p. m. Friday, Bethel church. Burial in Mount Hope cemetery.

Mrs. Ethel Donaldson and Miss Gladys Donaldson arrived in Los Angeles and called their family Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Donaldson of East Tremont



ALBERT R. LEE

March 11, 1943, retiring for a second time in July of 1947.

A statement of appreciation was issued today by A. J. Janata, assistant to the U. of I. president, who said of Mr. Lee, "his was a service of loyalty, integrity, and friendliness. Many alumni of the early years will remember his acts of kindness to them. With his passing another chapter in the history of university personalities is closed."

MR. LEE had long been known as the unofficial "dean of colored students," adding to his regular duties a counseling service for members of his race. He was keenly interested in U. of I. athletics, watching particularly the progress of Negro athletes.

From a messenger boy in a university of 800 students, he advanced through the ranks of assistant clerk, clerk, and chief clerk, a post he held since 1920, watching the U. of I. grow to a school serving more than 18,000.

Mr. Lee was born June 26, 1874, on a farm near Champaign, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee. He was graduated from Champaign high school in 1893, and besides his year of study at the U. of I., also learned shorthand and studied privately for four years.

HE MARRIED Miss Maud McCurdy, Nov. 23, 1898. His wife and son, Albert, a U. of I. mail carrier, both preceded him in death. He leaves one son, Maurice W. Lee, president of the Farmers' State bank, Boley, Okla., and a daughter, Mrs. Bernice Brightwell, with whom he made his home.

He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Phoebe Hogue, Champaign; and four grandchildren, Alice Harriet, ...

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### GERALD HARRIS CHARGED WITH THEFT, ASSAULT

Gerald "Tulip" Harris, colored, 603 North Poplar street, was in the county jail Monday on charges of stealing \$50 from Joe Hassel and assaulting Mrs. Lillian Ambrosia, both colored.

Police Lieutenant Rollo S. Blunt said police believed Harris took the money from Hassel's billfold Saturday night at Larry's place, a restaurant on North Fourth street, and hid it at the home of Mrs. Ambrosia. When he called for the money Sunday, he said it was \$10 short and beat up Mrs. Ambrosia for taking it, Blunt said.

Patrolman Bernard L. Joyce arrested Harris Sunday afternoon on an assault warrant obtained by Mrs. Ambrosia. Blunt obtained a larceny warrant Monday. Hearings were scheduled before Police Magistrate Mark F. Endicott.

Mr. and Mrs. Odin Wilson, had as their guest a cousin Mrs. Eron Thorppe of Mc Kinzie, Tenn. The Wilsons visited in Michigan with Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Carter and Idewild, Michigan. Mr. Carter celebrated his 72nd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Algee and family are now living in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Willenia Buckner, of Hannibal, Mo. visited her aunt Mrs. Uptegrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Roey Shavers of Bloomington wrote to Editor a wife that their 8000 mile trip was soon end and it is very enjoyable in California.

## HONOR TO GRADUATE

Colored People Ratify Success of Member of Race Who Gets High School Diploma.

At Hessel's hall Thursday evening a reception was given in honor of Arthur E. Woodruff, a graduate of the Champaign high school, by the Monarch club, of which he is a charter member. Only members of the club, excepting out-of-town visitors, were present.

The hall was beautifully decorated in the colors of the club, purple and white, with maroon and white alternating in the colors. C. H. S. pennants surrounded two beautiful cozy corners. The grand march was led by Ray Scott, president of the club, and Miss Ruth Woodruff, assisted by Launcelot Williams and Miss Thomas, after which a luncheon was served. Toasts were given by Arthur E. Woodruff, Miss Alice Lee, also a graduate of the high school, and Levering B. Jones, a graduate of the Paxton high school. Cecil Nicholson was toastmaster.

A program of eighteen dances and four extras was played by Parry's orchestra.

The chaperons were: Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Scott.

The active members of the club are: Raymond Scott, Charles Brown, Arthur Woodruff, Earl Roey, Cecil Pope, Elmer Brown, William McDowell, Charles Phillips, Louis Moore, Chauncey Rider, Launcelot Williams, Levering Jones, William Graham, Cecil Nicholson, Spencer Johnson.

Out-of-town visitors were: Misses Patton, Scott and Thomas of Chicago, Mr. Jones of Paxton and Walker Duff of Normal.

## VARIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

Colored People Bestow Honors Upon Those of Race Who Graduate From University of Illinois.

Various social functions for colored people have been held this week.

Among them was the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lee in honor of L. L. Allen, a graduate of the University this week, who is to study medicine elsewhere next college year. The affair was given by the Senior Philathea bible class of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Allen was presented with a handsome seal ring by the ladies of the society of which he is teacher. The Senior Baraca class also remembered him with a watch charm. E. H. Scott made the presentation speech for the men and Mrs. G. C. Lee, president of the woman's organization, for the Senior Philatheas.

About forty people were present at the reception, a feature of which were talks by Rev. A. T. Jackson, pastor of Bethel church, and Arthur Woodruff, president of the men's class. Besides refreshments a literary and musical program was given. It included vocal solos by Miss Sadie Green and Mrs. Anna Hines; instrumental solo by Miss Alice Lee; readings by Mrs. Gladys Hughes and Mrs. Kate Riley, and a decidedly interesting class paper by Mrs. E. H. Scott. The Lee home was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Mrs. Florence Cameron entertained Thursday evening at her home on West Eads street, Urbana.

A lawn social was held by the stewardesses of Bethel church at the home of Mrs. Queen Penny on North Popular street Thursday evening.

Mrs. Fanny Brown on Wednesday evening entertained at the home of L. J. Johnson for the colored students receiving degrees at the University commencement. They were: W. T. Bailey of Illinois '04, Tuskegee, Ala., who received the degree of master of architecture, and the following seniors: M. L. Stevenson of Mason City, R. H. Lewis of Chicago and L. L. Allen of Pittsburg, Pa.

# India's Idol III



**MOHANDAS K. GANDHI**

... leader of India's "untouchables" suffers new health breakdown ...

CALCUTTA, INDIA, March 10 (INS)—Mohandas K. Gandhi, idol of India's teeming "untouchables," suffered a new breakdown of his health today while attending a political conference at Berrhoiorissa. He is 69 years old.

## MAURICE LEE, U.I. GRADUATE, VISITS PARENTS

Maurice W. Lee, colored, Boley, Okla., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lee, 605 North Walnut street. Miss Ethel Anderson, Earlsboro, Okla., a school teacher and graduate of the University in 1931, accompanied Mr. Lee, her brother-in-law, here. Also Mr. Lee's son, Maurice W. Lee II, five years old.

Mr. Lee is a graduate of Illinois in 1929, in industrial education. He was director, industrial arts, Tennessee State college, Nashville, for five years. Now he is vice president and cashier, Farmers State bank, Boley, Okla., and a member of the city board of education. Upon returning home late this week, he will take with him his two daughters, Alice Harriet and Maurine Yvonne, who have been with their grandparents this year, attending school here.

## Local Tenor Honored by Roosevelt Letter

Reginald F. Fisher, local colored tenor, received notification Thursday from Mrs. J. M. Helm, secretary to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, that he has "been recommended to sing for Mrs. Roosevelt and her family during the 1938-39 season." Fisher, U. I. graduate in French, appeared in Baltimore in 1936 on a program with Mrs. Roosevelt, when she addressed a convention there.

## NEGRO HEALTH WEEK SET FOR APRIL 4 TO 10

National Negro Health week will be observed in Champaign-Urbana with three meetings dealing with important health problems scheduled between April 4 and 10.

The first meeting will be a general discussion of sanitation at 8 p. m. Monday, April 4, in the Wilbard school with moving pictures and talks by Benn J. Leland, state department of health, and Harry L. Webster, Champaign-Urbana health district sanitary inspector.

The second meeting will be on syphilis and will be held at 8 p. m. Thursday, April 7, with talks by Dr. W. M. Talbert, state department of health, and Dr. G. Howard Gowen, director of the district. Talking pictures will be part of the program.

The last meeting will be on pneumonia and tuberculosis and will present Dr. A. T. Cole, director of Outlook sanatorium, and Dr. Gowen.

## COLORED BOY OF 13 IS YEAR'S YOUNGEST STUDENT AT U. OF C.

J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., 13 years old, a colored boy, is the youngest student



J. Ernest Wilkins Jr. June. He lives with his parents at 6717 Evans avenue. His father is a lawyer.

The young student entered Parker High school when 10 years old and completed the normal university preparatory course in three years. He plans eventually to study law and practice with his father.

The father was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1918, where he won the Phi Beta Kappa key and later studied law at the University of Chicago. Mrs. Wilkins is a University Chicago graduate and now is studying for her master's degree.

## PARTY FOR SENIORS

St. Mary's High School Juniors Have  
Function at Lange Home in Honor  
of Graduating Class.

The members of the junior class of St. Mary's high school entertained the seniors Friday evening at the home of Miss Gertrude Lange on North Neil street. The decorations and refreshments were carried out in the colors, pink and white, and the seniors were presented with a bouquet of pink roses.

The fore part of the evening was devoted to progressive euchre, Joseph Hughes winning the prize. A delectable lunch was served in the dining room. At each senior's plate was a doll, dressed as a graduate and carrying a diploma. There was a class cake for 1910 and one also for 1911.

The class prophecy read by Miss Gertrude Lange proved to be a source of great mirth.

Those present were: Misses Madeline Farley, Marie Corkery, Helen Jackson, Margaret Branigan, Nelle Kane, Hazel Bash and Gertrude Coady and Mary Miebach, Roy Wheaton, Ruth Ryan, Mary Kirwan, Nora Kirwan Ursula Mattingly, Catherine McGraw and Gertrude Lang, Messrs. Leo Mattingly, Frank Hanley, Edward Mulins, Joseph Hughes, Tom Hagan, Willie Wagner and Frank Rosenbaum.

## Graduates Entertained

CHAMPAIGN - URBANA

ALICE MOORE

Miss Mildred Riley entertained Miss Lee and her guests Saturday.

Misses Lucile Peyton, Mamie Thomas and Agnes Scott, of Chicago, are visiting Miss Alice Lee.

Mrs. Jack Walden was hostess for the High Scholl and University graduates last Sunday. Talks were delivered very interestingly.

Mrs. Dean entertained at breakfast last Thursday morning the following persons in honor of Mrs. Thompson, who visited her daughter, Miss Anderson, a student at the university: Mrs. G. C. Lee and daughter, Lucile Peyton, Mamie Thomas, Mildred Browne, Agnes Scott, Alice Moore and Mrs. Dalby Jones.

### Reception for Miss Lee.

About 100 people attended the reception given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lee of East White street for their daughter, Miss Alice, a graduate of the Champaign high school. The reception was a pretty event and was the occasion for a number of out-of-town people coming to Champaign to attend it. Refreshments were served in the dining hall, and the guests remembered Miss Lee with many pretty presents.



### Those Who Graduate.

The graduates are as follows:

Mattie Merle Allison, Harlow Aydelott Amsbary, Edna Viola Arrington, Noah Earl Bacon, Doniphan James Parton, Harry Lloyd Bauer, George Ingels Boone, Ray Born, James Clyde Buzick, Alta Edna Caldwell, Donald Hummer Carter, Robert Fay Cotton, John Henry Dallenbach, Lanel Davis, Ruth Elizabeth Dickerson, Eva Dodds, Madeline May Dryer, Marietta Ehler, Leslie William Faulkner, Hazel Ophelia Fisher, Amanda Gehrke, Leola Ione Goodman, Thora Mabel Hall, Margaret Ray Harris, Claire Bertram Hal Clifford Hugh Hinman, John Nea Hoffman, Nellie Humrichouse, Mary Elizabeth Hunsley, Florence May Jarvis, Edward Otho Kauffman, Genevieve Oree Klank, Edith Jane Laml, Lois Lanktree, Alice Carrie Lee, Raymond Wills Lippe, Vera Lumsden, Cornelia Maria Luther, Laura Elizabeth McMillen, Ida Leona Merrick, Ada Menona Merrick, Mary Frances Middleton, Florence Ferne Mitchell, John William Monser, Grace Mildred Murray, Agnes Louise Nelson, Nellie Alice Newport, Merwyn Oliver Osborne, Stella Rebecca Percival, Frances Perry, Caroline Lois Ramp, Clara Mabe Reed, Blance Josephine Rising, Verna Anton Roland, William Heine Sellards Gladys May Smith, Reuel Lahamor Smith, Russell Albert Spalding, Frank Stanley, Alice Louise Strode, William Mitchell Taylor, Gladys Tiley, Lloyd Hill Wise, Harold Richard Woodcock, Arthur Eugene Woodruff.

### Seniors With High Rank.

Honors to members of the class were awarded as follows:

General average—Rank 1, Florence Ferne Mitchell, 92 1-30; rank 2, Stella Rebecca Percival, 92.

English—Rank 1, Stella Rebecca Percival, 92 3-7; rank 2, Florence Ferne Mitchell, 92 2-7.

German—Rank 1, Florence Ferne Mitchell, 95; rank 2, Stella Rebecca Percival, 94 2-5.

Mathematics—Rank 1, Reuel Lahamon Smith, 92 2-3; rank 2, Stella Rebecca Percival, 90 5-6.

History—Rank 1, John Henry Dallenbach, 94; rank 2, Florence Ferne Mitchell, 93½.

Latin—Rank 1, Reuel Lahamon Smith, 91 2-3; rank 2, Edna Viola Arrington, 87 5-7.

Science—Rank 1, Lloyd Hill Wise, 92; rank 1, Madeline May Dryer, 92, rank 2, Eva Dodds, 91 1-5.

### Mrs. Scott Entertains.

Mrs. D. H. Scott of 904 West Stoughton street, Urbana, entertained a few friends, Wednesday evening at a 6 o'clock luncheon in honor of Cecil Nicholson, who graduated from the Campaign high school last week. A six-course dinner was served. The dining room was decorated with C. H. S. pennants. Those present were: Misses Alice Lee, Mildred Brown, Alice Moore and Grace Mican and Julian Lewis, Milton Stevenson, Ray Scott and Cecil Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson left this morning for Chicago, where he has a position in the post-office.



# RUSHES & MASS MEETINGS



## Olive Social Club.

The Olive Social club was organized Saturday afternoon. The members are Alice Moore president; Grace Mileam, vice president; Alice Lee, secretary; Mildred Brown, treasurer; Ruth Woodruff, press reporter; Louise Wells, chairman of program committee; Grace Mitchell, May Wells. The next meeting will be held Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Louise Wells, 403 East Vine street.

# Visiting Parents



» Mrs. Anna Lee and daughter  
Delores