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# THE LINKS NEWS FLASH

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National President

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Claudine Lewis  
National Journalist

## I. GREETINGS.

Again our Links News Flash brings you greetings. It is good to know that across the miles - from East to West - North to South - we are linked by a common bond of friendship and service. It is also good to feel that each of us has the same desire to help make our communities better places for all people to live together, work together, and play together. Let us defy the miles that lay between us this year and stay close to each other through increased work and service to work, creating better human relationships.

## II. PHILADELPHIA, PA.

For their National Project, "Better Human Relations," they conducted a work-shop on job application, sponsored by American Friends Service Committee. In addition to the work-shop, they have pledged a \$125.00 scholarship for one student in the service of American Friends Committee. Members have worked individually with agencies such as N.A.A.C.P., Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Red Cross, Community Chest. The Philadelphia Tribune paper holds an annual Charity-Fashion-Show, at which they make an award to fifteen women chosen for outstanding community work. Katie M. Greene, President of the Philadelphia Links, received one of these gold medal awards this year of 1950.

## III. ST. LOUIS, MO. - Continues Civic Help.

The Link in St. Louis has had two benefit projects - a rummage sale and a bridge. They gave clothing to the Milton Turner School for Handicapped and the Social Service Department of Homer G. Phillip Hospital. They also sent an under-privileged girl to camp and made a donation to Fevier Harris Home for Aged.

## IV. BALTIMORE, MARYLAND - Set Pace.

Baltimore Inter-cultural work has been done mainly through the Baltimore Urban League, by contributing \$160.00, the amount needed to complete the sophomore year of the education of Martin A. Dyer, the first Negro to be admitted to St. John College in Annapolis. A \$50.00 donation was made to the Urban League toward the expenses of their Silver Anniversary. Our inter-cultural activities also included 100 per cent membership in United Nations. Catherine Adams, of Baltimore Link, realizing the need for a Recreation Center in her community, interested the neighborhood clubs. In a short time, doing a mammoth job, they purchased a beautiful center. We contributed volunteer service and \$100.00 toward this fine work. The Baltimore Links feel that our work has indeed bound us closer and brought us joy, an idea presented in our song, "The Link of Friendship." The following bit of verse was sent in by a friend:

Friendship is a Chain of Gold,  
Shaped in God's all perfect mold,  
Each Link a smile, a laugh, a tear,  
A grip of the Land, a work of cheer,  
As steadfast as ages roll  
Bending closer soul to soul.  
No matter how far or heavy the land,  
Sweet is the journey on Friendship's Road.

V. PITTSBURGH, PA.

Contributed for Nixon House in Jacksonville, Florida. Members attended Town Meeting of the Air, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Courier, on April 18th, over American Broadcasting System. It was the first time any Negro business or organization had sponsored the program. More than 2,500 persons of every group and nationality attended. Mrs. Jessie Varn was recently elected to the Trustee Board of Virginia Union University. Pittsburgh is happy to announce that it will entertain the Third Annual Conference in June, 1951.

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VI. PETERSBURG, VA.

Petersburg Link's civic activities are a newly established Y.M.C.A. As a second project, they have selected the Educational Therapy Center in Richmond. Aside from making monetary contributions toward the program of this agency, they will give service in recommending and transporting children for therapy. To contribute to the inter-cultural activities of the community, we were represented at the first meeting and shall participate in the activities of the United Religious Council, which is made up of white and colored religious workers of the Petersburg area.

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VII. NIAGARA FALLS - BUFFALO, N. Y.

The Niagara Falls - Buffalo Chapter of the Links was organized under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Reed on May 26, 1950. The officers are:

President.....	Alice C. Hayes (Dr. Charles B.)
Vice President.....	Vera H. Johnson (Sidney L.)
Corresponding Sec.....	Thelma Griffin (Aaron L.)
Recording Secretary.....	Ruth Scruggs (Dr. I. L.)
Treasurer.....	Theresa G. Evans (William L.)

Members:

Doris D. Fields (Willie C.)  
Thelma Ayers Hardiaman (Winton C.)  
Cora P. Maloney (Clarence M.)  
Corrie H. Risdon (Arthur B.)  
Vera Trimier (Berry D.)

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VIII. GREATER NEW YORK

The first annual benefit of the Greater New York Links was the Ebony Celebrity party held on February 12, 1950, at the Skyline Room of the Theresa Hotel. This event was an array of outstanding men and women from various fields of life, music, social work, drama, art, and international affairs. All were represented. At this point they are happy to report that it was a huge success. An hour before the party took place, a dinner was held in the private dining room for nine Executive Members of the National Link. Forty-four husbands and friends joined in this gala and beautiful room for good fellowship. In the near future, we are planning to have a television program.

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IX. CENTRAL JERSEY

The Central Jersey Link has really been working like bees. On March 20 they had an inter-community affair with Princeton, Trenton and New Brunswick participating. The group held an inter-racial musical fashionetta, sponsored by the Fai-ho-cha Club of Trenton. The card party returns are being used to finance this year's three-point program:

1 - \$50.00 Junior Members to Carner Center and Trenton Y.M.C.A.

To date we have had only one meeting, at which time Committee Chairmen were appointed and temporary plans for the coming year discussed. The officers are as follows:

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| Melanie P. Walker | President               |
| Theresa L. Moore  | Secretary               |
| Mary T. Henry     | Corresponding Secretary |
| Beatrice Jordan   | Treasurer               |
| Members           |                         |
| Lizzie Brandon    | Nell Wright             |
| Irma Todd         | Elaine Malloy           |
| Eleanor Hall      | Louise F. Davis         |

XIV. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On Saturday, May 21, 1950, fifteen eager ladies of Chicago met with three charming ladies of Dayton, Ohio, in the lovely Dining Room of the Parkway Ballroom. They enjoyed a very delectable ten-course dinner prior to their induction into the Links. Each member was presented with a corsage of white flowers, the symbol of Links; Mrs. Letitia Rose of Dayton receiving a larger one in recognition of her as sponsor. The banquet table was beautiful, the beauty being supplied not only by flowers of the season and unique umbrella favors of lace created by our president, Mrs. Portia Searcy, but, also by the charm and loveliness of the ladies surrounding it.

The group was driven to the beautiful home of prospective Link Zenobia Hawes on South Parkway. Here the Chicago group was "forged" as the nineteenth link in the Chain of National Links, by the very capable Mrs. Letitia Rose, National Vice President, ably assisted by Mrs. Hortense Campbell and Mrs. Lucie L. Taylor, also of Dayton, Ohio.

Link Rose gave us a concise and inspiring account of the purpose and activities of the Links, with Mrs. Campbell giving further information essential to the organization. Mrs. Taylor read one of her many poems; this one, however, being "Friendship," which so eloquently portrayed the meaning of the word "friendship" as each Link so desires to know it.

Officers elected were the following:

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| Mrs. Portia Searcy     | President               |
| Mrs. Estell Jones      | Vice President          |
| Mrs. Evelyn Jones      | Recording Secretary     |
| Mrs. Martha H. Winston | Corresponding Secretary |
| Mrs. Ruby Smith        | Parliamentarian         |
| Mrs. Savannah Palmer   | Public Relations        |

XV. LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

The superlative in pleasantries was afforded the Lynchburg Chapter of the National Links Organization recently, when they motored to Martinsville, Virginia, to be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Johnson. A detailed business session was the first order of the afternoon. Afterwards, a picnic lunch was served on the beautiful lawn of the hosts. Dr. H. P. Weeden insured the group chance to recall these pleasant moments by taking snapshots in color.

Members and guests enjoying this event were: Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Weeden, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bouleware, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Braswell, Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Martin, Mrs. Bernice Hill, Misses Ruth Langhorne and Susan Fain, Messrs. Emmett Reed and William Davis.

2 - \$50.00 to Princeton Day Nursery and Art Center.

3 - \$50.00 to be used in New Brunswick Branch of the Urban League.

X. DAYTON, OHIO.

May of 1950, we were one year old. We have stressed the points of our program, which include the following: (1) Inter-cultural and inter-racial at the home of Mrs. Cora Peters. Mrs. John Allman of good will industries showed a movie of things done by handicapped people, entitled "The Goodwill Way." We were impressed to learn the many number of Negroes employed in these activities. (2) Civic - Our National Project was a raffle for Negro Day Nursery. Our donation to the Nursery was a lovely stencil machine. (3) Social Activities - Hallowe'en Party, Wesley Party with Africans, and Christmas Party. (4) Remetha Ford is our "Cheer Chairman," who remembers us on our birthdays and anniversaries.

XI. NORTH JERSEY.

The North Jersey Chapter of Links sponsored an art exhibit for non-professional artists as their project for "Bettering Human Relations in our Community." This exhibit was presented on Sunday, March 19th, at the Academy of Arts in Newark, N. J. Inasmuch as this was our first appearance before the public as a group, we decided to have a non-profit affair and were able, with a sizable sponsoring list, to do so. We were honored in having with us our National President, Mrs. H. C. Scott, who, together with about 700 guests, made our initial project quite a success.

XII. CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Cincinnati is the 16th in the chain of Chapter Clubs. It was organized on March 23, 1950 by Dayton Links. They are as follows: Mrs. Emmett Campbell, Mrs. B. A. Rose. National Vice President, Mrs. Rose, performs the duty of the induction rites for the new members. Other guests for the occasion were Miss Ruth Smith and Mrs. Margaret Robinson. Prior to setting up the Chapter, the group enjoyed a delicious supper. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. B. A. Rose, who gave a bit of the background as to the founding and history of the organization, also showing how the three-fold purpose of the club can fit into the life of the members of Links Clubs. Very interesting pictures of Links' activities and programs of various affairs that Links have promoted elsewhere, were all very interesting to the Cincinnatians.

The officers are as follows:

President.....	Mrs. R. E. Clark
Vice President.....	Mrs. L. L. Hubbard
Secretary.....	Mrs. B. F. Cann
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Eugene Sims
Parliamentarian.....	Mrs. William N. Lovelace
Chaplain.....	Mrs. Theodore Berry
Publicity.....	Mrs. Jay Price Hood

At the conclusion of the meeting, Link Hubbard made a pretty speech as she presented, in the name of the club, tokens of appreciation to our sponsors. Link Rose was given, after the dinner, a coffee set and Link Campbell a modern set of book ends and flower vase combined.

XIII. WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Chapter of Links was set up in Winston Salem on March 23, with Mrs. Julia Dulaney from Raleigh Chapter as official representative.

This poem was written by one of the members of the Dayton Links - Lucie L. Taylor

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is the rosy dawn of a beautiful morn with the soft trill of birds in the trees twittering and singing their morning lay, as sweet odours wafted on the gentle breeze when the fragrance of flowers lifting their tiny heads fills the air.

Or as even that which grows in strength as the heat of the mid-day sun as it silently wends its way across the blue horizon. As the beautiful sunset which begins to wave in the evening from a beautiful blue to a delicate rose shading to a rich gold into evening twilight; when the first star peeps out of the blue, so silently night comes on when a myriad of tiny stars like glittering diamonds fill the azure to light our way and brighten our hearts with their radiance.

So is friendship that tie which brings two souls so close that nothing can come between to mar a beauteous understanding. No hurt of pain, no sharp words spoken, no unthoughtful deed heedlessly done, no forgetting the little things, nor even the pangs of death. That has no selfishness, knows no envy nor permits jealousy to creep in, for whom no sacrifice is too great that will perchance give happiness to some other. When to truly understand is supreme.

This is Friendship.

Lucie L. Taylor

Member of Dayton Links Chapter

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NOTES:

We doff our hats to Link Lillian Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa. She is doing a grand piece of work on the west coast, setting up new chapters. She has completed Los Angeles, California, and is on her way to organize many more new chapters.

To date there are twenty chapters in all. When the last Flash was printed there were only thirteen, with seven new ones ready to be organized. Out of the seven, five are already organized.

We are happy to receive these new chapters. We whole heartily wish them the best of luck in all their endeavors.

If there isn't any news in this Flash about your chapter, please have your Corresponding Secretary send it to me. List your National Project, Activities, Social events, etc.