The 15th Year

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In addition to meeting all calls for whole blood transfusions in the 11 hospitals of the region, the Rochester program is taking part in the national program's research effort. This effort, an important additional in medical blood therapy because of the scarcity of donors, will be used to aid the nation's sick and injured.

Franklin Evening High School

Now Open

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The Rochester Needlecraft Club meets on the last Thursday of each month at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. Meetings are in two sessions, with the morning hours devoted to a quilting demonstration and the afternoon hours to a discussion period and talks onquilts—historical and modern. Visitors are always welcome.

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1948 NAACP Highlights

NEW YORK—Plan for cele-
brooding the fortieth anniversary
of the National Association for
the Advancement of Colored
People is confined and evident of
the inc-
creasing national and world in-
fluence of the Association noted
in the report for the year 1948
of Walter White, NAACP execu-
tive secretary, presented before
the 94th annual meeting of the As-
sociation held here today.

High in the importance to the
race for 1948, according to Mr.
White, is the vital role played
by Negro voters in last year's elec-
tion. Early in 1948 the NAACP,
and twenty other national Negro
organizations joined in a joint
statement of principles entitled "Declaration of Negro Vo-
ters," which was submitted to
the major parties for inclusion in
their platforms and was used as a
guide by Negro voters in judg-
ment dates.

Citing the utility of Negro voters
behind candidate supporting a
full civil rights program as con-
tributing heavily to the election
of a liberal administration and Con-
gress, Mr. White indicated that the
NAACP "will rally its total resour-
ces to ensure enactment by the 81st Congress of anti-lynch-
ning and anti-poll tax and federal fair em-
ployment laws, and other progressive social legis-
lation." By 1950, he predicted,
there will be approximately 2,
000,000 Negro voters in the North
who will be in a position to help
in the election of Liberal Congress-
men from that region.

Two outstanding NAACP local
victories of the year, according
to the Secretary's report, were the
United States Supreme Court de-
decision in the case of Hodges vs.
Hays, in which restrictive housing
laws were declared legally unconsti-
tutional, and the decision of Judge J. Waton Waring in
South Carolina outlawing the
"white primary election" in that
state.

In the educational field, Mr.
White cited the "great number of
cases where various attempts were
made to prevent enrollment of
Negro students in Alabama and
Louisiana, and mentioned the con-
tinuing fight for equality of op-
portunity in higher education. In
Oklahoma, Texas, and other western states.

It also noted that the
NAACP National Board of Direc-
tors is on record as firm in its op-
position to the proposed national
plan for segregated education and
related that the Association will
voice "impassible opposition to the ratification of any plan
by Congress" and will carry its
fight against segregated national
schools to the courts if necessary.
The 81st Congress had rejected the plan to be a one-vote margin in
the Senate, he recalled.

The ratification of Frank
Murine, suspended postal em-
ployee of South Pasadena, California, was made as the first victory won
by the NAACP under its recently an-
nounced policy of intervention in
pitory probes in cases where charges of discrimination are based upon race or color or membership
in the NAACP.

On the international scene, Mr.
White related, advocating the
importance of the United States at
the Paris session of the United
States delegation to the Paris ses-
sion of the United Nations General
Assembly, and praised the Assembly
for its adoption of the Declar-
ation of Human Rights and
passage of the resolution outlawing
genocide, which had been urged by
the NAACP in its 1543 program.
Mr. White also pointed out that
the Association has taken a firm
stand against return of former
Italian colonies to Italian rule and
has proposed for suspension of Mar-
shall Plan aid to the Netherlands
pending a satisfactory settlement
of the Indonesian dispute.

In a report of the activities of
the branch organization, for 1948,
Glenn R. Current, director of Branches, noted that 751 new
units of the NAACP were charter-
ed in 1948 and that Maine has be-
come the 81st and 82nd units to join the
Association. Mr. Current sum-
marized activities of branches, state conferences, the annual asso-
ciation, and the youth division of the
NAACP.

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ART GALLERY
HOLDS OPEN HOUSE
The annual "Open House" of the Memorial Art Gallery and the
Rochester Museum of Arts and
Silence was held at Memorial
Art Gallery on December 10, 1948.

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