



STEREOTYPE SMASHER—Ossie Davis, shown above in a recent appearance on the CBS-TV "The Doctors and the Nurses" show, is among many excellent colored actors who have lately earned roles that tend to improve the Negro image in a fast-changing American society.

NEGRO MINISTER ELECTED TO L.A. SCHOOL BOARD

LOS ANGELES—Continued control over major educational policies in Los Angeles by the "liberal bloc" was assured last week with the election of the second Negro in history to the seven-member Board of Education.

The Rev. James Edward Jones, 47, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, defeated his runoff opponent, Mrs. Marion Miller, real estate sales agent and former housewife-informant for the FBI, 276,095 to 248,060 in complete semi-official returns.

He will succeed Mrs. Mary Tinglof in Board Office No. 2, a job she vacated to seek election, unsuccessfully, to the District 13 seat on the City Council. Mr. Jones will officially assume office July 1 for his four-year term.

His election will assure the liberal side of the board of the necessary four votes for passage of controversial issues. The other liberals are Dr. Ralph Richardson, Mrs. Georgiana Hardy and Arthur Gardner, current board president.

The board's two conservative members, J. C. Chambers and Charles R. Smoot, sometimes are joined by Dr. Hugh C. Willett and Gardner. But most of the board's controversies during the past few years on civil rights and

other matters have ended in 5-2 or 4-3 votes.

Often, the balance of power rested with Willett and Gardner because Mrs. Tinglof sided with the Richardson-Hardy faction. Mr. Jones also is expected to take that side.

THE NEGRO PASTOR is the second of his race to serve on the board. Mrs. Fay E. Allen, a onetime Jefferson Adult School music teacher, was first elected to a two-year term in 1939 and won reelection in 1941 to another two-year term. She failed to win office in 1943 and 1945.

Mr. Jones, his wife Mimi and their four children live at 2215 W. 21st St. His 1,400-member church is located at 2230 W. Jefferson Blvd.

He was backed by 116 community groups after an unprecedented candidate selection conference called by racial and minority organizations early this year.

MR. JONES was graduated from Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, and later taught there. He took post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, Wayne University School of Social Work, Detroit, and USC.

He worked as a coal miner in West Virginia to pay his college tuition and later served in World War II.



MADISON AWARD WINNERS—Eddie Ray McCall (center) and Carolyn Brewer (right) receive James A. Gay Awards from donor for outstanding sportsmanship and athletic ability in Madison School sports activities during past year.

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