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### A MOST WORTHY CHOICE

The Omaha Post of the American Legion has made its first citation of an Omaha citizen "who has made the greatest contribution to the city of disinterested and unselfish service, unassociated with his vocation and personal interests." The Legion has honored and distinguished itself as well as the most worthy recipient of the honor by its selection for this distinction of the Hon. John Lauderdale Kennedy, who for practically half a century has given unstintingly of his services for the best interests of this community. A broad-minded, justice-loving, generous-hearted Christian gentleman, he has never spared himself in any civic or public cause. For the public weal Mr. Kennedy most nobly exemplifies the motto, "Ich dien." Rich in intellect and heart, John Lauderdale Kennedy has given of his best to the city, state and nation and fully merits any recognition of his valuable services that a grateful people can bestow

upon him. We are glad indeed that he has been given this fragrant flower of affectionate honor and regard now when he can enjoy its fragrance.

### LET US ALL HELP

Father Flanagan is soon to undertake a drive for a little over \$100,000 to pay the mortgage on his Boys' Home at Overlook. We hope that our people will dig deep in their pockets and contribute generously to this worthy institution. Unlike many so-called Christian institutions, Father Flanagan's Home draws no color, racial or creedal lines. It is truly what it claims to be—a home for homeless boys. We would like to see the colored people of Omaha contribute at least \$5,000 towards lifting this mortgage. The Monitor will gladly acknowledge and promptly forward any amounts large or small, our readers, locally or elsewhere, might desire to contribute to this worthy institution. Let us all help.

the present Negro representatives as a result of such legislation. This would infer that the Negro should not be given such opportunities. In conclusion I want to thank Doctor Singleton for his efforts to put the bill across. He showed by his deeds that he is the only true Negro representative we have at Lincoln. G. R.

### OLD FOLKS' HOME

The N. W. C. A. held the election of officers Wednesday evening, February 2nd. Mrs. Lillie Simpson was elected president; Mrs. Charles Hicks, vice president; Mrs.

Z. E. McGee, secretary; Mrs. F. Foster, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Florence Johnson, treasurer. The executive board held the election February 3rd. Mr. W. P. Wade was elected chairman, Mrs. Martha Smith, vice chairman, Mr. Henry Black, secretary. All inactive members of the board will be dropped and other persons appointed by the board. Sunday services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Stell. The Rev. Mr. Knight and Rev. Mr. Johnson of Lincoln visited the home. The Lord's Supper was administered to the inmates of the home Monday by Mesdames Hughes and Hillon.

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## EDITORIAL

Here is a short heart-to-heart talk to our people on some imperative local needs.

The North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A. is rendering a real and much-needed service to our community. It is not doing all that it desires to do, or could and would do, if it had a larger budget and a more fully-equipped plant and a larger membership. But it is doing good work and is making a most valuable contribution towards the development of our young womanhood. In its helpful contact and association with the central branch it is doing more than we realize for understanding and helpfulness. What is needed upon the part of our womanhood is a deeper sense of appreciation of the work it is doing and whole-hearted co-operation in increasing its membership and extending its work and influence. The women who are working for the Y. W. C. A. need the help of other women. Don't you think it ought to be given? The Cause, is it a worthy one?, should be the chief consideration. We think of individuals or an individual too frequently and lose sight of the cause.

The Colored Commercial club has rendered real, but unappreciated service to this community, and intends to continue doing so. It will confess to many sins of omission. It has left undone many things that it ought to have done and would like to have done, if it could have secured hearty co-operation and an enlarged membership to help it put its constructive program over. But her again, the Cause has been lost sight of in criticism of individuals.

No organization in the country is more needed or is doing greater work than the "N. A. A. C. P.", the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Omaha should have a large and flourishing branch. But the local branch is weak numerically. Some men and women of vision have held on and carried on and will continue to do so. In this, like in other needed agencies, have not too many of us permitted ourselves to be blinded to the CAUSE, by our prejudice or dislike of some individual?

These are just a few things for us as a race in this community to think about.

Are we not standing in our own light? Are we making the best of our opportunities in the light of our racial needs?

### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

#### Negro Legislator Asleep On the Job

Editor Monitor: The bill introduced at Lincoln, Nebraska, by Representative Jackman, republican, proposing that the county commissioners be elected by districts like the legislators are, was defeated. This is quite a disappointment to the Negroes of Douglas County who would have liked to have seen it pass. We had two representatives there who were supposed to look after our best interests. Dr. Singleton did all he could in favor of the bill while our other representative, Mr. Barnett, voted against it, there-

by voting against himself and the best interests of the people who elected him to represent them.

If this bill had passed a Negro would have had a chance to become county commissioner of Douglas County in the district now represented by Mr. Kubat. I understand that the vote was 45 against and 49 for the bill which is 3 less than the number necessary to pass it. All of the Douglas County men were against it except one republican, one democrat, and one progressive. This shows how our Douglas County "friends" turn us down when it comes to giving the Negro a square deal. The whole fight against the bill was based upon race prejudice and citing

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