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### SOME LOCAL RACIAL NEEDS

Our race in Omaha has some imperative needs. There may be others, but we wish at this time to emphasize one or two, which, in our judgment, seem paramount. The chief need is that of unity and a willingness to unite on some community program. There must be an agreement upon some corporate work, institute or institutions in which we can all unite; something for the entire community. There is, for example a most worthy charity in which all ought to be deeply interested and that is the Old Folks Home conducted by the Negro Women's Christian Association. It is the only agency of the kind which we have here and we ought to take real pride in supporting and developing it.

Then, there is the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A., of which we have before spoken, which should be more generally supported and used by our people. These are going community institutions which should elicit our over-vaunted but seldom demonstrated race pride.

But aside from these two institutions Omaha imperatively needs a strong branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The N. A. A. C. P. is the one chief outstanding national organization fighting sanely and effectively for the civil and constitutional rights primarily of American citizens of color, and incidentally for the constitutional rights of all American citizens, for in almost every victory won by this militant organization, in safeguarding the rights of Negro citizens, it has by the same token and in the same degree safeguarded the rights of white Americans. Omaha once had a strong branch of this organization, but it was given a setback, largely due to denominational jealousies, from which it has never recovered. Its membership is now less than 200. It ought to be at least 1,000 or 1,500. Exigencies are frequently arising in this community affecting our civil rights which need to be met, and which can only be met successfully by a strong local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. which whenever necessary will be aided by the National office. Denver, with a race population less than half of Omaha, has a strong branch! so have Des Moines, Kansas City, St. Paul and Minneapolis. What is the matter with Omaha?

Another thing that Omaha needs is some strong social organization with a trained and capable social worker at its head, with a competent force that can function effectively in our group. A branch of the National Urban League, which is not a rival to or a substitute for the N. A. A. C. P., would seem to fill this need. This organization has functioned and is functioning successfully in other cities and it is probable, but only probable, that it may function here. It cannot, however, be dragged in over night, or brought prematurely to birth. There must be preparation for it, intelligent, systematic preparation; an educational campaign which will acquaint the community of its

methods, objectives, and achievements. This cannot be done in a corner, but in the open, with the widest and fullest publicity.

There are doubtless wide-visioned, sincere and socially-minded white friends who are willing to co-operate with us, and whose co-operation should be cordially welcomed, but the initiative must come from ourselves. And in whatever attempt is made to improve conditions there should be absolute frankness and square dealing, without the impugning of the motives of others and no camouflaging.

These are some of our local racial needs as we see them.

### A COMMON WEAKNESS

We are all very prone to make our dislike for or distrust of an individual, or a group of individuals, blind us to the worthiness of a good cause. Most of us are constituted this way, but honest and sober reflection will convince us that it is wrongful for us to do this. "The hen does not stop scratching because worms are scarce."

### COMMUNITY CHEST ATTITUDE TOWARD COLORED AGENCIES

The question of the attitude of the Community Chest toward the work of colored agencies in general and the Urban League in particular, has been brought to my attention.

The budget committee have recommended and the board of governors of the Chest have approved, subject to any reductions that may have to be made due to a shortage in the campaign returns, the sum of \$2,295 for the work of the colored Old Folks Home. They have further approved the sum of \$3,000 for other colored work of the type represented by the employment bureau. There are also appropriations included as part of the budgets of other Community Chest agencies aggregating approximately \$20,000 for work among members of the colored community.

In making the appropriation of \$3,000 indefinite rather than definite, there was no thought of the discontinuance of the present employment work. The Inter-racial committee was not asked to meet the budget committee because of the fact that the appropriation granted was more than the request. According to Community Chest practice agencies are asked to meet the committee only when cuts are made.

The Chest was asked to receive a delegation interested in the Urban League plan, which it did at a meeting held October 17th. This had nothing to do, however, with the decisions of the budget committee, as they can only act on requests from organizations actually in existence.

There has been no official action taken with a view to the elimination of any existing agency or group. As a matter of fact, the board of governors and the budget committee are extremely sympathetic to the idea of social work in the colored community to the extent that funds become available and that the community expresses a fairly united opinion that such work ought to be undertaken. I personally hope that this work may be as far as possible of, for and by the people of the colored community themselves.

It is hoped and anticipated that the Community Chest, which opens next week, may receive the fullest support of the colored community as an important part of Greater Omaha and that colored citizens will demonstrate their fullest right to an increasing participation in Chest funds by means of increased subscriptions to it.

JOHN T. HALL, Director.  
Omaha Welfare Fed. and Com. Chest

### DESUNES' BAND GIVES DELIGHTFUL CONCERT

The excellent popular novelty concert given by Dan Desdunes' band and his clever entertainers at Technical High school auditorium Monday

night, deserved a much larger audience. The house should have been well-filled for several reasons, chief among which is because of the work that Mr. Desdunes has done to put Omaha on the map musically and because the band is an institution of which all our citizens should be proud.

The audience was well repaid by a program which appealed to all tastes. It combined the high classical with the more popular but ephemeral jazz. Then there were novelty features by artists in their line. The band numbers were all well rendered, those of the "Bohemian Girl" by Balfe; the "Crimson Petal" by Jewell; "The Doll Dance" by Brown, and "The Tiger Rag" by Frank Perkins, being exceptionally well executed.

Miss Irene Cochran was in excellent voice and was enthusiastically received, graciously responding with an encore. Levi Broomfield's tenor solo demanded an encore. The dancing specialty by Samson Brown, showed him an artist with nimble and educated feet. The roller skate specialty by Don Morton, in which he showed himself perfectly at home as a dancer on roller skates, was clever and highly pleased the audience.

### RECEIVES GOVERNMENT POSITION IN THE EAST

Mr. Alfred Jones, jr., oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones of Hillcrest, left Friday night for New York City, where he has been appointed by the government as meat inspector.

Mr. Jones, a former student at Central High school, has been very popular here in musical circles. He is a noted pianist, starting his career when a boy of 15 years, as pianist with Dan Desdunes' orchestra.

His many friends sincerely wish him success in his new undertaking.

### DO YOU KNOW HIS ADDRESS?

Anyone knowing the address of Mr. Ollie Dilworth, please notify The Monitor.—Adv.

### OUR PART IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE

A corps of colored workers under their majors and captains have been assigned a district which they are to canvass and these majors and captains will make their daily reports, as others, at the noonday luncheons at the Fontenelle hotel. As we go to press the full authentic list of our workers has not reached us.

### ST. PHILIP'S MEN'S CLUB TO GIVE PRE-HALLOWE'EN BALL

St. Philip's Men's club, whose social events are so popular, will give a pre-Hallowe'en ball at Dreamland hall next Thursday night, October 27.

Mrs. Harry Schwein, accompanied by her son, Harry Franklin, returned last Friday from a two months' visit to Los Angeles, Cal.

### RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale by the ladies of Hadassah will begin October 24 at 1419 North Twenty-fourth street, and will continue for several days.—Adv.

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