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AMERICANISM VS. DEMOCRACY

Every so often history reveals a person or group whom the world acclaimed as a true great. In our own country, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt stand out in the minds of the people. What made them great? Nothing less than their courage to face intimidation and problems with confidence and knowledge. It is truly recognized that fear and ignorance are man's worst enemies—they destroy his faith in others, they lead eventually to despair. There are many little facets of our way of life, which we call our standard of living, that must be faced with confidence and knowledge before we can arrive at a solution to the problems of "Americanism"—life as it is practiced and "Democracy"—life as it is preached.

There are problems aplenty in Lincoln toward which most people seem oblivious. Next to the acuity of adequate housing is the matter of daily bread. Since most residents eat at home or carry lunches, they do not feel gravity of the restaurant situ-

ation in our town, especially in those places whose prices come within the limited means of students and workers. On Tuesday last week two Negro students sat for two hours in a downtown eating place without service. The reason: waitresses were "busy." Actually the act reflects what is probably the work of the most reactionary of a small group of local Fascists that hope fleece the public.

The time is now when every loyal American must take Democracy to heart. Congress has attempted to keep Communism down through committees. Aid to destitute nations has won that aim abroad. There are many "ways" of Americanism that must go if the U. S. will exemplify the Democracy it invites the rest of the nations to share. Our citizens must awake to these problems and share in their intelligent solution.—C. M. G.

Use table pads with felt side up when cutting fabrics on a table top. The material will not slip or slide as often happens when a smooth surface is used.

Out of old Nebraska

By James C. Olson

Supt., State Historical Society

The 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Kearny was celebrated Sept. 22. There were ceremonies at Fort Kearny State Park on that day and a postage stamp commemorating the centennial went on sale at Minden.

Fort Kearny on the Platte was established in 1848, six years before the creation of Nebraska territory. The original Fort Kearny had been located on the Missouri, near the site of Nebraska City, in 1846.

The army soon discovered, however, that most of the overland traffic—which the fort was established to protect—bypassed the Missouri location. Consequently, in 1847 Lt. D. P. Woodbury was sent on a scouting trip to select a new location. He chose a site on the Platte, 97 miles west of the Missouri, and in the spring of the next year the troops were moved.

The new fort developed into one of the most important stops on the long trail to the west. All of the roads from the Missouri river converged just east of Fort Kearny, and during the period of heavy overland migration, thousands of emigrants passed by it each year. In his report for 1849, for example, the secretary of war stated that "during the past eighteen months nearly 30,000 people passed Fort Kearny on their way to California, Oregon and Salt Lake.

In the minds of many of the travelers, Fort Kearny was the jumping-off place to the great unknown. By the middle fifties, the route east of the fort was fairly safe and fairly well known. West of Kearny, however, was the Indian country, and many travelers felt safe only in the presence of military escorts furnished from the garrison at the fort.

Fort Kearny never was the scene of bloody Indian battles such as marked the history of some of the posts farther west, although many of the troops from its garrison engaged the red men in the last struggle for the great plains. The fort also was an important supply depot during the Indian wars.

In addition to being an important concentration of military strength, Fort Kearny was the center of a tremendous amount of civilian activity. The great traffic past the fort made it an ideal place for the establishment of repair shops, saloons, and other business activities. It was an important stop on the Pony Express. The Overland Stage maintained a station there. For awhile it was the western terminal of the telegraph line.

With the building of the railroad and the conquest of the Indians, there was no longer any need for the fort, and in 1871 it was abandoned. In 1929 the site was converted into a state park.

Sports Scope

Jackie Robinson

NEW YORK. (ANP). Last year's "Rookie of the Year" in major league baseball, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers signed a contract here last week with Radio Station WMCA for a six-day-a-week early evening sports show. The program, starting the early part of November, will continue until the Dodgers go into spring training in March.

Coupled with his being the first Negro to play in the major leagues, Robinson will be the first Negro radio sports commentator to broadcast daily over the New York station. He is a former UCLA four-letter man, starring in football, basketball, track and baseball.

His new show will be aimed primarily at combatting juvenile delinquency with an organized program of activity for youngsters. In addition, he will give sports results, predictions and interviews with outstanding athletic personalities. The show will be known as the "Jackie Robinson Sports Show," aired Monday through Saturday. Several large national advertisers were considering the sponsorship of the program.

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At the general election, November 2, 1948, there will be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection the following amendment to Section 1, Article VIII of the Constitution of Nebraska, as proposed by the Legislature:

"Sec. 1. The necessary revenue of the state and its governmental subdivisions shall be raised by taxation in such manner as the Legislature may direct; but taxes shall be levied by valuation uniformly and proportionately upon all tangible property and franchises, and taxes uniform as to class may be levied by valuation upon all other property. The Legislature may impose taxes on reservations of mineral rights and fissionable material in land and royalties. Taxes, other than property taxes, may be authorized by law. Existing revenue laws shall continue in effect until changed by the Legislature."

The ballot for the submission of the proposed amendment will be as follows:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

- FOR amendment to Section 1, Article VIII, of the Constitution of Nebraska, to authorize the Legislature to impose a tax on reservations of mineral rights and fissionable material in land and royalties.
- AGAINST amendment to Section 1, Article VIII, of the Constitution of Nebraska, to authorize the Legislature to impose a tax on reservations of mineral rights and fissionable material in land and royalties.

FRANK MARSH
Secretary of State

Quinn Chapel Auxiliary Schedules Final Meeting

The Usher Board Auxiliary of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church met Sunday, Sept. 26 with Mrs. C. R. Johnson as hostess. Names to be placed on the 1949 calendar were reported. George Randol was invited as a special guest. He offered suggestions for material to be printed on the cover of the calendar, and many other things for the improvement and interest of the organization.

Persons who would have their names on the calendar must report them to the committee before October 30. Mrs. Wyatt Williams and Mrs. R. G. Huston are co-chairmen. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. C. R. Johnson, secy.; Mrs. R. E. Handy, asst. secy. and Mrs. Ira B. Colley, treasurer. The next meeting will be October 17 at the home of Mrs. C. R. Johnson.

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