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## GETTING ACQUAINTED

Two recent events in Omaha disclose a growing desire for a better acquaintance between white and colored people; for be it known that even in northern cities there is only a nodding acquaintance between the two groups. As a matter of fact, colored people know more about white people than the white people do about colored people. Colored folks as servants and employees in homes of white people have an opportunity of learning of their customs, habits, conversation and ideals, in a way that is denied white people of obtaining a like knowledge of colored people. Few white people ever enter the homes of colored people. Moreover, white people seldom read books, magazines or newspapers written and published by colored people, while upon the contrary colored people read the literature published by the dominant group. So when the facts are frankly faced there is only a nodding or speaking acquaintance between these two groups which loom largely in American life.

The events to which we refer are the annual meeting of the Central Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, held last Thursday night, and the Professional Men's Club dinner at the Hotel Fontenelle Monday of this week. At the former meeting which began with a dinner at 6, there were representatives of both races seated happily together at the tables, engaging in pleasant and helpful conversation, without restraint or embarrassment, and the choral club from the North Side Branch rendered three delightful numbers on a most delightful program, which received the highest commendation, and a representative of the North Side Branch took part in the impressive candle lighting service, with which the program closed. This, however, is not the first time that this spirit of fellowship has been manifested by the Y. W. C. A., which contact and association is making for acquaintanceship and understanding.

At the latter meeting three representatives of our group were invited to present certain aspects of our local difficulties, some call them "problems," as we see them and have to meet them. Those chosen to speak acquitted themselves most creditably and made a most favorable impression. The intermingling at the table was again without restraint or embarrassment as is always the case with well-bred people of any group. It is safe to say that both the hosts and guests became better acquainted, and that many of the white professional men, present at that meeting, who really are broad-minded and believe in a square deal, have a better understanding of the embarrassments which confront us from time to time and will seek opportunity to be sympathetic and helpful.

There is a real need in every community for all the

various groups in that community getting acquainted. There is a great need for this acquaintance between the white and the colored people.

## KEEP KOUTSKY

Readers of The Monitor will recall that during the last election in which the fight centered around the sheriff's office we made the statement that Joseph Koutsky had made a good city commissioner, that he was needed there more than in the sheriff's office. We were sincere in what we said and meant it. We hope that he will reconsider his wish to retire from public life and consent to again run for city commissioner. He has made good on his job. The city needs him. Keep Koutsky.

## CLEAN THEM OUT

A Negro was killed in a bootlegging joint because he did not have money to pay for a pint of whiskey, so it was disclosed at a coroner's jury one day this week. There are entirely too many of these bootlegging joints among Negroes and whites in this city. They should be cleaned out. The bootlegging and the criminal Negro adds to the burdens of the self-respecting and law-abiding members of our race.

## PIANO CONTEST AT LAKE THEATRE

The New Lake theatre, which is steadily growing in popularity, not only for the high-class pictures that

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it shows at popular prices, but also for the various contests and entertainments which it puts on, is staging a piano contest for three nights next week which will undoubtedly prove a big attraction. Tuesday night there will be a Junior Contest. This is confined to children under 15. Thursday night an adults contest is to be held. Saturday night will be the finals when the contestants will vie with each other for the grand prizes. The management invites piano players to enter the contest.

In talking with Bill Bergman, manager of the Lake, he stated that the piano playing contest is only one of the few big events he is planning on staging at the Lake in the near future. He concluded by stating that he wanted to take this opportunity of thanking the public for the wonderful support they have been giving the Lake during the last sixty days.

## RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

Material for Addresses and Special Programs Sent on Request

Following the annual custom which began in 1923, February 13th will be widely observed this year as Race Relations Sunday. On that date sermons, addresses, and programs on race relations will be given in thousands of churches throughout the country. Originated as a means of enlisting the religious forces of the nation in behalf of a Christian solution of the race problem, Race Relations Sunday has become established as a custom, and is more widely observed with each passing year by churches, missionary organizations, young people's societies Christian associations, and other religious groups.

The Commission on the Church and Race Relations, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York, will send suggestions for the observance of the day to anyone interested. The Commission on Inter-racial Co-operation, 409 Palmer building, Atlanta, will be glad to supply additional material for addresses and programs.

## MUSICIANS' ANNUAL BALL

The Musicians Union, Local No. 558, will give their annual ball, at Dreamland hall, Monday evening, February 7th. There will be thirty musicians, drawn from Adams Nov-

elty, Desdunes, Dixie Ramblers, Elks, Hunter's Serenaders, Omaha Nite Owls, Overstreet's and Turner's orchestras. They will be formed into two fifteen-piece orchestras, which will play continuously during the evening. Music continuously. Dancing all the time. The committee, Mrs. V. Clark, Simon Harrold and L.

Gaines, are sparing no pains to make this the grandest and best affair ever staged by the local musicians. At Dreamland Hall, Monday evening, February 7th. Dance from 10 p. m. till ?—Adv.

See "The Snow Queen" at Technical High School Auditorium, February 17.—Adv.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of our beloved mother and sister.

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