

**Entertains Poinsetta Club**

The Poinsetta Club consisting of 8 members were entertained at a lovely luncheon by Mrs. Brevy Lilly on October 6. Complimented were Mrs. Zeola Hammond and Mrs. Lenore Roberts. Other guests were: Mrs. Vesta Harris, Mrs. Fawntella Baker, Mrs. Marvin Winston, Mrs. Pauline Ivory, Mrs. Doris King, Mrs. Pecola Davis and Miss Mary Sampson.

**Mary Bethune Club To Meet**

The Mary Bethune Literary and Art Club will hold its first regular meeting for the fall season on Thursday October 17 at the Lincoln Urban League. The meetings will then be held twice a month during the Fall and Winter months. Mrs. Jennie R. Edwards is president.

**To Hospital**

Mrs. Virginia Lewis reentered St. Elizabeth Hospital Tuesday. Mrs. Lewis has been ill for several weeks.

**Pastoral Appointments**

Rev. John Humbert was appointed to fill the pastorate at the African Methodist Episcopal church at Beatrice, Nebraska.

Rev. M. L. Shakespeare was appointed to Hastings for the fourth consecutive year.

A new building was purchased in Hastings October 9, which will be the home of the A. M. E. Church, of which Rev. Shakespeare is pastor.

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**Dark Merit**

by Kathrynne Favors

Often we forget that one out of every ten Americans is an American Negro. This tenth of the nation has contribute much to the building of this great country in which we live and cherish. Many people are born and die knowing little or nothing of the actual contributions of his darker brother.

It is sad, but the day is far in the distant when boys and girls are taught that there is only one race and that is the race of mankind. The day is far in the distance when people are taught that the only difference in man's skin is the degree of color.

The day is far in the distance when people are taught to appreciate the beauty in color and when we begin to look for the things that we have in common rather than the petty physical differences that exist between us. We must be broadminded enough to know that all other races have achieved as much intellectually according to their opportunities, as others have.

Until the day finally come that teachers all over the world can tell their pupils that God made us all because he loved us all, and that he gave us all a great variation of physical and mental characteristics because he would make the population of the world more beautiful and worthwhile, we must use other methods to show the people the merits of people who are slightly different than we are.

Because of the fact that the merits of the Negro are often left out of the typical history books in our public schools, I have decided to write a column to inform the readers of some of the merits and the history of the dark man.

It is certainly true that the Negro is mentioned a few times in history books but the Negro people, as other people, do not merely want to be referred to once in a while. He wants to be made to feel a part of our great society in America. In general, Negroes are so completely left out of history books as far as merits are concerned. As Langston Hughes once said, realizing that the Negro should not be made to feel ashamed of his race, "A Negro child needs to learn of his beauty."

**The Philosophy of the Race Problem**

Harry Coleman

I thank an all-kind Creator for this tremendous possibility, that my skin, though black, may cover a heart as pure as any that beats within a Saxon's. I thank Him that my hair, though kinked, may cover a brain which can think and reason clearly as profoundly

as that of the fairest white. I thank Him that the bulge of my lips and spread of my nose need not forever be the inevitable token of my disgrace; that they may become my badge of honor if, after fifty years of education, I can show the rudiments, at least, of the mental and moral development, to acquire which the Anglo-Saxons has taken a half-score of centuries.

**News From Hastings**

By Mrs. Ted Smith

Mrs. S. V. Henderson and daughter, Carolyn and Miss Davene Cannon returned Friday night after visiting a week at Denver, Colo., where a family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Henderson's mother, Mrs. Anne Cannon.

Mrs. Jennie Gates celebrated her 81st birthday October 4, her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gates of Grand Island and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and family. She received lovely gifts and a beautiful cake baked by Mrs. Gates.

Daniel and Lowell Smith spent a week end recently in Concordia, Kansas at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Viola Smith and family.

Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare spent Wednesday in Hastings conducting business. She visited at the Ted Smith home.

**Receives Position in School System**

Mrs. Anita Miller Smith was recently employed as assistant office worker to Miss Ona Wagner, Director of Adult Education in the Administration Building at 22nd and J. Mrs. Smith is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and is now doing work on her Masters. She has been teaching in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past 11 years and in Flagstaff 4 years prior to this.

The appointment of Mrs. Smith under contract to this position should lend encouragement to all Negroes of the city. The fact that she was prepared when the opportunity came made it a reality. This is only the beginning and I feel certain that we can look forward to greater opportunities. Let us prepare for any eventuality.

**Births**



Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown. 5024 Rohns St., Detroit 13, Mich., has announced the birth of a baby girl, Janis Sherril, born Sept. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Brown formerly lived here. Mrs. Brown was Jacquelyn Young.

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