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## The Voice in the Wilderness

by Rev. Trago T. McWilliams, Sr.

Way back yonder in the beginning a voice was heard in the "cool of the day" it struck terror into the hearts of sinners. Later it was full of majesty and sounded like a noise of "many waters," and then one bright day it came out of a cloud and said "this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him. And then a voice in the wilderness crieth out, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The Voice is ever crying out trying to lead men to a more abundant life, that Voice was endeavoring to help men on this earth when it said "judge not that ye be not judged." And friends what is judgment except prejudice? For in the final analysis it is previous and unfavorable bias, prejudgment without due examination.

If a people judge another people without truly knowing that people it is positively detrimental to both. It is a denial of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. Surely that wilderness Voice, crying out against intolerance is being heard and for that we do thank God. This week in convocation at the University of Nebraska we heard the eulogy of our own Doctor Carver. In Savannah Georgia colored and white Baptists are meeting together. Radio programs thruout the nation and abroad are now spreading the gospel of tolerance. Truly we are seeing a new day.

Miss Edith Hickman will write a column for juveniles and book-lovers. Watch for it. Congratulations to Freddie and Robbie Powell on their grand accomplishment.

The Birthday Calendar is being prepared be sure to get your name included.

## To the Editor of The Voice

November 11, 1946

Editor of The Voice  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Rev. Shakespeare:

I was much interested in reading the Voice, and compliment you on such a fine publication. Let me say, also, that our colored students at Whittier Junior High School are an asset to the student body and a credit to their parents. They show every evidence of home guidance and training which is particularly commendable. We would welcome any of the parents at school should they care to visit.

Respectfully,  
Gerald A. Joines  
Principal

Letter from a Reader

Editor Lincoln Voice: Please accept my sincere apology in being so delinquent in congratulating you on this very worthy publication . . . Permit me to say that not only is **The Voice** a step forward for our people but also a stimulant in the minds of all of us who are looking for better things to come. My own belief is that my fellow readers will firmly agree with me when I say that this Voice will eventually be known around the world.

Enclosed you will find herewith \$2.00 for a one year subscription - - wishing you all the success in the world and a boost for more publications.

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Letter to the Editor

A black face

Often when I was a child, the fact that I was a Negro made me feel ashamed. In school, I was never taught the accomplishments of my race. I picked up a few now and then from my parents, but often, I thought my brown face just wasn't as good as some others. After I got out of school, I began to read many books about my race to find out what we had accomplished. I was astonished. Never had I realized that the African people (Egyptians) were called the only ancient teachers, the fathers of embalming, the fathers of medicine, and etc. Never had I realized of the other wonderful accomplishments. I soon loved to spend evenings at home learning about a great people. I now have eleven books written exclusively about my race. I shall add others. A library of Negro books is priceless.

When I walk down the street now, I hold my head up, proud of the fact that my skin is dark and my hair is krinkled because I know that within my brain, I, too, can possess knowledge, and that my soul can be as clean as that of an Anglo-Saxon.

Brown girl

Rev. Melvin L. Shakespeare

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Dear Brother in Christ Jesus:

I was elated to learn that your race had an official publication. I was still more elated to learn that you and your fine wife were the owners and publishers.

The noble purpose to which your publication is dedicated, will, I am convinced, bear much fruit and benefit to your race—



Mrs. Martha Marley

and mine! We have faith in the ultimate triumph of right. The forces of evil cannot long endure, and, "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

That your aims and efforts in this noble endeavor shall reach the noontide glory of your dreams is the sincere wish of one who also has bent low enough to feel the suffering needs of others, and having risen desires to assuage the grief and heal the wounds of every struggling heart.

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