

Our Children

By Mrs. W. B. Davis



A New Era For Children

Historians speak of various eras in the history of mankind according to some interest or activity which has chiefly occupied the attention of people at one time or another. Thus, we have the era of chivalry, the era of exploration, the era of steel, and so on. One searches history in vain, however, for any reference to the home or the child as a dominant interest at any period in human development. But the indications are that we are just entering an era when the welfare of the child will be the chief concern of the home, community, and the nation.

Throughout the civilized world today, the subject that is most discussed and that is receiving the most serious attention of the Statesmen, as well as of teachers and parents, is probably the child. One reason for this may be that the leading countries of the world have suffered terribly in the loss of adults, not only from the ravages of war, but also from pestilence and starvation, so that they realize that they must conserve the young or the nations will decline.

In earlier times, powerful nations were destroyed because wars weakened the adult population and the nations did not know how to conserve the rising generation. As a consequence, the nations easily fell prey to their enemies. Practically all of the nations of Europe believe that a crisis has been reached in their career and they can avert extinction only by giving their most

intelligent attention to physical, intellectual, and moral welfare and development of the young.

A few years ago no one ever thought of studying children, although a great many persons were studying plants, rocks, stars, pigs, and everything else in the heavens and on the earth. Only recently have people come to appreciate that the child is the most highly organized object in the universe, so far as we know, and it is difficult to determine his needs. The realization of this fact has induced a large number of men and women to devote their time to discover the secrets of the child's mind and heart.

In our own country, a great many organization are being formed for the purpose of studying child life and promoting child welfare. The war has revealed some of our shortcomings in the care and training of our young. A large proportion of our young men in the high tide of life was found physically unfit for service in the Army and Navy. How can it happen that in so prosperous a country as ours, that a large proportion of young people is not physically sound.

The home, the school and community are also responsible. Life in America is changing very rapidly, so that now most of our children live in towns or cities; but we have not changed our methods of training the young so as to help them to adapt themselves to changing conditions. We must do better in the future than we have in the past.

Campus News



by Jeanne Malone

Since we were unable to give you a biographical sketch of any of our university students last week, this week we shall give you two.

Miss Betty J. Patrick is the recently turned 21 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patrick of Lincoln. Betty graduated from Lincoln high school in January 1944. She is now a Junior in Secondary Education majoring in history. Miss Patrick is an active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and is interested in bettering race relations both on the campus and in the city. She is planning to graduate next year, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree after only three and a half years of study, and to take some graduate work in the field of Negro history at Ohio University.

Mr. Lynwood Parker of Omaha, Nebraska began his career at the Civilian Military Training Corp at Fort Riley, Kansas in 1938 where he received his basic training. He graduated from Technical high school in 1939 and entered the University of Omaha January of 1940.

The summer of 1940 he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps and soon became assistant to the Educational Advisor. Having served in the C. C. C. for a year he enlisted in the army

Mr. Parker soon there after reached the rank of Staff Sergeant and holds the War Department record for being promoted from Second to First Lieutenant in only one month and seventeen days.

The most outstanding achievements in his career are his appointments to command a white detachment for six months and adjutant of a white Battalion for eight months. He also commanded two Negro truck companies for three months each.

While on inactive duty in July of 1945 Mr. Parker attended the summer session of school at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. Lynwood Parker is presently matriculating in the University of Nebraska



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