

**SOCIAL BRIEFS**

Rev. S. L. Cole, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio returned home after spending what he termed a most enjoyable vacation, with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Cole. Although Rev. Cole was here on a convalescent leave, the Lincoln ministers left him little time for himself. He was guest speaker at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday Morning, January 19 and he preached for Rev. R. E. Handy at Quinn Chapel Sunday, January 26. He was also guest of Rev. G. W. Harper at Newman.

Rev Cole is one of Clevelands' outstanding ministers and assumes many other responsibilities, among them being, secretary of the Progressive District Association and of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Cleveland and Vice President of the Pastor's Seminary of the National Baptist Congress.

Of great interest to all who were privileged to meet Rev. Cole during his stay here will be the announcement that he will conduct a revival for Rev. John S. Favors of Mt. Zion in June, after he has attended the National Baptist Convention which will meet in California.

Mrs. G. W. Harper is much improved after undergoing an operation Friday of last week.

Mr. Walter Young is convalescing at his home after a two-week illness.

Mrs. Maude Johnson had as her dinner guests Tuesday Mrs. Brevy E. Lilly and Mr. John Miller of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mrs. Brevy E. Lilly entertained at Sunday Night dinner honoring Mr. John Miller the following guest; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Todd, Misses Ruth Norman, Charlotte Preston, Oneda Eloise Jones, Juanita Ann Hanger and Mr. C. C. Bivens Jr. Mr. Miller returned from Honolulu after spending eighteen months there.

Mr. Charles Mitchell is in the city to be with his father, Mr. Charles Walker. Mr. Walker has been confined to the hospital for several weeks.

Why do people always want to sit in front of a bus and the back of a church?

NEVER YET have I regretted holding my tongue when sharp and mean words have come to mind.

**Chan. Gustavson—Urban League**

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Preceding the Chancellor's address a delicious two course dinner was served after the Grace by Rev. R. L. Moody, pastor of the North Side Church of God. The guests were entertained with a number by the Rhythm Band, two selections by the Clare de Lune Chorus, and a skit by the dramatic group. Mr. Robert T. Malone, President of the Urban League Board presided at the dinner and business meeting.

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(The following excerpts are taken from the Annual Report of the Urban League compiled by Mr. Clyde W. Malone, executive secretary of the Urban League.)

**Employment**

"Employment is nature's physician and is essential to human happiness. Constant employment and well-paid labor produce in a country like ours general prosperity, content and cheerfulness." This aptly expresses the philosophy for our employment efforts. Our greatest regret is that all too many employers do not subscribe to this ideal if the applicant happens to be of a different skin-color or of a different nationality or religious belief. For the Negroes of Lincoln, 1946 was a year in which few negroes were unemployed but as usual, the majority were employed at labor, service or unskilled jobs. As in other years, industry, business and public agencies have been contacted in an effort to secure better employment opportunities. The results, while not entirely satisfactory, have been encouraging. We gratefully acknowledge the organization of the Central Social Action Council which has the creation of better employment opportunities for all minorities as one of their objectives. We welcome them as an ally in our struggle for full employment of all employables in our community. Specifically, the objective is that all workers be given the opportunity to compete for any employment for which he has or can acquire the ability to perform.

The incentive for continued education and the selection of a vocation is too often lacking in many youths but more especially the Negro boy or girl. Early in his existence he becomes aware of the almost universal pattern of segregation and discrimination that limits his father or older

brother's work opportunities. He sees them restricted to service or unskilled employment. He knows his brother finished high school but is employed on the same job with the Smith boy who quit school at the 5th grade. It is only natural that they react as they do.

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**Housing**

Housing continues to be one of the most difficult problems confronting the Negro population of Lincoln. The general shortage in housing naturally would affect all citizens but the Negro problem is further aggravated by the planned restriction to a definite area. However, the generally low standard of houses in this area is an equal, if not greater, element in the problem. With only a few houses offered for rent, to be assured of a home, over 75% of the Negroes have, or, are purchasing these sub-standard houses. This means that in most instances, they must immediately start the difficult and costly job of remodeling the home to the desired standards. One unfortunate result of

this situation is that very often in their zeal to improve their houses, some home-buyers are victimized by unscrupulous firms or individuals. A typical example: The home owner who was high-pressured into paying \$800 for improvements that were estimated by two reputable builders as being a \$350 over-charge even at the present high prices.

Any conclusion with reference to Negro housing in Lincoln is that we are in a vicious circle which can only be broken by the united effort of both public and private agencies with the specific objectives of:

1. Increase the number of low rental houses to Negroes.
2. Making it possible for Negroes to purchase homes wherever available and at fair prices.
3. Expanding the opportunities for Negroes to secure loans and financing. (The F. H. A. is reputed to have refused to insure loans to Negroes if outside of a restricted area)
4. Cooperating with any plan or plans for education of the general public as to the special housing problems of Negroes.

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