

## Are Lincoln People Complacent?

I just finished reading the article on Lincoln Negro Complacency. Lincoln is a typical mid-western city. Many of us have jobs which enable us to have comfortable homes. In fact we are so comfortable and satisfied with our way of living, that we fail to see those who are not so fortunate. Thus we are missing many opportunities that just a little effort on our part will provide for us.

We can provide more and better jobs for our people by cooperating with the colored business and professional people. We can support and cooperate with the Urban League and receive more recognition from public officials. We can enlarge our colored paper by subscriptions and weekly contributions. We can increase the attendance of our churches by enlisting our services in their various organizations.

Many of us travel very little. Those of us who are able to visit larger cities do little to help make Lincoln more like those places.

Who is to take the initiative? someone may ask. Everyone is afraid of public opinion and criticism. I feel that the students and new comers have as much right and are just as responsible for improving Lincoln as the old Lincolniters. We all have to live here and we should all cooperate with any effort, that will make Lincoln a place where the more progressive minded people will want to come. If we have criticisms or suggestions we should give them to the people concerned. At any rate let's get off the wheel and help.

As a University Town we certainly have very little representation of students in our church and civic activities. For instance, the fraternal organizations are given a Sunday in the church in most places. As far as I know this has not been done. And students, why can't someone come here for fraternity and sorority set ups? Why put another place on the map and use other students?

I have traveled from coast to coast and some parts of the south, I have found that every city is the result of the citizen's work.

Let's get together, everyone of us and make Lincoln a swell place to come to.

By Laura Lee

## White Clergymen Elect Negro to Head Ministerial Alliance

Kansas City, Mo. (ANP) A 68 year old clergyman became the first Negro last week to serve as president of the Ministerial alliance.

Dr. D. A. Holmes, pastor of the Paseo Baptist church here, was boosted to that post by an almost all-white membership, composed of the leading ministers of this city. Dr. Holmes, who received a bachelor of science degree from Western college and then attended the University of Chicago Theological school, has been preaching 48 years.

He has served as pastor of the Paseo Baptist church here for the last 25 years and is a member of the executive committee of the council of churches.

## African Workers act to Improve Work Conditions

by Henry B. Cole

Accra, Gold Coast, W. Africa—

Three recent labor developments here indicate that African workers are determined to improve their own work conditions.

On May 12, nearly 300 African workers of the Overseas Breweries Ltd., a Swiss-owned company, laid down their tools and walked out. Among them were mechanics, carpenters, masons, packers, bottlers, boiler attendants and drivers.

They demanded (1) reasonable wage increases; (2) free hospitalization for workmen wounded by flying splinters during bottling operations; (3) re-instatement of one African employee, dismissed for trade union activity; (4) sick leave with full pay; (5) compensation for serious injuries and (6) extra pay for overtime work.

The local manager, who speaks like a German, was most hostile to the strike demands, but the company's managing director in Switzerland conceded the workers' claims and peacefully settled the strike. Forty strike breakers employed by the hostile manager, were dismissed. The strikers received public support. African women gave food and one African woman donated a large sum of money.

## Grammarime

Contributed by Homer C. Fisher of Marshall, Mich., who hopes that "it may be helpful to someone who has as hard a time as I did remembering rules."

The noun just is and the verb just does,  
And the adverb tells how 'tis done,

While a pronoun takes the place of a noun,  
Which really is lots of fun.

The adjective tells us about the noun,  
The conjunction conjoins with more,

And a preposition connects its object

With words which go before.  
The interjections stand alone,  
But may be thrown between,  
And really arouse our feelings  
Though we don't know what they mean.

And we call this mixture grammar  
From the Greek "gramma,"  
meaning letter.

Although some say that "logos"  
—word—

Would be a great deal better.  
—The Pathfinder

## Wins Championship

Robert Moody, Mackie McWilliams and Theodore King won the track meet at Munny Field Saturday, May 24. All three are now champions of the Lincoln Pilot Club at Munny.

## Belmont Flood

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moss, 924 Belmont St., and Mrs. Rena Williams, 937 Saunders Street were among families suffering property damage Monday as the result of the heavy down pour which sent waters rushing from the hills in Belmont leaving several feet of water standing in many homes.

Lives were saved as a result of prompt action of rescuers.

## BILBO UNDERGOES THIRD JAW OPERATION

New Orleans (ANP) Mississippi's Sen. Bilbo underwent a third operation on his jaw at Foundation hospital here last week.

Bilbo's greatest desire at the time of the operation was to have a speedy recovery in order that he might eat three steaks a day for 30 days to make up for lost time.

"I'm going to have some trouble when they bind me up with that new chin to heal," said Bilbo. "I won't be able to eat, talk, smoke, or even spit for six weeks." employed by the hostile manager, were dismissed. The strikers received public support. African women gave food and one African woman donated a large sum of money.

African hospital workers, including nurses, midwives, dispensing chemists, cooks, medical attendants, washermen, child welfare workers and maternity welfare workers, marched en masse recently to the director of medical services and placed their grievances before him. He promised an immediate government investigation.

Following this, African mental nurses of the local mental hospital demonstrated to air their grievances against very unsatisfactory working conditions.

## There Goes a Friend

If you would get the most from life,  
You must put something in it,  
And strive to help your fellow man

Each day, each hour, each minute.  
An act of kindness done by you  
Will cheer the heart that's sad,  
And when you cause someone to smile,

It makes your own heart glad.  
Be friendly with your neighbors  
And extend a helping hand  
And each of them will grasp it,  
In a way you'll understand.  
Then when you travel down  
life's road

And round the distant bend,  
There'll be a host of people who  
Will say, "There goes a friend."  
—James L. Grill

## A Day In Hastings

by Winifred (Peaches) Winston

We caught the bus that morning at nine forty-five. (Courtesy of Mrs. Shakespeare). With the exception of seeing a beautiful underground city (cemetery) and a couple of my music books falling and flattening the tall hat Mrs. Shakespeare was wearing, the trip was uneventful.

The three of us (my mother, Mrs. Shakespeare, and I) were met by Mr. Shakespeare and Lowell Smith. We rode out to the Smith farm in Danny Smith's "Gentlemen Only" car.

They have a lovely farm. Cows (a big one and a little one) chickens, pigs, horse, pony, dogs, cats asparagus and corn. By the way, that was the first time I'd ever seen a pig walk. After exploring the household we had a lovely lunch consisting of ham, peas, potato salad, rolls, cherry pie and ice cream. Next to mama and big-mama, she can cook better than anyone I've ever seen.

We then went to the church to practice for next Sunday. It's a beautiful church. I felt myself sinking into beautiful dark red flowered carpets. Nothing hap-

pened there except we took some pictures. One girl wouldn't have her picture taken until she had climbed to the top of a tree. (It's a wonder she didn't break her neck.)

Next, we walked down town. (I could never live there because they have only three movie shows We stopped into an ice cream parlor. (Why did we do that?) The malts were so thick you had to cut them with knives and forks. I barely made away with mine. We then visited four other ladies, and next attended Mr. Shakespeare's church. It is just getting started but it shows great promise. I was especially interested in the little portable organ. I was so enthused over getting to play it, that when it was time to pray, I kept right on playing.

We then hustled to the station to find that the train was two hours late. (Much to our disgust) We had peanuts, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, more ice cream, cake and coffee while waiting. After a short nap we caught the train. I was never more glad to get my feet on familiar ground, but was more than glad to get to go. (As I was supposed to be in the dog house.) But I'd hate to have to live there. Why?

1. No communication
2. Few paved roads
3. Too much ice cream (I can't afford to get fat)
4. Houses too far apart
5. Not enough Negroes
6. No transportation (few busses)
7. No bubble gum

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