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The Key That Opens All Doors

Character is that key that opens all the doors of life. No one nation or race has monopoly on it. The people without it cheat themselves of happiness and company of others. You may be a stranger in a new land without funds but if you possess character you have a start. So many emigrants have found themselves in this predicament, they have become leaders in our own nation. Our slave parents found themselves cut loose from security when the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, all they had to fall upon was their teaching which demanded character. This character has made us a forward moving race. Let us bring it into our everyday life by being honest, loyal, and sincere in our everyday living. This means when you work for an employer you give him your best, then we shall automatically have a fair practice bill for an employer wants those qualities in his employees. Your race, nationality, and religious belief would be absorbed into your character, he would be looking at you as a man or a woman as a credit to our nation.

Joseph W. Adams

To The Editor of the Voice:

To Mrs. X—If you are well cultured there is the beginning of equality between us but I believe you believe that equality lies in the color of the skin. Our race is building toward an equal understanding with others through culture or through education. We don't want to drop down to your standard of thinking; we shall endeavor to bring the light of life to you through our paper which you find so much enjoyment in reading. As you know, under our system of government we shall never be equal as under the communistic rule, we don't want it. What we want is an understanding between all races, then we shall have a nation we can be proud of but as long as we have people in our race and yours that think like you do, we shall have strife.

Mrs. A. R. Adams
Nebraska City

To The Editor:

I would like to know why the colored boys were not well represented at Camp Strader at Crete. Is it lack of leadership as I am inclined to think or have the boys simply lost interest? If the latter is true there must be a cause for this.

I am wondering if the Negro is really ready for all he is asking for.

Interested.

Teen Age Chatter

by Marguerite Gill

Asst. Ruby Lee Harper
Asst. Loretta McWilliams



Hi Gang!

Ladora Walker and Geraldine Nettles spent the week end in Omaha.

Fletcher Bell and Nolen Davis had a party Friday night. Some attending, were Loretta McWilliams, Marian Bradford, Birdie Powell, Doris Powell, Margo Knowles, Susie May Whitehall, Billy Ruthford, Gerald Davis, Weiland Tarpley.

I heard Peaches Winston was enjoying herself Sunday on her bicycle.

A fine time was had by all at the Urban League. We wish to thank Weiland, Gerald, Fletcher, and Nolan for their lovely entertainment.

I hope the gals have a good game and also win their game.

Journeying to St. Joe, Mo., over the week end were 3 brothers, Weiland, Gwen, and M. C. Tarpley.

Leaving us to go home (Kansas City) was Doris Roberts. Also Lois and Cecil Hatcher.

I forgot to mention last week but we are very glad to have Mary Lamb living in Lincoln with us.

The Independents had two very good games last week, winning both. They also had a very loud cheering section behind them. While Calvin was away Walter did a fine job of catching. (Keep up the good work boys.)

Muny swimming pool caught many dipping in and out Sunday afternoon.

Visiting Margo Gill Friday was Leon Holland of Omaha, Nebr.

We are very happy to have the newlyweds back with us. Of course you know they are none other than Calvin and Bettye Rodgers.

Well, gang, that's all for now.

Bye.

Fairview, Kansas

By Mrs. Edna Bell

Trinity Chapel A.M.E. Church Services at 3 p.m., Rev. S. Davis, Pastor. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Emily Davis, Supt.

Aug. 10, union services were held at Horton, Kans., for our Fourth Quarter for the circuit. Rev. Joseph Johnson delivered the sermon at 3 P. M. His text was, "Transformation." His choir furnished music. Rev. Johnson is pastor of Hiawatha-Falls City Circuit. Rev. L. S. Goolsby and Mrs. Goolsby, whose headquarters are in Lincoln, were present for the all day services which were enjoyed by all. It was also the close of our rally to start work on the Parsonage. The rally was a success.

Thursday evening a cantata was held at Trinity Chapel A.M.E. Horton, with the circuit taking part. Those attending and helping to make the evening a success came from Hiawatha, Sabetha, and Fairview, also Falls City, Nebr.

Mrs. Odessa Bowen and Mrs.

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Dark Merit

by Kathyne Favors

THE FREE NEGRO DURING SLAVERY

Slaves and free Negroes mingled together very much. In fact free Negroes did not mingle very much with anyone besides Indians and slaves. At first, this was not the case for some slaves did not like free Negroes for they felt that they felt themselves superior to the slaves. However, as the percentages of free Negroes grew less, they began to mingle freely with the slaves. Soon many of them intermarried. In the nineteenth century, this became a very common thing. It was difficult, however, for the white man to reduce the status of the free Negro to that of the slave for so many of them had good positions and were very progressive and desirable citizens.

The white laborer felt that the free Negro was a disturbing factor. The Negro was so badly in need of jobs when freed, that they accepted positions for less than the white laborer and therefore caused dislike. Because of the lack of the free Negro's education, he was often cheated out of much of his salary and his property. Free Negroes were of economic worth although some have called them idlers, cheats, thieves and so forth. Negroes tried to permanently establish themselves wherever they had the opportunity. According to Carter G. Woodson, "Joseph Cassey and William Platt became enterprising lumber merchants in Western New York; Henry Topp came forward as a leading merchant tailor in Albany; and Henry Scott of New York City founded and promoted for a number of years one of the most successful pickling establishments in that metropolis. Along with him arose Thomas Downing, a caterer, and Edward Clark, a prosperous jeweler. Other Negroes were building churches, establishing schools, and editing newspapers promoting the interests of the people of color.

(We may see that whenever the Negro is given the opportunity he really tries to make something of it. That is exactly what some people are afraid of today. They feel that if we are given equal opportunities, we will become a great race. There is absolutely no doubt about that. With the Negroes great and deep belief in religion, no group will be able to crush us. There are many brilliant minds among the Negro race who simply will not be walked on and kept down. When the Negro becomes great, however, you will not hear anything about superior races for there will be equality for all men. In the Bible, it says, "The weak shall inherit the earth.")

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Our Children

By Mrs. W. B. Davis



Doctor, he just won't eat a thing! I try hard to fix things he likes but he simply will not take them. Why, the little he eats wouldn't keep a bird alive and even that I have to force into him. What shall I do? So begins the little drama, Mother somewhere between hysteria and tears of exasperation, Johnny or Nancy staring stonily at the wall or more often with an expression of smug self-consciousness; and the Dr. striving to make an expression of professional interest mask his inner emotions as he groans to himself, "What, another one!" A silly situation if you like; but not at all to the mother whose genuine concern is evident at a glance, nor to the Dr. if he is like most of his brethren and truly wants to help people in distress. And this situation is so common as to be almost the expected thing in pediatricists' or other offices where many children are seen.

Though the children and the aged may sniff at its importance this question means enough to thousands of people to warrant comment on this strange phenomenon, this unique instance in all nature, of a young growing animal not taking his sustenance. Sometimes the child is sick; this is so uncommon that it need not concern us, and rarely indeed does even the most distracted mother consider her child ill.

So let us consider only the child who has no physical defect discernable even after careful examination. On the contrary, he is usually surprisingly well nourished. He is likely to be alert and intelligent; active and energetic in play, often overactive in the opinion of his mother. Healthy children won't starve themselves. (To be continued.)

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