

How Readest Thou

It is one thing to read the Bible through,
Another thing to read to learn and do.
Some read it with design to learn to read
But to the subject pay but little heed.
Some read it as their duty once a week
But no instruction from the Bible seek,
While others read it with but little care,
With no regard to how they read, nor where.
Some read to bring themselves into repute
By showing others how they can dispute;
While others read because neighbors do
To see how long it takes to read it through.
Some read it for the wonders that are there:
How David killed a lion and a bear,
While others read it with uncommon care
Hoping to find some contradictions there.
Some read it as if it did not speak to them,
But to the people at Jerusalem.
One reads with father's specs upon his head
And sees the thing just as his father said.
Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,
Hence understand but little of what they read,
For every passage in the Book they bend
To make it suit that all important end.
Some people read, as I have often thought,
To teach the Book instead of being taught,
And some there are who read it out of spite;
I fear there are but few who read it right,
But read it prayerfully and you will see
Although men contradict, God's Words agree,
For what the early Bible prophets wrote
We find that Christ and His apostles quote.
So trust no creed that trembles to recall
What has been penned by one, and verified by all!

Contributed by Mrs. M. B. Denton

Fraternal Notes



Amaranth Chapter No. 3, O.E.S.
Meeting: 1st Tuesday - 8 p.m.,
Urban League
Izatta Malone, W. M.
Evelyn Knowles, Ass. M.
Beulah Bradley, Sec'y

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Leghorn, Italy

Dear Teen Age Reporters,

In regard to your column I enjoy it. But some of the names are unknown to me. In the last "Voice" I received the person of the week was missing.

I heard Millard Woods Jr., and Billie Rutherford are going in the army. What about it?

An old Teen Ager,
PFC Holbert S. Bradley

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Teen Age Chatter

by Marguerite Gill

Asst. Ruby Lee Harper
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Taking the spot light in teen age entertaining last week was Bettye Rose Huston who had her first Brunch party on Friday.

Miss Katherine Thompson, her Girl Scout leader and Miss Betty Patrick, newly appointed teacher in Kansas City, Kan., and Mrs. Josephine Joseph, St. Joseph, Mo., were honored guests.

Members of the Girl Scout troop were Marion and Gladys Bradford, Barbara Moody, and Ida Adkins, Norma Dunn, Mattie Sue Nevels and Iona Adams were also invited.

Teen agers are not only enjoying the State Fair as visitors but many of them are employed.

We noticed Billy Mosby, Richard Holcomb, Norma Dunn working with Millard "Mitzie" Woods at the Woods booth and Doris and Birdie Powell and Ida Adkins working elsewhere on the grounds.

A very charming young miss from West Plains, Missouri, was a Labor Day visitor at the home of Dorothy Green. She was Miss Mina Haley who will be attending school in Nebraska City.

My Year In Japan



By Clifton Greene

My first impression of Japan was altogether different from what I expected, but was both surprising and delightful. I knew it to be land of fish and rice but lo! and behold! there were beautiful women! Most of them were wearing pants that looked like drapes with inch high wooden shoes but some were dressed exactly like the women in the States, lovely of face and form.

Another surprise was the buildings especially those in the metropolitan areas. They were modern brick and stone structures just like those in this country. Some of them were very imposing and attractive. The houses in the common residential section were, however, of very flimsy construction and the material used seemed to be a light paper like wood. The Japanese can set one up and paint it in 72 hrs. These must be Japan's paper houses.

Next week I'll tell you about some of the Japanese customs.

Getting Acquainted

We have been emphasizing the necessity for reading The Voice in the last few weeks because the foundation of knowledge must be laid by reading.

The Voice may be regarded simply as a "get acquainted" medium, whereby we learn to appreciate the merits and worth of individuals. And in many instances it has been the next door neighbor or the person across the street.

During the life of "The Voice" and particularly the past few weeks I have been privileged to meet a number of Nebraska editors, and their keen insight, broad vision, and tremendous regard and understanding and respect for minority groups have been most impressive. I am becoming more convinced that the articles which we read from time to time are not published just for good reading, but are much deeper, with a more lasting effect. The dropping of the word "Negro" and playing up stories on front pages about Negroes that are not of a commendable nature are all steps toward advancement and bring about a better understanding.

In Nebraska City I happened to be in conversation with a young lawyer, who took the greatest pride in telling me that if everybody felt like he felt there would be no problem.

"There is definitely no difference and Negroes here are treated the same as whites," he stated.

I asked him if he should be in need of a stenographer, and I should apply for the job with all the qualifications, would he hire me?" His answer was, "Well, you know the answer to that." I was thinking he would say, "Of course, I would," but instead he said, "My business depends upon my clients. They wouldn't stand for it."

However, Nebraska City is not only among the oldest of cities in Nebraska, with the oldest newspaper and the oldest sheriff, having served 28 years, but it is superior in its hospitality and far sightedness where the Negro is concerned.

R. W. S.

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