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### Editorial

I was just thinking of the number of women who are opposed to the longer skirts, according to the Sunday News, September 7, One went so far as to say, "They are not for me because they don't make a hit with the men."

I am wondering if too many of us are not too anxious to "make a hit with the men" at too great a sacrifice.

One remarked, that we like to wear as few clothes as possible. I am inclined to think that we sometimes dress our children with too few clothes.

When I see the girls, six, eight, ten, or more years of age with dresses too short—and shorts too short, I think of the Geo. Lees and the William Heirens. The entire world is moved not only by their crimes but with sympathy and compassion for them. It goes without question that there is a mental disorder developed by any one of many possibilities. Nevertheless it is our duty to make society safe for our boys and our girls, and in our efforts to do this I am thinking how much greater the effect would be if we as individuals and parents should feel an urgency to use a preventative rather than a cure.

If the stimulus for arousing sex passion is eliminated and not allowed to develop in the youth, half the battle is one.

Parents while thinking of the offenders, think not only that your child could be the victim, but that he might also be the offender.

### Conscience Tea A Success

Highlighting the Sunday events was a conscience tea given at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Humbert, 2120 T St., under the auspices of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, of Beatrice, Nebr.

The table was covered with a lace dinner cloth, with an arrangement of china as a centerpiece.

In the receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Humbert, Host and Hostess. Mrs. Thelma Brown had charge of the silver service. Mrs. Louise Patterson was in charge of the Registrar. The guest list included Mr. Joseph Blakely, Rev. R. E. Handy, Rev. R. L. Moody, Mrs. John Adams, Mr. Henry Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Fuller, Rev. Trago McWilliams Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Banks, Mrs. B. T. McDaniels, Mrs. E. W. Harper, Mrs. M. J. Bradford, Mrs. Mary Denton, Rev. G. W. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gimblin, Mr. A. C. Brown, Mrs. Beulah Bradley, Miss Patricia Coswell, Mrs. Louise Patterson, Church Clerk.

### An Open Letter to Lincoln Negroes

I have watched with interest the letters which you have written in response to the "Business Man", to "Mrs. X" and look forward to answers to the letter of "Interested."

Now, perhaps you will be honest enough to ask yourself some of the following questions: Am I, as a Negro, taking full advantage of opportunities now open to me? Am I willing to take responsibility along with added equalities? Do I give support to those working for an understanding as well as criticize those with prejudice? (Did I give a word of approval to "The Colorless Friend?" Am I, as a Negro free from prejudice? Do I, meet people of all races, creeds, and social levels as equals? Do I take offense when none is meant? If all the other Negroes were like me, would racial equality and understanding be advanced or retarded? Do I feel resentful of the accomplishments of others or do I feel humble pride of my race?

There are many more questions you may find to ask. I feel that an honest exchange of opinions thru "The Voice" is fine for all of us. Can someone, colored or white, write an objective letter as to their opinion of what the Negroes place really is!

Just one last question: Are you sending in news, articles and subscribing to "The Voice", your newspaper.

Mrs. M. C. D.

### Politically, We're Free and Unpledged

The columns of The Voice are available to candidates of both political parties, through paid advertisements.

The Voice will consider the issues and candidates of both political parties. We will withhold judgement until both parties have nominated their candidates.

The Voice can make no decision until the candidates have been nominated, and the platform written. Our opinions and decisions will be expressed thru editorials only.

When we are convinced, we will concentrate all our efforts on electing our friends and defeating our enemies.

Editors Note: (In answer to the letter which appeared in The Voice signed "Interested" the following is taken from the Urban League Bulletin.)

To the Voice's "interested" concerning the boys and Camp Strader, are you really interested? If so, you and a great many others would have helped us in trying to give the boys a needed lesson in good citizenship and their individual responsibility for better race relations. You would also have helped encourage the thrift necessary to have funds needed to pay their camp fees. However, we cannot put the responsibility entirely on the boys. Most of this training should emanate from the parents in the home. Why don't you come over "interested" and join us in our efforts to help the boys help themselves.

Also appearing in the Bulletin is an article entitled "A Question Answered". It read thus:

We are very happy to state that our question of last issue concerning the removal of the Negro girls from the elevators at the Rudge and Guenzel building, when Sears & Roebuck took over this building, has been very satisfactorily answered. This answer convinces us that this firm, through its manager, Mr. A. H. Schimm, does not intend to practice any discrimination based on race or creed. In the instance cited, the girls were replaced by elevator girls already in the employ of the company and for whom uniforms had been purchased. However, the Negro girls were offered other positions (not maid jobs) for which they had personal reasons for not accepting.

Our visit with Mr. Schimm was very pleasant and assured us that he is cognizant of some of our problems and has the desire to co-operate with our program.

We also wish to ad that evidence of Mr. Schimm's cooperation will be noticed in the form of advertisements which will appear in The Voice.

He is also interested in an educational project which will be offered at senior high, in which students may familiarize themselves with salesmanship.

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