



War Teaches African Youths New Skills

Two African youths returned home from the war to make good are Emmanuel Oyadiran and Adewale Cole, both of Lagos, Nigeria, British West Africa. Oyadiran recently returned home after 12 years in Manchester, Eng., where he attended the Manchester School of Art to study sculpture. He operates a lucrative business of casting automobile number plates, street and other signs. Cole, who served with the West African Air Corps, was a trained carpenter before the war. He studied British furniture designing while away and now manufactures furniture, employing six assistants.

The young woman in her twenties faces less danger from high infant and maternal mortality rates than the older mother, providing of the babies are not crowded too close together. The young mother is physically flexible, her muscles are adaptable, her fertility at its highest point and she is in every way the best health risk. Chronic illness that may make child-bearing either difficult or impossible later on occurs least often in young parents.

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Teen Age Chatter

Asst. Ruby Lee Harper
Asst. Loretta McWilliams



When Fletcher Bell goes back to Los Angeles, we will miss him, but we hope the year will go fast for him at the University of Cal.

Understand he has received an offer to play football. Good work Fletcher.

After you have completed your training under L. Williams, the famous architect, you might plan a few love nests for the "chicks" who will be needing them here.

Norma Jean and Auline Albritton of Kansas City, Missouri, graced our city for a few days the past week. They met only a few teen agers, but we are anxious for a return trip.

Norma Jean, a senior at R. T. Cole Vocational Jr. High School, is planning to be a professional singer and does a good job at it now. Auline is taking dancing lessons and plans to be a teacher. They are cousins of Jeanne Malone.

Beatrice and Tresa Motley of Alliance, Nebraska, have been vacationing in New York City. They had lots to tell about the big city. They spent several days here with their uncle Mr. Lynn Motley and Mrs. Motley.

4-H'ers made a lovely presentation to Miss K. Thompson Tuesday evening at the reception at the Urban League. Spec they felt rather grown-up.

Numbers of girls were in Omaha on Sunday. Wonder what the attraction was. Anything unusual?

They were Robbie Powell and Freddie Powell, Joyce Williams and Ruby Harper.

Iona Adams spent her usual vacation in Iowa.

Millard "Mitz" Woods Jr. left for Muskegon, Mich., on Saturday. He is always so much a part of things here, we hate to see him leave.

How would you feel to have the remark made of your family—"They are one of the most respected families in town?"

That is exactly what happened at the close of the Blackbird ball team series, after they won the city championship.

The family lives in Weeping Water, Nebr., and the comment was passed by a deputy collector of Internal Revenue. The girl in question is Jane Molden who has played pitcher on the team for about 8 seasons. She is the only colored girl on the team and is given much of the credit for the 15 victories of the 17 games played.

Fraternal Notes

Dt. Elks
Mary Sampson, Dgt. Ruler
Leona B. Motley, Sec'y
Miss Mary Sampson has returned from Philadelphia. She reports the Elk Convention as an Educational and enjoyable event.
All Dgt. Elks are asked to attend the next meeting, September 19, in the lounge at the Urban League.

Literary

The Arrow and the Song

I shot an arrow into the air
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.
I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong
That it can follow the flight of song?
Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

Henry W. Longfellow.

Our Children

By Mrs. W. B. Davis



Little by little the Nations of the world, America among them, are realizing the strength of the family is the strength of the nation. Studies are being made, experiments tried, with the aim of improving the quality of the family, of easing some of its many burdens. Since our American ambition is to create as many ideal families as possible, it might be interesting to discover just what the ideal family would be. First of all it should be started by a young father and mother in their early twenties, physically and mentally sound, emotionally stable, able and willing to give their children the components of a good home. The children of this family will be spaced sufficiently close together for the mother to make childbearing her primary occupation for an arduous but limited time. Then with infant raising behind her she can relax, in a manner of speaking, and have the time to enjoy her fruitfulness. The babies be born so close together that the new one depletes the mother not yet recovered from the effects of creating the previous child. The period of recovery will of course differ with different women. Children born fairly close together enjoy one another and their youthful parents as well. But the parents, despite youthfulness, must have sufficient capacity for adjustment, so that marriage will last and not collapse as does the one in five which now ends in divorce. This appears to be a large order, perhaps too much to ask of two young people who would like to have their fling for a few years before tying down to a family. Nature with an eye always to the perpetuation of the species, wants them to set right to the business of bearing babies.



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