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**There Is Something  
You Can Do!**

Recently a young lady was de-  
crying an unpleasant racial ex-  
perience that had developed in  
a certain city. She was obviously  
sincere in her bewilderment, and  
was at loss in trying to reconcile  
the experience with the theory  
of democracy as it had been  
taught to her in school. After  
explaining the history and conse-  
quences of the incident, she asked  
with a shrug of her shoulders:  
"But what can I do about it?"  
Hopelessly, she continued: "I am  
just one unknown person, and  
what I say doesn't matter. No-  
body will pay any attention to  
me."

Happily, however, the state-  
ment of the young lady is not  
altogether true. Everybody in-  
fluences somebody, whether for  
good or evil. Influence is not al-  
ways consciously exerted, but  
may have its effect in a thousand  
and one ways—mannerisms, dress  
conduct, careless statements, ru-  
mors, are but a few of the meth-  
ods by which we unintentionally  
influence others. Such activities  
might not produce an instantane-  
ous result, but over a period of  
time, the result is real regardless  
of intentions. Even the state-  
ments of this young lady reflect  
the influence that others have  
exerted on her. Fortunately, the  
preponderance of the influence  
was positive in her case, other-  
wise the incident would not have  
disturbed her peace of mind.

No good deed, then, is entirely  
lost. Kindness begets kindness.  
Hate begets hate. Each one of  
us, therefore, can make of him-  
self a committee of one to spread  
the gospel of fair play and good-  
will. If one strongly believes in  
these principles, someone else is  
bound to be influenced thereby.  
This you can do!

**DARK MERIT**

By Kathrynne Favors

**ARE WE READY FOR EQUALITY AS A RACE?**

Lately we have been discussing  
the achievements of the free Ne-  
groes during slavery. In most  
instances, we have seen a con-  
stant desire for the Negro to be  
free, or on an equal level with  
other races. Members of other  
races have asked us if we feel  
we are prepared to be treated  
on their levels. Are we? It is  
true that there is not a thing that  
Negroes do that members of other  
races don't do. Members of our  
race kill, gamble and participate  
in other vices like other races  
do. In order to impress another  
race, we have to be above re-  
proach. And what's wrong with  
being above reproach? We must

stand out. We must appear in-  
telligent! The masses of our peo-  
ple must become educated. All  
education is not contained in the  
schools for there are other indi-  
rect means of education. When  
rect means of education.

When was the last time that  
you visited the public library?  
Do you listen to educational pro-  
grams on the radio? Do you par-  
ticipate in good wholesome ac-  
tivities such as sports? Can you  
speak with intelligence and  
learning when asked for various  
statistics about the achievements  
of your race? (Although mem-  
bers of other races cannot) When  
you walk down the street, do  
you feel that you are just as  
good as the other person? Can  
you hold your head high and  
know that you are dressed just  
as clean and neat as the next  
person? I hope your answers  
are "yes" to these questions. We  
must outshine all other races in  
order to be accepted on an equal  
basis. Truly, it is very sad that  
this condition must prevail but  
since it does, do you do your part  
to lift up your race?

We must learn that we are  
just as good as any other per-  
son whether the other person is  
black, white, Jew, Gentile, or  
anything else. We must get over  
that feeling we have when we  
talk to a (I might as well say it)  
white man. God didn't create  
the white man to be more su-  
perior than you are. It just so  
happened that the white man had  
a great chance for achievements  
when coming into this country.  
We must show the white man  
that we have something to offer.  
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**Teen Age Chatter**

By Dorothy Green



A Teen-age meeting was held  
Monday evening at which time  
officers were elected for the year.  
Everyone has been bubbling over  
with enthusiasm since Monday.

We wonder what is going to  
happen. The great foot ball play-  
er, Billy Burns, was at the Pla-  
House on Sunday evening. Just  
you wait and see.

Wonder who that boy was Dor-  
is Powell was talking to on 22nd  
Street. Could it have been Ger-  
ald.

The 4-H Club of the Urban Le-  
ague is having a membership  
drive. All girls 12 years of age  
or over are invited to a program  
to be held Friday night at the  
Urban League. Refreshments to  
be served.

Daniel Smith of Hastings, Neb.,  
was in the city on Tuesday. Sev-  
eral teen agers reported having  
seen him. We understand that  
the car responsible for his being  
in the city on Sunday has been  
replaced with a '41 Buick, con-  
vertible coupe. Color—a beauti-  
ful red. Yes, he has a girl friend.

There are a number of teen-agers  
in Hastings—girls and boys.  
You will enjoy knowing them.

**Editors Note:**

What type of news would you  
like to have in this column?

I would like for each of you  
to write your version of teen-age  
chatter, for publication, and sign  
your name.

**Our Children**

By Mrs. W. B. Davis



This problem is, without excep-  
tion, the most urgent confront-  
ing humanity today. Not only  
is the plight of the young people  
everywhere deplorable and trag-  
ic, but the future of the race lies  
in their hands. A new world  
order (so glibly desired and to  
which reference is so constantly  
made) is entirely meaningless  
without them. They are the par-  
ents of the coming generations  
and the engineers who must im-  
plement the new civilization.  
What we must do with them and  
for them is momentous in its  
implications. Our responsibility  
is great and our opportunity  
unique. In this article the chil-  
dren and adolescents under six-  
teen are dealt with; I shall not  
attempt to deal with the older  
group. The two younger groups  
are the most hopeful element in  
a world which has fallen to pieces  
before our eyes. They are the  
guarantee that our world can  
and must be rebuilt, and—if we  
learned anything from the past  
and its dire consequences in our  
lifetime—it must be rebuilt  
along different lines, with dif-  
ferent objectives and incentives  
and with well-defined goals and  
carefully considered ideals. Let  
us remember, however, that vi-  
sionary mystical hopes and  
dreams, wishful thinking and the  
formulation of highly organized  
plans upon paper are useful so  
far as they indicate interest, a  
sense of responsibility and pos-  
sible objectives; They are of  
small importance in any effec-  
tive, transitional enterprise un-  
less there is a graph of the im-  
mediate problem and of the im-  
mediate possibilities, plus a wil-

Behavior is a mirror in which  
every one displays his image.  
—Goethe.

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