

**SOCIAL BRIEFS**

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sportsman of Seattle, Washington, are in the city visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Saunders and sister Mrs. M. K. Winston.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Winston gave a luncheon in honor of her brother W. B. Sportsman and wife. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Trago McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Saunders and the guests of honor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young entertained on Monday for Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sportsman. Mr. and Mrs. Winston and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Saunders.

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Mrs. Sportsman will be guest of honor at the home of Mrs. John Miller on Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Davis also entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sportsman.

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Miss Elizabeth McWilliams was hospitalized on Friday and is reported little improved.

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Mrs. G. H. Lintz and Miss Elizabeth McWilliams spent a week visiting in Brookfield, Mo., recently. Little Carolyn Mitchell, neice of Mrs. Lintz accompanied them to Brookfield. She had been visiting here.

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Mrs. Lintz received word during the week of a nephew born to her sister, Mrs. Linnie Mae Osborne of Saginaw, Michigan. Mrs. Osborne was a visitor here last summer.

**My Year In Japan**

By Clifton Greene



We thought there wouldn't be much entertainment besides sight seeing in Japan. We did see one very memorable sight. It was one of the places where an atomic bomb had been dropped. A great gaping hole, hard to describe but it made me feel awful inside to look at it. However, there was plenty of entertainment, movies, clubs and house parties. You could keep going forever, I think. Japanese house parties are nice friendly affairs. We sit in a circle on the floor and play Japanese games, usually with cards, every one takes part and we all have a whopping good time.

The clubs are strictly up to date. The Japanese orchestras play all the latest American swing music, and they can play it too.

The girls are real jitterbugs, they know all the steps. Evenings spent in these places were great. I felt as though I was back home in the good old U.S.A. until I stepped outside and a 20° below zero breeze hit me, then I knew I was still in Japan. The weather there is either extremely cold or extremely hot. 15 to 20 below in the winter and 110 to 120 in the summer. I was really glad to get back to the U.S.A. and this good old Nebraska climate.

Mrs. R. J. Walker of Kansas City, Missouri, left Monday for home after spending a week as the house guest of Mrs. Basilia Bell.

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Miss Mary Jane Lamb is convalescing after under going a major operation at Lincoln General Hospital.

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Mrs. Chas. Boyd is home after an operation at St. Elizabeth on Thursday. She is reported quite well.

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Jerry Ivory, son of Mrs. Pauline Ivory, is improving at St. Elizabeth Hospital. His stay is still indefinite. Both legs were broken when he was hit by a car several weeks ago.

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Little Barbara Elizabeth Adams 2, was hospitalized Tuesday and will remain several days for observation.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Alexander, students at the University of Nebraska, have returned after spending the summer at home in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Mrs. J. M. Jackson of Ennis, Texas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lulu Williams and her sister, Mrs. Joseph Green. She will remain a month. Mrs. Jackson serves her city as one of the outstanding beauticians.

**DARK MERIT**

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that he can use and be brave enough to see that he knows about it. Some of the finest friends we have are members of other races but you must show these people that you have something to offer.

The Negro has come to the point where the "crawling" stage is no longer adequate. We have to get up and walk and before we know it, we'll be running. When we get to that running stage, this old world will almost have forgotten that there was ever more than one race. What is it you want to accomplish in this world? You can't get it sitting down. When you want to accomplish something, go after it, and I mean go after it in a big way.

lingness to effect those compromises which will lay for the groundwork for later successful work. This work is largely that of post-war education.—(To Be Continued).

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**Three All-America Stars**

Washington—During the past 29 years, according to the Colliers Magazine, Sporting News, Associated Press and United Press, only three colored men have rated All-America honors since Paul Robeson was picked by Walter Camp in 1918. Moreover, the All America Board and International News Service have never seen one colored player who rated the honor, in any year.

Brud Holland rated both AP and the Sporting News, in 1938. Julius Franks, Michigan, rated Grant Rice's Collier's eleven in 1942, and Bill Willis of Ohio St. rated both UP and Sporting News teams in 1944. Such as Buddy Young, Marion Motley, Ozzie Simmons, Kenny Washington and Duke Slater, Bill Bell and Levi Jackson have never been good enough. During 1944, 1945, and 1946, the over-balleyhooed Glenn Davis was rated far ahead of Young—an unbelievable fact in these days, at long last, when it is obvious that Davis never was in Young's class or that Felix Blanchard is less than a fair exchange for Marion Motley. All-Americans who cannot stand out against pro competition, were never All-Americans in the first place. What a price we must pay for bias, in this land!

Probably the most talked about man around the sports world today is the man who has played a great game at first base for the Dodgers. He is none other than Jackie Robinson. Jackie was named Rookie of the Year by the St. Louis Sporting News, weekly baseball publication regarded as baseball's Bible. I myself who know some of the many obstacles Jackie has had to overcome know that he has been a credit to all ball players regardless of race or color. Regardless of these obstacles he has kept his head and price of it has paid off. Jackie had his first tryout with the Boston Red Sox. But although they were impressed they refused to sign him because of the long-established barrier against Negro players. The Courier then recommended him to Branch Rickey and he was then signed to the Dodgers. He played the 1946 season for Montreal and last spring made his bid for a spot with the Dodgers. Now big League managers are predicting him to be the best first baseman of the circuit next season.

In the boxing world we find Champion Joe Louis preparing for the Nov. 14 fight with Jersey Joe Walcutt.

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