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OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Urban League Hobby Show Is a Success

The Urban League, Executive Secretary, Clyde Malone, Group Work Supervisor, Mrs. Sara Walker, staff and members, extend to all of you their sincere appreciation for the fine manner in which you accepted the first Hobby Show and also the splendid co-operation you gave which aided most immeasurably in making it a decided success.

It was quite evident that many of you didn't know your friend and neighbor had a hobby, until you visited the show. Many statements such as these were made: "Why, I have been collecting such and such an article for a number of years, but never thought anyone would be interested but myself."

The attendance was gratifying and your expressions of interest very commendable and encouraging. The exhibitions portraying art and antiques such as: rare coins, stamps, articles of porcelain, iron, glassware, printing, tintype pictures, photographs, quilts and newspapers afforded quite a contrast to the ultra modern and modern arts of today which include needlework, completed garments, handcrafts, woodwork, alabaster, clay modeling, paintings, pencil drawings, cement blocks, what-nots, textile paintings, weaving, costume jewelry of shells, preserved fruits and vegetables, climaxed by movie-tone pictures and formal table display.

The educational value to us as individuals cannot be expressed satisfactorily through mere words but it can be evidenced next year by your cooperation, making possible a bigger, better and greater Hobby Show.

Mrs. Zoneta Walker of Omaha was the out-of-town exhibitor and displayed dresses, hats and blouses done in sequins. Her specialty is textile painting which she graciously explained to the audience.

Plans For Classic

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). The Angel Bowl association inc., recently announced that they had concluded plans for the second annual Angel Bowl Football classic on Sunday, Dec. 28, in Wrigley field.

Featuring the first interracial football classic in the history of the west coast, the San Pedro Athletic Club will meet the College All-Stars of Texas.

The San Pedro All-Stars will feature former players from such leading schools as Notre Dame, University of Southern California, U.C.L.A. and Loyola. These lads have amassed an enviable record of 30 straight victories in three years of undefeated competition.

White Files Petition

NEW YORK. (ANP). Walter White, executive secretary for the NAACP, Thursday succeeded in filing a petition before the UN appealing for elemental justice against discriminatory treatment given Negroes in the United States.



REV. AND MRS. MELVIN L. SHAKESPEARE

Joe Louis' Future Assured—Strauss

New York (INS)—Joe Louis never has to worry about a job even after he quits fighting.

Sol Strauss, acting director of Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Inc., made that statement Thursday.

"We'll make a job for him here if he ever needs it," said Mr. Strauss.

"But I'm sure he'll never need a job. Joe has all the money he will ever need.

"He has two apartment houses and annuities. And he has interests in several businesses," revealed Mr. Strauss.

Mr. Strauss also said Joe paid Uncle Sam 475 thousand dollars in taxes last year, including 110 thousand dollars in back taxes.

—World Herald

Mrs. W. Davis



Writer for the article, "Our Children" has been in Lincoln 10 years. She is a member of the Lincoln Council of Church Women, Mt. Zion Baptist church member of the choir, Mary Bethune Literary Art Club and Second Vice President of the Urban League. She is an ideal mother and housewife.

Attention All Citizens

The membership drive for our local chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. has fallen far below our quota, which is merely 200. We now boast of a Negro population of 1500 plus hundreds of liberal white friends. And yet we have less than our 1946 membership and less than 100.

It is all too easy to get a hearing for the N.A.A.C.P. when there is some trouble among us but now when constructive and educational plans should be made, we cannot reach a goal of 200 members. We plead with all citizens to awake! Meet us the first Friday of each month at the Urban League.

The next meeting will be Friday, November 7, 1947, at 8 p.m. Let every member come and enlist two other members and we shall go over our goal.

All persons who have membership kits and have not returned them or money for the same, please report November 7.

Rev. R. L. Moody, President
Mr. J. Wadkins, Vice President
Mr. L. Parker, Secretary

Trust Fund for Children

CHICAGO. (ANP). A trust fund consisting of 25 per cent of Joe Louis' earnings since he left the army and totaling more than \$66,000 was established here last week by the heavyweight champion and his wife, Marva Trotter Barrow, for their two children, Jacqueline, and Joe, Jr., aged four years and five months, respectively. Mrs. Barrow was appointed legal guardian for the children.

The order, an essential step in forming a trust estate for minors, was signed in probate court by Judge W. F. Waugh. According to Macon H. Huggins, attorney for Marva, the agreement is a continuation of one made in 1945 when Joe and Marva were divorced. Their re-marriage was announced several months ago.

Proudly Dedicated to Supporters Everywhere

Spirit of Co-operation Continues; Beautifully Exemplified by All

This progress report of "The Voice" for its first year of existence is proudly dedicated to the hundreds of foresighted individuals who so generously gave of their time, talent, moral and financial support in order to make a dream come true. The Publishers wish to acknowledge their debt of gratitude for the spirit of co-operation which contributed so much toward the realization of present achievements.

To paraphrase the famous words of Abraham Lincoln, "The Voice" is a publication of the people, by the people, and for the people, and as long as we stand united, it shall not perish from the earth.

The Voice, like many other great and worthwhile achievements, spring from a very humble beginning. Even though we realized that the more than five hundred families maintained, a buying power of more than \$90,000 per month, it was hard to dispell the generally accepted idea that we were not beggars—that we had something to sell and that we should have a market for our wares.

The need for The Voice in the city of Lincoln cannot be over-estimated.

The Negro press throughout its history, has been a medium of expression and a champion of causes potent to the Negro.

First, for the physical freedom of those it represents; to this heritage The Voice with courage, faith, and determination rededicate its very existence and promises to adhere to its motto: "Dedicated to the promotion of the cultural, social and spiritual life of the people."

The urgency of our times demands that we apply ourselves to the job of understanding the factors which affects our lives and of participating actively and constructively in community affairs. We will need faith; not the kind of faith which leads one to believe that all will turn out well, but a faith to do; a deep, abiding faith in our better selves, in our own ideals and convictions, and in the integrity and common decency of our fellow citizens; a

Mrs. Joseph Green



Circulation Manager, has been in Lincoln for two years. She is a member of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church, Urban League and the N.A.A.C.P. She is the mother of Mrs. Shakespeare.

faith that will dispel doubt and cynicism.

In all the history of our country there probably has never been a time when wise and courageous leadership was so needed or when opportunities were so great. Our response to this need will determine our acceptance as full citizen in this world of human affairs.

It is especially important for members of our group to shoulder increased responsibility. "Sad is the day for any man," says Phillips Brooks, "when he becomes absolutely satisfied with the life he is living, the thoughts that he is thinking, and the deeds that he is doing; when there ceases to be forever beating at the doors of his soul a desire to do something which he knows and feels he was meant to do."

The Voice has served to stimulate hundreds of people who were carrying around in their heads ideas worth large sums of money, but because of that curious timidity which shows up in the most unexpected places, they were thought to be nobodies.

The Voice shall strive to abolish defeatist thinking. We need to believe more in ourselves and to come out and speak more for ourselves if we are to contribute in full measure.

There is a big job for "The Voice" to do and we are firmly convinced that we must start first with the people we know best, making an attempt to get more of a spirit of co-operation in our churches, and community life, then greater accomplishments can be realized.

The response which we have received as a result of articles used in "The Voice" is gratifying indeed and we have every encouragement to believe that we will see a new day in our city and in our state.

The helpful response from our advertisers is responsibility for our being able to put the paper before the public and we are indeed grateful.

As The Voice and its magnificent staff, readers and advertisers begin a new year in the journalistic world, we are hoping to be farther along next year than we are today.

Competition Has Promise

NEW YORK. (ANP). The spicy nibble for the politicians here is the report that Mrs. Mary M. Bethune is being groomed as a candidate to oppose Congressman A. Clayton Powell in the coming Democratic primary.

Ada Jackson of Brooklyn and Layle Lane are both running on the American Labor party tickets for political posts this fall.