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Guest Editorial

Common Sense versus Contemporary Living

By Obbie Brown.

The loose use of the term "Common Sense" would suggest the common or general responses to stimulation having environmental origin. The present environment, due to advanced scientific technology, is world wide. Hence, the total responses we make in a common frame are but manifestations of this common sense.

Common sense of yesterday has dangerous implications in our contemporary society. Common sense suggest giving attention to the immediate, acting in defense of the past, during the present-expedient, on the spot prescription, and short vision in general.

If you question the validity of the above implications, (we all should), numerous examples will come automatically, once you carefully examine your own responses to your environmental stimulation.

Considering the well-being of this democracy; the era has past for these common or age old responses. These responses are not sufficient for the preservation of our present democratic way of life.

If democracy would be preserved, Common Sense is not enough. Common sense, as used during the last quarter century, will undermine the very foundations upon which democracy and this great common-wealth was built. I am suggesting not the dismissal of common sense but rather the elevation of, or a positive change in the responses that are implications thereof. The world is our neighborhood and its inhabitants our neighbors. This is true whether we accept it or not.

This new type of common sense would not suggest capitalism, democracy, as we know it in America nor would it suggest communism as we know it in Russia. To be continued,
Obbie Z. Brown.

\$25,000 for Jackie in '48

NEW YORK. (ANP.) On his return home from Boston last week, Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers intimated that first baseman Jackie Robinson had already been signed up for next year.

"I want Jackie with us again," Rickey told newsmen, "because he's a great ballplayer and a gentleman."

Local sports editors did not appear surprised by the announcement although many of them have "laid Rickey out" in print for paying Robinson, as they claimed, only \$5,000 last season.

Informed Harlem observers of Jackie Robinson informed the Associated Negro Press that the widely acclaimed baseball idol signed up with Rickey at the end of the world series for a salary of \$22,500 next year.

The people you call cranks are the only ones who take an interest in anything but themselves.

-JANE WARDLE.

Letters to The Voice

Dear Editor:

To the Saints of God and the editing staff of "The Voice." Greetings through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is with great pleasure I feel God's hand in writing this article according to His will who has begotten us to a lively hope through Jesus Christ. To Him be glory and honor now and forever more.

Brethren and sisters in Christ I am endeavoring to set forth what God has done in the past right here in Lincoln and what He can do in the future if we meet the conditions as laid down in His Word. In that word I find no ecclesiastical, nor man conceived nor man-made organization. But, I do find the saints spoken of in various places, also the children of the living God.

Now I have no quarrel with denominational organizations where they are of God and where His word is being preached in all its purity and souls are being saved and sanctified. In other words people are being born again and that not of the will of man but the will of God.

Now how is all this to happen? Through the preaching of the word. So beloved brethren in Christ it is up to us. Christ tells us in Matthew 28: 19-20, "Go ye, therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost," teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Even He has said in Mark's gospel 16:15-16 as a direct command. Verse 15, "Go ye, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Verse 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Brother ministers are we preaching the kind of gospel that gets people saved? Or is it a church-joining, hand-shaking card-signing gospel? Are we seeing people at our altars praying through and hearing from heaven and getting blessed so that they can and do give to the whole wide world a clear, clean ringing testimony of the saving grace and keeping power of God?

If not we are laboring in vain. Does our preaching bring about a love in the heart and a peace that passes all understanding; a love that human tongue cannot tell, neither human mind can grasp? Yet it is so real and so pure that we forget denominational lines, creeds and colors. Because the love of God and its glories when shed abroad in our hearts outshines and overshadows all else. We see Jesus, the proprietor for all human kind. It's a love that lasts where real Christian experience has possession.

(Continued next week.)

Dear Editor:

As you have brought to a close the first volumn of "The Voice" with your permission, I would like once more to speak "From My Chair at Midnight."

First let me congratulate you on your fine and outstanding work, and from my own experience, reminds me of this little squibb, "there was once a spinster in stern and rock bound New England who, after many years of struggle with work and poverty, married a man of large means. A friend, greeting her a year or so after her marriage, congratulated her upon her luck. "Tain't all pie," she replied.

Life isn't all pie or cake with fancy frosting, but the pages of The Voice exist not to suggest fancy things, but to simplify matters, to lighten the burden of the people it represents. And what's more, this very thing can be done and it is going to be done. You have a Universe of experience and skill to draw from and I know you can tap this vast fund, not like Moses extracted water from a rock, but The Voice can now and then remove a mountain.

THE VOICE

The weekly lifting of the curtain so that all Americans may

see conditions as they are and events as they occur is its strongest bulwark.

Whosoever resents the press resents his country for the paper is America as it is.

The press of the United States with few exceptions, does not live by scandal. It tells the news—the good and the bad, the inspiring act and the sordid one. Like the recording angel, it registers the deed as it is done—and there are too sides to the ledger.

The Press is the public. We chafe when the mirror is held up before us, but we applaud when it reflects the rest of the population.

The men who make our newspapers are as a whole, builders, not destroyers. They came to judgment daily.

As they serve they grow.

If we are to change our newspapers we must change ourselves. The fault is not as we see it with the mirror, but with us the thing it reflects.

In closing may The Voice in years to come remain the highly polished mirror it has been through its past volume and continue to grow and prosper.

"Red" The Typesetter.

Initiates Artist Series

LANGSTON, Okla. (ANP.) M. B. Tolson, interpreter, poet, and professor of creative literature at Langston university, opened the 1947-48 artist series here with an interpretative lecture on poetry, before an appreciative audience in historic Page Hall auditorium.

Mr. Tolson, whose "Rendezvous With America" (Dodd, Mead-1944) is in its third printing, opined that "poetry is the greatest art in the world" and that one must draw a distinction between the versifier and the poet. He added that "the poet expresses new ideas in new ways." The audience applauded the reading of his poems, particularly "My Soul and I" and "Address to America."

According to Mrs. S. G. Washington, chairman of the student-faculty entertainment committee, the other offerings in this series include:

Robert Harris, pianist, Dec. 18; H. Edison, Anderson, vocalist, Jan. 11; Warner Lawson, pianist, Jan. 25; Carol Brice, soloist, Feb. 12; Eugene J. Brown, painter, Feb. 26; Jeanetta Temple, literary interpreter, March 8; Oklahoma University Glee Club, March; Mary Moore, pianist and soloist, April 9.

Although the date has not now been set, the series is to end with a play festival early in May, 1948.

Humility is to make a right estimate of oneself.

-C. H. SPURGEON.

The Sports Front

By

Howard

"Smoky"

Molden



Neb. U. Students Against Big Six 'Race Prejudice'

Fifty-eight percent of University of Nebraska students participating in a campus poll have backed The Student Council protest against what the council termed "Racial Prejudice" in Big Six conference athletics.

The result was announced Saturday by Managing Editor George Miller of The Daily Nebraskan, student newspaper which conducted the poll.

The council has passed a resolution urging that Nebraska drop out of the conference unless a change is made in rules under which Negroes do not compete in varsity athletics against Oklahoma and Missouri on the home fields of those two teams. Under conference rules home teams may set rules of eligibility of Negroes.

Six conference schools have informed the University of Nebraska Student Council that they will attend a racial discrimination conference in Lincoln, Nov. 29-30. The University of Oklahoma has not accepted the invitation.

-Courtesy of Lincoln Journal.

Jackie Second In Fidler Poll

HOLLYWOOD. — Jackie Robinson, brilliant first baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, National League champions, won second place in the annual nation-wide popularity poll conducted by the famous commentator, Jimmy Fidler.

Jackie not only won the acclaim of Brooklyn baseball bugs, but of fans throughout the entire Nation.

The outstanding Dodger infielder, placed second to Bing Crosby, the popular crooner.

Urban League Executive Here on Official Visit

Wm. Valentine of the National Urban League office, was present Monday evening at a call meeting of the Urban League Women's Volunteer Committee, it was announced by Clyde W. Malone, executive secretary of the Lincoln Urban League, today.

Mr. Valentine discussed with the group plans of vital interest to the Urban League program.

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Fight for 'Cattle Bowl'

FORT WORTH. (ANP.) Football teams of six Texas schools are engaged in an all-out battle to determine the "Pride of the Southwest" squad to play against another of the nation's ranking crews at the second annual "Cattle Bowl Classic", scheduled for New Year's day in La Grave field here. The six schools are Prairie View and Texas State universities, Bishop, Wiley, Samuel Huston and Houston City colleges.

Although the "Cattle Bowl" is a newcomer to the bowl classics held throughout the country, last year's game, played between Lane and Arkansas State, was classed as one of the best of the season. Echoes in and around Texas hold the classic as being symbolic of Fort Worth, oft referred to as the "city where the west begins", or "Cow Town."

Program for the forthcoming classic will revolve around traditional Texan attire and activities. A typical western parade will precede the game, in which participants will sport 10-gallon hats and boots, both in the parade and at the game, ending with the crowning of the queen of the classic.

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