

# THE VOICE



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## Democrat To Jim Crow Schools

### Tom Carodine Elected Mayor Of Boys Town

Tom Carodine, an outstanding student and athlete, was recently elected mayor of Boys Town. Tom has won letters in football, basketball, baseball and track and is a member of the famous Boys Town choir and a student of the piano.

When Carodine completes his high school education in June he plans to attend college to study medicine.

Boys Town was first opened by Father Flanagan thirty years ago as a home for the homeless and neglected boys of all races, and he has continually held that there are no bad boys. One unique feature of the "City of Little men" is the self government program under which the boys conduct their own administration.

### The Labor View

Walcott's Defeat a Lesson to Negro Labor.

Now that the fuss over the unsuccessful efforts of Joe Walcott to lift Joe Louis' crown off his head has quieted down somewhat, it is possible for Negro labor to draw some pretty valuable conclusions, whether Walcott's labors were fairly rewarded by the judges is completely beside the point—so far as the lesson to Negro labor is concerned.

The lesson to labor is this: Victory which seems certain can be lost by failure to stand up and fight to the very end of the struggle. Negro labor has lost many sure victories against discrimination in numerous local unions in the CIO and in the AFL by failure to fight to the finish after success in the first few rounds of the fight. These first successes usually end with the adoption of a resolution or a clause against discrimination or with the appointment of a Negro to "give our colored brothers some representation in the official family."

What happens after these successes in the opening rounds and after discrimination has been down for a count of even and is virtually hanging on the ropes? Why, Negro workers and their friends start back-pedaling and running around the ring only to discover to their complete surprise when the fight is over that discrimination is as strong as ever. They start this retreat or engagement in this inactivity because certain people get tired of the race issue or because it becomes necessary to get down to specific cases of discrimination.

This tendency to take it easy is defeating the program of nearly every anti-discrimination committee in the CIO. They have not realized that discrimination is a long established champion who has beaten many good men and who can be beaten only by men willing to step in and slug it out with him to the bitter end. Otherwise the anti-discrimination challenges will wind up on the short end of the battle like Brother Joe Walcott.

As for Joe Louis, he should retire, that is, many of his friends would like to see him retire. He,

Miss Barbara Kelley



home for the holidays from Langston university entertained a number of her friends Thursday evening. Miss Kelley will be graduated in June. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell R. Kelley, 2641 So. 9th.

of course, has the right to manage his life as he pleases but it would be most painful to him and to his millions of admirers to have him hang around long enough to become a bum—to see a once great champion stretched out on the canvas at the feet of the sorry collection of bums who today call themselves prizefighters.

### Bishop Gets 'A' Rating

MARSHALL, Texas. (ANP). In a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools "Bishop college was raised from an approved school, Class B, to Class A," according to a letter received Wednesday by President Joseph J. Rhoads from Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Raleigh, N. C., secretary of the association's committee on the accreditation of colleges.

Dr. Highsmith stated that "Bishop has made real progress" and deserves "recognition as a Class A institution."

Immediately following receipt of Dr. Highsmith's letter, Dr. W. R. White, Austin, chairman of Bishop's board of trustees, announced that the board had given formal authorization to the administration to strengthen Bishop's faculty and library facilities for graduate studies leading to the degree of master of education. The board's action was retroactive to June 1, 1947, thus making possible graduate credit for the workshop that was conducted by Bishop for 161 Dallas Negro elementary teachers last summer, President Rhoads stated.

### We Moderns Holds Election of Officers

The We Moderns held election of officers at the home of Mrs. Agenese Adams. The officers were: Mrs. Verta Finley, President; Mrs. Mary Sampson, vice president and reporter, Mrs. A. Adams, secretary; Mrs. Betty Lintz, treasurer. Mrs. Bessie Ambers is a new member. The Carver Home will be presented with a luxury basket at Christmas. A lovely snack was served by the hostess.

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### Will You Be One of 15?

Holiday Traffic Toll Expectancy Told

Lincoln. (UP). Fifteen Nebraskans will be killed in traffic accidents during the coming holiday season if the current trend continues, the State Safety Patrol reported Thursday.

The announcement followed a statement by Gov. Val Peterson, who called for Nebraskans to "join forces" with the safety council and the highway patrol in conducting a campaign to stop accidents during the season.

"The effort to reduce the number of accidents which may mar Christmas happiness in so many of our homes can be successful if everyone of our citizens will accept his individual responsibility," Governor Peterson said.

"The little extra forethought, extra common sense, and extra courtesy that it takes to make a safe holiday for one person can readily snowball into an accident-free Christmas celebration for all."

From December 20 of last year to January 2 there were 12 fatal car accidents, E. P. Tinker, jr., council secretary, said. On the basis of the 23 per cent increase in fatalities this year, three more will be killed this season.

World Herald.

### Daughter Elks Holds Two-Fold Party

The Daughter Elks held their birthday-Christmas party December 20 at the home of Daughter Leona Dean. Those having birthdays are: Mrs. Mattie Botts, Mrs. Leona Motley, Mrs. Leona Dean, Mrs. Lucille Wright, Mrs. Mary Scott.

### President's Committee Says Higher Education Should Be Re-Examined

WASHINGTON. (ANP). President Truman was reminded Monday in a report of his Commission of Higher education that the curriculum, administration and organization of the present system of higher education in this country should be critically re-examined at this time and altered to meet today's crisis.

### St. John's Day Banquet To Mark Beginning of Masonic Program

With the announcement of a St. John's Day banquet Saturday, December 27 by Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. & A. M. to be given at the Lincoln Urban League came the announcement of a full year's program by the lodge in which it hopes to become better acquainted with the community and its problems, it was revealed by Worshipful Master, Jewell R. Kelley.

The organization plans to visit every church as well as to concern itself with other character building institution, and to lend assistance.

### B. T. McDaniels Elected State Overseer for Church of God in Christ

B. T. McDaniels was assigned State Overseer for the Church of God in Christ during their annual Convocation held in Memphis, Tenn., the first two weeks of December.

The Rev. Mr. McDaniels is the founder of the church located at 20th and U streets, a pastorate he has filled for the past six years.

Members of the church expressed their delight and enthusiasm at the announcement of this appointment.

He has a wife and two children and owns his home at 2006 You St.

CORINNE FERGUSON ADAMS



Society editor of the LOS ANGELES SENTINEL, will spend her Christmas holidays in Chicago as the guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Peters. A former resident of Lincoln, the California society editor attended the University of Nebraska. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Lincolnites will remember her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ferguson.

for example the commission pointed out that "marked as has been the progress in Negro education in recent years, it cannot obscure the very great difference which still persist in educational opportunities afforded the Negro and the non-Negro.

"The district's superintendent of schools in his 1946-47 report to the board of education states that the student-teacher ratio in the schools for Negroes were significantly and consistently higher than those for non-Negroes from kindergartens through the teacher's colleges."

Speaking of segregation as a national problem, the report pointed out that schools maintained solely for Negroes are commonly much inferior to those for whites. Because Negro schools are financed at a lower level than those of whites, they result in inadequate housing and poor library facilities, if any at all. Teachers are sometimes in need of more education, and professional supervision is more a name than a reality.

In accepting the 103-page report released by the 28-man committee, the president urged all citizens to examine it carefully as he expects to do.

It was because of the tremendous responsibilities now confronting the higher education in our nation; and the burden now placed upon our colleges and universities because of the great over-crowded conditions and a shortage of teachers, that the president asked this commission to make this study and report it to him and the nation.

"A carefully developed program to strengthen higher education, taken together with a program for the support of elementary and secondary education, will inevitably strengthen our nation and enrich the lives of our citizens," the president said.

### The Importance Of Books

By Mrs. W. B. Davis.

The days of December bring us every year to two lovely festival lights, the Christian Christmas and the Jewish Hanukah. Of these two religious holidays, Hanukah is the older of the two by several centuries. While it is a movable festival, it always falls near Christmas.

The Story of Christmas centers about the birth of Jesus of Nazareth as related by the evangelists, Luke and Matthew. Less known to many of us is the story of the Jewish festival Hanukah which is told in the two books of Maccabees that form the last fourteen biblical books known as the Apocrypha, which is included in certain editions of the Bible.

Once again in all its abundance the autumn out of books for children is spread before us. No one reader, parent or critic could possibly assimilate in a few weeks the sum and substance of the vast variety of volumes. Give them books and give them knowledge. If they can't read, read to them.