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## Checkin' on the Freedom Train

Freedom Train will not make its scheduled appearance in Memphis January 7, 1948, because City and County Commissioners have insisted upon maintaining their established policy of racial segregation when it comes to Negro and white citizens viewing the valuable documents on the train. Accounts of their action have not only been spread across the country by radio and press reports to give this city more unfavorable publicity, but have aroused the ire of many white citizens of this section.

The daily newspapers of this city have given the facts relating to cancellation of the train's stop in Memphis. They have told of the firm position that the sponsors of the Freedom Train, American Heritage Foundation, has taken against a segregated pattern. Louis A. Novins, executive vice president of the Foundation, read the resolution unanimously adopted by the Foundation, to-wit:

"Resolved, that no segregation of any individual or group of any kind on the basis of race or religion be allowed at any exhibition of the Freedom Train held anywhere."

Our only hope now is that pressure will not be put on local Negro leaders by City and County Commissioners to get endorsements of their points of view. It cannot be imagined that any Negro would of his own free will and accord accept any other position regarding the Freedom Train except that laid down by the American Heritage Foundation in its resolution regarding exhibitions of the documents. But political pressure upon persons whose jobs are subject to the whims of politicians, will cause individuals to express views that are not of their own convictions.

If any Negro in Memphis does this sort of thing, then he will find himself as far out of line with the more advanced thinking of the people on racial matters as our representatives of the City and County Governments.—Memphis World.

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## Roberta Coffee

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is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Coffee of Frankfort, Kas. She lived at the home of Mrs. Callie Herriford, 2406 West Paseo Blvd.

Before going to the employment office during the war, Miss Coffee was employed as a social worker here. She was active in community activities being a member of the committee of management of the Paseo Y.W.C.A. and of the board of directors of the Wise Buyers Mart, Inc.; which soon will open a co-operative grocery store here. Miss Coffee plans to do graduate work at the University of Chicago.

## Make the World A Better Place



By  
Delight  
Killinger  
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Wouldn't it be nice if there were more people in the world who were like the person who said these words,

"I have to live with myself, and so . . . I want to be fit for myself to know."

Most of us hurry and scurry in our own small circles, faking all we can get for ourselves, never thinking of others, or how we may hurt them by our deeds, words, or thoughts, trying to persuade ourselves that no one else could or would do any more than we are doing, and being self-righteous in our own conceits. Most of us bristle up in indignation when a suggestion is offered, or a criticism is made which is not exactly to our liking.

Might it not, instead, be much better to curb our sharp retorts and consider the possibilities for self-improvement which may have been offered, although they were not pleasant or agreeable? Wouldn't we be much bigger, better persons to overlook sarcastic remarks, and instead, endeavor to take the sting or edge from them by being cheerful and friendly? Real friends do not always flatter.

In Proverbs 23, we find these words, "For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." We have also often heard it said that, "actions speak louder than words." Since we are only human, it stands to reason that we aren't always perfect, but our actions will express the thoughts of our hearts, even though our words may speak something entirely different. And, although it seems very difficult to control these thoughts of ours, the more we try, the easier it becomes.

Blessed is the man who can look himself over and find his own weaknesses, and then make a sincere effort toward improvement. Methinks there is much room for improvement—beginning in me—to make this world a better, happier place. What do you think?

## Discrimination A Great Danger Says Mme. Pandit

Up at Lake Success, N. Y., where delegates of the world's nations are trying to find a formula for international peace, Madame H. E. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, chairman of the India delegation to the United Nations, made an epochal and significant statement.

She declared:

"The hysteria regarding communism as making people forget the great danger to world peace from continued racial discrimination. A greater danger threatens the world than war between the states, and that is the possibility of conflict based on race."

Continuing, Madame Pandit said:

"Not only is racial discrimination a growing danger, but it is one of the most vital problems before the United Nations!"

"In my own mind, I have not the least doubt that the creation of racial bitterness, the affirmation of racial superiority, the declaration that certain areas are the God-given monopoly of certain colors to rule and govern—these and ideologies meant to promote these, are no less war-mongering than the mere imputation of motives to governments."

"Those of us who believe in the creation of a new world order cannot but view with anxiety the danger of growing disharmony between races. That way embodies conflict and disaster."

"I am here to do my humble share in implementing the charter . . . to promote human dignity, human freedom and human rights. But words seem to be taking the place of implementation where the colored peoples of the world are involved," she concluded.—Pittsburgh Courier.

Twenty-three employees of the custodian department of the post office observed their annual Christmas party Tuesday morning at the post office. Mrs. Loretta Martin was chairman of the affair. Mr. Ray McPheeters was master of ceremonies. Impromptu speeches were given by Mr. O. E. Jerner, postmaster; Mr. Watson, assistant postmaster, Mr. C. E. Witter, chief engineer, Mr. Charles Cook and Mrs. Loretta Martin. Carols were led by Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare. Among the twenty-three present were Mr. J. B. Bonds, Mrs. Loretta Martin, Mr. Will Burden, Mr. Alonzo Carter, Mrs. Basilia Bell, and Mrs. Frances Robinson.

## The Sports Front

By  
Howard  
"Smoky"  
Molden



### "Rookie of the Year"

Let us not be unmindful or inconsiderate of the many colored ballhawks who made baseball an exciting spectacle for hundreds of thousands of fans who followed the Negro National and Negro American league games. Such men as brilliant Sammy Jethroe, fleet-footed centerfielder of the Cleveland Buckeyes, American league champs; Archie Ware, flashy and dependable guardian of the initial baserock for the Bucks; Vibert Oarke, transplanted Panamanian pitcher for Cleveland who won 11 out of 13 mound chores; the mebers of Alex Pompey's N.Y. Cubans, 1947 flag winners in the loop presided over by prexy Dr. John Johnson, and many more. With Gil Doby, at Cleveland, Willard Brown and Hank Thompson at St. Louis (Browns) for a breathing spell, all eyes remained on Brooklyn's Robinson and Montreal's Campanella.

Major baseball had many first-year candidates for "rookie of the year" honor. Ewell Blackwell, Larry Jenson, Cincinnati and N.Y. Giants respectively; Thompson, Giants, and others. Competition in this connection was terrific to put

it mildly. Still, Robinson, a man who played his best under unbelievably hadr pressure, was the winning candidate for this prized bauble.

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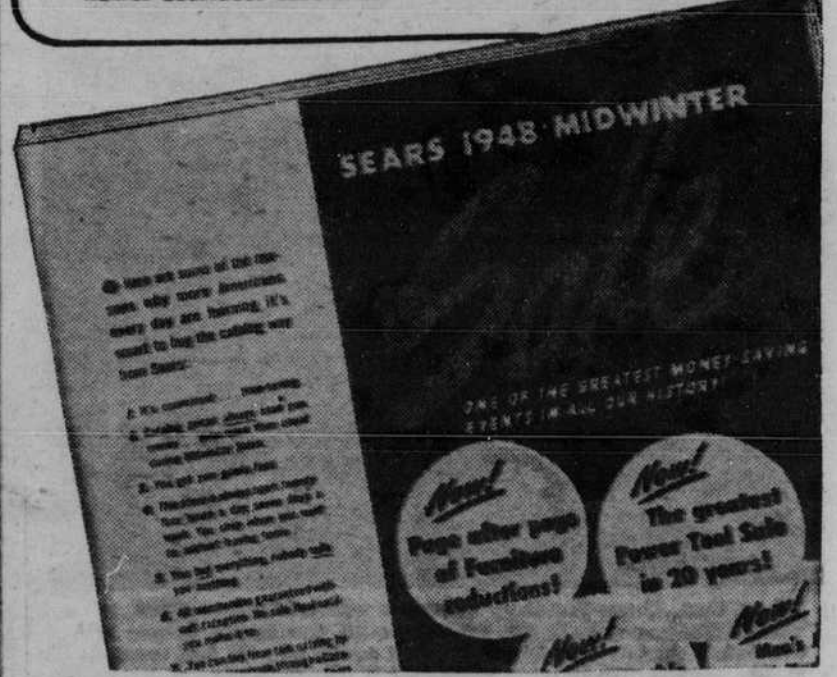
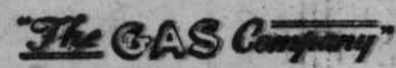
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