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## Guest Editorial

(Continued from Dec. 4)  
By **Obbie Brown.**

A society uninformed about its own affairs is to that extent weak and vulnerable.

In concluding this article, a contrast of "Common Sense" of the past and the desirable common sense of the future will for suggestive purposes, be of value.

The best appraisal of common sense manifestations of the past can be interpreted in the light of past responses to issues of a vital nature, all of which helped to shape our national life up to this time.

We have seen the following manifestations of common sense:

1. We have seen wheat burned in the fields when large proportions of our population were hungry.

2. We have seen cattle killed by the thousands when food baskets were bare.

3. We have seen race hatred thrive when the perpetrators were ill-fed, ill-clothed, and destitute.

4. We have seen killings, lynchings, restrictive covenants in operation, jim crow in transportation, ghettos, filthy and unlighted streets, men denied jobs because of race, creed or religious beliefs.

5. We have seen would-be-superior races rise and fall.

6. We have seen such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan rise to power and jeopardize the workings of democracy.

7. We have seen a segregated army fight to preserve a democracy.

8. We have seen the national constitution literally torn into shreds and thrown in the faces of the Negro segment of our population.

9. We have seen the ideals of our faith, liberty, justice, and equality denied a large segment of our population.

10. We have seen great waste of our human and natural resources.

In the interest of a democratic form of government, its usefulness and its survival, I offer these suggestions:

1. Protect our human and natural resources at all cost.

2. Make democracy our dream come true.

3. Foster the ideals of democracy not through a fear of other forms of government, but the cultivation of an undying faith in the worth of our own form of government.

4. Encourage fair play and devotion to justice.

5. Have the courage of our convictions.

6. Make available adequate educational facilities to all of the children of all of the people.

7. Remember that peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of justice.

With out natural and human resources utilized for good to the maximum, strengthening and making real the ideals of democracy, it is folly to fear. Would democracy survive, these are the dictates of our COMMON SENSE.

## Choice for 1947

Any one can vote. Simply mail a one-cent post card with the names you select. Be sure to sign your name.

- (Your name will not be revealed).  
(Must have contributed to community life).  
(Consider character trait, personality, popularity and general appearance, ages 16 to 20).
1. Family of the Year .....
  2. Best dressed woman .....
  3. Best dressed man .....
  4. Miss Voice for 1948 .....
  5. All American Boy .....
  6. Couple of the Year .....

Do not vote for members of The Voice Staff.

Names of three highest in each group will be given each week. Pictures of winners will appear in January 29 issue of The Voice.

## Letters to the Editor

I read Laura Lee's column and I think it is fine and I hope the people who read it think the same way and will do something about it.

I remain your reader,  
**EUGENE CHINN,**

Dear Editor:

Having read Delight Killinger's Christmas or Xmas I am sure everybody would be inclined to agree that the idea it conveyed, without a doubt, was the true spirit of Christmas.

In short, this composition suggested what many of us have thought, but could not put on paper, and what stands to be an existing fact.

I believe it to be almost letter perfect, except for the conclusion. Christmas and Xmas are the exact same! The letter "X" in Greek means Christ or Christian. Xmas therefore being what we would probably call a shortened form of Christmas. You are crossing out Christ! We are living in an era of speed and conciseness. We moderns seek the easiest and shortest form of comparatively everything; one of which is Xmas for Christmas.

Don't just take my word for it. Satisfy your own curiosity; look in any unabridged dictionary under abbreviations or ask Robert Ripley.

Alliance Reporter,  
**Beatrice Motley**

Dear Editor: I enjoy reading "The Voice" very much. If I miss it I am very disappointed.

As collecting recipes is my hobby, The Household Hint column is the first thing I turn to when I get the paper. I have tried many of the recipes and find them to be delicious.

The sports and the social briefs are of special interest to me; in fact, the whole paper is tops.

Let us keep the paper going and support it 100 percent.

**Mrs. Pansy Beard.**

An open letter:

There have been many requests for a reprint of my resolution written and published in The Voice in its issue of January 3, 1947. Here you will find it word for word.

Let us resolve to forget what we have done for others and remember what others have done for us. Let us resolve to ignore what the world owes us and think what we owe the world. Let us resolve to put our rights in the background and put our duties in the middle—distance and our chances to do a little more than our duties in the foreground. Let us resolve that our fellow man is just as real as we are and try to

## Tolerance Fruit Of Understanding

We will never release the tensions that lead to aggression and conflict until we practice brotherhood.

We are not our brother's keeper; we are not our brother's killer—we are our brother's brother. We must practice the tolerance of love.

"Properly conceived," says Joshua Liebman, "tolerance is the positive and cordial effort to understand another's beliefs, practices and habits without necessarily sharing or accepting them. Tolerance quickens our appreciation and increases our responsibility for a neighbor's point of view."

We must not only live and let live; we must live and help others to live. This is brotherhood.

**Dr. Elwood A. Rowsey**  
Pastor, Dundee Presbyterian church.

look beyond his face and see how his heart seeks joy. Let us resolve to admit that probably the only good reason for own existence is not what we get out of life but what we put into life. Let us resolve to close our book of complaints against the management of our universe and look around ourselves and see how many places we can find to sow a few seeds of happiness.

**John Miller.**

## FORUM

THE QUESTION.

What is your number one wish for 1948, aside from World Peace and no food shortages?

THE ANSWER.

**Clayton P. Lewis, 1970 T, Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge\*\*\***  
The root of segregation destroyed and juvenile delinquency brought to a minimum.

**Joseph W. Adams, 2225 S, Scout Master for Troop 60 and WW II veteran\*\*\***  
Applying of the Civil Rights Committees' findings to the everyday life of the American citizen and giving the Attorney General power to work with.

**Eugene R. Edwards, 2420 P, Mail Carrier and local minister of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church\*\*\***  
True democracy practiced in the United States.

**Frank H. Burden, 2410 No. 29, City Policeman\*\*\***  
I would like to see the time when people could feel more free to do the things they wish. To buy and sell as they please as it was in the days of Coolidge—the old horse and buggy days are good enough for me—and I believe more people would be happy.

**George Randol, 1029 Rose, Photographer and Director of the Circler theater\*\*\***  
I would like to see the leaders of the United States come to a common agreement on issues affecting the welfare of minorities of this country. In the great struggle to create world brotherhood and a mutual understanding it is imperative that the besetting sins, the things which are hampering our statesmen abroad and eating the very heart out of America must be corrected.

Literary

Dear Lord, these clumsy hands of mine  
Could never sweep a harp's gold strings  
And bring forth melodies divine.  
(My hands were made for common things.)  
But should there come some day to  
heaven's gate  
A child with lonely fears,  
My hands could lift and cuddle him  
And dry his tears.  
And, Lord, I know this voice of mine  
Would never blend with heaven's choir.  
Though touched by miracle, it could not  
be  
Tuned to celestial lyre  
But I could hum a simple, crooning song  
To comfort the alarms  
Of one who, in that throng,  
Might miss his mother's arms.  
—Martha Sparrow Anderson.

## The Sports Front

By

**Howard**

"Smoky"

**Molden**



## Proceeds from Bout

**NEW YORK. (ANP).** Joe Louis received \$77,580 and Joe Walcott \$25,960 as their share of the gate from the recent historic event at Madison Square Garden. Since that event, Walcott has received offers netting him \$150,000 for participation in various types of events from refereeing to participating in Canadian and South American bouts. They all want to see Jersey Joe—and Joe Louis wants to see him next June.

The champ, in a copyright story to Jimmy Cannon of the Evening Post, says he was too weak for the fight and had taken off too much weight. He said he should have stayed around 215 rather than train down to 211.

"Next time—" is another thing. Louis says he saw all of the punches coming that landed on his whiskers and knew every mistake Walcott made, but Louis was too weak to follow up to an advantage.

DOTS . . and DASHES--

By **Jimmie Kirkman.**

Taken from Dec. 30, 1947 North Platte (Daily) Telegraph-Bulletin.

Has Agility.

We were talking to Clay Ryan, North Platte high school's freshman football flash the other day about sports in general and football in particular.

Ryan has been highly publicized for a frosh. There are several reasons for this.

First, he is a big boy, tipping the balances around 210 pounds. When you consider beef in athletes, your mind just naturally wanders to football.

Second, he's just about as sweet a passer as has come along here in many a day. He wraps his big hand around the pigskin, and the ball spirals out to the downfield target beautifully. Already he has developed the timing which properly allows for a potential receiver's speed.

Third, he can punt. Until Specialist Dick Hutchinson came along last fall, it looked like Clay could boot the leather farther than any boy in school. With Hutchinson being graduated, Ryan is the logical successor.

Fourth, contrary to general belief, he is fairly fast. In speed sprints among the frosh last fall, he was always among the first few to cross the finish line.

Hard Work.

On the other side of the ledger, he is young, not too eager in practice, and still a yearling when it comes to smart football. He is overweight, too.

So, while we were talking to him, we were pleased when he informed us, without prodding, that he expects to work out in the country next summer to get himself in the finest trim for football.

"I'm going to do hard work," he insisted.

Clay is a colored boy. All of the

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## What's Doing In Alliance

By **Bea Motley.**

Mr. and Mrs. Mills Lear, Mrs. C. H. Murphy, Billy and Mr. William Darnell were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nelson.

Mr. H. C. King, Kenneth, Lavon, and Mr. J. Butler were Christmas dinner guests at the home of M. P. Motley.

Oscar Long left Alliance recently to spend the holidays in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Kenneth Hampton of Denver, Colo., was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Viney Jackson.

Mrs. Hayes Chandler, jr., sponsored a Christmas eve program at the St. James A. M. E. Church. Francis Jackson served as master of ceremony. Rev. J. H. Joy conducted the service.

Mr. Jesse Ewing is spending the holidays with his two children, James and Jane of Bingham, North Carolina.

Willard and Junior Wright, A. Shaw and Richard Lane of Scottsbluff spent Christmas visiting in Alliance.

Mr. M. C. Woodles, sr., is confined to his home due to recent illness.

Mrs. Leona Glass Emanuel is returning to her former home in Texas.

Happy New Year Everybody!

fellows like him. So . . . Clay can do a lot for himself and his race if he takes advantage of his natural aptitude for the game of football. It will be largely up to him from here on out. The opportunity is certainly there.

What goes on in my neighbor's house concerns me. If I let him go in need, I too may want. If he has an enemy, he will require me as a friend. If nature is unkind to him, then I must be kinder. These are all simple things, known from time immemorial to any villager. Donald Culross Peattie, "Immortal Village," University of Chicago Press, 1945.

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