

The Voice

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

"Dedicated to the promotion of the cultural, social and spiritual life of a great people."

Rev. Melvin L. Shakespeare

Publisher and Editor

Business Address 2225 S Street

If No Answer Call 5-7508

Phone 5-6491

Rubie W. Shakespeare

Advertising and Business Manager

Lynwood Parker

Associate Editor, U. N. Dorm-B, 2-7955

Charles Goolsby

Contributing Editor, U. N. Dorm-B, 2-7955

Roberta Molden

Associate Editor 1966 U Street, 2-1407

Mrs. Joe Green

Circulation Manager

Member of the Associated Negro Press and Nebraska Press Association

Subscription rate \$2.50 per year—10c per copy

Entered as Second Class Matter, June 9, 1947 at the Post Office at Lincoln, Nebraska under the Act of March 3, 1879.



WASHINGTON

King Midas, in the Ancient myth, asked that everything he touched might be turned to gold. The wish was granted, but when his clothes, his food, his drink, the flowers he plucked and even his little daughter, whom he kissed, were all changed into yellow metal, he begged that the Golden Touch be taken from him. He had learned that many other things are intrinsically far more valuable than all the gold that ever was dug from the earth.

Voltaire said, "I know of no great man except those who have rendered great services to the human race." Men are measured by what they do, not by what they possess.

Washington, the father of our country, had great faith that the

American people could win the battle for freedom. Somehow he knew that if only his men and supplies could hold out, victory would be theirs.

Today we salute the man that had something in his life greater than his occupation or his achievements; higher than his genius and more enduring than his fame. Men and nations put their trust in education, culture and the refining influences of civilized life, but Washington knew that these things alone could never save a people. The power in the world that will make itself felt is character. There may be little culture, slender abilities, no property, no position in society, yet, if there is character of sterling excellence, it will demand influence and respect. L. P.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Last week end, Feb. 21st and 22nd, the University of Nebraska Forum of the Air officially opened the city-wide observance of American Brotherhood Week by sponsorship of the forum, "Is Brotherhood Possible in our Modern World?" Rev. Gordon Lippitt, Executive Secretary of the University of Nebraska Y.M.C.A. made arrangements for the program. Participants on the forum were Mr. Lynwood Parker, Mr. Charles Goolsby, Mr. Ben Ali, and Rabbi Jerome Kestenbaum. Mr. Ali is a Moslem student from Trinidad studying at the University of Nebraska and is Vice-President of the Cosmopolitan Club and a member of the Cabinet of the University Y.M.C.A. Rabbi Kestenbaum is Rabbi of the Tifreth Israel Synagogue in the city. Rev. Mr. Lippitt moderated the forum and made arrangements for the transcription in the Radio Department at the University of Nebraska.

The program was heard over the air at 11:00 a. m. Saturday,

Feb. 21st, over KOIL; 10:30 p. m. over KFAB; and 10:00 p. m., Monday, over KOLN.

Rev. Mr. Lippitt pointed out that "the matter of brotherhood is very important in today's world." He went on to say further that "The National Conference of Christians and Jews have called attention to the need of everyone to work for observance of American Brotherhood Week from Feb. 21st through Feb. 29th. The least we Americans can do is to make out democracy and religion meaningful in terms of our relationships to all races, creeds, and colors. The need for a realistic and practiced brotherhood is realized in Lincoln, Neb., as well as the capitals of the world. Let us then, at this time of year, prepare to understand, appreciate, and actively encourage the friendship of one and all."

The sponsorship of the above radio forum was made possible through the arrangements of Mr. Paul Bogen, head of the Radio Department at the University of Nebraska. L. P.

'Parents Have A Duty'

By Joseph W. Adams.

WE AS PARENTS HAVE A DUTY to perform just like a soldier or a sailor. Are we fulfilling this obligation that parenthood calls for? These obligations are more numerous than those of a sailor or a soldier. You are dealing with a reflection of yourself, for that is what your child is. He reflects the good or the bad of his parents. It is our wholehearted wishes that they reflect and inspire a decent citizen when they become of age.

You have been giving these obligations to a few of the leaders and when they don't respond to your wishes you are ready to condemn them. This is taking place in your schools, but have you ever thought of attending one of the P. T. A. meetings? These meetings are held for the parents to learn what their children are doing in

school and as a parent it is your responsibility to see into it.

Is your child being sent to church and Sunday School by himself? Sunday School and church have so much to offer in the way of teaching, to the parent as well as the child. When you send him alone you are more than lax, you are committing a vicious crime and it is reflected in your juvenile courts of today. Parents, let's make it a habit to take our children to Sunday School and church.

WE ARE MORE FORTUNATE as parents to have the Community Center, however, it lacks one thing—the cooperation of the parents of the community. You have taken the Center as a place to send your children to get them from underfoot at home. Since you have been doing this they have lost touch with you. When a parent understands a child he realizes that when a child asks to have his friends into the home he is showing his respect and trust in you; but when you send him to the Center unprotected and without enough responsible leadership you



By Kathrynne Favors

As we all know, there are some people who become very jealous and envious when they see their neighbor progressing. We have found that this does not exist only in our race but in other races also.

When members of another race say the Negroes in Ohio, and especially Cincinnati, progressing so rapidly and steadily, they became jealous and race riots began. A mob drove eighty Negroes from Portsmouth, Ohio on January 1, 1830; 1,200 Negroes left Cincinnati for Canada as a result of the riot of 1829 and in the riots of 1836 and 1841 others lost life and property. Woodson says, "The disastrous effects of this unsettled state were further aggravated by the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850.

Many fugitives and their relatives residing in the Free States moved immediately into Canada after the proclamation of this measure as the law of the land. Within thirty-six hours thereafter, 40 Negroes left Massachusetts for Canada. The Negro population of Columbia, Pennsylvania, decreased from 943 to 437. A Negro settlement at Sandy Lake in the northwestern part of that state was broken up altogether. Every member of a Negro Methodist Church, 82 in number, including the pastor, fled from a town in New York to Canada. The Negro churches of Buffalo lost many communicants. One in Rochester lost 112 members and its pastor; and another in Detroit, 84. Some Negroes stood their ground and gave battle. Such was the case of the Christiana tragedy in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where Edward Gorsuch was killed and his son wounded by free Negroes whom they tried to enslave."

Those Negroes who dared to remain in the Free States to defy the slave-catchers were not thereafter in a frame of mind to promote their economic welfare because they had to use so much of their time fighting for freedom. One Negro escaped to England with his quadroon wife pretending to be his master.

There were fugitives who were well directed to certain Free States by agents of the underground railroad conducted by Quakers and militant abolitionists. Some may think that this was a well-known route, but instead it was a number of Christian people scattered in various places who aided slaves in getting into free territory.

are depriving the child of understanding. The language which you hear used is unfit for the lowest teamster to speak and if the leaders of this place try to correct them you are ready to bring all kinds of contempt, gossip, trash, and dirt against them. Why not go to the Center and give the leaders a hand so they can accomplish their program to make your children decent citizens. They are in need of your backing instead of your condemnation.

PARENTS IT IS TIME that you opened your eyes. Quit wishing that your child would be like Mrs. Does and spend your time teaching him to be like Mrs. Does and you will have a son or daughter of which to be proud to call yours.

Sports Scope

By L. Parker

ROBINSON

Jackie Robinson signed his 1948 contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers for one year. The estimated amount of money to be paid to Jackie was approximately \$15,000.

Although Robinson feels that he could do a better job some place else, he stated that he likes first base all right. He will report five or six days late to the training base in order to give him time to complete a movie which was shoved back and delayed several times. He has just completed a tour of Southern Negro colleges talking about his experiences in baseball.

Robinson admitted that he expects to go into boys club work when he gets through with baseball. "I figure the length of time I've spent in athletics, in all sports, has taken plenty out of me. I may not last too long."

Last week Jackie was in New York where he accepted the National Urban League's Two Friends Award and a three-way handshake was given Lloyd K. Garrison, National Urban League president, Branch Rickey and Robinson.

LOUIS

Thursday two weeks ago, just before sailing for England, Joe Louis said that he would go into politics after he retires from the ring.

He also stated that he would give Jersey Joe Walcott just two more weeks to sign for a return shot at the title. Walcott retorted: "I gave in on a lot of things while dickering for this return bout. I'm not going to give in any more. Let them run a championship fight without me and see how much backing they get from the public."

N.U. Coach

Potsy Clark's appointment as coach for the Cornhusker squad was confirmed by the Board of Regents Saturday morning in Omaha. Clark's salary will be \$7,500 a year. He is scheduled to arrive in Lincoln sometime between March 1 and the 15th.

Annual Red Cross Drive Begins Here March 1st

We come again to that time of year when the American Red Cross makes its appeal to citizens everywhere to contribute to its funds for the easing of those distressed by fire, flood, earthquake, wars, and for the many thousands of GIs still in occupation areas. Your contribution will do much to help feed a hungry child, console a lonely soldier, and aid victims of floods like the one that did so much damage in Cambridge, Neb., last year when at least one colored family received aid during that trying time.

So what do you say, folks; let's dig down and GIVE.



Men's

Work Pants

Odds and ends of matched Suits . . . colors—tan, blue, brown. To Close at

\$2 pair

Values to 3.95.

WELLS & FROST
128-32, NO. 10th, LINCOLN

Lotman's Grocery

1945 R Street
Meats and Vegetables

UMBERGER'S 2-2424

1110 Q. Funeral and Ambulance Service. Roy A. Sheaff, Darold Rohrbach, Floyd UMBERGER families. 2-5059.

For Everything in
HARDWARE

Baker Hardware

101 No. 9th 2-3710

STAR VAN

Wishes

THE VOICE

Continued Success

QUALITY PHOTOS

Lower Prices—Faster Service

PHOTO NOOK

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays

1443 "O" Street Lincoln, Nebr.

PRESTO . . .

A NEW ROOM
PAPER & PAINT FOR
EVERY NEED

Winterhalter's Inc.
FINE DECORATIVE WALLPAPERS AND PAINTS

14th and P Phone 2-1366

George H. Wentz Inc.

PLUMBING & HEATING

1620 N Phone 2-1293

TO GET A CASH LOAN

Fast

JUST CALL

2-7671

FAMILY

FINANCE CO.

205 First National Bank

B. A. Kilstrom, Mgr.

For Better Values

- Drugs
- Cosmetics
- Stationery
- Candy
- Prescriptions

CHEAPER DRUGS

1325 O St. Lincoln