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Many parents think of discipline as punishment or in terms of making a child obey, "making a child mind" or "making a child behave." But discipline and punishment are not the same. Neither is discipline concerned with "making a child do something." The aim of discipline is to develop a self-reliant child who can become a self-controlled adult. If we think of discipline in this way, we will try to find methods of control and guidance which put the responsibility upon the child as he gradually becomes ready for it. In this way we help him to control himself. It is our job as parents, to give the direction, to show the way. How we do this is all important. If we continue to think of discipline as the emergency way, we are apt to be severe and rigid, to hold the reins too tight. But if we think of it as helping the child to learn to behave in ways that are acceptable, we can be more relaxed, for we know that it takes time to teach. We shall also realize that we do not have to crowd all our teaching into the early years of a child's life. There is plenty of time before he is grown up. But stay on the job, "lest he forget."

Anti-Restrictive Covenant Decision

The unanimous decision of the supreme court restricting anti-Negro realty covenants to the status of private agreements which are unenforceable in the courts is of world wide importance. The decision probably represents final victory for Negroes and other racial and religious minorities in a long struggle for equal access to land in the U.S. For the crux of any system of racial and religious discrimination is exclusion from use of the land on the same terms as those who would enforce unfair discrimination.

Since the Civil war the struggle between Negroes and the rest of the citizenry for use of the land has been carried on with increasing bitterness. Negroes have won temporary victories as when they induced the supreme court to declare over 30 years ago that land segregation laws enacted by the states are unconstitutional. But we lost position after position to restrictive covenants in city after city. Only last week did we find a court which is honest enough to admit state governments should not use their powers to enforce private agreements which would in effect deny Negro citizens equal protection of the laws.—George McCray for ANP.

Dixie Is Not Looking Away

Southerners have a habit, when you are least expecting it, of speaking a good deal more plainly and at the same time more practically about their own region than do their critical fellow citizens who gaze down upon them from the North. The Greater New Orleans Industrial Union Council,

C.I.O., which is a 100 percent non-communist-controlled outfit (544 Camp Street, New Orleans, La.), does some of this speaking in the recently released report of its Civil Rights Committee. Says the Report:

Since President Truman's Civil Rights message, we have heard outcry that Southern "traditions" are in dire peril and that "American ideals must be preserved." . . .

But a conspiracy of silence still clings around one most significant fact. It has cost the South millions upon millions of dollars to keep the Negro "in his place." . . .

Hence if the South still is Economic Problem No. 1, it is so because too many of its "leaders" have not wanted the large Negro segment of its population to enjoy living standards equal to those of the North and West. Thus a preoccupation with "keeping the Negro in his place" has pulled down the economic level—and with that the cultural level—of all the population.

These, and other items in the report—as well as the recently issued challenge of Prof. Howard Odum of the University of North Carolina, calling for a new and scientific appraisal of the relationship between the colored and the white population in the South—confirm the judgment America has already vigorously expressed, to the effect



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Out of Old Nebraska

BY JAMES C. OLSON.
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A few days ago it was announced in the press that an archeologist from the Smithsonian Institution is searching for remains of the Daniel Freeman cabin at Homestead National Monument near Beatrice. The findings will be used in the development of the monument as a memorial to the homestead movement.

The site of Daniel Freeman's cabin is one of the most historic spots in the United States, for it was there the first American homesteader lived. And the homestead movement was one of the most significant aspects of the democratic land policy which settled the western plains.

Daniel Freeman was as typical of the hardy men who homesteaded the west as was that 160 acres of land in Gage county typical of the land on which America was built.

Freeman was a soldier in the Union Army and was temporarily detailed to duty at Brownville. While on leave he staked out his claim near Beatrice and hoped to make his filing on January 1, 1863, the day the law was to become effective. On December 31, 1862, he received orders to proceed the next day to St. Louis.

Fearing he would lose his claim Freeman looked up one of the

meetings these 22 churches baptized 18 converts in a year. Over three-quarters of a well-populated west state is unevangelized.

Neglect

One-half of your neighbors never go to church—not even on Easter.

Less than one-half of the population in 31 states belong to any religious body.

Less than one-third of the population in 12 states have any religious affiliation.

Two people in each hundred, in one middle west county, express a religious preference.

One person in ten, in an eastern county with 22 Baptist churches, is affiliated with any religious body. After a series of

men from the Government land office in Brownville and persuaded him to open up shortly after midnight and take his filing. Thus, when Freeman left for St. Louis he had homestead entry No. 1 in his pocket, and whether he knew it or not he had achieved a degree of undying fame.

After the war Daniel Freeman returned to the homestead with his bride of a few weeks. They had to ferry their meager household goods across the flood swollen Blue on a flat boat. And while the land had looked good to Freeman when he filed on it, chances are it didn't appear too inviting to his young wife.

During their early years the Freemans shared the hardships that were the lot of all who homesteaded in the West. Yet these first homesteaders were typical of the thousands who followed them in that they stuck it out on their land the rest of their lives.

The national monument was created in 1939, in accordance with a bill introduced by Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska and passed by Congress in 1936. It is to be hoped that it can be developed into a fitting memorial of the hardships and the primitive conditions through which the early settlers developed the great west.

Some people keep their ideals as they keep heirlooms, locked away, so that but for their owner's word we should almost be inclined to doubt their existence; others use them and wear them. Well, they may get a bit cracked, a bit tarnished, and some of them may even get lost altogether; but they're more convincing when they're handled that way.

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Boxing

ST. THOMAS, V. I. (ANP). "Joe Louis will close off his pugilistic career by knocking out Joe Walcott not later than the fifth round when they meet in June, Dr. Leo Gaylord Robinson, Springfield, O., Joe Louis' personal physician, told newsmen here this week. Dr. Robinson, who is on a tour of Caribbean countries, came here to visit his close friend, Gov. William Hastie. He recalled that when Hastie was at Dunbar high in Washington, he was at Howard U., and coached Hastie when he won at the Penn relays. Since then they have been fast friends.

CHICAGO. (ANP). Ray Robinson signed this week with Promoter Irving Kavin to defend his welterweight title against Bernard Docusen of New Orleans June 4 at the International amphitheater.

The champ will have posted \$11,000 as guarantee that he will appear. Recently Kavin lost \$23,000 when Robinson was sick and did not appear on a scheduled bout against Georgie Abrams. Robinson will receive 27½ percent of the gate.

Ezzard Charles, the man Gus Lesnevich (seemingly) wants no truck with inside the roped-arena, has continued faith in himself by his recent knockout of rough, "contender-spoiler" Elmer "Violent" Ray, the man Joe Louis once turned out as a playmate on an exhibition tour after the champion came out of the army. Charles kayoed Ray in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout in Chicago stadium. The weights were: Ray 195, Charles 175. (ANP).

Baseball

NEW YORK. (ANP). According to Herbie "Georgia Rose" Taylor, the Black Yankees are a vastly improved club over last year. Taylor, who is not merely a fan but a student of baseball, said some good things about the Yankees after seeing them open the season against the Philadelphia Stars May 2.

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