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## Even Dixiecrats Help Brotherhood

Negro-hating southerners are falling into the pit which they themselves digged. The method they have adopted to express their opposition to President Truman and civil rights makes certain that more Negroes than ever will vote in November and vote with the aid and consent of some whites. The one-party system which they toiled to build is headed for the scrap heap.

There has always been an opposition group in the South, men like Arnall of Georgia who would make politics serve public interest. But so surcharged is southern life with race prejudice that they are seldom heard from. Now with two tickets, they can and will choose. Liberal southerners will vote themselves and encourage others to vote.

Bourbon democracy has perpetuated itself in power in southern states by keeping the vote small. Two tickets in the field will cause a new slogan to be heard at the general election. "Get out the vote" will be in order in Georgia no less than in New York. Hitherto non-voting whites, the liberals and the Negroes can outvote the Dixiecrats. That being so, the Democratic national campaign leaders may be expected to adopt strategy that will bring about cooperation of these three groups.

Once Negroes vote in the South, with any considerable number of whites approving, whether successfully or not, disfranchisement is a thing of the past with black laws soon to follow. Oppression always breeds within itself the seeds of its own destruction. It could not be otherwise if God be God. The Dixiecrats—as well as we—contribute to brotherhood!

## States' Rights

The Senate of the United States, convened in special session was treated last week to a long and painstaking exposition of the doctrine of States' Rights. The issue, it was said, was not precisely whether the poll tax should be abolished, but whether Congress, under the Constitution, has the power to abolish it. The contention of the Southern Senators is that the poll tax, segregation, fair employment practices and the whole matter of the rights of Negroes come within the ambit of those powers which, by the Tenth Amendment, are reserved to the several States.

We should have heard the lengthy argumentation with more patience if we felt that the Southern Senators were vindicating for their States the right to take effective action to secure the rights of Negroes; but we fear that they were only vindicating the right to continued to do nothing about it. The rights of the State governments, like those of any government, are predicated upon the very purposes of government itself; and among those purposes, as the Declaration of Independence reminds us, is that of securing the right of the citizen to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

While there is a good case for States' Rights, there is no defense for the system of segregation and discrimination which hides behind the skirts of that doctrine; for it is a system that subverts the purpose for which the States have rights. Wherever "white supremacy" has A-1 priority, good government must fail; public office goes to him who can most blatantly appeal to mob passion and prejudice. There can be no intelligent discussion of public issues; that would show up the weaknesses of the system. Intelligence might argue, for instance, that if Negroes were able to get good wages they would begin to

buy good houses, furniture, refrigerators, cars and what not; and thereby give much employment to the people who build houses and make and sell all the other things. But the system requires that the Negro be kept in his place; so the builders and the manufacturers and the dealers and salesmen of the South must do without millions of potential customers. As with economics, so with sociology, with political science; their teachings must be tailored to fit the system. It is no accident that the South is losing a great many professors and graduate students to the North, where the academic air is freer.

Fortunately there is enough intelligence and Christian democracy in Dixie to ensure the end of the system; and it is significant that the present filibuster is concentrating on States' Rights and not on the race issue. "White supremacy" is going the way of the "white man's burden." All over the world the black and the brown peoples are coming to be their own masters; their ambassadors sit in the world council of nations. The old order fitted naturally enough into the age of Queen Victoria and Rudyard Kipling; but that age is gone, and the ideas that make sense in the relations of governments and people today make nonsense of white supremacy. And the Southern Senators know it.

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## NAACP Will Have Turkey Dinner Friday, October 1

In an effort to raise funds for the local chapter of the NAACP a special turkey dinner is being planned by a committee with Mrs. R. L. Moody as chairman. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Roberta Molden, Mrs. Birdie Artis, Mrs. Basilia Bell and Mrs. John Humbert. The dinner will be given at the Urban League, 2030 T Street, Friday, October 1, and tickets may be secured from Mrs. M. J. Bradford, Mrs. William A. Greene, Mrs. Otis Smith, Mr. James Wadkins, Mrs. J. B. Bonds, Mrs. M. L. Shakespeare, Mrs. Birdie Artis and the Urban League.

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## Former League Goup Worker Here For Vacation



**MISS KATHRINE THOMPSON.** Former Group work supervisor of the Lincoln Urban League, Miss Kathrine Thompson returned Friday after spending the past year doing work on her masters degree in Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Thompson, who has spent the summer in a group workers camp with young people, will return to her school work after several weeks vacation with friends and relatives. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and has lived many years in the city, taking a prominent place in church and community affairs. Her absence is always missed tremendously.

## Our Children

### Children Should Have Feeling of Importance

By Mrs. William B. Davis.

A child needs to be wanted and appreciated. This is certainly his paramount birthright. No state of brotherhood of man will ever be reached if human beings coming into the world do not get a taste of this brotherhood immediately after birth and constantly continued thereafter. For cooperation can be achieved in human beings themselves. The teaching of the church and school will not penetrate the human mind very deeply or bring universal peace and constructive action until there is a degree of kindness and understanding brought to bear upon child life such as will make a child exercise kindness and understanding naturally and automatically in every human relationship as long as he live. Let a child start life feeling unwanted, unloved and inferior, and there are no lengths to which he will not go to seek revenge upon a world which has neglected him and made him feel inferior. His reaction can take the form of marital tyranny, religious or racial bigotry, industrial tyranny and sadism, or the despotic rule and destructive aggression of a dictator. On the other hand, let a child know peace and justice in his early home life and you have a man or woman working to perpetuate a similar state of affairs in everything he touches.

## Wiley Professor Home After Summer Session

OBIE BROWN.

Obbie Brown, recently appointed head of the chemistry department at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, arrived home Saturday for several weeks relaxation before the fall term begins in September.

Mr. Brown is the husband of Mrs. Eugenia Simmis Brown, music student at the University of Nebraska.

## Sports Scope Olympians In the News

LOS ANGELES.—From Vancouver to Tia Juana, the entire Pacific coast is buzzing with Olympic topics....Dillard's upset win....Patton's comeback.... Failure of colored female athletes....America's sweep of the winner's circle.

As to be expected, much of this talk centers around the exploits of colored performers wearing the colors of the United States.

Some of the sports authorities, steeped in the success of the team from these shores, point out that the sepia athletes have Achilles tendons that are longer than other persons', or that they have other muscles that are developed differently than others. This, they say, is the reason they are so successful.

### WIDESPREAD THEORIES.

While the latter theories bump from corner to corner of discussion rooms, or parlors, it is pointed out that American athletes period, only excel in certain events, namely, sprints, jumping, pole vaulting, short runs, and a few weight events.

Reason for this is said to be the fact that we Americans have sport temperaments that motivate us to events which give an opportunity to perform spectacularly and dramatically. Another item that comes up for airing on this subject is the fact that Americans do not go out for all events, as do the Europeans, who specialize in those wind-breaking steeplechase and marathon runs.

While debates on the topic increase and ebb, it becomes clear that Americans do hold the majority of medals for winning in internationally sports events, and that this gives the right to assert that we are superior.

### SUPPORT NEEDED.

With this declaration, it becomes evident that we need the support of all our athletes to maintain our position, the support of the Pattons, Porters, Dillards, Ewells and Davises....People are saying, from Tia Juana to Vancouver, via San Francisco, that without the Dillards, and Ewells, the scope of supremacy held by our Nation in international sports would be somewhat curtailed.

## Map Plans For Ingrams' Defense

NEW YORK.—Plans for the continued defense of Mrs. Rosa Le Ingram and her two teen-age sons will be developed at a conference of lawyers called by Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which has charge of the case.

The decision to call the conference followed denial last week by the Georgia State Supreme Court of a petition for a rehearing of an appeal from a ruling of the trial court denying a motion for a new trial. The lawyers will explore federal grounds on which an appeal to the United States Supreme Court may be based.

Mrs. Ingram and her sons were convicted last winter of the self-defense slaying of a white farmer near Ellaville in southwest Georgia. They were sentenced to death—a sentence which was commuted to life imprisonment after the NAACP sought a new trial for the three. The case was taken to the State Supreme Court which affirmed the decision of the lower court.

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## Veterans' Day September 5

Plans for a "more eventful, more colorful, more enjoyable Veterans' Day than ever before" at the annual Nebraska State Fair, September 5, were announced this week at Lincoln by Nathan Grossman, general chairman of Veterans' Day.

With free entertainment for parade participants, a huge "family picnic" and more than 500 posts and auxiliary units of veteran organizations in Nebraska taking part, the day's activities are expected to break a record in total attendance, declared Grossman.

"We already have over 25 bands and drum corps units scheduled," he stated.

Veterans and their families from all over the state will begin gathering at the State Fair picnic grounds at 10 a. m. The picnic will be held at 12 noon. Families are urged to bring their own lunch baskets if possible, although food will be available on the grounds.

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