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BOOK REVIEW

Interracial Programs of Student YW's

By Yolanda Wilkerson

159 Pages

Reviewed by Gladys F. Graham for ANP.

"Interracial Programs of Student Y. W. C. A.'s" by Yolanda B. Wilkerson, published by Women's Press, is a unique contribution to intercultural understanding.

The study is an inquiry into the interracial programs of student Christian Associations and represents one in a whole series of steps being taken by the National Student Y. M. C. A. to enhance the effectiveness of its work in the interracial field.

The author and her colleagues working in the field were inter-

ested in what the students were doing on their campuses to put across effective interracial programs and that started the study.

Interracial problems are defined by Wilkerson "as those special problems of prejudice and discrimination which are faced by Negroes, Jews and Americans of Japanese descent in their associations on college campuses and in neighboring communities. These three groups are considered representative of minorities."

Some 222 colleges and universities replied to a questionnaire sent them regarding any problems of minority group discrimination.

an "unwanted man" feeling not easily shaken off in later life. He said many students left at the end of the freshman year because the college and fraternities made it clear they were not really wanted but tolerated. All fraternities exist with college support and endorsement.

Pointing out that under the GI bill the federal government is now contributing \$2,109,000,000 to educational institutions and that in normal times, \$84,000,000 is given to 60 "land grant" institutions, he said:

"If I can get hearings on my resolutions, I expect to be armed with plain facts and mention names and places. These promise to be a revelation to many who believe our universities and colleges are turning out students imbued with the best American ideals.

"I support ardently fair employment and non-segregation laws, but I am beginning to think that these may be futile measures if we permit our federal and state-supported schools to turn out thousands of graduates every year confirmed in their belief that they are superior to other Americans because of birth.

"We should attack discrimination everywhere and certainly at its breeding place in some of our most respected schools," he asserted.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Much history can be learned from a study of place names, and two of the most interesting books ever written about Nebraska are, *Nebraska Place Names*, by Lillian Fitzpatrick; and *The Origin of the Place Names of Nebraska*, by J. T. Link. Both of these were published by the University of Nebraska, the former in 1925 and the latter in 1933.

These works show statistically a fact which is fairly apparent to anyone traveling about Nebraska or studying a map of the state—that by far the greatest number of Nebraska's counties, towns, and cities were named after individuals.

Of the 93 counties, 68 bear personal names. Those most frequently honored have been presidents of the United States, and 12 Nebraska counties bear presidential names: Adams, Arthur, Fillmore, Garfield, Grant, Hayes, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Pierce, Polk and Washington.

Nebraska's towns showed the same tendency in selecting names, although instead of presidents, railroad officials and employees were the persons most frequently honored. Many Nebraska towns were laid out by the railroads and it was customary for railroad companies to name stations after faithful employees. According to Dr. Link, more than 150 Nebraska communities were so named.

Indian names are used much less frequently than one might expect, although the name of the state itself is derived from either an Omaha or Oto word meaning "flat water." Both tribes were of the Siouan linguistic stock and their names for the Platte river were similar—one is about as close to "Nebraska" as the other.

The French translated the work to "Plate" or "Platte" on their early maps of the region.

The name Nebraska for the region through which the river runs was first officially suggested by William Wilkins, Secretary of War to President Tyler, who in his report for 1844 urged the creation of a territory between the Missouri river and the Rockies and suggested that, "the Platte or Nebraska, being the central stream leading into and from the Great South Pass would very properly furnish a name for the territory."

Announcement

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By Kathrynne Favors

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In the first course of time they had been easily disposed of by merely being referred to a committee which permitted them to die a natural death. However, upon the occasion of the petition of John Quincy Adams, long known as the only spokesman in behalf of free speech in Congress, the House voted to refuse the petitioners a hearing. This implied that a reasonable portion of the citizens of the United States were denied the right of petition guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. Adams contended that these petitions must be received, heard and referred to a committee; but when he insisted that there should be a report from a committee and a vote upon that report, it looked too much like an insult from the anti-slavery party. He was, therefore, threatened with censures in the house in 1837."

munication second Tuesday ADJ. Meeting fourth Tuesday, it was reported by W. M. Jewell R. Kelley.

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