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BRASS FACTS

By M. L. Shakespeare

A recent bill before the state legislative body is the teaching of Americanism in the schools. I would say that this is the right place to start. Communism is not a threat to true Americanism. The taking up of such fine bill as this is a fine gesture on the part of the legislative body.

Strange as it seems some of the proponents of the bill, were men who were opponents of the F.E.P. bill. Perhaps when this course of Americanism is installed in the school system some

of them might be encouraged to attend a few classes.

While driving around the other day, I passed a Lincoln grade school which was in the midst of recess. There I saw real Americanism in action. All races, colors and creeds enjoying themselves together. Let us hope that they shall grow up that way, and teach some of us true Americanism.

My hat goes off to Thompson, a small town in the State of Alabama, where the decent thinking people renounced the KKK as a menace to Democracy.

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The study of place names, particularly those honoring individuals, reveals a great deal about the history of the times in which they were adopted.

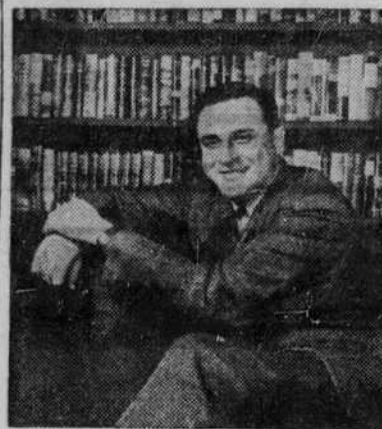
Consider, for example, Nebraska's eight original counties, created by Acting Governor Thomas B. Cuming in 1854 for the purpose of inaugurating civil government in the territory. In bestowing their names Governor Cuming indicated that he was a shrewd politician who understood the value of flattery. A disease which J. Sterling Morton, one of Cuming's eminent contemporaries, declared to be, "common to all mortals against which no vaccinating system has ever been successfully brought to bear." Six of the eight named in honor of living politicians of Cuming's own day.

Cass county was named for Lewis Cass, then Secretary of State and formerly governor and senator from Michigan; Dodge for Sen. Augustus C. Dodge of Iowa; Douglas for Sen. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, the man most closely identified with the Kansas-Nebraska bill; Forney for the clerk of the House of Representatives; Richard for William A. Richardson, representative from Illinois who had steered the Kansas-Nebraska bill through the house; and Pierce for President Franklin Pierce.

The other two, Washington and Burt, were named for men no longer living—the former for the president of the United States, and the latter for the first governor of Nebraska territory.

Two of Governor Cuming's original names—Forney and Pierce—are no longer on the map of Nebraska. Their names were changed by the residents, through the legislature, to Nemaha and Otoe, respectively. The change came not out of any disrespect for the men so honored, but was brought about by resentment in the South Platte region against what was felt to be Governor Cuming's unfair apportionment of members in the legislature.

The name Pierce, it is interesting to observe, was later revived when the present county in north-



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eastern Nebraska bearing that name was organized in 1859.

Another interesting sidelight on these early names is that William A. Richardson, for whom the state's most southeastern county was named, later was appointed governor of the territory of Nebraska.

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