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EDITORIALS

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New 'Negro Handbook' Improved

Reviewed by Albert Anderson for ANP.

"The Negro Handbook," Edited by Florence Murray. \$5. The MacMillan Co., New York, 368 pages.

NEW YORK. (ANP). The new 1949 issue of the Negro Handbook is by far the best issue of the series yet published. The publisher, the MacMillan company, announces that it will print a new volume every two years. In 1951, persons interested in facts and statistics about the Negro should welcome that next edition.

An almanac of information on America's largest minority group, the handbook covers topics ranging from civil rights to sports,

cultural items such as books and literature by and about Negroes and the theater, education, the armed forces, and—name it and you'll probably find it in this volume.

The aim of this book is to fill the void in most people's minds when it comes to information about the Negro. It is more complete than previous editions in the amount and types of information given.

It does not answer all questions about the Negro, nor does it intend to. In future years, readers looking for more facts and figures may expect to find them in the handbook.

News From

Elwood, Kansas

BY WILBERTA BRADY

The men's chorus of the Baptist church was on program at Troy Sunday afternoon, June 10. There was a splendid service up there. The occasion was Men's day. Rev. Beattie from Atchison was the speaker.

Mrs. Grace Chambers and daughter, Marian and Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers and granddaughter, Darlene Brown, returned home last Thursday morning from a month's visit in Washington, Miss Brady D.C. The Chambers visited their daughters there. They say the trip was very interesting and educational. I really believe it was don't you?



Theodore Johnson suffered a broken leg Sunday night while in St. Joseph with his friends. He is in the Missouri Methodist hospital in St. Joseph.

The Tapp family from Cameron, Mo., is making their home in Elwood.

The ball game Sunday played by Elwood and Troy was a swell game. Elwood won 3 to 1.

Darlene Watson has returned home from a week's visit in White Cloud.

Mr. Otis Hayes has been on the sick list but he is getting along fine.

Tint chenille bedspreads or shag rugs in the washing machine. Add the coloring to the final rinse, mix with the agitator, then put in the article to be tinted. Stir with the agitator for a few minutes, rinse in clear water, dry in the shade.

'Lost Boundaries' Should Be 'Must' For Everyone

BY ALVIN E. WHITE.

NEW YORK. (ANP). Vacationists in New York will not want to miss the opportunity to see the moving picture version of "LOST BOUNDARIES" the film based on the highly successful novel on "passing."

Evoking unanimous praise from hardened critics, the picture is worthy of everything said about it. The explosive race subject has been presented intelligently and in a manner the most ignorant will approve.

A highly competent cast displays sympathetic understanding of the story and makes every moment of the film, unforgettable. Striking is the contrast between the clean, wide-open spaces in the New England town where the young son took refuge. The ways of life in the two areas are reflected in the faces of the widely different communities.

Following a private showing of the film, a number of prominent Harlemites attended a party in the Hotel Theresa ballroom honoring Dr. Albert Johnson, the prototype of the film's leading character. His wife and daughter, Ann, and three sons were present and made themselves right at home at the reception. Both the film and Dr. Johnson and his family were warmly received.

Fred Weaver associates handled the Harlem publicity for both affairs and did an excellent job. The DeRochement film establishes itself as a classic pattern for other groups to accept. It is a picture that should be a must for everyone.

J. G. IRWIN
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by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the casualties of the conquest of Berlin in April, 1945, was a rare and unique sketch of a pioneer trading post at Scotts Bluff, done in 1851 by a German artist named Heinrich Balduin Moellhausen. Fortunately, however, Dr. Robert Taft of the University of Kansas, a well-known authority on early western artists, secured a photograph of the sketch in 1939. That photograph appears on the cover of *Nebraska History* for June.

The German title of the sketch is "Fort Roupideau, Scott Bluffs." The "fort" was one of the trading posts maintained in the Scotts Bluff region during the days of the overland migration by an enterprising Frenchman named Robidoux. It probably is the oldest structure in the North Platte valley of which we have any photographic remains.

The somewhat bizarre story of Robidoux and his trading posts is told in the June issues of *Nebraska History* by Merrill J. Mattes of Omaha, one of our outstanding writers on western history. The colorful career of Moellhausen is treated by Dr. Taft in *The Kansas History Quarterly* for August, 1948.

Thus are brought to light and placed in proper historical perspective two shadowy figures out of Nebraska's past. The trader Robidoux was well-known to the many thousands who crossed Nebraska on their way to Oregon and California. His various trading posts were important stopping places for those making their way west and many journals mention Robidoux, his Sioux spouse, and his many dusky progeny.

They also mention his exorbitant prices. Apparently Robidoux was a pioneer profiteer, using his strategic position to gouge the traveling public for all the traffic could bear.

Moellhausen, the artist who provided a sketch of Robidoux's post, came in contact with our early trader while on a tour of the west with Prince Paul of Wurttemberg, who, like numerous other young bloods of European royal families, was seeking diversion and adventure in the American wilderness.

Originally Prince Paul's trip of 1851 was planned to include a tour of the Rocky Mountains, but so many difficulties were encountered that the prince decided to turn back at Fort Laramie. On the return trip, Moellhausen was abandoned by Prince Paul along the Big Blue, and spent most of the winter in a lonely camp in what is now Gage County. After a series of adventures, including

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Dear Editor:

I am sending my subscription for *The Voice* in the amount of \$2.00.

I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoy this newspaper and hope that you will continue to publish it for it is really what our city (Lincoln) needs. I really enjoy the TEEN AGE column, the Food column and your editorial page. Of course, the brief social items are interesting for they help to keep me informed of the changes in Lincoln's population.

Keep up the interest in civic affairs for I have found that we, as a whole, lack much in that field, and it is so important in the American way of life.

Sincerely,

MRS. THELMA RUTHERFORD
 Washington, D. C.

encounters with unfriendly Indians, wolf packs and starvation, the unfortunate artist was rescued by a band of friendly Otos and returned to the civilization of the Missouri river settlements.

SLICK TRICKS

To help a toddler keep his footing on a slick floor put adhesive tape on the soles of his shoes.

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