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The committee, which raised

most of the money itself, con-

garding racial differences had not

been answered and insisted on

having the donor's racial identity

indicated on his registration card.

This requirement has now been

Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of

Tuskegee institute, and a member

of the blood committee has fought

consistently to have the designa-

tion removed. He pointed out that

with the abandonment of segrega-

tion of blood and the declaration

that all blood was alike any dif-

ferentiation on a card was stupid.

ber of the board of governors, was

at the session Sunday.

Claude A. Barentt; also a mem-

The matter came to a head last

month when a group at the United

Nations refused to contribute blood

Both, the organization's new president, E. Roland Harriman,

New York financier and railroad

man, Gen. George C. Marshall,

committee and the board of gov-

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Red Cross Tosses Racial Designation of Blood Out

Had Abandoned Segregation Of Blood Sometime Ago

CHICAGO. (ANP). The vexing huge sums in studying the various question of designating the racial aspects of blood. source from which blood contributed to the American National Red Cross for blood banks comes tended that all the questions rehas been laid to rest.

The national board of governors in its annual meeting at the Palmer House Sunday adopted a proposal of the committees operating the blood program that other means be worked out for providing research information without requiring a notation of the donor's race on his medical history card.

The Red Cross long ago issued a statement that all scientific findings showed that human blood whether from Oriental, white or Negro peoples was identical.

Without fanfare, all blood, when collected, was sent to processing plants and classified according to type, presence or absence of Rh factor, the amount of red and white corpuscles, etc., and without racial designation. The organiza- so long as the request for a racial tion held that such designations designation was on the card. were meaningless.

Even in the south, according to Charles H. Kellstadt, chairman of the blood program committee, no executive, and its retiring chairattention is paid to the fact that all blood is lumped together and now secretary of defense, approcessed purely on the basis of proved of the decision of the blood type.

Initially, when the blood program was started some years ago, there was considerable reaction from the white south which asked if Negro blood would be administered to white patients, the Red Cross was flooded with letters of protest. However, in the army wounded soldiers soon learned that any sort of blood which would save their lives was good blood.

Inquiries in various sections of the south by Mr. Kellstadt, who moved recently from Chicago to Atlanta, have indicated that except in rare cases where some person may have a psychological attitude toward blood, the questions are dead.

The current action was to remove from the cards racial designations. These had been kept at the request of the medical policy committee located at Harvard university in Cambridge, Mass. The medical committee, which is closely affiliated with the American Medical association, has spent

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One of the most interesting of Nebraska's early settlers was Moses Stocking, a pioneer resident of Saunders County, and an important sheep raiser. His autobiography, included in the state historical society's first volume of Transactions and Reports (published in 1885), is an important bit of Nebraskana.

The first 23 years of Moses Stocking's life were spent quietly enough on his father's farm in New York state. At the age of 23, though, he "determined to push into the western country and explore it for myself."

Before he finally came to rest in Saunders County, Nebraska, he had wandered all over the West, driven a herd of cattle from the Missouri River to California, had taken part in the Colorado gold rush, tried his hand at overland freighting, and had farmed without much success in Michigan and in Cass County, Nebraska.

For Nebraskans, the most valuable parts of his autobiography are those which deal with his experiences as a pioneer Nebraska farmer. On his Cass County farm, during territorial days, he found the going very tough. He wrote that in 1859, "having lost by fire, flood, and storm the greater portion of three out of five crops," he determined to try to find something else to do. It was then that he engaged in the freighting business, and with a considerable degree of success.

After about five years as a freighter, he returned again to Nebraska. This time he brought with him a flock of sheep all the way from Jackson County, Michigan. He headed for a new location in Saunders County, Here he prospered. His own account tells the story better than anyone else could.

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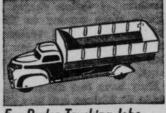
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