

### The Lincoln Urban League

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ment to acquire such skills, experience and attitudes toward work as would aid in job seeking or in entering employment.

6. Cooperate with programs in the community that serve to help people, whether parents, children or workers, to participate intelligently in a program, as well as to make people conscious of the importance every qualified worker makes to the life of the community and the necessity for complete integration of all workers into the total employment picture with provision for decent working conditions and wages adequate to maintain satisfactory living standards.

7. Reach people not touched by normal community channels through a gradual process of building good public and race relationships. This might be accomplished through small discussion groups within the school, church, or business places on problems that arise out of misunderstanding and lack of confidence.

#### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

There are reasons to believe that progress is being made both qualitatively and quantitatively in the industrial area. Several stenographers employed at the University are being given better assignments. Gold & Company has opened all departments to anyone who can qualify for a job. The call for domestic workers such as maids, gardeners, porters etc. continue to come into the office.

Around seventy-five construction workers have migrated into the city from Kansas City, principally, and are getting along fine on the job.

School will soon be out and the younger boys and girls will be anxious to earn money for the summer. This office is attempting to secure jobs for every school boy or girl who are willing to work.

The Elgin watch company employs four Negroes as mechanics. The Personnel Director of the Western Electric Company stated that he is ready to hire anyone who qualifies for a job.

#### HOUSING

The newspaper stories and rumors surrounding the taking over of the Huskerville Air field homes by the Air force, are causing considerable concern in the Negro Community. To say that the housing situation is critical, is putting it mildly—it is tragic.

Its tragic because the price we pay can be easily related to broken homes, illigitimacy, crime and juvenile delinquency.

We are happy to have had the opportunity to find rooms for the many construction workers who have migrated into the city.

The outlook for better housing is on the optimistic side. Mr. Witt of the Witt and Junkett building Co., informed me that he will sell to anyone who meets the qualifications for buying. Already he is trying to find suitable sites for Negroes who are interested in new homes. While this is encouraging news, it is unfortunate that the Government requirements for FHA Loans are so strenuous that only a few Negroes will be able to take advantage of the opportunity.

#### EDUCATION

We are happy to announce that Mr. Eddie Thomas, an undergraduate student of Engineering College, has been tutoring a class for any high school student who was having difficulty in any school subject. Six students availed themselves of this unique opportunity.

A First Aid Class will soon begin for the benefit of anyone who is interested. It is expected that

the Scouts and part of the Urban League Staff will attend.

#### RACE RELATIONS

Our agency is continuously being used by students representing various public schools to report on problems in race relations.

Twenty-five students from Dr. Callen's class at the Wesleyan University, visited the League and was given the history, and purpose of the League by the Secretary. Mr. Weeks also visited with the group and told them some of the highpoints in the Urban League's History.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

With each new group of Construction Workers that come to town, we meet and attempt to orientate them with the peculiarities of the city. They are always anxious to know where everything is—restaurants, dance halls, recreation centers, churches, barbershops, cleaners, etc.

During the month Elliot, Whittier and Lincoln high schools have requested us to meet with them and tell them about the Urban League. Each of the meetings was very inspiring. They also expressed a desire to hold some of their meetings at the League and become more of a part of its program.

Several truck loads of clothes were given to the League by Mr. Naden of the Evans Laundry.

Several weeks ago, while in

conference with Mr. Naden, he offered to help us obtain a television set. The proceeds from the sale of these clothes will go toward the purchase of a television set.

We are also anxious that some of the organizations of the League (Masons, Elks, Guild, Y. M. C. club, etc.) contribute toward the payment on a television set. This is predicated to keep the youth off the street and to have a well rounded program that could even take care of the Tiny Tots. (The Animal Show.) A TELEVISION SET WOULD ENHANCE OUR PROGRAM 65%.

#### FAREWELL AND HAIL!

Mr. Harry Adams, Custodian, and Cecil Whitebear, Boys Worker, are no longer with us. We appreciate the services they rendered.

Mr. S. Bizer is our new custodian. We are quite happy to have him with us.

Mr. Tom Carodine, former mayor of Boys Town, and currently matriculated at the University of Nebraska—and a football star—is our new Boys Worker. We think Tom will be a real asset to our program.

New Year's Day is a legal holiday in all states except Kansas and Massachusetts.

John Adams was the first Harvard graduate to become U.S. president.

### News From Wyoming

Mrs. Sam Owens of Vallejo, California is visiting her husband, Sgt. Samuel Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. KcKinley Benson are the proud parents of a baby boy born May 22nd.

Mrs. H. C. Jefferson was a Denver visitor last week and was guest at the Secundus Club Mothers Day luncheon at the home of Mrs. Virginia Bass. She represented the mother of Mrs. Alfred Keith.

Rev. A. H. Hamilton, pastor of Campbell Chapel, choir and congregation of Denver visited Allen Chapel Sunday afternoon. Dinner was served upon their arrival after which an outstanding service was held.

Presiding Elder H. A. Davis held his third quarterly meeting

at Allen Chapel Sunday. The church was filled to capacity each service and Rev. Davis was at his best.

Rev. Saudy Lyons, pastor of the Baptist church at Casper and his two daughters gave a very interesting program at the Second Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Rev. B. J. Washington is pastor of the local church.

Mrs. H. L. Brigham, and Mrs. H. A. Davis were among the Worshippers of Allen Chapel church Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Hoggans gave a recital recently. It was largely attended and highly complimented.

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