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## Between the Lines

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock for ANP  
There is a Latin epitaph which reads "Requiescat in pace" which being interpreted means, let him rest in peace. Well might this epitaph be written upon the pugilistic grave of the lamented Joe Louis.

Joe Louis had no more business in the ring with Rocky Marciano than this writer had in the ring with Joe Louis. This comeback attempt of Joe Louis has been lamentable from the very beginning.

His millions of admirers have held their breath every time he entered the ring; for they knew that it was just a matter of time, and he would be blasted into pugilistic oblivion. The thing most of us dreaded has happened and now we can bemoan the fate of our fallen idol.

Joe Louis will take with him into his forced retirement the best wishes and gratitude of the millions of his friends who have been thrilled by his prowess of other years.

Joe Louis was hurled from obscurity into fame and fortune. Like all humans he made his mistakes and his errors. One could look at the movies of Joe and his recent fights and could easily see that Joe was a very unhappy man.

He looked aged and tired and seemed but a shadow of his former self. He looked pathetic in spite the comments of sports writers that he was returning to form. Joe was simply pitiful in his comeback attempt and there are those of us who will be glad that it's over now.

The tragedy is that Joe's sun

of glory that shone so resplendently through as many years will now set in the haze and clouds of a tragic memory. If as has been rumored, Joe had to fight to get income tax money, he chose a most unhappy way of meeting his obligations. Better a thousand times to liquidate his holding than to have himself and his fame liquidated in such summary fashion as having the living daylight knocked out of him by one who in former years would never have dared to enter the ring with Joe.

It was bad enough for Joe to get knocked out but worst of all to get knocked about by third raters and to be knocked out by one.

One of the bitterest morsels that Jesus Christ had to swallow was that he was twitted and gainsaid by sinners. So it must have been terrible for Joe to be knocked out by a man who was unworthy to stoop down and unlatch the shoes of the Brown Bomber of years ago.

Well the most that can be said in the premise is that Joe had it coming to him. If a man has not the sense in his head he must have it in his hide, where somebody will most surely find it. Instead of Joe Louis riding the crest of fame and popularity henceforth it must be Joe Louis lying on the ropes of Madison Square Garden.



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent  
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The emigrants who went across Nebraska in covered wagons a century and more ago read guide books and studied maps just as avidly as the tourists who speed across the state today. Such sources of information, however, were by no means as readily available to the early emigrants to today's traveler.

The first complete description of the route to California available to the Forty-niners was a guide book prepared by Joseph E. Ware, and published in St. Louis early in the year of the great gold rush. Ware's book, *The Emigrants' Guide to California*, was based not on personal experience, for the author had not made the journey, but was derived largely from the reports of John C. Fremont, whose explorations did so much to popularize the Paltte Valley route to the West.

Ware gave detailed suggestions regarding provisions needed, the best method of organizing a camp, and the best route to follow. Particularly interesting is the medical advice he dispensed. He urged his readers to avoid large quantities of medicines, assuring them that if they kept clean by frequent bathing they would do more to ward off sickness than by taking quantities of pills.

Bathing, though, was not to be undertaken indiscriminately. The author's instructions on this point are as curious as they are explicit.

"The best time for bathing," he

wrote, "is about 9 or 10 in the morning; you are then stronger than at any other time in the day. Heed not the coldness of the water if it is soft. After leaving the water, instantly commence the most active rubbing, with a coarse towel, until a reaction takes place in the skin; dress rapidly, drink a good draught of pure water, and commence a smart walk until perspiration ensues."

Later, Ware went out over the trail he had described, only to meet a tragic end long before reaching California. He was taken sick east of Fort Laramie, and his companions, instead of providing him the protection he needed, barbarously laid him by the roadside, without food or water, to die. He was found by another party, who took him to their camp and nursed him. He had suffered so much from exposure, though, that in two days he died.

His guide book lived on after him, however. For a number of years Ware's guide continued to be used by the overland emigrants, and generally was recognized as one of the better ones. Then it became so scarce as to be listed as one of the twenty rarest books on California, and finally in 1932 it was reprinted by Princeton University Press with a discriminating introduction by John Walgram will be "Developing Skills for Careers." Consultants from commerce, industry, labor, agriculture, medicine, and other professions will be guests of the schools and the Urban League.

The first career conference was

instituted jointly by the National Urban League and Howard university on the university's campus in 1950.

Purpose of the conference is two-fold: it will give the students first hand, authentic information about job opportunities in a variety of fields and the qualifications they must have to obtain these jobs, and industry will have its eyes opened to the vast reservoir of skills of young Negroes.

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