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**EDITORIALS**

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## Religious Education for Our Youth

Religious training in this mid-twentieth century year, is most vital and significant. Evil forces, hate, prejudice, and intolerance are swirling in many areas. Doubt, uncertainty, and fear are dulling the minds of youth and perverting their souls. The individual, the community and the nation have great need for a reawakening to the eternal truths of life; truths found in the greatest book in history—the Bible.

Religious education needs emphasis today. The religious and political foundations of the free world are menaced by an aggressive police state, and by our own selfishness, intolerance, fear and

ignorance. Through the study of religion, of the life of Christ, and of the application of religious principles to current problems, we may come to a deeper appreciation of the worth and dignity of the individual and to a new determination to strive for the brotherhood of man.

Religious education is the most important thing that the church has to face in these days. Unless we can have an informed membership we can hardly hope to Christianize the world. There is so much new material giving additional information concerning biblical times, that our people need to keep abreast of it all.

Let us work to save our youth.

## Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign To Get Underway February 15

The Committee of 100 Families under the sponsorship of The Voice will launch a **Get-out-the-vote campaign** beginning February 15. During a series of meetings a special committee will point out the many interests of political concern which Lincoln citizens should have. Voters will be urged to become informed and to make an effort to let candidates know their opinions.

The Committee of 100 Families

will be supported by the North-side Council. Members of the special committee are; Harry Peterson, Howard Molden, C. O. Shepard, Clayton Lewis, Rosco W. Ambers, Fred Bradley, Carl Finley, George Randol, Jewell Kelley and James Wadkins.

The first meeting will be held at the Urban League, Friday, February 15, at 8 P.M. The meeting is open to the public.

## New Hospital to Open in Virginia

MARTINSVILLE, Va. —(ANP) — If present plans run according to schedule, the 30-bed Martinsville Community hospital for Negroes will open formerly on Feb. 1. The building is nearing completion, and hospital officials expect that it will be ready for the opening date.

Only the installation of certain equipment was to be completed last week. C. E. Taylor Jr., chairman of the Jeycee Committee handling the finishing of the project, announced last week.

The one-story T-shaped masonry building when completed will cost about \$141,000. A total of \$60,000 was originally spent on the building three years ago. An additional \$31,000 was raised by the Junior Chamber of Com-

merce last year, and \$50,000 was collected during the Martinsville joint hospital campaign held early this year.

Officials reported last week that B. Rudolph Hess had been employed as administrator for the hospital. S. W. Bowles Construction company of Martinsville was contractor for completing the job on a non-profit basis.

Pa: "Well, son, how are your marks?"

Son: "They're under water."

Pa: "What do you mean, under water?"

Son: "Below C level."



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the most important trades on the frontier of Nebraska was that of the blacksmith. Indeed, the blacksmith appeared on the Nebraska scene long before towns were established and settlement begun in Nebraska territory. The early Indian agencies all had blacksmiths assigned to them as a part of the regular agency staff.

Every town in old Nebraska had its blacksmith. These frontier blacksmiths were no ordinary workmen. They were skilled mechanics, able to make new machinery or to repair the most complicated machinery then in use equal ease. Indeed, the early blacksmiths were the fore-runners of the manufacturers of farm machinery who played such an important part in the development of a commercial agriculture on the prairies of Nebraska and other western states.

Four items of manufacture in use on the frontier, and made in the home communities, were wagons, buggies, carriages, and sleighs. The first three, of course, were made for use the year around. The sleigh was made for use during the winter. In many respects, the wagons and other vehicles made at home were considered superior to those made in the east, inasmuch as they were heavier and more substantial.

Two types of workers usually combined to manufacture pioneer vehicles. One was the wood worker, the other was the blacksmith. Many of the blacksmiths, however, combined their talents for working in iron with those for working in wood and on occasion completed the entire vehicle.

One of the early territorial blacksmiths was Lyman Miller who lived at Falls City. He did horse shoeing, plow sharpening, tire setting, and in addition ironed wagons and buggies. Money was scarce in Nebraska during territorial times and Mr. Miller, like many another tradesman or craftsman in old Nebraska, took

## Dr. Bunche to Speak at Dinner

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN trusteeship director, will be the main speaker at this year's annual "Salute to Roosevelt College" dinner to be held Friday, Feb. 29, in the Grand ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton here.

An annual city-wide event, the

dinner pays honor to Roosevelt for the example it has set in providing equal educational opportunities for all races and religions. The dinner also gives financial support to help maintain the school's low tuition policy.

Dr. T. K. Lawless, eminent dermatologist, is chairman of the dinner.

Roosevelt college was organized in 1945 among former members of the faculty of the YMCA college. A controversy developed between faculty members of the YMCA college and the board of trustees.

Source of the disagreement was the desire of some members of the board to limit the number of minorities in attendance at the school. They demanded that the president of the YMCA college submit a list of Negroes and other minorities at the school. This the president refused to do. He then resigned and many members of the faculty went along with him. From this nucleus Roosevelt college was formed.

farm produce in exchange for his blacksmith work.

One of the first wagon makers at Brownville was S. B. Miller who in 1856 was doing an active business. The next year, 1857, the Thompson brothers from Ohio also opened a wagon shop in Brownville. That same year competition appeared in the form of the arrival of Charles Sultzpaugh from Ohio who came in on the Steamer **Moses Greenwood** with a stock of ready made wagons of his own manufacture. In addition to selling the wagons he brought with him he intended to go into the business in Brownville, for he brought tools and machinery necessary for opening an extensive manufacturing establishment.

As might be expected, local newspaper editors were generous in their praise of the local wagon manufacturers and blacksmiths. The editor of the Nebraska Advertiser at Brownville, for example, was fullsome in his praise of a buggy manufactured there in 1860.



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