

# The Voice

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

"Dedicated to the promotion of the cultural, social and spiritual life of a great people."

**Melvin L. Shakespeare**  
 Publisher and Editor

Business Address 2225 S Street Box 2023 2-4085  
 If No Answer Call 5-7505  
 Rubie W. Shakespeare Advertising and Business Manager  
 Dorothy Green Office Secretary  
 Mrs. Joe Green Circulation Manager  
 Member of the Associated Negro Press and Nebraska Press Association  
 Entered as Second Class Matter, June 9, 1947, at the Post Office at Lincoln, Nebraska under the Act of March 3, 1879.  
 1 year subscription \$2.50 Single copy 10c  
 Out of State 1 Year Subscription \$2.50—Single Copy 10c



**EDITORIALS**

The views expressed in these columns are those of the writer and not necessarily a reflection of the policy of The Voice.—Pub.

## Housing Report Released By Mayor

The Council of Social Agencies' housing report, showing a need for a total of 2,100 to 2,500 additional housing units in Lincoln, has been released by Mayor Victor E. Anderson.

The report was completed in February by the agencies for Anderson but the mayor has since withheld it contents.

"It is the belief of welfare agencies," the report stated, from the studies made, that it is clearly evident that there is definitely needed in Lincoln a public housing program for low income people, that will pay for itself over the years in prevention of diseases, delinquency, crime, divorce and other social ills definitely attributed to poor housing that costs the public taxes and voluntary gifts large sums of money annually.

"It is the belief of welfare agencies that we do not need any more studies, we even do not need the one we are filing, for there are plenty of facts more scientifically arrived at to properly and intelligently act upon, if there is a will to do so."

Commenting on the report, Mayor Anderson stated, "We do not have a housing shortage for families that are not semi-relief problems."

"The social agencies have a real problem just as they had 10 years ago. We must be generous in our contributions but realistic in our thinking so we do not confuse the housing problem with relief problems."

**'Confidential Basis'**

Anderson stated he had not made the report public because he wanted to give it further study and give the City Council a chance to study it. Also, he said, further information was desired to better inform the people.

**City-county health department:** Eighty-five homes inadequate of which "35 were cleared to be definitely unfit for human habitation." Three apartment buildings classed as "all terrible places for people to dwell, involving 106 people." Good, low-rental public housing the only feasible solution with rents averaging \$15 to \$25 monthly.

**Police department:** Lincoln "has a serious housing problem because of the growing number of laborers and factory workers, many with seasonal jobs. Their year-round wage earnings are not sufficient to allow for saving to meet down payment requirements, particularly those with children."

**Lancaster County Public Welfare department:** Case workers report 198 cases living in inadequate, unfit housing situations. Housing problem is some cases one of money—in others, families with children cannot find housing regardless of price.

**Lancaster County Relief bureau:** Twelve cases needing housing. Two fire hazards and five excessive rent cases.

**Red Cross:** Twelve families with inadequate housing, not counting an unestimated number of servicemen's families who are compelled to make some arrangement for housing following the man's entrance into the service. One O Street tenement has one bathroom for 20 women and children and another bath for 14 men. Another instance where a family of four lives in two rooms and have a small child with chronic bronchitis due to inadequate heating. Two such families could pay \$45 a month rent if apartments were available at that price where children are accepted.

**Family Service Association:** Of 77 active cases, 16 with inadequate housing. Main problem was reasonable rents with children accounting for another share of the problem. Rental units at \$25 a month needed.

**Veterans Service Center:** Thirty families with serious housing problem. Income a major problem with 64 per cent of families encountering difficulty in getting a place to live because of children in the family.

**Urban League:** Sixty-five poorly and inadequately housed families. There is inadequate housing for Negroes. Negroes are unable to move out of an area bounded by 19th to 22nd and Vine to R. Public housing is the best solution.

Lynnwood Parker, executive secretary of the Urban League



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

When John M. Thayer and Thomas Weston Tipton appeared in Washington as the first United States senators from the new state of Nebraska, they drew lots to determine the length of the terms they would serve. Mr. Thayer drew a four year term, and Mr. Tipton came out with only two. Tipton served longer, however, because while Thayer was defeated when he came up for re-election, he (Tipton) was re-elected in 1869 to a full term of six years.

Thomas Weston Tipton was colorful, vigorous and unpredictable. He was elected to the United States Senate as a Republican. Before the Civil War he had been a Whig, as many had been who became Republicans during the war years. In later life, however, he became a Democrat, and in 1880 was the unsuccessful Democrat candidate for governor. His transition from the Republican to the Democratic party was made through the Independent Republican movement led by Horace Greeley in the Grant era. He voted for Greeley for president in 1872, and by 1876 was supporting

points up a housing situation that has become more and more aggravated for the past six years.

"The report," said Parker, "represents the best effort and thinking of those various agencies which helped in its preparation. Since the City Council now has this report and other similar ones recently prepared, I am hopeful the Council will take some action to relieve the housing situation in Lincoln."

**BEAL'S GROCERY**  
 Fresh Fruits & Vegetables  
 Meats  
 2101 R Tel. 2-6933

**AUTO PARTS MOTOR REBUILDING MOTOR EXCHANGE**  
**BEN'S NEW WAY AUTO PARTS**  
 2018-2024 "O" St. Ph. 2-7039  
 "9 out of 10 your best bet is Ben"

## From the Mailbag

Dear Editor:  
 Before returning to Washington from Nebraska, I wish to take this opportunity to tell you that I deeply appreciate the nomination given me on April 1 by the Republican party. I will do everything in my power to merit a continuance of that fine support. It is my sincere wish that we all work diligently together to

Samuel Tilden, the Democratic candidate.

Senator Tipton was born in Cadiz, O., August 5, 1817, the son of a Methodist minister. He attended the common schools, between periods of farm work, until he was 17 years old, when he entered a "select" school, after which he took four years of college work. Upon graduation from college he spent four years teaching and reading law. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1844.

That same year he campaigned actively for Henry Clay for president, and the following year he was elected to the Ohio legislature. He took the stump for General Zachery Taylor in 1848 and the next year received an appointment in the US General Land Office. He resigned in 1852 to campaign for General Scott.

After a short while he entered the Methodist ministry, but got into trouble with church officials as a result of his outspoken opposition to slavery. He left the Methodist church to become a Congregational minister, and it was as president-elect of the short-lived Brownville College that he came to Nebraska in 1858. He stayed on in Brownville to organize a Congregational society. During the Civil War he served as chaplain of the 1st Nebraska Infantry.

**AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING WRECKER SERVICE**  
 2-4295  
**HARVEY'S GARAGE**  
 2119 O St.

All the items listed here, Latsch's sell \$7.00 at  
 • Ball Point Pens, by Papermate Waterman Eversharp  
 • FINELINE Automatic Pencils  
 • Wearever Tri-Color Pen (Writes in 3 colors)  
**Latsch Brothers**  
 STATIONERS PRINTERS  
 1124 "O" St. 2-6838

elect a full Republican ticket next November. We must keep our party strong here in Nebraska, and we can make a real contribution toward the election of a Republican President.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with you during the coming general elections and am confident that with harmony and hard work, we will have an outstanding Republican victory.

Sincerely,  
**HUGH BUTLER, USS**  
 Nebraska

Dear Editor:  
 Enclosed find a check for \$5 covering one year renewal of your paper. The other \$2.50 is given to you to help promote your worthy cause.

I believe your paper is serving a very worthy purpose in the community for not only your people but also for the rest of us who come in contact with and are kept abreast of your problems, and your progress.

I hope you keep up the good work.  
 Very truly yours,  
**THOMAS H. ADAMS**  
 Attorney at Law

**THE CAMERA Store**  
 1122 N ST. 2-2625  
**Tuxedo Barber Shop**  
 Open evenings for your convenience, 7 p.m. Closed Thursdays.  
 600 N. 20th Street  
 F. D. Bradley, Mgr.

**FREADRICH BROS.**  
 . . . . .  
 Since 1902  
 The Best Place To Trade After All—1316 N Street

**VINE ST. MARKET**  
 GROCERIES & MEATS  
 22nd and Vine  
 2-6583 — 2-6584

**BRIGHAM'S**  
 . . . for cleaning . . .  
 2-3624  
 We give W&F Blue Stamps  
 2246 O St

**CLEANING and SANITATION SUPPLIES**  
 All Types  
 Brooms—Furniture Polishes  
 Mops—Floor Seal and Wax  
 Sweeping Compounds  
 Mopping Equipment  
**Kelso Chemical**  
 117 North 9th St. 2-2434

**Archie Furr**  
 Where Your Furniture Dollar Buys More  
 1532 O Street  
**Shurtleff's Furniture Co.**

**PARRISH MOTOR CO.**  
 The home of clean cars.  
 120 No. 19 St.  
 Since 1871 . . .  
**The First National Bank of Lincoln**  
 Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation