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Non-Discrimination Said Solution For Housing

Non-discrimination and non-segregated housing was named as the most promising answer to the problem of housing for minority groups following a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting, called by State FHA Director Holger Holm, was attended by city officials, builders, bankers, investors, realtors, social workers and others.

Representatives from every group asserted discrimination was not practiced by them.

Investment Presented

From various sources, the capital investment was presented, on paper at least, that would make a start on ending segregation and providing additional living quarters for this city's Negro population.

George Randol, Negro realtor, told the group that with some 10 prospective purchasers of homes waiting with the needed cash in hand for a chance to buy, his only problem was finding dwellings that would sell to Negroes.

Randol also presented pledges amounting to around \$60,000 in money from Negroes which could be made available for home building if the sites and builders were available.

Invest \$2,000

Mayor Victor E. Anderson, besides offering the co-operation of the city in meeting the housing problem, said he would be willing to work on the raising of investment capital and would himself invest \$2,000 in rental housing developments.

It was asserted by Leonard Wenzel, president of the Lincoln Board of Realtors, that there are "plenty of lots available." He specifically cited the 10th and Lake street area as one where Randol could purchase lots today for \$500, including all specials in and paid for.

From another corner of the room, a builder proclaimed no Negro housing plans would ever be turned down. The contractors, he said, are in business for money and not interested in race or color.

The above discussion was summed up by DeHart Hubbard of Cleveland, Negro racial relations advisor for the FHA.

Hubbard, "and by taking these people at their word, we have the lots, financing and builders to do the job. All we need now is a

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Staff Expresses Thanks

The staff of THE VOICE wishes to sincerely thank the advertisers, subscribers, the committee of 100 families and friends whose co-operation has made this edition possible.

THE VOICE has succeeded in making a constructive contribution to the entire community welfare and progress during the past six years and, with support, shall con-



MISS ALETHA EVANS

Nurse Aids In Polio Emergency

Miss Aletha Evans, a registered nurse of Atlanta, Ga., is one of 14 nurses to answer the call by the Red Cross to aid in the polio emergency. Miss Evans, scheduled to spend two months here, has served at the Lincoln General Hospital since September. She received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in June and worked as a private nurse during the summer in North Carolina.

Miss Evans and Mrs. Jessie Dixon, R.N. from New Orleans are sharing facilities at the nurses' home. Mrs. Dixon, a graduate from Hotel Dieu is also here to help in the emergency.

Miss Evans will leave for her home on Monday.

Negro College Honors Rickey

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Bethune-Cookman College will award an honorary doctor of humanities degree Nov. 1 to Branch Rickey Sr., who brought the Negro into major league baseball.

Dr. Richard V. Moore, president of Bethune-Cookman, a Negro college here, said Rickey will receive the degree during ceremonies at the school's homecoming football game.

Rickey was general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers when he employed Jackie Robinson, the first Negro in modern major league baseball.

continue to unselfishly serve in the future for the general good, but never forgetting the interest of the readers.

Just as 1952 is the year of decision for the American people, it is the year of decision for the Shakespeares. We have chosen what we think is best.

We urge you to give the same loyal support that you have given us to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Sawyer.

Rev. Shakespeare Accepts Church in Roswell, N.M.

Voice To Get New Publisher

The Rev. M. L. Shakespeare has accepted a pastorate in Roswell, New Mexico and left Wednesday morning to assume duties there on Nov. 2.

The Rev. Mr. Shakespeare has been associate pastor at Quinn Chapel here for the past two years.

Elbert Sawyer, now of Omaha, has purchased an interest in "The Voice" and will take over its operation. The Shakespeares will retain an interest in the newspaper.

The Lincoln pastor-publisher has been working in and out of Lincoln during 12 years in the Nebraska AME conference. He has served pastorates at Fremont, Nebraska City, Beatrice and Hastings and Elwood, Kan. He has been attending Cotner College here.

He has been active in the Urban League and has served as a member of the League's housing committee. He was chairman of the Nortsides Council on Housing, formed Aug. 10, 1951, to urge low-cost, preferably public, housing.

Mrs. Shakespeare is a life member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Women's Society of Christian Service and was awarded a gold pin and citation for her work on the newspaper. One of her campaigns resulted in the admission of young Negro girls to nurses' training at Bryan Memorial Hospital.

Sawyer, a World War II veteran who served two years with the Air Force in Europe, has been connected with the "Crusader," a Chicago weekly newspaper for Negroes.

The publisher's wife, Maxine, and two children, Sharon, 18, and James, 15 will move to Lincoln from Omaha in the near future.

"The Voice," a member of the Associated Negro Press and the Nebraska Press Association, began its development in 1946.

Rev. Shakespeare will return to Lincoln around December 1st, at which time Mrs. Shakespeare will return to New Mexico with him.

League To Have Halloween Party

Halloween Night, October 31st, will be a big night at the Lincoln Urban League.

Along with free refreshments three films will be shown. One of which will be Robinson Crusoe.

All mothers and fathers are urged to accompany their children to the party. Admission is free.

So plan to spend Halloween at the Urban League, which is an agency of the Community Chest.

Merit System Examination To Be Nov. 22

The Nebraska Merit System announces the next State-wide examinations to be held on November 22, 1952. These examinations will be given to qualify candidates for both professional and clerical positions in the Department of Child Welfare, the State Department of Health, and the Division of Employment Security. For a number of these positions there is not an adequate register of persons who have qualified by examinations. Vacancies in such positions are frequently filled on a provisional basis until an examination can be given. These provisional employees will be examined on November 22, as well as any other candidates interested in positions under the Merit System. November 15 is the closing date for receipt of applications for this examination. The location of examination centers will be determined by such factors as availability of monitors and the convenience of candidates. The majority of persons being examined will be employed in county assistance offices, the several state employment offices, and the local health offices.

Beginning October 29, examinations for all positions will be on a continuous basis. They will be regularly scheduled for each Wednesday in Room 1306, State Capitol, or on other days when requested. Examinations in other centers will be given at such time and place as needed to best serve the candidates and the agencies. Persons interested in taking these examinations should mail applications promptly. Application blanks and detailed information about the positions can be secured in the offices of county assistance, state employment, local health, or the Merit System Office, 1306 State Capitol, Lincoln.

Funeral Services For J. T. Nettles, Native Of Lincoln

Funeral services for James T. Nettles, 70, 643 So. 20th, lifelong resident of Lincoln who died here Monday, was held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hodgman-Splain.

Officiating was Chaplain C. R. Mattison, assisted by the Rev. T. O. McWilliams. Burial was in Soldiers Circle with graveside military services conducted by American Legion Post 3.

Mr. Nettles was a retired cement finisher and a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille; two sons, James Jr., and William, both of Lincoln; four daughters, Mrs. Frank White, in France, Mrs. J. Gillian, Mrs. Henry Whitcomb and Mrs. John Temple, all of Lincoln; a brother, Andrew of Lincoln; and four grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Shakespeare Retain Interest in The Voice

White, Negro Colleges Urged To Co-operate

WASHINGTON—R. G. Gustavson, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, asserted Thursday the white and Negro land grant colleges should work more closely together.

Addressing the conference of presidents of Negro land grant colleges, Gustavson said that whether a Negro inherits a farm which a white man has neglected or a white farmer tries to work land abused by its former Negro owner, each suffers—and the nation suffers.

"We are bound together, among other things, by common use of the land," said Gustavson, who is chairman of a committee of white land grant colleges dealing with relations with the Negro land grant colleges.

Discusses Accrediting

Gustavson also discussed the problems of accrediting colleges, and told how the national conference on accrediting—representing 1,200 colleges and universities—has been whittling down the list of more than 300 accrediting agencies.

"The American Association of University Women is a fine organization, but we see no reason why it should be looked upon as an accrediting organization," Gustavson said.

He added that similarly the council saw no excuse for recognizing Phi Beta Kappa, a scholarship fraternity, as a kind of accrediting body.

Gustavson said organizations such as the American Bar Association and the American Medical Association have helped raise standards and that their status as accrediting organizations is being worked out by regional associations of the colleges.

Gustavson said that while the evil in having too many accrediting organizations is recognized, the council believes in the right of schools to be different and to experiment.

He said it would be fatal to make every institution like every other one.

Gustavson added that the accrediting commission is "just about to accredit" the University of Pittsburgh, which he said has been undergoing a self examination program for a year.



Elbert Sawyer

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