

# Nebraska Homemakers Speak About Prejudice Before YWCA Meeting

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Four American housewives, members of the Panel of Americans, recently spoke at a campus YWCA-sponsored meeting on subjects including inter-racial marriages, segregated living units, housing discrimination laws and fair employment practices.

These four women, with the moderator Mrs. M. M. Fleische, all live in Omaha. Exploring problems of racial differences, these women speak only for themselves and not for their particular religion, ancestry or color.

A Catholic, Mrs. James Dodson's father was a southern Baptist before he changed faiths. Mrs. Dodson said that although she is Catholic, she did not vote for President Kennedy.

The first question asked by the audience was on inter-faith marriages. Mrs. Dodson said that she hopes that her children will marry in the same faith, but she pointed out the problem that she did not want to limit the friendships in youth.

Mrs. Wise said that although she was a Protestant, her son married a Catholic girl. "I had no feeling as a parent, but I am very happy for him and want him to be happy in his new faith," she said. However, I prefer to have my children marry Negro people because society is not ready for inter-racial marriages. There are many problems in marriage without adding another one, she said.

Mrs. Adkins said that she also felt that the best success of a marriage would come if the two had similar backgrounds.

Mrs. Wise said that Omaha is a very prejudiced, dogmatic city in connection with integrated housing districts. Most of the Negroes live in the south part of the city or in the near north, she said.

She explained that when a Negro family buys or builds they must do so in this area, or if they are lucky, they may go just outside the boundary line into the fringe area. However, this fringe area soon becomes part of the totally segregated area.

Mrs. Frohman, who had belonged to a Jewish sorority while in college, said in answer to a question on segregated sororities that she would encourage her daughter not to join a sorority and hopes that she goes to a college that does not have a Greek system.

The panel said the following cities were probably the least segregated in connection with jobs and housing: Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City and cities on the east and west coasts.

She said that her church had taught her truths of life as shown by Christ and provided a set of ideals. The church teaches me that everyone has equal worth in the eyes of God, she said.

Mrs. Warner Frohman, originally from St. Joseph, Mo., is active in Jewish and civic organizations in Omaha. She explained that when she was young her closest friends were not Jewish and that her Jewish friends resented her non-Jewish friends. She went on to say that she was surprised by the high school separation and how she was excluded from the evening social activities. Mrs. Frohman spoke often of the "five o'clock shadow" which prevails in the life of the Jewish young person who lives in an inter-faith atmosphere.

Her husband is a naturalized citizen from Germany and the family does not live in a self-segregated Jewish area. She said that her family does not feel that the segregated area is the only place where they feel easy. She hopes to be able to spare her daughter the pain and suffering of an inter-faith marriage.

Mrs. Aubrey Wise, a Negro said that she lives on an axiom of her great-grandfather's: "be of use to society and extend out to other people."

She said that she was raised in an integrated neighborhood where her best friend was white and that she did not realize that bad feelings existed until she was in sixth grade. My parents taught me that bitterness is an unproductive emotion, she said.

She cited several incidents of discrimination showed against her or her son who attended Creighton University. Her family now lives in a white neighborhood, and Mrs. Wise said that she considers herself lucky because she had parents who taught her early the value of an education.

She also said that she was gratified because her husband has had the rare chance to advance according to his ability and that she can contribute time to civic activities that she feels worthy.

Mrs. Wise also said that she wants this for all Negro women in Omaha. "I also want to be recognized first as myself and a proud second as a race," she said.

Mrs. William Adkins, a Protestant, said that as the child of an army engineer she lived in nearly every section of the United States and Japan. Her parents were divorced and both of them remarried.

A courtship of six weeks before her own marriage proved to her her pet theory that you need not be sure you are like your neighbor in order to be loving, she said.

"I deplore the method of relegating the Negro to a second place position, but you defeat your purpose by having the air of the crusader," she said. Mrs. Adkins is active in organizations which have memberships of people of all races.

She feels that things would be better if people acted as individuals, not as a group. Our children know the way we feel because we live in a relaxed and happy atmosphere and meet all people on the same level. A sense of humor is a good accomplishment to a sense of brotherhood, said Mrs. Adkins.

body, but it must be on the basis of personalities, not about the growth of the Black Muslim movement in Omaha and what the city planned to do about it.

Children should learn early in school that all children are made in the image of God and this will make it harder for them to hate in later life, she said.

Mrs. Fleische agreed with a foreign student that public opinion is the greatest retarding factor in ending discrimination.

The panel was questioned Mrs. Wise explained that the organization was led by a man who has everything to lead the people, but the bad aspects of the movement overshadow the good.

"I shudder at the idea of Black Supremacy and it is so easy to get caught up in the movement because of emotion," she said.

The movement is gathering momentum and in less than five years it will be a problem in Omaha, she said. When there are 30,000 Negroes in Omaha that cannot effectively organize and a handful of Negroes become strongly organized, it is frightening to the Negro person who does not believe in either white or black supremacy.

Mrs. Frohman said that she could see how it attracts the impatient Negro; but we must understand how it could happen and not condone it.

Mrs. Fleische said that if the movement snowballs, she would be scared for herself as a white person, but she added that if she were an impatient Negro she would probably be for it.

# Graduate Student Sheffield Receives \$2000 Fellowship

Leslie Sheffield, graduate student at the University College of Agriculture has been awarded a Chicago Board of Trade fellowship of \$2,000 for work toward a master's degree during the 1963-64 school year. Only one scholarship is awarded in the nation.

Sheffield is currently doing graduate study in agricultural economics with emphasis on grain marketing. The Chicago Board of Trade fellowship is awarded annually to a person

toward a master's degree in grain marketing.

For ten years prior to College in 1961, Sheffield was closely associated with grain marketing organizations in Nebraska and the Midwest. He has served as Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Grain Improvement Association, Chief of the Nebraska Wheat Commission, and Executive Secretary of Great Plains Wheat, Inc., at Garden City, Kan.

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6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
8:00 p.m. After-Church Fellowship Groups Meeting  
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