

WORLD OF BOOKS

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THE INVENTION OF THE NEGRO. By Earl Conrad. New York: Paul S. Eriksson, Inc. 254 pp. \$5.95.

This ninth civil rights book by the author of such widely-known writings as SCOTTSBORO BOY, GULF STREAM NORTH, and THE PREMIER, had its origin in an angry statement made by James Baldwin.

In an appearance on television, Baldwin angrily told a listening audience, "If I am a nigger, you invented me." Conrad's book shows how step-by-step, the "second-class citizen" was invented by the "white world."

From the first church-sanctioned European invasion and kidnappings in Africa to the volcanic civil rights eruptions in places called Selma and Watts, the author traces the philosophic, economic, and political aspects of world history that have led to the continual bitterness and strife between white and non-white.

TROPICAL AFRICA TODAY. By George H. T. Kimble and Ronald Steel. New York: McGraw Hill Book Company. Illustrated. 192 pp. \$3.95.

With the continuing interest that exists in the changes occurring in Africa today, this book is one that can be very informative. Written primarily for children, the simplicity of the carefully detailed accounts is such that facts fairly leap from the pages.

TROPICAL AFRICA TODAY was written by Ronald Steel from material included in the monumental two-volume work TROPICAL AFRICA, written by George H. T. Kimble. This may give other authors of scholarly works the incentive to rewrite or have their books rewritten for the vast audience in elementary and secondary schools.

KUDOS FOR BOYS CLUB

The Boys Club of Clark County located in the West Owens Shopping Center, offers its congratulations to Rufus Lindsey, Joey Bryant, and Gregory Towers for their winning performances in the Boys Club Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot.

As top marksman in his respective age group, each won a turkey for his family.

MORE PRAISE

Last week marked the first time the Las Vegas Boys Club defeated the North Las Vegas Boys Club in a Games Room Tournament--Stop in and see the Boys' plaque, the trophy presented to the Tournament's winning Club.

"Horizons" Program Initiated



The "Grooming Class" of Westside School was honored by a visit from Mrs. Evelena Brown, a nurse at Women's Hospital, November 8, 1966.

A very informative talk was presented on "The Importance of Education Today". It was established that one should remain in school and pursue a career, also that "dropouts" are plentiful and society does not need more. It was pointed out that there is a necessity for preparation to face and contribute to today's space age.

The girls were given pamphlets which contained information on how to become a nurse; and an opportunity to ask questions about a nursing career.

This activity was part of a program designed to overcome the negative images and attitudes students may have of themselves and education. The program has been designed to bring Westside students in contact with individuals who have overcome the odds to establish themselves in the total community. It is hoped these individuals will inspire and serve as models for

the students. A great deal of learning is by imitation and identification. Learning by imitation requires the presence of models, the effect of these models is strongest if they represent significant persons to the learner. The individuals selected will act as resource people and/or guest speakers.

The objectives of the program are to (1) Improve students self-image, (2) develop high ambition and firm self-confidence among students, (3) develop determination to seek and make the most of opportunities, (4) show it can be done--achievement, success, etc., (5) show rewards of hard work, initiative, renunciation of immediate pleasure, long range planning, impulse control, thrift, orderliness, punctuality, and willingness to undergo prolonged preparation.

All are prerequisites for the fuller development of our students. In the future, individuals from the following professions will be used in the program: News Reporter, Air Force, Medical, Professor from University, Lawyer, Enforcement Officer, and Entertainer.

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