

Mrs. Jesse Sandidge

When she became the first Negro president of the Albany Parent-Teacher Association in 1965, Mrs. Jesse Sandidge, who died last week, recognized an opportunity to improve race relations in the city. Those relations have improved, largely through the quiet, untiring, selfless efforts of people such as Mrs. Sandidge.

There is no better forum in which to improve relations between adults of different races, Mrs. Sandidge believed, than the P-TA, which exists primarily for the benefit of children. Children, she reasoned, are not born with prejudices; they acquire them from unthankful adults. From that premise, and proceeding on the belief that children represented the common bond that eventually would lead all of us, black and

white, from the mire of prejudice, Mrs. Sandidge worked diligently toward a more effective P-TA. In a sense, she believed as did the poet Wordsworth that "the child is father of the man."

Mrs. Sandidge's untimely death at 42 is a grievous loss to the community. Towering above all of man's granite and marble monuments to himself are the monumental spiritual memories left to us by people such as Mrs. Sandidge

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