

KUUMBA KORNER

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Lincoln High School principal, Dr. Rochelle, created juice

Part II

Lemon Number 5:

Dr. Rochelle earned his A.B. degree in 1917 and his M.A. degree in 1933, both from Indiana



State Normal. In 1939, he earned a M.S. degree from Indiana University, and in 1942, a Ph.D. degree in education from the University of California-Berkeley. But his salary as a principal at Lincoln High School was \$3,300 compared to \$4,600 - \$4,800 for white principals, who in some cases had fewer credentials.

Lemon Number 6:

Lincoln's very talented ath-

letes were not permitted to play sports with the white schools for many years, yet the white schools claim to this day that they were the best in sports in Indiana.

Dr. Rochelle Made Lemonade:

In spite of the limitations placed upon him and his dedicated teaching and supportive staff, Dr. Rochelle provided leadership to many great events that took place at Lincoln. There was a "Second-to-none" chorale choir, oratorical contests, plays, dances, live dance band, Black History programs, chili supers, banquets to honor sports teams, and clubs such as the National Association of Colored Girls Club, Future Teachers of America, Future Nurses of America, Girl Scouts and

Boys Scouts.

Dr. Rochelle and his teachers instilled in their students pride, dignity, respect for themselves and authority, and an appreciation of education as a key to success. He and his teachers touched the future as they kept hope alive in their students and sent them forth well-equipped not only to survive, but to make a difference in their respective areas of employment as: teachers, business owners, bankers, ministers, funeral directors, lawyers, doctors, politicians, etc.

The caring and love for their students, and for their special calling to guide the future, replaced the loss of wages and peer esteem from the lemons the system gave Dr. Rochelle and his teachers. The rewards are evident even today.