

Mother of Defender



It was in the home of the late Mrs. Henrietta P. Lee that the brain child of Robert Sengstacke Abbott, The Chicago Defender, was born. Twenty-five years ago in the front room of Mrs. Lee's home at 3159 State St. the first copy was ground out for what is now the World's Greatest Weekly. Mr. Abbott, with pad and pencil, was office boy and also editor. It was a one-man force. He filled all the positions in newspaperdom. As the force grew, Mrs. Lee was a "mother" to each of them. Her kindly advice and words of encouragement often caused a cub reporter to resolve to "carry on," and many, today, who occupy prominent niches in the fourth estate owe their successes to the encouragement given them by "Mother" Lee.