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THE NEGRO By Cpl. T. T. Petty

In 1619, there was landed by a Dutch Man O' War, a group of twenty Negroes at John Smith's Colony at Jamestown, Va. Needless to say, these people were forced from their native habitat against their will. This initial group constituted a beginning of one of the most degrading business known to mankind—the slave trade.

The transportation of slaves was so conducted, that only the most hardy of the men and women could possibly survive. The survivors, then, of those long voyages, in addition to the blood infused into their progeny by the whites and Indians, gave to the descendants of those slaves, a heritage which tends to be superior, in physical and mental potentialities, than descendants of our so-called Aryan group.

Since the Civil war and the Emancipation these survivors were cast out into a free world, to survive or die, and those of us that constitute the approximate 15,000,000 Negro Americans today, are ever struggling to attain our place in the United States that we think is due to us, are the recipients of that heritage.

This writer is quite proud to be a member of the largest minority group in these United States, because since 1865, this group has, regardless of the hardships and handicaps confronting them, progressed more rapidly than the Caucasian group did in 3,000 years.

Let us just review some of the past, in a sort of panorama, and see just what we have accomplished.

Benjamin Banneker was our first scientist; he gave to the United States its first clock. till in the scientific field we have the late George Carver, foremost in analytical Chemistry. We could name many, many more but it is not the purpose of this writer to review a complete history, merely to show that this group is quite ready to take its place in the social system of this country. Roscoe Giles and Howard Drew in medicine. William Hastie and William E. King in law; Oscar Depriest, Mitchell, Dawson and Powell in politics. The incomparable voice of Marion Anderson of whom Arturo Toscaninni paid such a tribute, and Paul Robeson on both song and drama.

Our Jesse Owens, Metcalf, Borican, Cornelius Johnson, Dave Allbritton and scores of other dominated track and field for years. Joe Gans, Peter Jackson, Joe Walcott, Jack Johnson, Henry (Hank) Armstrong, John Henry Lewis, and last but not least, our own modest but capable and beloved Joe Louis, acknowledged no peers in pugilism.

The cultural contribution of the Negro to the development of the social system of this country is so vast in scope that volumes have been compiled on the subject by Carter Woodson, Monroe Works, W. E. B. Dubois and others.

In view of these few facts which I have endeavored to point out, who could and can truthfully say that they are tolerant toward the Negro? That we constitute a social problem? Personally, I don't chose to be tolerated, and I do not constitute a social problem; that is, if I read the Constitution of the United States correctly and interpret its meaning.

This would be the finest country in the world for all concerned if the democratic principles as laid down in our Constitution be adhered to.

Let us as individuals remember our heritage, and show the world that we are proud to be Negroes, by doing our bit toward contributing something constructive toward the development of our community, so that we, can feel justly proud on next Negro History Week.

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SYDNEY A. JONES JR.—Whose retirement as attorney for the U. S. Department of Labor in Chicago has just been announced. He is returning to private practice. As a federal attorney, he is credited with handling a number of cases in which precedents of extreme value to labor were established. (ANP).

Janitor Awarded For Suggestion

MEMPHIS—(ANP) — Chester Carter, a civilian janitor at Kennedy General hospital, recently turned in a suggestion to the hospital's suggestion committee which won him a \$10 government award.

Carter's idea was to adopt a small wire punch, 12 inches long, made of stiff wire, to be used for clearing stopped-up sinks and drains. The committee estimated that these wire punches could be furnished for use throughout the hospital and that their use would result in saving the government considerable money.

Col. Albert E. McEvers, commanding officer of Kennedy, presented the award and commended Carter as follows: "Your interest in the government's efforts to conserve time, labor and money are highly commendable and I wish to express my personal appreciation for the suggestion."

Post engineers have agreed to manufacture the device and over 250 already have been furnished. Carter meanwhile is solidifying other ideas.



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Clark College Mourns Death

ATLANTA — (ANP) — Students and faculty members of Clark college which benefitted more than \$1,000,000 from Pfeiffer gifts, last week joined the nation in mourning the death of the philanthropist and benefactor.

President J. P. Brawley, in New York for a series of educational meetings, expressed regrets at the loss of so great a friend to Negro education and so personal a friend to Clark as Mrs. Annie M. Pfeiffer. The text of his tribute to the deceased New Yorker follows:

"Clark college and the cause of Negro education have lost a most valuable Christian friend in the passing of Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer. At the time of her passing, Mrs. Pfeiffer was a member of the Clark board of trustees and had been connected with the college in this capacity for several years. It was through Mrs. Pfeiffer's generous gift of \$400,000 that Henry Pfeiffer dormitory for men and Annie Merner dormitory for women were erected on the Clark campus.

"The college family had come to love and appreciate Mrs. Pfeiffer, not alone because of her philanthropy, but because of her Christian spirit and the faith she had in the integrity of all human beings. Her annual visits to the campus in the spring of each year were looked forward to by students and faculty because she showed such genuine appreciation for the simple kindnesses that were extended her during her visits.

"Mrs. Pfeiffer's gifts to Clark and Bennett college exceeded the total of \$2,000,000. Lasting memorials to her Christian philosophy and the magnificent obsession she had of sharing now stand crystallized in brick and mortar on Clark and Bennett campuses. For countless years in the future she will be remembered, for in the hearts of thousands of Negro youth she has achieved immortality."

Scores Hurt in Memphis Station Yard Wreck

MEMPHIS — (ANP) — The station yard wreck of a Y. & M. C. passenger train here last week resulted in the painful injury of a number of Negro passengers.

Yung Sam W. Qualls Jr., reported that ambulances from his funeral home and others picked up between 15 and 20 injured passengers from the train which ran a switch and collided with a yard engine. Victims picked up suffered injuries ranging from broken legs, knocked-out teeth to injured and sprained backs and minor lacerations. About half the victims were hospitalized following emergency treatment.

Among the listed injured were Samuel Moze, of Wittey, Miss.; Marjorie Williams, of St. Louis; Mrs. Estell Dillard and Mrs. Pearl Morris, of Chicago; J. B. Munson, of Boston; Bessie Mae Stevens, of Rosedale, Miss., and James Hurlley of St. Louis.

According to reports, the mishap might have been more disastrous had the passenger train not been switched to a less dangerous track by an alert flagman who foresaw the impending wreck after noting the track on which the train was traveling. A number of white persons and the engineer and fireman also suffered injuries.

Warns Against Racial Selfishness

ATLANTA — (ANP) — "We won't get a better world, as long as white people think about white people only, or as long as Negroes think of Negroes only. We must think in terms of all," warned Dr. W. H. Giles of the Bureau of Intercultural education of New York City, at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Hungry club last week.



HEADS COUNTY INFANTILE PARALYSIS DRIVE—Dr. Deborah Cannon Partridge, associate professor of education, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., was director of the March of Dimes campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in Macon county.

Dr. Partridge worked through the Alpha Xi Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority which sponsored the drive for the Tuskegee Institute chapter of the national foundation.

The campaign included a benefit movie, dances, letters of appeal to distant as well as local friends.

All of the public schools in the county, churches, the Veterans hospital, Tuskegee Army Air field, Tuskegee, and the Institute community participated.—(ANP Photo.)

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