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RACE CAPITALISTS BUY WHOLE TOWN IN VIRGINIA FROM U. S. EX-GOVERNOR LAUDS BLACK HEROES

BLACK MEN PLUNGE INTO ICY WATERS AND SAVE WHITE FAMILY FROM DROWNING.—NO PUBLICITY GIVEN ACT OF BRAVERY SAYS GOVERNOR.—NO BRASS BANDS

Woodfin and York, White Heroes, Became Famous for Their Acts of Bravery.—Won't Do to Hat or Wrong Race That Can Furnish Such Heroes Like This.

(Ex-Governor M. R. Patterson ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 28.—You can never tell who the heroes in this life may be. They are discovered as occasions arise. Woodfin of Kentucky and York of Tennessee were all unknown to fame, until circumstances gave them the chance to show in what heroic molds they were cast.

Woodfin and York are white, but a dispatch from Aberdeen, Miss., tells of another story of heroism, of brave and unselfish service wrapped up in two black skins. The story goes that a man, his wife and 10-months old baby were in an automobile truck packed with their belongings, which they were moving to a new home, and when they reached the James Creek Canal the driver lost control of the car and it plunged into the icy waters with all on board.

The day it is said, was bitterly cold, with the temperature far below the freezing point, and it seemed that the father, mother and child would all drown and the waters close over them. Without help there was no chance to survive. Two Negroes—Ed Jones and William Drake—happened to be walking down the road and witnessed the accident. Without a moment's hesitation these men plunged into the stream and effected the rescue of the three struggling forms in the water, who were then brought to Aberdeen and given attention. This is all. The account ended here. I don't know what, if anything, was done for the Negroes, or if anybody praised them.

I am sure they have not been decorated for bravery and were not met with brass bands and offers of entertainment. The names of these Negroes will probably never again be in the papers. They did not kill anybody—they saved somebody. No commander ordered them to do what they did, and nobody was there to look on except the helpless trio in the swirling waters.

But God looked down upon what these obscure Negroes did, and Christ was near them when they risked their own lives to save the lives of others. It won't do, my friends, for us to hate or wrong a race that can furnish heroes like this. It won't do not to give it a chance—not to help and encourage it. Ed Jones and William Drake are black only outside—they are all white within. Their act was as fine as any that may be found in any tale which has been told of heroic service. Ed Jones and William Drake have hearts of gold. They are gentlemen by right of what they did. Their titles are clear to respect and honor.

HOTEL NOTES

George Watson, for many years headwaiter at The Athletic Club, Omaha, Neb., passed away suddenly in that city Tuesday, January 23rd.

Sarah, a chamber maid at The Portland for more than thirty years, and who has occupied one room on the 7th floor for twenty-nine years, is very sad of heart. For Sarah had to change rooms a few days ago to make room for guests on the seventh

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Leap Year reception at the Mt. Olivet Baptist church, February 12th. Be sure to attend. Mrs. A. Anderson, hostess.

Stay off March 17th. Swastika Club, O. E. S., will have a card party at Stag Club.—Adv.

FOR SALE—Man's full dress suit, size 37 or 38, in splendid condition, very reasonable. Lady's fur coat, \$10. Call Broadway 5807 for further information.—adv.

THE "NEGRO PROBLEM" DISCUSSED

At a meeting of socialists Tuesday night in the Public Library, Tenth and Yamhill Streets, the "Negro Problem" was the subject for the evening's discussion.

ASTORIAN ENJOYS ADVOCATE

W. A. Erwin, a prominent business man of Astoria, Oregon, was in the city Monday. Mr. Erwin is a subscriber to The Advocate and says he enjoys reading it.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On last Monday, at her home, 411½ Union avenue, Mrs. Ludia Randall entertained a party of young people in honor of Eugene Smith, her nephew's 12th anniversary. He received quite a number of presents.

Wanted—Men or women to take orders for genuine guaranteed hostery for men, women and children; eliminates darning. Salary, \$75 a week full time; \$150 an hour spare time. Cottons, heathers, silks.

INTERNATIONAL STOCKING MILLS

Norristown, Pa.

TACOMA MAN RESENTS GREETING "HELLO RASTUS" WITH KNIFE

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 29.—Theodore (Ted) Faulk, former University of Washington football player and former coach for the Multnomah club football team at Portland, was severely cut about the head last night by William F. Thompson, colored janitor of an office building. The janitor surrendered to the police today and was lodged in jail. He disappeared after the attack. Faulk said that the Negro had attacked him with a large knife after he had greeted him with "Hello, Rastus."

THE NEGRO IN OUR HISTORY

is the title of a book published in June, 1923, by THE ASSOCIATED PUBLISHERS, INC., 1538 Ninth St., Washington, D. C. The author is Carter Godson Woodson, editor of the Journal of Negro History, and can be bought by mail for \$2.15. This book as well as the Journal should be in every colored home. The book contains 20 chapters, 126 illustrations, references for future study, and important documents in the appendix. It has already been adopted as a textbook for schools conducting courses in history and sociology.

THE MACHINIST

(Lincoln News Service)
"Sorry, sir; but upper eight's all that's left," said the Pullman conductor to a two hundred and twenty-five pound gentleman, who looked as though it would be an almost impossible task to climb into an upper berth.
"That's tough, sure 'nough," replied the fat man, as he bit off the business end of his pipestem in exasperating disappointment. "And the worst of it is," he continued, "that if

I hadn't stopped over to speak at a watch meeting, I would have come through on a daylight train. Sowing seeds of kindness hasn't brought its reward as yet; but I guess it'll come along in due season. Anyhow, I'd do the same thing over again," he concluded, as he leaned back in the corner of the smoker and substituted a cigar for the broken pipe.
"Well, it ought to be easy enough to preach at a 'New Year's watch meeting,'" said a fellow passenger of serious countenance, as he removed his heavily rimmed spectacles and butted into the conversation. "A fellow could exhaust himself on resolutions alone, and give his audience plenty to think about. What did you preach about?" he inquired.

"Can't exactly say that I preached about anything," answered the fat man, laughingly. "You see, it was like this," he continued. "I promised Bill Jones, more than six months ago, that I'd speak at one of his community meetings before the year was out. And we've been so busy that I've kept putting it off; and on New Year's Eve I was right up against making my word good. I wanted to make New York before tomorrow, but there was no such thing as disappointing Bill. He's never disappointed me. So here I am, with no lower in sight. Guess I'll sit up a while; something might happen."

"But who's Bill Jones?" asked the inquisitive gentleman. "Is he a preacher, too?"
"No, but he always finds time, after working hours, to do some good work among his own people," replied our good-natured friend.
"But what is Jones' present work?" persisted the questioner.
"Oh, he's foreman in one of our machine shops. Fine, chap. Don't know what I'd do without him. He's been with me over ten years, and he's better and better each year. When he applied to me for work I came near turning him down. It would have been the most foolish thing I ever did in my whole life, if I'd missed getting him; but I came near listening to some of the knockers who told me not to hire a colored man."

"Colored!" gasped the inquisitor. "And you mean to tell me he's foreman in a machine shop?"
"He sure is—and he's some machinist, too," added the fat man, proudly. "In fact, he's an inventor, but he hasn't been able to cash in on that as yet. In his spare time he does community welfare work among the colored labor of our town. Fine labor it is, too. I'm glad I was able to encourage them a bit on New Year's eve. They've always been on the square with me," he added, as the heavy train stopped at a station. The momentary quiet was suddenly disturbed by the voice of a Western Union boy, who had hurriedly boarded the train.

"Telegram for John W. Carson, President of the Carson Automobile Truck Company," shouted the boy, as he glanced in the smoker.
"Right here, please," said our fat friend, quietly, as he nervously opened the telegram, which read: "Government selects Carson trucks over twelve competitors, and orders two hundred fifty. Quick delivery desired. Jones' improvement on truck carburetor final deciding factor."

"Some boy!" shouted Carson, as he read and reread the good news. "And I'll pledge myself that he'll cash in now," he added, full of smiles.

The Dust of the Earth drama, to be staged by Bethel church, February 15th, at the women's club building, is

attracting wide attention and a record breaking crowd is expected.

Hiram W. Johnson for President campaign headquarters, 225 Morgan Building. Phone Main 7312.—Adv.

N. A. A. C. P. SOLVING RACE PROBLEMS, SAYS NOTED ATTORNEY

Harrison B. Freeman, President of the Northern Connecticut Light and Power Co., and Receiver of the Hartford & Springfield Street Railway Co., under appointment from the Superior Court of Connecticut, has become a \$10 member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced today. In his letter enclosing his membership subscription, Mr. Freeman wrote:

"Let me congratulate you on the results obtained in the last year by your Association. The reduction in the number of lynchings and the victory in the Arkansas cases are especially noteworthy. Your association is slowly but surely solving the many problems in the relations between the white people and the colored people in America and I cannot help but feel that you are working along the right lines."

Mr. Freeman, who is rated in Martindale's Law Directory as of "very high" legal ability and moral character, has twice represented the City of Hartford in the Connecticut Legislature and from 1895 to 1904 was Prosecuting Attorney of the City of Hartford.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE WILL RECEIVE HOUSTON MARTYR PETITION FEBRUARY 7

N. A. A. C. P. Announces Petition Has 120,000 Signatures

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—President Coolidge has appointed February 7 as the day on which he will receive a delegation of colored citizens to present the petition with 120,000 signatures, asking for pardon of the 54 members of the 24th Infantry still imprisoned for their annex share in the Houston riot of 1917. The signatures were gathered by the N. A. A. C. P., with the co-operation of colored newspapers, churches, lodges, fraternal bodies and other individuals and groups.

The delegation will be received at the White House at noon on the day appointed.

MRS. J. E. SPINGARN GIVES N. A. A. C. P. \$1000 CHECK TO MEET P. G. PEABODY'S OFFER

Amy E. Spingarn, wife of J. E. Spingarn, treasurer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and member of its Board of Directors, has presented the organization with a check for \$1000 to meet the offer of Philip G. Peabody of Boston. Mr. Peabody offered \$1000 if the N. A. A. C. P. could raise an additional \$900 in a period of 60 days, the final date set being March 10, 1924.

Mrs. Spingarn has for many years been a generous contributor to the work of the N. A. A. C. P.

Zion Church will give a concert in the near future in the Woodlawn theater. Some of the best local talent has been engaged to appear on the program.

TRUXTON, BUILT BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT DURING WAR, IS AWARDED TO HIGHEST BIDDERS WHO PROVE TO BE COLORED BANKERS.—DEAL INVOLVES \$141,000.

One Mile From U. S. Navy Yard.—Built Exclusively for Colored Workers.—Buildings Are Most Modern.—Town to Be Developed and Operated by Race Exclusively

(Special)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—History was made here this week when a group of race financiers headed by W. H. C. Brown, investment banker of Newport News, Va., and Washington, D. C.; Dr. A. J. Strong, treasurer of Metropolitan Bank of Norfolk, Va., one of the race's largest banks; and Dr. Norman Lassiter, prominent dentist and capitalist of Newport News, Va., from the Tidewater section of Virginia, purchased through sealed bids, the entire town of Truxton, Va. While the exact amount paid for this town could not be learned, it was hinted that the price was around \$141,000.

Truxton was owned by the U. S. Government and was operated through the U. S. Housing Corporation. It was built by the Government during the war to house the colored workers at the navy yard at Portsmouth, Va.

The government in line with its policy of getting rid of its war-time activities ordered the town for sale. Sealed bids were received at the office of the Housing Corporation here Wednesday, January 2. A number of bidders (mostly white) from Norfolk, Portsmouth and the Tidewater section presented their bids. At the time of opening the bids it was found that the only Race bidders had topped the list, much to the surprise of the white bidders who did not entertain the slightest idea that Negroes had enough money (especially since it was a cash proposition) to outbid them.

When the bidders assembled Wednesday afternoon to hear the report, the Housing Corporation Committee announced that Race men had been awarded the property as the highest bidders.

Truxton, Va., was built by the government exclusively for Negro workers. It is located just over the city line of Portsmouth, Va., within one mile of the U. S. navy yard. It is served by the Portsmouth electric line; railroad facilities are furnished by a belt road that connects with all the trunk lines entering Portsmouth and Norfolk.

The town is composed of 253 houses, all modern; each house consists of five rooms, bath, hot water, electric lights and street sewers. Besides the above, each house has a large front yard for flowers and a back yard for a garden.

In addition to the 253 houses already constructed, there are 70 va-

cant lots. The streets are wide and improved with hard gravel. In the middle of the streets are planted flowers and shrubbery.

A modern 10-room brick school building is also owned by the town. This school building is equipped to meet all community needs, having a spacious auditorium for concerts, picture shows and dances. The school rooms are of the most modern type known. Truxton is one of the most beautiful spots in the Tidewater section. The town cost the government over \$1,000,000 to build.

Of the 253 houses there, 143 have been sold and are now occupied by colored citizens. The syndicate which now takes over these equities and properties will at once reduce the government purchase price 25 per cent to house home buyers. All of the 105 unsold houses will immediately be placed on the market on the basis of the generous reductions. The payment on these houses will not exceed one per cent a month. They have also arranged, at a cost of about \$10,000, to paint all the houses constituting the town.

It was authoritatively announced here that the new owners plan to develop a regular town and give the race an opportunity to govern itself. While Negro towns are not a new experiment the progress of Truxton will be watched with interest.

TACOMA NOTES

Mr. S. Johnson, 1807 South L street, is improving and expects to be out again in a few days.

Mrs. Fred U. Harris is still confined at home, but is improving.

Mr. W. Outten is feeling much better than at the last notice.

Rev. W. D. Carter, D.D., is still assisting Rev. A. L. Bird in the revival meetings and the success has been inestimable.

The Lily of the West Temple, No. 180, is repeating the minstrel show on February 13th. We hope them much success.

The I. B. P. O. E. of W. is contemplating purchasing a home soon. We hope that all Elks will boost.

There will be baptizing at the Bethel church on Friday evening, February 1st. There is quite a number of candidates.

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