

# Thoughts for Thousand Sermons

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## FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP

Another great failure in our present leadership is the fact that the high destiny of the Negro by most of them is not recognized or understood. A great race will recognize no leader who does not see and therefore cannot point out the highway by which it may reach its place in God's plan of the ages. If the Negro is a great coming race it were well that its leadership were informing itself as to its past history, for the past will point the way to the future. We make the contention that the average leader is very un-informed and that this is the main reason of their failure.

In proof that we are not recognizing the commanding position that God designs that we occupy in world affairs, let us cite this illustration. One of the editors of the Negro Press was stationed for a year upon one of the great western highways, along which came every type of humanity. Occupying a commanding position among whites with no Negroes in the community and finding no church there, that innate spiritual nature of the Negro began suffering, suffocating and in this situation this editor learned something of the real mission of the Negro to the world.

Down this great trans-continental highway came every type of humanity and men of every race. Air-men, world hikers and sailors, soldiers, marines, foresters, college boys and girls, the rich and the poor, the ruined and disconsolate, all poured through this place of business. Then the great power of the Negro, his great mission began to manifest itself. Shut away from the church, this reclusive began to preach, to bind up broken hearts, to direct the ruined and unbelieving and to the astonishment of our member of staff, every type listened with reverence and apparent awakening to light.

The Negro is the greatest preacher in the world, this is his mission. We have only given this illustration to clinch the argument that this old world tottering to disintegration, needs the re-lighting of the "torch" through the enlightened spirituality of modern Negroes. What need of the claim that we were great in distant ages, that we gave civilization to the world unless we PROVE IT NOW and we can in art and literature, and music and LIVING prove it true again. Civilization is tottering, problems face the world that seem a world conglomeration because other races cannot solve them. To the trenches black heroes!

The call of the Negro Press is that the Negro author, playwright, musician, poet and author stop writing for Negroes and plunge up the mountains

to his God ordained destiny of again lighting the "torch of truth" for all nations and races, for truth is falling all around us, the pillars of the church are being undermined, music, art, and literature are polluted with the dark stream of sensuality and their is no hope for the world unless Ethiopia stretches forth her hands to God as she in ancient ages was the creator of all original in art, so from her must spring the new light of today. Creative power lies un-awakened because leadership does not sound the call.

We are black Americans and we can prove our love and patriotism for our native land by dedicating ourselves alone to high ideals in music. Not the music that sets men's feet tripping and rouses lower lusts but back to the sublime promise of "Massa in the Cold Cold Ground." In literature that we shall not spread the poison of race consciousness in resentment but that we shall in literature and the drama show the wonderful heart of the Negro to love. Let us teach the young Negro, that he who develops LOVE shall be loved by other races and he that develops hate shall reap HATE.

## NEW MOVIE PICTURE OF SOUTH SEAS HAS 3,000 FIJI ISLANDERS

Pago Pago, Fiji Is., Aug. 12.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—In another one of those picturesque South Sea Island pictures similar to Universal's "The Adorable Savage," produced several years ago and in which Noble Johnson was featured as a Hawaiian in support of Edith Roberts, Norman Dawn is featured Miss Roberts in "The Adorable Outcast" produced by the Australian Film Co., Ltd. The cast includes Edmund Burns, lead, Walter Long, heavy, Eddie Burns, the hero, and Arthur McLaglen, Victor's brother is playing the part of a cannibal king.

Three Thousand Native Extras. Describing her experiences Miss Roberts writes: "We have been staying on the island of Ban (meaning evil) where the Ratu Popi (ratu meaning king) holds forth. We were his guests for two weeks, living in tents and burries (meaning Fiji houses). The ratu's word is law among his people. When in his presence they crouch before him like dogs with their master.

"The Fijians seem to be a kindly people, although they are formidable looking.

## "THAT LITTLE GAME" — A Stupid Bird



## WOMAN BANKER, EDITOR, EXECUTIVE, HEADS NEGRO BANK

Richmond, Va., Aug. 4.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—Negro women of today are doing things. The approaching 60th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Independent Order of St. Luke, which is to be held here August 15-18, aside from being an appreciation of that famous organization's accomplishments is equally a tribute to the remarkable career of its head and guiding genius, a woman, Maggie L. Walker.

Mrs. Walker is executive secretary of the Independent Order of St. Luke, a member of the Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P., vice-president of the National Association of Colored women's clubs, a trustee of the Frederick Douglass Home at Anacostin, D. C., founder and president of the council of Colored women of Richmond, owning its own \$20,000 home. She is the founder and has been managing editor of the St. Luke Herald since 1902. She founded what is the oldest Negro bank in the country, the Saint Luke Bank and Trust Co., and has been its president since its birth in 1903. For a long time she was the only woman bank president in the country. Surely that is a record for usefulness and service that any American, black or white, man or woman, might aspire to.

The Order of St. Luke was founded in Baltimore in 1867. In the thirty-seven years which Mrs. Walker has been at the helm of this great lodge, she has seen it grow from 3408 members to more than 100,000, scattered over a number of states; to the ownership of a building valued at \$100,000, to the development of a surplus fund of \$70,000, to the enrollment of 15,000 children in thrift and health clubs, to the use of 55 clerks who operate the home office and 145 field workers.

Not only colored people but whites as well express their appreciation of Maggie L. Walker's contribution to the life of her people, her city and her country. Governor Lee Trinkle, speaking at a mass meeting at the city auditorium on education said: "If the state of Virginia had done no more in fifty years with the funds spent on the education of negroes than educate Mrs. Walker, the state would have been amply repaid.

Richmond is expecting to make of the 60th anniversary of St. Luke's a gala week. Virginians and members from every section of the country are planning to return home for the event. Old time Virginia hospitality awaits them.

## NEGRO JUMPS OUT WINDOW TO FREEDOM

San Fernando, Calif., Aug. 12.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—Police are searching for James Osby, 25, colored, who through a clever ruse escaped while being brought to Los Angeles from San Francisco to answer felony charges. Heavily manacled in leg irons and an "Oregon boot," Osby requested Detective Lieutenant Farstave to remove the irons when he was taken into the dining car for breakfast.

As the train rolled into San Fernando, it was reported, the prisoner leaped through a glass window from the moving train and fled across nearby lumber yards before the detective could get off the train.

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## Los Angeles Social Circle

(By Emma Lue Sayers)

(Pacific Coast News Bureau)

August is the popular month of picnics and various organizations are vying with each other for dates. The Union Methodist picnic is today (Thursday) at Rose Hill Park and several thousand are attending; the Kansas picnic, which is usually looked forward to with keen anticipation, will be held at Brookside park, Sunday, August 14th. The Kansans know how to make folks happy. On the same day St. Phillips Building Fund committee are holding their annual picnic at Rose Hill. The committee informs me that they will have real southern barbecue, barrels of red lemonade and everything good.

Mrs. Cassil Alexander's card party Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Nellie Smallwood honoring Mrs. Irene Garrett of Kansas City and Mrs. Marjorie Abbott of Tuskegee was lovely. Mrs. Garrett carried away the first prize; the second was won by Mrs. Pearl Hardwick and the booty went to Mrs. Corinne Smith. Out of town guests included Mrs. DeClaybrook and Mrs. Ada Edwards of San Francisco; Mrs. Edna Edwards of San Antonio and Mrs. Laura Thomas of Cincinnati.

Mr. James B. Lowe and his manager, Jimmie Smith, attended the American Legion convention in Santa Barbara and are visiting for a few days in San Francisco and Oakland where both are well acquainted.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hill have returned to the city from Yosemite valley and John's Forest. Mrs. Hill is the well-known president of the Phys-Art-Lit-Mo club and is taking a much needed rest while the club is closed for the summer.

Mrs. James de Priest Alston of Council Bluffs, Ia., was entertained with a lovely luncheon at the La Republican Tea room by Mrs. Camille Fitzgiles. Covers were placed for the guest of honor, Mrs. E. Birdie Smith, Mrs. Mae Hobson, Mrs. Ethel Jones and the hostess. After the luncheon Mrs. Fitzgiles took her guests to the Criterion theater.

Last Saturday night the Business Girls' club of the Y. W. C. A. surprised their secretary, Mrs. Zella M. Taylor with a miscellaneous shower at her newly built home on East 115th street. About thirty were present and the evening was spent in dancing.

Mrs. Anna E. Guess entertained the young soprano, Miss Robin Stokes; her twelve-year-old accompanist, Miss Helen Dundee; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dundee, with a dinner party at Christian's tavern. She was assisted by Miss Harriet Jones. Other guests were: Mrs. H. King, Miss Emma Lue Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor, Little Miss Beulah Terry, Mr. Henry Strickland, Mr. Welch Cockrell, Mr. J. A. Carrothers. The Dundees and Miss Stokes are leaving for home in Spokane, Wash., Saturday morning by automobile.

Now that "Out of the Past" is over Mrs. Lillian J. Craw and her handsome young son, Floyd C. Covington, are just as busy filling social engagements and find themselves dated up both day and night. Friday evening the A. B. O. U. club are entertaining 50 guests with a banquet in their honor; Saturday afternoon Mrs. Elmer C. Bartlett will pour tea and receive two hundred or more for them. Mr. Roy Shealey will give a supper party next week and Mrs. W. H. Terry will take the distinguished visitors and two dozen friends to the park for a day's outing and an old-fashioned spread.

Mr. Geo. S. Grant, realty broker and secretary-treasurer of the local Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is recuperating from a recent illness and has gone to the cool territory of

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"By's just wonderful, Penny," Neil confided. "He knows the most things to do, and tricks and everything. Some day he's going to have a side show for fairs. Tonight after work he'll tell you all about it."

"And maybe By'd let you perform in his show when he gets it," Lucy added, as Penny pricked up his ears in interest. "And if you'd do that, Penny, then we'd have lots and lots of candy and lemonade."

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