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"Much Ado About Nothing"

By Mrs. E. D. Cannady

A great furore has been created over an incident which in our mind should have received only a cursory mention. We refer to the inclusion of Mrs. Oscar DePriest at one of a series of White House teas by Mrs. Herbert Hoover.

Mrs. Hoover merely followed a social custom, an official and routine affair that had been set and has been adhered to for many years.

It seems to us that Mrs. Hoover had no alternative. Had she excluded Mrs. DePriest's name from the list solely on the ground of color, she certainly would have deserved censure. What she really did, in our estimation, doesn't deserve any more special praise than it deserves censure. But the action of the protesters merely goes to show what narrow provincial circles their minds occupy.

Ordinarily, Mrs. Hoover may not care for Mrs. DePriest as a social friend, and Mrs. DePriest may not care for Mrs. Hoover's company—but, Mrs. DePriest, like Mrs. Hoover, simply acted like intelligent, well-bred individuals anywhere act.

Oh, the silly, senselessness of it all. . . all this about black and white! Have we not the sense of beauty, artistry and harmony so developed that we can see in the diversity of outward beauty of mankind? To those of us who have passed through the "Valley" on up into the mountains, it seems perfectly silly that there should be so much ado about nothing.

The incident, seems to us, merely an incident in our approach to a more normal state of society. If it were Mrs. Hoover's and Mrs. DePriest's first venture in things interracial, we can only say "they don't know what they've been missing all these years" not to have taken the step long ago.

Hoover Makes Appointment

President Hoover has appointed Robert H. Lucas Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C. This appointment is the first major appointment given to our Group by the President.

It is encouraging to say the least, when heretofore, this place has been held for a number of years by a Southern white man who was removed by President Hoover—which goes to show that Mr. Hoover is not catering to the Lily-White Republicans and the Southern race hating Democrats as has been reported.

It's all right for some people to talk about preserving racial purity after they have "messed" the races all up!

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON For the County of Multnomah

FRANCES TURNER, Plaintiff vs. RAYMOND GORHAM, Defendant (No. 145571) SUMMONS

To Raymond Gorham, the Above Named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the expiration of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons, to wit: on or before July 22, 1929, and if you fail to so appear and answer, plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the above entitled Court for judgment against you for the sum of Eleven Dollars and Twenty-Cents (\$11.20) and for costs and disbursements incurred in this action.

This Summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of the Honorable J. Hunt Hendrickson, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered upon the 21st day of June, A.D. 1929, directing that said publication be made in The Advocate not less than once each week for four consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication thereof.

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"Racial Integrity"

All this noise being made by some Southern white men about preserving "racial integrity" would be funny if it were not for the fact that they seemingly are taking themselves seriously.

Just who is to blame for the admixture of the two races in this country? Who is to blame for the millions of mulattoes that have come out of the heart of the south where every law, even to the graveyard, prohibits the intermingling of races? Who is it in the south that maintains two families even today in some places, one by a white wife and the other by a Colored—who is it? It's a safe bet that it is not the Negro man.

Then why all this noise about racial purity, etc? Let those who are making it clean out their own lives before finding fault with his brother.

Biblically speaking, "He that is without fault, let him cast the first stone."

Perhaps we do not know just what they mean about "preserving racial integrity." They may not mean at all just what we have in mind they mean. To judge by the actions of some of them, we take it that it is all right for them to intermingle as much as they please clandestinely and in the night time but it is all wrong when intelligent people of the two races drink and chat over a cup of tea in the day time. Lord have mercy on the souls of the "racial integrity preservers!"

Speaking of social equality, we are reminded that Mrs. DePriest would more likely be the social equal of the first lady of the land than some of those Mississippi gentlemen's wives, if one is to judge their choice of a help-mate by the same measure of intelligence they have shown in regard to the recent White House episode.

Negroes and Newspapers

In Houston, Texas, the brilliant legal authorities have a city ordinance prohibiting Negroes from selling newspapers on Main Street, and also another forbidding the Negroes to sell papers to whites. It seems to us here is at least a little work for the Houston Interracial Commission to do.

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Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30 p.m. "Heroes for Christ" will be the subject of the weekly lesson, and a very interesting meeting is planned. The president urges all members and friends to be present as this will be the final meeting of the Endeavor Society until after the summer vacation.

Mrs. Ada McGill claimed the honor last Sunday morning of taking an offering for Baby Ida Lightfoot Lovell, who was born Friday June 21. She wishes to thank everyone of the many friends who have made such wonderful preparations for her coming and stay. She and Mrs. Lovell are doing nicely at St. Vincent's Hospital and will be home early in July.

The Strawberry Social by the Vigilantes club Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams was a huge success.

Prayer Meeting was well attended Wednesday night. A very spiritual meeting resulted.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

Rev. D. G. Hill, Jr., Pastor Miss Louise Randolph, Reporter

American Legion to Participate in Next Sunday's Service

Lt. Col. T. Walter Gillard, formerly of the 1st U. S. Infantry (13th Div.) will deliver the Independence Day address at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Larabee and McMillen Sts., Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The Drum and Bugle corp of Post No. 1 American Legion will play at the church. Mrs. Jesse Coles Grayson will sing. The program is in charge of Mr. Wilbur Mercier, formerly First Sgt. in the 389th U. S. Infantry. All ex-service men are invited to attend. The mortgage drive for the church will close at this time.

MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

By Edgar Williams Jonathan Lyle Caston, Pastor, 335 Wygant St.—Phone Walnut 1133.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday: 9:30 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 7:45 p. m., Evening Service.

Monday: 8 p. m., Brotherhood Meets.

Tuesday: 8 p. m., Choir Rehearsal.

Wednesday: 8 p. m., Midweek Prayer Service.

Thursday (Second and Fourth): Missionary Circle, 4 p. m.

Friday (First and Third): Literary Society, time and place announced.

Services Sunday morning were largely attended by persons who wanted to hear Dr. Caston's last message before his departure for Cleveland, O., to the N.A.A.C.P. convention. He left the congregation with a very inspiring message.

Evening services were led by C. E. Ivey who continued the young people's lesson into the regular evening program. Special musical numbers were rendered by the choir.

Next Sunday will be observed as missionary day. Program under the direction of the senior and junior missionary societies.

In carrying out the plan of the race conference, there will be an exchange of services between Mt. Olivet and A.M.E. Zion Church during July.

On the third Sunday in July, Mt. Olivet choir will give a special musical program.

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MINISTER AIDS CHURCH

Reports from Minot, N. D., tell in glowing terms of the recent visit there of Dr. J. W. Anderson of Portland, regional secretary of the National Baptist Convention. Several sermons that he delivered included one for the Masonic Order. This was followed by a large banquet honoring Dr. Anderson. Other social courtesies included a dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Tupkner, the proprietors of the Third St. Grocery Co.; dinner at the Butler Chicken Inn. His special business at Minot was in the interest of the Second Baptist Church. For more than three years the members had been trying to get possession of their property, but it was not effected until Rev. Anderson's visit there, when it is said, he was instrumental in having the property restored to its rightful owners.

He will make an official visit to First Baptist Church at Vernonia, Sunday. Dr. Langston is the pastor there. He will leave July Fourth for Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota. Dr. Anderson said that some of the biggest hearted people—white and colored—live in Minot, S. D.

Minister Studies

at Oxford

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. Willis J. King, professor of Old Testament history at Gammon Theological Seminary, has been granted a six months' leave of absence by the board of trustees of the local institution for study and research at Oxford University, England. The research study has been made possible by the scholarship grant of the Rosenwald Fund, Dr. King being the first Negro to receive scholarship for study in Old Testament history. According to announcement, he will confine his work largely to the field of Old Testament prophets.

College, Marshall, Texas, with an A.B. degree; from Boston University with M.A. and Ph.D., before taking up the professorship at the local institution.

Philadelphia Negro Boy Scouts Hand In Charters Following Jim-Crowism At Camps

Philadelphia, June 27—(CNS)—Twelve Negro Boy Scout groups here withdrew from the Boy Scout organizations and handed in their charters in protest against the practice of discriminating against them in Boy Scout Camps.

Mrs. Sallie Gatewood of Columbia, Mo., and travelling companion of Mrs. Cora Roberts arrived here also on the 21st and is visiting her brother, Nimrod Jackson and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and friends are planning social courtesies in her honor.

The Culture Club of which Mrs. L. V. Crosswhite is president, will discontinue its activities during the summer vacation.

The Kenwana Bride Club met Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Flowers, hosts. Election of officers and refreshments were the diversions.

Mrs. L. H. Lighter of Denver Colo., spent Wednesday in the city as the guest of her brother, Howard Troutman and his family. She left Thursday for Seattle to visit another brother. On her return she will visit relatives and friends in Portland.

Mrs. Marion Walker has returned to Portland after a visit with her mother and daughter in Seattle.

Mrs. Ruben Sullivan has been elected as one of the faculty members of the Dallas, Texas, public school system. Mrs. Sullivan formerly lived here in Portland. Bzui

SOCIAL EVENTS POLLYANN



YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERTAIN ELDERS

Wow! It's the talk of the town! What? Why, the Intermediate party given in honor of their parents Thursday evening, June 20, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Caston, 335 Wygant Street.

The house was beautifully decorated with the class colors, old gold and blue. Many bouquets of roses and carnations were placed about the rooms.

Miss Lena Hillsman opened the program with striking piano number. Masonia Scott gave a reading entitled "Mother", and Ruth Scott sang.

Others who took part in the program were Miss Bae Arlery, in a monologue, "Women Who Rule the World" Mildred Ivey, Julia May Blaichard and Estelle Patterson.

The boys did not fall short on their end of the entertainment. Ivan Cannady proved to be a second Caruso while Charles Duke played a piano number.

Greeting to the parents on behalf of the young people was given by Geraldine Williams, president of the B. Y. P. U. She earnestly urged cooperation between the parents of the young people and she praised Mrs. V. C. Caston, the department superintendent in charge of the B. Y. P. U.

Other contributors to the success of the party were Bernice Buford, Caroline Carter, Rosedell Smith and Mrs. Pearl Mitchell.

A number of the parents present responded to the tribute offered by the young people through short speeches of appreciation.

Cartherine Fair was the mistress of ceremonies and she received much praise for the manner in which she handled the entertainment.

Rev. Caston spoke very inspiringly on "The Future Negro and His Opportunities", and urged all to attend firm in the belief that he may be trained for service in citizenship and service tomorrow.

Mrs. and Mr. I. L. Davison have taken rooms at 417 Williams Avenue with Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Lovell and have leased their home for the summer.

Sgt. A. J. Franklin and Stanley his son, spent several days at Winlock, Wash., visiting friends.

Mrs. J. T. Allen, of Oakland, Cal., formerly of this city is visiting Mrs. G. W. KKenny, 294 Fargo.

Mrs. Ida Sweich, 1037 Division, has as her guest a time-honored friend, Mrs. Cora Roberts of Columbia, Mo. Mrs. Roberts arrived Friday the 21st and will remain until August 1. Several social affairs are being arranged in her honor.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Frazier of Seattle were Rose City visitors over the past week-end, stopped at the Golden West Hotel and were six o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Reed of 303 Cherry Street.

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