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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Just six more days to Christmas. There are as many ways employed to do this as there are people. No two plan exactly alike nor have exactly the same thoughts while making preparation for the greatest of festive days. However, it is our belief that the most important thing about it all is the spirit to MAKE OTHERS HAPPY and that is the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

THEIR NEW PASTOR

While The Advocate was not apprised of the coming of their new pastor to the Mount Olivet Baptist church yet it joins with the rest of Portland in extending to him and his good wife a hearty welcome.

It is not our policy "to eat people up" when they first come to the city. It is also not our policy to kick them down when their so-called friends give them the "big go-by". We try to treat every one just as we would like to be treated if similarly situated.

THE BALTIMORE TRIBUNE

The Advocate acknowledges with keen appreciation Number one of Volume one of the Baltimore Tribune, a neat, newsy, well edited newspaper which is one of a chain put out by the Washington Tribune at Washington, D. C.

THE NON-PARTIZAN CONFAB

Beginning in this issue and concluding in the next, we are publishing in full the "Findings" of the DePriest Non-Partizan Conference which convened in the early part of this month in Washington, D. C.

This conference is of great significance for many reasons. Perhaps the principal one is that it is the first time in history that such a conference has been called and the first time a National Negro party has been formed, although much has been said and written about the formation of such a party.

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There will, on doubt, spring up opposition to the party from the younger Negro whose attitude on things political seemed not to be represented at the conference. They will no doubt take exception to the note of tranquility and suggested further patience with existing conditions as they affect the Negro. However, unless these younger politicians have a better program to offer, we are of the opinion they had better endorse the one of the Non-Partizan Conference.

"ANOTHER COMMISSION"

The Chicago Whip published in the City of Chicago, of December 5th, under the heading "Under the Lash of the Whip" on its editorial page carried the following editorial: "This week in Washington President Hoover's all colored housing commission is in session at the nation's capital, earnestly considering the housing needs of the colored people in America at the expense of the government. While this commission will find out what everybody knows already, that housing conditions among us are in need of improvement, the commission will probably not out-line the method by which the colored man is to pay his rent after he gets the new housing, or the improved housing conditions. The Wickersham Commission spent a half million dollars to discover that prohibition was a failure and the report of this all colored housing commission will not have to make a great report to eclipse the effort of the half million dollar prohibition commission. If the president had devoted this effort to the finding of jobs for unemployed men throughout the country many of the efforts of the housing commission would not have had to be expended.

AND— The Northwest Enterprise of Dec. 10, as its leading editorial under the caption "Another Commission" prints the identical editorial without a credit line. We wonder if the N. W. E. and the C. W. have one and the same editor?

UNCLE JAGGERS

(Reprinted from the Pine Herald East of Halfway, Oregon) "Uncle Jagers" aged and crippled Negro, who passed away recently at Columbus, S. C. preached 19,000 sermons during his lifetime from one text: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Had he lived long enough he might have preached as many more on the same subject and not have exhausted it as it contains the whole gospel in a nut shell. Men of means and position, both white and black, took off their hats to Uncle Jagers and gladly gave him funds to maintain a crude old folks home for indigent darkies, but the real monument to his memory will be the fact that thousands of people, will never think of him without remembering his admonition to "Have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus."

THE HIRED GIRL BILL

We customarily speak of the monthly statements from the electric company as the "light bill". However, when it comes to electricity on the farm, this is a misnomer, according to a group of Kansas farm wives who say that a more suitable name would

be the "hired-girl bill". A representative of the Kansas Farmer recently made a tour of farm homes in that state where electric service has been enjoyed for some time, in order to discover how extensively it is used. She expected to find electrically lighted homes and barns and some electrically operated machinery, such as milk coolers and milk separators. She was, however, surprised by the large number of other labor-saving appliances in use. All the women she interviewed were enthusiastic about accomplishing their housework as quickly and as efficiently as possible. To do this, they employed electric irons, electric ranges, electric refrigerators, sweepers, washing machines—all the appliances found in modern urban homes. All the women interviewed remembered with distaste the days of kerosene lamps, washboards and wood stoves—the days of hard labor.

No development of recent times has greater social significance than the extension of efficient and reasonably priced electric service to farms. This is being done, in many states, as fast as problems of construction cost can be solved. Each time another farm is connected to a power line, the status of agriculture improves.

From A. and I. News by E. Hofer & Sons.

WHITE PRESS

(From the Courier-Post, Camden, N.J. November 26th)

HAITI: THE MOTE IN OUR OWN EYE

If Manchuria is a mote in Japan's eye, Haiti is no less a beam in our own.

Walter White makes that statement in today's Mail Bag. He is secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. His point is well taken.

He might have gone further, however, and shown the striking contrast between the excuses by Japan and those advanced by the United States.

Japan has \$1,973,000,000 invested in Manchuria railroads. Its raw material are essential to Japanese industry. A friendly regime in Manchuria is necessary to Japanese security.

Japan at least has been fairly frank in stating her aims and purposes. The United States has masked its real motives behind high-sounding phrases about "the sanctity of elections" and "the cause of stable government."

What excuse have we in Haiti? American investments totalling \$30,000,000 - and including the \$15,000,000 loan referred to by White.

To "safeguard" those sums we have usurped Haiti's independence.

By doing so we have stirred a resentment in Latin America that probably has cost us millions of dollars in loss of export business.

We keep our soldiers there ostensibly as protection for \$30,000,000 in investment. And we have spent \$23,000,000 to them.

That is hardly good sense.

RECOGNIZES 10th CELEBRATION

Concluded from page one churches should take toward the "Great Society visualized in the Kingdom of God." Some of the recommendations are that special attention be given to the needs of handicapped racial groups in the making of plans, the distribution of benefits and the sharing of responsibilities; that minority racial groups be integrated as fully as possible into the existing community activities; that church members create public opinion in support of legal justice and fair play; that churches seek to break down the racial barriers within their own organizations and emphasize education in Christian race relations in church schools.

For the help of speakers factual material is given in regard to the important minority racial groups in this country; also a selected reading list. The material may be secured from the Commission on Race Relations, 105 East 22nd St., New York, N. Y. Price per single copy 5 cents; \$3.50 per hundred.

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Verbal Snapshots

By W. J. Wheaton

It seems as if the plea of President Hoover for party coalition in passing his recommendations for the financial ills of the world is doomed. So far, his request has fallen on deaf ears. The new foreign debt policy has had an actual rebuff not alone from the Democrats, but his own party; the Republicans. Such staunch administration adherents as Senators Watson and Smoot have balked at any suggestion of cancellation of the foreign debts owed the United States; contented during and since the World War. The resolution offered by Senator Hiram Johnson, California, and adopted by the Senate, will force into the open many of the secret negotiations and inform the public what interests are behind this insistency for cancellation. While many of the leaders of both parties will adhere to their pledge in support of the Moratorium, it will stop there. We can look for some fine pyrotechnics when Congress swings in to full action. Should the debtor nations default on their payments the President must bear the blame, declare leaders of both parties. In the face of the fact of such opposition the administration has taken a new tact. It will have the debtors take the initiative with a plea of poverty.

The President's recommendation on home building and home owning seemed rather ironical when so many are losing what they have invested in homes by foreclosures through inability to meet their payments when due. It seems like the red-herring drawn across the trail in order to distract attention to the facts. Would it not have been far better to have called a committee to devise some means to prevent foreclosures and thus save to the hungry belly. Our President has thought himself an Atlas. The burdens of the world are too heavy for the shoulders of any one man. He should note that foreign diplomacy is not one whit concerned about the United States except where it concerns their interests directly. The millions of destitute men, women and children, who suffer want in this land of plenty, and to spare, should be sufficient cause to concentrate our endeavors on rehabilitating stagnated industries and give employment to the millions who are seeking it. If the assets are frozen, do like they act in case of an ice jam: dynamite it.

We have been following the trend of the many conferences and conventions of Negro leaders. Have called, with a careful reading, the many resolutions condemning this and lauding that, and have come to the conclusion that what was said some days ago by a friend who is conversant with many of our activities, is correct. "If the Negro would put half the energy into construction as he does in the condemning of his racial problems they would be solved more quickly," he said. But we are of the opinion that our problems help us to know ourselves. We condemn the horrible system

which condones mob murder. We make a fervent plea to the Powers who have the authority to stop it with the stroke of the pen, but we are satisfied with platitudes and promises. We allow the vicious habit of lynching to become the foot-ball of politics when we should concentrate our efforts to create a general favorable attitude for its abolishment. There are as many Democrats who would endeavor to blot out the evil, as there are Republicans. It should be allowed to become a partisan measure. But we have allowed ourselves, by excessive partisanship to overshadow the main issue. As far as humanity is concerned the difference between the two major parties is negligible. If we could just settle on one problem and work to the solving of it, something would be accomplished. As it is we have so many irons in the fire at the same time that we accomplish nothing. Taken in detail, the battle can be won.

Prohibition will receive much attention during the present Congress. This writer predicts that before adjournment, a measure will be passed to refer to the states the question of local option. In view of the enormous expenditures made for an enforcement that failed, and in spite of the bigoted attitude of the fanatics, who have for mercenary reasons, advocated its retention. "The noble experiment" has been tried to the full, and has been found wanting. It has been a brooder filled with crime, a corrupter of morals and filled to overflowing, the prisons. Under the influence of TEMPERANCE THIS NATION bids fair to overcome the excessive use of alcoholic beverage. For a young man to be seen frequenting a saloon, was to be taken socially when a young girl would enter a public drinking place, it meant for her, social ostracism. The keeper of the public saloon would not allow the minor to enter his place for fear of the loss of his license. It is different now. All those things and many more are happening to the social and moral detriment of our youth. There is as great a gulf between the merits of temperance and the hypocrisy of prohibition as there is between the claims of Christianity and Charity.

If there is any pride in state-hood, Alabama should protect its name by reversing its attitude in the Scottsboro case. There, the nine Negro boys, convicted of a crime, which has been proven fallacious, at the instance of an armed mob, were sentenced to die. The conviction and sentence has caused the eyes of the civilized world to turn toward the United States and focus on Alabama. Maryland and West Virginia have enrolled their names on the "red book" of injustice. Neither case of the lynchings, West Virginia nor Maryland, was for that unmentionable crime. In both cases it was for fighting, and the white men with whom they fought, were the losers in the fight. Both resulted from the white men trying to cheat the Negroes out of money that they had worked for. In these times of depression, it is worth a man's life to try to take a dollar from another. A cheat is a CHEAT whether in a hold up or by chicanery.

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—BAPTISTS—

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BETHEL ALLEN NOTES ENDEAVOR

Although the weather was very bad and the ground was covered now the spirit of the Allen C. E. League was not daunted. The lesson discussion was led by the president.

The entire service was lighted by candle light and will continue until Christmas. Donations for the Christmas baskets are being received now. Anyone wishing to give donations please call Tabor 5175, Miss Hooker. Anna K. Morrison, reporter

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 17—

Parents and relatives of the Scottsboro boys visited Kilby prison to see their children last week. They were accompanied by George W. Chamblee, lawyer for the boys, hired by the International Labor Defense.

After the visit, the boys' relatives reiterated their faith in the policy of the I.L.D. to rouse mass protest and pressure to free the boys. "I am with the I.L.D. all my life," said one of the mother on coming out of the prison.

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