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TUSKEGEE RELEAS'S LYNCHING DATA FOR 1931

'he ADVOCATE

Eliminates the Negro Helpful from historical event

BY CARTER G. WOODSON

the Negro from the preparation for out here." She promptly replied, "It the George Washington Bicentennial, is, and we have fine men to defend it. The traducers of the Negro race in too." terested in so doing called in a Negro

politician who is now being paid off The truth of this courageous asser-by a job, and had him associate with tion dawned a few days later upon him as advisers one to two others of the same character. These genuflect-ling Negroes were told that the color-cairn at Bunker Hill and had their ed people who would doubtless expect forces further weakened by the dar-to take part in the celebration should ing deeds of Peter Salem that same make some preparation among them-selves and have their own demonstra-stage any true celebration of the Batpolitician who is now being paid off make some preparation among them-selves and have their own demonstra-tion. "Now you know this is the the of Bunker Hill and leave out the South", they were reminded, "and the Nerro merely because a few racial participation of the races in the same functions will not work here where the races are already segregated."

. . . type quickly agreed upon a special provision has been made for the Bat-day for the participation of the race, the of Monmouth. I am wondering ex-These Negroes of the obsequious and one of them had it published a actly what will be the nature of that broad as August 29. These politicians celebration. If the managers willhave do not know history, but they were any regard for history the Negroe probably told that the most signifi- will stand out as a conspicuous factor cant deed of the Negroes of the Amer-ican Revolution was their showing torians have given them a high place made at the battle of Rhode Island on the roll of honor because of their which took place on that day in 1778, heroism shown at this critical hour While it is true that the Negro sol, when the day had been almost lost on diers behaved like heroes on that field account of the treachery of Charles and won the plaudits of their observ- Lee. ers, the record of the Negro soldiers George Washington on that well in other engagements of that war was fought field made such a dash at the just as glorious. This erroneous view enemy that Bancroft in writing the with respect to the battle of Rhode account of that feat said, "Nor may Island led historians astray in writing history omit to record that of the Re-of it, because all of the records of the volutionary patriots who on that day of it, because all of the records of the war were not available when they pro-burd their lives for their country more than 790 black men fought side duced their early histories.

These compromising mediators be-tween the Negroes and their traducers actually bartered away the claims of the Negro in return for such cheap recognition as service upon a committion. The winning of independence, then,

working in co-operation. . . .

Unfortunately, too, on account of battle ground. the disservice of these compromising dramatic thing of the American Revo. the Battle of Yorktown, instead of lution with respect to the Negroes having the Negroes appear as slaves participation is being ignored altoge as they are trying to do in the Dis-ther, if we are to judge by the list of trict of Columbia, the Negroes should dates and places published by the be present as participants in the mil-George Washington Distant to the iterv array from land and and George Washington Bicentennial. Al itary array from land and sea, from Bicentennial. Al the colonies along the Atlantic and Barcelonia. dedication on the 11th of February

It was an easy matter to eliminate them, saying, "This is a fine country

The truth of this courageous assers very extravagant. She follows every fad that comes along, and is ruining her home and happiness by always wanting something new and different. I would say this young woman is shallow and childish. She should curb this desire for excitement and thrills, and try to improve her mind, and be a loyal helpmate to her husband.

nterests but for the community in On the list of dates and places some which they live. It is interesting to note how peoles' minds work. Some are adamant as steel and never get a new thought in a life time, while others are soft as regard for history the Negroes rain water and turn anyway their fancy dictates. They follow every new fad flitting from one thing to a-nother like a humming-bird after nectar with no settled thought on any question. be to be firm yet pliable, to be stead-Negroes rallying to the aid of fast yet yielding, and to know when be firm and when to yield which is sign of wisdom. We can cram our minds full of facts, be learned and eudite but if our minds lack balance. we have no claim on wisdom, the rowning achievement of life. Today a situation may be handled one way, and tomorrow, another way,

by side with the white."

On several other dates and at varifar removed from wisdo ous other points in the country, if the celebration is to ring true to history the Negroes must be made consplous among others. On July 9, the peo recognition as service upon w celebra-tee to provide for a jim-crow celebra-ple of Newport, Rhode Island, shoul tion. The best claim of the race to assemble to honor the Negro who, un parton it tion. The best chanding contri. assemble to house the recognition for an outstanding contri. assemble to house the last and the button to the independence of this der command of Colonel Prescott of the button to the independence of this der command colonel Prescott of the ved in practically all of the engage. British Army at great peril which no ments of consequence except those in other soldier dared to risk. The peo-the extreme south, was ignored by ple in New York should likewise hon-these traducers. In other model or Pomper, the should likewise honthe extreme south, was ignored by ple in New York should likewise hon-these traducers. In other words, they or Pompey, the slave, who learned failed to emphasize the fact that the the countersign of the British Army celebration cannot ring true to histo-ry by injecting segregation into it. Anthony Wayne undetected within The Negroes were in the front rank firing distance of the British control The Negroes were in the them battle. Point and carried the place of side by side with the whites in battle. The citizens of New York, moreover, ing for the rights of Americans who should do special honor to the Negro Point and carried the place by storm. recisted the encroachment thereupon soldier, who, on May 14, 1781, under by the imperialists of Great Britian, soldier, who, on May 14, 1781, under The winning of independence then Colonel Greene at Points Ridge, sacwas an achievement of all Americans rificed their lives to the last man be fore the British could subdue and kill

Syphilis is a venereal and constitutheir commander on that unfortunate heta pallida. Syphilis was unknown to the civili-

zed world prior to the voyage of Co-* * * lumbus and his crew to Haiti in 1493. European and Asian bones show no On October 19, the anniversary of yphiletic infection prior to this time, de Supposedly members of Columbus' picture was just as obje

the colonies along the Atlands, facing from the West India Islands, facing Cornwallis with a cordon of land and Cornwallis with a cordon of land and diers joined the army of Charles Sth diers joined the army of Charles Sth berg some one voice its protest agiving with provision for almost ev. naval forces that compelled the sur-



(Continued from page one) The City Fathers had been told by Hunter Glover, who has the state rights for the picture and others, that all the objectionable features and scenes had bben deleted and with the sound, the picture was the kind that any one would desire to see. . Commissioners Mann and Riley voted for the picture while Commi ers Barbur and Clyde were against it. Mrs. Colwell and the Commissioners who were against the picture stated penly that the colored people should

hints

By NANCY LEE

A young married man says his wife

NANCY LEE

KEEPING

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A Health Column

By DeNorval Unthank, M. D.

be given an opportunity to view the picture and see what they thought of since its "revision" A special meeting of the Council was called for Thursday morning the day before Christmas- to consid

granting the license. Also some of colored and white leaders were the notified that a private viewing of the film was scheduled for 10 o'clock on Thursday morning- the same hour When a couple is starting out in life, they should plan and build a solid foundation for their home life and that t he Council was to meet. Knowing that it took two hours to view the picture. The Advocate wondered how that could be done and a report made cork together not only for their own back to the Council at the same time Mrs. Colwell, who fought openly a

gainst the picture got in touch with The Advocate and together, she and its editor arranged a private viewing of the film to be held at 8 P. M. on Wednesday evening, the 23rd. The Advocate immediately telephoned to E. Ivey, president of the local N A. A. C. P. who could not be reached at his home after several trials. However Dr. DeNorval Unthank, Vice-The aim of every individual should president of the Association was called and he was requested to notify o ther officials of the organization and the Baptist minister who did not have at that time a telephone.

The Advocate also called Dr. Nor-man F. Coleman, president of Reed college; Dr. E. C. Farnham, secretary of the Portland Council of Churches Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., pastor of Beth el church; Wyatt Williams, Attorney Mrs. J. J. Handsaker, Marvin Mc for to handle every situation in the same way would be gross ignorance, Ginnis, Commander of the Sgt. Joseph White Camp, Spanish American War Veterans; John L. Jamison, Attorney, George Orr Latimer, leader of Port land Bahais; Wilbur Mercier, legiou man; Joe Keller, ex-member Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P., Port-land branch; Rev. W. R. Lovell could not be reached at his home. All res-

ponded with the exception of Attorney Wyatt Williams who stated that he Peridean Club, Birmingham, Alabama had a previous engagement, and Rev. wishes to thank The Advocate for its

Dr. Unthank got in touch with other Week Exhibit to be held Feb. 12, 1932 officials and members of the Associa- Mrs. B. J. Anderson, President; Mrs. Mrs. Jesse Grayson, president H. C. Bryant, Chairman. of the Women's Auxillary of the N.

A. A. C. P.; Mrs. Carrie Ingersoll, The Elko entertainers, will sponso SYPHILIS former secretary of the branch; Mrs. another concert, Monday evening Jan. Robena Martin, representing the Col-4th at the Mount Olivet Church Much ored women's federated clubs: and praise was given to their last enter Messrs, Ivey, Edgar Williams, J. Mar- tainment which was given at Bethel Church.

tin and Garner Grayson. The film wsa viewed at the Star ional disease caused by the Spiro-heta pallida. Film Exchange on the west side. After seeing the film, the editor of

The Advocate who acted as chairman of the gathering called on several to express their views. It was the con census of opinion that no material eletions had been made and that the crew contracted the disease in Haiti. in its present form as ever before. It Ingersol, V Members of his crew were treated for was also agreed that all organizations and Gray, mend tionable now a strange disease upon their return to represented and as many more as ould be reached during the night.

The chairman urged those present

is army gainst the

three minor eliminations, but in get -KELLY MILLER-BARRED FFOM PORTLAND eral took the position that the play is historically faithful, that while it shows horrors of war and conditions following war, it has not departed from the facts nor over-portrayed the dread experience by every southern

woman. I can readily understand that edu-cated colored people feel ashamed of he members of their race that had o do with some of the terrible deeds o more shame for these than we do or the white perverts that incited is the first time that such sentiment from jails, 1 from a hospital and 2

At the same time Mayor Baker said : The picture, "The Birth of a Nation" is decidedly bitter against the colored race, which makes up a tenth of the ountry's population. This is no time or such productions and it should be

opped as quickly as possible. "There are other films of a similiar ature which might be affected in the Southern States. But there is a goodfuture. One was presented several months ago dealing with the Japanese question, and should it come here a. late Thomas Nelson Page once said gain, I surely would stand against its to the writer that there were at least being shown.

et theatre estimated his loss at \$2000, that state, and that this vote might should be reimbursed From the Salem Daily Capitol Jour. political equation. nal, Salem Oregon, 1918)

for the white perverts that incited them to crime." said Mrs. Colwell, Ch. of the Board of Censors." is the first time that such sentiment of the Board of Censors." placed its reliance for maintaining its

political rights upon the federal government, where indeed, it properly be ongs, but which evinces no disposiion to live up to its assumed obligation. The Negro's political opportun ity has been severely limited by law

seventy-thousand Negroes in Virginia

John A. Jennings, owner of the Sun- who might qualify under the laws of proportionately of every Southern State. The eligible Negro voters are

anything to do with the fact the pic-ture is not to be shown here. Some the majority party in any community 1; Teunessee, 1; West Virginia, 2. Yours very truly, time ago while in Portland, the propo-sition came up of cancelling the show bids. As long as there was a de n account of the feeling in that city cisive difference in attitude between and at the same time, the date was the two parties, the Negroes in the ROSS'DEATH TO SPUR I. L. D. IN

South could not be expected to vite with the Democrats without stultify ing themselves. But of late there i no vital difference between the Dem local briefs cratic and Republican parties in Vir-inia and North Carolina, as to the lack man's place in the politica cheme. The white Democratic pripolitical

naries are easily offset by lily white Republicans caucuses and state conventions. Dishonors are even. Even land Post Office, Mr. and Mrs. Charles in national politics, the present admin-Morgan have moved from 316 Sacra- istration has covertly revealed, if it has not openly declared its purpose to eliminate the last vestige of Negro

natured Harding turned over to Ne-gro manipulation and control. The possible the parable of the unjust steward s pustifiable in ethics, surely it will In every feature of life rest. in politics. the under privileged Negro must stoop The Negro has very little contact

concerns his mail and his tobacco which he lives, his health and sanitary surroundings, his property inter ests, his educational provisions, his punishment for crime-in short-the little world in which he lives and

Time has been extended to Jan. moves and has his being-is controll-ed and regulated by the local regime. b, for the membership fees and ballat Registrating and voting privilege will or the annual election for the Com- become easier and more readily grantbest

If th eNegroes it

ittee of Management members. Re ed, if his vote is to cast for the newals, and ballots will be received local interest of both races. There until Jan. 9. Signed by Mrs. C. L. Ingersol, Vice chairman and Mrs. K. for every local office. Each is an Tray, membership chairman. The Kiddies Rythm Band will give a votes as possible. xious to receive as many qualified

concert Jan 4th at the Branch. Mississippi will stand sullenly by and

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 31-1 send you he folowing information concerning ynchings for the year 1931. I find acording to the records compiled in the Department of Records and Research

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of the Tuskegee Institute, that there As the case now stands, it would were 13 persons lynched in 1931. This appear that if the Southern Negro is 8 less than the number 21 for 1930, ever hopes to regain the use of the ballot, it will not be by nation wide compulsion, but by local propitiation, according to the findings of the re-1927, 10 of the persons lynched were burned.

> There were 57 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynch-ings. 7 of these were in Northern and Western states and 50 in Southern States. In 45 of the instances the risoners were removed or the guards sugmented or other precautions tak n. In the 12 other Instances, armed proc was used to repe the would-be ynchers. A total of 88 persons: said whites, 16 men and 2 women, and 70 Negro men were thus saved from death at the hands of mobs

Of the 13 persons lynched, I was white and 12 were Negroes. The of be made to count importantly in the fenses charged were: murder, 5; attempted rape, 5; wounding man, 3. The same is true The states in which lynchings oc-

> R. R. MOTON. Principal

FIGHT AGAINST LYNCH LAW

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 25-In a legram of protest against the execu ion of Honnie Lee Ross, 23 year old Negro warker, the I. L. D. denounced Governor Ross D. Sterling of Ttexas and plesged itself to intensify it fight against lynch law.

The telegram reads:

"Negro and white workers and poor farmers denounce you and your gov-ernment forthe murder of the innocent young worker, bonnie Lee Ross. We pledge ourselves to avenge this participation in federal politics in the South could not be expected to vote boss system of rabbery and violence cratic states as Mississippi, Georgia, and South Carolina which the good der of this worker we hold you res-

Ross, charged with attacking the Negro is therefore released to make friends with the erst while enemy mer, was sentenced to death after two hour trial within four days of his arrest. Eighteen investigatorsfor the I L. D. uncarthed evidence of his innocence which convinced the parole board to favor a stay of execution. with the federal government except The governor, who at first granted then-hearing of the cry of lynch The improvement of the street on posses under his window-revoked the

stay, admitted Ross' innocence and endorsed the use of terror against Negroes when he declared that "it is sometimes necessary to burn down a house to save a vilage."

wait for their day of deliverance from Washington instead of following the advise of th late Islah T. Mont gomery and make the best terms they can with their white neighbors, they will stand out in the cold and wait till their political toes are frozen. best way out is already indicated by R. R. Church in Memphis, Tten, Ballinger in San Antonio, Texas, and

Perry W. Howard in Mississippi. It was an infortunate necessity that he Negro secured his political rights in the first instance from the

mon consent of the states and local

community. He still looks to the fed-eral government instead of to himself for the maintenance of these The woman received their

political rights precisely the same way as the Negro received his, with important exception that state and local sentiment immediately adusted itself accordingly in care of the women; but with the Negro this sentelment must still be further pro-

pitiated before these rights can be recognized and enjoyed. The Negro in the North in now learning that his political interests are local rather

than national. In Chicago, New York,

Philadelphia, Detroit and Baltimore the Negro voter is seeking local ad-

vantage. The Negroes in Chicago hold thousands of places with local

power and patronage with only one

man of significance in national poli-

tics. On the other hand, Negroes of New York City have even a larger

number of municipal positions, with

but a single place of first class federal importance. Political power is a cen-

tripetal force. It proceeds from the precinct, the ward, the district, the

county and state to the nation-from the lesser to the larger unit. Like

the phenomenon produced by a pebble fropped in still water, the concentric

circles grow weaker as they grow larger. The Negro must now go back

and reconfirm his nationally conferred

rights so that they shall rest on a local foundation which can not be

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sort of activity ranging from that ties down to such purely advertising and they played their parts like men. efforts as those of refrigeration and banjo-picking, no provision is made Unless these things can be impresefforts as those of refrigeration and banjo-picking, no provision is made for March 5 to honor Crispus Attucks in resisting the attack of British sol-diers in Boston he shed the first blood in the struggle for independence of the United States. To pass over this important event merely because the bias which permeates historical writ-ing in this courtry and poissons that occasilitate and the parts in the one in any such arrangement is tanta-bias which permeates historical writ-ing in this courtry and poissons the shear part in a celebration self-styled patriots.

How can the Negro be shifted aside in any such arrangement is tanta-mount to accepting a jim-crow section to some jim-crow performance of a in a theatre or a jim-crow car. All of single day when he served throughout these things tend to strengthen the the strugle? From the very beginning forces of the aggressive agents of the Negro showed that he understood caste and to bring them to the point the crisis through which the country of feeling that this segregation can be was passing and manifested the cour- carried out into all the ramificaitons age to battle for the rights which were of life until the Negroes of this courthen denied the colonists. Catching try will have nothing at all that any the spirit of Crispus Attucks himself, others may want. Such a thorough an old colored lady called upon to system as I have pointed out, if car-serve some British officers who had ried out according to these designs. gone out on a reconnoitering tour will ultimately mean the extermina-from Boston, was addressed by one of tion of the Negroes in America.

Disbanding of the army caused the to get in touch with members of the

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highly sensitive individuals does it show severe manifestations. Statisticians estimate that ten per tal effect. He promised to get in touch cent of the world's population have

syphilis either acquired or congenital Acquired syphilis is that in which an individual free from the infection ing, every one was agreeably surprise exposes himself to the disease --usually through venereal channels. Con- Mr. Maxwell had telephoned early genital syphilis is that type that is that morning stating that he wished inherited. Congenital syphilis has the sharp dge taken off by time and passage

through several generations. Because of this the disease is often difficult to

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also stated that in view of the with-drawal, it was not necessary to vote a

nse to show the picture. The Mayor

the play, its history and its detrimen

with other members of the committee

Next morning at the Council meet

ed when Mayor Baker announced that

and see what could be done

the N. A. A. C. P. spoke.

Mayor Baker closed the meeting ex pressing the hope that at this Christmas time nothing but the spirit of good-will would prevail and called up-on Dr. Farnham for a word of prayer. Members of the Censor Borad who passed the film in the first instance are: Robert M. Mount, Floyd Mexwell, George A. Seltges, Mrs. Pat Al-

INTERESTING SIDE LIGHTS ON THE "BIRTH OF A NATION" ON ITS FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE CITY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

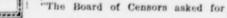
(From Portland Daily Journal) "Harry L. Corbett, of the State acil of Defense, District Attorney Walter H. Evans, Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. E. D. Cannady, of the N. A. A. C. P., appeared before the City Council at a special meeting this morning to protest against the show ing of the film.

City Attorney LaRoche informed the Council that no legal steps could be taken by the city prior to the pas sage of an ordinance. Governor Withycombe notified Mayor Baker Saturday night that he objected to the film and it is said he would stop the show-

ing of the film, declaring martial law if the city could not legally stop it. The manager of the theatre explain d that all eliminations suggested by the committee of colored people had been made, except the total elimination of the picture.

Commissioner Kellaher said if the picture should not be shown during the latter part of the week it should not be allowed to be exhibited early in the week. The manager of the theatre, he said, should be compensated in case of loss."

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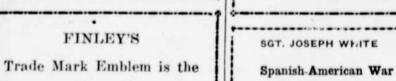
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