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Jul. Rosenwald Dead In Chicago



Julius Rosenwald

Chicago, January 1—Julius Rosenwald, philanthropist, died Wednesday, December 30, at his home at Ravinia. Mrs. Rosenwald and their five children were at his bedside when the end came. Mr. Rosenwald became the president of Sears, Roebuck & Company, world's greatest mail order concern and amassed a colossal fortune which he used generously for the betterment of mankind without distinction of race, color or creed.

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Verbal Snapshots

By W. J. Wheaton. We wish to reaffirm our undeviating devotion to the principles of American institutions, as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, believing that no other foundation can be laid than that which has been laid. We warn members of the race against the specious pleas of Communism. We regard political parties as instruments to be used and not as ends in themselves to be worshipped. The ballot was given the Negro as a weapon of defense. The foregoing are excerpts from the declaration of principles and purposes, adopted by the non-partisan conference of Negroes held at Washington, D. C. early in December. William Pickens, Field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, uses some football terms to give political "pointers" to the two major political parties. He tells them how, by some legislative act, such as an anti-lynch measure, one of the two would be able to secure Negro support. The Senate being Republican and the House, Democratic, such a measure would insure a splendid "passing" game. The foot-ball is a very good symbol. The Negro voter has been used as such for a few generations. In the main, the Republican party has had the ball in its own territory for so long that it claims permanent possession. The Negro voter may not like to be the object in that "passing" game. There is rumor of the forming of a new team. The prospective members have no record as "passers" but how they can buck the line! With chaos in the prospective for the big teams, that Progressive team, with the assistance of the Negro vote would be the determining factor.

CHRIST IN ALABAMA. Christ is a Nigger, Beaten and black— O, bare your back. Mary is His Mother— Mammy of the South, Silence your mouth. God's His Father— White Master above, Grant us your love. Most holy bastard Of the bleeding mouth: Nigger Christ. On the cross of the South. Ed. Note: This is the poem written by Langston Hughes, inspired by the Scottsboro case in which nine young colored boys are sentenced to hang for "raping" two white prostitutes. The poem created a furore in the South among the "conservatives".

A RESOLUTION. If there is a single resolution that we, as a race should make, and live up to, during the year, 1932, it is a resolution to strive sincerely with all our heart to love one another. Not only the race in Portland, but our people all over the United States should do likewise. Judging from news articles and editorial opinion in the Negro press—the matter of intra-racial hatred is the most serious handicap to our progress and the race's besetting sin. In other words, the Negro, himself, is his greatest enemy—his own arch-enemy. Take for example in our leadership: dislikes, back-biting, envy, jealousy, strife, hate. These sins keep us apart; keep us from being able to sit down intelligently and talking over our common cause and common enemy. If one starts up a movement or a single effort in behalf of the race—immediately there is some one to discredit and belittle all that he has done. This, regardless of the purity, sincerity and nobleness of his purpose. If some one who happens to belong to some particular group or organization or religion different from another, essays the role of leadership—the position is attacked, and the leader is branded as representing a sole individual, organization or that what is being done is for the sole benefit of self or of that particular group. So that it is almost impossible to find a man, woman or organization, an impartial spokesman for the race. A specific example: Take any organization whose object is for the betterment and general welfare of the race. Elect a man belonging to the "Church of the Holy Ghost", we'll say, as its president. Only members of the "Holy Ghost" will support him and the organization is branded as representing the interests only of that church. If it is reversed and a member of some other church is made the leader, the result is likewise the same. This divisive attitude—a relic of slavery and savagery must go, otherwise our race here and everywhere is doomed. It is the sinister power that encourages distrust, fault-finding and lying; it is the power that destroys confidence, friendships, power and worthwhile results. Therefore, "I resolve to cultivate the friendship and love of every member of my race as well as all mankind during the year, 1932, and to encourage confidence, trust, contact, and fellowship with any another," is a pretty good resolution for the Negro race to make now.

THE AGITATORS. (Reprinted from the Corvallis Ore Gazette-Times of December 29, 1931) As a result of the efforts of the communists to organize the negroes into anti-government clubs, a race war has burst forth in eastern Maryland. Negroes have been shot by white capitalists and one negro has been burned at the stake. There are a lot of people who think these communists vermin; ought to have free rein to exercise their views about overthrowing the United States government by force, but we don't seem to be overcoming them by argument. Possibly communists should be outlawed like skunks or train handits. Least that should be done to them would be to take away their citizenship papers, if they have any. They are admitted enemies of the republic and while burning at the stake seems a little severe, yet, we fancy that even a mild mannered, conservative people such as we have in Corvallis, might participate in such a party under proper provocation. We think we know because we once saw a mob like that in action and you'd be surprised at seeing the town's "best people" acting as leaders.

JULIUS ROSENWALD. In the passing of Julius Rosenwald, the Negro race loses one of its greatest friends and benefactors. His untiring work and large gifts for Negro education will live on through the ages when many of the pseudo philanthropists have long since been forgotten.

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. (By Myrtle Campbell) So much has been written about the economic situation that there seems to be nothing left to be said on the subject. If we could only awaken to the fact that we bring or cause all those conditions on ourselves by our stupidity and ignorance we might progress a little faster. As it is we are always in the midst of some kind of upheaval either economic or industrial slavery or oppression, and only remove one shackle to be bound with another. Our sense of values are mixed. The American dollar is the basis of success and progress and only in novels does man put character above the false standards of money, economic power, and prestige. I owe it to myself and family to take advantage of every opportunity to climb the ladder of material success and power. That is the motto of every ambitious man to carve his destiny in this world. This mundane aggressiveness deprives him of spiritual progress, warps his soul by centering his thoughts on his own ego, and causes him to trample down anyone who stands in his way. What a false standard of life! One of our able writers says that those who are being oppressed are the weak. To be physically weak has nothing to do with the soul. The oppressed may be weak physically, but gains spiritually. It takes character to stand the strain of oppression and slavery as it is the acid test that shows the virility of the soul. He is weak who would rise over the sweat and toil of his brother, has a moral weakness that is for more deplorable than any physical handicap. In speaking of the races this writer also says to stop thinking white or colored. He might add to stop feeling colored. The color is accidental, transitory, and external, and has nothing to do with the potentiality of the mind, except if anything, to make it more alert and susceptible to unfoldment thru the power of education. The color, we learn is caused by the position of the sun for thousands of years to Africa, the home of the Negro. The white race becomes darker in a tropical climate. Another thing the races should stop, patronizing each other. Nothing is so humiliating and so igno-

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