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GRATITUDE

In the nation-wide Memorial service about to be launched by the colored people of the United States to honor the memory of the late Julius Rosenwald, a beautiful virtue of the Negro race is shown—GRATITUDE!

If there is one thing above another that can be said about the race as a whole, it is that the race appreciates and is grateful for all and every good deed done and kind act shown to it.

Julius Rosenwald, without a doubt, was the race's chief benefactor and it is befitting that his memory should be perpetuated not only through this national recognition service but by an appropriate monument of brick and mortar, of parchment and pen or of some fitting material.

Elsewhere in these columns the record of his philanthropies in part is told briefly by a writer of national repute which gives only a faint idea of the magnanimity of his heart and spirit.

Negroes in Portland have no Rosenwald schools nor do they need them; they have no Rosenwald buildings of any kind; nor have they been immediate recipients of his bountiful gifts—but their brothers and sisters in all parts of the southland have.

fact is sufficient to warrant a Portland memorial meeting for this great soul—Julius Rosenwald.

In honoring a man like Rosenwald, one honors oneself.

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

February 8th marks the seventh annual observance of Negro History Week. It is a national observance, and how successful it will be depends greatly on the preparation made and the enthusiastic activity manifested by members of the Negro race and their white co-workers in the cause.

Each year The Advocate, whose editor is a member of the National Historical Association, sponsors a program of radio talks, school and college lectures and Negro literature public exhibits. This, however, is not enough. It is hoped that the Negro churches, which form the center of the Negro's cultural and spiritual activity, will outdo themselves in putting over the week's program. It would be a good thing to have a mammoth observance but the arrangement should go forward for such at once for the time is very short. All clubs, churches, fraternal orders and organizations could combine and make it a great success.

The Negro is a live topic for discussion and study everywhere today. Many in the white and other races

know more of the history of the Negro than the Negro knows of himself. This should not be the case. The Negro should be taught the history of his race, not only to know himself, but to know the world.

It is only in recent years that the desire of the Negro himself to study his history, has taken on any appreciable proportions, thanks to the early and untiring efforts of the pioneer in Negro history—Carter G. Woodson. May that desire grow day by day for we have delved into the past history of our race, it becomes more and more apparent that much of the beauty and greatness of the history of the Negro has been deliberately concealed through biased historians. More and more we discover that the Negro has much in the way of accomplishment and civilization for which to be justly proud.

A Negro anthropologist makes the timely suggestion that the whole race take a course in anthropology. He observes that it is necessary in order to instill into the members of the race the necessary pride of race to overcome the great inferiority complex with which the Negro is cursed.

The young Negro parent especially owes it to his offspring to hasten in the pursuit of knowledge—the truth about the real history of the Negro so that they may give their children the right and fair outlook on life which they cannot have unless they have pride of race. This activity can be successful when confined only to the study for one week out of the fifty-two—it should be the subject for constant investigation and study.

May the Advocate suggest that the Negro ministers start Negro History Week with an appropriate and fitting service on Sunday, February 7th?

THEIR NEW MINISTER

Mount Olivet Baptist Church has started on its year's activities with a brand new minister. There is nothing new in a church having a new minister; they often have but when that minister announces that he is not so concerned about money but will spend his time winning souls for God's cause, it is something new!

The innovation is pleasant to say the least and we predict that if he carries out his purpose conscientiously his church will grow in membership and expand as a natural consequence in finance; that his coffers will grow opulent with the "necessary evil".

We wish for both Rev. J. D. Wilson and Mount Olivet, his church, the greatest of God's blessings.

GANDHI, THE MAHATMA

We recommend to the people of India that they will decide to go to jail, the whole 360 millions of them. Let us see whether even the British Empire can jail a whole nation, whether England can incarcerate India, whether a mole-hill can conceal Mount Everest.

This move by the British proves that their so-called round-table conferences in England were an insincere farce. It was a trick; and now they are trying to effect by force what Gandhi was too wise to allow them to effect by mere cunning. By their conferences they hoped to make it appear to the rest of the world that Britain was fair,—for they hoped to trick the representatives of India into compliance with Britain's will. It was not really a conference! It was a summons to Gandhi and his followers to come and sit down and agree with Britain,—to accept British terms. If it had been a sincere effort at a conference, a compromise and an agreement with the people of India, then it would have been taken for granted that the people of India might possibly disagree with the British viewpoint. If the British were honest, therefore, they would not now be acting as if it were a high crime, as if it were treason, for Gandhi to differ with the British government. England made a punning gesture which failed to fool the Indians; then England got angry and is now showing her fangs and her claws. Toryism is now riding the empire toward its doom.

All the rest of Asia will be greatly influenced by this overt act of oppression. Even Africa will be taking its lessons to heart. One hundred and fifty million blacks in Africa will not remain indefinitely subject to European exploitation. The violence of the oppressor will more quickly open the eyes of the oppressed. English Africa which India has decided to be rid of. There is suffering ahead for India, but there is great peril for the British Empire in the world. And the only way for 360 millions of people to lose a fight for freedom and liberty, is to stop fighting. It is not thinkable that they will stop. They have been long starting, like a geologic earth-movement, and at last they are about to become an avalanche.

The normal thing for an American, one hundred and fifty years removed from George Washington's "revolution," is to sympathize with the people of India and with Gandhi. The British are jailing Gandhi today. No other could have got her hands on George

Portland's New Baptist Minister



Rev. J. D. Wilson, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church who attended the Executive Board meeting of the Northwestern States Baptist Convention held in Seattle, Washington on last Tuesday, January 19th. Rev. Emmett B. Reed, of Spokane, president of the Board, presided. Rev. W. F. Greene of Seattle is the secretary. Tuesday night, Rev. Wilson preached at the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Seattle and a large, appreciative audience heard his message. The Executive Board heard reports of the various churches which comprise the convention, as to their spiritual and material progress and planned the year's work, leading up to the convention which will be held the first week in the month of August in Tacoma, Washington.

Rev. Wilson was called to the Portland pulpit from Oakland, California. He comes very highly recommended both as a minister and citizen. He has a wife and a four-year-old son who reside with him at the parsonage. Rev. Wilson expressed a desire to be of real service, and to that end, he is making every drastic change in the administrative arrangements which he found upon coming to the church. He is making suggestions here and there, but is more concerned with the winning of souls for His Kingdom and increasing the membership of the church than anything else. At present he is saying very little about finance. Both Reverend Wilson and his charming wife express appreciation for the loyalty of the membership to the church and say that they are happy to live and labor here.

Washington, they would have hanged him on a gallows.

The Negro people of the United States will sympathize with Gandhi and his people. They, too, are struggling toward full and equal rights through the cunning of diplomacy and force, and thru suffering from violence.

The above was delivered by William Pickens at a protest meeting on Jan. 12, 1932 at Temple Beth-El, N. Y. C.

THANK YOU, MR. SECRETARY

The Advocate is justly indebted to Hal E. Hoss, Secretary of State for a copy of "Election Laws" together with a Digest which summarizes in brief form the provisions of the election code that are of popular interest, and which contain much information concerning the on-coming election. The volume will be invaluable to us and we thank you, Mr. Secretary for including The Advocate on your mailing list.

MISS MORTON GRADUATES

Miss Leodore Morton, pretty young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Morton, of 893 Woodward Avenue, will graduate at Franklin High School on Friday, January 29th. Miss Morton's scholarship rating was so high that she was exempt from examinations. She maintained a hundred per cent throughout the term. She is popular in the younger social and church circles.

Churches--

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH LAUNCHES FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

The officers and members of Bethel Church voted unanimously to conduct a financial campaign to raise fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) with which to make some needed repairs and to pay off current indebtedness of the church. The financial drive, starting this Sunday and will run for sixty days. The following captains volunteered to serve in the campaign: A. A. Jones, C. Randolph, Lenora Henderson, Clara Pickett, E. C. Bartlett, Lulu Gray, Jesse Grayson, J. A. Ewing, Loomis Harris, Zephia Baker, Mollie Thomas, J. W. Stanley, J. A. Wisdom, Julia Fuller, W. B. Brown, R. Edmunds, Mrs. Ruby Hardin, L. R. Blackburn, Ila Fuller, Roberta Martin, Mabel Shepherd, Margaret Griffith, Gene Carden, George Holliday and D. G. Hill. First reports will be received this Sunday and it is expected that every member and friend of the church will assist in making the drive a success.

Class leaders have been appointed for the year and the classes will be assigned to them at the Sunday morning service. Through the leadership of these members Bethel looks forward to a reviving of the spiritual side of the church life. The leaders are as follows: Julia Hart, Josephine Morrison, Lulu Sykes, S. A. Dawson, Ella Young, E. L. Jamison, J. A. Ewing, Mrs. Edmunds and Mrs. Rhodes. The official family of the church has been strengthened by the addition of nine Stewards who will assist in every way to strengthen and revive the life of the church. The new Stewards are: J. W. Stanley, W. B. Brown, G. V. Grayson, Rudolph DeJornette, A. A. Jones, Will Gray, George Holliday, S. A. Dawson and E. L. Jamison.

At 11 a. m. Reverend Hill will preach on "Where there is no Vision, the People Perish". At 8 p. m., a Congregational Song service of "FAVORITE HYMNS" will be conducted. Professor Elmer C. Bartlett and Mrs. Jesse Grayson will lead the choir and congregation in song. The famous "ELKO SINGERS" of Elko, Alabama will appear at Bethel Church Tuesday night in a farewell concert in which they will feature an entirely new program of Negro Spirituals and Jubilee numbers. Admission will be free and Captain Loomis Harris has charge of the event.

ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

(Anna K. Morrison, Reporter)

Although last Sunday evening the weather was very cold and rainy, the Allen C. E. League was well attended. Donald Rutherford led a very interesting discussion: Next Sunday, the League is planning on having a debate.

Rev. Hill is giving out questions for discussion on religion. Do not miss these questions.

A hearty welcome awaits you at the Bethel Allen Christian Endeavor League.

"THE NEGRO AND HIS GOD"

"Negro slaves who came to America from the west of Africa, brought with them a definite 'social inheritance' of customs, habits, manners, taboos, spiritual beliefs and religious concepts which were fused into the Christian teachings of American life. The Negro, therefore, has made a distinctive religious contribution to American culture," declared Rev. D. G. Hill, Jr., last night, speaking before the Bahai Assembly at the Terminal Sales Building.

"Out of this crucible the 'Spirituals' evolved," he declared. The speaker gave a vivid picture of the Negro's idea of heaven when he declared, "The religious melting-pot in which were fused and blended Native African religious concepts and Christian beliefs, furnished a spiritual heaven for the overburdened soul and enslaved body of the black man. He postponed his heaven and was content to wait until he died in order to realize his bliss. This fervent, child-like, faithful belief, directed by the Exhorter and reconstruction Preacher and sponsored by the proponents and foes of slavery, served the Negro throughout his slave experience and through the heart breaking days that followed the Civil War."

The speaker was introduced by George Latimer, leader in local Bahai circles. He held his audience in rapt attention to the close of his interesting and informative discourse.

He closed with this significant statement, "The American Negro, however faces a new day and to this new day he is adjusting his spiritual life."

Rev. Hill is the pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church and is taking a special course for his master's degree at the University of Oregon.

MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH NEWS

In the morning at 11 o'clock, the pastor will preach from the subject, "The Power of the Holy Spirit," and in the evening his subject will be, "What the Bootlegger's Bottle Contains."

On Sunday afternoon from three until six o'clock, the Searchlight club will serve tea at the parsonage, 326 Schuyler street. Mrs. Gardner is the president of the club and Mr. Lee is Secretary. The young people of the church will furnish the program during the receiving hours.

On last Sunday evening the service was in charge of the B. Y. P. U. of which Miss Geraldine Williams is president.

ZION CHURCH NEWS

MISSIONARIES HOLD FORTH. The Zion Church Missionary Society will hold its first meeting of year on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church. The president urges all of the ladies to be present.

RUMMAGE SALE HELD. The Zion Emergency Club held a successful rummage sale at the church on Friday night.

Verbal Snapshots

By W. J. Wheaton

The kidnapping and murder of the Hawaiian, alleged attacker of the wife of a navy Lieutenant stationed at Honolulu, has created a world-wide interest; inasmuch as it has directed the attention of the world to the matter of those who should respect its authority, taking the law in their own hands, and meeting it out as they deem fit. When those who should set the example fail in the observance of the law, what can be expected of others? Four men were arrested for the attack. There is a law in the Territory that compels a corroborating witness to the attack. It is a pernicious law, but who are responsible for its enactment? At the time of its enactment there was no such thing as attacks on white women, and it did not protect the Hawaiian women. It was because of this law that the jury disagreed in the Massie case. Recently, and since the Massie case, a white Texan has been accused of assault on a young Portuguese matron in Honolulu. This woman has no corroborating witness. It will be interesting to watch the outcome. Racial prejudice engenders hate, and it is the arrogance and want of respect for the feelings of the dark peoples that causes friction and retaliation. White sailors and soldiers when visiting or stationed in countries where darker people predominate, fail to discriminate. They take color as the level of all. There should be a death penalty for ANY ATTACKER OF WOMEN. If the law does not provide for it, there should be one enacted. No individual should be above the law. There should be no condoning of rape or murder.

The demand of the International Labor Defense that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People turn over to it the monies collected for the defense of the Scottsboro youths, is nothing less than preposterous. We repeat that it is too bad that it ever entered into the case. Again we repeat that the I.L.D. has no motive other than to use the predicament of those youths for the purpose of propaganda. Every sane person knows that such organizations are a bane in the Southland and that the case of the boys will be prejudiced by the activity of the League. With them it is to gain, whatever the decision of the court. It is a good thing that Darrow and Hayes were able to present their strong briefs to the court before leaving the case.

Because of the glaring inequalities in the redistributing of the reapportionment of the Congressional districts of Illinois, the Supreme Court of the State has declared the act illegal. This seems that Oscar DePriest and Louis Anderson will have to fight their battle for supremacy out in the old First district with the possibility of a Democrat getting the plum. With the change in the political complexion of the city administration many of the Negroes have leaned toward the Democratic side. The bulk of the Negro vote is in the Second ward. That is Louis Anderson's ward, from which he is elected Alderman. DePriest lives in the Third ward, which is not in the first congressional district. But the law of Illinois does not compel the congressman to reside in the District. May be Earl Dickerson will shy his Democratic castor in the ring. That would make an interesting scramble. The only hope is that in the mad scramble for votes that slight must not be lost of the fact, that the Negroes of the entire nation are holding the voters of the first congressional district of Illinois for the retention of a Negro in the National hall of legislation.

Some political wiseacres that the senator (Shortridge) who comes up for re-election this year, will appoint a Negro attorney as an assistant in the Department of Justice. Four years ago when the Senator was up for re-election, he made the promise that one of the leading Negro attorneys of San Francisco would have such appointment. It's a long time now, and nothing doing. It makes us smile, the assurance of some folk. They are even warning against false claims for credit for the appointment.

Could the Negro church be made an economic asset? This is the question being discussed in the hearing of this writer, by several young men. Arguments pro and con were being marshalled in substantiation of diverse claims. Church history was quoted and facts, as well as theories, brought forth. The arguments showed much insight and study of the situation and convinced us that this generation of young people were questioning whether or not our religious institutions as constituted at present, should be placed in black or red of racial progress. The church has shown the ability of the Negro to organize for financial purposes. That is shown in the financing of pretentious temples for worship and the successful completion of whatever church project undertaken. They have shown resourcefulness, courage and

Cigar Store Indians Have White Brothers and Sisters



THE cigar store Indians of the old days had a good many "white brothers" and at least a few sisters, a novel display in The Newark Museum of Newark, N. J., has demonstrated.

The museum has elevated the ancient advertising figures to the dignity of art by including a number of them in an exhibit of American folk sculpture. They are in good company. The collection includes a bust of Governor Winthrop of Massachusetts, and the famous Andrew Jackson figurehead of the still more famous warship Constitution—"Old Ironsides". According to critics, some of the wooden cigar store figures show a true, if unskilled, artistry in the farmers, sailors, carpenters and blacksmiths who made them. As a method of selling tobacco, however, they have long since disappeared in favor of live, informative advertise-

ing that reaches the whole public through newspapers and other means. The few remaining are reminders of a change in our cigar taste—a change for the better, since it includes the introduction of machine methods which insure the maximum of sanitary protection to the smoker. The emphasis placed on modern sanitary methods is admirably illustrated by one well-known five cent cigar which is actually finished under glass.

Most of the cigar store figures have gone for firewood, and the survivors are looked upon as valuable antiques. Among the figures at the Newark Museum is "Jenny Lind". The "Six-shes Nightingale", wearing an early European hat, is coyly lifting the hem of her skirt from the dust of the street, displaying a lacy petticoat, while the other hand she boldly proffers a bunch of cigars to the public.

Another "cigar store lady" is a wooden Indian squaw. Her past is uncertain, but she is undoubtedly an early member of her tribe. There is also a wooden figure of a French-Canadian trapper, which had stood in front of a cigar store near Stockbridge, Mass., since the Civil War. When he first took his post, machine made cigars and celophane wrappings were far in the future, and sanitary methods of cigar manufacture were not demanded by customers.

How far from the traditional cigar store Indian type some of the wooden figures varied, is seen in "Captain Jinks". Not even Jenny Lind could be more the antithesis of savagery than he. The image of civilized poise and reserve, he stood with crossed arms in front of a tobacco shop at one of Newark's busy corners, and protected by a high collar, never worried about his Adam's apple.

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