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YOUR PAPER

The Advocate is making every possible effort, not only to keep up its present standard, but to set a new high standard of efficiency in mechanism, content and service. Seriously as we know how to be, we want to impress upon you that we cannot do this on mere good will and promises; it takes cash to pay our bills. We have informed our subscribers more than one time, that we are compelled to pay cash for our paper: we pay cash for our stock, our mail, our press run, our mailing, etc. etc. besides having to pay on our equipment each month, which equipment we recently installed so we could afford to give you more news for your money. We have tried hard to live up to our duty and obligations to our subscribers and now we urgently call upon you to do likewise to us.

It only takes the small sum of \$2.50 for a whole year, payable in advance, for your paper. If every body who owed for such service and those who are up to date, would renew their subscriptions, it would go a long way toward liquidating our accounts and instead of taking all our time trying to collect money so that we can give you your paper each week, we would have more time to devote to research and study, collecting and publishing news of an educational, informative and entertaining value for your benefit. As it is now, we seldom have enough time to devote to our editorial work, to say nothing of the other departments of the paper, because of the constant effort to get in what money is due the paper. If we were able to publish the paper each week without money, nothing would be more gratifying to us because we hate to discuss the "filthy lucre", but that is not possible and so we have to bring up the unpleasant subject once in a while.

The Advocate is going to make a suggestion to its debtors and that is this: set aside a certain day, let us say Wednesday, February the 3rd and designate that as "Advocate Day"—the day on which you will pay whatever your indebtedness to The Advocate is. If you cannot come to us, call Garfield 7523 and we will come to you. If you cannot get us on the phone on account of "T. D."—just know the phone is in that condition because you have not paid your bill to us.

Many of our patrons pay every bill else before they do us—and the tragedy of the thing is—they seem not to take seriously their indebtedness to their paper and then wonder why they cannot have their paper up to "snuff" and on time. We could give examples galore of the funny, filmy reasons for not paying for their newspaper but just to show you what we have in mind, let us cite only a few taken at random: (1) a lady came to our office the other day and among other things she said, "I just paid my phone, light and gas bill and intended to pay you but ran out of money before I got here." (2) another subscriber seriously paid a 30-day bill which ran into money but expressed her regret that we would have to wait for an indefinite period for a \$2.50 bill which she has been owing for more than a year. (3) Another had to have his money for a pleasure trip, but if any was left, upon his return, "I'll be sure to pay my Advocate bill." There was none left and the bill is nearly two years old. We could go on for a whole column reciting the most unheard of excuses which we receive from day to day, month to month. But for some reason, our creditors fail to accept such excuses from us and they

withhold their material and supplies until we get the cash and if we don't pay them they don't deliver.

Now in all seriousness, readers and subscribers, we do think we merit a more serious and a more prompt attitude and regard on your part. If you pay us promptly, we can give you a better, a bigger and a more efficient newspaper, delivered promptly to you each week.

NEGRO HISTORY

If the Negro would take more time studying about himself and his own accomplishments and achievements, he would have less time and inclination to complain about his handicaps and at the same time, might discover that his history is not to be ashamed of but on the other hand, one of which to be proud.

Parents of Negro children who have no books about their own leaders and about their own history in general, in their private libraries, ought to realize what an injustice it is to their children to be deprived of this information and entertainment to be gained from such a library.

During Negro History Week is afforded an excellent time in which to start a library of Negro literature if you have not already done so.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

The Advocate acknowledges with thanks the copy of a booklet issued by C. A. Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction on George Washington, intended for use in the public schools in the nation-wide celebration of the Two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The booklet contains 23 pages of information on President Washington, touching the high points in his career; dialogue, tableaux, music, etc. Its last page contains the pledge of allegiance. The book was prepared by Robert J. Maaske and printed in the state printing department at Salem.

TWO QUITE SUFFICIENT

It is to be regretted at this time when people are so hard pressed for work and money that we have so many church organizations to support. It is difficult to support ones family during these times of depression, much less so many other organizations. The Advocate has nothing against any of the churches—they are all doing excellent work, but we doubt seriously if their pastors and their families are being properly taken care of in a financial way.

The Advocate has always advocated fewer church buildings and fewer church debts and a better support of fewer ministers and churches. Most people these days have mortgages on their homes and other properties; it is all they can do to hold on to what little they have for the use of their families and when the church debt is added to their already over-taxed pocketbook, they stand a chance of losing both. If, on the other hand, the churches would merge, they would have a much less overhead and other expense and might be able to support in a fitting manner two churches and their pastors. It is never too late to do good and it is seriously hoped that the leaders in these organizations may yet get the desire and find the way to merge for the good of themselves, the church organization and the people.

This condition is not only true of Portland, but to judge by news from the Negro press in every section of the country, it is well nigh universal.

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BETHEL ALLEN ENDEAVOR NOTES

The Allen League held a very interesting Lesson Discussion under the leadership of Miss D. Burdine. The meeting was well attended by a large number of girls and boys. Rev. Hill's questions on Religion are proving to be very popular with the league.

Our Chaplain, Mrs. Pugh is still on the sick list. Remember the Allen League meets every Sunday at 6:45 P. M. Everybody welcome.
Anna K. Morrison, reporter.

MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH NOTES

All day Sunday will be observed as Women's Day at the church and Mrs. Francis Patton of the Women's Missionary Society will have charge of both services. The theme for discussion will be missions. Several papers will be read by the members and special music will be rendered. Mrs. Patton will deliver the principal address.

The choir at its regular meeting and practice adopted a new constitution and by-laws and re-elected all its old officers. C. E. Ivey is president. The choir has started out to resume its former work and activity.

A benefit concert for Mr. and Mrs. Drew will be given by the choir to-night Saturday, at the University Park Methodist church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Drew have been ardent workers in the church and have devoted much time to the choir and its activity. Mr. Drew is out of employment.

Among graduates from high school this month are two from our church: Miss Geraldine Williams, of Commerce High and Miss Ruth Scott from Washington high. Congratulations!

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Verbal Snapshots

By W. J. Wheaton

THE NEXT PRESIDENT

Candidates for the Presidency of the United States are beginning to make their declarations as the primaries draw near. One does not hear so much from the Republican wing. The adherents of the present President are leaving no stone unturned to eliminate all contestants by the election of delegates pledged to his nomination. Post Master-General Brown, who rumor tells us will be the chairman of the Republican National Committee, after the nominating convention, has been busy in Ohio seeking a ticket favorable to the nomination of President Hoover. But Ohio always has a "favorite son" and his efforts are liable to prove futile. Senator Hiram Johnson of California, is being importuned to enter the lists for the Republican nomination. North Dakota, the earliest of the states to hold preferential primaries, is anxious to have the Senator enter his name.

There is an under current of political revolt among the Republicans of California that may send an uninvited delegate to Chicago. Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, is keeping a weather eye open and is playing to the multitudes by championing the plight of the unemployed. He never fails to take a swing at the Administration for its lack of sympathy and failure to remedy their conditions. On the other hand, the Democrats are praying that President Hoover will be nominated. They feel sure that he is one man that they have a surety of defeating at an election. In fact the Democrats are so sure of being placed in power by the government that there is no dearth of aspirants. The only trouble is in the elimination. So far Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, New York, has the call. He gave his declaration with his acceptance of a place on the ticket in the North Dakota primaries. Newton Baker, Ohio, has placed himself beyond the pale by his attitude in favoring adherence to the League of Nations. Alfred Smith, former presidential candidate, is enigmatical. Governor Ritchie, Maryland, is keeping his name to the fore, but recent developments have tended to lessen his chances. The Garner boom never got good headway and has died an early death. The Third Party idea is still in embryo and much depends on the nominations made by the two major parties. Should the nominees of those parties prove ultra conservative there would be a chance for a Progressive to win.

As far as the Negro voter is concerned in the portioning of political plums by this Administration, he is a "Dud". In the effort to hold the breach made in the "solid south" in the election of '28, the first activity was to not only ignore, but to relegate to the ash heap, all of the Negro politicians and replace them with "Lily Whites". The Administration was told by that means only could the Republican party hope to retain the loyalty of the states of the South which had renounced Democracy. The Administration was foolish enough to believe that the "Leopard had changed its spots". Consequently, the Davieses and Howards and others were placed on the spot. Charges and counter charges were made. It was not long before the Administration began to find that it was being duped. That what was supposed to be a debacle, was but a temporary change of front. It commenced to realize the mistake, but the affront to loyalty had been too deep and the result is a scar that will not heal. The Negro voter held this Administration to blame for every race insult. It holds the Administration for the insult to the loyal integrity of the Race in the segregation of the Negro Gold Star Mothers. For the condoning of the mob by failure to use its moral influence to stop it. Wool cannot be pulled over the eyes by the word coming from the War Department that the famous Tenth Cavalry had been retained as a combat unit. We know that its disintegration precludes that coordination and efficiency which would accrue from unified drill. Riding and

shooting once a week don't give combat experience. The sins of omission and commission of this Administration have been so numerous that it will be hard to convince the worker that it has been run for the benefit of others than the financiers.

The National Equal Rights League has petitioned President Hoover—Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy—to disavow that the Navy condones lynching as pronounced by Admiral Pratt in his comments on the Massie kidnapping and murder of the young Hawaiian, suspected of assault on Massie's wife. Ten to one, that the protest goes unheeded. A couple of months in the future there might be a reply, but election is too far in the future and the Administration might hurt the feelings of some of his southern constituents.

The colloquy between Congressman Oscar DePriest, Rep., Ill., and Blanton, Dem. Texas, was very interesting. The Texan had enough and would not yield to further questioning. The Illinois Congressman is full able to take care of himself in repartee.

In a recent talk before a Baltimore audience C. P. Roose, Miss. husband of the Republican National Committee-woman, stated that "if the Republican party nominated Hoover he (Roose) would vote the Democratic ticket. Of course, Roose's vote would not make much of a difference, but his influence otherwise might do some harm.

Out of a total of approximately 50,000 clerks in the departments at Washington, there are but 300 Negroes.

The conviction of William Peterson accused of the murder of two society girls and the violation of another, was not a surprise. Although there was corroborative evidence given, by both white and Negro witnesses that he was in town on the day of the alleged crime; a jury found him guilty. Without doubt the convicted man is a martyr to the covering up of a society scandal.

The report of suffering brought about by "Old Man Depression" in Chicago, is not exaggerated, according to first hand information from the "windy city". Racial antipathies are forgotten in the common misery and the "Lion" and the "Lamb" sleep peacefully side by side on the hard floors of the Shelters.

We are to be the recipients of some political news which if it groves interest, will be passed on.

State Senator Talant Tubbs has entered the list of candidates for the United States senate. Tubbs is dripping wet, and on his run for Lieutenant governor, made a fine showing, and that, in spite of a hurriedly formed campaign organization.



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