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The News
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FOOLISH ECONOMY

Despite the intense national campaign of restoring prosperity through various means of advertising propaganda it is quite noticeable that in all parts of America, particularly in the large centers, employees are being laid off in droves.

In the various governmental units, local, state and federal, the same situation exists and for our race it is spelling tragedy and as the results are carefully tabulated we find that the number of our workers being discharged are entirely out of proportion either to the number employed or the total number discharged.

Some of these discharges are the inevitable result of administration changes and it may be, in time, that the additional number given employment will offset the losses. However, the majority are being laid off purely as an economy measure.

We do not argue that either a private or a governmental organization maintain a payroll of non-workers. If there is work to be done, and surely and certainly more equitable to make a readjustment of the working hours, dividing the work among many, rather than to concentrate it in a few.

With the advanced strides we have made in a theoretical civilization our workers have a wonderful opportunity to utilize their brains in the economy of the many and bring untold riches to the few. It is to break away from unwise conditions that our present-day economists should provide for.

Looking at things from a purely capitalistic standpoint it is not so much more profitable to maintain a general and equitable condition of prosperity than to make a few of the many and bring untold riches to the few. It is to break away from unwise conditions that our present-day economists should provide for.

In checking over the earnings and production of a number of the largest companies in the country for the past two years we find a great many who have steadfastly refused to either lay off any of their employees or to reduce their wages, and surprisingly as it may seem, their earnings have been even greater. Why?

They recognized a cardinal responsibility of management and while business fell off in their own line, they sought other methods of utilizing the services of their employees and plants. In other words, they found it profitable to create work instead of trying to unwisely economize by laying off employees because of a retrenchment in their formerly standardized lines.

There is plenty of idle capital and no doubt about the available labor supply. It would be good economy to spend more for good and better management in order to put both capital and labor to work.

ORGANIZE GROUP TO ACT IN NEGRO HEALTH PROJECT

A meeting was held on Wednesday March 3rd at Williams Avenue Y. W. C. A. to organize a committee to arrange for the observance of Negro Health Week from April 3 to 10th, 1932.

The meeting which was called by Dr. DeNorval Unthank, was opened with the viewing of a health film that depicted health activities among the Negroes of Kansas City, Missouri.

A permanent health organization was formed with the following officers: Chairmen, Dr. DeNorval Unthank; Vice-Chairman, to be elected; Secretary, Mrs. Mable Sheppard; Treasurer, W. B. Brown.

The following five committees were appointed: Supply or Loan Chest, Mrs. Fannie Casey; Publicity, Mrs. Thelma Unthank; Nurses, Mrs. Carrie L. Ingersoll; Speakers Bureau, Eugene J. Minor; Education, Dr. DeNorval Unthank; Program, Mesdames D. W. Parson, Ethel Turner and Miss Robert Edwards.

A large mass meeting has been announced for the evening of March 18th at the Williams Avenue branch Y. W. C. A. for 8 o'clock. This meeting will feature many interesting points, including moving pictures. It will be for the public and Dr. Unthank is requesting that every one work hard for the success of the whole program.

NAACP READY TO ACT IN FLORIDA

Booker T. Washington Honored In Sunny California



J. FINLEY WILK

Internat'l Banquet Big Success

Salem, Oregon, March 6.—The International Club of which William Hall, is first Counsellor and George Cannady the second, sponsored an international banquet here on Tuesday evening at the First Methodist Church at six o'clock.

The social hall of the church was profusely and gorgeously decorated with greenery entwined about the pillars and along the walls and long banquet tables; potted plants in bloom adorned the center of the tables and tall palms and other plants and flowers in a profusion about the room and stage.

The delicious course repast was served by lady students of Willamette University, headed by "Bert" Cray, the caterer, to approximately three hundred guests representative of all the races and many nationalities and varied religions.

The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, roast turkey and dressing, beans, carrots, tomato aspic salad, hot rolls, butter, olives, celery, pickles, cranberry jelly, cake, icecream, coffee.

The program, over which Dr. Carl Gregg Doney president of Willamette University, presided as toastmaster, consisted of a number of smaller programs representative of each nationality.

The first was the Negro, Mrs. Beatrice Cannady-Franklin, of Portland was requested by the toastmaster to

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SMASH FRAME-UP OF NEGRO WORKER IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, O. March 5.—William Hughey, Negro worker and leader in the Unemployed Council here, was found not guilty on February 20 on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Hughey was jailed last October as an outgrowth of the eviction massacre in which John Rayford and Edward Jackson, two Negro workers, were killed by police for attempting to resist the eviction of a jobless Negro family.

In the course of his trial, Hughey and his defense attorney, Miss Yetta Land, exposed the terror of the Cleveland police against the Negro masses and the discrimination practiced by the local charity institutions.

GRAND EXALTED RULER INSPIRES CAL LODGE

Los Angeles, California, March 5.—The presence of the Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. O. O. F. of W. in the city will doubtless be an incentive for the local antlered herd to go forward as never before in their task of entertaining the National Convention of Elks which will convene in this city during the month of August.

Mr. Wilson is here as the guest of Golden West Lodge of Elks. He comes here direct from Washington, D. C. visiting en route the Pacific States Convention just closed and also for a visit to the Salton Sea Lodge in El Centro to inspect its new and commodious Temple. He is accompanied by the District Deputy E. Sorrell.

FOR EQUALITY

Princeton, Ky., March 5 (CNA)—The efforts of the coal operators to break the united strike of the Negro and white miners of Kentucky and Tennessee under the leadership of the National Miners Union, by appealing to race prejudice, have brought forth from the headquarters of the union here a vigorous affirmation of its equality of Negro and white.

A leaflet spread broadcast recently by agents of the operators calls upon white miners to drop their affiliation with the National Miners Union on the ground that "the union believes in equality of Negro and white."

The answer of the National Miners Union to this "challenge" of the operators is contained in a leaflet put out by the Union here last week. The leaflet states in part:

"The National Miners Union, does not hide the fact that it fights for complete equality of Negroes. On the contrary, it proudly proclaims this point in its program. The N. M. U. knows, as every thinking miner knows, that countless strikes in the past have been broken by the ploy of the operators to split the ranks of the workers and play white against Negro and Negro against white. When white miners strike, Negro scabs are brought in to break the strike. When Negro miners strike, white miners are invited against them by the operators and are brought in to break their strike."

SOLVING IT - AND HOW!!

AN EDITORIAL

There comes a time in the lives of individuals and groups when they are compelled to band together to down their common enemy. Sometimes this enemy is without and sometimes within. That time has come in Portland for Portland Negroes. And the common enemy is Negroes who discriminate against their own people, who on account of some foolish notion that they are duty bound to be guided by some fancied dislike or jealousy of a brainless "friend", practice some of the most unheard-of inconsistencies.

The principal thing with which the Negro in Portland is vitally concerned at this time is how and where to earn a dollar to make a living. Some call it his economic problem.

Well, Portland has an Economic organization composed of Negroes whose sole objective is solving the Portland Negro's economic dilemma. Affiliated with this organization are the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and we are informed, practically every other club and organization of whatever kind or nature which colored people operate.

They are solving the problem — and how!

Here is one of the latest ways that some of those who are solving our economic problems in Portland are doing it:

On Wednesday, March 16, 1932, at a white hall owned and operated by white people, the colored Knights of Pythias Lodge and the Court of Calanthia are going to give a ball. A white orchestra has been hired to play for this ball and a white grinning establishment was patronized for the printed advertising material. Now we take it, that the ball is given for the benefit and pleasure of white people. The sponsors certainly would not expect colored people to patronize it.

Now let us see. A Negro—one of our best and oldest citizens, operates a dance hall which he does to aid in earning a living. The hall is a nice one, equipped with a good dance floor and other conveniences and certainly large enough to accommodate any of the white "times". There are two Negro orchestras in Portland: one composed of a group of young men and the other headed by members of one of our oldest and most highly respected families. They belong to practically every worthwhile organization and movement in the city and are always to be seen actively engaged in work for the benefit of these organizations. They are called upon by their people when something is wanted for a dance hall when Negroes have some money or think they are going to make some to spend they hire a white orchestra and call it solving the Negro's economic problem. Although Negroes own and operate a printing establishment in Portland all the printing was done by a white shop.

And yet these are some of the solvers of the Negro's economic condition in Portland. It certainly cannot be expected that same Negroes will attend this dance. We feel certain that those in charge do not want nor expect that they shall. No sensible person would think of giving all his business to white people—men members of their own race are in employment—unable many of them to pay their house rent or feed and clothe their families;—when whole families cannot find enough work between them to do to keep body and soul together, and especially in the face of the numerous instances where Negroes have been let out of their jobs and their places given to whites. Witness what happened a few months ago at our oldest hotel in Portland. Almost without warning, the Negro help, some of whom had been there for nearly a half century and for which the hotel was internationally famed, were suddenly dropped without explanation, from the payroll. Men who had spent the prime of their lives devotedly to this service, and who knew nothing else to do; men with homes and families to support let out like that—replaced with help far inferior in service but nevertheless—THIRTY—white help.

It is almost inconceivable, but true that some of these people who were thus discharged are among the leaders of these fraternal organizations. This in the face of the fact that a nation-wide movement is on to supplant Negro domestics with white. Not only in Dallas, Texas, where the most insidious propaganda is used to the end that colored domestics

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ECONOMIC PROGRAM PLAN

UNITED FRONT URGED FOR NEGRO BUSINESS

NEW YORK, MARCH 5.—Large economic mass meetings in several key cities are being planned for the celebration of the birthday of Booker T. Washington, founder of the National Negro Business League and for many years its president, according to announcement of A. L. Holsey, secretary of the League, who is directing the plans. On each program will be prominent speakers who will make a plea with the public to support Negro business enterprises in order to make the year 1932 one of the most profitable in the history of Negro business. The slogan of the meetings will be: "A United Front for Negro Business in 1932."

OLD THEORY EXPLODED

New York, March 5.—"The common notion of the extreme longevity of Indians as a race is largely a myth," Negroes and whites are longer lived, reports a writer in "Human Biology," whose findings are summarized by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The writer, Forrest Clements, of the University of Oklahoma, Department of Anthropology, has examined the records of special Indian tribes to arrive at his results. Among other racial distinctions which he points out are that Negroes and Indians seem to suffer less from cancer than whites, but on the other hand their deaths from influenza and tuberculosis are higher than among whites. In the case of syphilis, he finds the Negro death rate about five times that for whites and three times the Indian rate. Diabetes causes more deaths among whites than among Negroes or Indians, and the cancer death rate among whites is more than twice the Negro death rate from this cause.

Death from childhood diseases are twice as high among Negroes as among whites. The main causes of death for whites and Negroes are listed by the writer as follows:

Whites: Heart disease, kidney disease, cancer, pneumonia, tuberculosis, cerebral hemorrhage, causes peculiar to early infancy.

Negroes: Tuberculosis, heart disease, pneumonia, kidney trouble, cerebral hemorrhage, causes peculiar to infancy, influenza.

In connection with these figures, the N. A. A. C. P. points out that such life insurance experts as Dr. Louis I. Dublin have attributed the Negro's high death rate from respiratory and other diseases to his economic handicaps: inadequate, medical, nursing and hospital facilities.

BROTHERS FREED

Cleveland, Ohio, (CNA)—Police of Massillon, O. have been forced to drop all charges against David Palmer, 13, and Jimmy Lee McDue, 15, two colored boys arrested on January 29 on a fake charge of rape.

The two children were released from the Canton jail last week after investigators for the International Labor Defense uncovered the facts of the frame-up. The story of their arrest was published in a news release in these columns last week.

C. M. A. SPECIALS OUT

NEW YORK, March 5.—The regular weekly "specials" of the C. M. A. Stores, printed on attractive circulars were begun last week. The circulars have twelve items listed on the special list and the prices were said to be well on the par with, and even below the regular chain store prices.

MOB ACTIVITIES SUPPRESSED CITIZENS BAN TOGETHER

New York, March 5.—Telegraphic inquiry by the N. A. A. C. P. into the mobbing of Negro workers in Jacksonville, by white men who wanted their jobs, has brought word from the Jacksonville branch that the mob activities have been suppressed. Police action and self-defense by a Negro, who stabbed one of his white assailants have helped to calm the white job-mobbers.

It is reported that responsible white and colored citizens stood together against the mob activities and that the disturbances have been brought to an end.

DR. HUDSON RECOVERS

Los Angeles, California, March 5.—Dr. Claude H. Hudson, dentist, and president of the local branch of the Na-



DR. HUDSON

tional branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has returned to his office on Central Avenue fully recovered from a recent illness. Dr. Hudson was stricken at his office about three weeks ago and has been confined at his home and the hospital ever since that time.

IRATE MOURNERS MIX AT FUNERAL

Los Angeles, California, March 5.—Friends, with genuinely saddened hearts, habitual funeral goers and curiosity-seekers mingled with the bereaved family at St. Phillips Episcopal church here Saturday afternoon and heard Father W. T. Cleghorn conduct the simple last rites for Mrs. Anna Owens, Garry Harrison and Robert Owens, pioneer citizen, who murdered his wife and son-in-law, then committed suicide in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gladys Harrison, 5430 Ocean Blvd., in Long Beach.

Mrs. Harrison, wife of Garry, was in the home at the time of the triple slaying and no doubt would have been killed had she not dashed a glass of water in her father's face when he aimed his pistol at her. The bullet went wild and the woman fled.

The church was filled to capacity and outside hundreds of people lolled about murmuring comments on the most tragic occurrence ever witnessed in this section. Mourners commenced taking their seats in the church before 10 a. m. Ushers were knocked down by the surging crowd, which at times was uncontrollable.

In his introduction Father Cleghorn said: "Some of you are here out of respect; a few of you are here as a matter of course, while a number of you are here on account of curiosity. This last group is no good to the dead, and I doubt very seriously if you can be of any help to the bereaved."

Owens was 76 years old, was a member of one of the oldest families in Angelus county and once re-

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PLEDGE SUPPORT TO FREE BOYS

SYMPATHIZE WITH MOTHERS THROUGH OWN EXPERIENCE

New York March 5.—(CNA)—A ringing call for the defense of the nine Scottsboro boys was made last Wednesday night by Mrs. Mary Mooney, the frail, white-haired, 84-year-old mother of Tom Mooney, the labor leader now completing his fifteenth year in the California penitentiary on a framed-up murder charge.

Addressing the 15,000 workers who jammed the Bronx Coliseum, "Mother" Mooney pledged her services in the fight to free the Scottsboro victims.

"I know how the mothers of the Scottsboro boys are suffering because their innocent children are facing the electric chair," said "Mother" Mooney. "As I have waited and hoped all these years for my son to be given back to me, so the Scottsboro mothers are waiting for the working-class to free their children. I want the fight for my boy Tom to be a fight for the Scottsboro boys, too."

The audience broke into a storm of applause when "Mother" Mooney clasped the hand of six-year-old Mary Alice Montgomery, the sister of Glen Montgomery, one of the eight Scottsboro boys now in the death cell at Kilby prison.

By unanimous vote of all present, a telegram was sent to the Scottsboro boys pledging a determined struggle for their freedom.

RACE MAGAZINE TAKES POLL ON PRESIDENT

New York, March 5.—National leaders highly endorse OPPORTUNITY'S Presidential Poll as most timely in awakening the Negro to the importance of the coming Presidential election which is expected to be close and bitterly fought. Prominent among those openly expressing satisfaction and interest are Mr. Alton L. Holsey, president of the C. M. A. Stores; Mr. Arthur Schomburg, Curator of Fisk University Library and Mr. Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the National Urban League.

Mr. Holsey says: "OPPORTUNITY magazine is rendering our race a definite and constant service in conducting the nation-wide poll to determine the attitude of the Negro voter for a competent candidate for the Presidency. For the first time the vote of the Negro will be taken out of the category of guess and placed on an intelligent basis, thereby removing the previous hazard of tampering by selfish and professional politicians."

Mr. Schomburg finds it very timely "because the Negro finds himself this time between the devil and his deep blue sea." The Republican party whom he has always supported has failed him and the Democrats as yet has not offered anything definite. Other parties, he feels are still in the sentimental stage. It is certainly time for him to start thinking and general appreciation for a magazine of OPPORTUNITY'S calibre can do more to arouse a thinking interest than any other factor. It is a splendid piece of work."

BAHAI RACE AMITY GROUP GIVES N. A. A. C. P. AND URBAN LEAGUE DINNER

New York, March 5.—The National Bahai Committee or Race Amity, under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. R. Mathews, is giving a dinner tomorrow night at the Shelton Hotel in honor of the National Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "in appreciation of their devoted service in the cause of justice and protection of the Negro people."

EDUCATORS TO MEET

Washington, D. C. March 5.—E. D. Wilkinson, Registrar at Howard University, as president of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools, announced the program for the seventh annual meeting of the Association to be held March 9-12, inclusive at the Alcorn A. and M. College, Alcorn, Miss. Among the speakers to be heard, and subjects to be discussed will be the following: W. F. Bond, State Superintendent of Education, Jackson, Mississippi; Fred R. McCuiston, associate director of Southern Schools of the Julius Rosenwald Fund will speak on "The Southern Association and Improvement of College Standards."