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SOLVING IT — AND HOW!

(Continued from Page One) are discharged but it is on in Portland, Oregon, NOW! One of the wealthy white families residing on Portland Heights has been requested to fire their colored servants and replace them with white, "cheaper" help. When these Negro women who are the sole supporters of their families, their men having lost their jobs, are laid off, what are they going to do? We are not prejudiced against the white race in the least. Many of our best friends are to be found among white people—many who will read these lines with a smile and say that they, the white people can better afford to give us employment. They're on top; they have everything—money, jobs, businesses, power! They don't need what little we have to give and would think better of us if we banded together and did our best to support one another's business.

Here is the argument that will be offered: The white hands can play better than the Negro hands. Suppose they do. Why shouldn't they when we and the whites, too, give them constant employment—they have more practice and more appearances—they ought to play better. What if they do play better? Don't those Negro waiters and other helpers know their work better than those white girls who replaced them at the hostelry? But that fact didn't keep the white girls from getting the jobs. The white employer in normal times who is used to colored servants would not have any other kind. But these are abnormal times and things call for different action from what we are accustomed to.

There are many instances where it is necessary to employ whites but certainly not in music. And yet these same Negroes and their associates continue to hire white hands, rent white halls and use white printing—helping to hasten the complete breakdown of their economic condition in Portland. There comes a time when we must band together for our common good and that time has now arrived. If we are right, let us hear from you and if we are wrong, let us hear from you, dear readers.

THE N. A. A. C. P. REPORT

From down south comes the East Tennessee News with the following jab at the N. A. A. C. P.: "At least one beneficial service rendered by the International Labor Defense was their forcing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to publish a report of the money collected as a defense fund for the eight Scottsboro youths and show how it was spent. The report as compiled by an expert auditor were published throughout the country in the Negro press and certainly the most liberal proponents of the program advocated by the N. A. A. C. P. will refuse to condone the ruthless expenditure of the vast amount of money collected—especially when it is known that the unfortunate youths received little or no benefit from the same. The editor goes on to inquire as to what Mr. Darow did to merit the payment to him of two thousand dollars!"

MINISTERS AND POLITICS

The colored ministry in Chicago, or at least many of its representatives, is again busy bombarding political

headquarters. The tin-clip is extended, the usual blah, blah, is being re-echoed and the white men are disgusted as usual with the cupidity and lack of poise of our holy men. One influential politician once stated that he could buy up all the colored preachers at twenty-five dollars a crack and the vote of their constituents at fifty cents per head. They cannot hold much respect for the dignity of churches and the pastors. This does not exasperate the ministers. They even quarrel among themselves over the division of their ill-gotten gains. A contrite and enlightened ministry is needed to supplant the undignified and inspirable to the north. These words will not cure or modify this condition but it will have the effect in arousing shame in the breast of the ministers themselves and disgust in the minds of those who worship with them.

THE KIND OF STUFF THAT MAKES LYNCHERS

On another page of today's Advocate, we are reproducing two stories from the Evening Herald, newspaper published in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The stories speak for themselves—they eloquently tell their own tale. The lengthy one was published first and headed with "box-car" type clear across the front page. The other one three days later. AFTER investigation was published with a small headline and placed on page 12. We quote from a letter sent us by "Uncle Jack", who also kindly furnished us with copies of the papers containing the stories: "Suppose this had occurred in the land below the line. It is alarming to think what would have happened. There are several men who answer this description in Klamath Falls but luckily for them they were well known and well thought of by the people of the town. Therefore little attention was paid when the paper came out with its big scare-head-lines. And as was expected, in a couple of days, the same paper came out with a statement that the relatives wish to drop the case."

These big scare-head stories of Negro attacks upon white women ground out by the daily newspapers is the kind of stuff of which lynching mobs are made and if the truth were known we could have easily had one at Klamath Falls if it had not been for the sensible people. One of the greatest potential factors for good or evil in the United States, is the daily white press. White newspapers with from five to six days time advantage over the weekly Negro papers, mould the sentiment of the day and go far toward determining what the trend of things shall be.

NEGRO HEALTH

Dr. DeNorval Unthank, Portland's only Negro physician, since coming here has proven his interest in the progress of the people in general and his race in particular. He has entered whole-heartedly in the support of all worthwhile movements and organizations; he is to be found among the leaders and in the ranks of the laity. He is sane, conservative and sensible. He has been too big to enter into petty quibbling which he found to be

in existence when he came here among certain classes and groups, although pressure has been brought to bear on him to "take sides". He has steadfastly adhered to a program of constructive effort. He is friendly, painstaking, kind, sympathetic, capable, and courageous—the kind of leader the race stands sorely in need of. Dr. Unthank is heading a movement for the observance of Negro Health and it is hoped that every body will give him the support to which he is entitled in order to make the program a worthwhile, successful one.

The Advocate acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a conference of the Republican Citizens Committee against national prohibition on Friday March 4, at the Blackstone hotel, Chicago, to consider ways and means to place a Prohibition Repeal Plan in the platform of the Republican party.

THE "WHY" OF DEPRESSION

In a recent copyrighted article appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle, Leonard P. Ayers, Vice-president of the Cleveland Trust Company, held that rigid economy is the only cure for the depression. He pointed out that the war cost the participating nations \$200,000,000,000—a sum equal to about \$200 a minute from the time of Julius Caesar to that of Herbert Hoover! Most of this money was raised by borrowing against the future. After the war, all nations decided to make the modern improvements the war had made them desire. This was accomplished by borrowing more billions. The result was a period of expanding indebtedness—which produced a kind of artificial prosperity. Now the trend is the other way. We have been forced into debt contraction, and our economic troubles have resulted. In past years we mortgaged our future income and the time for paying the piper has come. Individuals, families, businesses and governments must balance their budgets in order to bring order out of chaos. Waste and extravagance must be eliminated. The depression will pass—but we cannot await with a policy of spending that will merely duplicate the period of inflation we have just left behind us.

THE LINDBERGH BABY

Only a mother can know the terrible anxiety that fills the being of a mother of the Lindbergh baby who is the victim of kidnapers. All mothers of the nation, everywhere, are praying and hoping for the safe return of the baby to his hearbroken parents. What a precious thing—a baby! Only mothers know how precious they are and that is how they can so understandingly sympathize with Mrs. Lindbergh.

In 1931, forest fires due to careless smokers led in totals with 292 all other man-caused fires in the 14 national forests of Oregon.

HEALTH PROGRAM OUT

National Negro Health Week comprises the following special days and activities: Sunday, April 3, MOBILIZATION Day Health sermons, health talks, church programs; popular mass meetings; outline program; good speakers; good music. Monday, April 4, HOME HEALTH Day—Home clean-up. Parents meetings; separate meetings and speakers for mothers and for fathers. Consider proper sex education methods. Tuesday, April 5, COMMUNITY SANITATION Day—Activities for sanitary needs and improvements; water, food, and milk supply; waste disposal, clean streets, paving; safe wells; sanitary plumbing, etc. Wednesday, April 6, SCHOOL Health Day—Invite parents. Health essays, songs, games, plays; parades, pageants. Health examinations for pre-school and school children. School clean-up. Thursday, April 7, ADULTS' HEALTH Day—Emphasis on annual health examination with opportunities for examination. Health talks to men's clubs, and women's organizations, etc. Friday, April 8, SPECIAL CAMPAIGN Day Survey of Community health needs and concentration of one or more practical objectives which can be accomplished. Saturday, April 9, GENERAL Clean-Up Day—Cooperative large scale clean-up activities. Inspection of community campaign results; completion of all unfinished activities. Collect data and take pictures for reports and newspaper stories. Sunday, April 10, REPORT and Follow-up Day—Close Campaign with enthusiastic meeting for reports; good talks, good music, experiences. Effect continuation organization. Send copy of summarized reports to the National Negro Health Week Committee, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. The above is the program sent out by the National committee from Tuskegee, Institute, Alabama.

Churches--

—BAPTISTS—

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH East First and Schuyler Sts. Rev. J. D. Wilson, Pastor. SHILON BAPTIST CHURCH East 7th and Everett Sts. Rev. G. G. Gardener, Pastor.

—EPISCOPALIAN—

St. Phillips Mission Knott and Rodney Sts. Blaine Coles, Lay Reader.

—HOUSE OF PRAYER—

House of Prayer East 10th and Grant Sts Robert Searce, Pastor.

—METHODIST—

Bethel A. M. E. Church Rev. Daniel G. Hill Jr., Minister. First A. M. E. Zion Church 417 Williams Ave. Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister.

BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

(By Miss Dolores Burdine)

The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper will be administered at 11 o'clock service. We hope all members of the church will come out and join in the service. Special music will be given by the choir. The subject of Rev. Hill's sermon will be, "Stand Still and See the Salvation of the Lord." At 8 o'clock, Mrs. Bessie Motherill Cunningham, lecturer and traveler, will speak. Subject: From Bethlehem to Calvary. The choir is preparing special music for Easter. Last Sunday the choir consisting of 8 carloads, sang before an audience of 400 at the First M. E. Church at Oregon City and were invited to come again.

Rev. Hill will discuss some vital subjects with the young people during the C. E. Hour. The Joy-makers Dramatic club met Thursday night with Miss Jeanette Christian. Last night the Bethel chorus sang a concert at the Church of Christ on Alberta near Union Avenue.

ALLEN C. E. LEAGUE

(Anna K. Morrison, Reporter) The Allen League held a very interesting meeting last Sunday under the leadership of its president, Miss Gwendolyn Hooker.

Next Sunday (tomorrow) opens the contest for leadership. Boys against the Girls. Miss I. Murton, captain for the girls and H. Gaskins, captain for the boys.

Owing to the bad weather last Sunday, the number present was smaller than is usual. We are looking for a large crowd this coming Sunday and we are looking for you.

MT OLIVET CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Wilson, Pastor. At 11 a. m. the subject of the pastor's sermon will be, "The Handwriting on the Wall" and in the evening, "The New Life in Christ Jesus."

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THE POLITICAL REALM

INTERNATIONAL BANQUET MEETS WITH BIG SUCCESS

(Continued from page one) announce the program. She first introduced some guests in her party: Mrs. Helen Bishop and Dr. Jeanette Matulis, both of whom greeted the audience with verses from the writings of Abdu'l-Hakim; Miss Barbara Hubbard was presented in a group of Negro spirituals and for encore she sang an English number. The audience was charmed with her singing. Dr. DeNorval Unthank was then introduced as the principal number. He gave a brief address in which he reviewed the history of Negro progress in America. This part of the program was closed with a solo by George Cannady, accompanied on the piano by Miss Hubbard.

Next came the Russian, followed by the Chinese and the Filipinos; then the Japanese and lastly the American Indian. The Russians sang and danced. Their program was an interpretation of the old and new Russian dances; the Chinese in a oriental setting presented a classical sketch and the Filipinos gave a Spanish serenade and an interesting sketch with plenty of music and pop; the Japanese put on a Shinto wedding after the custom of their forebears. Lastly came the American Indian, past and present. Past depicted the war and spirit dances and singing in the Indian language and the present showed the talent the Indian has in music; the violin, saxophone and voice. The native costumes worn by the Orientals and the Indians were gorgeously beautiful.

Speeches by American whites were interspersed between the six numbers on the program. Mr. William Hall opened the program with a brief talk on International House, including its history, its objective and its present needs. Everything was donated and the banquet was a benefit for the Chinese and Japanese students who are attending Willamette and whose funds have been cut off owing to the Sino-Japanese war.

MOURNERS AND USHERS BATTLE AT PIONEER'S FUNERAL

(Continued from Page One) earded as the wealthiest member of the race here. He and his wife were estranged, which came about shortly after the marriage of their daughter to Harrison, who was white.

She had accused Harrison of adultery in his private affairs and it is believed he intended to wipe out his entire family except Mrs. Harrison's son by a former marriage, whom he admired greatly. Owen's expressed desire was that his 7-year-old grandson, Bobby Spikes, should inherit his fortune.

Worry over financial difficulties, the estrangement from his wife and the thought that a white man might inherit his property, caused the slaying, it is believed.

Mrs. Gladys Harrison, who escaped a tragic death in the Long Beach home, was first married to the late Dr. Arthurton of Oakland, whom she sued for divorce. She later married Webb Stokes, author of the song, "Some Day, Sweetheart," and divorced him, getting custody of her son, Bobby. She was once a music student at Pisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Verbal Snapshots

By W. J. Wheaton

One has only to hear the band directed by Duke Ellington and to listen to the Tuskegee Quartette, to vision the scope of possibilities of Negro music. It ranges from the wondrously primitive to the plaintive, yet majestic rhythm of the spiritual. Two distinctive types, yet both typically of the Negro. We know nothing of music made an impression which visions the possibility of some Negro composer writing a Saga which shall be a world masterpiece. The subject matter is plenty. Concentration on the theme and talent for the task, which will be a stupendous one, is all that is needed. We have the belief in the near future some talented young Negro will forget imitation, be truly a Negro of art, and supply that masterpiece.

From now on until the Thanksgiving day of the American nation Nov. 24th, the name of George Washington will be kept before the people. It is to be expected that this year of the election of his lineal successors will be a stupendous one, in that the names of those candidates who aspire to head the Government, which he founded. Many of his wise sayings and most of the prophecies will be paraphrased and twisted to suit the whim of the orator. But as long as this Nation shall endure the names of Washington and Lincoln will stand out as the two Americans, of which one founded and the other preserved, a nation. It is a useful sight, to witness the puny attempts to besmirch the greatness attained by those men by traducers of character who would place their humanities before that of a achievement. But when the names of such iconoclasts of character are thrown in the "ash-can" of oblivion, theirs will live on forever.

The week has been devoid of political news of significance. The defeat of the LaFollette-Costigan bill, for direct help for the unemployed thro' the building of Federal works and State highways, was not favored by the Administration. The Glass Steagall measure which is an act to liberalize the Federal Reserve, thereby releasing money for credit throughout the banking system is supported by the Administration. Most of the financial assistance has been given to the banks and corporations, which in turn have either reduced the wage or cut down the force of employees. The whole thing seems to sense of the de-

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One to reduce the wage of the toiling masses to the wage standard reduction in the wage standard reductions and discharges have added to the ranks of the unemployed and the number in the bread lines.

The answers given by Mr. Gifford, who President Hoover appointed to head his Relief Committee, to Senator Costigan, is typical of the inefficiency shown by the majority of his appointments. Mr. Gifford in answer to the questions put to him by Senator Costigan, acknowledged his inability by admitting his lack of knowledge of the conditions confronting him. He as well as members of his committee, had no conception of the conditions in the smaller cities not served by Community Chest organizations. They had no information concerning the needs of the rural districts of the nation. Neither did they have any approximate information as to how many people in the United States were on the verge of starvation. Yet Mr. Gifford was, or is, supposed to solve one of the greatest problems of economic overhauling confronting the American people.

We still predict that the nominee of the Democratic party will come from the State of Ohio. No it will be neither Cox nor Newton Baker. There is a Senator and a Governor whose names are being kept (conspicuously) in the background. It is rumored that the Hoover managers view with alarm the growing enthusiasm for Speaker Garner. Don't believe it. There are other candidates for the Democratic nomination feared worse than Garner. Of course, the nomination of Hoover is all but conceded.

This year the election of Congressmen in Missouri will be at large. Joe McLemore, who is running as a Democrat, stands a splendid chance for election. All that is needed is a concentration of Negro votes of the state and Oscar DePriest will have an associate although on the opposite side of the House chamber. Joe McLemore is strictly a race man. He has chosen the political faith of Jefferson and Jackson because he sees in it the spirit of true democracy. He is sincere, trustworthy and an honor to the people whose cause he espouses. After all is said and done, parties were created by men for men, and men were not created for parties.

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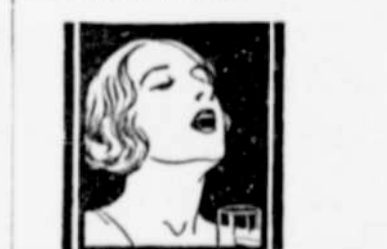


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