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CUTTING HOWARD

According to a news release sent out by the Associated Negro Press, there is a strong effort on to reduce the financial budget for Howard University, largest Negro institution for higher education supported by federal appropriations.

This is unfortunate to say the least for if any one class or group of people needs money for education, it is the Negroes in the United States. We have made large progress in education during the past several decades but the need for funds for education is greater today than ever before because of the great progress likewise in every field else.

There are several good reasons why there is an effort on to cut this budget to such a low figure and not the least among them is the great economic depression. But there are other reasons, too, that are known well to readers of the Negro press throughout the country. We refer to the unfortunate charges and counter charges against Dr. Mordecai Johnson, the president of the University in which much of the scandal centered around padding this and padding that resulting in a general waste and graft, so the charges and rumors would have the public believe. These reports came to The Advocate office just as they did to the other 350 or more Negro newspapers in all parts of the United States. But we refrained from publishing these rumors because we knew that sooner or later they would help to bring the institutions head in to question and disfavor and in general so that it could be said that the university is receiving too much money, etc. However in this drastic cut of finance entertained by the budget committee of the Department of the Interior, we think we see other reasons than the favorite alibi: hard time. The colored people in general and the leaders of education for our race would do well to ponder these things for the future and in the mean time, we hope every race organization will send messages of protest to their Senators in Congress.

LYNCHING

Lynching has shown itself in another form. We look upon the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby as another form of lynching. Not of the body of the little victim, but of the souls of his devoted parents. But this terrible crime is merely another forerunner of what our nation is coming to in the way of lawlessness and disrespect for constituted authority. The lynching of more than four thousand black Americans in the United States during the past forty years, an average of one hundred per year has failed to make an impression upon our national conscience. It will no doubt remain for a national figure of the white race to be lynched before we

wake up to the real situation in this country.

It would be most wonderful if Mrs. Sykes and her visions prove to be the clue to the solution of the Lindbergh baby kidnapping. She could then visualize the next war around the corner and tell us who will be who and what will be what and when. Some people have natural gifts which at times render service that is invaluable through their psychic powers.

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 wholeheartedly 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 to get 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.

For loyalty to country and cause, nobody can beat the Negro race. We have the spectacle of our government turning out Negro soldiers and Negroes training as nurses and otherwise preparing for service in the next war. One large Negro fraternal organization has already pledged the services of his order to the man, to our government in case of war. That is some man who heads this organization!

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.

POLITICIANS

Those politicians who brag and boast that they can buy up the colored vote at the rate of fifty cents each should be taught a bitter lesson. These men fail to take into consideration the mounting intelligence of the colored electorate. The colored voters in Chicago can no longer be driven to the polls like dumb, driven cattle for can their vote be purchased. It has been clearly demonstrated that we will not turn our backs upon our friends and that money does not entice us into the equation. We would not advise our people to turn down during these precarious times nor would we advise them to desert their friends. Perhaps there is a happy medium to be struck in the situation. But those who think and say they can purchase our white race to be lynched before we

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and are discounting the mental progress we have made. —The Why? Note: The same goes for Portland Negro voters.

THE "WHY" OF DEPRESSION

In a recent copyright 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 that 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 do away with it by a policy of spending which will merely duplicate the period of inflation we have just left behind us.

HEALTH PROGRAM OUT

National Negro Health Week comprises the following special days and activities:

Sunday, April 2, MOBILIZATION Day Health sermons, health talks, church-wide popular mass meetings; outline programs; 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.

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 organization. Collect data and take pictures for reports and newspaper stories.

Saturday, April 9 —GENERAL Clean-up Day-Cooperative large scale clean-up activities. Inspection of community health needs and 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.

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BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

(By Miss Dolores Burdine)

ALLEN C. E. LEAGUE

The Allen C. E. League was well attended last Sunday by both girls and boys.

Miss Gwendolyn Hooker had charge of the lesson discussion.

Next Sunday, Miss Verdell Burdine will be the leader.

The League received an invitation to visit the endeavor League at Tigard, Oregon, and the League is hoping to make the visit real soon.

Several visitors were noted among the members last Sunday. We hope they enjoyed our meeting and will come again.

Remember a hearty welcome awaits you at Bethel C. E. League.
Anna K. Morrison, Reporter

THE POLITICAL REALM

Verbal Snapshots

By W. J. Wheaton

FISTIC FANS IN NEAR RIOT

(By Billy Stepp in The News Mar. 9)

Compared to Officer Coffee Stoops, who doubles as referee on boxing nights, Jesse James was a gentleman. * * * the difference between the pair is Jesse wore a beard and rode a horse, while Stoops is clean shaven, blind and rides a motorcycle. It was up to Referee Stoops to pull two of the worst decisions ever rendered in the Auditorium since Heck was a pup—he gave Ray McQuillan the nod over "Punch 'Em" Paul Delaney and then added to his horrible verdicts by calling the Hanna-Dixon bout a draw after Dixon had won in a walk.

The decision in the Delaney-McQuillan fight wasn't even close. At the end of the sixth round Paul had taken four out of six and Stoops voted for two extra innings. The seventh and eighth were all Delaney, and then to see the long brown skinned right arm of McQuillan raised in token of victory almost caused a riot. The Dixon-Hanna bout was a mere breeze for Georgie. The local gladiator had fought in the bag going into the sixth and won the final heat by a city block, having Hanna on the verge of dropping from a steady pour of right hands to the face and jaw, and Stoops called it a draw.

Any judge would call it robbery and give the referee ten years, but being an officer, Coffee gets away with murder. However, the fans afterwards took it good naturedly, as they considered who was the third man in the ring, as it's not Stoops' first left handed decision.

If Delaney and Dixon didn't win, then the Germans won the war.

McQuillan gets the suit of clothes but he should allow Referee Stoops to wear it at least six days out of the week.

The political truce between the Democrats and Republicans has ended. Patriotic motives coalesced the parties in an effort to enact legislation seeking to lift the fog of our economic troubles. A candidate as well as the present congress for its promptness in meeting the recommendations of the Administration, but the truce has ended and one may look from now until after the elections in November for the political battle to wage with increasing intensity.

Speaker of the lower house, Garner, has accused President Hoover of using the "gentlemen agreement" to boost his own candidacy by seeking to preempt the entire credit for emergency legislation. The fire works opened when congress refused to give the executive power to appoint a committee on government reorganization. The boom for speaker Garner is still growing; many of the "faithful" are deserting the Roosevelt camp and allying themselves with the Garner movement. Deserving political observers are of the opinion that the bubble will burst after the first ballot for the candidates. Many of the laymen of the party believe that the nation of the Texas will be the means of preventing a dangerous deadlock in the convention which has heretofore proved disastrous to the hopes and aspirations of the Democrats. Governor Roosevelt, N. Y. has been very careful not to antagonize Tammany. He removed one as sheriff but appointed another. Finley could explain just how he came into the funds which were contained in a "little tin box" hid away in a safety deposit box and brought to light through investigator Seabury. Former Governor Al Smith has concluded to make an active campaign for delegates, which creates another angle in the politics of the democrats.

Speaking of Judge Henry's congressional aspirations, reminds us that Finley Wake, head of the I. B. P. O. E. and who is now some where in California, has succeeded in placing Bob Nelson as one of the members of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission. Of course, it has been so long since Hob has termed himself as Penn, that the move seems mysterious. Finley made Henry treasurer, and Henry—well, let's see—abdicates his political prerogatives and allows Finley to name the man. Hob has been editing Finley's paper and as head of the Civil Rights League, or something like that, at any rate it was a \$1250 job created by Finley as head of the I. B. P. O. E. Finley pledges the government the services of the organization in case of war, and it looks as if he has pledged the organization to support Pinchott in his political aspiration to be the next President of the United States. What we do not see is how in the "Heck" Bob Vann of the Pittsburgh Courier and Rhodes of the powerful Philadelphia Tribune were unable to gather in of the delegates continue there seems no way of stopping it. From current gossip in political circles, Governor Pinchott would not be averse to entering the lists and having a political joust with Hoover. The conference appears to have been a feeler for the support of the Progressive wing of the party.

President Hoover seems assured of a nomination to succeed himself. The nomination is possible but succession is probable. There might be a reversal of opinion between this and November but it will take some very explicit explaining to convince the electorate of the advisability of retaining his services. A significant political gesture was the recent conference in Washington between Governor Pinchott, Penn., and a number of Republican Progressives, among who were Senators Borah, Idaho, Norris, Nebraska, and Johnson, California. Many staunch Republicans believe that it will be a virtual political suicide to nominate the President, but as the gathering in of the delegates continue there seems no way of stopping it. From current gossip in political circles, Governor Pinchott would not be averse to entering the lists and having a political joust with Hoover. The conference appears to have been a feeler for the support of the Progressive wing of the party.

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