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Digesting... The News
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One Man Rule

At this writing the boys in the Scottsboro case die on Friday, May 13th. Two National organizations fought and wrangled over the privilege of collecting funds for the defense of the Scottsboro boys. Apparently, they both objected to one organization ruling. It looks as though all is lost. Money and the lives.

The largest surprise in the world is having difficulties at their headquarters in Washington, D. C. Undoubtedly, some of their business methods were wrong, but couldn't they have been corrected from within? No, two cliques were fighting each other and wrangling over the business was, apparently, the main object. Now both cliques are out. They couldn't agree on one clique ruling.

Down in Kilby prison (incidental by where the Scottsboros are) one small colored lad, weighing about ninety pounds, stabbed and killed the "bully" of the Alabama Chain Gang, who was so bad, so unruly that they made a "key-turner" out of him so that he could browbeat the other colored boys. His "one man rule" is ended but in this case my sympathies are all with the lad who objected to the "one man rule."

In New York and Chicago, another group is objecting to a "one man rule." The car in this instance is a financial one. From nothing he brot his own private business enterprise, on merit and efficient achievement, to a point where the financial planning agencies gave him a listing of several hundred thousand dollars.

Not satisfied with his personal success, he wanted to expand and do more for the race. He organized a bank, an insurance company, a newspaper and other lesser enterprises. Colored men and women by the hundreds were given positions of trust and class.

He successfully steered all of his enterprises through the period of depression. In one enterprise alone his family investment represents nearly a quarter million dollars, yet his position of authority is seriously questioned by those who hold less than a single thousand dollar investment and who owe their own salaries to the creative genius of this race financier. They object to "one man rule."

Our churches are divided and split because they do not want "one faith to rule." Our fraternal organizations are having battles over their "one clique ruling." Our law has fallen in disrespect because others object to "one law ruling."

No matter from which side we look at things, pro or con, we become disgusted. Looking at the racial side, we have too many "would-be" generals and not enough private and ranking officers. Let merit, alone determine who should rule. Let's discard the bad and weak points and solidify all the good ones into a powerful "one man (MERIT) rule." Give the "builders" a hand and let the "destroyers" wreck none but themselves.

DEDICATE NEW UNIV. LIBRARY

ONE OF FINEST IN SOUTH

Atlanta, Georgia, April 5—The new Atlanta University Library will be dedicated on Saturday afternoon, April 30, according to an announcement made today by President John Hope. The address of dedication will be made by United States Senator Frederic Collin Walcott of Connecticut, Chief spokesman of the University will be Dr. James Eldon Johnson, Spence Professor of Creative English at Fisk University, who is an alumnus of Atlanta University and a member of its governing board.

The building will be formally accepted by Mr. Dean Sage, of New York City, chairman of the University Board of Trustees. President John Hope will preside at the ceremonies which will be held in the new building and will commence at 2:30 o'clock.

\$300,000 LIBRARY DEDICATED TO TEST VALIDITY OF SLAVE LAW

Howard Prexy Drives Alumni From Campus

NEGRO HEALTH APPEAL ISSUED WEEK COMES TO A CLOSE FROM CELL IN SCOTTSBORO

RADIO BROADCASTS BIG FEATURE IN HEALTH PROGRAM

National Negro Health Week will come to a close on Sunday, April 10. Portland colored citizens under the leadership of Dr. DeNorval Unthank, held a full week of interesting meetings, including programs of various kinds, health demonstrations, radio addresses, etc.

The week's program was officially launched on last Sunday evening at Bethel church when Dr. Unthank and Messrs. Thornton Betts and Robert Gilmore gave talks upon health subjects. Mr. Gilmore is a senior in the Pharmacy department at North Pacific Dental College and Mr. Betts, a Junior in the Dental department at the same school. Mr. Gilmore dealt with the history of pharmacy and Mr. Betts told of the influence of the toothbrush on modern society. Dr. Unthank told of the history of the Weeks observance and introduced the speakers. A representative audience attended.

Several clubs held health programs at the Y, and one meeting was held at Zion church. The radio programs were arranged by Mrs. Franklin, editor of The Advocate in an effort to aid Dr. Unthank with his program. Those who gave radio talks were as follows and in the order in which they appeared: Monday over KGW, the Oregonian, Mrs. Beatrice Franklin, subject, "The History and Need of Negro Health Week"; Tuesday, Dr. DeNorval Unthank, KWLJ, "Influence of the Professional on Negro Health"; Wednesday, KXL, Jerome Franklin, associate editor of The Advocate, "The Influence of Play on Negro Health"; Thursday, KTRB, Rev. W. R. Lovell, "The Influence of the Negro church on Negro Health"; Friday, Robert Gilmore, KTRB, "The History of Pharmacy"; and Saturday, Mrs. Beatrice Franklin over KXL, "The Influence of Music on Negro Health." Assisting Dr. Unthank were Mrs. Mahle Shepard, soprano and Ralph Flowers, baritone; Assisting Rev. Lovell, was Mrs. Lovell, soprano; Assisting Robert Gilmore was Mrs. Sheppard, soprano and Miss Louise Randolph, accompanist; assisting Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin was Miss Barbara Hubbard, soprano.

Rev. Wilson will preach a special health sermon on tomorrow morning at the Mount Olivet Baptist church; in the evening, Dr. DeNorval Unthank will have charge of the program. In the evening at Bethel A. M. E. church, Thornton Betts will give a five-minute health talk as a special feature of the service.

FUNDS CUT ADVISED BY DR. JOHNSON REPELS CLOSE AFFILIATION WITH ALUMNI HEADQUARTERS

HOW WE DO IT! SHOWN MEN DIE

Montgomery, Ala., April 7—From the death cells in Kilby Prison, where they have been held under conditions of the most ghastly torture, ever since the mock trials in the lower court at Scottsboro, Ala., the eight Scottsboro boys send the following appeal to the young workers of the world to rally to the mass fight to smash the hideous frame-up and lynch murder verdicts.

"From the death cell here in Kilby Prison, eight of us Scottsboro boys is writing this to you. "We have been sentenced to die for something we ain't never done. Us poor boys were sentenced to burn up on the electric chair for the reason we is workers—and the color of our skin is black. We like any one else of you workers is not older than 20. Two of us is 14 and one is 13 years old.

"What we guilty of? Nothing but being out of a job. Nothing but looking for work. Our kinfolk was starving for food. We wanted to help them out. So we hopped a freight—just like any one of you workers might a done—to go down to Mobile to hunt work. We was taken off the train by a mob and framed up on rape charges.

"At the trial they give us in Scottsboro we could hear the crowds yelling, 'Lynch the niggers.' We could see them totting those big shot guns. Call it a fair trial!

"And while we lay here in jail, the boss-man make us watch 'em burning up other Negroes on the electric chair. 'This is what you'll get' they say to us.

"What for? We ain't done nothing to be in here at all. All we done was to look for a job. Anyone of you might have done the same thing—and got framed up on the same charge just like we did.

DRUMMER DEATH PENALTY IS ASKED FOR RACE MERGER

ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPT TO INCITE INSURRECTION

Whether or not a law passed in this state in 1901 to crush slave insurrections may legally be used today to prevent Negro and white workers from getting together to better their conditions, was the question raised in court here last week by the attorneys for two Negro and four white workers, arrested two years ago and charged with "attempting to incite insurrection."

The court was packed with Negro and white workers as Oliver C. Hancock and W. A. McClellan, attorneys for the defense, announced that they were filing a demurrer challenging the constitutionality of Georgia's old slave law of 1861, which fixed the death penalty for housing the Negroes against slavery. On the basis of this law, Assistant Solicitor John H. Hudson is demanding the death penalty against six working-class organizers who attempted to hold joint meetings of Negro and white and who distributed a leaflet showing a Negro and a white boy clasping hands.

The six defendants are two Negro men, Herbert Newton and Henry Story; two white men, M. H. Powers and Joe Carr; and two white girls, Ann Burlak and Mary Dalton. These defendants were arrested here in the spring of 1930.

The above is a likeness of Henry Myles, prominent Spanish-American War Veteran who plays the drums in Scout Young Camp, (white) Spanish-American War Veterans' band. Mr. and Mrs. Myles reside at 32 1/2 Sacramento street and have a host of friends who are sincerely proud of the honor which has come to him.

Penitentiary, Oregon April 1—To the editor: Just a few lines to let you know that we are fine and hope you and all are the same.

We have planned on coming to Portland for a year and really have some business here to attend to but we just cannot get to come. We are about the busiest people in town. Certainly we have no kick coming as we are making money the same as ever. In fact, I believe the depression hasn't bothered us at all. Our rents are just the same and we have never been cut on a job; our salary has been raised. So, dear friends, I guess we have lots to be proud of.



MR. MYLES

NO DEPRESSION HERE SAYS WRITER

JIM-CROW BUS VICTIMS COMPLAIN TO CITY

Harrisburg, Pa., April 8—Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania this week consented to set a date for a hearing at which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will bring victims of segregation on Greyhound buses in Pennsylvania to testify concerning that discrimination. This statement was made by Commissioner Almy to Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., who appeared before the Commission here in Harrisburg to oppose the granting of new routes to the company, on the ground that the company was violating the Pennsylvania law in jim-crowing passengers.

CORPSE COMES TO LIFE UNDERTAKES FAINTS

Claremont, Va., March —Robert Simmons, Sarry county undertaker, was preparing to embalm the body of Mrs. Sophie Burns, Spring Grove invalid, who "died" on Saturday night, when a slight noise attracted his attention to the slab where the supposed "corpse" lay. Before his horrified eyes the woman drew a deep breath, banded her eyes, and then suddenly sat up on the slab with a surprised expression upon her face. With an agonized scream, Simmons turned to flee then fainted dead away upon the mortuary floor.

TEXAS MOB LYNCHES AGED COLORED MAN

Crockett, Texas, April 2.—Dave Tillus, 52, colored, identified as the man who attempted to attack a white woman near here this week, was lynched last night by a party of white men. Tillus' body was found hanging to a tree 15 miles from here on the San Antonio highway. It was said to be the first lynching in the state of Texas in nearly two years.

LOCAL WOMAN SUCCEUMBS

The whole community was shocked last Sunday upon learning that Mrs. Genevieve Mullen, the beloved wife of George Mullen, of 218 E. 41st St., had succumbed at St. Vincent hospital where she had been confined for a little more than a week, seriously ill.

Mrs. Mullen, a native of the State of Texas was born at Marshall, in 1858. She was educated in the public schools and at Bishop college in that city.

In 1909, she married George Mullen at Saint Louis, Mo. Later, they came to Portland where they have resided ever since.

The deceased was a staunch member of Mount Olivet Baptist church where she was an active member of the choir and chorus, also of the ladies auxiliaries of the church. She was prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Enterprise Chapter, O. E. S. and Duhila Temple, Daughter Elks.

For a number of years and until her recent illness, Mrs. Mullen was employed at Meier & Franks Department store. She was active in all local movements for general improvement and benefit of the community and was a devoted wife and mother.

During the past summer, she visited friends in California and old and new Mexico.

Mrs. Mullen's funeral was conducted last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 at the Miller & Tracey Chapel, with Mrs. Beatrice Reed, lady attendant on duty. Long before the hour set for the service, the chapel was filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends. The beautiful half casket was littered with flowers.

VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

Word comes to us that Joe Melmore, candidate for Congress, running as a Democrat, is most certain of election. The vote in Missouri this year is state-wide and not by congressional districts. It is to be hoped that personal ambitions will be subordinated and a concerted effort made to supply a helpful colleague, though of a different political complexion. It will be a close fight between Louis Anderson and DePriest but all indications point to the selection of the latter for another term.

In California, Frederick Roberts who has served several terms as a legislator, is having opposition for his return. "Tommy" Miles, who no doubt will base his claim to legislative experience by virtue of having served a term as Page in that branch of the California law mill and Sidney Dones, erst-while movie actor and realtor are aspiring for Fred's job. Roberts has made an excellent representative. He is sane enough to realize that he is sent there to represent all his constituents. He has never made race an issue and by that means has succeeded in getting over more matters beneficial to our people than by assuming a strictly Race attitude. We know from experience that California's legislators place the tabu on all questions which savor of racial controversy, no matter of what breed the race. We would advise the voters of the 62nd Asst-District, to retain Fred Roberts in the Legislature. We again repeat our slogan: "HOLD TO THAT YOU HAVE AND SEEK FOR MORE." Don't run out the other fellow for a loss to both. CREATE ANOTHER JOB!

Now comes a bit of political news which warms the cockles of our cold heart and stirs us as no other like news could. The many friends and admirers of Mrs. Beatrice Cannady-Franklin are trying to persuade her to stand as a candidate for the Oregon legislature. Now there is one candidate, if she consents to make the try, that we could wish sincerely and enthusiastically support.

We have noted the career of Mrs. Franklin with interest. Her course has been constructive and for group advancement. As publisher, she has edited one of the best weekly journals on the Pacific coast, The Portland Advocate, being the only Race paper published in Oregon. As a lawyer, she not only has the distinction of being the first woman of her race to practice her profession on the coast, but stands among the best. It has been her constant endeavor to bring about a better understanding between the different racial groups who are citizens of Oregon, by contacts. How she has succeeded is shown by the constant demand for her as a speaker before the various educational institutions where her knowledge of Negro history has served to place a different complexion of thought and a more tolerant attitude toward the Negro. In her equipment for the arduous duties of a law-maker, she may have a few who are her competitors, but no peers. Honest, with a courage that is backed by sanity, Mrs. Franklin would represent faithfully the interests of ALL the people. By all means, Mrs. Franklin, throw in your "Eugenie" and allow the people to send you as their representative to Salem.

It is with regret that we learn that Rose City Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. has been compelled to see their structure go under the hammer. We know how the boys have struggled to maintain it, but the loss of work has wrought such havoc in the membership that they were unable (though making every sacrifice) to meet the payments. Some brother handed us a copy of the Minutes of the last Grand lodge session held in Detroit. We glanced over a summary of the expenses incurred at that session. Here is a short review of the expenses and the NUMBER SERVING ON COMMITTEES. This is taken from the report of the Mileage and Verdict Committee, but is given in tabular form: 43 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS drew \$4,421.70. That does not include salary. 6 HEALTH COMMISSION, \$492.18; 3 CIVIL LIBERTY COMMISSION, \$299.46; FIDELITY BUREAU, 4, \$36.21; 7 CREDENTIAL COMMISSION, \$26.00; 23 ASSISTANT GRAND ESQUIRE, \$539.90; 15 ASSISTANT GRAND INNER GUARDS, \$332.00; 15 GRAND TILERS, \$332.00; 17 COM. G. L. DEGREE, \$448.00; 9 COM. LAW & REVISION, \$287.90; 12 RES. COM., \$233.00; 2 HISTORY COM., \$145.00; 15 COM. REPEAL & GRIEVANCES, \$406.09; 9 PRESS COM., \$230.00; 12 CHARITY COM., \$139.00; 4 DONATIONS COM., \$91.09; 7 SPECIAL OFFICERS, \$380.00; MISCELLANEOUS, 12 ITEMS, \$574.15; 12 MILEAGE & PER DIEM COM., \$344.00. The total for the FOUR DAY SESSION was \$11,141.45 (ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE DOLLARS AND FORTY EIGHT CENTS). Looking thro' the minutes closely we are unable to find one constructive measure that was proposed and carried out. Instead of so many unnecessary members of committees, money should be used to help lodges which have been placed in the predicament as has the Rose City lodge of Portland. But such action would not assist in retaining office. It is obvious that a side from providing salaries for a

TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS NEW NUMBER

ATwater 6261 is the new telephone number of the telephone company in Portland, replacing the old numbers 12 Broadway 9060 and Broadway 9000. The change, made Saturday, Mar. 26, will facilitate the handling of calls to the telephone company. To provide the new service, the company installed a dial private branch exchange—a part of a \$600,000 equipment project, which also includes the changing of all Broadway telephones from manual to dial on May first.

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