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THE NEGRO BOY

The following editorial copied from the "CHICAGO BEE" is so full of sound, practical advice that we pass it on for greater circulation. If all the races would carry out this program, crime could be almost entirely abolished, and the world be revolutionized in one generation.

Our living conditions can only be improved upon by work, by specified tasks that stimulate the mind as well as the body, and by spreading out in rural districts instead of huddling in city squalor and unhealthy environments that breed discontent and false standards of living and undesirable pastimes.

The research director of the Chicago Urban League, Earl L. Moses, submitted his findings to a conference on Negro delinquency at Central Y. M. C. A. last week. In addition to citing numerous causes and perils of city life that contribute to male delinquency, the director revealed the astonishing information that 77.2 per cent of Negro delinquents in 1929 Chicago court records were born in the south. His report also stressed poor housing conditions as a major contributing factor. The committee on findings, of which Prof. Harrison W. Dobbs of the University of Chicago is chairman, submitted nine proposals calculated to remedy the existing conditions and reduce the high rate of delinquency among our boys.

The remedies and cures as outlined in these recommendations adopted by the conference may prove to be just the panacea for the ills of delinquency. We hope they are effective. In our opinion the crux of the matter calls for preventative measures as well as corrective ones. A major factor and contributing cause of delinquency is idleness. While it is imperative youth be not denied full recreational facilities, it is as important that it must also have regular tasks of labor assigned every day, and it should be seen to that they are efficiently done. Too much play, too much idleness, too much spending money not earned, lack of discipline all contribute largely to the spirit of adventure that is often responsible for incorrigible youths. The extension or enlargement of social, recreational and better housing conditions, the expansion of playground activities, the provision of homes and reformatories may help, and is a program that should be given a fair trial, but it should be evident even to the casual observer as well as to the specialist, that our youths are burdened with too much leisure; they are too soft.

In normal times it is difficult for our youths to obtain part time jobs during the school terms or regular work during their vacation periods for reasons that are obvious.

Our first task, then, is to find them work, whether remunerative or not, that shall occupy their minds and hands. If jobs that pay are not available, there are enough community projects pride demands to be done that would well occupy the time of the great army of juveniles wasting most of their time in frivolity and idleness. Youths can be set to work augmenting the janitorial duties of our building custodians by aiding in keeping the grounds and environments of their homes clean; by gathering up the waste paper that litter our streets which they can bundle up and sell at a profit as a co-operative venture; they can help keep the front and back yards clean; in instances where grasping landlords neglect to plant and maintain grass plots, youths can set to work learning the fine points of cultivating a fine lawn; they can solicit orders for the small stores and shops of the community; they can learn to become handy with tools in helping odd job men or artisans of the neighborhood with their work. Community such as ours is bound to have a high rate of delinquency when in some sections parents will live and bring up their children in squalor rather than give of their own and their children's time to work out their problems of idleness, which usually leads to crime, by devoting a few hours a day to improving their living conditions.

The above editorial recalls to mind the old jingle: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. But all play and no work makes Jack a mere TOY."
(Comments by Myrtle W. Campbell)

THE ROSE FESTIVAL

As we go to press, the annual Rose Festival and Carnival is in full swing. The weather is ideal for the parade on Friday; the sun is bright and not too hot, the breeze blows but not too cool. The weather—for once in a long time—is just right!

The one thing that causes this year's celebration to be less gay, is the stark figure of unemployment that stalks about our city streets and the resultant lack of funds with which to make merry.

Many who on this occasion every year heretofore, entered their flower-bedecked vehicles, are compelled to forego the pleasure of participating as a queen or a queen's attendant. However, they can stand on the side lines and cheer those who have been blessed with sufficient means to actively take part.

All hail Queen Frances and her Royal Court. Long live the Queen!

THE MARCH OF THE DOOMED

A public health authority said last week that because of unemployment there will be more of tuberculosis and more of diseases that follow malnutrition.

It is laid out that way. The program is fixed. The ghastly show will go on.

Certain number of men, women and children will become ill and diseased and certain of them must die, because we have unemployment.

Look ahead into the months of the coming fall and winter and you can see the stricken procession of sad and tragic figures.

It is the march of the doomed a mong us.—OREGON LABOR PRESS

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

To promote peace, freedom and justice through education, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom stands for the abolition of Corporal punishment, in law and in practice, throughout the whole educational system (in kindergartens, schools and reformatories), and calls upon its National Sections to promote investigation and discussion of the evil effects, both physical and moral, injurious alike to the individual and to society, which are traceable to the use of brute force in the process of education.

—Resolutions adopted by Women's League for Peace and Freedom at its Congress in 1921.

LAW SUITS OR INITIATIVE AND PLANNING

Lawyers could think of nothing else but of law suits.

Recently the satellites of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held a convention in Washington. The main business they carried on was that of patting their own backs by giving medals to each other. They put on the show of mutual admiration perfectly well.

Their one pet solution of solving the problems of the Negro race is to contest lots of "test cases". The result so far has been that they HAVE LOST EVERY CASE AS SOON AS THEY HAVE WON IT. Sounds paradoxical, doesn't it?

Now the chief legal adviser of these half-way-house-builders proposes to carry ONE HUNDRED cases to court simultaneously in one hundred places and thus "win all the rights" for the Negro "Poor fellow!" He ought to know the futility of his legal battles. He has wasted so many of them. He will simply waste lots of money and energy which could be used more effectively by adopting other methods.

The Negro World suggested last week that the Negroes in the South, who are bearing the brunt of discrimination in every field and especially in politics, should organize their own political party and make themselves felt. It is an aggressive organization that will help the Negroes all over the country, not mere begging or legal battling.

In such forward looking, aggressive planning and organization by Negroes, we shall be, not that glad to give our support and cooperation.

Let us fight for our rights and not beg! —NEGRO WORLD

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Republican National Convention which convened this month in Chicago is history. As was generally expected and anticipated, Herbert Hoover and Charles Curtis, present incumbents, were nominated to be the party's standard-bearers for president and vice-president respectively.

As the Republican delegates were taking their leave, the Democrats were moving in for their big confab. Both might just as well have met in one convention and cut down the overhead, because after all said and done, both have platforms of high-sounding planks to catch the eye and arrest the ear of the voter, in general with a little sop on the side to win the ever-trusting Negro voter.

The late John C. Logan used to say, "they're all one mother's children" when it comes to the Negro. And it makes little difference who occupies the White House as far as the Negro is concerned, his position remains the same.

Pretty soon, however the fire-works will begin and each party will do its utmost to land its nominees in the White House in November but so far, the economic problem remains utmost to land its nominees in the on!

SELECTING THE QUEEN

The Advocate is not at all pleased with the method of selecting the queen and her attendants to rule over the Rose Festival each summer.

Our reason for making such a statement is because the way the selection is made, or rather the material from which the selection is made, is not by a long shot representative. Our city is made up of a large number of different races and nationalities who, many of them, year after year do their part to make the whole a success. For example the Negro citizens of Portland have spent money, decorated floats etc and did every thing in their power to make the event a grand success. Now what chance has a colored girl being selected as a queen or a queen's attendant? In order to correct this condition, wouldn't it be only fair and just to have each national or racial group select a queen from among its ranks and then let a committee make the final selection through the same manner as the deans of the high schools selected the queen this year? Then the remainder could act as the queen's attendants. Since we Americans like royalty so much, why not give us all a chance.

Some of us who are good citizens get mighty tired of sitting or standing on the sidelines, yelling ourselves hoarse with no opportunity of having our own children enjoy the same honors and pleasures as other children who are no more real Americans than we are—some, not as much.

CONTEMPORARY JAPAN

The editor acknowledges receipt of volume No one of "Contemporary Japan" a journal of review of Japanese affairs, published quarterly by the Foreign Affairs Association of Japan. The journal came direct from Tokyo. Japan complimentary from Association.

MONROE TROTTER ILL UNABLE TO WALK

BOSTON, MASS., June 17.—William Monroe Trotter, editor of "The Guardian", and secretary of the National Equal Rights League, is disabled. For two weeks he has been confined to his bed. He has a septic left leg from neglecting a bruise on the shin.

Crippled but courageous, hopeful and prayerful he is fighting valiantly to keep his race afloat afloat, while depending on customers to respond and friends and supporters to lend him a hand of assistance.

A testimonial purse movement is being considered under J. S. R. Bourne, executive chairman of the once effective Guardian Perpetuating Committee.

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At 4:15 Sunday afternoon, the choir will participate in the Rose Festival program. The choir will sing two numbers on the Vesper song service at Washington Park under direction of Professor Elmer C. Bartlett. They will join the 500 voice chorus in singing several numbers.

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The Joymakers Club presented "Patricia", a three-act comedy at the Hibernia hall, Friday evening of last week to a large and appreciative audience.

Miss Verdell Burdine, played the leading role "Patricia" and too much praise cannot be given this talented young lady. Tony Anderson as the bashful lover was taken by Charles Smith who also deserves a large share of praise. The beautiful older sister was played by Vernell Watson and caused great rivalry. She had always taken everything she wanted but failed when it came to Tony. Both talent and training was shown in the wonderful acting. The supporting cast were: Lee Anderson, father; Lala Grage, mother; Otto Rutherford, Caroline Carter and Stanley Franklin. It was a snappy little comedy and kept the audience in peals of laughter.

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