

ARROW TIPS BY KITS RIED

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Now that the election is over, just where are we? A democrat is in and a republican is out — a case of Tweeddee and Tweedledum — conditions are not and will not be changed except for those who are in office and for those who are out.

For the plain, common man life goes on in just the same troubled fashion except that for us there will be more taxes to pay and we will have a lower standard of morals.

Most of us are ashamed of such a large vote going to booze. Our pride in our beloved Oregon has had a severe blow.

One thought comes to me which seems to explain the vote. It seems to be so closely related to the unemployment cataclysm that I shall voice it here. Is it a wide stretch of fancy or a freak of the mind that says that now that the masters of the depression have reduced the workers of the nation to distress and poverty, that their next move is to degrade their minds through the widespread use of liquor?

The election brought a surprise — just dragged the experience out of the dim dark days of the past. It was not that booze triumphed. Not that Roosevelt was elected in spite of his failure as governor of New York. The surprise that still bewilders me was the remark of the little woman who lives next door to me. When I asked her if she had voted or would she go to the polls with me, she gave me a horrified look with "no indeed, I don't believe in voting. I think the place for a woman is in the home." I nearly fainted. I really did not know there was such a dodo still "on live." She works down town every day of her life — I am still wondering how she reconciles her creed with her practice.

The wet vote must be comforting to the American Legion. The drinks they voted for in their convention here will now be easier to get.

Wonder if prizes in the next Olympic games will be carried off by Americans?

A rather significant statement is going the rounds of the press. Statistics tell us that there were more births, marriages and deaths in the first six months of 1931 than in 1932. I saw somewhere that there were also fewer divorces. Now what do you suppose it all means? First, that births and deaths mean doctor bills and as we cannot pay them, we just don't have babies and we massage to live more simply therefore, live longer. Fewer marriages because if Mary and John each have a separate job, Mary does not find herself giving up a paid job for an unpaid one. Fewer divorces because if we are patient with each other in sharing our troubles, we find that maintaining one home is less expensive than two separate ones — and just more happiness. Incidentally birth control has had a boost, lawyers are going into bankruptcy and doctors are prosecuting nature physicians and physical culture cranks. All because we are forced to live more economically. Let us keep it up even after the good turn comes.

Hymns Replace "Number, Please?" as Telephone Building Becomes Church



This former telephone building in Kansas City, Mo., has been bought by the congregation of the Brookside Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Right: Rev. R. B. Kimbrell, pastor.

At North Conway, N. H., a few years ago, a church building which had outlived its span of usefulness as a religious edifice was purchased by the Carroll County Telephone Company and converted into a telephone central office. Now, in Kansas City, Mo., an opposite transformation has taken place.

The congregation of the Brookside Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Kansas City, has purchased the telephone central office building known as the Jackson Exchange, from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and is remodeling the structure so that it may serve as its church.

Thus cables are to yield to hymns, and where, until a short time ago, "Number please?" was heard millions of times a year, the Rev. R. B. Kimbrell will now be heard instead, as he delivers his regular Sunday morning sermon. The operating room, once lined with switchboards, provides an adequate auditorium.

BOOK REVIEW

By Horace De Balzac (Published and distributed by D. H. Smith, 135 New York Ave Brooklyn)

Reviewed for The Advocate by CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

In this little pocket-sized volume the publisher has brought together eleven short stories written by Balzac about a hundred years ago. As the reader knows, Balzac wrote mostly of French life, or the lives of those who happened to be in France, and as observed, discussed and imagined by Balzac, depicting nature in the raw and clearly exposing human desires, emotions and passions.

For this compilation the publisher includes the following stories: The King's Sweetheart, The Maid of Thilouse, The Brother-in-Arms, The Vicar of Azy-Le-Rideau, The Reproach, The Contenance of King Francis the First, The Danger of being too Innocent, Despair in Love, How the Pretty Maid of Portillon Convinced Her Judge, Concerning a Poor Man who was Called Le-Vieux Par-Chemins and Odd Sayings of Three Pilgrims.

In a letter from H. D. Smith, the publisher, he acknowledges the fact that wide-spread publicity is not essential to popularize Balzac stories but he does claim that his method of publishing and distributing is unique inasmuch as he is able to dispose of an otherwise high-class and costly publication for the low sum of only thirty cents a volume and on this basis he desires his efforts to be made known among Negro readers and invites the cooperation of race book distributors.

"BLACK SOULS"

By Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer (1225 Park Avenue—New York, N. Y.)

Unusually when I read a book that has been sent to me for review I do so a few pages at a time in spare moments just as long as I can finish it in time to prepare a syndicated comment to be sent out with my weekly releases.

"Black Souls" had been on my bookshelf for a couple of weeks before I even glanced at the Foreword by John Haynes Holmes, but after reading that much I continued on and did not stop until I had read the entire book.

The book is a play. And I understand that the play ran for a few weeks last spring in New York. And continue running. White theatre patrons, on whom the producer depends mostly for his financial support, were not going to pay to see their own race characterised and dramatized to the extent that the real naked truth is presented in "Black Souls".

This little volume, neatly printed and bound, easily readable, selling for only seventy-five cents, either from the author, or the publisher, Reynolds Press, New Bedford, Mass., should be in every colored persons collection of books—that is if you enjoy reading of racial characters, both men and women, who can measure up to every standard that is erroneously presumed and propagandized as being possessed by the whites only.

Clifford C. Mitchell

The Chanticleer Bridge Club was host to an enjoyable Halloween party Oct. 31st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flowers on Victoria Avenue.

VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

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President Hoover has appointed a committee to investigate the charges of peonage made by the N. A. A. C. P. and the Negro electorate, said to exist on the Mississippi levee work which are government projects. It has been charged that the laborers are paid ten cents per hour for twelve hours work per day. That they are forced to dwell under the most unsanitary conditions and are obliged to submit to the most brutal and inhuman treatment. This investigation committee has at the head Dr. Robert Moton, principal at Tuskegee Institute. A splendid man and, no doubt, honest in his reports. But we remember that some time ago, the good Doctor headed a similar committee and the report of that committee was not published until two years later. Dr Moton also headed the "Jim Crow" commission which made a survey of the educational system in Haiti, and was supposed to give that Republic advice as to how to improve their educational system. We have not learned whether or not that trip was of any benefit to the Haitians. While we have the greatest regard for the honesty and ability of Doctor Moton, we believe that there are other men of the race who would handle the investigation with more virility and press the result of the findings to an issue. There is DuBois, White, Miller, Scott and many others, but the President seems to have a leaning toward the Tuskegee Principal. We have a faint remembrance of the advice given by the Doctor when he was an emissary to the Negro soldiers in France during the World War. President Wilson would have one of DuBois or Monroe Trotter; the latter has said the soldier boys to hold up their heads and demand fair treatment if they lived to return. Let us hope that Doctor Moton will make a thorough and fair survey of the conditions and report them fearlessly. That he will give conditions regard as he finds them. That there will be no whitewashing of the facts.

We are writing this column on the day before the American people are to choose a leader for the four years to come. The campaign has been vigorously contended. Ever so many have been placed lucidly before Mr. and Mrs. Voter so that an intelligent ballot might be cast. If we have our own private opinion as to the outcome it will be expressed at the ballot box. Should the candidate that we are are wrong, we will acquiesce gracefully. What ever the outcome we expect to fill our niche in the nation and strive for the good and welfare of all. In short, we will strive to give our loyalty to our Government; allegiance to our country; and love for our country by the best of our citizenship. Democrat or Republican; Socialist or Communist; which ever party may head the government and direct its course, we shall never forget that we owe our allegiance to the Nation.

Every election the Negro makes an issue of Himself. It is what this or that candidate will do for Him; what has he done for him, or what will he do for our Group is the burning question. With the object of special legislation in his behalf he is regarded the vital issues that confront the whole people. The economic condition of the masses concern him not so much as to how he will be considered in the distribution of the political plum. An appeal to his emotions has greater consequence than that of confronting him. Comparison of a candidate to some martyr of the past will evoke him to cheers. No difference how crude the comparison or the fact that he is surrounded by unemployed men and women, or hear the complaints of underfed and under-nourished children. We know that it is hard, but as soon as we throw off the shackles of self segregation and self isolation and act and think in terms of American citizenship, just so soon will the mantle of a full unchallenged citizenship be attained.

We wonder what the result would have been had the racial order of sex been reversed in the Hunter, Stevenson paternity case? Under the law of the State of California, Hunter committed a felony, no difference that the 18 year old girl submitted to his advances without coercion. His promise to support the child does not palliate the offense, and had the racial conditions been in the reverse, we are not so sure but that the mere promise to support the child would suffice. The law of this State, California, forbids the intermarriage of Negroes and whites. This incident shows the fallacy of such law. It has given to the girl mother a lasting stigma and to the child the badge of bastard. It would be the best thing for organized society if all laws were wiped from the statutes. The moral tone of communities are enhanced where-ever the bars of racial intermarriage are not raised. Bastardry is rife where-ever the natural inclination of the sexes are hedged about by laws that inhibit.

DEPRIEST WINS BY 5,000 VOTES

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 12.—Crashing through a mountain of Democratic votes Tuesday that swamped practically every other Republican candidate in the country, state and nation, Congressman Oscar Depriest continued to gain on his principal rival as late returns reached headquarters, and with 139 precincts out of a total of 155 in the First district reported, De-



Depriest was leading Harry Baker (white by the Narrow margin of 2,540 votes.

With 14 precincts in the territory decidedly friendly to the congressman yet to be heard from the tally sheets showed 28,567 for Mr. Depriest to 26,027 for Baker. An expected average majority of 200 votes from each of the missing precincts would increase the Depriest lead to more than 5,000. If the final tally shows Depriest as a winner in this most revolutionary political battle of the century he will be one of the very few Republicans to survive the onrush of the mighty Democratic wave which swept Roosevelt and Garner into the White House, Henry Horner into the gubernatorial chair in Illinois and Courtney into office as state's attorney of Cook County.

Either because of the unpopularity of President Hoover or the extreme popularity of Governor Roosevelt, the American people unmistakable express their dissatisfaction with present conditions, piled up Democratic votes in landslide proportions and not only assured the Jeffersonians control of the White House for the next four years, but added a Democratic congress and state and county governments for good measure.

Then other of the 11 Republican congressmen from Illinois to be elected loomed as winners. The Republican senator, Otis F. Glenn is believed

JUDGE HALL S. LUSK



Judge Hall S. Lusk who during his first term made such a splendid record on the circuit court bench that he was re-elected by a handsome majority last Tuesday. The Advocate extends its sincere congratulations to the eminent jurist.

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Victims of the Scottsboro, Alabama frame-up, who were saved from electrocution by a decision rendered on Monday, November 7th by the supreme court of the United States. The case had been carried there by the International Labor Defense after the Alabama courts, both high and low, had decreed that these boys should die in the electric chair. Retrial has been scheduled by Judge A. E. Hawkins of Scottsboro following the supreme court's decision, and the case has been set for March, 1933. Defense counsel will contend for a change of venue as was sought in the first trial but denied.

Arrow Tips Corrected

MONITOR COMMITTEE SAYS PAPER DOES NOT ACCEPT CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Portland, Oregon, November 12, 1932 To the Editor of the Portland Advocate: The writer of "Arrow Tips" column in your issue of November 5, comments upon The Christian Science Monitor having given space to Roosevelt and adverse comments of Hoover, expressing wonder "at the size of the Roosevelt campaign check that wandered into the Monitor's vest pocket."

Permit me to say, the inference is altogether unjustified by the facts. The Monitor's strong support of Hoover could hardly fail to impress itself upon its readers, who likewise must realize that no more publicity was given Roosevelt than his candidacy entitled him to as nominee of one of the two principal parties.

I might say that I have recently returned from a visit to Boston, where I talked personally with several of the editors on the Monitor's Editorial Board. The Christian Science Monitor aims to be non-partisan and non-political, but takes a definite stand where moral questions are involved. In this case an attempt was made to impress upon its readers, who likewise must realize that no more publicity was given Roosevelt than his candidacy entitled him to as nominee of one of the two principal parties.

I am glad to assure you that the Monitor is a notable exception to the rule among newspapers, in that it is in no wise subject to the influence of campaign funds. The Monitor takes no campaign advertisements and no campaign funds find their way into its "vest pocket." Mary Baker Eddy, in establishing The Christian Science Monitor, declared, "The object of the Monitor is to injure no man, but to bless all mankind." — and the present management is conscientiously endeavoring to carry out that high purpose.

THEODORE BURKHART, Christian Science Committee on Publication for Oregon.

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General Charles H. Martin who was re-elected to represent the Third Congressional district in the United States Congress by a handsome majority. To the credit of Mr. Martin, it can be said that no man ever elected to that office from this district ever accomplished more for the state than has he and the voters showed their appreciation of his splendid record by their vote. The Advocate joins his host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for his continued success.

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NURSE DISCRIMINATION IN N. Y. ATTACKED IN LETTER TO HOSPITALS COMMISSIONER

(Continued from page ONE) that last winter when the Work Relief Bureau sent 3 colored nurses to Bellevue Hospital that hospital promptly sent them to Harlem Hospital.

The letter further states that no colored nurses are employed at Bellevue, according to information given the N. A. A. C. P., and that none are in training there or in any other city hospital except for those mentioned above. Furthermore, the discrimination in the hospitals department is said to extend to the non-employment of Negro orderlies, elevator and telephone operators, and other positions. "Colored nurses," the letter continues, "who live in Kings County can neither be trained in the Kings County Hospitals nor be appointed to pay positions there after training although they may be citizens of Kings County and taxpayers in the borough of Brooklyn, but in Queens and the Bronx as well, despite the fact that these institutions are tax-supported. White Nurses Not Citizens

"The unfairness of this discrimination against Negro citizens is all the more glaringly evident in that we learned on reliable authority that at least 30 per cent of the registered nurses who have pay positions in the 30 municipal hospitals of New York City are not even citizens of the United States. We do not object to these persons holding positions because of their being of foreign birth. We do most vigorously contend, however, that these persons who have not taken the trouble or deemed it desirable to become citizens of the United States should not be given preferential treatment over American citizens who happen to be colored. We urge prompt and vigorous action to correct these unjust conditions. We urge also serious consideration of the feasibility of placing all pay positions of nurses in municipal hospitals under Civil Service regulation. In the Health Department where nurses are Civil Service appointees and must take examination, colored nurses not only have made excellent records, but large numbers of them have been employed and thus have been freed from discriminatory practices which have characterized the administration of the nurses division of the Department of Hospitals of look into the racial attitude of many of his subordinates who are responsible for the conditions cited. The Commissioner is also invited to the City of New York during your term of office."

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