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VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

NEGRO FARMERS' DAY

April 1st was set aside by the National Farm Board to allow the Negro farmer and the 4-H boys and girls of the South to mingle in the nation of their activities in aiding to the potential wealth of the country. Some achievements bordered on the miraculous. Farmers told how they had succeeded in buying the farms which they now filled. Farmers wives told how they had transformed the cabin into comfortable places to dwell in; equipped with all the modern conveniences and labor saving devices. Boys and girls members of the 4-H clubs told the nation how they were successful in raising bumper crops and breeding and rearing prize cattle and poultry. The information given was both informing and interesting. Those farmers and the boys and girls of the 4-H clubs are doing a splendid service. They are refuting the argument made by enemies of the Negro that he does not produce nor add to the wealth of the nation. It gives the lie also to those who doubt his courage. Those men and women, boys and girls are doing what is done under the greatest of difficulty. They are accomplishing these feats in the face of the most venomous racial prejudice. They are face to face with the knowledge that envy can at any moment trump up some charge that will set fire to the home, kill the live stock and ruin the crops. They are not daunted. In them we see a resurgence of the spirit that animated our forebears and helped them to overcome barriers higher and stronger than the obstacles which we today encounter.

GERMANS AND THE JEW

People of all religious faiths laid aside their prejudices, if any, and voiced vigorous protests to the German government for its treatment of the Jews. The new Testament and the old came together as a common Bible in defense of a people whose religious faith has stood the test of ages. It is a splendid sign; this rallying of religions for a humane cause. It appears to be the harbinger of better things. It might be the entering wedge for the destroying of intolerance. With the destruction of intolerance which is the basis of all hatreds, will come the time when Truth and Justice will be the forces ruling mankind. Now, just suppose that the united efforts of the Jew and Christian raised its, or their voices and demand of THIS NATION that the eight Negro boys on trial at Decatur should be given a fair and unprejudiced hearing before the tribunal of the State. Don't you believe that the nation would have heard? Yes! Christian and Jew of the United States, there is a great work to do here at home. Pogroms, industrial boycotts, and atrocities too loathsome for mention are of daily occurrence, but the protests which have been offered are so feeble that they fail to penetrate the armor of ignorance and intolerance. The difference between the persecution of the Jew in Germany and the Negro in the United States is, that in Germany there is but one Hitler to combat while in the United States there are hundreds of prototypes.

REAL LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE

In every world crisis affecting us, these leaders have come from humble

manity a leader has appeared. Most of class. The great leaders of today are men whose early origin was of the people whose cause they espouse. It is obvious that men such as Stalin, Mussolini, Kemal and Gandhi should wield such great influence over the masses. They were either from the people or mingled in the life of the people with a clear understanding of their needs and desires. Lincoln was a great leader because he was of and for the people. "God must have loved the common people. He made so many of them," said Lincoln. Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington were leaders because they, being of the people, realized the condition and were sympathetic. The one whose life and saying have left their imprint upon the world and whose ideals are the basic principles of civilization, the lowly Nazarene, lived among the humble when He might have occupied the throne of a king, but he dedicated His service to the needy. The American Negro of the present day is in dire straits. His industrial and economic conditions are deplorable. There is no adequate leadership. It is not because of lack of intelligence or scholastic attainment. Every year we are turning out hundreds of young men and women from colleges and universities. Why then this lack of leadership? The reason: The majority of the learned forget that disseminated knowledge is like a barren fruit tree. Instead of giving service they seek service. They fear to mingle with the people because of their intellectual superiority. In toto: their supercilious attitude creates an antagonism that nullifies their usefulness. A leader will arise but unless there is a change in the mode of our college bred men and women, that leader, like Douglass and Washington, will come from the proletariat.

NO TIME FOR FOREIGN

ENTANGLEMENTS

President Roosevelt has caused the World Court protocol to be side-tracked in the Foreign Relations Committee indefinitely. It was a wise move on the part of the Executive for, although early consideration of the protocol was one of the planks embodied in the convention platform at the Democratic (Party) convention, it would have been suicidal to have pressed it for confirmation at this time. That question has been hanging fire for the past ten years and it is time that it was disposed of. The American people are in no temper to flirt with anything which savors of foreign entanglement, and the party who insists on participation will sound its doom. There is no doubt of its defeat should it ever come on the floor of the Senate, but the time taken in debate and political manoeuvres would consume much valuable time. It was in keeping with the White House program that questions of domestic importance should be cared for first. One thing is certain and that is that the president has earned the respect of those who opposed his election as much as his adherents, for the earnest, fearless manner in which he has accomplished things.

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Mrs. R. Kowser received word from her sister in New Orleans that her beloved brother, Mr. John Lewis was dead.

Mrs. Gladys Rashier, will entertain the Harmony Art Club at her home on Queen Anne Hill.

The delegates for the Allen Christian Endeavor League at the First Methodist Church in Ballard, are: Miss Muriel Fletcher, Mr. Rolan Blackwell and Mr. Aristolee Jordan.

Mr. Haywood Roberts entertains a number of friends at a house party honoring Mr. Henry Woods, after his hard-fought battle Tuesday night.

The Young Men's Progressive Club dance and jig-saw party Saturday night was quite a success. The popular Mr. Joe Stanton and his well-known Jug band furnished the music and entertainment.

An all day meeting was held Sunday by members of the Mount Zion Baptist Church. A good old fashioned basket dinner was enjoyed by members and friends.

Mrs. Roy Garnett, popular member of the First A. M. E. church choir will spend the Easter holidays with her daughters in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. George Garner, famous Negro tenor was in the city last week, the guest of Professor L. L. Magruder.

Mr. John Gayton, leading tenor of the First A. M. E. Zion church choir is back on his former job as deputy sheriff.

The Allen Christian Endeavor League program for Easter Sunday will be as follows:

Song service, led by Joe Stanton; Prayer led by Mrs. Martin; Scripture Reading by Shelton Ellis; Group song, led by Joe Stanton; Easter greeting, Muriel Fletcher; Group song, led by Joe Stanton; Easter Message, by Walter Mayfield; Duett, Edith Young and Helen Johnson; Piano selection, Wilford Richards; Solo, Leonard Gayton; Remarks, William Melver.
Every one is welcome.

The High School Girl Reserves will have as their speaker this week, featuring Negro History, Miss Margaret Peoples. The girls are still working on their Mothers and Daughters banquet plans to be given April 22nd.

The Revellers met at the home of Miss Winnifred Ingram. The girls are contemplating giving a play.
Negro History Week has taken up

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SOCIAL



Mrs. Roy Garnett, of Seattle, formerly of Portland, is here visiting her parents and daughters. She will remain over the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Garnett says she likes Seattle and no doubt, when her daughters finish high school in Portland, will attend the University of Washington. Mr. Garnett is manager of the Angelus Funeral Home in Seattle.

Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Martin, of Los Angeles, California, are the house guests of Reverend and Mrs. Lee Roy Kinard.

Mr. Dennis Kimbrough, of Ilwaco, Washington will pass the Easter in Portland and will be the guest Sunday afternoon, of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin.

Rev. W. R. Lovell was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Johnson of Alberta during his recent visit to Portland.

Mrs. Wyatt Williams, and her mother, Mrs. Lenora Anderson, are passing the Easter holidays with friends in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison were hosts at a delicious chicken dinner on Saturday for the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin and Ivan Cannady.

The annual fashion show and dance given by the Ladies Guild of Saint Phillips Mission, will be held on Easter Monday night at the Italian hall. The Fashion Show will start promptly at 9:30. Dancing will be from 9 until 1.

Friends of Leon Johnson are glad to see him out again. Leo has been laid up with foot trouble.
Shelby Ellis and Cornelius Young have gone to Seattle for Easter.

By Irish had migrated here they became the brunt of our humorists. In Horatio Alger days an influx of German immigrants inspired laughter. The Civil War gave the colored race a new and permanent place in American humor. Jewish domination of New York City in turn brought that race into the limelight.

Then came the revival of satire. The magazine "Ballyhoo" led the way by burlesquing blatant advertising that had broken during fat years.

In the newspapers, we have our columnists. Samson had been more or less our first columnist. But that honor rightly belongs to Joe Miller (1684-1783). For his famous, and still employed, Joke Book, he lifted almost as many things as did Benjamin Franklin for his famous "Almanach". It was harder in that day, for the editorial room shears and gluepot had not yet been invented. The field is so crowded and professional jealousy is so strong that if all the columnists were to meet in a convention it would be so quiet that you could hear a pin drop.

Folks who are fond of wisecracks usually take a lot of punishment. Professor Frank Rand, poet and dramatist of Springfield, Mass., says that in "Love's Labor Lost", Shakespeare used 250 puns. Many famous comedians spend hours racking their brains to devise some laugh provoking crack that will be good enough to use in his profession.

Bert Williams the famous Negro comedian was the outstanding "pun" deliverer of all times. The present day artists try to imitate him but always fall short of his artistry.

Without bad grammar and spelling we would not have the peerless Will Rogers, even if Will now seems to be more tied up in politics than he ever was with his lasso. Ed Wynn, the Perfect Fool on the stage and static, admits that he uses "warmed over puns".
However, a good humorist today is one who can humor his creditors successfully.

MENU MAGIC

SPRING MENU'S FEATURE FRUIT AND LAMB

THIS is an excellent time of year to think about adding something to pep up our appetites and introducing something that savors of spring to our diets. One good way to start is to eliminate hot, especially cream, soup every other night and substitute a fruit cocktail or appetizer of some kind. Then, since spring lamb will soon be at its best, you will be serving it quite frequently and would probably like to know of some interesting ways to use it up the second or third day. Therefore, you will find below some recipes for appetizers and left-over lamb which should add double cheer to your meal planning now—from the economy standpoint and for the touch of spring that does us all good after a long dose of winter.

Melon Cup

Cantaloupe, honey dew or casaba melon, cut in cubes, mixed with halved maraschino cherries, lemon juice squeezed over them, sugar added to taste. Chill thoroughly in gas refrigerator and serve in fruit cocktail glasses.

Southern Cup

Chilled grapefruit sections, combined with long, thin sections of canned pears, sprinkled with chopped green month cherries. Chill, and just before serving pour over the top a little of the mixture.

Minted Grapefruit Cocktail

Cut a grapefruit in half and loosen the pulp from the rind and partitions, using a sharp knife. Do not cut out the center, but remove all the seeds. Cut out every fourth section of grapefruit and replace it with a wedge-shaped slice of mint jelly. Sprinkle with sugar and chill thoroughly in gas refrigerator.

Tomato Supreme

Six very small tomatoes, 1/4 cake cream cheese, 2 tablespoons cream, 1 tablespoon chili sauce, 1 tablespoon catsup, 1/4 teaspoon paprika, salt, pepper.

Scald tomatoes, remove skin and centers, sprinkle inside of tomato with salt, and chill in cabinet of gas refrigerator. Mix cheese, cream, chili sauce, catsup, paprika, salt and pepper together into a thick, smooth cream. Fill the tomatoes with this mixture and return to refrigerator until ready to serve. Top with mayonnaise dressing.

Serve on a small leaf of lettuce or on shredded lettuce as the first course of luncheon or dinner.

Lamb Roll

Mince lamb, biscuit dough, gravy or white sauce.
Make a batch of biscuit dough and roll it out to thickness of about one-half inch. Mix the lamb with enough gravy or medium thick white sauce to moisten it well, and taste to see if it needs any seasoning. A dash of Worcestershire sauce, a minced onion or a little more salt will give the meat mixture an extra dash of flavor. Spread the meat mixture on the dough and roll up like a jelly roll. Place in greased pan and bake in gas oven at moderate heat until dough is a golden brown. Serve, cut in slices, and cover with more gravy or with a medium white sauce to which a few chopped cooked mushrooms have been added. You do not need potatoes with this dish. Also, any other meat may be substituted for lamb.

Lamb Filaf

Cooked rice, fresh tomatoes, small minced onion, chopped lamb, gravy or thin white sauce, buttered crumbs.

Mix the rice with the onion, chopped meat and gravy or white sauce and taste. Add seasoning if needed. The mixture should be quite moist. Put a layer in a baking dish and add a layer of thinly sliced tomatoes, another layer of rice, the rest of the sliced tomatoes and a top layer of rice mixture. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake in gas range oven, moderately hot, until the crumbs are browned. Buttered beans are a good vegetable to serve with this dish.

Lamb Casserole

Cut lamb in small pieces. Put lamb and macaroni in layers in a greased casserole. Pour thin gravy or thin white sauce over the top layer and cover with bread crumbs. Bake in a hot oven 20 minutes or until crumbs are brown.

Curried Lamb

Cut lamb in one-inch cubes. Reheat in the lamb gravy to which a little curry powder has been added.

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