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The opening of the New Golden West Hotel marks the entrance of another colored woman into the realm of business circles in Portland. The Advocate appreciates the courage and optimism and faith in the return of normal business conditions exercised by Mrs. Catherine Byrd, proprietor of the hostelry as evidenced by her actions.

We wish for her all the success she hopes to have and more. The Advocate stands ready to cooperate with Mrs. Byrd and her coworkers in putting over her program of service in our community where she has chosen to cast her lot.

THEY SHALL HE SHALL DIE!

The voices of five judges, sitting on the Oregon Supreme Bench, have called for the life of Theodore Jordan. Two voices dissented, declaring that Jordan did not have a fair trial in the Klamath County Court—but the two voices were drowned out. The International Labor Defense and honest minded people of Oregon and elsewhere supporting the I. L. D. in its fight to save Jordan, are aghast, but not dismayed, at the decision. Their slogan in the past has been "Jordan Must Not Hang." Their slogan in the future shall continue to be, in stronger accent: "Jordan Shall Not Hang."

Readers of the Advocate, which has carried on a tireless campaign in behalf of this victimized Negro youth, are well acquainted with the story of Jordan's case. They know about the brutalities of third-degree trial methods used to force a confession from the man accused of the murder of a white Southern Pacific Railroad steward. They know that all the evidence, aside from the extorted confessions, was circumstantial. But in Nordic America, even circumstances are not needed to sentence a black man to death. Accusations, alone, will tighten the rope around his neck, whip the mob to frenzy, and complete the lynch justice for the Negro race.

Readers of this paper are aware, too, of the splendid spirit of unselfish courage which Theodore Jordan, waiting day after day for the life and death decision, has shown. Only recently Jordan wrote to a personal friend, "I find nothing in this fight—the fight involves us all." But to those of us who have followed the campaign for his freedom, Jordan has grown to mean a great deal, and his courage makes it possible to carry the battle forward so that the slogan of his defenders shall be realized.

Five men have voiced their decision. But there are millions, Negro and white, throughout the country who have not had their say. The heroic campaign, led by the International Labor Defense in behalf of the Scottsboro boy's gives encouragement to the determination that the challenge of Jordan's friends shall be vindicated. **JORDAN SHALL NOT HANG!**

A CALL FROM NEW ENGLAND

November 9th, 1933 marked the 32 anniversary of the Boston Guardian, a race organ published in Boston, the Home of Abolition, and dedicated to the principles of equality and opportunity for all men regardless of race or color.

During these 32 years the Guardian, thru its self-sacrificing editor, Wilbur Monroe Trotter, as a medium of constructive race propaganda, has become enshrined in the esteem of black people everywhere.

Its unflinching devotion to the ideal of service for the race makes The Guardian an institution. The stability of that institution, as with most other publicist service agencies, requiring finances for their perpetuation, is ever ominously threatened. In the case of The Guardian, the prevailing business deflation is peculiarly depressing, due to the fact that it has ever been more an organ for race propaganda than an enterprise conducted for profit.

All these considerations move this newspaper to urge race-lovers everywhere to rally to the aid of this venerable journal, to the end that the noble principles for which it stands may not lose a devoted champion. A yearly subscription for this national race organ at the nominal sum of two dollars, addressed to The Boston Guardian, 56 Pemberton Square, Boston, Mass. will help Monroe Trotter to continue his courageous fight for the race.

A CHALLENGE TO US ALL

Early in October the National Safety Congress met in Chicago. It was greeted with message from President

Roosevelt which read in part: "The conservation of human life, and the prevention of accidental injuries, is of vital importance to our welfare and happiness.

"We sacrificed 88,000 lives through accidents last year. Approximately 9,000,000 people were injured. The economic costs run close to two billion dollars. The social cost is immeasurable. Briefly stated, that is our national accident problem and it certainly offers a most serious challenge to the American people."

At its meeting, the Congress formulated plans for continuing its unrelenting fight against accidents through 1934. In that fine work it will be aided by other organizations such as the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, which works unrelentingly in the interest of safer, happier living. In certain fields—notably that of industry—the work has produced fine fruit. In others—particularly the automobile—the public response has generally been discouraging. And the public pays—in money, in health, in irreplaceable lives.

This year there has been a start made in lowering the automobile death toll, and it will be appreciably under the 1932 level. But thousands of careless drivers still roam the highways, a constant menace to the rest of us. The incompetent and the discourteous and the congenitally reckless still guide tons of metal at high speeds. Here indeed, as the President said, is a great challenge to the American people.

It is now expected that the New Year will see the approval of all the industrial codes. That will mean that the National Recovery Administration has completed its first great task. At this writing, 59 codes, covering the One-hundred-thirty-seven are being revised. Forty-seven are scheduled for early hearings. By the time this is read the retail code, which was one of the most difficult will have been approved unless an unlooked-for problem crops up. Most interesting feature of this code is that it will eliminate selling at less than inventory cost, a practice which has been prevalent, especially among large stores, which advertise "leaders" at less than cost in the hope that customers buying them will buy other goods on which profit is made. Very small stores, in towns of bottom-bracket population, will be immune to code provisions.

One important NRA problem is going to be the attitude of the press. Here's where the recovery administration made a possibly far-reaching mistake. When General Johnson excluded two reporters from his conference, because he did not like what they had been writing about NRA, he was doing the unprecedented. Then he put his foot in deeper by advocating a licensing system for papers, and just about every metropolitan editor in the country ran for his typewriter. On top of that, an NRA representative in the South called on the editor of a medium-sized paper, told him that if he didn't stop making unfriendly comment on NRA labor provisions, he'd find himself in trouble. The editor spoke up in his paper and found the whole press, including the most zealous supporters of the Roosevelt program, behind him. This threatened press censorship is vitally important, and sparks are going to fly when it really comes to a head.

FIRST A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

Services last Sunday were well attended all day. Both morning and evening, the Holy Communion was administered. At 11 a. m. a general testimonial service followed a brief sermonette by the pastor. Spiritual fervor ran high and there was great rejoicing.

In the evening the pastor preached a powerful, soul stirring sermon from the subject, "Where Can I Find Him?" There was hallelujahs, shouting and general accord.

The choir, under the baton of Mrs. Katherine Gray, sang and Mr. Burt Turner, accompanied by Mrs. Turner, played a saxophone solo which was well received. Mr. I. H. Payne was baptized and fellowshipped into the church. Mr. Payne became converted the previous Wednesday night at prayer meeting and expressed a desire to unite with the church.

An up-to-date card system has been initiated at the church which expedites financial matters and it is being rapidly accepted by the membership. Eighteen dollars was laid on the collection table during the Sunday's services, which speaks well for the membership of Zion church.

Rev. La-Ley, of Fresno, California, Rev. E. L. Jamison and Rev. J. R. Mills assisted the pastor, Rev. Kinard at both services. Rev. Mr. La-Ley, a South American who was formerly in charge of our church at Fresno, gave brief but interesting, informing and timely remarks at the evening service.

A baked ham and chattering dinner will be given Thursday, Nov. 16th at the church. Service begins at 5 o'clock and the price is 35 cents. This dinner is to be given for the benefit of the church mortgage fund. The ten captains that have been appointed are to raise \$100 each. This dinner is given under the auspices of Club No. 10 of which Mrs. Kinard is Captain.

Mrs. I. B. Vessel, a newly converted member of the church has been appointed as class leader.

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 Ans: Your diamond ring is in the possession of a man at the present time. The girl friend to whom you loaned this ring in turn loaned it to another boy friend. You will not get it after a rat and follows me all the time. Do you see any relief for me?
 B. S.—My husband wants me to just stay at home and slave under him when I am on a job he sits out near where I work and watches me like a time. Do you see any relief for me?
 Ans: A separation will bring about relief between the two of you. It is better that you leave the town that you are in at the present time, should you decide on this course as your husband will make your life miserable should you stay where you are. You no longer love him so why continue to drag this thing out.
 R. E. T.—I received your astrology reading and I was well pleased. The answers to my questions have helped me a great deal. Will you please give me some information regarding your new lucky number dream book?
 Ans: My new Lucky Number Dream Books are now of the press. If you wish to get one simply send one dollar and you will receive your copy by return mail and my advice on your most important questions.
 W. W.—I sent someone a letter. Please tell me did they receive it?
 Ans: Your letter was not received. I didn't stop making inquiries, he'd signed for by a person whose initials are R. D. This information can be checked at your local post office.
 G. C.—The man that I am going with gives his wife money to pay on a bill. Does she pay it or not?
 Ans: This man's wife has a perfect right to do as she pleases with her husband's money. She pays on this bill at intervals.
 D. D. A.—I am anxious to know if my grandfather left any money and just where it is?
 Ans: Your grandfather had little faith in banks. His small savings were buried near the spring where he got his drinking water. If you will send me a map, I shall be glad to work this out for you.
 L. R. A.—A certain man and wife of acquaintance are having trouble, domestic. I know a certain thing concerning the husband and want you to tell me should I reveal this or not?
 Ans: This affair is none of your business. If you should meddle in this affair you will lose the friendship of both parties concerned.
 V. V.—I am about to lose my home, will I?
 Ans: A job will save your home for you. I see you at work within a few weeks and my advice now is for you to get out and begin making contacts with people concerning a job. You will be repaid.
 M. J.—A friend asked me to write you to find out if her mother or any of her relatives are living.
 Ans: I get the impression of a sibyl who lives at the present time in New York City. In reference to her mother it is unfortunate but I cannot contact a clear vision in her case. I do not believe she is alive.

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"THRU A KEYHOLE"
(By Dirt Dishin' Daisy)

Dear Peeing Tom:
I guess you've heard about that certain young man, who says he'll let his rival (for the favors of a certain young Miss) have his fun for a while, so he can look over new fields. I'd tell that young man not to be so darn sure of his position, because I heard some time ago that "the bigger they are, the harder they fall"—and then the girl, herself, may have changed her mind about that "Gay Lothario" who says he'll let his rival play.

Oh, yeah! Do you know that Miss is singing, "Baby! Want You Please Come Home" for her man in The Dalles, Oregon.

Say! You had better tell your friend to watch her step.—the Southern Pacific may double back on her some of these days.

Mmm-mmm-mmm! Can you imagine a young man telling another to come up some time? I think he really meant it, too. (Youth! Quo Vadis?)

While in ——— last Sunday morning, I sat gazing over the bald and otherwise heads of the congregation, (all anxious for the Chinaman's afternoon drawings) and was inspired to write a song which I shall call, "I'll sing Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" every Sunday morn. if de Lad will bring me an 'eight spot' by early dawn".

Dame rumor hath it that ——— will return south very much sadder, but wiser, although ——— is the king now.

Tom, I haven't much time now, or I'd tell you some scandal that will singe your eyebrows, but for the first letter I couldn't very well spill every thing. Just wait till next week, oh, boy!

Yours for larger keyholes,
DAISY.

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