

EDITORIALS

NEGRO ELECTED BISHOP

The election of the Rev. Bravid Harris by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church to be Bishop of the Missionary District of Liberia is being hailed by any as a forward step on the part of that church.

The Rev. Mr. Harris has distinguished himself as a churchman of vision, vigor, practicality and consecration—qualities desirable in any church leader, and essential to the office of missionary bishop.

It is fitting that a qualified Negro be sent to Liberia as bishop. It is a nation founded by and for American Negroes, and the inhabitants of its modernized districts are descendants of American freedmen.

Recognition of the fact that there are within the Episcopal Church Negroes capable of meeting the exacting requirements of the bishopric, and that there are places where such men can be effective leaders, may be the most significant aspect of the election.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Failure to support the coming Red Cross drive because of the blood plasma scandalous as it is, would be like failing to support the Government because there are some imperfections and injustices associated with it, or the Church, because it is full of inconsistencies and shortcomings in practice.

The Red Cross demands our allegiance for the great good it has done and is doing; for the incalculable benefits it has brought men of all races and creeds; for its efficient and devoted service to distressed humans.

wartime especially the Red Cross is indispensable. Its errors should be purged; but we cannot wait for that. We can protest as we give.

GEORGIA ABOLISHES POLL TAX

The abolition in Georgia of the poll tax as a requirement for suffrage is an altogether encouraging, if surprising, development. It represents an advance in enlightenment, much of which must be credited to the leadership of Governor Ellis Arnall.

Governor Arnall's consistent championing of Henry Wallace is some kind of indication of his real liberal leanings. He knows Wallace's views on first-class citizenship for the Negro, yet he has been an outspoken supporter of the former vice-president.

The fight for free Negro suffrage in Georgia is by no means won, however. There are still formidable barriers, legal and extra-legal, formal and informal.

Nonetheless the free ballot will come. The Texas primary decision and the abolition of the poll tax in Georgia, coming

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within the span of a year, are unmistakable indications of an irresistible movement toward free suffrage throughout this nation.

ON CARTER WOODSON

In years to come Negro History Week will be a time to mark the life and work of that grand old man, Carter G. Woodson.

Dr. Woodson at some time early in his career became convinced that the Negro was entirely too ignorant about himself and his past. All the history in which the Negro figured had been written by people of another race.

Carter Woodson saw this was all wrong, and he set out to do what he could to remedy it. First he became a history scholar. He studied. He took his doctorate at Harvard. He travelled. He read. And then, almost singlehandedly, he founded Negro history as we know it.

But his greatest work has been that of inspiring, training and guiding his successors, the growing number of young Negro historical scholars, who are following in his footsteps.

There is no greater example of single-minded devotion to a high and useful cause than the long career of Dr. Woodson. Not only his work, but equally his life and character, should be a great inspiration to Negro youth.

KNOWN BY HIS ENEMIES

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unsundering every day. Thrown to the reactionary Democratic wolves by his chief last summer, his seat in the President's own official family being denied by the ganging up of the opposition and his enemies within his own.

It has often been said that man is known by the enemies he makes, as well as by the friend. Mr. Wallace's enemies give him a very high rating.

NEW INSTITUTION PROPOSED

Senator O'Berry, chairman of a special commission appointed two years ago by Governor Broughton to investigate situation as to Negro feebleminded children, has introduced a bill which would establish a training school for such children.

The institutions for Negroes do not measure up to those for whites. In many instances there are discrepancies; in the relative size of the operating budgets, in plant and equipment, in personnel, and in salaries.

"DON'T WASTE FOOD!"



"LICK THE PLATTER CLEAN!"

Second Thoughts

By C. D. HALLIBURTON

Segregation produces so many absurdities that the observer who can cultivate sufficient detachment may always find something amusing along the way. For the Negro, however, the amusement must inevitably be spoiled by exasperation or indignation.

The award of a prize for valuable contributions written about the Negro to Dr. Howard W. Odum at this time has particular significance.

Lest We Forget...

By W. L. GREENE

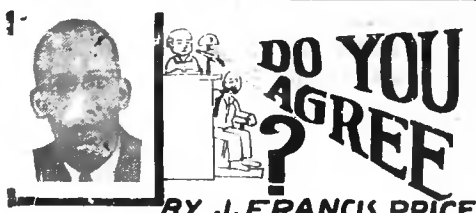
contributed to the field of human relations. Dr. Odum recognizes so-called "race relations" as basically "human relations." Anyone who has had the rare privilege of analyzing his thoughts as he talks informally in a group assembled to listen to a concert pianist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. M. W. Williams

Subject: Treasures of the Kingdom. Mathew 13:44-46, 48-52. Key Verse: Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights, with him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1:17.

The study of this lesson reveals several important truths, which would require far more time than the teacher has on Sunday morning with her class. However, there are a few fundamental truths which we suggest for consideration and meditation.



If recent court decisions, gubernatorial statements, and young citizens' expressions of opinion may be regarded as criteria one is led to believe that slowly, very slowly, but surely the day of justice for Negroes is approaching and the sun will ultimately shine on America's too often forgotten man.

Within recent weeks the State of Georgia has repealed its poll tax law. Governor Chauncey Sparks of Alabama has conceded that Negroes have a right to vote as Democrats in the State of Alabama.

Glad though they must be, Negro leaders viewing these moving and almost revolutionary upheavals in the old order of things have no need to become complacent and to rest on their oars.

As these evidences of the right and justice of good men begin to manifest themselves, as some on the other side begin to show a real appreciation for the good and the true, we must not only keep up the fight, but at the same time we must prepare ourselves to receive the fruits of our efforts and of those who labor in our behalf.

There are among us all too many unctuous personalities who would not use like ladies and gentlemen the privileges of polite society in dealing with our fellows. When segregation on public carriers is removed it will not be necessary to sit in the laps of other passengers on these conveyances in order to have a known that we have the right to sit where we may.

These earth-shaking events favorable to our cause need not delude. This fact must be kept in mind. For the rosy fingers of the first moments of dawn do not always necessarily presage a brighter day.

For proof of this point we need only to observe those among us who, when we have a few dollars in less than a week, refuse to work any more during the week until all of our earnings are spent.

Recent events do give us a right to believe that a great time is coming. The signs seem to portend the approach of that America which is the land of the free and the home of the brave.

DO YOU AGREE? SLAVE OR MASTER? BY RUTH TAYLOR

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master." "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master."

We must develop more men of his calibre in the South. We must rally to the support of his disciples. We must learn what Dr. Odum knows so well; that good will comes not from talking about one another but from association and enjoyment of a common exploitation of a common interest.

EDITORIAL SHORTS

Peace can only come through mutual understanding the establishment of world trade on a fair basis.

There are still people in this country who consider it very important to figure out the last cross-word puzzle.

When the war is over, the average family, instead of motoring a hundred miles, or so, on a holiday, will fly five hundred.

Religion is vital in every life, but there is little use in losing most of your own variety because somebody has another brand.

It may be human nature to criticize others, but we find it hard to understand those who never find anything good anywhere.

Going to Church hasn't hurt anybody that we ever heard about. That's a pretty good recommendation for church-going, we think.

You are entitled to what you earn in life and nothing more. If you get something extra, you are taking it from somebody else.