

AS TIME MARCHES ON

By W.W. STRUDWICK

A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS FATHER TO SON

"Daddy, why is it that the times they are a-changin'?" There's never a great story about what we've done for the country."

"Well, son, it's a long road to true freedom, you see. And it'll be some time yet before our place is truly won. It is a healthy thing that you should want to know. About the great of our race, now and of the past. Who have wrought mighty deeds of which you can be proud. And shall stand the tests of time as long as this old world lasts. I shall try to recall a few for you from beyond the shroud. There was Crispus Attucks, bold, daring patriot. He died FIRST of all Americans on Boston Common for his part. Harriet Tubman who loved freedom so well. She slaved for a lifetime so that others might feel its wondrous spell. Frederick Douglass, editor of the North Star. A matter of brave fighting words, keener than a two-edged sword. There are many names high on the scroll of honor. They have achieved education, fame and power. No avenues are closed to them; they have blazed the trails for others. They still blaze them for you. They are musicians, writers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, scientists, financiers. Artists, college presidents, ministers, actors, statesmen, and athletes. Booker T. Washington, James Weldon Johnson, George Washington Carver.

Paul Roberson, Channing Tobias, Shelby Rocks, Walter White, William H. Hastie, Louis T. Wright, George Hays, Max Yergan, Mary Mc. Bethune, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Charles S. Johnson, Richard Harrison, Roland Hayes, Marion Anderson, Dorothy Maynor, Joe Louis, W. E. B. DuBois, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen.

C. C. Spaulding, James E. Shepard, Anna Bontemps.

THESE — and many others tell our wonderful story, son. Of how in spite of handicap, we've earned a place in the sun. "Gee, thanks, Dad! It really makes a fella feel swell. To know that we have many great 'n' in this country's history, like."

PACING PROGRESS

The increasing degree of understanding attained in this "after the war" era is agreeably noticeable in all avenues of endeavor this year. Many old timers remember the changes which ensued after World War I. There was an increase in lynching, there were race riots, and there were such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan which promoted and exploited racial intolerance. According to the record of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching there are today 40,000 southern women, lashed by two million members of social, civic and religious groups who are vigorously campaigning against this vicious evil. To the outsider this is a surprising thing because it is a well-known belief that the primary purpose of lynching is to protect white women.

To this question, thousands of southern white women have answered for nearly ten years with an emphatic "NO." Though there is no record of the organization backing the passage of the "Anti-Lynch Bill" — which would put teeth into the punishment of those caught, they have cut down appreciably on the percentage. In the eight years previous to the founding of the Association, there were 211 lynchings in the nation. In 1938 this year the Association was founded, there were twenty-one lynchings in the South. Records of Tuskegee Institute show that in the first eight years there were only 105 known lynchings after the women were organized. The number dwindled to six in 1938, finally to two or three in 1948.

In addition, the records show that in forty instances sheriffs and police officers, many of them committed in writing to the program prevented lynching in 1938 — saving forty-nine men and a woman from noose.

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NEGRO HISTORY WEEK FEBRUARY 6-12

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, noted historian, inaugurated Negro History Week in 1926. Since that time the widespread response has been nothing short of phenomenal. Though he studied all over Europe, he was a graduate of Douglas (Ky.) College originally which accepted white and colored students at that time in 1900. And now Kentucky law forbids mixed schools. "There is no real Negro history. History is history, but we are left out." When the day arrives that our contributions are written along with other Americans, our job will be accomplished. Until that time every red-blooded Negro American owes it to himself and his forebears the duty of trying to get our books in the colleges and school system.

His true independence is shown in the fact that he refuses any help from white persons for fear they would want to tell him what to publish in his books.

February 7, 1912, birthday of Charles Dickens, of him can be truthfully said he wrote in humor and pathos of the sordid existence of the poor, first, because he knew the bitterest poverty and second, for he loved humanity. "One of the first writers to receive acclaim while he lived." Of all his works "Christmas Carols" are most widely known today.

February 12, 1809, Birthday of the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. So much is said of him and so much had been said about him, we can only say, "He belongs to the ages."

KEEP HAMMERING AT THE TIGHT CLOSE DOOR

Numerous schools are still quibbling on the question of permitting tan Americans entrance into their vaulted halls of learning and multitudes of our masses still wallow in the mire of healthless, illiterate ignorance.

It is your duty to see that health education is stressed in the home, in the schools, in the churches, and in all civic organizations. Inculcation of necessary health attitudes is as important as medical care. A healthy individual is an asset to the community and a diseased one eternally a menace. The belief that functional literacy is vital to a sound health program, and that ignorance is detrimental to all, must penetrate the consciousness of every American.

Ignorance causes poverty and disease, and poverty and disease, reacting, create ignorance. A book and a bath and a steady job will make a better citizen than all the laws of supply and demand freezing his fingers, breaking his wife and starving his children.

That these children receive their right to that which is beyond a doubt theirs will depend upon the firm pressure of the masses at the polls and in the loud clamor of many crying for the true democracy.

FROM THE SANCTUM

I sat alone in an empty room the other day and listened to the mournful wail of a horn woe dip and sway. As the last thrill wailed mellowly of a pie I'd seen of a lass, standing mutely about waiting to enter an old ofay medicine. The whirling dervishes of those that spun thru her mind if intoned would have been the weird tones that King Mendel heard in his court back thru the pages of time.

"I've stood damned in the courts of man since time began — but my heart and my soul look ever up even on — till like the endless ancient river I blend into the turbulent sea."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. — The issuance of a charter to the Trans-Bay Federal Savings and Loan Association is completed the organization of the newest addition to the Negro banking fraternity, according to information revealed here recently.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — It was recently brought to light that 40 employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad who have been assigned to the executive offices at Philadelphia have a combined service record of 44 years. All of the Negro railroaders are employed as messengers in various departments and to a man have the respect and admiration of their superiors.

All of the rail veterans were carefully selected for their present posts, and are given much responsibility in the handling of important materials that must demand careful handling. The majority are assigned to the offices of top administrative officials and are often required to accompany their "boss" on important missions.

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HARNETT COUNTY

Harnett County Tr. School

Wednesday, January 26, the 7-A class under the direction of Miss M. B. Love presented a very lively musical dance revue. This program was one of the regular assembly programs presented at the school each Wednesday morning.

The Sampson County Training School Trojans in a hard battle defeated a slight victory (43-42) over the Harnett County Training School five Friday, January 28. The game was very thrilling to the end as the Dunn team was leading up to about the last two minutes of the game when Monte Crumpler of the Trojans made two points making the score 43-42.

Shawtown High School

We have just completed the first semester of our school year which has been a busy one. A number of things have been and are still being done to make our school a better place for all concerned. We are working on a cooperative school improvement program which necessitates the cooperation of the school board, the superintendent, the principal, the teachers, the parents, the pupils and consultants.

Our school has already been visited by the two experts in Education, one expert in Classroom Management and one in Reading who came to us from the University of North Carolina. We are expecting these experts to return sometime soon to work with the teachers in Harnett County.

Having been conscious of the urgent need of reading the news paper among our people, the eighth

CASWELL COUNTY

FIFTY-ONE MAKE CCTS HONOR

The ultimate accentuation on scholarship showed up decisively at CCTS this period, with Roscoe Allen, junior; Gloria Swann, senior and Jean Richmond, sophomore, leading the way with all "A's" for the third six weeks' period and for the first semester.

In all there are 14 boys and 37 girls placing the "B" average or above honor list for the third period and nine boys and 34 girls placing for the first semester.

Those who qualified are as follows:

THIRD PERIOD

Seniors: Boys — Emmett Lea, Willie Howard, Lowmes, Aloys Mitchell, girls: Hettie Mae Dicks, Annie M. Florance, Nettie Gunn, Gloria Swann, Elsie Brown, Mae F. Brown, Geneva Kimber, Lillie Stader, Minerva Stader.

Juniors: Boys — Roscoe Allen, all "A's"; Roy Johnson, Earl Richmond; girls: Mildred Brown, Mabel Fuller, Mary Hendrick, Mary Wither, Pearl Barnett, Maude Baynes, Zelma Slade, Effie Walker, Mary Vancey.

Sophomores: Boys — Davids Stephens, John Thomas Bigelow, girls: Inez Lipscomb, Lillian McGuire, Barbara Price, Jean Richmond, all "A's"; Mae Rena Totten, M. Aquilla Watkins, Celeste Boggett, Mary Byrd, Ercell Graves, Alesse Lipscomb, Mary Fannie Stephen, Dorothy Totten, Annie Williamson, Frances Graves, Queen Johnson, Katie Lipscomb and Lillian Pineback, four "A's".

Freshman: Boys — Malcolm Cunningham, Roy Neal Lester, Clayton Poole, Jr., Phillip Woods, Zibe

Ten Railmen Have 444 Years Service Credit

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THE SICK LIST

Mrs. Corinne Coffield
Mrs. Sally Thompson
Rev. Murphy
Mrs. Florence Rice
Mrs. Carrie Hall
Mrs. Armstrong

907 ENROLLED AT SHAW FOR FIRST SEMESTER WORK

RALEIGH — Enrollment figures for the first semester at Shaw University, recently released by Mrs. Eva F. Ray, University Registrar, reveal that 907 students pursued courses at the institution. The enrollment, highest in the history of the school, shows an increase of 82 students over last year, when 825 students were in attendance.

The men at Shaw were only slightly outnumbered by the women with the male population up to 419 and only 6% less than the female enrollment of 488. This was a decided change over 1946 when there were nearly twice as many women as men, or 500 to 277.

Of the 891 students enrolled in Liberal Arts, there were 144 seniors and an equal number of juniors. The sophomore class had a total of 278 students and the freshman class was bulging with 311. The School of Religion showed an enrollment of 16, of which 9 were graduate students and seven were working under an A. B.-B. D. combination plan.

SHAW POLL PICKS 24 OUTSTANDING YEAR'S STUDENTS

Members of the Senior Class of Shaw University selected twenty-four "superlatives" from their ranks recently and designated these students as outstanding in a wide variety of areas.

Miss Eleanor Bell, of Wilmington, who was "Miss Homecoming of 1948" was named the Best Looking girl, while Everett Lattimore of Plainfield, N. J., captain of the Shaw Bears football team last season, was considered Most Handsome.

Most scholarly designations went to Miss Virginia Prunty of North Fork, West Va., and John Hairston of Pittsburgh, Pa. Miss Prunty had been on the college honor roll six times when the year began and Mr. Hairston, five.

Miss Irene Sylvester of Rocky Mount and Everett Lattimore were named most versatile and Miss Arnell Burnett of Mebane and Guthrie Turner of Snow Hill were thought Most Likely to Succeed.

Other superlatives chosen included: Miss Erma Brillock, Rocky Mount, and Kenneth Anderson, New York City, Best Dressed; Miss Durell Jones, Roselle, New Jersey, Best Dancer; Miss Mary Ledbetter, Rutherfordton, Most Modest; Robert Simmons, New Bern, Most Reformed; Miss Gladys Pierce, Wilmington, and Lester Randall Orange, N. C., Most Studious. Miss Yvonne Prunty and Guthrie Turner were considered Most Cooperative in addition to their other honors.

The Most Pleasing Personality was attributed to Miss Dorothy Swinson, Richmond, Va., and Charles England, Newton, England, and Miss Georgia McNeill of Clarkton were called Most Athletic. Miss Inez Cogdell of Fayetteville and Herbert Ellis, Raleigh, stars in numerous Shaw Player productions, were considered Most Dramatic and Miss Johnnie Broadway of Princeton, N. J., and Walter Burnett of Harrisburg, Pa., Wittiest.

Average time for milking a cow by hand is 87 minutes per cow. But the average time for milking a cow by machine is only 53 minutes.

POSTMASTER DENIES JIMCROW HIRING POLICY

NEW ORLEANS (ANP) — Postmaster A. Frank Fairley, in a statement to the press here last week denied that Negroes are discriminated against in the New Orleans Post Office. The denial was in contrast with charges made two weeks ago by the U. S. Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, headed by Senator Wm. Langer (R.N.D.).

Mr. Fairley's denial, however, brought about repercussions from the N. O. Branch of the NAACP, and postal workers of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, presently employed at the main office.

Postmaster Fairley's statement to the newspaper asserted: "With reference to the recent publicity criticizing the New Orleans Post Office for racial discrimination in having passed over 17 colored employees on the 1946 civil service register, investigations by both the Civil Service commission and the Post Office department have substantiated our position of passing over these men for good and sufficient reason. The question of color was at no time a condition of their being passed over."

Immediate protest of the statement was registered by the New Orleans NAACP through Robert B. Delahoussaye, president. The N. A. A. C. P. said, "Our first impression was that the postmaster was joking but realizing that a man of your position cannot afford to jokingly issue official public statements, we could only reach one of two conclusions: either, as postmaster, you are entirely unaware of what really exists in the New Orleans Post Office or your statement is one of self-defense due to the report of the Committee of Sen. William Langer."

"Not only does the New Orleans Post office have discrimination, but its twin evil, segregation, is also present. In the local post office the 'swing rooms' are segregated, having a high percentage of Negro employees prove nothing because many were mail handlers or car-

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riers: records show that during the period, October, 1929, and February, 1942 not one single Negro clerk was hired in the New Orleans Post Office. During which time, the Postal Alliance requested relief from many local sources and it was not until the matter was brought to the attention of the First Assistant Postmaster General in August, 1941, that Negro clerks were hired some months later.

The NAACP further pointed out that at the present time in the New Orleans Post Office, despite seniority, qualifications and other characteristics, not one single Negro supervisor is in existence. No Negroes are at stamp windows, money order windows or in the registry section. Invariably junior white clerks are placed in charge rather than senior Negro clerks and when a senior qualified Negro clerk asks about a junior white clerk being upgraded, the authority points out "he has had experience" and on many occasions white persons have been hired in the labor force and placed over Negroes who have been there many years.

Little Rock To Build Unwed Mothers' Home

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ANP) — A campaign by the Florence Crittenton Home Board to build a home for Negro unwed mothers was approved here recently by the directors of the Greater Little Rock Community Chest and Council.

In this drive funds will be solicited from Negroes to build a home for 18 A Crittenton board will work with a Negro group to conduct this campaign. The Community fund will have a five-man advisory board for the campaign. It will provide operating funds for the homes.

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