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## The North Carolina College Dedication Exercise

On Sunday, December the 6, nine new buildings recently erected at the North Carolina College for Negroes will be dedicated. The program will mark the beginning of a new development and importance of the local college, which has had 25 years phenomenal growth.

No one who knows about North Carolina College can separate the name of the institution from that of Dr. James E. Shepard, its founder, and president. Whatever is said throughout the dedication program Sunday, about the rise of the school from a small unknown educational institution to its present place will have to include the man who has stood behind it and driven it to success, against almost insurmountable odds. The names Dr. James E. Shepard and N. C. College are synonymous. It is impossible to think of one without thinking of the other.

North Carolina College, like other great institutions represents the soul, the vision and the character of a noble spirit in tune with things divine and eternal. It stands as a beacon, lighting up the pathway of humanity in a world darkened by greed, selfishness, relentless cruelty, pride, robbery and deceit.

## North Carolina Committee On Negro Affairs

We have just received from the state chairman of the North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs a release for publication setting forth the work of that organization, and calling attention to a state wide meeting of the committee to be held in Raleigh Sunday, December 12. As we understand it, the meeting is being held for the purpose of discussing the several candidates for election to the United States Senate, and the several positions to be filled for the House of Representatives, and other important subjects.

The Carolina Times wishes to add its word of approval to the action of the chairman of the NCCNA for not waiting until the last minute to call the meeting, and for including in the program subjects of vital interest to all Negroes of the nation, as well as the state. The gathering should be well attended.

We would like to suggest however that the committee find time during its deliberations to discuss, and take some action on the matter of teachers salaries in North Carolina. For years the state has committed a blatant crime against Negro teachers, by forcing them to keep pace with white teachers in qualifications, but denying them the same salary for so doing. This ought not be. Negro teachers as a rule must teach more students, and work longer hours for less money in North Caro-

terms of a man's bank account, Dr. James E. Shepard will go down to his grave an utter failure too pauperized to be honored sung or wept. If it is to be measured in the terms of sacrifice for others, and a desire for all that is noble, then Dr. Shepard will approach his grave "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." He has been able to live an idealistic life in a materialistic world, hating no man, begrudging no man and helping all men. This alone is his wealth.

Here is inspiration for all men those who are fortunate enough to come in contact with the man. He is a living example that there still is a place in the world for things that are really beautiful and noble. Visitors to the college on next Sunday will pause to dedicate buildings of brick mortar and stone to the purpose of education. What they do will be shortly remembered, and decay with the buildings themselves, but the dedication of one's life to the task of unselfish toil can never decay.

The time will come when the building which will be dedicated Sunday will be replaced by even bigger and better ones, but the time will never come when the influence the spirit and the character of James E. Shepard will be replaced. It is eternal in the heavens.

lina. The practice is unfair and a deliberate crime against both the Negro teacher and the Negro student.

The average Negro graduate from the public schools of the state cannot maintain a respectable average in a single A grade college anywhere. A check on Negro high school graduates will disclose a deplorable deficiency in scholarship, as well as a lack of knowledge of ordinary things. The North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs should not only discuss these conditions but take definite action towards remedying them.

In many parts of the state Negroes are still denied the right of franchise. A study of this condition ought to be made and definite action taken. The right to vote is a constitutional one, and no human being living under a democratic form of government should be denied the right to say who shall govern him.

For several years North Carolina has promised "to make some satisfactory adjustment on the matter of professional training for Negroes. For the last two sessions of the General Assembly the matter has been tabled, and Negroes who constitute the most pauperized group in the state are forced to go to extra expense to maintain their children, in schools outside of

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## Do You Know?



WHAT in order to assist in saving the forests from destruction by fire, the Canadian National Railway maintains forest-fighting equipment at strategic points through the heavily wooded areas of Canada? Such a piece of equipment is shown in action above. Pressure is supplied by pumps in the locomotive which is attached to the tank car containing the water. It is estimated that since this equipment has been in service millions of dollars have been saved the company by preventing damage to its property and in saving from destruction, thousands of acres of forest that will later provide freight traffic in the form of lumber and pulp wood.

## KELLY MILLER SAYS . .

### LYNCHING IS A NATIONAL EVIL AND DEMANDS A NATIONAL REMEDY

The Institute of Public Opinion in a nation-wide poll sought to determine the attitude of the American people on the advisability of Federal remedy for lynching. The returns showed 72 per cent favored such action by the national government, while 28 per cent opposed it. It was somewhat surprising, although greatly gratifying, note that 57 per cent of the Southerners reached by this poll upheld the intervention of national authority to stamp out this national evil.

Lynching is a peculiar American atrocity which prevails nowhere else among civilized or semi-civilized people. Its prevalence is not due primarily to the presence of a large number of Negroes in one section of the country. In Brazil and in the West Indies the Negro contingent constitutes a larger proportion of the general population than in the United States. They also represent a lower average status of education and culture, and yet, in these countries lynching is unknown and the inhabitants learn of it only from the American press. During the past fifty years over three thousand American citizens have been murdered by blood-thirsty mobs. At least fifteen hundred white men and women have been victims of the rope and torch. If not a single Negro had been lynched this atrocious iniquity would still stain and stigmatize the fair name of our beloved country in the eyes of the world.

Neither can it be claimed, as is too often attempted, that lynching is confined to the Southern States. If not a single person, white or black, had been lynched in the South during the past fifty years, hundreds of victims in other sections of the country would issue the Nation anxious concern. Every State in the Union, with the exception of five New England States, has had its soil stained with human blood at the hands of the murderous mob. The blot has spread throughout the whole Nation, and like the "damned spot" on Lady Macbeth's hands, will not out.

If according to Abraham Lincoln's dictum this Nation could not remain half-slave and half-free in his day, it cannot now continue half-lynched—ridden and half-lynched free. If some smothering foreign critic should substitute "Land of Lynchers" for "Sweet land of Liberty" in our national anthem we would have only our gruesome national pastime to blame. America is the most lawless country in the civilized world. Lynching is but the climax of lawlessness. If this

## Calvin's Digest

(BY FLOYD J. CALVIN)

### THE ANTI-LYNCH BILL

We note that Virginius Dabney, editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, predicts in an article in the current Nation, that an anti-lynch bill will be passed during the session of Congress. We hope so. However, the filibuster led by Senator Tom Connally of Texas looks like the same old tactics that defeated former efforts to make lynching a federal crime. But there is one heartening fact in the current anti-lynch fight: This time it is a Democratic administration which is attempting to pass an anti-lynching bill. Heretofore, it was apparently the sole prerogative of the Republicans to do the perennial bonfire dance around a human corpse, factiously or sincerely, the individual may decide for himself, to keep the colored voter within the GOP fold. Now, however, thanks to a division of the vote, BOTH administrations are doing the dance of the devils. Maybe between the two of them, an anti-lynching bill will actually become the law of the land.

### BUILDING HOMES

We wish to commend the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. for its program of building small homes in Durham. It was our good fortune to see at first hand some of these homes a few weeks back, and it was, to us, an omen of better days to come, to see a private business concern of the group, with the foresight and courage to step out and invest surplus funds in a manner which would benefit many times over the group which made possible the creation of the surplus. Not all the money saved as a result of thrift of the Negro should go into stocks and bonds. Some of it, of right, ought to be placed where the people who helped make it possible can enjoy it, and improve their civic status by it. Too long have some of our southern business concerns invested the dollars of Negroes in the propagation of enterprises which, safe financially they might be, had rules or policies which forbade any benefits accruing to the Negro, except on the profit end. We refer to such investments as in southern municipal library building bonds, where Negroes are not allowed to read books; municipal and state bonds for improvements, such as streets and lights, which do not reach the Negro neighborhoods; railroad stocks and bonds, on roads where Negroes are not only jim-crowed, but the very executives who buy the bonds may not get sleeping accommodations on the trains; the building of theatres, and other public buildings, in which Negroes are jim-crowed, if allowed to enter at all; and so forth. The time has come for our business executives to think twice—watch more carefully the dollars of their group, and place them where the group can benefit every time the dollars turn over. That, alone, is race statesmanship. It is no longer a credit to any Negro company to boast of its soundness unless it is known, along with the boast, that an appreciable part of its surplus funds are serving the race, not only on the first point of service—the primary business of the company—but on secondary points of investment policy. We hope the time will come when no large sum of money will be invested by Negroes in any white concern without first inquiring into the attitude of the management that concern toward the

### NATION DOES NOT DESTROY LAWLESSNESS

Nation does not destroy lawlessness, of what lynching is the master crime, lawlessness will destroy the Nation.

Determined patriotism and enlightened statesmanship are resolved that this Nation must and will be lynch-free. They must, therefore, adopt effective means of bringing about this consummation, devoutly to be wished. For fifty years we have quibbled over divided responsibility between State and Federal authority while over three thousand American citizens, white and black, men and women, have fallen prey to the blood-thirsty mob. State action has proved itself to be utterly ineffective to deal with lynching, as with human slavery and kidnapping. When the blood of thousands of victims of mob murder cry out to God from the ground there is little time or patience for quibbling over constitutional jurisdiction. The malady is nation-wide; the disease is systemic; and the remedy, in order to be effective, must be as deep-seated and widespread as the disease with which it is calculated to cope. If State authority is unequal to the task, then Federal intervention becomes inevitable, else our statesmanship and patriotism must stand appalled and paralyzed.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of politicians, North and South, Democratic and Republican, to exploit this tragic situation to woo Negro vote on the one hand, or to justify its suppression on the other. Both of these attitudes are equally reprehensible. This is but playing politics with human misery in its scutest form. The provincial politicians who are now seeking to defeat the pending Anti-Lynching Bill on the plea of States' Rights and local sovereignty are the heirs and assigns of their anti-slavery prototypes who sought to defeat the fundamental rights of human nature under the same plea. But they are fated to meet the same fate, for they are fated to meet the same fate, for they are fated to meet the same fate.

Senator William E. Borah, who ranks as the highest constitutional authority in either House of Congress, is he spearhead of the pending Anti-Lynching Bill chiefly relies He has lent the great weight of his authority against all anti-lynching measures which have been before Congress for the past twenty years, on the ground that they have been without constitutional warrant. We are disposed to question the genuineness and sincerity of this robust American patriot and Statesman. He is known to be as deeply opposed to lynching and all forms of lawlessness as any American in public or private life. It is most unfortunate, therefore that this distinguished

KELLY MILLER

## Colored Women

(By William Plowden for A-N-P)

Excuse me for telling this. I only tell it as the truth, and this particular truth may not do any good, but the telling of it will do no harm, at least no harm that I care a fig about.

The colored woman has at last succeeded in making something worse, which I had always supposed was already as bad as any human thing could be: she has succeeded in adding to the horrors of jim-crow travel in the south. Since she acquired the social half-sanction of smoking in public, she shows no respect for either God or man—or for other women. In a little jim-crow car—end of 15 feet long by 7 feet wide, she will light up and fill the place with her infernal smoke, altho all windows are closed in winter—without so much as politely asking whether any of the other men and women crowding the dirty little cell are going to be tortured by her useless performance.

Wait a minute! No, it's not because the railroads do not furnish a smoking compartment for colored smokers; there's a snaking cubby-hole about the same size as this woman smoking hole right there in front of her, and there's not a single soul in it. It is simply, solely and exclusively because it has never occurred to these ordinary members of the group to have any respect for the comfort of others, unless they are compelled to do so. The conductors do not compel them to go to the smoker, unless there are loud and persistent complaints, for white trainmen do not care what tortures segregated Negroes may inflict upon each other; besides, their animal-like disregard of each other becomes an added excuse to the whites for keeping Negroes together, if

I had always said that the jim-crow car was such an instrument of torture that nothing would be added to it; but what it took to make it worse, this careless colored woman, who is anxiously aping "Americanism" is showing us now that she's "got it." May her reign be short. Or pretty soon the railroads will stop providing smoking compartments for colored passengers.

## ASTROLOGY

### ITS MEANING AND SERVICE TO YOU

(By Cora J. Gibson for ANP)  
The value of Astrology is beyond measure. By trying to understand your self, you soon become aware of the need of understanding others. You will soon feel a power of command, a poise that will gradually enhance your personality. There will be a greater sympathy and tolerance towards others, consequently, you'll find yourself becoming more charitable and kind.

The constructive use of your own inherent powers compels the respect and admiration of those who may have been antagonistic to you. The development of self-confidence induces the desire to be confident of your friends; and your moral strength calls out a like quality in them. The immediate success in little things is a forerunner of bigger successes. Astrology points the way which you may best use your special unit of powers.

Did you know that such habits of domineering your family; antagonizing your friends; continually creating an atmosphere of disturbance; and leaping before you look, or your regret, are but the EFFECTS of misapplied energy which would be valuable in life where leadership, initiative and courage are demanded. Also, that the misuse of this impulse always attracts such mishaps as cuts, accidents, burns, gunshot wounds, illnesses with alarmingly high fevers, and the like?

And did you know that the constructive application of this same energy towards fitting one's self for harmonious expression will transform the personality almost overnight?

Energy, action, initiative, love of adventure, courage and impulsiveness are akin to the planet Mars and the sign, Aries. We need such people. They are quick to see advantage and to act upon it. Courageous, willing to face danger. Make splendid leaders and their own courage will create the courage of men under them. These people are happiest in an active and full life, and without them the world would be humdrum.

If there is one in your charge whose characteristics relate to Mars, he will be given an immen-

se advantage if an understanding of his impulse is explained to him while young. This child may be rash, but he can be reasoned with. He may be encouraged to protect his weaker playmates instead of bullying them. If he comprehends now his natural impulse will fit into adult life, then he will be inspired to apply this excessive energy into harmonious avenues of expression. There will be a definite purpose in mind. He will understand that control of his own spirited nature will develop his power of control and command over others, because he will understand his own need of self-expression; he will refrain from boastfulness, because he will be sure of himself.

Usually, there is interest in some form of mechanics. Machinery offers an outlet to many with strong Martian tendencies because of its opportunity to develop skill as well as its element of risk. Some make good butchers, but in all cases, satisfaction and harmony are derived thru the proper release of this powerful impulse that demands activity in some form. Personal inquiries may be addressed to Mrs. Cora Gibson, care Ancestral Negro Press, 3307 South Parkway, Chicago.

### LAST WEEK'S BEST EDITORIAL

LET US GIVE THANKS.  
In keeping with a custom as old as the American nation, President Roosevelt recently issued the annual proclamation designating Thursday, November 25, as a day for prayer and thanksgiving.

Listing the blessing that ought to inspire the observers this year, the President emphasized the fact of Peace. In its international relations, the United States at the present time is fortunately situated. A great deal has been accomplished by the administration in dispelling doubt and suspicion that from the time of President Monroe, have existed among the nations that make up Pan-America. Central and South America no longer feel that their larger neighbor to the north has improper designs (Continued on page six)