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INTERESTING ARTICLE ON RACE

Facts of His Nature; Classed As Great Creation By Writer In Commercial Appeal.

The following article comes to us with a request for publication from Mr. J. W. Mayfield, of Estill, S. C.:
 From early childhood I have been a constant observer and an ardent admirer of the wondrous works of God, says, S. F. Davis, of Indianola, Miss., in the Memphis Commercial Appeal. In my early days birds, bees, bugs and flowers were a never-ending source of pleasure to me; and when a lad no more mature years I have lain for hours in the shade of some friendly tree and played with a toad frog or a June bug until the dinner horn blew, when I was erroneously supposed to have been diligently hoeing cotton. In after years I have sat silently on the seashore and watched the tide ebb and flow; I have limbed lofty mountains and stood on the banks of the world's greatest rivers and matched the turbulent waters roll by; I have looked above into the starry decked dome of heaven and gazed upon the far-away planets and comets performing their stupendous and harmonious revolution and have seen written upon the face of all nature the glory and wonder of the great Creator. But I have always and do now, regard the negro as His masterpiece. He stands alone in a class by himself; and while the Yazoo and Mississippi Delta is peculiarly suited to his needs; yet he can adjust himself to any kinds of climatic conditions and live and dis happy under the most trying conditions.

He can lie down beneath the scorching rays of a noonday sun and sleep the sleep of the seven sleepers of old without suffering any evil effects from it whatever, or he can weather the fiercest winter gale, clad only in a pair of cotton overalls and a blue jumper. He can also wear an overcoat on a Fourth of July celebration, or a pair of linen pants and an alpaca coat to a Christmas tree and be perfectly comfortable. And, strange as it may seem, anybody's clothes will fit him and look nice on him. King Solomon, in his declining years, when he had become thoroughly disgusted with high society and fast living, said there was nothing new under the sun; that he had gone all the gaits and had seen the whole show from the free exhibition to the grand concert, and that there was nothing to it, or words to that effect. But it will be remembered that he never had any negroes to deal with, or we would have had a new problem to solve every day of his eventful life. There is nothing else like the negro under the sun. He sees all things and has implicit faith in every thing he sees or hears, and stands ready at all times to step aboard of anything that comes along from a young male to a flying machine.

Wireless telegraph is nothing new to him; he has used it for ages; every negro's mouth is a transmitter and every ear a receiver. If anything of importance happens on a plantation tonight every negro for forty miles around will know it in the morning. If you ever arrive in delta town on the train on a Sunday and the whole colored population is not at the depot to meet you do not get off the train, for you may know that of a surety some catastrophe has struck the town. Saturday is his special day by custom and common consent, and if you have any business to attend to in a delta town on Saturday, attend to it early and get off the streets before you get hurt. A negro cannot see you on Saturday unless you owe him something, and if you get in his way he is liable to step on you, sit down on you, or back you up against a brick wall and somehow you to death. He does not usually do these things or any of them, through any evil design, as many sometimes suppose, but he simply cannot help it if you get in his way, for he is busy and cannot look out for you. Saturday is his "rations" and news exchange day, and in addition to having all those things on his mind, he has to shake hands with every other negro woman he meets. You had better take out an accident policy or get off the streets Saturday.

The standard "rations" for a negro is a peck of corn meal, two pounds of sugar, one pound of coffee, three pounds of salt meat and one gallon of dark molasses a week, but he can con-

sume all of this at one sitting if necessary, or if he is working for you and boarding himself, he can live a week on three soda crackers, a box of sardines and five cents worth of cheese.

In other words his stomach is built on the same general plan of an o.a.-fashioned accordion, and either contracts or expands according to the pressure brought to bear upon it. He is also immune to nearly all kinds of poison, and can swallow the most deadly drugs with impunity. I remember having a negro working for me one time who was having chills and suffering with severe backaches. I got him a bottle of chill tonic to take and a bottle of liniment to rub his back with. The liniment was labeled in box car letters, "Poison, For External Use Only," and I cautioned him about it, but for three days and nights before I found it out, he had been rubbing his back with the chill tonic and taking a tablespoon of the liniment three times a day before each meal with excellent results. On another occasion I was sick and had a negro to wait on me and the doctor opened a can of antipiliginine to make a plaster for my side, and left the can on the kitchen table, and when my negro went in to get his supper, he mistook it for a can of peanut butter and ate the whole of it without even having discovered his mistake.

The negro does not lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust would corrode them or where thieves might break through and steal, but when he has money or other valuable things he immediately puts it into circulation, and the things in which he usually invests are never of a permanent or lasting nature. He spends much money each year for legal and medical advice, presumably for the purpose of finding out what he ought to do, so that he may do the opposite, for it is a well known fact that a negro was never known to shut a gate or follow anybody's advice about anything. He is also an ardent admirer of the work turned out by the dental surgeon, and down deep in every negro's heart there is a secret longing to some day have a gold tooth in front, one on a plate so that he can take it out and look at it and put it back at will.

He is likewise a great admirer of art, and in nearly every negro's home he is ever so humble, there hangs a life-size crayon portrait of himself on the wall right opposite the door, where you will be sure to see it as you come in the door. The rest of the surplus money he usually spends for entertainment, preferably an excursion, but anything else in motion will do. I have frequently stood on a street corner on a cold, cloudy winter day and watched as many as fifty negroes, who would not average fifty cents each, and none of whom had on clothes enough to flag a hand car, clinging to a merry-go-round as it went round and round, grinding out that well-known and also much beloved melody, "Oh, Bill Bailey Why Don't You Come Home," and their front teeth shining like the keys on a "baby grand" piano, while hundreds of others, who did not have the price of a ride, were standing in half-frozen mud shoe mouth deep, cheering them as they came around.

All things are pleasing to him. A circus or a funeral is equally enjoyable, but a protracted meeting followed by a public baptizing is his chief delight. The negro was once the white man's slave, but that was only for a short time, and was a part of the great scheme which God had in mind to better prepare him for the enjoyment of the great things which He meant to bestow upon him in the future. By long and close association with the white man, the negro learned all of his ways, and can now size him up and classify him just as accurately as a cotton buyer does the different grades of cotton, and can do it much quicker.

He no longer is a slave to man or Mammon, and verily that Scripture which says: "The last shall be first, and the first shall be last" has already come to pass and the negro now has a reserve seat on the front row. If any good things are to be had he is sure to get his share. One day a negro asked me if I thought a negro had a soul. I told him I most assuredly did. And if he did not have one it was the only thing I had ever heard of a white man having that a negro did not get if he stayed with him long enough. The negro has no great problems to solve. There is no race question so far as he is concerned.

He enjoys the society of all races, ages and nationalities, and will mingle freely with any of them. He enjoys with equal pleasure the companionship

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HELP THE BOARD TO LOCATE THEM

The Postal Authorities Have Not Been Able To, but Perhaps You Can Do So.

The Local Board desires information as to the addresses of the men listed below, in order that their Questionnaires may be mailed them. If you know of anyone below please notify them to immediate under penalty for further violation get in touch with the Board:

- Henry Alston, Inez.
- James Rhodes, Goldsboro.
- John Younger, Macon.
- Silney Eaton, Newport News.
- Gilbert Williams, Inez.
- Charlie Hunter, Warrenton.
- Sterlie Lee Holmes, Gold Vein, Va.
- Taz Hargrove, Farewell, Pa.
- Daniel Dowton, Littleton.
- Aalsey Dunstan, Inez.
- Tollie Thomas Perry, Henderson.
- John Robert Bullock, Manson.
- Oscar Bullock, Manson.
- Henry Green, Littleton.
- George Johnston, Littleton.
- Plummer Williams, Inez.
- Thomas Webb Salmon, Warrenton.
- Richard Drew, Warrenton.
- Robert Milam, Baltimore, Md.
- Richard Jones, Warrenton.
- Thomas Alston, Warrenton.
- Clarence Davis, Warrenton.
- Jessie Powell, Warren County.
- Frank Davis, Warrenton.
- Robert Stevenson, Warrenton.
- Stephen Henry Bowden, Warrenton.
- Clyde Malcolm Goodman, Warrenton.
- James Macon King, Macon.
- John Snow, Littleton.
- Murphy Brown, Littleton.
- Frank Alston, Littleton.
- Eddie Anderson, Littleton.
- Ernest Richie, Norlina.
- Claude James, Norlina.
- George Cole, Macon.
- Joseph Edward King, Macon.
- Horace Robinson, Norlina.
- Henry Sancelers, Norlina.
- James Kearney, Norlina.
- Jacob Williams, Warren County.
- Henry Bracey, Warren County.
- Robert Cornelius Elliott, Wise.
- Tom Reavis, Warrenton.
- Howard Newell, Warren County.
- Will Stewart, Littleton.
- Willis Jones, Littleton.
- James Cassell, Littleton.
- Henry Davis, Littleton.
- Charlie Hill, Merry Mount.
- William Boyd, Warren Plains.
- Luther William Pearce, Inez.
- Robert Alston, Macon.
- Sam Kearney, Littleton.
- Willie Wyatt, Elberon.
- Robert Heathcock, Afton.
- Debid Selimon, Youngstown, Ohio.
- George Nelson, Merry Mount.
- Joseph Jones, Merry Mount.
- James Johnston, Norlina.

NORLINA TO HAVE A LOCAL MUSICAL

On Friday Evening February 1; Promises To Be Intensely Entertaining; Be There.

There will be a home talent musical entertainment at the Norlina School auditorium, Friday evening, February 1st. The entertainment is given under the auspices of the School Betterment Association, directed by Mrs. C. L. Jennette, Chm. of The Ways and Means Committee of the Association. The merit of a previous entertainment.

The program consists of a variety of chorus songs of pleasing character, solos, duets, quartets, etc.; with timely and lively patriotic numbers. In addition to the musical program, a patriotic pageant will be presented by the girls of the Norlina High School. The price of admission will be thirty-five cents; school children fifteen cents. Seats on sale at the auditorium door Friday evening February 1st.

"The true secret of success is thrift and principally as applied to saving."—Sir Thomas Lipton. Start now!

TO PROVIDE HOGS FOR THE PUBLIC

As Incentive To Big Increase In Production In County This Year—Raise A Hog!

The hog shortage in the United States is alarming; the War Board has called the attention of the United States Department of Agriculture that unless farmers greatly increase their hogs, there will be suffering for meat. Warren county's part of the increase production plan is 881 hogs.

Every farmer in Warren county should take steps at once to increase his production—you can't have too much pork. All boys who want a pig and are willing to join the Pig Club names to F. B. Newell, County Agent, Warrenton, or to Mr. J. G. Ellis, the Bank of Warren, Warrenton. Mr. Ellis will furnish the pigs to the boys and will not require payment until the fall. The Citizens Bank to meet this shortage has agreed to let the farmers have fifty hogs with time of payment this fall.

As a patriotic step will send their Messrs. M. P. Burwell and R. B. Boyd expressed the willingness to purchase a carload of hogs and distribute to the farmers at actual cost. Mr. Newell, however, seems to think that with the aids of the two banks here and of the Board of County Commissioners that he can place all pigs ordered, and the offer of these gentlemen wasn't accepted at this time. Mr. Burwell, nevertheless, said put me down for one hundred dollars to be used in the furtherance of this work. I am grateful to these gentlemen for showing such a willingness to help.

Messrs. Peter M. Stallings, chairman Board County Commissioners, C. C. Hunter and J. M. Burroughs were called on in regard to the County's action in this matter. Mr. John Powell and J. J. Myrick were too far to reach, but we all know they are men who will stand for anything to help the county.

The three first named commissioners promised to use their influence have the Board purchase hogs and distribute them to the farmers at cost. We have one of the best Boards of County Commissioners in the United States. Men who stand to help the County out of any trouble in their power; men who have the ability to act when the County needs their attention.

The farmers who need hogs will send me their names at once in order that I may get a list within the next thirty days of farmers who are short, and be in a position to buy a carload at the lowest price.

The hogs will be vaccinated by the State Veterinarian and the car disinfected before shipment is made.

Yours for help,
 F. B. NEWELL,
 Agricultural Agent.

County Food Administrator Walter G. Rogers calls the attention of the public to the following letter:

- Dear Sir:
- I am in receipt of a letter from State Food Administrator Henry A. Page requesting:
- (1) That I demand of each retailer in my county a complete list of consumers who have purchased flour in excess of one barrel during the past three months.
 - (2) That I immediately notify the purchasers whose names are submitted or whose names I can secure that they must return all flour in their possession in excess of one barrel to the dealers from whom they purchased, these dealers being required to take it back at the price they received for it.
 - (3) That I take every other means within my command to remedy this situation just as promptly as possible.
 - (4) That I submit to him promptly for indictment and prosecution the names of any merchants who withhold information and any consumers who

retain in their possession more than one barrel of flour after they are given an opportunity to return it to dealers.

Mr. Page demands immediate action in this matter and it is necessary that his instructions be followed immediately. I shall expect to hear from you within three days, with the list of people who have made large purchases of flour from you during the past three months.

You no doubt know that the purchasers of excessive amounts of any foodstuffs are guilty of hoarding under the Food Control Law passed by Congress Aug. 10th, and are punishable by fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment, or both, in addition to confiscation of the goods; and that merchants making such sales are likewise guilty thru their action in aiding and abetting which in the commission is an offense against the law.

As stated above there will be no prosecution of either merchant or consumers who have violated this law if information is given promptly.

Very truly yours,
 WALTER G. ROGERS,
 County Food Administrator.

EAT POTATOES NOW AND SAVE OTHER FOODS

"Now that the country's bumper potato crop is flowing into markets in an ever increasing stream the wise housewife will take advantage of this cheap source of starchy food and will give the tubers a very important place on the dinner table," says home-economics specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

It is well known that potatoes are a nutritious and healthful food, of which one may eat freely without ill effects. As a matter of fact, say the department specialists, there is something more which can be said for the potato, for the liberal consumption of them helps to supply the body with alkaline salts which it needs for normal health. Eat more potatoes, for breakfast, lunch, dinner or supper, therefore, while they are abundant, say the specialists, to the advantage of both your health and your pocket-book.

THOUGHT SNAKES A CURE FOR THE LIQUOR HABIT.

U. S. Marine Training Camp, January 28th—That St. Patrick never saw any snakes in Ireland, let alone drive them out, is the claim of Patrick Murphy, native of Ireland and sergeant in the Marine Corps here.

Snakes, declares Murphy, were unknown to the sons of Erin until one Dr. Guithers in 1773 imported two small reptiles, then considered a curiosity.

"The first man to really 'see snakes' in Ireland," says Sergeant Murphy "was a friend of Dr. Guithers. This occurred one night when the man, a habitual drinker, awakened out of a drunken sleep and saw the doctor's pet crawling over the floor of his home. Dr. Guithers, after that, claimed snakes to be a positive cure for drunkenness, but St. Patrick?—why he never saw one."

ATTENTION, MER- COLORED FARM- ERS TO MEET

At Court House On February 8th To Discuss Food Production and Conservation.

The colored farmers and their wives and all other interested colored citizens of the County are notified of a meeting to be held in the Court House here on February 8th at 12 o'clock.

F. D. Wharton, Local Emergency Demonstration agent, will at this time place before the farmers and their wives and the public the value of food production and conservation.

NOTICE MERCHANTS

The following telegram from Food Administrator Henry A. Page explains itself:

Raleigh, January 29th
 Walter G. Rogers, Food Admr.,
 Warrenton, North Carolina.

Notify all merchants thru your local papers no exception can be made to new Food Administration ruling forbidding sale of wheat flour except in combination with equal amount of other cereals, including Corn meal, hominy, grits, oat meal, rice, barley flour, edible wheat shorts or middlings, corn flour, corn starch or soy bean flour. PAGE.

ALL ALIEN ENEMIES TO REGISTER

On 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Days of February Before Their Nearest Postmaster—The Law:

In pursuance of authority of the Proclamation of the President of the United States, dated November 16, 1917, notice is hereby given that:

1. All natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the German Empire or of the Imperial German Government, being males of the age of 14 years and upward, who are within the United States and are not actually naturalized as American citizens, are required to register as alien enemies.

2. This registration shall extend and apply to all land and water, continental or insular, in any way within the jurisdiction of the United States.

3. An alien enemy required to register who fails to complete his registration within the time fixed therefor or who violates or attempts to violate or of whom there is reasonable ground to believe that he is about to violate any regulation duly promulgated by the President of the United States or these Regulations, in addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, is liable to restraint, imprisonment, and detention for the duration of the war, or to give security, or to remove and depart from the United States in the manner prescribed by sections 4067, 4069, and 4070 of the United States Revised Statutes, and to all other penalties prescribed in the several proclamations of the President of the United States and in the regulations duly promulgated by or under the authority of the President.

4. An alien enemy required to register who shall after the date fixed for the issuance to him of a registration card be found within the limits of the United States, its Territories or possessions, without having this registration card on his person, is liable to thea fore said penalties.

Time For Registration.

The Attorney General of the United States has fixed the time for registration of German Alien Enemies as the 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 days of February, 1918, inclusive, from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m. on each of said days. All German aliens are required, under heavy penalties, to present themselves for registration to the registrars in their localities, and to register themselves in accordance with the requirements of law.

Places of Registration.

1. In cities of 5,000 or more inhabitants registration will be made before the chief of police of such as he may have designated as Assistant Registrars.

2. In non-urban areas or in suburban districts not within the jurisdiction of the Chief of Police of a city of 5,000 or more inhabitants, registration must be made before the local postmaster.

Method of Registration.

1. Registration shall be made by affidavit of the alien enemy required to register, to be executed in triplicate, accompanied by four unmounted photographs of the registrant not larger than 3 x 3 inches in size, on thin paper with a light background. Each photograph must be signed by the applicant across the face thereof so as not to obscure the features, if the applicant is able to write, which signature must be made in the presence of the registrar. Each Alien Enemy required to register shall be required to register his finger prints.

2. A registration card will be issued by the registrar and delivered to the registrant.

Information and instructions to registrants will be given by the chiefs of police or postmasters upon application.

Registrants are required to again present themselves before the registration officer after ten, but before fifteen days from the last day fixed for registration, to obtain a registration card upon which he must sign his name or make his mark, and place his left thumb print in the presence of the registration officer.

BART M. GATLING,
 Chief Registrar in Non-Urban Areas for Eastern District of North Carolina

"Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep."—G. Washington. Buy a Stamp today!
 The War Savings Plan is an ideal manner in which to save.