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Between Lines

IN SPITE OF MOBS

It was Booker T. Washington who had on the walls of his private study a card inscribed thus "The more I see some men the better I love my dog." Such is a simple but noble sentiment. This writer might add that the more he sees and knows about other nations the better he likes the United States of America.

And in this country these possibilities are myriads. In none but a great country could the Negro have risen from the abject miseries of slavery to the congress of the United States within so brief a time. In none but a great country could such a decision as the Supreme Court's recent one be a possibility. In none but a great country could Negroes press their fight for full citizenship rights without qualms and fears of molestation.

When the anti-lynching bill was being debated in the senate several years ago, it was North Carolina's own Senator Josiah W. Bailey who paraded up and down the senate floor boasting of the ability of this state to see to it that the law reigns supreme with out the aid of the federal government. Senator Bailey played an important part in bringing about the defeat of the bill and no doubt he will do much towards helping bring to justice the guilty parties in the Goldsboro outrage.

Since the kidnaping and flogging had to be they come at a good time, and will do much to aid in obtaining support for the new anti-lynching bill to be presented to Congress during the present session. Should the bill reach the senate floor we predict that the Goldsboro kidnaping and flogging will have had no influence on Senator Bailey and we expect to see him again make a jackass of himself to the shame of the people of his state. You cannot teach an old dog new tricks, you cannot reason with race prejudice because it is the food upon which a mob feeds and a mob, once its fury is aroused, is never reasonable.

We know there are those who will say that the kidnaping and flogging are less outrageous than a lynching. We think the manner in which those two men were taken from the law and the contemptible excuses made by the desk sergeant for turning them over to the mob just as outrageous as if they had been lynched, unless the desk sergeant was familiar enough with the five scoundrels to know they would not actually perpetrate a lynching.

The Digest

BY FLOYD J. CALVIN

AL SMITH SPEAKS

Great impetus was given interracial work last week when Honorable Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York, declared at a luncheon in the Empire State building in honor of a trustee of Lincoln (Pa.) University, that:

"The problem of race relationships will take care of itself largely when the colored race are given educational advantages, health and medical care, better living conditions and more of the good jobs and not all of the poor ones."

We salute Al Smith for this forthright declaration, which is true and which is generous, and which will have immediate effect in weakening some of the barriers now held fiercely against competent and deserving persons purely because of color.

Some may say why has not Al Smith said something like this long before. We do not say this; we say we wish more persons of the prominence and influence of Al Smith would take his view, even though the taking of such a view might come late. Coming late, it would not be too late to do good, for more trained and able colored young men and women are entering the arena of life with the color handicap facing them, making it impossible for them to live life to the full unless great-hearted Americans like Mr. Smith break their silence and proffer a helping hand.

We think the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, which has gone forward in their own good demanding better interracial attitudes, should be credited with having a major influence on the interracial situation, when a man like Mr. Smith finally comes to the support of their tenets, even though he did not come on the direct pleading of this group. Mr. Smith is a high Catholic; he is a great American, and he is a friend of the Negro. Many who have faltered under the burdens imposed by color prejudice will be heartened to go forward again because of his admirable stand.

to the basic value of the Tuskegee program or any reflection on the able administration with which the institution has been blessed since the passing of the founder.

Under Dr. Moton Tuskegee made notable advances, in both the field of education as such, and in the field of financial administration. The work went forward profitably insofar as support of the school was concerned, and at went forward quite creditably from the viewpoint of improving society by training more and more useful members of society. Under the youthful but able and dynamic Doctor Patterson, the prestige of the school in both the old fields has not suffered. Its financial support has continued, and students continue to flock there for the training which Dr. Washington outlined and projected.

As a group, we must learn group responsibility. Group responsibility means we must uphold to the utmost any agency which stands for the highest and best in our group life, and in American life, as does Tuskegee Institute.

Former students throughout the country can testify to Dr. Brawley's innate qualities as good friend and wise counsellor, and optimist and believer in the worth and future of his people. The books which Doctor Brawley leaves behind will be cherished by the public at large—"The Negro Genius," "Negro Builders and Heroes," etc. The latter book, published by the University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, was the beginning of a connection which caused the projection of a ten-volume set of Negro biographies under Doctor Brawley's editorship. Only one book was produced of this series, "Sojourner Truth," by Arthur Huff Fauset.

We will revere the memory of Doctor Brawley for his beautiful personality that was his; and we will venerate his works for the inspiration they will give.

The Symposium Livingstone

With regards to the "War Threat" as outlined in the Symposium of last issue, Prof. W. T. Trent of Livingstone College had this to say:

"With the present set-up, war is inevitable. And too, I think Hitler and Mussolini are on the level. They aren't bluffing. Aggression on the part of a disgruntled nation will be the spark setting off war."

"In the event of war, it will be impossible for America to remain aloof. Modern civilization has brought us so close together until now, we are interdependent. Trade cannot be halted, and war among the few likewise affects the many."

"The Negro couldn't very well stay out of the fray. And failure to enter into the thing would lessen our claim for equality. Then too, the Negro gets a little out of each war. It's impossible for America as a whole to prosper without the Negro getting his share of the benefits."

Prof. J. H. Satterwhite, instructor in philosophy, Livingstone, "War can be avoided for you can appease dictators through compromise. They can be combated, however, with moral force but this is not the time to use moral force. We must meet force with force. If we fight, we must have a longer motive than war. In facing the foe, we must combat then with a christian, militaristic force."

"The Negro's role will be that of any other minority and he will benefit as such."

Livingstone Founder's Day

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student council, acting as master of ceremonies. Outstanding among this service was the brilliant tribute by Walter Bowen in behalf of the freshman class.

Livingstone college, one of the oldest and best in the state, is under the auspices of the A.M.E. Zion Church although the memorial service was conducted entirely by students with Furney George Shipman, is strictly non-sectarian in effect. It was begun in Concord in 1879, later moving to Salisbury in 1882, and was named for David Livingstone, philanthropist, who was lost on a missionary expedition to Africa.

Immediately after the ceremonies the various Episcopal Areas departed to separate rooms for a meeting but returned to the chapel at 1:00 p. m. to make their annual educational report.

BISHOPS REPORT Nine of the connections prelates were present with Bishop W. J. Walls taking the honors in finance reported. The Sixth Episcopal district, over which Bishop Walls presides, reported \$5,286.83 with his New England conference alone raising \$2000.

Other high scorers were Bishop L. W. Kyles of the First Episcopal district who reported \$6000.64; Bishop J. W. Martin of the Third Episcopal district who reported \$4,102.82; and Bishop C. C. Alleyne of the Seventh Episcopal district who reported \$4,109.

PHILIP'S PHILOCRACY

By Eddie Philip Ellis

Everyone that speaks is a grammarian, though he may be utterly unacquainted with the rules of grammar.

A wealthy gent who had gotten several million dollars away from the soil, once said that when he felt himself losing the common touch, he would drop in on one of the quick lunch joints he used to frequent when he was just plain Sam Jones.

Here is a good recipe for if a hash house doesn't draw you closer to the masses, you must be soaring in a puncture-proof balloon. What with teeming tens of hungry subjects hovering all about you demanding service or they throw their combined purchasing power another way, someone borrowing your knife cause his is dull. And the ever present "Fido" who shoots a scornful glance in the direction of every customer whose a la carte doesn't include a bone.

The proprietor almost invariably falls under the male gender. And he prides himself on being an authority on human nature. He has never been stuck but once. Swears. It'll never happen again. Towering somewhere in the background one usually finds a woman. When we say towering, we don't mean that she's fat although certain angles have been greatly emphasized. Then there's the waiter, a mere journeyman when it comes to human nature but a master craftsman when it comes to calling his orders to the chef.

"Two liquid chicks beat easy" he'll say if you order soft scramble eggs. Your palate may run to Sauer Kraut and frannfurters. In that case he'll bellow, "Two dogs on a bale of hay." On the other hand, fried oysters may be more to your liking. "A half in oil," he cries in conveying your wishes to the chef. If you order a bowl of vegetable soup, he'll give you a distasteful, superior look and shout, "plate lunch in the bowl!"

REFLECTIONS

By S. Wycliffe Garlington

IN KEEPING with a popular yet of ten unscientific-trend that appears during the first of each year, your columnist will open himself to criticism and briefly review some of the high light events of 1938 concerning America's Tenth Man.

Anti-Lynch Law lobbyist WALTER WHITE; Sleeping C n r Porters' ASA RANDOLPH, N. Y.'s World Fair Theme Song Writer, WILLIAM GRANT STILL, and Krum Elbow's "strange and powerful" FA-THER DIVINE were front seaters in the vanguard during 1938.

JUDICIARY FEATS OF 1938 CIVIL RIGHTS hit a new high when two U. S. SUPREME COURT VERDICTS definitely opened the way for economic and social betterment in race relations.

learned to vote, not so much for party affiliations, but for men and issues. We are not voting more, and "being voted" less.

THE UNTIMELY death of James Weldon Johnson, an eminent American poet, author, organizer, statesman, and scholar, was the greatest loss of 1938 to America's Tenth Man.

So as to offset this and other losses, here's hoping the Negro during 1939 and all other years to follow, will caselessly aim "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Social Science Teachers To Convene

GREENSBORO, Feb. 16th (Special)—The Fourth Conference of the Association of Social Science Teachers in Negro Colleges will be held at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, on March 11, 1939. Thirteen previous conferences have been held at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., and Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of the fourth conference will be THE NEGRO AND THE CONSTITUTION. Periods of discussion will also emphasize the factor, for the intellectually blind cannot lead the blind, but it will be a sorry day for civilization if and when men lose their respect for the idea of honest to godness work with the hands. However, Prof. Brown, principal of the Negro schools of Rockingham, N. C., in addressing the faculty and students of Bennett College on Wednesday morning, further, the speaker contended that "We need to recognize the significant fact that sheer scholarship is still an important

RECEPTION

After dinner, which was served in Goler Hall, the bishops, the ministers, visitors, and alumni began to mingle among the students and enjoy the lighter side of the occasion.

The Dramatic Club under the supervision of Miss C. Faulkner, English instructor, in answer to the call of the footlights, gave three one act plays in the Little Theatre. Expert handling of properties along with grand performances by the cast, gives insight into the stress placed on a well rounded, liberal education which is to be had at Livingstone.

One of the plays, "Red Earth" was written by Miss Virginia Spottwood, a sophomore at the institution, during her freshman year and won first prize in an all state play-writing contest.

The end to a perfect day came with a "Thank You" reception in Goler Hall tendered by the students for the visitors. Here another display of the talent and spirit which characterizes the whole institution was in evidence.

Various selections were rendered by members of the choral group which under the direction of Miss Ruth Baker.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Glowing tributes were paid Doctor Trent by the prelates for the noble way in which he is carrying on the work begun by Doctor Price.

Negro Must Use The Hand More

GREENSBORO, Feb. 16th—"Since the days of Booker T. Washington, we have travelled a long way, yet today there is need for a re-emphasis of his philosophy of education of the head, the hand, and the heart," said Prof. B. Irving Boone, principal of the Negro schools of Rockingham, N. C., in addressing the faculty and students of Bennett College on Wednesday morning.

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At the close of the "Thank You" reception, the Motorcade, a caravan of cars made famous by Bishop Walls, took on travel formation, and with the departing of visitors a most elegant Founder's Day went down in history.

THE WORD OF GOD A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY BE SYMPATHETIC AND UNDERSTANDING WANTED AT ONCE LIVE WIRE BOYS AND GIRLS TO SELL THE CAROLINA TIME, GOOD PAY.

The work of five men in counting and wrapping small coins is done by a machine in an Australian bank.

A partitioned tin can to hold several articles of food separately has been patented by a Montana man.

A harness has been invented to hold the heavier miniature cameras yet eye level for prolonged exposures.

A patent has been granted for a combined sun visor and electrically warmed windshield heater for automobiles.