

AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING ADVISOR ON LIFE'S PROBLEMS

**IN THE SHADOW OF THE STARS**

BY PROF. ABRE WALLACE



A. W. P. — I would like to know will I be ever able to start housekeeping and what's the matter with my husband he won't work?

Ans: Take your husband in hand and get out and find him a job. Run ads in the paper... also go with him to register at the various agencies and it seems to me that he will get a job in a few weeks time. Yes, you will begin housekeeping later on this year... but first, get the kids suitable clothes for the winter and then plan for keeping house.

S. L. D. — The boy that I am in love with wants me to marry him and I wish to know if I should? He is very nice to me on all occasions. Does he have any funds saved up for this purpose?

Ans: He is like numerous other young men his age... deservingly in love but no money to take the final step. The boy is quite sincere in wanting to marry and will be perfectly willing to begin saving for this purpose. You too should save your money to get started housekeeping when you marry.

M. L. T. — I am 21 years old living with my mother, a brother, and a stepfather who is very cruel to us. There is a family quarrel every week and I would like to know if things will improve?

Ans: Find a good job for yourself and try boarding out if you feel you cannot possibly

get along. When your brother can become located himself then your mother and her husband will learn to understand one another. Your step-father is in a rather embarrassing position and so are you two young folks but a change will take place when you both get out and get on your own.

A. S. M. — This home my mother left me is heavily mortgaged and I just don't know whether I should pay off this money or move. Now let me know how to go about finding out about this place?

Ans: Consult with some good attorney there in your city and let him check up on the property thoroughly... he can put the whole business before your eyes and let you see what must be paid out in order to hold the place. If the indebtedness is too great... let it slide by and make the change that you are contemplating right now.

A. R. — My wife got so she like to go car riding, she go and stay out real late and sometime don't come home all night. What is the trouble with her? She tells stories to me all the time and I want her to tell the truth. I told her I didn't care if she went out if she would tell me the truth. What is she going to do?

Ans: Well she thinks she wants to leave and make her home in some other town for she doesn't care for married life. There is very little that you can do in a situation of this kind...

**WILLIAM H. FERRIS**

(By William Pickens for ANP)

He is dead. He was a scholar, a great philosopher, but not at all suited to practical life. He could not manage in economic life; he needed a place where his life would be free of all economic exactions and where he could think, talk and write Philosophy. His own race could give him no such place, — and Yale and Harvard would not. Yale and Harvard admitted him as a student to their highest courses in philosophy and burdened him with their Ph. D's. Then they were through with him.

One great professor of philosophy at Yale in 1903 told me that Ferris was one of the best students he had ever taught. He said nothing about Ferris as an associate professor or even as an instructor in the department of philosophy.

And so Ferris wandered abroad among his own people, who had no niche for his practical genius. He tired school teaching, and accidentally blew up a part of the chemical laboratory equipment. He wrote a book — "The African Abroad", — Cumbersome, full, scholarly, but not so attractive to the hoi polloi. He became an editor of Garvey's "Negro World"; and wrote editorials that were good, except when they were dictated or too much influenced by Gar-

vey. Since that he has wandered about trying to live in a world which he was ill-educated, — because his own race had no place that fitted his genius and preparation and the white race would not admit his genius. He could not handle money or manage his own personal economy. He should have had a professorship that would pay him so much per month for his life, — so that he could not spend, waste or be robbed of all of it at once. What he received one month, he would be certain not to be in possession of next month. If a whole year's salary had been paid him at once, he would probably starve for the last eleven months of his year.

But he could have filled a great place usefully, if his race had been able to make a place for him. Maladjusted is not only a quality of the person but is a quality of the environment.

He makes us remember another great misfit — Hubert Harrison, — one of the fullest two-legged cyclopedias we have ever met, — who ought to have sat in a lecture chair, at Columbia or New York University, where many a lesser scholar has sat; but instead, had to lecture from step-ladders on the streets of Harlem and try to live from selling pamphlets and book. Harrison, too, was incapable of any practical economic management, and should not have been burdened with it. He had lectured on Wall Street to wide-eyed stock manipulators and famous financiers; he had spoken to crowds at City Hall; he had served the City forums. He had entertained the rabble and the radical. He knew every book from "Alice in Wonderland" to "The Decline of the West", — and his family was always on the move, from place to place and from flat to flat, because of unpaid rent.

William Ferris and Hubert Harrison, — these two black men of genius are perfect illustration of something we may some day overcome in the difficult situation of Black Americans.

M. C. G. — My friend says she has a gentleman she wants me to meet and he has expressed his desire to meet me. Should I put myself in his way?

Ans: Why not... you should meet as many different people as you can. Go ahead and meet the man... he is keenly interested in you from seeing you.

if it is lacking in humus, a crop of peas or beans should be grown and turned under to improve fertility of the soil.

Unless the land is very fertile a one-to-two-inch layer of well-rotted manure should be worked into the soil.

Where top soil has eroded, it should be replaced, the humus will collect and hold moisture in hot dry summers. To stimulate quick growth, from 500 to 600 pounds per acre of some commercial fertilizer should be added.

September and October are the better months for sowing.

**TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS**

Q. What care is necessary for farm machinery during the winter months?

A. David S. Weaver, Agriculture Dept. says farmers should take adequate steps to protect and house their machinery and implements this winter. More equipment rusts and rots away than actually wears away through use. Paint up machines, grease all exposed metal surfaces, and store them under a shelter. Such a practice will pay handsome dividends.

Q. Do young pullets lose efficiency when too many are crowded into one house?

A. At least 3 1/2 to 4 square feet of floor space should be allowed for each bird.

Q. Can electricity be used to cure sweet potatoes?

A. A growing number of farmers in North Carolina and neighboring states are using electricity for curing and storing sweet potatoes.

**Johnny Soldier Will Be Well Fed During Maneuvers**

Fort Jackson, S. C. — If mothers are worrying about how well Johnny will be fed during the two months he will be in the

field on maneuvers this Fall they can stop right now. The army has assured them Johnny will be well fed. He'll get plenty of fresh vegetable and dairy products, well-cooked meats and even oven-fresh bread, baked in the field.

Most troops of the 30th Division, with men from the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee, are equipped with large, gasoline burning field ranges that will be set on trucks and carried up to the fighting areas, where army cooks will turn out meals equal to any Johnny ever got back at his base camp. The mobile kitchen ranges use gasoline so that no smoke will be visible for detection by the enemy.

Three ranges will supply approximately 200 men. Large field bakeries will be established in the rear for bread making. The bread will have a thick, hard crust but soft center, and will stay fresh nearly 2 weeks. Besides all this fresh foods will be stored in large refrigerated warehouses and shipped to the troops in the field as needed.

**Sow Dallis Grass**

An inexpensive way to increase Dallis grass in pastures this fall is to mow old stands of the grass and spread the hay lightly over areas where new growth is desired, according to William E. Adams, of the Soil Conservation Service in the Tar River district.

**U. S. Officials**

(Continued from page one) Negro Work in old Federal Emergency Relief Administration, and Mr. Smith was Mr. Washington's assistant.

The current non-discrimination letter issued by Commissioner Hunter follows the appropriation by Congress of \$875,000, 000 to WPA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942. Section 24 of this Act, mentioned in Mr. Hunter's letter, says in part: "... Except as may be au-

thorized or required by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to deprive, attempt to deprive, or threaten to deprive, by any means, any person of any employment, position, work, compensation, or other benefit, provided for or made possible by this joint resolution, on account of race, creed, color, or any political activity...

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