

AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING ADVISOR ON LIFE'S PROBLEMS

**IN THE SHADOW OF THE STARS**

BY PROF. ABBE WALLACE

A. M. A.—Do you think if I were to get me a job I could hold it?

Ans: Sure you could—if you are willing to put out and work hard. Find you a job—you won't learn to work any younger.

H. L. P.—My father sent mother a letter and said that he would marry her again and send for us if we would come. What is best for us to do under the circumstances?

Ans: Your mother and father must work out this problem. If she loves him and wants to start over again—then the thing to do would be to accept his offer. This problem should be discussed between them privately and not thru mail. Tell your mother to invite the father down for a visit—they could get the matter straight then.

M. S.—Will I ever get well and what is my trouble? I am so worried that I don't know what to do?

Ans: You need medical attention. You haven't been well since the birth of your baby three months ago and you must arrange to go back to the clinic for a

checkup. It is very foolish to neglect your health with the thought in mind that eventually you will improve. Get to the bottom of this condition right now.

E. C. L.—My husband and I have been separated for six weeks. He is in one town and I am in another. He wants me to come back and be a wife again. Should I go?

Ans: If it is at all possible to live together peacefully and since you two love one another—yes, go back. You are young and both of you are prone to jump at conclusions, when a little misunderstanding arises, you must be big enough to judge the problem fairly from both points of view and don't act childish and run home.

W. C.—My uncle said that he would loan me the money to take a business course. I have had two years in college and must go to work. Would it be wise to take this course of study?

### North Carolina College Players to Open Season With "Smilin' Through"

Durham. — The North Carolina College Players will open their season with a three-act drama, "SMILIN' THROUGH" on Wednesday, December 3, 1941 at eight o'clock in the evening. The affair will take place in the beautifully appointed B. N. Duke Auditorium and will mark the first in a series of plays for the academic year. The North Carolina College Players consisting of more than one hundred and fifty students in an integral part of the Dramatic Art Department. Under the able direction of Miss Helen Edmond, a recent addition to the institution, drama-minded students are making significant progress. Miss Edmond holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morgan College, is a Master of Arts, Ohio State University and is a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the outstanding Ohio institution. This brilliant newcomer to North Carolina College has the distinction of being the only Negro elected to the Phi Alpha Theta National Historical Honorary Society for Proficiency in History at Ohio State University. Miss Edmond has published in Dramatic Art the following: AN ADVENTURE IN FANTASY and PAGEANT, four hours each and involving the use of two hundred characters. Two of her best plays: THUNDER OVER EUROPE, THE WINGED NEMESIS—The Delta Sigma Theta bulletin of 1938 carried one of Miss Edmond's outstanding articles, "Contemporary Russia Through Eyes of Dramatists."

The spirit of the "Little Theatre" has gained momentum during the past decade in many Negro Colleges and with the opening of the present school year, the North Carolina placed added emphasis on its Department of Dramatic Art. As a result, members of this department have joined in the spirit of experimentation to the delight of all amateurs. Spoken drama has lived from the days of the Greek dramatists, Euripides, Sophocles, Aeschylus, etc., down to our present playwrights; O'Neil, Anderson, Shaw and others. Spoken drama has the personal appeal of subjectivity, the characters are alive in the flesh and the blood. Acting will always be good, clean wholesome fun, and the youth of our colleges, along with many of the older heads, still have a love for the make-believe of life. While it is the desire of the Department that students shall have an intense interest in English as a subject, the Department offers a variety of approaches which has a place for all students, regardless of their major interest. Acting is but one single feature of the program. The budding playwright may find his aspiration satisfied through the class in Creative writing. The legends and folk lore of the Negro race can be preserved by our own youth through their interpretation of the same through the medium of the drama. The budding producer can now get his first taste of scenery construction, make-up, costuming, and all the steps which make for a finished production. The embryo actor can get his touch of the flare of footlights and flood lights voice modulation, stage decorum, poise, and essentials which make for a balanced and performed performance and the benefits enjoyed in the Department of Dramatic Art.

### MacLean To Aid Drive To Save Railroad Jobs

Hampton Institute, Va.—President Malcolm S. MacLean of Hampton Institute has accepted membership on a national citizens committee to save colored locomotive firemen's jobs. The committee sponsored by A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, will work toward stopping the present practice of displacing colored firemen, some of whom have served railroads in the south 30 to 40 years, but are now being displaced by white firemen with less than a year's service.

Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia has accepted chairmanship of the committee, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has agreed to serve as honorary chairman. A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, initiate the drive.

### Councilman Elect Adam Powell Denounces Talk Of "Crime Wave"

Dependency, delinquency, disease, death and discrimination is the cause of the so-called "crime wave" in Harlem, Dr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and City Councilman elect told Mayor LaGuardia in a conference this week. He said the answer was not to be found in detailing more policemen to the neighborhood, but in giving Harlem jobs, better housing and ending discrimination.

"It's a social and economic problem affecting white and black," he said. "We must bring these people together, for if the youngsters don't play together, they will surely fight together."

At the same conference Councilman Powell revealed plans of the formation of the People's Committee, which is non-partisan and non-political organization that will seek to bring pressure to win concessions for Negroes and other minorities. The committee is headed by Mr. Powell, chairman; Joseph E. Ford, executive secretary and Roi Otley, director of publicity and education. Mrs. Chester Chinn is the treasurer.

The committee's formation is the result of the successful campaign it waged to elect Dr. Powell to the New York City Council, the first Negro so honored. Demands by its 1800 members for a permanent organization to continue the struggle for the Negro's rights was seen as the chief factor in deciding to continue the organization. Plans are on foot to mobilize 50,000 Negroes for dynamic action on all fronts. Essentially tied organization seeks to get jobs for Harlem's unemployed. Dr. Powell revealed that the four city colleges have 1,400 persons on their faculties, paying them a total of \$1,000,000 a year in salaries. The

### The Spirit Of Lott Carey Rekindled



Dr. W. T. Johnson, Pastor, First African Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., presents a portrait of the Reverend Lott Carey, first American Missionary to West Africa, to the Reverend Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, during the meeting of the Executive Committee, November 11, at the Lott Carey Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

### Dr. W. T. Johnson Presents Portrait To Mission Convention

Washington.—On Tuesday, November 11, 1941, the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention met in the headquarters building of the Convention, 1501 Eleventh St. N. W., Washington, D. C. At this meeting Dr. W. T. Johnson, Pastor of the First African Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, presented to the Convention a portrait of the late Reverend Lott Carey for whom the Convention is named. The Reverend Wendell C. Somerville received the portrait which is to be hung in the reception room of the Headquarters.

Lott Carey, born in 1780 and a member of the First African Baptist Church, was a pioneer missionary to Africa. He became interested in foreign missions through reading magazines and in January of 1821, he sailed for Africa after having bought the freedom of his two children and himself who were all slaves. He organized a Baptist Church in Liberia which is still in operation. The great missionary served the people of Africa as a minister and a physician until his death in 1823.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Lott Carey Convention seen above are (Left to Right): Dr. W. T. Johnson; the Rev. Wendell C. Somerville; (Seated): The Rev. G. O. Bullock; Dr. J. H. Randolph; Mrs. G. O.

self who were all slaves. He organized a Baptist Church in Liberia which is still in operation. The great missionary served the people of Africa as a minister and a physician until his death in 1823.

The Lott Carey Convention is an exclusive foreign mission convention and is the only convention of its kind in the United States. This organization spends 75 percent of its total receipts for foreign missions. The Rev. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, who succeeded Dr. J. H. Randolph in 1940, reported at this meeting that \$20,000.00 had been raised during his first 12 months in office, and that all of the 56 missionaries under the Convention had been paid in full, including all of back salaries; and that the Convention's indebtedness of \$15,000.00 when he took office 12 months ago had been reduced to a total of \$7,000.00 as of date. Dr. A. L. James of Roanoke, Va., is the president of the Convention and Dr. W. T. Johnson of Richmond, Va., is the chairman of the Executive Board.

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### NAACP Asks Mayor LaGuardia To Call Conference On The Conditions In Harlem

New York. — Because of the sensationalism in the local daily papers over the new outbreak of crime in the congested Harlem area, the national Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People issued a statement last week in which it urged thinking New Yorkers not to jump to hasty conclusions about the series of criminal acts.

The board has proposed that Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia call a conference to work out a means of eliminating the basic ills responsible for the crime wave. Participants would be Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine, Commissioner of Welfare William Hodson, President of the City Council Newbold Morris, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, Justices of the Children's Court, heads of welfare organizations, colored and white, employers, labor unions and responsible citizens of Harlem.

The Association urged that the recommendations of the bi-racial committee appointed by Mayor LaGuardia after the 1935 riots be resurrected. None of the recommendations was ever put into effect, it said.

The NAACP statement said "New York needs to wake up to the conditions that bring such gangs into being. First of these is jobs. The majority of defense and private industries in the New York area have slammed the door of employment in the face of Negroes."

"Door key children", so called because they go to school with the keys of their parents' apartments roam the streets of Harlem after school hours while both parents work at poorly paid menial tasks in a desperate effort to pay the exorbitant rents and high prices for inferior goods which Negroes have to pay in Harlem. These are the children who are being made by society into desperate Biggie Thomases."

The NAACP said that Protestant child welfare agencies discriminate against Negroes and deprive colored children of proper care in institutions after they have committed their first crime. It stated that the LaGuardia administration has increased playground space and recreational facilities, but that they are nowhere near equal to the need.

"Rob a people of hope of bettering their lot and the inevitable result is bitterness and desperation which do evil not only to themselves but to other members of the community. Germany and Adolf Hitler are a symptom of the same evil."

### State Farmers Urged To Order Baby Chicks Now

The Government's call for an 11 percent increase in egg production in 1942 is a direct hint to North Carolina farmers to place their orders for baby chicks early, says C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman of N. C. State College.

At the beginning of the 1942 season, Parrish predicts that hatcheries will have their hands full in filling orders. In order to be sure of delivery at the time they want the chicks, farmers should anticipate their needs and place their orders now.

When buying chicks, the State College poultryman said farmers should make every effort to obtain stock that is "bred to lay." This is important in any year but more vital in 1942 in view of Uncle Sam's request for more eggs.

Under production goals set up for the nation, North Carolina is expected to produce 65,120,000 dozen eggs next year as a part of the nation-wide food-for-freedom program. This is an 11 percent increase over the estimate production for 1941.

While called on to help supply a part of the egg needed by the British, North Carolina would do well to produce more eggs for her own people, Parrish said.

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