

Dark Merit

by Kathrynne Favors

Negro Chemist Discovers New Use for Famed Mineral Waters

By Robert Crump

Mount Clemens, Mich. (ANP)—Through the development of several useful products by experiments with the world famous Mount Clements mineral waters, it looks as though another great chemist has appeared on the horizon.

Henry Lightbourne, a middle-aged Negro, after seven years of research and experiments, has come forth with a pile remedy and a soothing salve for use in the treatment of athlete's foot and eczema. He has been able to extract the salts and some of the original chemicals and minerals from the water to be used for mineral bathing in the private home.

He has removed the dark color and the odor, clarified and refined the water into a concentrate for drinking which pharmaceutical research says might prove an effective relief from hyper-acidity and ulcerated stomach.

For 80 years the Mount Clemens waters have been recognized throughout the world as being among the greatest mineral waters in the world for bathing purposes for health. Thousands of people from all parts of the world gather here at this great spa annually to find relief through bathing for many ailments.

But it remained for Henry Lightbourne, who owns the mineral well and bath house, to do what other chemists have failed to do with these famous waters over a period of 80 years.

Lightbourne has formed and incorporated his own company, listed his products in "Drug Topics Red Book" 1947-48 edition, had them registered with U. S. patent office and will soon have his products on the market. The man has several unsolicited testimonials from pile sufferers who have used the remedy and who claim to have found immediate relief. Lightbourne believes that this remedy will be a boon to mankind.

Urban League Proposes Broader Field Program

The National Urban League, during its four-day 37th annual conference last week, committed itself to a more functional program and passed resolutions. One resolution denounced the Taft-Hartley Act as "dangerous and harmful" and asked for its repeal in 1948. Two hundred fifty of the Urban League personnel attended the meeting.

Lester B. Granger, Executive secretary of the League, made the keynote speech and charged the League with the responsibility of recruiting and training more leadership units in cities with swollen populations.

The Urban League Fellows, a group within the League, set up a \$1,000 fellowship to administer through the League.

Expanding League Program

The entire conference was devoted to the improvement of the Urban League program aimed at expanding its service in the field of vocational guidance, employment, housing, education and race relations, and increasing the League budget.

The League decried the increasing migration of Negroes from the South into other sections of the country and decided to conduct continuous surveys to forecast economic conditions in the South, and to institute a program "which may aid in the prevention as well as cure of community situations affected negatively by migration of rural peoples."

More Social Security

Other resolutions urged a Congressional amendment to the Social Security program to increase benefit rates, include agricultural workers, domestic and personal services, employees of religious and charitable institutions and provide health insurance; Congressional action in providing a comprehensive housing program fashioned along the lines of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill, and a strengthening of race relations services.

Action was also urged by the Secretary of Labor and other responsible public officials to rectify the inequitable participation of Negroes—veterans and civilians—in the apprenticeship training program, particularly as it affects private and public home construction.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Pretoria, South Africa—(ANP) What shall it be, "Africans" or "Natives"? There is a great discussion at present in this country as to how the Negro should be referred to. In official correspondence the term applied has been "Native," but recently the prime minister has in public used the term "Africans." The white persons in this locale, however, are mostly of Dutch origin and insist that they are "Afrikaners."

Go North, East and West But Not South

Washington— (ANP)— Over 3 million of the south's dwindling population deserted the south during the migration era of 1940-46 to look for greener pastures. The census has made no study of racial migration but indications are that many Negroes found their way to the west coast. Five congested Negro areas there had showed an increase of 213 per cent.

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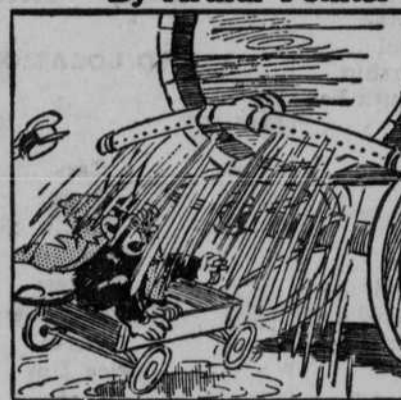
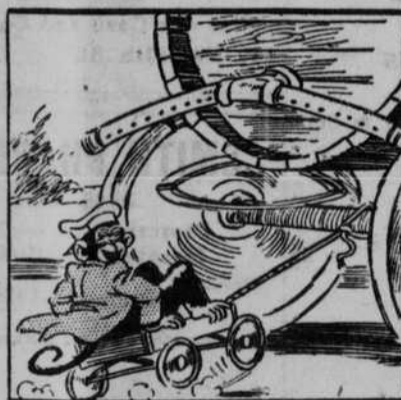
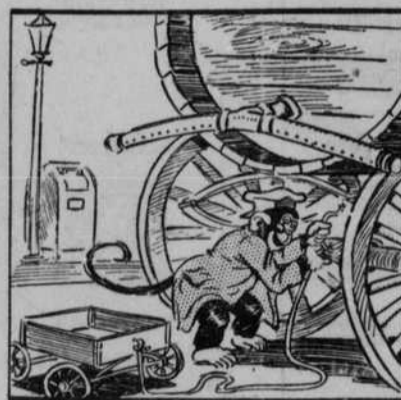
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