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NEED OF EDUCATION FOR THE NEGRO

By H. Wallace Thurman

In this great country of ours the facilities for the gaining of an education are more numerous than in any other nation. Then why should we as a race refrain from taking advantage of that which should and can be ours? The majority of our people at the present date can see the advantage of an extensive educational training, but to our great regret, we still have a few mossbacks who seem to think that as long as they can count the contents of their pay envelope they have all the education necessary for them.

The children of the twentieth century have unlimited opportunities to advance in the field of education. They have a chance to reach the point where they will not have to subject themselves to the insults and indignities now showered upon them because of the meager positions which they hold. They are hindered from taking positions where there is a chance for advancement because of lack of educational training.

Is it not about time for us to see that we will never be able to gain the respect and recognition due us from the Caucasian race and never be able to place ourselves on the level with them until the illiterateness now prevalent among many of our race is entirely obliterated? Then why should the parents of children sit back with an air of importance and say: "If John wishes to attend school alright and if not alright?" This seems to be the attitude prevalent among many of the parents of our race. Then, on the other hand, why should the children who have the advantage of obtaining an education shirk their duty and not take advantage of that which their parents, who see the necessity of an education, are willing to make sacrifices in order that their sons or daughters may obtain and benefit from that which was denied them?

The argument that after the education is received it is of no value to us is often put forth. The reason that the majority of us find no outlet for our education after obtaining it is because we sit back and expect opportunities to come rushing to us, we expect all obstacles to be automatically removed from our path merely because we have an education. We expect to gain without the least bit of effort on our part unforetold success. Every nation, every race, every person has to make sacrifices in order to gain success and we as a race must learn to make sacrifices for though we may not benefit by them our posterity and others to follow will. If the men and women of today push themselves forward and instill it in the minds of the men and women of tomorrow, that when the uneducated Negro is in the minority then and not until then will we be able to stand forth with the eyes of the world upon us and receive that which we demand.

FRANCE HONORS COLORED DEAD

Erects Monument in a Prominent Square—United States Representatives on Scene.

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

MOUPOHIS, France, Nov. 4.—France honored Negro soldier heroes last week by dedicating a monument in honor of the men who fell in the great battle of the late war. The monument stands in one of the prominent squares in this city and is a beautifully sober and impressive piece of statuary. When the 272d United States Infantry left here its members left money in the care of authorities for the erection of the monument. General Quillet and other distinguished French army officers were present. The United States was represented by Colonel R. John West, Lieutenant Colonel T. Bentley Mott and other officers. President Miller and sent an address which was read by General Quillet.

TEXAS NORMAL COLLEGE WINS GREAT HONORS

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 4.—One of the finest exhibits at the annual State Fair, now being held here, is that presented by the Prairie View State Normal College of Prairie View, a Negro school. This school is under the direction of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and enjoys a fine reputation among the educational institutions in the state.

FIGHT BETWEEN COLORED MAN AND STREET CAR CONDUCTOR STARTS RACE RIOT

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 4.—A fight between Walter C. Lillie, Negro, and a street car conductor precipitated a race riot here last Monday night that was not quelled until a large force of police arrived on the scene of the conflict. One Negro was shot and twenty-nine men and eight women were arrested and landed in jail as a consequence of the disturbance.

MILITARY HONORS ARE GIVEN COLORED DEAD

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—Full military honors were accorded at the Arlington National Cemetery over the bodies of forty-eight white enlisted men, then over three colored soldiers, and finally over the graves of the four officers, all of whom died overseas. The American Legion, the American Red Cross, the War Mothers' Committee, the American Women's Legion and detachments from the army rendered the final tributes. There was an unusually large number of mourners.

SHAW DEFEATS HAMPTON BY SCORE OF 13 TO 0

for Six Years—Opened the "Big League" Football Season With a Clean, Snappy, and Sportsman-like Game.

HAMPTON, Va., Nov. 4.—The "big league" football season opened last Saturday with a clean, sportsman-like game between Hampton and Shaw—the first game in six years between these institutions. After a long vacation the Shaw boys invaded the Hampton Institute campus and played one of the finest games played by them since the good old days of 1909-10.

The play started with Hampton's kick to Shaw, and then Shaw started her heavy work on the Hampton line, but made no progress and was forced to kick. Hampton opened up desperately on the Shaw line, making valuable gains, in spite of the superior weight of the "Tar Heels." Shaw was in great danger when Hampton tried a forward pass which was intercepted by a Shaw man. Here the "Seasiders" lost a chance for a touchdown.

Shaw tried a few end runs, but the gains were only minor. Then a forward pass advanced them 30 yards. This seemed to weaken the "Seasiders." Shaw could now go through their line, and Shaw penetrated the Hampton line like a shell from the "Busy Bertha" going through a newspaper.

Then Hampton was in the danger zone. A little pow-wow by the "Tar Heels" wasted a few more minutes. Shaw came back and sent up another pigskin—"zep"—that fell in Williams' arms. Hampton had the ball again at the right time.

It was at this point that "Ike" Wright made a star of himself. A powerful kick sent the ball soaring to Shaw. "Ike" was pushing Hardy so closely he fumbled the kick and Grant covered the ball for Hampton, putting Shaw in the same fix that Hampton had just been in. The quarter ended with Shaw bending low. The rooters began to sing "Cheer the Weary Traveler."

Some one did cheer those weary "Tar Heels," because they came back strong. A little fumble which was covered gave Hampton the ball again. Temple made a long run, after which a heavy penalty of 15 yards put Shaw up against it. Hampton had first down and one yard to go for a touchdown. A great argument resulted, but the wise counsel of the football genius, Mr. Wilkinson, soon convinced the "Tar Heels" that he knew what he was doing.

Shaw Ruled Supreme

Shaw ruled supreme during the entire second half. It began with the kick. Shaw kicked to Hampton and the "Seasiders" made a commendable gain with it. Then some more line plunging made Hampton look good, but there was just one fumble too many. Cook, the fast Shaw end scooped up the ball and made the first touchdown. Hampton began to weaken fast. All hope and courage was gone. Their line was broken at will and a heavy barrage of forward passes gave Shaw another touchdown. The lineup:

Shaw—Harris, right end; Crawford, right tackle; Delaney, right guard; Stewart, center; Crump, left guard; Summerville, left tackle; Cook, left end; Anderson (captain), quarterback; Tolver, right halfback; Curtis, left halfback; Hardy, fullback; Hampton—Wright, right end; Bradby, right tackle; Coleman, right guard; Gavie, center; Smothers, left guard; Banks, left tackle; Grant, left end; Temple, quarterback; Wood (captain), right halfback; McLaren, left halfback; Williams, fullback.

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