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THE COMMUNITY CHEST

THE THIRD ANNUAL Community Chest Drive is near. Preliminary plans are being made with formation of groups representing all elements of our citizenship. It is a civic, or city-wide movement in which all are expected to share. It is planned to make the campaign short and snappy. The goal set for the support of the agencies in the Chest is a little above \$550,000. This is about \$100,000 more than was asked last year. The increase is largely accounted for by the addition of two large groups which were not in the Chest last year. These are the Roman Catholic charities and the Jewish Welfare Federation. These organizations are now in and will add strength to the campaign and inasmuch as these organizations raised approximately \$90,000 for their work it will be seen that the increased asking is only about \$20,000. The benefits of the Community need no emphasizing here. The charitable and welfare organizations supported by the Chest extend their benefactions to all impartially. We feel confident that our own people will respond generously with their gifts and services. We should give generously not with an idea as to how much we, as a special group will get out of it, but how much, according to our means we can put into it. The formal drive starts, Monday, November 16. Be ready to work and to give to the Community Chest which is for the purpose of helping not only those who are in need, but in forming character in our younger citizenship, which explains why the Boy Scouts and similar organizations are included in the agencies supported by the Community Chest.

SHOULD HELP

OUR PEOPLE IN OMAHA and Nebraska should contribute to the Defense Fund which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is raising for the legal defense of the rights of Negroes assailed in many quarters. This money is not to be used in the defense of real or habitual criminals, but in test cases like that of Dr. Sweet which is now being tried in Detroit, Mich., and the residential segregation which is to come before the United Supreme Court this month. The Monitor takes the ground that Dr. Sweet was absolutely right in shooting into that mob which was attacking his home. Every member of that hooting mob was a law breaker and the "innocent bystander" who was killed had no business being in that mob. But be that as it may, Dr. Sweet and his co-defendants are not ordinary or habitual criminals. There is a principle at issue which affects every Negro against unlawful attack or invasion. If Dr. Sweet should be convicted of murder, and we venture the prophecy that he will not be, then it means an open invitation to any lawless mob, anywhere in the United States to drive a black man from the home which his industry has provided for himself and loved ones, whenever such a mob decides that his presence in any given neighborhood is objectionable not upon the grounds of bad behavior, but upon the ground of color. Such a decision may affect only the black man now, but the evil will grow and jeopardize the right of domicile of any

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mr. T. J. McWilliams is here from Buffalo, N. Y., visiting relatives.

Mr. Chas. E. Haynes passed away at St. Elizabeth's hospital last Wednesday after a short illness. He had been ailing sometime, but was only bed fast a short while. His wife died last January. Mr. Haynes had said that he had no known relatives, but by effort of friends a sister has been found in Pennsylvania who was notified of his death. Mr. Haynes was a noble citizen, well liked, and had gained many friends and at the time of his death, was a partner in business with Wm. Jenquenz, "One-Minute Lunch". The funeral was held in the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church of which he was a member, Rev. M. C. Knight officiating. Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. & A. M. had charge of the obsequies. Mr. and Mrs. Davis who lived in the home with Mr. Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jenquenz and daughter acted as mourners to the deceased. A large crowd of friends paid last respect to the deceased.

Mr. Ben Corneal is reported confined with illness at this time.

Buff Martin died suddenly at the home, 1952 U street, Sunday of acute indigestion. The body is held at the undertaker pending arrangements.

Mrs. Eva Carter and Mrs. J. W. Cooley are reported on sick list.

See me about your subscription. W. W. Mosley.

Mrs. M. Vannel underwent a surgical operation at St. Elizabeth's hospital last Saturday morning for tumor which proved successful. She is reported improving.

The following ladies were the team in the Lincoln Chest Drive: Mrs. Guy Wiley, Mrs. Lottie Corneal, Mrs. Hattie Stevenson, Mrs. Alma Wiley, Mrs. U. Scott, Mrs. Marie Ferguson, Mrs. Lorraine Dorsey and Mrs. Jennie R. Edwards, captain. The team ranked with the highest honors and won much appreciation for their efficiency and success.

The L. L. Kensington club met with Mrs. Jack Galbreath Monday evening. After business discussion on character building a paper on "Success" was given by Mrs. Chrisman. An original story by Mrs. Edwards. The hostess served a delightful lunch. Next meeting with Mrs. Dorsey, a covered dish luncheon.

MADE FORTUNE SELLING CANDY; LEAVES \$100,000 TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mays Landing, N. J. (By the Associated Negro Press)—A fortune of more than \$100,000, built on the pennies of school children who patronized his little candy store, has been left to the local school board by John W. Underhill, an aged colored man.

Instructions to spend the money "so that the children will enjoy the fruits of my labor" were revealed Wednesday, when his will was filed for probate. The money will be used to provide a gymnasium in the high school here and to improve Memorial Park, a tract adjoining the court house ground where children play.

Mr. Underhill, a lover of children, was a bachelor, and so far as is known had but two close relatives, sisters to whom he left \$500 each.

He was found dead in bed Tuesday, death having followed a stroke of apoplexy.

Coming to Mays Landing a quarter of a century ago virtually penniless, and for many years the only colored man of the town, he put money made in his candy store into real estate, and recently sold a tract of 746 acres for \$35,000, which a few years ago had cost him but \$2,500.

Although he lived in a two-room shack until his death, Mr. Underhill was intelligent and well read, always interested himself in the welfare of the community held high in standing among all the people of the township.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ORDAINED

New Orleans, La.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—Joseph N. Carter, principal of the Faudet Industrial School, was ordained to the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church during the session of the General Convention in this city which closed last week.

NUMBER OF INDIANS INCREASES

Washington, D. C.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—The Indian population of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, increased 2,693 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, over the previous fiscal year, according to a tabulation just completed by the Indian Bureau of the Interior Department.

The total number of Indian in the United States is 349,595, a gain of 18,976 during the last twelve years. The State of Oklahoma still has the largest Indian population with 120, 163. In fifteen other states the number is more than 5,000.

ERA OF PROSPERITY PREDICTED

Washington, D. C.—Of exceptional interest to the thousands of colored men and women who are buying homes and farms, who are educating their children, and who are investing their hard-earned savings in business enterprises, were the addresses made in Chicago last week by three captains of industry, who declared, in no un-

certain tones, their belief that peace and prosperity face this Nation for years to come.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the board of directors of the great Bethlehem Steel Company, in speaking for the steel industry which employs in the blast furnaces and steel works and rolling mills nearly 500,000 persons, many of whom the colored, to whom is paid an income in salaries and wages aggregating more than four billion dollars yearly, said: "Steel is the Nation's barometer and the outlook for steel was never better."

Mr. E. W. Rice, Jr., Honorary Chairman of the board of the General Electric Company, was equally confident that the Nation is about to enter an era of great prosperity and spoke of the future of electricity, of electrified railroads, and of the cheap power and light to the farmer, to whom they are "more important than to any other class of our population." Major General James G. Harbord, President of the Radio Corporation of America, in adding his optimism to that of the previous speakers, told of the growth of his industry and its prospects. He said: "Radio has grown from a \$2,000,000 infant in 1920 to a lusty five-year-old of \$350,000,000 last year, and an estimate of \$500,000,000 this year."

When prosperity is predicted by outstanding men of this type, upon whose foresight and activities conditions of employment so largely depend, it stimulates business men generally and results in new investments and extensions; in a greater development of our natural resources; in a larger volume of production by our manufacturing establishments; in an increase in the number of persons employed; and gives life to trade and commerce. In all of this we are greatly concerned, because prosperity for the Nation means prosperity for us. It means more industrial opportunities, more bank accounts, more homes, more business enterprises, more cultural opportunities; in fact, it means a betterment of both our economic and social as a people. It means PROGRESS.

Clarence Darrow calls himself an agnostic in religion, but his humanitarianism can put to shame many who consider themselves quite orthodox.

Biblical "Needle's Eye"

Gate in Jerusalem Wall

Pittsburgh, Kan.—The "needle's eye" referred to in the New Testament is a small gate in the wall of Jerusalem, not a sewing needle, at least in the opinion of Job Negelin, twenty-three-year-old Arab guide in the Holy Land, who is studying music at the Pittsburgh State Teachers' college.

The Biblical passage to which this modern Job has adduced new meaning is in Mark 10:25, wherein Jesus chided those who "trust in riches" saying: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."

"The needle's eye," says Negelin, "commonly misunderstood as the eye of a sewing needle, is known to Jerusalem as a small gate within a larger gate in the city walls. It is for the use of pedestrians after the larger gate is closed for the night for protection. The gate is so low that an average-sized man must stoop low to go through it."

Stork Brings Russian Peasants More Land

Moscow.—Every woman in the town of Zarubovo, Smolensk province, is expecting a visit from the stork.

At least that is what the women swore when a land surveyor visited the town to supervise the distribution of land. The sudden discovery of the prospective increase in the birth rate may have been due, it was suggested, to the fact that under the Russian land law every peasant is entitled to an additional share of land for every new member of his family.

The surveyor decided to postpone his allotments waiting for the stork returns, but meantime he ruled that if the prospective mothers bore twins or triplets the added share of land would be the same as though only single babies were born.

The land law is said to account partly for the increased birth rate noted among peasant families since the country emerged from the period of civil war and famine.



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