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## BAD SYMPTOMS

Where will America land and how long will she hold her place among the nations if the spirit manifested by several hundred pupils in Emerson High School, Gary, Indiana, shall be permitted to triumph and prevail? Because 18 Negro students had been assigned to the Emerson High School, which wants to be aristocratic and exclusive,—and Nordic—several hundred students have gone on a strike, demanding the exclusion of the Negro students. There have been six Negro students attending Emerson and the additional 18 has raised the number to 24. When it is known that the total enrollment of the school is around 1,600, it will be readily seen that 24 is a very infinitesimal part of the whole. The spirit shown by the striking white pupils is no credit to them and is a reflection upon their intelligence and ethical standards.

Fortunately the superintendent and school authorities of Gary are reported as being firm in their decision that they and not the pupils are running the schools. It is to be hoped that the school authorities will not yield, for a vital and far-reaching principle, transcending the rights of the Negro pupils, is at stake and that is justice, freedom and righteousness, the pillars upon which the republic rests.

Incidents of this kind are bad symptoms which demand eradication or cure.

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

There are those who are always finding fault with young people, and contend that they are headed toward damnation. This, however, is nothing new. One has but to read literature of a few centuries—yes centuries, back to find that the same dire forebodings concerning the youth of those ancient times were very much the same as those of today. Our young people are just as wholesome and sensible as we older folk were in our day. Young people need sympathy and understanding and not so much absurd and destructive criticism.

## NOT THE ONLY ONES

It is quite customary for Negroes to think that they are the only ones who labor under a great handicap and are the victims of discrimination. This is not true. Other minority groups have just cause to complain against discrimination, too. No race or individual has a monopoly of evil things or of good things. In the final analysis the affairs of classes and people strike a rather fair average.

## LINCOLN, NEB.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark of California were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Graves.

Rev. H. W. Botts visited in St. Joseph, Mo., a few days this week.

Beginning Sunday, October 2, is the forty-seventh anniversary of Mount Zion Baptist church. There will be preaching and a good program during the day, which will con-

tinue each night during the week. On Sunday, October 9, the seventh anniversary of Rev. H. W. Botts' pastorate of Mount Zion Baptist will be celebrated by a program and sermon by Rev. J. H. Jackson of Omaha. The final termination of the rally will be on Sunday night.

Rev. T. J. Story of Nashville, Tenn., filled the pulpit Sunday at Quinn chapel A. M. E. in the absence of the pastor, who has gone to attend the annual conference.

Services were held as usual at Mount Zion Baptist church Sunday. In spite of the rainy weather, a fair crowd was on hand and enjoyed two most excellent sermons by the pastor. The Sunday School and Young People's society meetings were fairly attended.

Mrs. Katherine Moore met with a painful accident last week. In some manner, the crank of an automobile struck her on the nose, which was broken by the blow, while a man was fixing her tire. She is reported doing fairly well.

Mr. K. H. Brewer and Mrs. Ollie Ray spent several days in Kansas City, Mo., last week, visiting his mother and friends. They went by auto.

## SHERIFF PRESENTED WITH MEDAL FOR RESISTING MOB

Tampa, Fla.—In recognition of his determined and successful stand against the mobs which attacked the Hillsborough county jail on May 30 and 31, Sheriff L. M. Hiers was recently honored by his fellow citizens by the public presentation of a handsome medal commemorating his fidelity. The presentation was made at the county court house by Mayor Perry G. Wall in the presence of a large assemblage, including many officials and other prominent citizens. Mayor Wall paid a high tribute to the determination, courage, and resourcefulness manifested by the sheriff in his defense of the jail against the frenzied mobs bent on lynching B. F.

Levins, confessed slayer of the family of Herman Merrill.

The medal awarded Sheriff Hiers is a handsome bronze, picturing a heroic figure standing with drawn sword before a classic temple of justice, while roundabout is the inscription, "In Defense of Law and Civilization." Engraved on the reverse side are the words, "To Sheriff L. M. Hiers, for notable service, May 30, 31, 1927." The medal was designed by one of America's leading sculptors for the Southern Commission on Inter-racial Co-operation for presentation to sheriffs and other officers who protect prisoners from threatening mobs. Up to the present it has been awarded in about a dozen cases. The commission of award is composed of Governor John W. Martin of Florida, ex-Governor Hugh M. Dorsey of Georgia, George B. Dealy, proprietor of the Dallas News, Marshall Ballard, proprietor of the New Orleans Item, and Mrs. J. H. McCoy, president of the Athens Female college, Athens, Ala.

## Y. W. C. A. NOTES

On Tuesday afternoon, September 27, 1927, at 4:30 o'clock, the Doll contest, sponsored by Mrs. S. B. Cauty, chairman of the House Committee, was brought to a satisfactory close. There were ten little girl contestants, and after the awarding of the prizes by Mrs. Ada Smith, it was found that each little girl was the recipient of a prize. To little Mary Heddy Wiggins went the first prize of a beautiful colored doll. Miss Charlotte Redd ran a close second and received a By-lo doll. All of the girls did commendable work.

The Night School of the North Side Branch "Y" will open Monday, October 3, at 7:30 p. m. This year promises to be one of importance and results. A competent corps of teachers is being obtained and there will be three divisions, primary, intermediate, and grammar. In conjunction with the Night School, a class in public speaking will be offered. On the nights of Monday and Wednesday of each week, the classes will be in session. Mrs. E. W. Johnson, formerly principal of Long Night School, will supervise. Classes in public speaking and Night School will be taught free of charge. Register now!

Just a word in regard to other classes opened at the North Side Branch. Art Class and Dressmaking each carry eight lessons for \$2.75. The Art Class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting Tuesday, October 4. The Dressmaking class will meet on Friday nights at 7:30 p. m.

For those who love to sing, a choral club will be organized for ten weeks at \$2.00, meeting on Tuesday nights. Also a Gym class for women and girls on Friday night at 7:30 for the small cost of \$1.50 for ten weeks. All interested in any of the above classes phone Webster 1539, and all information will be gladly given.

The annual fall opening of the North Side Branch was held on Thursday evening, September 29, at the "Y" building, at which time a very interesting program was given in order to bring before the public the different phases of the work at the North Side Branch. All classes and organizations were demonstrated. A delightful evening was spent. Refreshments were served.

The Athletic Gems held their regular meetin<sup>g</sup> Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. There were several new members present with the regular members. Plans are being made for the most elaborate Halloween party yet given in the history of the club.

## AN OPEN LETTER

Sept. 26, 1927.

To the Many Readers of the Monitor: I have authorized my old friend, Rev. Dr. G. H. Schleh, to say to the many readers of The Monitor that I am glad for the privilege of membership in the American League of Good Will, and urge the colored people of this city and everywhere to ally themselves with the beneficent movement that bids fair to become a distinct blessing to the colored people. This organization, the American League of Good Will, is far above the narrowness of sect, denomination, creed or color, and the originators and large charter membership list promise a nation-wide movement for brotherhood and sisterhood, the one thing needed above all else in the United States. Today's issue of The World-Herald contains an enlightening letter contributed by Major General George B. Duncan, president of the American League of Good Will. I advise you to read it. The Monitor of a few weeks ago contained a splendid editorial by its brainy editor, Father John Albert Williams. The organization should have ten thousand members. Let us work toward that end, and avail ourselves of this splendid opportunity to become part and parcel of a nation-wide movement for the "good spirit" promised by the angels of Bethlehem long ago. DAN DESDUNES, Band Master.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 21, 1927

To the Editor of the Omaha Monitor: While I do enjoy the glorious "sunshine" and the inhaling of the "odor of the beautiful flowers" of this wonderful city, there is nothing more "refreshing and interesting" than the Monitor which came to my notice, of the 16th inst. So full of news. But regret to note the passing of our old friend and loyal citizen, Mr. J. H. Broomfield. With best wishes for the Editor, and may the Monitor ever exist until it has reached the zenith of its ambition in the journalistic field, I am very truly yours, J. W. SHIELDS.

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7:30 a. m. Holy Communion

10 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon

8 p. m. Service and Sermon

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