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Louis Battles Prejudice A Fight He Has Always Wanted

NEW YORK. (ANP). Joe Louis, who has displayed a knack for simple eloquence in his few brief public statements, has written a full-length feature article in the current issue of Salute magazine entitled, "My Toughest Fight: Prejudice." Going into detail for the first time on the lesser known incidents in his career and on his ambitions for fostering racial understanding, the heavyweight champion asserts, "There's one fight I've always wanted—that's a crack at jim crow."

Louis states that when he was starting his career, Jack Blackburn said, "You're colored, Joe. And a colored fighter's got to be lots better than the other man—if he's gonna go places. But you've got to have more than just two good hands. You gotta do the right thing. And never leave yourself open so people can talk about you."

The fighter describes incidents from his army career—the drunken colonel who tried to force his way into a private dinner given for the touring champion and who shouted at Cpl. Eddie Green, "I can hardly wait till I get back to my home town in Mississippi. There we know what to do with Negroes like you and Joe. We'd tar and feather you for not obeying a white man."

Louis states that on several occasions he refused to fight army exhibitions until segregated Negro troops were permitted to view the bouts from the same locations as the white soldiers.

Also described is an incident in a Georgia railroad station in which Louis reveals that he was arrested for using a telephone on the "white" side of the station.

In spite of these experiences, Louis closes the article with the statement, "Prejudice is weakening. The good people are softening it up. So we can't stop punching now. We just have to punch faster and harder. That's the only way we can make America a better place for my little boy and girl and all the boys and girls in our country. I'm going to do my part."

Mary Bethune Club Elects Officers

The Mary Bethune Literary and Art Club held its usual meeting on Thursday, November 6th at 2:00 p. m. at the Urban League. The nine ladies present enjoyed a very pleasant and educational two hours in needle work and open discussion of interesting topics. Also held at the meeting was election of officers with the past president, Mrs. Jennie Edwards presiding. Mrs. Edwards has very ably served in that capacity for the past two years. The new officers elected were as follows: Mmes. Dorothy Lewis, President; Alberta Cooke, Vice-president; Viola Coulter, Second Vice-president; Amanda Handy, Secretary; Frances Robinson, Assistant Secretary; Estelle Davis, Treasurer. There is to be two members appointed to meet with the Inter-club Council at the next meeting held at 9:00 p. m. on Thursday, November 20th, at the residence of Mrs. Alberta Cooke, Club Reporter, Frances Robinson.

Omaha Presents Program

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 12th and F Streets will present the Junior Choir of Pilgrim Baptist Church of Omaha, Nebraska, Friday night, November 21 at 8 p.m.

This program promises to be very entertaining as they will sing classics as well as spirituals.

Although tickets have been out for some time there may be some left. The price is surprisingly low.



Carver Foundation Sponsors Research Fellowships

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE. (ANP)—Of the 14 graduate students enrolled for research at the Carver foundation and for study in chemistry at Tuskegee institute, 11 have been awarded graduate assistantships and fellowships.

YW Ceremonies Are Impressive

The World Fellowship program at the Y.W.C.A. Sunday was very impressive.

It began with a processional made up of young women from other nations, white robe choral reading group and choir and representatives of all Y.W.C.A. club groups.

First on program was the World Fellowship prayer with a solo response by Winifred Winston who is a member of the Y-teen group. Eloyce Finley and Winifred Winston were members of the choral group that sang the hymn, "The New World."

Presentation of gifts was made by representatives of twenty Y.W.C.A. organizations. Vonna Finley was a member of this group. Lighting of the fellowship candle was performed by Betty Rose and Betty Pence.

The inter-club council of Y-teens met for supper Tuesday night at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Sarah Walker and Mrs. G. W. Harper were among the guests attending this meeting.

Usher Board Sponsors Calendar Project 3rd Year

The campaign for names for the Quinn Chapel birthday calendar is on. Those who put their names in last year and for some reason they did not appear on the calendar may have them put in this year free of charge. Just phone 2-2084.

The final meeting of the Usher board will be Sunday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. L. Allen and Richard Holcomb are co-chairmen. Mrs. John Robinson is secretary. All names should be phoned in to Bill Mosby, 2-2084.

This project, which has been so successful each year, is sponsored by the Usher board and the Usher board auxiliary which is made up of about 14 women. Mrs. William Woods is sponsor.

John Irving to Rochester

Mr. John Irving, who has been ill for the past several months left Tuesday morning for Rochester, Minnesota where he entered the Mayo Brothers clinic. He will be gone about a week.

In keeping with the wishes of the late Dr. George Washington Carver, the Carver Foundation is making it possible for young people to develop themselves in the fields of fundamental and applied research. Some of the work is made possible by the original donation of some \$60,000 by Dr. Carver himself and by subsequent donations from interested friends throughout the country. In addition, the foundation receives grants-in-aid from several corporations for research.

Students are, sitting left to right: Miss Julia M. Martin, Malvern, Pa.; Miss Fannie R. O'Bannon, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Letitia Plummer, Tuskegee; Miss Helen R. O'Neil, Chicago.

Standing, first row, left to right: Frederick D. Timmons, jr., Baldwin, La.; Miss Audrey E. Minga, Spring Hope, N. C.; Miss Norma A. Spaulding, Cape May C. H., New Jersey; Miss Alta C. Waddleton, Oklahoma City; Roland L. Wims, Clarksburg, Md.

Standing, second row, left to right: Fred R. West, Baltimore; Harold W. Lucien, New Orleans; Roland E. Harper, Winchester, Va.; Calvin C. Wanser, Deleplane, Va. and W. C. Gordon, Albany, Ga.

Woodard Loses Suit; Said Policeman Blinded Him

Charleston, W. Va. — Isaac Woodward, Jr., 28, a Negro veteran who said he was blinded by South Carolina police officers, Thursday lost his 50 thousand dollar damage suit against the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation.

A Circuit Court jury of one Negro and 11 white men found for the bus company after six hours of deliberation which began Wednesday afternoon.—World Herald.

On Grand Jury List

ATLANTA. (ANP). There are 52 Negroes listed as on the Fulton County Grand jury eligible listing. This number is in contrast to the 999 whites listed as grand jury eligibles. Forty-seven of the eligibles live inside Atlanta.

Negro Town Is Doing Well

Ohio Place Only One Of Kind in North

Lincoln Heights, O.—This village of six thousand, which claims to be the only Negro governed municipality north of the Mason-Dixon Line, is starting its second year of operation.

Mayor Michael Mangham says: "Were just learning to walk, but we're going to make it, all right."

Located in an outlying section of Hamilton County, some 15 miles from downtown Cincinnati, the community includes 15 white families. The remainder of its population is Negro.

About 10 years ago the Mayor, who also is pastor of the First Baptist Church, and a group of civic club members drew up a petition and made their first effort to incorporate the community. The move touched off a court battle, lasting nearly nine years.

"Some of the folks who owned considerable property opposed the idea," the Mayor said. "But they were in the minority, and we won out in the summer of 1946."

The administration operates on a 14 thousand dollar budget.

The village is without street lights, but the Council has taken a chunk out of the budget to buy light standards and plans to have lighted thoroughfares before the year's end.

(World-Herald).

Seek Hymnals For Church in Africa

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, West Africa. (ANP).—Rev. Isaac E. C. Steady, of Freetown, pastor of the AME church here, announces that the newly renovated AME church which they have been remodeling for five years, will be ready for use this month. He needs 100 AME hymnals for now they are using Hymn books from England and feel much out of touch as a result. They may be sent in small parcels of four pounds each. He will be glad to have used papers and magazines also. Rev. I. E. C. Steady, Freetown, Sierra Leone, pastor AME church, will reach him.

U.N. Facts and Faces LIBERIA



Liberia whose 350-mile coast line on the South Atlantic Ocean is backed up with the heavy tropical forests of West Africa, was founded more than 100 years ago by freed slaves from the United States. With the help of colonization societies, the freedmen settled at Monrovia, Liberia's capital.

Today an independent republic, Liberia includes among her leaders many descendants of the original settlers from the United States. Most of Liberia's 1,500,000 people are occupied in agriculture and forest industries. Among the most important products are piassava, palm oil, coffee, rubber and timber. Her delegation to the United Nations General Assembly is headed by Gabriel L. Dennis. Her flag has red and white stripes and a blue corner containing a white star.

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