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Last Rites Held for Dr. DeBerry, Fisk Alumnus-Trustee

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (ANP). Funeral services were held here Jan. 24 for Dr. William Nelson DeBerry, 77-year-old eminent alumnus and trustee of Fisk university, who died in his home four days earlier following a long illness.

An 1896 graduate of Fisk, he was a member of the university's board of trustees for 34 years. Ordained as minister in the Congregational church in 1899, he served as pastor of the St. John's Congregational church, one of the country's first successful institutional churches, from 1899 to 1931 and retired as pastor emeritus.

Active in various fields, he was appointed by Gov. Saltonstall as member of the Governor's Committee on Religious and Interracial understanding in 1943 and received the first award from the Harmon foundation for distinguished service in religion among Negroes in 1927. In 1935, Dr. DeBerry was appointed a member of the Springfield board of public welfare, awarded the Pychon medal for outstanding public service in 1928, served as assistant moderator of the National Council of Congregational churches, and was executive secretary of the Dunbar Community league from 1931 until his death.

He is survived by Mrs. Louis Scott DeBerry, wife; and two daughters: Mrs. Charlotte Pearl Trae, Charleston, S. C., and Mrs. Anna Mae Johnson, St. Louis.

Survey on Future of Negro Business Published

NEW YORK. (ANP). A new book which traces the beginning and development of business among Negroes, its trends and beliefs, has just been published by Harper and Brothers, it was disclosed here last week. Entitled "Negro Business and Business Education—Their Present and Prospective Development," it is written by Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, professor of mathematics and statistics, Atlanta university.

Sponsored jointly by Atlanta university and the National Urban league, the book gives factual information on the beginning and development of Negro business, trends and beliefs, kinds of businesses operated, their location, type of operators and owners, methods of record keeping, patronage, management policies and methods, and operating and financial studies.

It covers life insurance companies, banking, building, savings, loan associations and a selected study of consumer cooperatives. Background material for the book came from an extensive study made over a two year period of Negro owned and operated businesses in 12 cities, and of business education given by Negro colleges and universities.

The 12 cities covered are Atlanta, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Durham, Houston, Memphis, Nashville, New Orleans, Richmond, St.

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PICTURES OF THE WINNERS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE VOICE.

Louis, Savannah, and Washington. The book contains 338 pages, 58 tables and sells for \$4.

White Editor Scores Separate But Equal School Cheat

CHICAGO. (ANP). Citing the instance of a southern public school for Negroes set up by a disinterested white board of education in a chicken coop, New York Times education editor Benjamin Fine declares in February Negro Digest that school facilities for Negroes in most dual states is a disgrace to U. S. democracy.

"Frequently in dual states," Fine says, "the Negro child does not have an equal opportunity with whites. His teachers are far less competent, receive substantially lower salaries. The equipment and supplies are meager and obsolete, the school plants are inadequate. And no matter how bad it is in cities, the setup for Negroes in rural areas is far worse.

"Very often," the Negro Digest article continues, "The Negro student cannot go farther than the seventh grade. And out of 9,000,000 Negroes in 18 states there are only 30,000 colored candidates for graduation each year."

North Carolina is pointed out by Fine as an exception to the general practice by southern states of relegating Negro education to a degenerate back seat, and has gone far toward eliminating discriminatory distribution of funds. Most other states in the south allow far more for whites than for colored. In Mississippi 606.6 per cent more is spent on each white student than on Negro.

In many instances, Fine asserts, Negroes are given condemned buildings for school houses. Rain pours through the roofs or swoops into the doors, heat is bad or non-existent, there are no lights, and in some even blackboards, desks and school books are not provided.

Mississippi Daily Deplores Education of Negroes In State

JACKSON, Miss. (ANP). A local daily, the Jackson Daily News, indicated the educational program for Negroes in Mississippi, in a recent article. It brought out the fact that the state spends more money for the transportation of white children to and from school than for the whole educational program of Negro children.

Although there are 477,000 colored to 377,000 white children of school age in the state it spends \$3,500,000 on transportation alone for the latter and a total of \$3,333,000 in all for the former, the article pointed out.

Of the Negro students, 207,752

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Hundreds paid tribute to Joseph P. Geddes, beloved mortician of New Orleans, who was buried last week. Active locally in business and civic organizations, he was president of the National Negro Business League.

The funeral procession was several blocks long, as people all over the nation attended. A. G. Gaston of Birmingham, president of the National Negro Business League, represented his organization.

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children are not even in school, the article revealed. The state must do something to educate these children and provide better education for the others for the improvement of Mississippi as a whole, the paper said.

The article also declared that if the state wants to avoid outside interference, particularly federal funds for the education of colored, the state must educate Negro children.

"We of the south," the article said, "must comprehend that ignorance, poverty, illiteracy, disease and criminality are costly factors in our society. It makes no difference what race contributes more to these community evils.

"Many a white person has died from disease spread by Negroes—and vice versa. We must rise above our prejudices and recognize that the means of overcoming these liabilities is through a constructive system of public school training."

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Teen Age Chatter

By Dorothy Green

Hi there: Due to the fact that I was ill last week I did not write and T. A. C. and I had a lot of explaining to do, but I hope you did understand.

It's good to see Lavanda Hill and Leon Wilkins back in Lincoln again. I hope they had a nice vacation from Lincoln.

Miss Florence Washington of Kansas City, Kan., was the house guest of Miss Kathryn King. She left Lincoln Febr. 1st.

I am going to make an addition to my column to make it more interesting, I hope. The only way I can do it is to have the co-operation of each and everyone of you teen agers and pre-teens. I am going to call it "Around the Schools" and it will include news about every one in the following schools:

1. Campus
2. Lincoln High
3. Whittier jr. high
4. Irving Jr. High
5. Elliott Grade School

The only way I can find out what goes on, you will have to tell me. CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO MAKE YOUR PAPER MORE INTERESTING.

Campus . . . Well, most of the exams are over about now and some of them were pretty stiff.

Lincoln High . . . Semester has ended and new classes have started. We have noticed that Juliet Ette Hammond is in the choir and will participate in the opera.

Whittier . . . Among the many assistants in the office are Ionna Adams and Peaches Winston.

There you have it.

Bye now,
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