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Between the Lines

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock
 for ANP

A MATTER OF DEGREES

No intelligent person can dismiss the fact that as between the Republicans and the Democrats, there is only the difference in degrees. But this is an important matter, for the difference between the arctic and the tropics is only a matter of degrees. If the optimum degrees can be maintained one has no kicks whatever.

The Republican convention quibbled over the matter of civil rights for Negroes, but so quibbled the Democrats. When all is said and done, the Negro voter must choose between degrees and not kind of treatment he must expect from the Democrats and Republicans respectively.

Under neither standard will the Negro receive the first-rate citizenship he so earnestly seeks and for which he has so abundantly qualified with his sweat and tears and blood.

There are liberal southerners and conservative northerners, southern Democrats and northern Dixiecrats. Fairness or lack of it, is not sectional any more. But the almost astounding fact is, civil rights as an issue has been hurled into the very forefront of the weighty matters commanding the attention of the nation.

The thing that should give heart to the Negro is not the immediate disposition of this matter of civil rights; but the fact that it is a matter of debate. Before the coming of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it was not even a matter of debate. Before the coming of Harry Truman it was not debated seriously.

But today how things have changed. The two political parties are afraid to face it squarely and afraid not to face it at all. Herein lies the great victory that righteousness has gained in the world. Civil rights for Negroes has become a burning issue in this country. Herein must the Negro take hope and press on to victory.

The great question surrounding the vital matter of civil rights is not whether, but when? Even the Dixiecrats admit that the full integration of the Negro is only a

matter of time. Even they have begun to discern the signs of the times which herald the warning that the Negro must be saved or the nation will be lost.

So as the Negro girds himself politically for the discharge of his franchise, he must understand that the difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is but one of degrees but so is the difference between life and death, between Heaven and Hell, between the good and the bad.

In this mighty matter of degrees there is something overwhelming. A few years ago the Negro looked religiously to the Republican party for deliverance from his social and economic and political woes. The Republican party failed him!

Today it has come about that the Democratic party that spurned him 50 years ago is his hope of deliverance. Things change, for it is written in the prophecy of Daniel, "God changes the times and seasons; He setteth up one and taketh down another."

This writer has been declaring for a quarter of a century through the press of this country that America must save the Negro or itself be lost. As this fact dawned more and more upon the nation, the nation moves closer and closer to the broadening realization that human brotherhood is the only answer.

C. C. Spaulding

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 committee, National Negro Business League; Lincoln hospital in Durham.

Also, member, committee for Community Relief; treasurer-secretary, North Carolina Commission on Inter-racial Co-operation; trustee, Colored Orphanage, Oxford, N. C.; trustee, Howard university; treasurer, National Bankers Association; member, planning committee on the Education of Negroes, and trustee, North Carolina college, Durham, N. C.

Spaulding is survived by his widow, Mrs. Charlotte Garner Spaulding; four children, Mrs. Margaret L. Shearin; Charles Jr., John A., and Boober B.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An interesting feature of the Nebraska landscape during the 1890's was the homemade windmills which dotted the countryside. Indeed, homemade windmills played such an important part in Nebraska's economy that Dr. E. H. Barbour, distinguished geologist at the University of Nebraska, published a bulletin on them (Extension Bulletin No. 59).

Dr. Barbour remarked that those who had had little chance to observe for themselves could "scarcely be brought to realize the great number of homemade mills, and the wide territory which they cover." He found them extending "in almost unbroken succession" from Omaha to Denver, and from South Dakota through Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, with Nebraska "being plainly the center of the movement."

In Nebraska, the homemade windmills were concentrated for the most part in the Platte Valley, with the towns in the valley often being windmill centers around which were often clustered a score and more mills of homemade design. Particularly important as homemade windmill centers were Columbus, Grand Island, Kearney, Overton, Cozad, Lexington, Gothenburg, and Ogallala.

There was some feeling that a homemade mill indicated the presence of a poor shiftless farmer, unable to put up the regular shopmade mill. This, Dr. Barbour declared, was not the case. Frequently the best farmers took the lead in designing and erecting homemade mills.

The interested traveller could see many designs in Nebraska, although most mills in a given community usually were of the same general design. In the German settlements, particularly in the vicinity of Grand Island, the old-fashioned Holland mills, modified to meet local conditions, were the general rule. Other popular types were the "Jumbo" or "go-devil" and the Battle-ax."

Dr. Barbour's bulletin contains sketches of many designs, varying all the way from simple devices which could be built for a couple of dollars worth of hardware and extra lumber to an elaborate mill costing \$150 ("the most expensive

Honor Medic



Dr. Gathings

One of the nation's leading men in the field of medicine is Dr. Joseph G. Gathings of Washington, D. C. Dr. Gathings, who is national president of the National Medical Association, has recently received several honors. The American Medical Association invited him to attend its annual convention now in session in Chicago. This action is considered a progressive step in efforts to have more integration in the field of medicine, particularly in the AMA. Recently the Medico-Chirurgical society of Washington honored Dr. Gathings at its annual Charles Summer Lecture and Dinner meeting.—(ANP).

mill known in the State."), capable of grinding grain into feed at the rate of 200-300 bushels per day.

Many of Nebraska's mills, Dr. Barbour found, were built not out of necessity, "but rather as luxuries or conveniences by men who have means enough to own regular mills, and in addition a few homemade mills to do certain duties in certain places, say in pumping stock water in this pasture or that."

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The approximate quantity is: 1,495 Cu. Yds. Sand Gravel Surface Course Material
 The attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract.

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The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be one dollar and five cents (\$1.05) per hour, except that a minimum wage of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour shall be paid to:

Crane Operators
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 Power Shovel Operators
 The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be ninety-five (95) cents per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor employed on this contract shall be seventy-five (75) cents per hour.

Plans and specifications for the work may be seen and information secured at the office of the County Clerk at Wahoo, Nebraska, at the office of the County Clerk at Lincoln, Nebraska, or at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bond in an amount equal to 100% of his contract.

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a proposal for this work, the bidder must file, with his proposal, a certified check made payable to the Department of Roads and Irrigation and in an amount not less than one hundred twenty-five (125) dollars.

The right is reserved to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

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