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Every Week from this Column  
By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

I GIVE THANKS.

About three years ago I felt convinced that if I could get some colored paper to allow me a weekly space to conduct a column that in time I could extend myself and eventually have the same column appear simultaneously in twenty-five different publications in as many different communities. I felt that if I could accomplish that feat while I was yet in prison that I would have then laid a successful foundation upon which to build after I became a free man.

With gracious thanks to many editors, publishers, and the reading public, I have been fortunate in having this column used by eighty-three different publications, over fifty of whom use it regularly each week as an editorial feature. Thus, on the basis of my original plans, I have been eminently successful.

Nearly two years ago, and merely a coincidence, I commented on a book that I received from a prominent author. The publication of that comment brought requests to review or comment on other books and since then, each week, nearly fifty papers use a book comment of mine. For this success I must give thanks to the four score or more book publishers who are constantly sending me their latest racial books.

As my writings appeared in each new publication a flood of ensuing mail would follow, most of which could be answered through the medium of a single personal column and so for the past year and a half I have conducted a strictly personal column "This and That", for which I am grateful to the Chicago Sunday Bee for allowing me the necessary space. This column has enabled me to keep my correspondents informed on many personal situations without having to embody the information in a series of many different letters.

A certain book publisher suggested that I write a book on my experiences in the south, particularly in Alabama, and at Kilby. And so for the past six months in the WORLD papers published throughout the south by the Southern Newspaper Syndicate there has appeared a weekly Kilby sketch of from three to four columns. When these sketches run to about fifty or sixty thousand words they will be published in book form and for creating an interest in these articles I give particular thanks to Mr. W. A. Scott, founder of the SNS.

And to the boys in my own "village" I owe many thanks. Mere words will not begin to repay the many kindnesses they have shown me and the wonderful cooperation they have given during the past three years. Now, I only thank them but someday I'll commence to really repay them.

I must acknowledge the wonderful support given me by "School News" our "village" paper, in which I conduct a weekly column, "Prisons and Prisoners", and I extend thanks to the entire staff. And so at this time I humbly acknowledge and offer thanks to my many supporters throughout the country, and particularly to the prison administration which has been so liberal, and so tolerant in extending opportunities to each man.

Beginning Dec. 1.—Watch for our Holiday attraction in the Omaha Guide.

### Murderess Sentenced To Ten Years

#### "Johnny Horton's Political DOPE"

by John Benj. Horton, Jr.

We've recently witnessed one of the most dramatic as well as hectic national political battles known in the annals of American politics. The American people have made their choice, most decidedly, by a popular vote of millions over the figure necessary to gain a majority of electoral votes in our electoral college for their next President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic Standard bearer.



Johnny Horton

Mass psychology was developed, against the present Republican Administration and Herbert C. Hoover was defeated. The issues have been analyzed and weighed and judgment has been passed, so the thing for us to do as a great racial element in American political life, is to hope for the best that might be gained in the shuffle of the cards of a "New Deal" for "the forgotten man".

Our battle will not be easy; they weren't easy during Mr. Hoover's tenure. Roosevelt may mean well to us, being a Democrat of Northern extraction, but the combination of Garner and Roosevelt is one to conjure with, because Mr. Garner comes from the south and that section of the country went almost solidly for Roosevelt. Therefore it logically follows that southern sentiment will be dominate where patronage and positions of honor and trust for Negroes is concerned by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The puzzling question before me today is whether or not the few high positions held by men of my race under the present administration will, by the stroke of southern contempt, dwindle to almost naught?

This writer can't believe it, but it is said that instead of being the militant fighter of the "Teddy" Roosevelt type, New York political stalwart know Franklin D. Roosevelt to be evasive. If Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's philosophy of justice could be measured in terms of those millions of Americans who so flagrantly revolted from the REPUBLICAN PARTY and had the courage of their convictions to register along with other millions their unequivocal approval of his party's platform then, "expediency" would demand that he not only retain the same number of Colored Government appointments under his Administration but he should also make additional appointments; then, he would in a great measure, prove to the world and especially to the Negroes of America that although Theodore Roosevelt has taken his place with the immortals of the ages, his image of justice still lives and moves and has its being in his successor who bears the same family name.

\*\*\*Writers Note: Watch this column every week and you'll read the truth exposed politically, wherever warranted, regardless of political connections.

#### Evelyn Preer Dead

Noted Dramatic and Screen Actress Buried

Mrs. Evelyn Preer, noted stage star, and wife of Edward Thompson, also a noted stage celebrity, died in Los Angeles, Calif., November 17th. Miss Preer's death resulted from a cold contracted less than a week before her death.

News of her death is a shock to the music and theatrical circles throughout the country.

Many stage celebrities witnessed the funeral.

### Marie Fellows Acquitted

RICHARDSON BROS. TAILORS AND DRY CLEANERS MOVE SHOP

Richardson Bros. Tailors and Dry Cleaners have moved their Tailor Shop from 24th and Burdette Sts., to 2308 North 24th St., just north of the Ross Drug Co. This business is owned and operated by Leroy Richardson who has been a resident of Omaha for a number of years. Mr. Richardson is a graduate of the Kansas School in both Academic and Tailoring Department. He has studied in Chicago and taught tailoring in Mississippi, Alabama and Kansas. He has had a wide experience in the business in which he is engaged, having operated shops in Chicago and Omaha. The present shop has been in operation one year and has proven that good workmanship and service counts. A trial will convince you of their ability to please.

Men's Suits, cleaned and pressed 50c.  
Ladies' Plain Dresses, 75c.  
Hats cleaned and blocked 49c.  
Alteration and relining, a Specialty.

Marie Fellows was acquitted by a Jury, Nov. 23, for the murder of her common law husband, Ballard Hawkins, whom she shot and killed on the evening of Sept. 29th.

#### Deceased's Kin Asks Mercy for Slayer

713 E. 41st St. Chicago, Ill., November 15, 1932.

Dear Sir:

I, Mrs. Sarah Lockman and Doris Lockman, a foster mother and niece of Julius Alexander are writing you a few lines in behalf of his wife, Minnie Alexander. We know the act she did was terribly bad, but we are in sympathy with her. As Christians we know that God will take care of this case. We know that she needs to be punished and yet punishing isn't going to give us our boy back. I'm praying to God each day to do his will but in the name of God I am asking you, to please be as easy as you can on her sentence. God will have a hand in the punishment as well as man. Thanking you for whatever you think is right.

Mrs. Sarah Lockman, and Doris Lockman, 713 E. 41st St., Chicago, Ill.

### Lennox Writes Garner

November 11, 1932

Speaker John N. Garner Uvalde, Texas,

Dear Speaker Garner:

Whom we shall soon address as Vice-President Garner of the United States.

A product from the little town of Detroit for whom we are indeed proud with each and every inhabitant there carrying the same feeling. Something in the soil of that little town must be stimulating and inspiring to individuals beyond the average town or city in proportion to the population.

From our small town have derived 5 physicians, 3 of them surgeons; 6 professors, and 2 musicians, one a Paris graduate. One of the surgeons is a post graduate of Columbia, Harvard and Berlin, Germany; one from the Rochester Clinic, University of New York, and Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D. C. and still another from Northwestern University.

Placing you, our Vice-President elect of the United States at the head of the list. All of these individuals born within a stone's throw of each other. Many congratulations for your achievement and continuous success during your administration.

It is the first time in life that I have known our United States to have had a southern Vice-President, and this one deriving from our little town of Detroit, Texas. It is also the first time I have known the Colored people to vote a straight Democratic ticket, giving our home town product their support. This is the first election I have known so many Colored citizens of this state to vote the Democratic ticket, for I am sure if you have observed the returns of Nebraska you will find they were, practically speaking, wholly Democratic.

You made quite an impression with the public in your campaigning with your fair decision and plain expressions. There was some false propaganda spread, but I was happy to be in a position to prevent same as it was about to be taken to the local papers.

We believe now the masses will get more consideration and have a chance enabling thousands of our people to secure employment. Just think, the banks are fortified with pecuniar; thousands of needy individuals without employment; corn down to its minimum price; and hundreds of individuals going hungry, not in a position to help themselves. The country I am sure you realize is in a deplorable condition and will take time to bring about a rectification, but we feel now there will be a wonderful change and betterment.

In the meantime there are any number of homes undergoing liquidation, and the "Garner-Warner" bill

which you were the instigation in passing, so far has not been of any help to the masses, only to certain concerns, individuals or corporations that help make conditions still worse for the masses at the most urgent time.

I should like to know, speaking for the masses of the community in which I am located, among some of those who were your greatest supporters, is there a possible chance that the said loans can or will be available for these individuals, or the masses?

I am hoping you will enjoy a well earned rest and it will be stimulating and helpful to you when on March 4th you enter upon your future duties as Vice President of our United States.

Thanking you for any information or consideration you may give, and again wishing you a continuous success, I am,

Respectfully yours, G. B. LENNOX, President, 1602 1/2 N. 24th Street.

The Speaker's Rooms House of Representatives U. S. Washington, D. C. November 16, 1932.

Mr. G. B. Lennox, Pres., 1602 1/2 North 24th St., Omaha, Nebr.

My dear Mr. Lennox:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th, expressing your good wishes and kind sentiments. It was very gracious of you to write me as you did, and I wish you to know that I appreciate it.

It was, indeed, a glorious victory for Democracy, and is significant of the country's confidence. It will be an inspiration to all Democrats to give to our country the best of which they are capable.

I was greatly interested in what you had to say about the old home town, and it is true it has made quite a record in producing men who have assumed positions of leadership in various walks of life.

Sincerely and cordially yours, JOHN L. GARNER.

#### NATIONAL NEGRO DEMOCRATIC SWING DISCLOSED IN RETURNS TO NAACP.

New York, Nov.—A national swing by Negroes breaking their former solid Republican alignment, and producing in some cases a 50 per cent or greater vote for the Democratic party is disclosed in returns to a questionnaire sent out by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, which

Mrs. Minnie Alexander, 1102 North 22nd St., who shot and killed her husband, Julius Alexander, Aug. 7th, 1932 was sentenced to ten years, Nov. 19th.

today made public a summary of information received.

Striking returns are reported by the Kansas City Call, whose editor, C. A. Franklin states that in Kansas City, Mo., where the Negro vote is approximately 14,000, Hoover received 25 per cent less votes than he received four years ago.

The Call reports that in the 11th Ward, the largely Negro 1st, 3rd, and 11th precincts gave Roosevelt 1050 votes against Hoover's 388.

From St. Louis, N. B. Young, Jr., of the St. Louis American reports that whereas in previous elections not more than 5 per cent of Negro voters voted the Democratic ticket; in this election one-third of the approximately 150,000 Negro votes of Missouri went to the Democrats.

In Texas the Dallas County Negro Ferguson-Ford Governor Club urged all Dallas Negroes to oppose the Republican candidate on the ground of his alleged opposition to the Negro's voting.

Va. Negroes 40 percent Democratic In Virginia, P. B. Young, editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide reports that of approximately 6000 Negroes voting, estimates give 40 per cent to Roosevelt.

"This represents a 50 per cent drift of Negro voters from the Republican to the Democratic party," writes Mr. Young to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

From Pittsburgh, Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, Regional Field Secretary of the Association, reports that the 5th Ward gave only a 300 majority for Hoover and adds: "This ward has formerly gone overwhelmingly Republican and it was a decisive Democratic victory to hold the ward to almost a 50-50 vote. It was a new day in Pittsburgh for Negro voters who for the first time showed their independence in thought."

Indiana Gave "50-50" Vote In Indiana, Robert L. Bailey, Special Assistant in the Office of the State Attorney General, reports estimates show "the Negro in Indiana and in Indianapolis voted on an approximately 50-50 basis." The margin of votes was 58 in many Negro precincts he states. His estimate is corroborated by F. B. Ransom, General Counsel for the Mme. C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company.

A strong swing toward the Democrats in Philadelphia, hitherto strongly Republican in Negro districts, is reported by Isadore Martin, colored the National Board of the NAACP, real estate operator and member of who writes:

"Philadelphia has always been a Republican city and for a Negro to say that he was a Democrat meant that he would be considered a kind of outcast and a traitor to his race. But now things have changed and one Baptist minister went so far as to preach a sermon the Sunday before the election against the Republican party and to give splendid reasons why he was supporting Roosevelt."

Mr. Martin reports that a conservative Republican estimate 25 per cent of the Negro vote hitherto Republican in Philadelphia, had gone to the Democrats.

In Ohio, in the absence as yet of final figures, an estimate by the Association's local executive secretary, Gordon H. Simpson, gives a large Democratic increase among Negro voters in the 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 30th wards of Cuyahoga County.

Reasons for Change A consensus of opinion among informed Negroes, as to the reasons for the swing of Negro voters, compiled by the NAACP, lists the following main causes:

General economic conditions and depression; "Lily-white" policy of the Hoover Administration and especially the nomination of Judge John J. Parker to the U. S. Supreme Court; Jim-crowding of colored gold star mothers on the pilgrimage to graves in France; distribution of the Negro regiments in the Army to service detachments; failure to appoint Negroes to federal office; general indifference of the Hoover administration to the Negro.

#### FAILURE OF NEGRO BUSINESS

by R. A. Adams (The Literary Service Bureau)

The collapse of Negro business enterprises has wrecked faith in such racial efforts. Investigations shows that these unfortunate failures were not wholly due to depression. The chief cause was shameless betrayal of trust manifest in speculations which gambled with the people's money, in the interest of personal gain.

Big salaries and extravagant living figured big in the ruin of Negro business. Fine homes, expensive cars, costly vacations, rank favoritism, nepotism, all have been contributing factors in the downfall of these institutions and destruction of faith in racial business leadership and conduct. This does not mean loss of faith in the Negro's business capacity, but in his honesty, and his integrity.

Sometime ago, I called attention to extravagancies in monies given to our insurance companies and cited, "Standard", "National", "Mammoth", "Century", "Victory", "Imperial", "Supreme" and other such names given enterprises which were sucklings in these fields. The collapse of these corporations with such imposing names most certainly emphasizes and justifies the criticism of race arrogance and bigotry.

Because the Negro is hopeful and because he recognizes the urgent need for such racial enterprises he will swallow his disappointment, and hopefully undertake the work of rebuilding these institutions. But he will be slow, cautious and sceptical. And it will require at least fifty years to restore his lost faith in this connection.

#### TREASURY ON NAACP. LETTER ORDERS BUILDING JOBS FOR NEGROES

New York, Nov. 18.—In response to a telegram from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reporting that out of 300 workmen employed on the new Parcel Post Building in New York City, only two are Negroes, Ferry K. Heath, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has given orders that colored workmen are to have "larger consideration."

Mr. Heath in a telegram to the NAACP, sent Nov. 15, says: "Engineer Parcel Post wired to urge larger consideration for colored labor when men hired today."

The NAACP is today forwarding to Mr. Heath a report from two colored workers who were denied employment by the foreman. One of the men L. J. Rhinehardt, showed a gold button, the award of the N. Y. Building Congress for superior craftsmanship. Both colored men are affiliating with the proper labor unions and are members in good standing.

"We called Mr. Driscoll, the contractor," writes Mr. Rhinehardt, "but he referred us to the foreman on the job. Our men have been going to this job since it started but have been turned away. At this writing we can find only one colored man working on the entire operation."

#### SPINGARN MEDAL AWARD IN JANUARY, COMMITTEE ASKS NOMINATIONS

New York, Nov.—The annual award of the Spingarn Medal will be made at a meeting of the committee early in January, and the committee asks all those having nominations to make to forward them at once to the NAACP, at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The award is open to all men and women of U. S. Citizenship and of African descent and is made on the basis of most distinguished achievement in some honorable field of human endeavor, whether in the arts, sciences, industry, education or military service. The achievement considers either achievement during the preceding or during an entire career of service.

Nominations should clearly state the achievement or career on the basis of which the award is asked and should be accompanied by brief life history of the nominee, including date of birth, where educated, and other available facts.

### FOUR SHOT IN ROBBERY ATTEMPT

Negro Bank President Dead, 3 Robbers Dead or Dying; A Negro Town.

BOOKKEEPER IS HERO

Negro Employee Slips into the Vault and Opens Fire; Banker Rings Alarm, Is Killed

Boley, Okla., Nov. 23.—An invasion of this all-Negro village by two white bank robbers ended today in a roar of gunfire that left a Negro bank president dead and the robbers and their Negro accomplice dead or dying.

Shot down by one of the white robbers when he pulled a hidden burglar alarm, D. J. Turner, president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, died on the way to a hospital at Okemah, fourteen miles away. But his killer fell in turn before the fire of a Negro bookkeeper and the man's companions were hit by the bullets of a score or more enraged citizens.

Parking their motor car near the little bank the white robbers sent the Negro inside to present a check. While it was being refused by W. W. Riley, the cashier, one of the white men entered and slipped into the cage, poking a pistol in the ribs of President Turner, also in the enclosure.

Unnoticed, H. C. McCormick, the bookkeeper, meanwhile had edged into the vault where his rifle hung. As the second white robber entered the cage and began to scoop up about \$700 in cash Turner reached under a desk and rang a burglar alarm.

"Did you pull that alarm?" shouted the first white robber.

"Yes," replied Turner.

"Then I'm going to kill you," the robber cried, leveling his pistol.

As he fired, McCormick, from the vault, pulled the trigger of his rifle. Turner and his killer sank to the floor simultaneously.

The second white man took charge as a menacing crowd of Negroes ran from every part of the town to the front of the bank. He ordered Riley and Horace Aldridge, a customer, to carry the wounded robber to the motor car.

Just as they started for the door a fusillade sounded from outside and the second white man dropped.

Meanwhile, the Negro robber, gaining the motor car, was half way down the street. Every weapon was turned on the machine and the driver, mortally wounded, threw up his hands. The car plunged into a curb and stopped.

The loot was recovered where it was dropped, in the bank, when the second white robber fell.

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