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## EDITORIALS!

### Broken Promises

With the essence of the spring campaign in the air, the aspiring candidates have begun the old racket of promising the Negroes jobs "if you support me".

The thing of paramount importance now is, whom can we trust? Many Negroes who are innocently led to the polls and most of them know nothing of the candidates for whom they cast their vote, other than some smart political leader has told them that he is going to give me a job.

It is of much importance to the Negroes of Omaha to note that after all the promises made by many candidates, very few of them have been kept. We are tired of these old worn out promises and the voting Negroes should avail themselves with every detail concerning any candidate up for election.

Let past promises be an example for the coming spring election. Even though funds are low, why economize on the Negro when he is the smallest percentage on the payroll.

It is true that through this crisis we have to adjust ourselves to conditions, but there is no reason why we shouldn't fight for our rights. We are a part of this community, we have voting power and we must unite this strength in one common cause. We would suggest when one of these candidates selects a Negro representative to sew up votes for him, we say to you, make him sign his name on the dotted line or the equivalent thereof.

EDITORIAL OF THE WEEK:—WHITE PRESS (From the New York Evening Post, New York, N. Y., December 30, 1932)

#### FAIR PLAY FOR THE NEGRO

It is one of life's tragedies that those who are at a disadvantage in normal times are at a proportionately still greater disadvantage in abnormal times. This unfortunate tendency is illustrated by the plight of the American Negro. In the large cities Negroes form something like 4 percent of the population but of the unemployed they form 16 per cent.

A special instance of injustice to members of this race is noted by Mr. Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Speaking in the Catholic interracial hour over the Paulist Fathers' radio station, Mr. White called attention to the conditions under which one of the greatest engineering feats of modern times is being performed. This is the building of levees, spillways and other structures for the purpose of controlling the flow of the Mississippi Riv-

er and preventing repetitions of the disastrous floods which have occurred along that stream. The work has to be done under a broiling sun which may raise the temperature as high as 120 degrees; it has to be done in swamp land on which malaria and typhoid fever are common. The Government let the job to contractors. Most of the workers are Negroes, for only they can endure the long hours and the excessive heat. Independent investigations have shown not only that these men work from twelve to sixteen hours a day seven days a week but also that many of them are muled of their wages of \$1.25 a day by a tricky commissary system under which they are required to buy goods to the value of at least \$4.50 a week and are charged that sum, whether they buy that much or not.

Senator Wagner has introduced a resolution for a Senate investigation. This resolution should be adopted. It is the irony of fate that a work which is undertaken for the protection of men and women should be a means of mistreating other human beings—the very ones indeed, who are making that work possible.



Salem Baptist Church, 22nd and Seward Sts., Rev. F. S. Goodlett, Acting Pastor, Mr. William Cooper, reporter

With Spring like weather on hand Sunday, it was another banner day for Salem. Both departments are beginning with a good start for 1933. BYPU sets its goal at 100 members and \$200.00 for the year.

Rev. E. W. Anthony of Topeka, Kansas was in the stand and spoke to a packed house at both the morning and evening services.

Rev. E. Rhodes and Church of Beulah Baptist of Council Bluffs rendered 3 o'clock for mission circle and also preached a thrilling sermon.

Don't forget that Rev. Washington president of California State Convention will stop off here enroute home from New York and preach at Salem, Sunday, January 15, 1933. You are always made to feel at home at Salem.

#### ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

2215 Grant St., Rev. C. C. Harper, Pastor, Rev. J. R. Young, Ass't., Irving W. Greene, reporter, Sunday School, at 9:30 a. m., H. L. Anderson, Supt.

Zion mourns the loss of one of our faithful young church workers, Miss Alpha Crawford, whose funeral was held Saturday, January 7, 1933.

Sermon preached by Rev. J. R. Young and hymnals rendered by Junior Choir. Mrs. McWhorther, president, Mrs. Ida Watson dir. Sunday morning service was largely attended to receive the wonderful sermon preached by Rev. Young.

Sunday afternoon, the city union of Sunday school met at Zion Baptist Church at which a large number was present.

Mrs. Lulu R. Thomas, chairman of program of BYPU. Group No. 2, rendered to the BYPU. Union Sunday night a most interesting program consisting of a reading by Mrs. Allen Jones, solo by Mrs. James Kirby, paper by Miss Isadora Wigley of Council Bluffs. Solo by Miss Emma Whit-

ley. The BYPU. is just marching right along the upward grade. Everybody is invited to come and visit our Union. Mrs. M. Landrum, president, Mrs. Cora Brown, Sec'y. The Junior BYPU. is following right along the steps of the seniors in rendering wonderful programs.

Sunday night service was attended by a large congregation who received a wonderful message brought by Rev. F. C. Williams.

Pilgrim Baptist Church, North 25th and Hamilton Sts., Rev. James H. Dotson, Pastor.

Sunday school was held at the usual hour with a large attendance. The Supt. along with other members of the quartette accompanied by Mr. Kerns spent the day in points in Iowa, where they filled two engagements singing morning and evening. Mrs. Jane Johnson assistant superintendent, presided.

Morning service was good, an unusual large crowd was present with about twenty or more visitors. We

welcome visitors, come again. The pastor was at his best in the morning when he preached from Matt. 4:17 from that time Jesus began to preach and to say "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at Hand. His subject was 'Jesus Begins His Work.' He mentioned some of the things that Jesus determined to do, and said he did not only begin a new year but a new day. Just after the sermon the choir sang, Saviour, Lead me lest I stray, which was very touching. The Girls quartette rendered one selection.

In the evening the pastor used as a subject "Good Resolutions" Daniel 1:8. Everyone present seemed to have enjoyed the service. Special prayer was offered for Mr. Clark who is confined to bed in County Hospital.

On the fourth Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock Rev. Mathis, pastor of Bethel will preach and his choir will sing.

#### Cleaves Temple CME Church,

25th and Decatur St. Rev. J. C. Clay, Pastor. We regret to report at this time that Rev. Clay was called to Holly Grove, Ark. due to the serious illness of his father.

The Forward Step Club of Young People held their semi-annual election of officers. The following were elected: Alice E. Hunter, pres., Arthur Burton, vice pres., Gertrude Dysant, Sec., Charles Stallworth, Ass't Sec'y., Cec. Hayes, Treas., Eva Mae Hayes, Chaplain.

The church groups are working toward a "War Debt" rally to be held on the fourth Sunday in this month.

The Cleaves Temple's mixed quartette made their debut New Year's eve. The members are Eva Mae Hayes, alto, Alice Hunter, soprano, Finley Dysant, tenor, Charles Stallworth, bass. They are planning a sacred concert in the very near future. Watch the paper for further announcement.

You are always welcome at Cleaves Temple. Alice Hunter, reporter.

#### BIBLE FATHERS

by Dr. A. G. Bearer Job—the Exemplary Father (The Literary Service Bureau)

Text: That man was perfect and upright and one that feared God and eschewed evil—Job 1:1.

Trite but true is the axiom "Example counts more than precept." Especially is this true in regard to a father and his sons. He may give them "line upon line and precept upon precept," but his life will have greater effect than all his precepts.

In righteousness, faith, patience, and in obedience to God, this man, Job, was an exemplary father. It is said concerning his children, that after their feasting Job, their father, sacrificed for them and offered burnt offerings. We do not know what the ceremony was but it was religious and must have impressed these children.

The character of Job is summarized in Job 1:1, used here as a text: That man was perfect and upright and one that feared God and eschewed evil. Such a father is fit to guide his children. And the children of such a father will honor God and bless their fellowmen. Fathers of the Job type

will make inestimable contributions to the advancement of the world and the happiness of mankind.

#### PRISONS AND PRISONERS

by Clifford C. Mitchell

John Erskine provides a splendid thought for an appropriate New Year's theme, in the following quotation:

"It is an awful thing for a man to go through life without developing all the talents within himself."

Last week it was my privilege to spend several hours in the offices of the SCHOOL NEWS, during which time I carefully perused over a score of prison publications published by prisoners in prisons ranging from Vermont to California.

In one respect all of the papers were alike. They all stress the necessity of each prisoner solving his own problem through self-analysis, study and constant application in the things that are conducive to self-improvement.

A close observation of these various periodicals failed to reveal a single institution that could even compare with Jackson Prison in the matter of facilities and opportunities provided for the advancement of the prisoners.

And in keeping with the words of John Erskine it would indeed be an awful thing for any prisoner, especially in this institution, to serve out his sentence without making any effort to develop all the talents within himself.

There could be no finer New Year's resolution than for each prisoner to resolve that during the year 1933 he will be serious in striving to improve his condition through the development of any latent talents that he may possess.

Not only should each prisoner make such a resolution but the time to commence its fulfillment is NOW! The fact is that those of us who can see freedom only as a very remote and distant object are forced to commence some program of progressive self-improvement in order to be properly prepared when in another year or so there is bound to be a considerable change in the vocational opportunities of the majority of the prisoners who have now a daily task to perform.

When the day arrives that the majority of the men now working are thrown out of active employment there will be much competition for each possible job that only those who have made the most development of their personal talents will be assured of favorable consideration.

It therefore becomes not only a matter of personal pride but a problem of our own personal prison salvation, if we are desirous of being kept employed, to so improve our talents, and our usefulness to our employers, that we will be assured of continuous employment in the few jobs that will still be in existence after another year or so.

Even now the prisoner who has a job and is careless, or inattentive in the holding of same, will find a keen competition among the unemployed prisoners who are so improving themselves, and acquainting their capabilities to prospective employers, that it should be a constant threat to an indifferent worker.

No matter which viewpoint you take, the prisoner who is content to drift along from day to day without making any attempt to develop all the talents within himself is going to be the loser, both in prison and when he finally emerges therefrom. What will 1933 mean to you?

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### Guide's Platform Local

Race prejudice must go. The Brotherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good citizenship in time of peace, war and death.

(1) We must have our pro-rata of employment in businesses to which we give our patronage, such as gro-

cery stores, laundries, furniture stores, department stores and coal companies, in fact every concern which we support. We must give our citizens the chance to live respectably. We are tired of educating our children and permitting them to remain economic slaves and enter into lives of shame.

(2) Our pro-rata of employment for the patronage to our public corporations such as railroad companies, the street car company, the Nebraska Power Company, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and other establishments which we are forced to support by right of franchise. Also our pro-rata of employment in return for the taxes we pay in our city, county state and federal government.

(3) To encourage the establishment of a first class hospital that we may get the best that there is in medical science from our doctors whom we know to be nearest us, also to encourage a high respect of them and encourage more of our girls to take nurse training.

(4) A one hundred per cent department of our citizens in our public or private places of business, especially on street cars. If we are to be respected we must act respectably, especially in public places where we are constantly before the public's eye.

(5) A one hundred per cent membership in the Omaha branch of the NAACP. should be had to encourage the efforts put forth by the founders of the organization and to assist the general office to establish a five million dollar endowment fund to maintain operating expenses and to further the principles of the NAACP. All people of all races must be educated up to a higher principle and a more thorough understanding of interracial relationship that our country may in reality be a government of the people, for the people and by the people in whole and not in part.

(6) The re-establishment of the Christian Religion as Christ taught it, for the uplifting of mankind, eliminating financial and personal gain. A practical Christian Religion, week day as well as Sunday. An attitude toward our fellowman as a brother in order to establish a principle which will guide the destiny of each other's children; our neighbor's children today are our children tomorrow.

(7) Courteous treatment in all places of business and the enforcement of the State Civil Right Law.

(8) To encourage and assist in the establishment of the following financial institutions near 24th and Lake Streets: A building and loan association, a state bank, administering aid and assistance to our widows and children.

(9) To encourage the erection of a one hundred thousand dollar Young Men's Christian Association Building near 24th and Lake Streets.

(10) To enlarge the Young Women's Christian Association that it may supply sufficient dormitory accommodations.

(11) To teach our citizens to live economically within their earning capacity by printing in each issue a budget system for various salaries.

(12) To make Omaha a better city in which to live by inaugurating a more cosmopolitan spirit among our American citizens.

(13) To put a stop to the Divorce Evil by passing a State law making the mistreatment of a wife or a husband by either of them, a criminal offense to be decided by a jury, first offense, jail sentence of a short duration; from one to five years in the penitentiary. This, we believe will make men and women think before marrying.

(14) We must become owners of the city government by paying a seemingly higher salary to those whom we employ to administer its affairs, a salary that will at-and, also, a first-class trust company for the purpose of tract men of high calibre.

### National

(1) Fight for a passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill and thus stop the shameful lynching of American citizens.

(2) One of our citizens in the president's cabinet.

(3) Federal control of the educational system that every child must have a high school education.

(4) Assist in the furtherance of research by our scientists and historians to prove that civilization was first founded in Africa.

(5) Establish a political influence which will bring about our pro-rata of higher appointments made by our chief executives.

(6) Stop graft in politics by passing a Federal Law making election day a legal holiday and compelling every American citizen of voting age to vote.

(7) Prevent further wars by teaching the so-called white race that it is high time for them to quit fooling themselves about white supremacy with only three-tenths of the world's population. They must be taught that color is due to climatic conditions. They must be taught that seven-tenths of the world's population is made up of darker races. They must be taught that the rays of sun that blaze upon the equator and turn the skin brown do not affect the power of the brain any more than the coldness of icy glaciers affect the brain of the white race; and that the darker races will not continue to be crushed by a money mad few. If the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are not welded into the hearts of this world's family now, by teaching the principles laid down by our Saviour, it will be welded into the hearts of our children some day soon, on the bloodiest battlefields this world has ever known.

(8) Cut down congressional representation from the Southern States in proportion to the number of votes cast.

The OMAHA GUIDE will put forth its best efforts to bring about the above 22 points with the assistance of those who believe it is for the best interest of good American citizenship.

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