

## "Johnny Horton's Political DOPE"

by John Benj. Horton, Jr.

WELL, FOLKS!  
THE POLITIC-  
AL GAME  
NEVER ENDS!

While politics is the science of Government, it may be said that it is also likened to a fire which al-  
ways burns, a voice that is never still.

For the next three or four months Omaha's citizenry will be forced to consider the many issues which will loom up either in defense of or against the many candidates who will seek the offices of City Commissioners. Various strong organizations will rise and some of them will fall.

Politics is a "funny" game; it makes strange bedfellows. Oh, well, we'll watch and study as we read and listen to the "hot air" as it pours forth from the mouths of the so-called "friend of the Colored Folks".

WE SHOULD HAVE PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION IN ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, according to the competency of the individual.

MORE COMPETENCY NEEDED IN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE!

It has been the practice, over a long period of years in many cities of our land and especially in Omaha, of complete separation of National from local politics in the nomination of Mayors, Council members and other elective offices; this has proved a very progressive step. It is generally believed that at least Two New Reforms, especially here in Omaha, should be attempted which would be essential to the attainment of better and less costly Municipal government to include:

(a.) Extension of the Civil Service law to cover, through one process or another, the highest administrative officials and their assistants usually called "deputies" thus reducing the opportunities for the misuse of the higher offices for partisan political services.

(b.) The adoption of better and more modern forms of charter legislation; the abolishment of useless departments or other administrative agencies, the consolidation of others and the simplification of government methods wherever found to be practical.

Writer's Note:—Watch this column every week and you will read the truth exposed politically wherever warranted regardless of political connections.

## A Correction

Mrs. Ada McGill of South Omaha said that an article in the December 10th issue of the Omaha Guide quoting her as saying—That she had known Mrs. Ada MacCurtis (who had been killed in an automobile accident) for seven years and that she was always drunk—was erroneous as she did not testify at the inquest.

## NEGRO, PROPORTIONATELY HAS LOST MORE JOBS THAN ANY OTHER GROUP

In submitting the report of activities of the Omaha Urban League for 1932, J. Harvey Kerns, Executive Secretary of the organization said, "The Negro in Omaha had lost proportionately more jobs than other groups due to the fact he is a marginal worker." The report pointed out that Negroes, because of exhausted savings and loss of occupations, had suffered greater mortality losses, lower health conditions, and a high juvenile and adult delinquency rate than in 1931.

The report states, group conferences with workers, efficiency classes and conferences with employers have been used as a means of improving the status of Negro workers. In the employment office conducted by the League, a total of 405 men and women were placed in employment. There were a number of conferences and campaigns designed to improve community conditions and race relations. Most significant were, the All Day Conference on the Social Determinants of Juvenile Delinquency, the Go To High School, Go To College Campaign, and a course in Business Relations and Salesmanship, and Child Welfare.

Thirty five different groups were addressed by staff members of the Urban League on various phases of Race Relations. These addresses and group conferences, the report stated have been a definite factor in improving race relations in Omaha. The various neighborhood activities were directed to improving health, family relations, and community pride through garden and yard projects and clean-up campaigns.

The report states that two of the vital problems of providing for the increased leisure of young men and boys and securing for Negroes their rightful share of employment in the public institutions of the city which he is taxed to support.

## Dr. Lennox On the Job

Dr. Homer W. Anderson,  
Supt. of Schools,  
City Hall, 6th floor,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Sometime ago I wrote you seeking information and consideration. This evidently must be an oversight on your part, as I have not received a reply relative to same.

I am sure you have been given more than sufficient time to look into this situation, make investigations, and consider it from every angle. Although I realize the difficulties one is confronted with coming into a new field, having to outline your plans to better different situations, and to bring about a complete satisfaction to all involved, and who are responsible for your presence in this city.

Our group is 54% responsible for the members of the Board of Education, who are appointed by votes, and this board makes investigations and appoints the superintendent and president, which is all indirectly through the public.

We have not asked for something unreasonable, unfair, unjust or impossible, but a consideration that is deserving and needed. A consideration that will represent over 11,800 citizens of this city.

Evidently you are one well prepared along educational lines, and are appreciative and fair, regardless of who concerned, or the amount of independence involved. Representing this group, before taking the matter up with the board, I am again reminding you of same.

Cooperation has been received from any number of the members of the board, and we are hoping you will give this situation your earnest and heartiest support, fully expressing your view point regarding same. However, it is our fullest intention to strive with endless efforts to bring about justice and the proper consideration relative to employment of qualified members of our group on Omaha's school board.

I am hoping you will not misinterpret my meaning, and thanking you very much for your reply to same, I am

Yours very truly,  
Dr. G. B. Lennox, Pres.,  
Working Men's Commissioners,  
1602 1/2 N. 24th Street.

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Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Dr. Lennox:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December nineteenth concerning the status of the colored citizens with regard to the schools.

I am glad to know what your position in this matter is.

Yours Sincerely,  
H. W. Anderson,  
Superintendent of Schools.

January 12, 1933  
Dr. Homer W. Anderson,  
Supt. of Schools,  
Board of Education, 6th floor,  
City, Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I am receipt of your letter of January 6th in reply to the one written some time ago.

Coming into a new field, with many transactions to work out, I took for granted you have been busy and perhaps over looked, or did not have a chance to consider this situation. I am sure by this time you have received my second reminder.

After looking into this situation, I am sure you will find our claim just and should not think that I take a different viewpoint along these lines, especially when we are great supporters of the city's taxation, at least 5 1/2%.

In fact, we think those who are greatly benefited yearly by our support, should be willing to give back to us in return for that which we have given, or are entitled to. We are only asking for consideration in proportion to that we give. If we were given more than 5 1/2%, the same would be beyond our pro-rata of employment, and unjust to others involved.

We shall appreciate a reply stating definitely your position and view point regarding this matter, as we are seeking with endless efforts to obtain the consideration of employment on the city's school board to which we are fully entitled.

Thanking you very much for same, I am

Very truly yours,  
Dr. G. B. Lennox, Pres.,  
Working Men's Commissioners,  
1602 1/2 N. 24th Street.

MEMBER OF NEGRO FILM GROUP  
IN MOSCOW SIGNS SIX MONTHS CONTRACT

New York, (CNA) "Just signed six months contract with the Meschabom Film Company. Well and happy," was the text of a cablegram received here last week from Dorothy West in Moscow, USSR. The cable was sent to Louise Thompson, secretary of the group of 22 Negro men and women who went to Moscow last spring to take part in the making of a film of Negro life, "Black and White."

Miss West, who was one of the group, decided to remain in Moscow after it was announced that the making of the film would have to be postponed for a short while because of technical difficulties. She is a native of Boston, Mass., and a writer by profession. A number of her short stories have been published.

Together with Langston Hughes, and a number of others of the group, Miss West made an extended tour through Turkestan last summer and fall. The contract which she has signed with the Meschabom Film Company will give her a part in a new picture being produced under the direction of Eck, who took charge of the production "The Road to Life" which has had great popularity in America.

All the other members of the group of 22 who are still in the USSR, have secured congenial work.

## PRISONS AND PRISONERS

by Clifford C. Mitchell

We have all read the account of the prisoner in an Eastern prison who sent a touching poetic plea to his sentencing judge—and we all know the results. The judge could have arranged the prisoner's immediate release but first wanted proof that the prisoner had developed his talents to the extent that he was worthy of judicial and executive clemency.

When put to the test the prisoner could not produce anything further in the poetic line and eventually admitted that he had stolen the words from a poem he had read and converted it to his own use, hoping thereby to attract sufficient attention and consideration to obtain his freedom.

The circumstances of the above case indicates that prisoners, no matter where located, realize the advantage of portraying an excellent showing of prison accomplishment. It also indicates that the people in the free world are willing to respond and aid any prisoners whose showing merits consideration.

There is a valuable lesson taught in the Eastern prisoner's misguided attempt to plagiarize and cash in on someone else's ability. His futile efforts proved to the authorities that he was not ready for his freedom. He stole to get in prison and he stole in an attempt to get out of prison, with only himself the loser in both instances.

Some time ago I read an excellent book on present-day economics, "Respectfully Submitted," by Harold G. Aron, and from it I shall offer a quotation that is quite fitting for this particular theme: "Be only that, of which you may justly be proud."

No sane or rational prisoner can possibly go wrong if he lives up to the above motto. You do not need a rule book, a guardian or a censor in order to follow its teachings.

No matter what line of prison endeavor you are engaged in there are many opportunities by which you can make a favorable showing and one that will stand the acid test. The "flash" artist may obtain the spotlight for a moment, but the very heat of the rays will melt the camouflage, leaving only the skeleton of the fakir.

The real artist, in prison or out, is the one who takes such pride in his work that he will not permit of a single flaw if it is within his power to make the job a work of perfection. If the workman has this thought in mind, it matters not what the vocation, he is an artist.

Recently I was watching a carpenter put a piece of moulding around a shelf. To me it seemed as though he made several unnecessary trips, and operations, just to get one particular piece to fit right. It was obvious that he could have been less painstaking and could have finished the job sooner than he did.

Finally, I questioned his method and he quickly replied: "I could have finished that space with left-over pieces but that wouldn't have been a

perfect job and my dad always taught me never to make a botch of any piece of carpenter work."

Indeed, that carpenter is an artist, and in his work he truly lives up to the motto of doing only that for which he may justly be proud. If each artist, in his own line, maintains the same spirit, he will find it unnecessary to plagiarize the thoughts, or actions, of others, and whatever he accomplishes will withstand the acid test.

"Be only that, of which you may justly be proud."

## "Maxie Miller Writes"

The "Eternal Triangle" Again—A Lazy Husband and A Generous "Sweet Man"—Worried Wife Liable To Be a Dead Wife—One Man at a Time is a Better Policy

(for advice, write to Maxie Miller, care of Literary Service Bureau, 516 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kan. For personal reply send self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

(The Literary Service Bureau)  
MAXIE MILLER: I am a married woman of a certain age, have two small children and I am in love with another man. My husband never has provided a living for us as he should and this other man gives me anything I want. It seems like I owe my best respect to the other man. I have never written you before but I have read so many of your letters and letters from others, that I believe you can help me, too—Worried Wife.

Worried Wife: You are most unfortunate to be tied to a man such as you report your husband to be. But you are wrong to be intimate with another man. You call it love, maybe so, but I fear it is just passion.

Talk matters over with your husband; tell him what you think of his neglect. But if possible, remain with your husband for the children's sake.

—MAXIE MILLER.

Mother Is Puzzled—Girl of 19 Can't Finish School and Wants to Marry—Mother Says "Too Young"—Man Industrious and Good—Better Marry Than Do Worse.

MAXIE MILLER: My daughter is 19, has finished high school but can't go to college because we are too poor. She wants to get married. I consider she is too young. The man is a nice fellow and industrious, but he is not educated and I think my daughter might get a husband of the educated class. She says she won't marry without my consent, but I do not know what to do. What—?

—Puzzled Mother.

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Puzzled Mother: Seems to me your stand is unreasonable. If your daughter cannot complete her education, how can you expect her to get an educated husband? If by any means she should, she could not meet requirements. Under the circumstances she is not too young, and it seems to me the sensible thing is for her to get married if she has found a man who is good, industrious, and who loves her. Get out of the way and let this girl have a chance to be happy.

—MAXIE MILLER.

## LOOKING BACK

by Videtta Ish

(The Literary Service Bureau)  
I am thirty. I stand on the crest of "the great divide" of womanhood. From this crest, I look back. I believe the school folks call it retrospection, or some such big thing. To me it's simply looking back. Way up here, at an altitude I never expected to reach, I see just lots and lots of things. I see the things gone by, and I see the right now things.

I think I'll just jam the have-beens and the right nows into a sack, invert the sack, shake out everything together and get what the wise folks call the watchu-callit? O, yes; the average. My! that's a big word for poor me to cough up! Well, that's the way I see it from my "great divide".

Looking back I see tragedies of childhood. I don't laugh at children's griefs, sorrows, and tragedies. The doll's head was broken; the cat broke her leg and became permanently lame; the dog got lost and never came home; and there were other sad happenings. Older people laughed, but to the children, they were heart-rending tragedies, spelled with capitals and underscored.

## Friendships of Childhood

(The Literary Service Bureau)

In their friendships, children are simplicity and sincerity personified. These early friendships are stronger and more permanent than generally considered. They are serious, too—to the children. Sometimes they grab a hold and keep it through a whole lifetime.

Children are resentful toward those who show unkindness toward their friends. Perhaps they are even more so when this unkindness is shown while such children are their guests.

Generally such attachments are between children of the same sexes. Sometimes there are between those of different sexes, but absolutely platonic. At other times, there is the sex element. Little sweethearts are not uncommon. There have been many instances where these early sweethearts have formed marriage unions.

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in after years. Wise parents and others who are reasonable will respect these early friendships and encourage them. Looking back, even now I almost feel the tide of resentment caused by unkindness toward my friends.

## HABITS

by A. B. MANN

Over Credulity

(The Literary Service Bureau)  
It is unfortunate to be sceptical or cynical. There are already too many sneering cynics in this old world, now. But, to be excessively credulous is more dangerous and more destructive than to be moderately cynical. Some people will believe anything, and everything. They would believe it if told that "the moon is made of green cheese," or that the stars "just go out," in the morning and "come on again," at night.

Many people believe all the flattery offered them not realizing that the flatters may have axes to grind. Some are foolish enough to believe every evil report concerning their neighbors. Believing every body to be sincere, and honest, very credulous persons make loans, endorse notes, go security, give recommendations and in other ways involve themselves to the extent that they suffer financial loss and serious embarrassment.

Paraphrasing, if scepticism has slain its thousands, excessive credulity has slain its tens of thousands. A bad habit this. Better "watch your corners."

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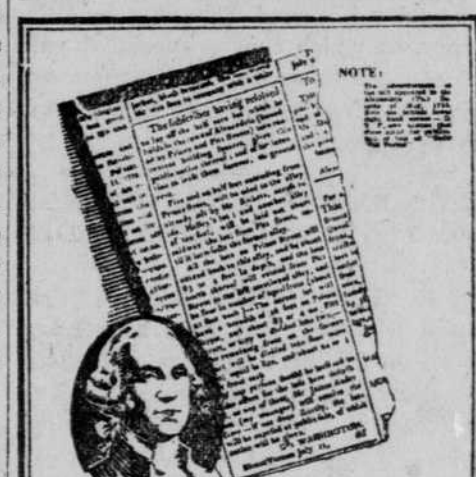
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## "PREVENTION OF AUTO-MOBILE ACCIDENTS"

by Victor W. Page

(Norman W. Heney Pub. Co., 2 West 45th Street, New York City)

This little book came off the press last October. Because of the importance of its text it should have been read and commented upon immediately upon its receipt. The fact, however that there is nothing racial about the book, caused me to delay, somewhat, its turn for study and comment.

Nevertheless, "Prevention of Automobile Accidents," costing but seventy-five cents, should be owned, or at least read, by every racial driver. And the pedestrians themselves would find it of considerable value to read and study this little book.

Just as the name describes, the text is written in language for the layman, with pertinent illustrations, describing and detailing the causes of most automobile accidents and illustrating ways to prevent same, along with many rules and pointers that will aid any motorist in obtaining the maximum results from his car at the least cost and degree of safety.

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