

"Johnny Horton's Political DOPE"

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WELL FOLKS! TECHNOCRACY: ITS SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASPECT!

The current topic looming in the mind of men is the debate over Technocracy. The noted advocate of this theory is Mr. Howard Scott, who gloomily refused to consider a detailed discussion of his figures or the honest-to-goodness truth that labor-saving devices build up some employment at least by releasing purchasing power and airily casts aside the difficulties involved in pricing commodities in terms of units of energy. His opponents, such as Mr. Sloan of General Motors on the other side, seem to be totally oblivious to breakdown all about them of the capitalistic system of economics and would have the people believe that adjustments economically were smooth and automatic.

The mutual obfuscation continues, the business panic penetrates to greater depths and we pass through our fourth winter of unemployment, with a possibility of a fifth, a sixth, and a seventh on the docket.

To this columnist here are but two answers to our present chaos and collapse. We must either devise an intelligently planned credit and money system which will put unemployed women and men and idle capital to work producing for human needs; or, we must socialize our productive mechanism for the same end. In so many words, society must serve as a deus-ex-machine to save capit-

alistic society from its occasional breakdown by creating at such times fresh money purchasing power for socially made purposes or else step in and MANAGE INDUSTRY ITSELF. This last development seems almost inevitable; it probably will materialize in due course of time, and unless the first step is acted upon it will come much sooner rather than in the remote distance.

Skilled engineers will be of vital importance in either of the above named ventures, and their support for a new order is an almost necessary prerequisite for its success. For the Technocrats and the public to think that the owners of industry will voluntarily abdicate in order that the engineers may run society is but another out-cropping of that wildly romantic optimism which has so befuddled the average American mind and made us the largest consumer of patent medicines in the civilized world. Struggle and Organization will win POWER; nothing else will do this job. A militant organization of workers by brain and hand into Unions. Bodies of the unemployed and active Political Parties is what we need in this country. Should final catastrophe come, only such bodies as these could save society from dissolution and mad terrorism, and organize it effectively for the future years. To the degree that the gospel of Technocracy may serve to energize men and women to participate in this active way, it will be a great boon. However, should we expect that the "Tower of Babel" would fall with the mere sounding of the Technocratic trumpet, then we shall most decidedly be deluding ourselves and swallowing in another of the social nostrums which we have for long depended upon to grasp us from our puzzling and ever present troubles.

Birth of Much Needed Organization Effected!

The Community Civic Improvement Club, is perhaps, a very much needed enterprise formed to effect much needed improvements in general within our immediate environs. Some of the most finest moves to be made in this organization will be to delegate an investigation committee to report as to the conditions of our housing problems, our sewerage troubles, our streets, and our alleys, etc. It is finally agreed that on the account of the impending city election that it would be a great step to initiate should this Club help in their meek and humble manner in the endorsement of those worthwhile candidates who would agree to give Colored people more jobs and positions on a basis of the competency of individual to hold same in the event those endorsed candidates win; these are the principles of said organization.

Five ideas, aren't they folks? They are worthy of deep consideration and a just trial!

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ASA D. HERRING, COUNTY FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT, HELD FOR MURDER

Raleigh, NC., (CNS) The arrest of Asa D. Herring, Sampson County farm demonstration agent, and four other race representatives at Dunn, Harnett County, for murder, caused a sensation in mid-central N. Carolina last week. Herring is the husband of the Negro school supervisor of Harnett County. Herring's father was an influential Negro leader of Sampson County for forty years, dying three months ago at the end of a life of signal usefulness in the service of his people as teacher and farm agent in Sampson County, just to the south of Dunn.

The five men were lodged in jail and charged with the first degree murder of Jacob Hill, prominent Clinton Negro. Herring is held as chief accessory before the fact, Hill, brother-in-law of Herring, was found dead by police on the morning of January 16 on a byroad one mile north of Dunn with a .32 caliber pistol ball in the head. Hill's car was found 200 yards from the dead body stained with blood.

The arrest in quick succession last Friday of Johnny Lee, 21, Paul Holmes, 23, Asa D. Herring, 35, Joe Ham, 27, and Howard Williams, 28 came as a great surprise to the general public but it was the result of information given the Dunn police that tended to show that the murder of Hill had been planned for several weeks at the instigation of Herring who is alleged to have promised to pay Johnny Lee the sum of \$200.00 to pull the job. At least two trips were said to have been made to Clinton before Christmas at night to carry out the murder plot.

Johnny Lee claims to have been paid since the murder \$75 of the \$200 promised him by Herring. Information already given the police is that Johnny Lee on Sunday night, January 15, after securing Paul Holmes as a companion, enticed Jake Hill who was visiting Herring to go with them out on a byroad a mile north of Dunn to get some stolen goods which Lee and Holmes are supposed to have hidden in the woods. It was on this ride that Jake Hill was shot through the head while in the car. Johnny Lee fled from the car with the pistol, later found in possession of Dave Robinson to whose home Lee went after the killing. Holmes said he started off with Hill's car leaving the dead man by the side of the road, but abandoned the car a short distance from the scene of the crime. It appears that Howard Williams was not in on the killing, he being implicated only in an abortive attempt in Clinton three weeks prior to the actual killing in Dunn.

The murdered man and his wife, Herring's sister, were stopping at Herring's house in Dunn on the night of the murder. It is claimed that Herring took his sister back to Clinton early on the morning following the disappearance of Hill without reporting the disappearance of Hill to the police, either in Dunn or Clinton.

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ation you have given, and the same I am sure, will be magnified in each Colored home.

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Respectfully yours,

Dr. G. B. Lennox.

FORCING GUARDIANSHIP ON AGED WOMAN TENDS TO DISSIPATE HER BANK ROLL

Knoxville, Tenn., (CNS) After more than twelve years Mrs. Lizzie White, age 70, of this city, who by careful management accumulated more than \$2,000 and successfully guarded it from sharks and crooks, finds herself a ward in the hands of a guardian.

Dr. S. M. Clark, who recently found that Mrs. White, a patient carried \$2,000 in her stocking, filed a petition in Knox County Court requesting that he be appointed guardian for the aged woman who has no close relatives. The case came up for examination and decision in the Knox County Court last week and although the petition was opposed by many, the aged woman was declared incompetent and Dr. Clark was appointed her guardian.

The action is termed by many as "one of the most flagrant and ridiculous outrages ever perpetrated on an inoffensive, defenseless woman."

The News-Sentinel, a white daily of the city in editorial comment on the case, under the caption, "She Stayed Out of Court" said:

"Down on Vine Avenue the other day, 'Aunt Lizzie' White, aged and thrifty Negro woman, was being examined by Dr. S. M. Clark, Negro, who discovered a 'tumor' on her leg. The bulge beneath her stocking turned out to be a roll of bills totaling point a guardian for 'Aunt Lizzie.' \$2,960.

"Dr. Clark filed a petition to ap. A jury held her incompetent, George W. McDade was made temporary guardian and that cost 'Aunt Lizzie' \$25. John Huff, attorney filed the petition for Dr. Clark and that cost 'Aunt Lizzie' \$50. Now Dr. Clark has been made temporary guardian. Later, he too, may apply for a fee for his services. The average guardian's fee totals about five per cent. So Dr. Clark may collect, if he wishes, about \$100.

"Aunt Lizzie," it is estimated is about 70 years old now. Incompetent or not, she had sufficient wisdom to accumulate and hold on to her fortune.

"Perhaps we misunderstand. Perhaps it is the purpose of all these legal moves to return 'Aunt Lizzie's' hoarded cash to circulation. This may be a great social good, but it is proving costly to 'Aunt Lizzie.'"

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VOLUNTEERS WRECK CONDEMNED BUILDING

Washington (CNS) A gross misunderstanding concerning the legal meaning of the word "condemned", in the Southwest section of the city, leads a group of volunteer house wreckers to swoop down on a building so placarded at 419-421-423 First street, southwest, and dismantle the structure in short order.

It seems that great numbers of the populace in the Southwest section think that when a building is condemned it can be dismantled by whoever will and the materials appropriated and utilized in any manner whatsoever.

Leastwise that is the impression Fourth Precinct police obtained from their investigation of the razing of two-story brick dwelling at 419 and 421 First St., southwest, and the partial dismantlement of the third at 423. The wrecking of the buildings apparently was only an overnight job.

James Thompson, 42, colored, 142 C street, southwest, was taken into custody in connection with the case and was held on a charge of investigation. Thompson said that some one told him that the buildings had been condemned, that the materials were

free for the taking and he might as well "come on over and get some of it."

This is the second time that Fourth Precinct police have been confronted with the unauthorized wrecking of buildings and the theft of the materials. About a year ago they were confronted with a similar case when building near the Capital were wrecked.

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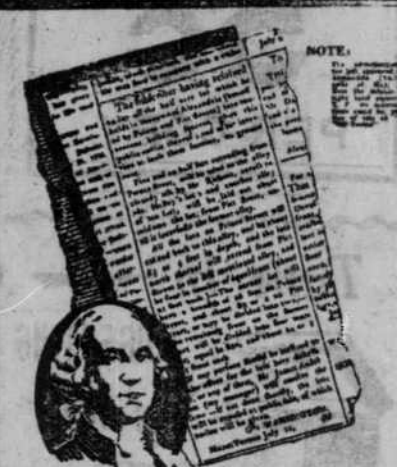
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