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THE PUZZLE MAKERS.

Judging from the news and advertising columns of the many "exchanges" constantly reaching me the people seem to have gone "puzzle-made". Why, even locally, we are forced to step and move cautiously for fear of upsetting the puzzle of some acquaintance.

Whether the cause of this sudden "puzzle-craze" is one of design or mere coincidence there is good psychology in back of it. What with the chaotic state of the world, and our own nation in particular, one needs to be "puzzle-minded" in order to maintain a normal mental balance.

But for an intensely complicated puzzle I invite any one to try and assemble the many thousands of notations contained in my files on every conceivable racial subject, and make an orderly and consistent whole out of the many parts.

Either the puzzle parts (news dispatches contained in the racial "exchanges") are woefully in error or else our leaders, our writers, our propaganda publicists are super-excellent opportunists and their victory lies not in consistency but in mere head-line splurges.

I often wonder if our various leaders think that their activities, real and announced, are carefully recorded and tabulated from week to week, and year to year? Surely, they cannot believe so, or else they themselves do not keep any record of their own actions, hence their constant inconsistencies which make them excellent puzzle makers.

Instead of writing in parables it may be my good fortune, some day, to find myself so situated that in writing I can give concrete examples, with names, dates, and a complete analysis of the inconsistencies of many of our puzzle makers. In the mean time our close readers will have no difficulty in grasping my references.

These situations are national. We can commence at the nation's capital where our leaders whose very existence is derived from the activities of "jim-crow" organizations and whose cry is the loudest against all other "jim-crow" activities, and cite example after example in every large center where our people exist in large numbers.

We can go into the communities where our people are clamoring for opportunities and after they get them the protests are long and loud because the opportunities were handed to them on a brass tray instead of a golden one.

If some writer should actually depict true conditions, giving specific details, etc., he would go down in history as one of the greatest American humorists, while readers would laugh themselves to sleep while decrying

that such conditions couldn't possibly be true. I'm almost tempted to hang the puzzle makers in effigy.

PILGRIM WILL CELEBRATE PASTOR'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY, MARCH 19th, 1933

Members and friends of the Pilgrim Baptist Church will celebrate the Third Anniversary of their Pastor, Rev. J. H. Dotson and family, Sunday afternoon March 19th at three o'clock p. m. Rev. C. C. Harper, pastor of Zion, his choir and congregation will be present and deliver the sermon for the occasion. It will be remembered that Rev. Dotson came to Pilgrim from Indianapolis, Ind., three years ago January 1st, and his leadership has been felt not only at Pilgrim but throughout the city and state. He is also president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. A good program will be rendered and the public is invited to be present and show their appreciation to one who is worthy.

NAACP, PROTESTS A. A. U. MAN CALLING METCALFE "COON"

New York, March—Letters protesting the reference to Ralph Metcalfe, champion sprinter and Olympic games star, as a "coon" by Gustave Kirby of the AAU, have been sent to radio station WMCA, and the AAU by the national office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and by Alexander F. Miller, president of the Brooklyn branch of the NAACP.

Saturday night in Madison Square Garden, immediately after the great Marquette university sprinter had beaten Emmett Toppino of New Orleans in the 60-yard dash in new world's record time, Kirby came to the microphone to say a few words on the race. He blabbed out "How that coon did run!" The regular station announcer immediately apologized over the air for Kirby's remark. WMCA is a local New York station and is not a member of the network.

The letters of protest pointed out that Metcalfe helped his country win the Olympic games and that probably in no other country in the world would a champion be insulted by such a reference to his race and color. AAU officials were asked to instruct their staff to refrain from using degrading and insulting racial epithets. Persons who wish to protest should write Daniel Ferris, secretary Amateur Athletic Union, 233 Broadway, New York City.

PROMINENT COMMUNITY LEADER BURIED

Mrs. Estelle Tribue Craig, prominent club woman, died Monday evening February 27th, at the Methodist Hospital after five weeks illness.

This community has suffered a great loss in passing of Mrs. Craig. She was much loved by all who knew her. Her life was spent in the welfare of others. She was also very active in church and fraternal organizations.

Funeral services were held from Zion Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Walter Craig, a brother, other relatives and a host of friends.

WELL KNOWN ORCHESTRA IN NASHVILLE, TENN.

The well known orchestra of King Oliver can be heard every Monday and Saturday over WSM, Nashville, Tenn., from five until five-thirty at the Ridgeway Inn, Nashville, Tenn. "De Bo" Mills, sensational drummer, is one of King Oliver's dependable men. He is the nephew of J. W. Cotton of Oklahoma City. "De Bo" wishes his many friends to tune in over WSM for good music and snap entertainment.

Three Defenders of Scottsboro Boys



THREE LEADERS OF SCOTTSBORO LEGAL DEFENSE CORPS

From left to right, Samuel S. Leibowitz, of New York, General George W. Chamlee, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Joseph Brodsky, I. L. D. lawyer, who will appear in Scottsboro court to demand a change of venue for the new trial of the Scottsboro boys, March 6. General Chamlee is chief defense attorney. Mr. Leibowitz, probably the best known criminal attorney in the country, who has volunteered his services to the ILL. on behalf of the Scottsboro boys, will conduct the defense in the court room. Mr. Brodsky has been associated with the case from the first, and will continue to act as associate counsel. Other lawyers of the ILL. Scottsboro defense battery are Irving Schwab of New York, who is now in Birmingham, and John H. Geer, and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., brilliant young Negro attorneys of Atlanta, Ga., who are also conducting the defense of Angelo Herndon and the Atlanta Six for the ILL.

DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IS BANNED BY INDIANA HOUSE BILL

Indianapolis, Ind., March—The house of representatives on February 25 passed a bill which bars discrimination because of race or color in the giving of employment on state and municipal building projects. The bill is to come up for a vote in the senate today (March 3) and is expected to pass.

Representative Henry J. Richardson, Jr., introduced and pushed the bill through the house practically single handed. It is the same bill suggested by the NAACP last year and introduced in the U. S. Congress last year by Representative Joe Crail of California. Mr. Crail drafted his bill after consulting the NAACP, California branch. Representative Richardson took the Crail bill as a model. It was sent to Indianapolis January 30 by Walter White, secretary of the NAACP.

ONLY 400 NEGROES ATTEND JIM CROW "GREEN PASTURES"

Washington, D. C.—March—A slim crowd of only 400 colored people attended the special jim crow performance of "The Green Pastures" at the National theatre here February 26. The newspapers, the ministerial alliance and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which all fought vigorously against the jim crowing were glad that out of the 132,000 Negroes in Washington only 400 stooped to jim crow themselves, but A. S. Pinkett, secretary of the NAACP, branch said: "Those were just 400 too many; the theatre would have been empty if we had proper race pride." Practically no "leading" Negroes were present and observers said not a single Elk was in attendance. The Elks cancelled a contract they had made and Grand Exalted Ruler Finley Wilson announced the Elks would sponsor no jim crow performance for Negroes.

RESORT MANAGER, TARGET OF JIM CROW CHARGES, NOT RE-HIRED

White Plains, N. Y., March—Frank W. Darling, who has been manager of Playland at a salary of \$28,000 a year, had his contract held up here, February 27, by the board of supervisors, of Westchester county. The board voted not to renew Darling's contract which expired March 1, until a committee investigating his conduct of the county resort had made its report. The committee has been hearing charges of mismanagement of Playland and has heard also many witnesses presented by the NAACP.

"The Nebraska Legislature"

(by O. J. BURCKHARDT)

After four days of rest on the part of the Senate, during which time the House continued to mill around themselves, The Senate and House both settled down to business Monday afternoon.

Monday night, the leaders of the House mobilized their strength together for a decisive vote on the administrative Stringfellow Bill to reduce motor vehicle license fees and modify motor trucking restriction. I said to you last week that I was positive this bill would become a law and I was not alone in my opinion, most of the legislators thought so. I refer now to the Road Committee Bill, House Roll Number 195. The Democratic leaders thought they had the necessary two thirds margin to put the reduced rate into immediate effect, but this bill, like many others, died before a volume of fire in the house this morning.

The Senate directed their attention this morning to a resolution that had been presented by Senator John Boelts to appoint a regular spokesman through whom the wishes and recommendations of the governor would be made known to the Legislature. After a brief discussion this morning, the resolution was not only rejected but it was voted to expunge it from the records. The putting of the voting machine into service was passed upon by the Senate Monday afternoon following the Supreme Court's decision in the case on the legibility of the machine.

The House and Road Committee pulled a surprise Tuesday morning by reporting out favorable House Roll 226, a gas tax exemption measure. Action on this matter had not been expected until the committee had decided upon other gasoline tax bills before it.

At the afternoon meeting of the Senate, Judiciary Committee O'Malley Bill, House Roll 63, to re-organize the code department along the line outlined by Governor Bryan and put them under directors or other official heads instead of secretaries. This was voted out to general file.

Senate file 198 to give beet laborers a prior lien on the crop as security for their payments. This bill was defeated by Senator McCarter who pleaded that it would seriously handicap the beet growers.

This afternoon, the House has received the Newbauer Bill and amended it by making the auto licenses \$3.00, \$5.00 on all cars under 2800. This bill has the favor of the committee as a whole. The vote stood 82 to 11 in its favor. It will now be brought back to the Senate for approval and it is again conceded that it will become a law with the emergency clause which will make it effective at once.

The banking affair is claiming much thought on the part of the law makers. I think by next week's report we can tell you that the auto's license has been permanently settled.

A Beaconlight To Negro Financial Progress

33 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE Income Over 2 Million Dollars

Officials of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, foremost financial organization of its kind in the world, issued a public statement this week announcing that the Durham company has passed the four-million dollar asset mark. The statement reads in part as follows:

"1932 proved to be a trying year. One of the most striking features of the year was the decreased national buying power, which came about primarily because of the decrease national earning power. The highest purposes and noblest ambitions of the institution of life insurance are to underwrite the national earning power which, in turn, safeguards and protects the equilibrium of our national purchasing power. It is recognized that in proportion as the national earning and purchasing powers are underwritten, so is the future of our nation removed from the ravages of depressions.

"The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company is carrying on among the Negro group with the same high and noble purposes and ambitions that permeate the institution of life insurance as practiced by other American life insurance companies.

DE PRIEST FETE NELL HUNTER

Washington—Mrs. Nell Hunter of Durham, a member of "The Green Pastures" cast, as a dinner guest of Congressman and Mrs. Oscar De Priest in their U Street residence here last week before the company left city.

NATIONAL BENEFIT PAY \$896.27 CLAIM TO LOCAL MAN

On March 1st, Mr. H. L. Anderson, Omaha District agent for the National Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Washington, received a check for \$896.27 as payment on a life policy held by the beneficiaries of John W. Moore, 1919 Ave. C., Council Bluffs, Ia.

TO HONOR NEW PASTOR AND WIFE

On March 17th, the members of St. John's Church will give a reception and banquet in honor of their new Pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Bryant.

TO PRESENT A CANTATA

The Imperial Choir of which Mr. Scott is president and the S. A. Dotts Club, whose president is Mrs. Anderson, will present "The Nazarene", a cantata at Zion Baptist Church, Thursday evening, March 16th at 8 p. m.

DIES OVER WASH TUB

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Gertrude Wells, 51 years old, 2328 Walnut street, collapsed at laundry work about 9 a. m. Monday at 6123 McPherson avenue, where she had been employed for 20 years. She was dead when taken to City Hospital No. 2, where death was attributed to heart failure. Her employer said she appeared to be in good health when she started to work.

COMMUNITY CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM NEAR COMPLETION

A movable stage and chairs were erected in the Assembly Room of the Community Center this week. This room is expected to be completed in a few days.

The equipment for the dental clinic was installed last Friday.

The Executive Committee intends to get the building ready for the center activities by April 1st.

PINK PAJAMAS???

SECY OF INTERIOR IS FORMER PRESIDENT OF NAACP. BRANCH

NEW SECRETARY OF INTERIOR PROMISES SQUARE DEAL TO ALL

New York, March—Harold L. Ickes new secretary of the Interior in President Roosevelt's cabinet, has written the NAACP, thanking it for the telegram of congratulations sent by Walter White and promising a square deal to all. The letter:

"I especially appreciate the cordial and friendly telegram received from you under date of February 23, while I am at the head of the department of the Interior I hope that every citizen, regardless of race or creed, will feel that he is getting a square deal. I shall welcome help and suggestions from you at any time."

Mr. Ickes was president of the Chicago branch of the NAACP in 1922, 1923 and 1924. He and Mrs. Ickes are both contributors to the work.

NEGRO APPOINTED TO MICHIGAN PARDON BOARD

Detroit, Mich.—Announcement has been made of the appointment of Charles A. Diggs, young undertaker as a member of the State Pardon Board by Commissioner of Pardons and Parole Alfred Debo. It is said the appointment came as recognition of Diggs' activities on behalf of the Democratic Party in the last campaign.

TO HEAR PENNSYLVANIA JIM CROW SCHOOL CASE

Harrisburg, Pa.—A hearing will be held here Mar. 2, by Attorney General William Schnader to decide whether he should join in a suit against the school board of Berwyn, Pa., over the exclusion of more than 200 Negro pupils from newly built township school. Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia is acting on behalf of the parents. The suit has been held up on various technicalities one of which was the requirement that the attorney general of the state join them.

WAR ACE AND NEGRO ROBBER KILLED

Hollywood, Calif.—Glenn Paul Rogers, World War pilot, was shot to death early Saturday morning, Feb. 25, in a police chase here in which he participated, resulting in the killing of Richard Wells, Negro, who was identified as the "purple masked" robber who had been responsible for scores of robberies. Rogers and Wells were killed in an exchange of shots between police and Wells.

Dr. Lennox On the Job

THIS BOOKLET Is Issued to help you understand the Federal Home Loan Bank System. The Act became a law July 22, 1932. Twelve Banks are now in operation.

The Home Loan Bank law is sound and in the main satisfactory and constructive legislation. The building and loan associations of the United States are unalterably opposed to any change in the law until it has had a chance to demonstrate its usefulness. Over 1,650 associations have committed themselves to purchase over \$12,000,000 worth of stock in the Home Loan Bank System, upon the invitation of Congress. A like number will purchase stock as soon as State Legislatures convene and pass proper legislation. We respectfully suggest that the few months which have passed since the law was passed are sufficient time for any national financial system to get into full swing and that criticism and comment, without careful study of the whole situation and problem, only impede the rapid progress that, in our judgment is being made at the present time.

The record indicates that both the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Land Bank System spent nearly a year in organization work before their first loans were made. Already Home Loan Banks have made advances to member institutions on the definite understanding that these funds be retailed to home owners by these newly admitted member institutions.

(Continued next week)