

"This and That...."

by CIFFORD C. MITCHELL

PREPARING THIS PERSONAL COLUMN:

A reader wants to know how I remember everything that happens during the week and which is recorded in this personal column. Frankly, I don't remember. I have a working system and it's very simple. For every communication received, whether it is a letter, card, circular, newspaper, magazine, book, manuscript, etc. I record the essential contents on a card and merely file the card, temporarily in a "This and That" file. The same procedure is followed on everything I read, only in the latter

case the cards are filed in various files, all depending on which of my six weekly features it is most appropriate to write or comment upon. Isn't that simple, though?

Right now, there are easily 150 cards sorted out on a table in front of me, all of which have accumulated in the "This and That" file since last Sunday. I'll be lucky if I can in this release "cover" even a third of these accumulations. And the same thing is true nearly every week.

Now that I have taken so much room to explain the secret of my "wonderful memory" as my correspondent expressed it the rest of my comments will have to be written in staccato fashion.

More different books arrived last week than any week since last Christmas. "Banana Bottom" by Claude McKay, from Harper & Bros., New York; "William Fox" from the pen of, and published by Upton Sinclair, Los Angeles; "Rosicrucian Questions" by Wisnar S. Cerve, all four books from the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, San Jose, California.

The April issues of New Masses: Birth Control Review, and the May Short Wave Craft, were the current magazines received.

After an absence of many months the Newark (N. J.) Herald, and the Charlotte (N. C.) Post are being received again with the many weekly "exchanges".

The Southern Negro World, L. H. King, editor, of West Palm Beach, Florida, arrived with "Digesting the News" right on the front page. Incidentally, the following papers have been using the same release as a front page feature for many months; Portland (Oregon) Advocate; Omaha, (Nebr.) Guide; Detroit Independent; Colorado (Denver) Statesman; Columbus (Ohio) Voice; Negro Star (Wichita, Kansas); Cape Fear Journal (Wilmington, N. C.); Waco (Texas) Messenger; and, on occasions, many others of the ninety-six papers

who have so far used it.

Many thanks to the Portland Advocate, and the Kansas (Topeka) Whip, for commencing the use of this personal (T&T) column. That makes nineteen papers in six weeks. It took me a whole year, three years ago, to get that many papers to use the first weekly feature I put out.

Some miscellaneous acknowledgments:

Thanks to the McDowell Times (Keystone, W. Va.) and the St. Louis American for the special feature stories they ran concerning my efforts—the personal letter from W. Sidney Pitman, editor of Brotherhood Eyes (the most unique colored paper in the country), Dallas, Texas. Letter from A. B. Whitlock, publisher of the Gary American, offering me the use of his plant facilities, etc. Letter from "Book" Lawton, writer, Clay Center, Kansas. Eugene Lucas, editor of the Whip, Topeka, Kas. George W. Powell, publisher, Florida (Jacksonville) Sentinel. J. Edw. McCall, editor Detroit Tribune. Daniel Ryerson, literary agent, Chicago. V. H. Crusselle, Organizer, College Park, Ga. John S. Melden, president Defender Laboratories, New York, asking me to recommend some colored persons suitable to act as their representatives. And a gang of Easter cards, especially that one from "Mother".

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have demanded all the officials to cooperate in reducing their operating expenses. In this respect I have materially reduced my force and also the wages of those remaining. At the present time the taxpayer demands retrenchment and I am in full accord with his wishes and am doing all in power to lessen his burden.

There is no possibility of employing anyone in my department in the immediate future. However, when Spring comes, I hope that I shall be able to place some of your people doing road work.

Yours very truly,
L. E. Adams,
County Surveyor.

February 7, 1933

Mr. L. E. Adams,
County Surveyor,
Court House Bldg.,
City.

Dear Mr. Adams:
I highly appreciate your letter of February 3rd in reply to the one written regarding employment of a Colored representative in your department.

I realize it is a difficult time to secure employment, but I am only seeking that to which we are entitled. All departments I also realize are putting forth efforts to cut expenses, and naturally are discharging instead of taking on, but the facts presented to you as they were, I thought you

would appreciate knowing that we are supporters of your department as well as others, and should have this consideration.

We are depending upon you to give us same as soon as the opportunity presents itself, and the road work for our group this Spring will be more than appreciated and needed.

The Working Men's Commission greatly appreciate the interest you have manifested and if it is impossible to secure employment immed-

ately, we are looking for same in the near future.

Thanking you very much for your consideration, and any future manifestation you may give, I am,

Very truly yours,
Dr. G. B. Lennox, President,
Working Men's Commissioners,
2122 N. 24th Street.

DAN B. BUTLER

Candidate for city commissioner at the coming election next Tuesday, May 2, is a tried and true friend of the colored people.

He was the first candidate for city commissioner to declare himself publicly in favor of giving the colored people their proper recognition in the way of employment.

When he was in charge of the street department he employed 19 colored men, more than any other street commissioner has ever employed.

He was also the first commissioner to employ a colored man as foreman in the street department. In many instances he has proven himself a friend of our race.

About 10 years ago when some of the directors of the Omaha Athletic Club sought to discharge the waiters who worked there for years, Dan Butler who was living at the club, led the fight that prevented their discharge and kept a number of colored men in their jobs.

These things are a matter of record. They show that Dan. B. Butler will prove himself a supporter of our race in the city hall.

A vote for Dan B. Butler next Tuesday will be a vote for the best interests of the colored people and give us assurance that we will have a loyal friend in the city council.

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