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**"DIGESTING THE NEWS"**

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**A WHITE MAN SPEAKS**

Since I have vowed to turn this column over to a digest of conditions that will help the Negro in Business the responses and suggestions arriving in the mail give me greater courage and inspiration to try to accomplish something most needy and to use my protest in a manner to best help ourselves not particularly caring whether it meets the approval or disapproval of those who think of protests in the form of nation-wide campaigns to collect money to be used in making bigger and greater protests.

One of the most encouraging messages—and quite lengthy—arrives from a white man in Atlanta, Georgia, and while it is encouraging to me because it justifies my position in the use of this column—yet, it is a very great blot on the race and in a community where we boast of many of the leading schools and churches of the country. I am unable to quote his entire letter but I will offer many quotations from it which, without any comment from me, tells the whole story.

"I have just read your 'HELPING THE NEGRO IN BUSINESS' and I have gone over it very carefully and am taking this opportunity to make plain a few facts."

"I am a southern born and bred white man, but have a sincere desire to help the colored man."

"At various times I have attempted to help the colored man to help himself, not by giving him charity, but by trying to make him self-supporting. Never yet have I undertaken such a task as it seems to be to get this started. I have contacted the leaders of the race here and without exception they are enthusiastic and heartily endorse and approve what I suggest doing but they hesitate to get busy on the job. They want to get in on it and ride for the pecuniary gain there is in it and not for the good that it will and can do for the race."

"Never have I heard so many conflicting statements made, nor such a wide difference of opinions among a group of men who should have a single purpose. Some of the crowd say, 'Do not see such and such a person' for they are not with us and belong to a different set. Another will say 'By all means see such and such a person' and it will be diametrically opposite what the former will say. It is no wonder to me now that some wrongs go along with out effort being made for redress since there is no unity among them. Instead of presenting a solid phalanx to the front, there are little scattered bunches or cliques to whom nobody pays any attention."

"I tell you that if every Negro dollar deposited in Atlanta banks was deposited in the Negro bank, that institution would overnight take the place with the three big white institutions in Atlanta and instead of Atlanta having three big ones there would be four. There are millions of dollars in cash deposited in the banks here that belong to Negro depositors and less than 2 percent of it is in the Negro bank. If the assets of the bank were increased they would be in better shape to lend money to Negro merchants and other enterprises conducted by the colored population."

I could fill up twice this amount of space in quoting from the letter just received from the prominent white Atlantian but enough has been written to indicate what "thinkers" think of the pitiable plight of the Negro not being willing to help himself. And the condition in Atlanta is but typical in practically every community in the country that has an appreciable colored population.

## 13 Lynchings for '33

**NEW YORK**—Thirteen lynchings recorded in the first six months of 1933 are reported in a survey made public by the International Labor Defense today. Eleven of the victims were Negroes, and two white.

The list drawn up by the I. L. D. lays no claim to being complete, it was pointed out, but contains only those lynchings which have been publicly reported. It does not take into account the increasing number of police killings of Negroes, which are becoming more popular as substitutes for the old-fashioned lynchings for which mobs of hundreds were often organized; nor does it count legal lynchings which have also become more popular with the white ruling class as it becomes more difficult even in the South to draw white workers into lynch gangs, or to stem the tide of mass protest from Negro and white workers following such mob lynchings.

Many lynchings, it was also pointed out, were also pointed out.

**EIGHT MILLION FUND FOR PALESTINE ASKED**

Chicago, Ill., July—The Jews of America today were called upon to raise a fund of eight million dollars in a "four year plan" of colonization in Palestine, to afford a haven for persecuted Jews and to appeal to the several governments and the League of Nations to put th plan in effect.

At the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, a resolution to that effect was adopted.

**WOMAN STABBED WITH ICE PICK SEVERAL TIMES**

Florence Herman, 1835 1/2 North 23rd St., was stabbed several times in the left arm and back with an ice pick in the hands of Nona Smith,

same address, during a quarrel Friday. Both are Negroes. They are held on a charge of disturbance.

**S. C. GOVERNOR TERMS LYNCHING PLAN MURDER TO WHITE.**

**WASH STATE**

**COLUMBIA, S. C.**—The lynching of Norris Bendy, at Clinton, Laurins County, July 5 was termed "murder" by Governor Blackwood, in an effort to whitewash the state, noted for murder and lynching of Negroes, as well as for legal lynchings. "It's not a lynching, it's a murder," Governor Blackwood said. To back up his statement, he ordered an investigation, something not ordinarily considered necessary in South Carolina in the case of a lynching.

**MINISTERS IN BLOWS AT CHURCH MEETING**

**NEW YORK CITY**—(CNA)—Pandemonium broke loose last Friday night at the membership meeting of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 129 Street and Seventh Avenue, when Rev. Abner Brown, its pastor, struck and forced his assistant, Rev. Davis Licorice, in a heated argument.

Excitement reached such a high pitch that several members were forced to leave the meeting. The Pastor's wife fainted.

The fistcuffs followed a quarrel between the two ministers. Rev. Licorice had accused Rev. Brown of being drunk at the recent New England Baptist Conference and a blow in the mouth followed. Almost in the same breath, Rev. Brown ordered his assistants pay for Sunday preaching cut from \$10 to \$5 and to discontinue conducting the morning services.

A resolution will be offered by the Board of Deacons, asking for trial date to hear charges against the Pastor for "conduct unbecoming a minister."

**LEADING SOUTHSIDE BUSINESS MAN SUES WIFE FOR DIVORCE**

Mr. J. C. Harris, owner of the largest grocery store at 30th and R Streets, Southside, filed suit for divorce against his wife, Bertha. He alleges cruelty and asked for custody of the minor children, Lester 19, Kisle 17, Perry 13, and Clarence 8.

They were married in Toledo, Oklahoma in 1906. There are several children who are grown up.

Statement from Mr. Harris to the Omaha Guide: "I am undecided just yet as to what I will do. My mind is not just clear yet." When asked if he thought there would be any reconciliation, he said, "I do not know." We made further efforts to contact his wife, Mrs. Bertha Harris, but were unable to locate her.

## 'Negro and Union Labor

**BY J. HARVEY KERNS**  
Executive Secy Omaha Urban League

The recent distribution of the Unionist in the Negro Community and the recent interest manifested in the Ritz Theatre where efforts are being made to place two Negro motion picture operators, may be offered as a partial excuse for this article. The employment of Negroes in the Ritz Theatre Patrons versus Movie Operators. In other words, should a group comprising 99 percent of the patrons be permitted to have two of their number who are qualified to do the operating—or shall a closed organization with no special interest in the community save the few theatre jobs available dictate who shall be employed.

The National Federation of Labor early recognized the necessity of Negroes and whites working in harmony for the protection of the organization. The first of these delegate bodies to

**NEW DRIVE AGAINST TALLAPOOSA SHARECROPPERS**

**DADEVILLE, Ala.**—In a renewed drive against the share-croppers of Tallapoosa county, gangs under the leadership of the sheriffs of this and of Lee and Marion counties are scouring the countryside arresting those under indictment in connection with the defense of the croppers against attack at Reeltown last December. Simmie Simpson and Will Anderson, two of the Reeltown croppers have been arrested and are in jail here now.

**CAUGHT IN THE NET**

C. C. Dudley who has been on the Police force some 17 years, and Robert L. Turner who was replaced about two or three years ago, were caught in the net of the sweeping reduction of the Police department in an effort to budget the financial troubles. There were 49 Policemen laid off for an indefinite time. Special officers will be selected from this group.

**ALFRED JONES CONFINED TO HOSPITAL**

Alfred Jones, prominent caterer and club man, disappeared for three days, last week, and was found in the Jones Shining Parlor on 24th near Parker Street. He was confined to a local hospital for alcoholic treatment.

In an attempt to verify reported rumors questioning Mr. Jones' condition, The Omaha Guide called his residence and the following statement was made: "It is not true that Mr. Jones was found intoxicated and no report could be authentic unless it came from his physician, who is Dr. Wiggins, and I am sure he has not given out any such report. What you have is just street gossip." The Clerk of the District Court's office made

# M CRAE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

the following statement, "it is not true that Mr. Jones has been declared insane, but is in the hospital for drunkenness." His condition at the hospital was reported fairly good.

**EXTRA!**

There was a collision between a Joe Lewis Funeral Car and a car driven by Mrs. Cheyney, Thursday afternoon about 2:30. Mother Benson, who was in the car with Mrs. Cheyney was not seriously hurt. Mrs. Cheyney was taken to a local hospital in an ambulance for first aid.

**JAMES McRAE KILLED BY TRAIN EXPLOSION**

Two terrific explosions in quick succession, a blinding blast, a deafening roar, and steel messengers of death flying through the air. Over the Burlington tracks is a fog of flame and smoke. As it gradually clears away, people, who were knocked flat by the concussion of the tremendous blast, are seen jumping up and hurrying to safety.

Tuesday evening about 8:30 the Aksarben crack Burlington train, which had just arrived from Lincoln, exploded, killing 3, and injuring 17. Besides the Engineer and firemen, who were killed outright, James McRae, age 28, 2628 Decatur, a Negro Redcap, was struck by a flying missile, and mortally wounded, as he waited alongside the tracks, for the train to pull to a stop. He had been laid off for several weeks, and had only been recalled about 3 weeks before the accident. He was rushed to the St. Catherine Hospital where he died at 11:05.

McRae has been an employee at the Burlington station as a red cap for the past seven years. He was married to Miss Beatrice Beck seven years ago this coming August, and is the father of two children Velma, age 11 months

and Jean 4 years. He is also survived by his father, William McRae, Omaha and two brothers, George, of this city, and Charles of Detroit, Michigan; four sisters Charlotte Reeves, Sadie McCrae, Helen Key, all of Omaha, and Flora Mitchell, of Topeka, Kansas.

McRae was born and educated in Omaha and was a popular athlete in Technical High School. He was one of the founders and organizers of the Swastika Golf Club, and served as secretary and chairman of the membership committee, and was very popular among the Golfers of the middle-west. His body is at the Myers Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.

**HOUSE BURNS**

The home of Mr. Sam Turner, 2528 Blondo, caught fire Sunday about 11:15, and burned the entire rear. Not much damage was done to the front part of the house. No cause of the fire could be ascertained.

**BABY FOUND IN ASH CAN**

**NEW YORK CITY**—A baby was found abandoned in an empty ash can in New York City on July fourth.

The baby was evidently abandoned by parents desperate through starvation and the inability to provide food for the infant.

## Mrs. Lovetta Busch Makes Statement On "Cause of Divorce"

Mrs. Busch says it pays our women to think these days before they act. The acting Editor was asking Mrs. Busch what she thought was the trouble that so many of our group are in the divorce court here of late. Mrs. Busch, who is an authority on family relationships, and who has made a close study of the economic conditions of the family, especially in South Omaha, made the following statement in response to our inquiry: Our women act too speedily in things that confront them about their husbands in these days.

You know, Mr. Galloway, that men between 48 and 56 years old are some what peculiar, and hard to get along with. Some, at that age began to pay some attention to the younger women, and of course, that is as a rule, a short duration of time, for the men soon find out that the younger set is not concerned about their health, happiness, nor their future, and only gives their attention to them so far as the monetary consideration is concerned.

It would pay our women, of course to bear with their husbands if possible, and be cool and calm and never let their husbands know that they are aware of the existing conditions, and at the same time put forth every effort to beat the young miss in the things that she is not doing for men at this age. This is a consideration that women should give their husbands for the women have a similar period in life that the husbands will have to put the their thinking cap on in order to keep the family together. I think men and women of this age, especially where there are children should do every thing in their power to prevent evil thoughts from entering their minds about each other. In order to do this, of course, they will have to not pay any attention to what they hear or what people say.

I am in hopes that the many links that are attempting to be broken now will be reconsidered for the sake of their future home life for benefit of their children.

# MAKING OUR OWN JOBS

## Negro Boy Tells of Lynching of Mother

**BOSTON, Mass.**—News of the lynching of a Negro woman, near Birmingham, three weeks ago, was brought here today by the son of the woman murdered, Alexander Lawrence, who narrowly escaped death at the hands of the same mob.

About three weeks ago, according to the story told to the International Labor Defense by Lawrence, his mother, Elizabeth Lawrence, living about five miles from Birmingham, was walking along a road when a crowd of young children threw stones

and dirt at her. She scolded them severely, but did not touch them.

That night, she was murdered and her home burned down by a mob. Alexander was away at the time, and when he returned, he made a report to the county police. The only result was the reformation of the same mob, which threatened to lynch him. He escaped, and fled north to Boston.

The International Labor Defense has set machinery in motion for an investigation of this lynching from its Birmingham office.

## Northside "Y" Writes Mayor Towl and Finance Commissioner Butler

**MISS RACHAEL I. TAYLOR**  
Executive Secretary

The North Side Young Women's Christian Association representing in its membership more than three hundred girls and women is vitally concerned in all civic and social matters. Especially do we approve and support any efforts to secure fair treatment for those qualified members of the Negro group who seek equal opportunities in the business, educational and industrial worlds.

We do not ask a favor when we ask for fairness toward the Negro Movie Operator. We simply ask that Council justify the faith of men and women who made it possible for them to secure administrative power. A betrayal of this faith, expressed through one prejudiced act on the part of Council towards any race will be a keen disappointment to the membership of the North Side Young Women's Christian Association.

Power such as you possess and such as you can rightly use or misuse in the matter of the Negro Movie Operator is a challenge. The North Side Young Women's Christian Association awaits Council's answer to the call of duty, to fairness and to civic pride.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. J. A. Williams,  
Chairman  
Committee of Management  
Rachel I. Taylor  
Executive Secretary

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Since I have been in Chicago many letters have reached me from old correspondents, friends, and from entire strangers, in which at some point or another in the letter, the writer directly asks, hints, or suggests that I let them know if I hear of a job—steographer—clerk—or what—not—and try to put in a good word for them.

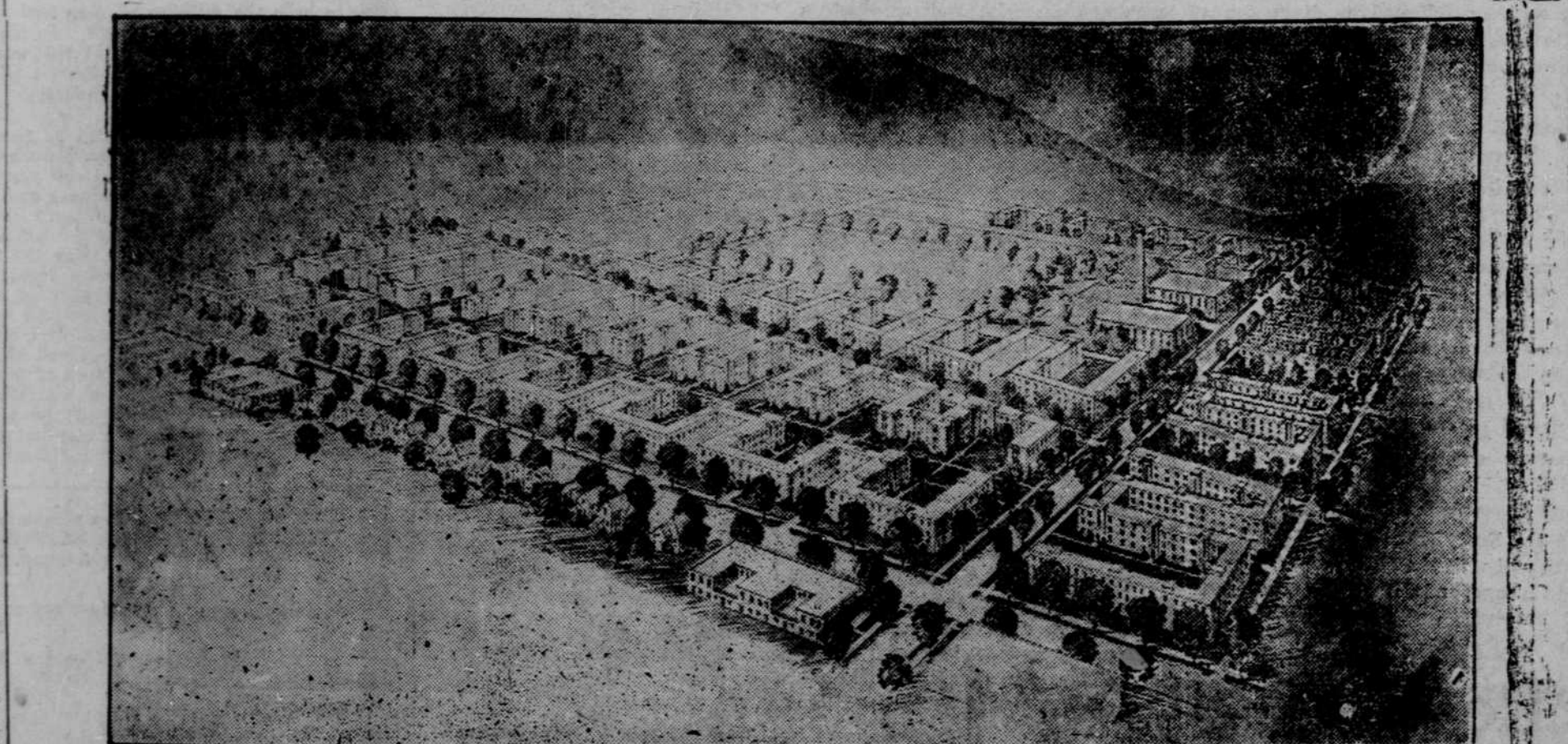
After reading several such letters in any one mail I usually feel greatly depressed to think of the many race boys and girls who have schooled and trained themselves for certain specific life work only to be denied an opportunity of pursuing such a course.

Snatching a moment from the busy routine of Mr. Harry H. Pace, president of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company I discussed these conditions with him—not particularly with a view of getting him to supply or secure any particular jobs but to get the reaction of a man of his standing in the business and financial world.

Not only did Mr. Pace supply me with a lot of the past literature of his company which gives facts and figures on racial employment by colored insurance companies but which most vividly placed the finger on the weak point by showing that

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## Proposed \$7,500,000 Project for Negro Housing in Toledo, Ohio



Architect's drawing of the proposed der charter of the Toledo Housing Corporation, the Executive Secretary of the Cor. President, \$7,500,000.00 Housing project for Negroes of the city of Toledo, Ohio. The project was promoted by Attorney Olander J. Smith who is white attorney and church worker is

**A REAL LIFE FEATURE**  
by Clifford C. Mitchell

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## GUILD TO PRODUCE SCOTTSBORO PLAY

"They Shall Not Die," by John Wesley Scheduled for Broadway Production in September

**NEW YORK**—"They Shall Not Die" is the title of a play by John Wesley announced by the Theatre Guild for production early in September. The play is built around the Scottsboro case and the International Labor Defense campaign to save the lives of the nine innocent Negro boys.

John Wesley is the author of two previous Broadway successes: "The Last Mile," of three seasons ago, and "Steel," produced in 1931.