

"KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES"



Fifty-Fifty!!!

The table was beautifully decorated with flowers and the place cards were baskets of artificial violets, which Mrs. Gray made.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Grady Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Llyod Gray, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Gray. A very delightful evening was spent at bridge.

"Y" Classes Close

Following an intensive and interesting twelve weeks class, the cooking and sewing classes of the North Side "Y" are closing for the spring term. Classes have been practical and well attended. The Opportunity School with Mrs. John Albert Williams as instructor has also closed.

"BLACK CABINET" COLUMNIST CHARGES UNAUTHORIZED SWITCH IN FOREMAN ARTICLE

Eugene Davidson Resigns Position On Staff Of Associated Negro Press As Protest Against "Unethical" Use Of Name Over Article; Laudatory Paragraphs Allegedly Substituted For Original Ones Playing White "Advisor On Negro Affairs"

Washington, D. C.—Charging that two thirds of the article on Clark Foreman, white, appearing in papers throughout the country as the sixth of a series on "The Black Cabinet in the New Deal" was not written by

him, unauthorized by him and contrary to his views on the matter, Eugene Davidson, Chief of the Washington Bureau of the Associated Negro Press has severed his connections with that organization.

The column, originated by Captain Davidson and subtitled "The Inside of the Out Circle," was being released by the Associated Negro press. Articles have appeared on Robert L. Vann, Henry A. Hunt and Eugene Knuckle Jones.

According to Mr. Davidson, Claude A. Barnett, director, of the Associated Negro Press wrote him that he was holding the Foreman article to await his (Davidson's) judgment as to the advisability of releasing it.

Davidson immediately replied saying that he thought it was bad policy not to release the Foreman article. "Because Foreman had behind him powerful influences," he said, "it might be concluded by some that the influences are able to reach the Associated Negro Press."

Without awaiting that answer, according to Davidson, the leading article omitted and another, portion substituted, and the whole release under the name of Eugene Davidson.

Viewpoints Differ The article appearing last week on Clark Foreman was laudatory and an apologetic, while the original Foreman article played the "Advisor" as being "a dangerous leader of the colored race." The printed article sought to justify the position of Foreman article played the "Advisor" original article called "the appointment of Clark Foreman a mistake which leaves the race but little better off and which leaves Dr. Foreman in a pitiable position."

Wires Disapproval According to Davison the following wire was sent to the Associated Negro Press when the substitute article appeared in print.

Release under my name of portions of Foreman article not written by me and contrary to my views unethical, unfair, unloyal, and definitely libelous. Injustice to myself must use every means to protect my name. Regret a break in relations so am suggesting easiest alternative: release for next week portions of article omitted with explanation that last portions of this week's release not written by me. Kindly accept or reject this proposition by 3 p. m. Saturday.

Davidson said he received no answer to this wire. He immediately sent to Chicago his resignation from the staff of the Associated Negro Press.

The Censored Column The censored portions of the release

are as follows: Clark Foreman is still on the payroll of the Rosenwald Fund, as is his secretary. Dr. Weaver is paid partly by the government and partly by the Rosenwald Fund. The other office assistant is paid by the government.

The appointment of Clark Foreman was not entirely satisfactory to the race. The N. A. A. C. P. sent a protest to the Department of Interior and newspapers throughout the country protesting vigorously against the placing of a white man in a position of advising on Negro affairs. But certain so-called leaders of the race had agreed that their race should be led by a white man—and there he is.

The appointment of Clark Foreman was a mistake, a mistake which leaves the race but little better off and which leaves Dr. Foreman in a pitiable position.

The time has come in the history of the race when it is never necessary to go outside race to find men sufficiently educated, sufficiently efficient and sufficiently patriotic to advise on Negro affairs. The few colored persons who still believe that a white man is needed to properly advise either the race or others on the race, deserve the hearty condemnation of loyal Negroes. Even white men, within themselves, condemn such weaklings. Dr. Foreman, himself, was hesitant about calling the names of the colored men who selected him. He said he would rather for the information to come from them.

Moreover no white man can properly feel the needs and aspirations of the race. Few white men fight enthusiastically for justice too the Negro. And there is always a subtle distrust of a white man, especially a southern white man, who professes an ardent race interest. Wild animals can be tamed, but sometimes the savage breaks out in them, and tamed lions have been known to bite the hand that feeds them.

Personally Foreman is a fine fellow. I believe, however, his interest in the race problem is professional. He goes out of his way to have his fellow workers feel that he and they are just the same fundamentally. He is always in ticklish position. He is not as sound on the race question as he should be in such a position.

His anomalous position as white men and a black leader weakens his usefulness to the race rather than strengthens it.

Two instances of the way his kind works on the race question are pertinent. When the selection of four men made to do the preliminary work on a survey of white collared Negroes one chosen, I believe by Dr. Foreman, was Dr. Sanders an Armenian. Shortly after the appointments Dr. Foreman said to me that the fact that an Armenian was in his office should quiet criticisms that he was in favor of segregation or had a segregated office. This naive failure of the good doctor to grasp the fundamentals of a serious problem would be laughable were it not for the tragedy of his position.

When the C. W. A. in Washington was practicing the most vicious discrimination against colored white collared workers, the aid of Dr. Foreman was enlisted to fight for justice. He wrote a very fine letter to someone on the matter and promised to fight the thing to the finish. Some two or three weeks later, I dropped into his office to find out why results had not been obtained. He told me substantially this: Why I thought everything was going on all right. I was assured that the matter would be righted. What should be done in matters of this kind is to continue to flood me with protests and committees protests, then I can say to the responsible persons, See here these people are on my neck, they are worrying me to do something. You must do something to right matters.

This, of course, is the natural psychology of any white man in a similar position. He can go to other white men and ask for personal protection and indirectly get results for the race—maybe. But the race today needs stronger leadership. It

needs in this revolution men who can demand and keep on demanding in the name of justice and the New Deal that something be done.

Dr. Foreman has been accused of being a segregationist. He denies this vigorously. For he is trying hard to be what a colored man in his position should be. But the tamed lion at some time reverts to type and there in lies the danger. In writing a splendid article for last month's Opportunity, an article which might have been written by a colored leader, the southern white man's idea of the race creeps in but is almost lost in a mass of beautiful and encouraging words. He says, and I think these words brand him as a dangerous leader for the colored race:

There may be some projects (Subsistence Homesteads) in which there will be no Negroes and others in which there will be no whites but there are lots of town in the country in which there are no Negroes and some in which there are no white people. The principle usually adopted by the Subsistence Homestead Division is to leave to the applying group the constituency of the particular project. This gives the same protection to Negro groups that it does to white groups and leaves them both free to admit members of other races that fulfill qualifications for membership.

This statement is an old trick of white enemies. Segregated residential sections "protect" Negroes by not allowing white people to live in their sections. Colored people are thus "protected" by keeping white people out. This "protection," as every white man knows is fabulous and a smoke screen to hide injustice and inequalities to a minority group. It is also used as a salve for the wounded self respect of colored American citizens who are now demanding every right and every privilege granted any other American citizen. The corollary of Dr. Foreman's statement is that this principle leaves white communities free to bar colored persons if their stated qualifications for membership in the home-stead project be "persons of white blood."

Dr. Foreman, sincere, immature and bashful cannot, no matter how hard he tries, forget entirely in years to come his southern background. He is a worthwhile friend, professionally, but as a leader of the race, he is most dangerous to its future complete emancipation.

JEANES FOUNDATION ELECTS DR. F. J. SCOTT AS SECRETARY

Washington (CNS)—The Board of Trustees of the Anna T. Jeanes Foundation of the Million Dollars Negro Rural School Fund met at the Washington Office of the Foundation Monday.

Present were: Dr. Arthur D. Wright, President of the Foundation; Rr. M. A. Napier, Vice chairman; Dr. J. H. Dillard, former president of the Foundation; Dr. S. E. Mitchel, Richmond, Va.; Dr. James E. Gregg, Waterbury, Conn.; Mr. P. R. Young, Norfolk, Va.; Father E. W. Daniels, Detroit, Michigan and Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Washington, D. C.

Mr. W. T. B. Williams of Tuskegee, Alabama, field director, was also present.

The Board controls the investments of the One Million Dollars given by the late Anna T. Jeanes, of Philadelphia, for the rural school education of colored persons. In addition, the General Education Board, over a period of years, has made liberal appropriations to supplement the earnings of the Jeanes Fund.

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The officers elected for the next year include the following: President, Arthur D. Wright; Chairman, George Foster Peabody; Vice-Chairman, James C. Napier; Emmet Scott was elected Secretary to succeed John T. Emlen of Philadelphia, who presented his resignation at the meeting held last Monday; Assistant Secretary, Miss Alice M. McGee, Washington, D. C.; Treasurer, Clarence Everett Bacon, New York City; Field Agent, W. T. B. Williams, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Returns For Brief Visit

Mr. Hayward Bascom, for many years, owner and operator of a barber shop and pool room at 14th and Douglas St. and who has been in Chicago for about a year, returned over Monday visiting relatives and friends.

Announces Engagement

Mr. W. B. Watson announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Cuma Irvin to Mr. Elton Boyd Clayton. The wedding will take place June 27th.

Visiting From Los Angeles

Mr. Dude Ferguson from Los Angeles California is the house guest of Mrs. Georgia Scott 919 No. 25th St. He has just retired from the Union Pacific service. He will visit here about a month.

Entertains At Dinner Party

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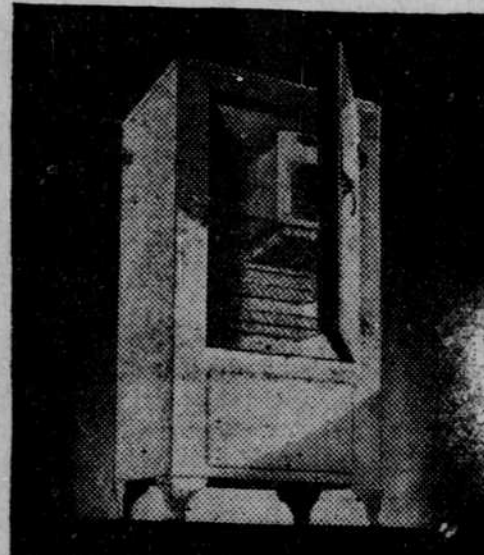
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