

# EDITORIALS

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Race prejudice must go. The Brotherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good citizenship in time of peace, war and death.

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### Congressman Mitchell's Opportunity

Any man from our race group elected to the United States Congress can become more than the representatives of the particular district votes the honor and responsibility. He can, if big enough, become the symbol and expression of the aspirations and hopes of the Negro race. He can become the unofficial ambassador and herald of voiceless and voteless million of black people in various sections of this proud and boastful Commonwealth. In order to measure in that role and function in that wider and deeper sense one must be able to stand within the frame work of the particular party organization that offers votes enough to secure certificate of election to the seat in Congress and at the same time transcend the limits fixed by geography, physiognomy, partisan politics, social class, denominational bigotry and become the servants of the people. Because such is both possible and imperative, due to the exigencies of our race plight, makes it easy for our people without regard to party affiliation to rejoice and take courage whenever any man is lifted from amongst us to that pedestal of influence and power. Osear Depriest, Congressman from the first Illinois district, for the last six years has demonstrated that fact. He performed his duties of the office immediately affecting his district, and entered into that larger area where the race has felt the influence of his vision and ability and the power of the people of that district in the last elections. As a congressman Depriest served his race and humanity in general, and will leave a record as spokesman for human rights that will keep the fires of ambition and hope burning for generations to come. But by vote of the people of that district in the last election Depriest is to retire and Arthur W. Mitchell is to take that seat of opportunity as a Democratic congressman.

Will Mr. Mitchell meet the challenge and measure up to his opportunity as he may find it in that wider field of service to the entire race as has his predecessor? Some think and say so. Millions hope so. His own words soon after his election would point in that direction. His interview promised "Constructive thought, honest action and real statesmanship." It promised further to "always endeavor to be on the alert and use all the power that resides in me to protect the interest of my group." Then he said, "I shall welcome constructive criticism from the people of the country." That sounds well and arresting. One could yell out loud and even say "whoopie" to what Congressman-elect Mitchell said in that first interview. Under the influence of that statement one could hardly expect to have newspapers giving account of a visit of the new leader to Kansas City and report his refusal to stop and allow a great State School to recognize the new Congressman. Did Mr. Mitchell on a visiting tour through Greater Kansas City in charge of a committee go almost to the entrance of the State Industrial Department at Western University and refuse to pay a minute's attention to the faculty and student body? That is what was reported. Did he give as his reason that it might offend some friend of his? That was also reported. Could Mr. Mitchell or those who had him in charge think that such action would be expected of a new race leader, a statesman, a man big enough to succeed Osear Depriest? Hardly. One would not need an over amount of wisdom to understand that it is much easier to bring one's intelligence and adequate and merited conception of the condemnation than it is to snub a state school where young people are in training for service. And so Mr. Mitchell could hardly be put in that attitude even if that had been designed by irresponsible advice. He would certainly know "that constructive thought" of which he is to be an exponent, cuts across artificial lines and operates in an area of fundamental unity of the human race. He would be aware that "honest action" may contravene petty whims and personal prejudices where a man has a chance to encourage education and inspire a generation of young people to high endeavor. He surely would know that "statesmanship" is not born of partisan pride nor personal bias. Indeed statesmanship is concerned, not with parties and factions, but with great principles and "honest actions"; not

merely with elections, but with generations. If what has been reported concerning that visit especially as it relates to the State Industrial School at Quindaro, has any basis in fact, then somebody has blundered. It would hardly be fair, even if true, to charge it wholly to Mr. Mitchell. For while he could be allowed to accept or refuse arrangements laid out by those in charge of the inquiry, he could also have pointed out to him the level upon which men of brain, culture and sense of honor and responsibility move. The entire race will desire to honor Congressman Mitchell, but the Congressman will be expected to give a guarantee, not in words, but deeds—"honest actions"—that the honor does not miss the mark. —The Plaindealer

### Mitchell In Congress

By Atty. P. L. Harden, Jackson, Tennessee

There is a wild speculation in political circles as to what Congressman Mitchell will do when he gets to Congress. Some say one thing and some another; some say because he is a Democrat that he will be severely handicapped. Our colored writers say that. I wonder will he be under a greater handicap in Congress by his political affiliation than any other Negro in this country. We throw obstacles in our own way, instead of waiting to give the Congressman a chance. We are trying to handicap him with newspaper articles, etc. The Commercial Appeal, one of our Southern papers say: "The election of Arthur Mitchell, a Democrat is a step to progress in the colored race and that he ought to be able to do more for his race than Osear Depriest." That is yet to be seen. We all, who are fairminded, know that Osear Depriest made a good Congressman, and every step he made was for the race, and fought for those principles for the race which his conviction demanded. Congressman Mitchell, a Democrat, is making a new era in the history of politics in this country. That is an achievement, and we should be proud of it, and wait with patience to see the result. We do not condemn his platform some say he is going up to Congress too pious and conservative. They say Osear Depriest was too radical and braggadocio. Well what do we want. Congressman Mitchell says he will make friends with the Southern White Congressman. What is wrong with that? Some times friendship is better than war. That doesn't mean or understand that he will go around Congress with his hat under his arm. He says he will fight for the enactment of an Anti-lynch law, and enfranchisement of our group in such Southern States where our people do not vote. I hope he will encourage Negroes to vote where they have the privilege to; that is giving more trouble than disfranchisement. That is a fine platform; we ought to lend encouragement to this man. He was a Negro before he was a politician. I never criticize or question a man's religion or politics. Congressman Mitchell has the privilege to come in direct and association with the section that has his people tied and handicapped as a group, and it appears to me from reasoning, that he would be occupying a mighty good position to get some of these things done.

Some raised a howl about Sylvester Harris going to Chicago to speak for Mitchell. That was a strategic political move of the Democratic party up there to change sentiment. Did you know that Henry Allen Boyd of Nashville Tennessee went to Chicago to speak for Osear Depriest on several occasions. Did you know that a number of us Tennesseans wrote hundreds of letters to our Tennessee friends in his district urging to support of Osear Depriest? Now take this under consideration. Sylvester Harris helped Mitchell, lived in the State of Mississippi. We tried to help Depriest, lived in Tennessee. What is the difference. Let's be fair and honest about these things. Our group are too prejudice anyway. If we would deal with these problems with an open mind and seek the best for our group; stop selling them out at the polls as is done right here in Tennessee, seek representation in our own party, and if we can't get it there, go somewhere else. In Tennessee our Republicans don't care anything for the colored vote. It is an office-seeking reconstruction, carpet bag proposition. We are hoping to end that rule by organizing our group over the state with the theory of qualifying them to vote. We have the number, if they are qualified somebody will want them on election day, and if they want them what they have to offer in the way of representation. A policeman some time, a magistrate this or that or the other when it is all a false education, some times medical officers where our people are involved. Assistant attorneys in some places. Not a few cankered dollars and a drink of moonshine liquor for batched votes. Our people must aspire for office to encourage our people to vote all over this country. The south is not as bad as people above the Mason and Dixon line think. We sell our people out for personal gain and self aggrandizement. We keep our people back. We tell them the white folks won't let you do this or that or the other when it is all a false and deception.

## INDUSTRY

More than 800,000 radio sets were installed in cars during 1933.

Automobiles account for more than 83 per cent of all rubber consumed.

Hydroplanes are to cross the Mediterranean in one day instead of two.

Buildings erected in Shanghai, China, last year are estimated to have cost over \$40,000,000.

Driving on a flat tire will not be so distressing an experience if tire manufacturers have success with tubes that resist destruction when run flat.

Thirteen carloads of steel and 15,000 gallons of paint were used in making some 3,000,000 auto license plates at the Illinois state prison at Stateville.

## THIS AND THAT

The camel must be all right or nature wouldn't have backed him up.

Some men ought to be thankful that the world doesn't understand them.

A girl hopes that the veil of the future will prove to be a bridal veil.

It is easier to acquire a reputation for greatness than it is to keep it up.

Nothing pleases a woman more than a compliment that she doesn't deserve.

Lots of men tell the truth because it is the easiest way to fool some people.

Although the rolling stone gathers no moss the high-roller scatters a lot of it.

A small boy's idea of playing safe is to get his mother to promise not to tell his father.

## SOFT AND LOW

It is easier to pose as an optimist than it is to be one.

Time is money to the woman who has a mocha for shopping.

Somehow when a man gets into a crowd he thinks that he is the only one in a hurry.

When it comes to scouring the earth a detective often can give a scrub mop a few pointers.

The jury system is unreliable. When there is going to be a revolution in that?

Some of those who smile, smile the most, still remain suspicious mysteries.

Laws may not interfere much with what you want to do, but taxation gets you coming or going.

Your character, you know what that is; but your reputation you learn of, little by little, here and there.

Our houses are perfectly contrived to live in in winter, but we have never made them quite endurable in summer.

When a bald man puts on a wig for the first time, all those present shout approval. What if people do "know it is a wig"?

We don't mind people "lifting" the tunes of their modern popular songs from Beethoven and Mozart, but they ought to identify each "appropriation."

## SUNNY SAYINGS

The dyspeptic can eat his cake and still feel that he has it.

"Bacon should never be served half-cooked." It simply isn't done.

Most of the songs sung on the stage by request are at the request of the singer.

Two of the most comfortable things in the world are old shoes and old friends.

If men had the gift of second sight here would be fewer cases of love at first sight.

Why doesn't some shrewd boarding-house keeper suddenly acquire a fortune by advertising her place as a home for the cure of obesity?—Answers Magazine.

## GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN (Nor Woman)

In the style of Damon Runyon we give you the life and death of Bozo, a dog, but a friend of all.

One summer day in '28 a man and dog fell off a freight train in Omaha. The dog looked at his master as if to say, "so this is Omaha," not knowing that this was the place he was to live and die. The dog's name was Bozo. The man's doesn't matter, for this is Bozo's tale.

In the course of time he became Mrs. Lula Talbert's dog. Her nephew also adopted him. Bozo and he carried papers, or so Bozo thought he was, for a year. During this time Bozo and an Airedale named Buster, owned by Flossie Clarke, decided between themselves that since gangsters were in vogue, that the dog folk should get in on some of it. So they ruled Hamilton street. But as old age crept upon both of them, they decided that retirement was a fine thing. Buster going his way, and Bozo his.

Bozo decided that friends, human friends were fine to have, so friends are what he got. As Jimmy Durante would say, "He got millions of them."

## Pittsburgh Survey Tells Why Some Firms Do Not Employ Negroes

Washington—Administrator Harry L. Hopkins received this week some clues as to underlying causes back of the disproportionate number of Negroes in the army of unemployed. The Pittsburgh Urban League has reported to the FERA head the results of its survey entitled, "Reasons Given by Firms for Not Employing Negroes." Many firms among the largest interviewed in Pittsburgh gave "no special reason" for non-employment of Negroes; others gave no reason. Many stated it was just an accepted policy, or that Negroes never applied. Some volunteered to give Negroes a chance. This is the first comprehensive effort made by a government agency toward a realistic approach to this problem. College trained Negroes in the technical and professional division of the FERA Work Division compiled the information under the direction of R. Maurice Mess, executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Urban League. The summary was recently made available in the "Informers."

Listed below are some of the reasons given by firms for not employing Negroes.

(From the Urban League Survey "Negroes in Pittsburgh's Industries—1934"—for the businesses which do not employ Negroes.)

Nature of Business	No. of Emp.	Why No Negroes
Telephones	4690	Nature of work carries into intimate recesses of homes.
Rolling Mills	1100	Specialized work; no Negro applicants.
Steel Pipes	1010	No more puddling; discharged Negroes.
Br wing Steel	504	Not favorable to Negro help; Union.
Casket Manufacturing	420	Negroes lazy; white labor better; Northern Negroes better.
Public Utilities	400	No work that can be segregated.
Brewing	317	Negroes never enter gas field.
Aluminum	300	Help hired through union.
Bakery	250	Work of too high type.
Meat Packers	250	Felty sent by Bak rs' Union.
Rolling Mills & Steel	225	Meat cutters never applied.
Brewing	211	Mill next door hires Negroes, therefore they shouldn't.
Oil Refining	177	Not policy of company.
Glass Manufacturing	175	Work requires long period of training.
Mirrors	165	Wouldn't like to mix Negroes and white girls.
Office Cleaning	158	Too many white girls.
Paper Products	125	Negroes not suited for our work.
Mascaroni Manufacture	125	Negroes never applied; specialized work.
Oil Refining	125	Mostly experienced foreigners.
Br wings	124	Workers clannish; Negroes would make trouble.
Commercial Papers	120	Help furnished by Union.
Steel Bandy	107	Enough white men.
Motor Coaches	101	Skilled work.
Confectionery	100	Not customary to use Negroes as bus drivers.
Conf. tionery	75	Will give Negroes a chance; Negroes capable.
Outdoor Advertising	100	"Don't want them."
Cleaning & Dyeing	95	Union would object.
Boxes	90	Negroes not adaptable.
Electrical apparatus	90	Department having Negro girls was abandoned after war.
Newspapers	65	"Just don't use Negroes."
Bakery Products	64	Trains help from messenger boys up; will hire Negroes.
Linen Supply	63	No other bakers hire Negroes.
Adding Machines	62	"Hate s Negroes"
Miscellaneous Products	60	Territory for Negro salesmen small.
Oil Well Supplies	58	Negroes used in South.
Meat packing.	58	Negro florist never applied.
Baking	57	No need for Negroes.
Printing & Lithographing	55	None have applied; May consider competent Negroes.
Furniture	55	Not policy of company.
Supply Company	55	Preference for whites.
Cleaners & Dyers	52	Would hire Negroes if they would apply and were experienced.
Chairs and Bumpers	50	Not policy of company.
Meat Packing	50	Plant a family affair; not enough jobs for family.
Wholesale	50	Never contemplated mixing colored and whites.
Miscellaneous Products	50	Negroes left of own accord.
Structural Iron	50	Negroes would not fit in.
Hardware	50	No special reason.
Laundry	50	No reason given.
Rolling Mills	460	No special reason.
Electrical Apparatus	300	No reason given.
Candy	250	No reason given.
Hospital	155	No reason given.
Non-Ferrous Alloys	150	No reason given.
Boils and Nuts	130	No reason given.
Mirrors	125	No reason given.
Oil Well Supplies	121	No reason given.
Creamery	120	No reason given.
Motor Cars	120	No reason given.
Coal	120	No reason given.
Paint	106	No special reason.
Ice-Cream	102	No special reason.
Alloys	100	No reason given.
Steel	100	No reason given.
Steel and Iron	100	No reason given.
Railroad Supplies	99	No reason given.
Ste l works	91	No reason given.
Sand and Gravel	80	No special reason.
Men's clothes	80	No reason given.
Stoves	78	No reason given.
Rolling Mill Machinery	76	No reason given.
Paints and Varnishes	75	No special reason; chances small.
Theater	75	No special reason; chances small.
Towel Supply	70	No special reason; chances small.
Laundry	70	No special reason.
Steel products	70	No reason given.
Bolts and Nuts	65	No reason given.
Machinery	65	No reason given.
Electrical Apparatus	62	No special reason.
Gas and Water Meters	61	No special reason.
Lead and Oil	60	No special reason.
Gasoline	57	No special reason.

Bozo loved them all, those of the social world and those of the underworld, but—but Bozo is gone. Death from an assassin's ground glass and meat.

When Bozo's friends heard of his death, they all swallowed hard and said, "That's too bad," but when they heard he had been poisoned, they swore vengeance on the assassin should his identity ever be revealed. But as the good book says, "The reaper takes all sooner or later."

Bozo, who was 11 years old, barked welcome at two mayors of Omaha and a presidential candidate, F. D. Roosevelt.

Bozo is in dog heaven now, and all his friends say, "Farewell, Bozo."

## STATE SENATE AND LEGISLATURE CONVENES

Both Houses Predominantly Democratic; Disappointment for Many Job Hunters; Few Negroes Given Consideration

Lincoln—Tuesday, Jan. 1.—Both branches of the Legislature went into action with a bang with the republican members in no position as far as their numerical strength is concerned to do any thing other than to wait on the side lines for something to arise that will disturb the equilibrium of the strongly entrenched, well oiled democratic machine, which up to the third day of the session has been running as smoothly as a democratic primary election in Texas. No attempt was made to show any magnanimity of spirits toward the minority which usually characterizes bodies of this kind, especially at the time when they are going through the "warming up" process, in getting acquainted with each other and getting accustomed to their surroundings. One is impressed by the attitude of the democratic Representatives and Senators, they are heartily in accord with the principles of President Andrew Jackson, that "to th victor belong the spoils". Here and there a few of the democratic members can be overheard exchanging friendly greetings with some Republican Senator or Representative, but by their attitude one is reminded of the "spider and the fly" and the snake who is intent on charming his prey upon which he feeds. The Omaha delegation with only a few exceptions seems to have conveniently gone blind or to have completely lost its memory so far as the promises made to some of their "culler brers" of Omaha are concerned. They absolutely demonstrate the statement that "One can look without seeing", and "can think without remembering". They don't seem to be able to overcome the age old complex which has for centuries associated the words Negro with mop, broom, scrub in their minds as synonymous terms meaning one and the same thing. They look with a shocked, pained expression when and if our "cullud" brother intimates that he could do something at least where it requires, if not all brains, a combination or an admixture of brains and brawn. One hardly expects to find this condition existing in a State which for years has stood on the broad platform, and supported the policies of equal opportunities to all of its citizens. This observation carries our minds into other channels, which in the language of the immortal Lincoln, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, you can fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time". We are still old fashioned enough to believe that honesty is the best policy. We also believe that to deceive a trusting, unsophisticated Negro by a system of veiled hopes and promises is as destructive to him as it is to those of any other group. The Negro has an insatiable desire to be a Man; to act as a Man; to feel as a Man; and to be recognized as a Man. As Japan, Russia and other powers of the world are fighting to be recognized by the United States, England and the others, so is the Negro fighting for recognition, not from a foreign power, but from the country of his birth, made glorious to him by the blood of his fathers, freely given on the battle field of every war in which this country has been engaged. For it has the Negro toiled, and for the flag has he died. We have answered every question and stood every test, yes we have dared to look in the White man's face and live. We have met the challenge of Science, Arts, inventions. All the gamut of human endeavors and achievement has been successfully run. Do you wonder that the Negro should strive for that for which all nations fight and die?

At this stage of their development with access to one of the greatest educational systems of the world, do you wonder that they are not satisfied with the mop, broom and brush?

By M. L. Harris, Contributing Editor.

**Electrical Storms**  
 The weather bureau says that so far as is known, no part of the United States is entirely free from electrical storms. However, they are much more frequently observed in the eastern and central portions than in the Far West. Along the immediate Pacific coast thunder storms are comparatively rare.

**Women Busy in Burma**  
 All the women in Burma work. The rich women are occupied with managing their estates, controlling their money; the poor women take up a trade. Almost all the shops in Burma are owned and operated by women.

**Eight Islands in Group**  
 The eight Hawaiian Islands constituting the group, which are, in order of their size, Hawaii, Oahu, where Honolulu is situated; Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe and Nihoa, are unlike any other land.

**The Feather River**  
 The Feather river is in northern California, rising in the Sierra Nevada range and flowing in a southwesterly direction through beautiful scenery, until it becomes part of the Sacramento.