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DR. HAYNES LECTURES AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY

The Crisis Magazine Barred By Board

Washington, Feb. 27.—The board of education of the District of Columbia today decided that The Crisis, official organ of the NAACP, was "militant propaganda" and therefore unsuitable for schools of the District of Columbia. The board is reported to have ruled that another Negro magazine contained "sociological data" and was therefore all right for the students in the District. It was reported that the board's action was taken upon the recommendation of Garnet C. Wilkinson, assistant superintendent of schools in charge of Negro schools, but this could not be confirmed.

In a telegraphic statement to newspaper men here, Roy Wilkins, acting editor of The Crisis in New York, said: "Feel confident Garnet Wilkinson would not of his own free will prevent circulation of Crisis to colored school children in Washington, D. C. As for action of board of education can say only that colored citizens may be certain whatever white people do not wish them to read is good for them. Regard action of board as sincerest compliment to editorial policy of Crisis paid in recent years."

MAKES HISTORY

Des Moines, Feb. 27.—For the first time in the history of Drake university a Negro conducted a lecture course at the institution this week when Dr. George E. Haynes, executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, opened a series of lectures Tuesday.

Dr. Haynes, an outstanding leader in interracial and church work lectured three days at the university on the general theme of "Land Tenure and Social Problems in South Africa and Southern United States." In addition to being one of the guest lecturers at Drake university, he will also be one of the principal speakers during the six weeks forum sponsored by the Board of Education.

John H. Buffkins Dies (Easy Walking Tom)

John H. Buffkins, 2425 Patrick Ave., died Saturday, Feb. 22, in a local hospital, a victim of double pneumonia.

Mr. Buffkins, commonly known as "Easy Walking Tom" was a familiar character to everyone. He was to be seen pushing his cart up and down the streets.

Funeral services will be held at the Lewis Mortuary Monday, Mar. 2, at 11:30 A. M. Burial will be made in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. W. Buffkins; two children, Maggie and Idalia, and five step-children—four girls and one boy.

CORTEZ W. PETERS



Former World's Amateur Champion Typist and Director of Business Schools in Washington and Baltimore, shown as he demonstrated his technique before an audience in Chicago, where he is planning to open a similar school. Mr. Peters displayed his ability before several Chicago schools and businesses last week.

Former Omahan Dies At Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb.—Mr. Thomas Watts, father of Mrs. Jennie Edwards, 2420 P Street, died at the given address Monday, Feb. 17th. Since the death of his wife, some years ago, Mr. Watts has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. Watts was born in Glasgow, Mo., March 10, 1830. Had he lived to see March 10th of this year he would have been 106 years old.

Bound into slavery on the Dr. Watts' plantation in Virginia, many were the stories he had to tell of slave days and conditions.

Mr. Watts came to Omaha, Neb., some fifty years ago, but later he moved to Fremont, Neb. At this place, he worked for many years with the masons.

Later he became custodian of the public library there, a position he held until he was 101 years of age.

Funeral services were held in the little church Mr. Watts built in Fremont—St. James A. M. E. church Thursday, Feb. 20th. Rev. Metcalf officiated. Burial was made at Fremont.

Mrs. Edwards' many friends sympathize with her in her grief.

Race Wrote WPA 6,000 Complaints

Washington, Feb. 26, (C) Negroes of the nation wrote the about 6,000 letters concerning relief problems in 1935, according to Alfred Edgar Smith, administrative assistant to Harry L. Hopkins, in a special statement to Calvin Newspaper Service.

Mr. Smith, whose office is in the Walker-Johnson building, 1734 New York Avenue, has three assistants. John W. Whitten, Leona M. Cobb and Charlotte S. Price. In his statement Mr. Smith outlined his duties as follows: (1) maintain close contact with our various state WPA and provide accurate, up-to-date picture of status of Negro on relief or in WPA employment; (2) furnish other officials data to guide them in formation of policies in which the racial question is involved; (3) make detailed study of Negroes on relief (4) receive individuals and delegations and secure interviews with proper officials.

The Negro Middle Class

Dr. Robert C. Weaver, adviser on Negro affairs in the U. S. Department of Interior, recently compiled significant data to show how the Negro middle class has lost out economically. While the number of white men in a selected business was reduced from 154,510 in 1910 to 126,291 in 1930, the number of Negroes in the same period fell from 1,713 to 862. 20.2 per cent of all employed white workers are in clerical and similar positions, while only 1.5 percent of employed Negroes are so placed. In 1929, there were 25,701 retail stores operated by Negroes, compared with 833,581 such stores in the country.

Georgian Selected For Jury Service

Leesburg, Ga., Feb. 26, (ANP) For the first time in the history of Lee county a Negro has been selected for jury service, the juror being Samuel Chapman, well-to-do farmer, who will serve in the federal court to be held at Americus next week.

Others eligible for service are: B. L. Jordan, Furlough Adams, Frank Murray and J. H. Griffin.

For Re-Election



John Adams, Jr., announces that he will be a candidate for re-election to the State Legislature from the 5th District.

Mussolini Prepares For A Second Winter Of War

Having failed to conquer Ethiopia during the first winter, Mussolini is preparing to subject the Italian troops to a second winter of war. Fascist Italy's armed forces will total about 1,550,000 men by the end of February. The air force is being augmented daily, being already 20 per cent above peace-time strength. The navy is to be reinforced by the completion of six submarines. Mussolini's road construction plan resulted in 50,000 additional workers being sent to East Africa. All wool has been requisitioned for military supplies. Every male Italian between the ages of 11 and 32 must keep a record of his physical condition and his degree of military training. Such information is to be kept up to date under the threat of punishment for failure to do so.

To pay for all these preparations, the tax on consumption of household gas and electricity was increased, as was also the tax on coal and its by-products. There was also a 50 per cent increase in the tax on bachelors.

TELLING FACTS

The number of British unemployed has risen to a new total of 2,159,722. Their families live on a weekly dole of \$6. —N. Y. Times, 1-4-36

Prof. Bogart of the University of Illinois estimates the cost of the World War at \$337,000,000,000. The cost to the United States was about \$23,000,000,000 plus about \$22,000,000,000 of war debts.—Fight, Feb. 1936.

The number of deserters from foreign ships arriving in the U. S. increased to 1,212 in 1935, compared with 972 in 1934, as a result of the Italian war in Ethiopia. —N. Y. Times, 2-6-36.

The cost of the Chaco War to Bolivia alone was \$195,000,000. About 40,000 to 45,000 men were lost by Bolivia. —World Events, 1-15-36.

Dr. Wright Lauds Five Negroes

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—(ANP) Five Negroes, born the same month as Lincoln and Washington, were praised and their contributions enumerated before the Century club at the Negro YMCA here last week by Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., president of Wilberforce university.

Those given special praise were Henry McNeil Turner, born February 1st, 1831, first Negro chaplain in the U. S. army, and AME bishop and missionary to Africa; Joseph C. Price, born Feb. 10, 1858, founder of Livingstone college and called by Dr. Wright the race's best known orator; Bishop Daniel A. Payne, born February 24, 1811, who taught Negroes in South Carolina to read and write and a founder of Wilberforce; Bishop Richard Allen, born February 14, 1850, a founder of the AME church and first ordained bishop, and Frederick Douglass, greatest of Negro abolitionists.

London Calls Up Alabama Sheriff On Scottsboro

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 26, (ANP) Alabama officials learned last week that world interest in the famous Scottsboro case is still keen when British papers called up Sheriff McDuff of Birmingham on the Trans-Atlantic telephone.

It developed that the first cable reports reaching London of the horrible burning alive of 20 Negro chain gang prisoners on Jan. 31 had given rise to the belief that the Scottsboro boys were among the victims.

One of the first London papers to make a check-up of the report was the London Daily Mail. Just a few hours after the tragedy, in which twenty convicts died like rats locked in a steel cage and chained together, the sheriff was informed that London was on the wire. Amazed, he lifted the receiver to hear: "This is the London Daily Mail calling. We understand that the Scottsboro boys were taken out and burned. Is it so?"

Oxley Urges Negroes To Prepare For Jobs

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 26, (ANP) If Negroes are to receive the benefits to be accorded them in the New Deal program they must prepare for jobs that will be available was the declaration of Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley, Chief of Negro Labor in the U. S. Department of Labor, in an address before a city-wide mass meeting here Wednesday.

"The administration" said the speaker, "has established the Works Progress Administration to provide employment." The National Youth Administration the CCC corps, the Resettlement Administration, the Federal Security Board, the Federal Housing Administration and the Public Works Administration have all been established to provide work opportunities for America's unemployed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce to our South Side friends that Mrs. Wm. Alston, 2627 Jefferson St., is our news reporter for that vicinity.

EMPLOYEE PAID TO KILL HUSBAND AND RIVAL

Dr. John Hope, President Atlanta University Dies

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25, Following an illness of less than a week, 67 year old president of Greater due to pneumonia, Dr. John Hope, Atlanta University, and one of the foremost Negro educators of the country, died Thursday, Feb. 20, at Spelman College infirmary.

In the chapel of Sale Hall, where for many years he presided as head of Morehouse College, the funeral services of Dr. Hope, were held, Feb. 23, in the presence of more than seven hundred of his colleagues in the field of education and friends from all walks of life. His body was carried by his students to a simple grave on the nearby campus of Atlanta University, the scene of his last labors.

Born June 2, 1868, in Augusta, Ga., the famous educator gave practically all his life to teaching and college administration except a year during the World War days when he did Y. M. C. A. work among Negro soldiers in France.

Dr. Hope was educated in the North, graduating from Worcester Academy in Massachusetts in 1890; receiving his A. B. from Brown University, Providence, R. I. in 1894; studied at the University of Chicago summer sessions of 1897-98 and got his A. M. from Brown in 1907.

Surviving Dr. Hope are his wife, Lugenia, whom he married in 1897; and two sons, John, Jr., and Edward.

Of the 20,100,000 young people in the U. S. between the ages of 16 and 24, 4,700,000 or 23 per cent are out of school, unemployed and seeking employment. This is an increase of over 150 per cent since 1930.—School Life, Jan. 1936.

INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY

Ruston, La., Feb. 25.—(ANP) Incensed by her husband's refusal to sever relations with his Negro sweetheart, Mrs. R. H. Laird, wife of prominent white planter, paid Robert "Smoky" Hill fifty dollars to murder her husband and her paramour, Mary Harris, according to the confession of Hill to Sheriff A. J. Thigpen, here Tuesday morning.

The sheriff said that Hill had made a complete confession that he shot and killed Laird and Miss Harris near the Laird farm last Friday night as they were seated in an automobile. The bodies of the murdered couple were discovered Saturday morning by a passing motorist and two days later Hill was arrested as a suspect due to the fact that he had been seen approaching the parked automobile in which Laird and his sweetheart were seated, armed with a shotgun.

Accuses Laird's Wife

At the inquest Mrs. Laird denied any knowledge of the cause of her husband's death and feigned ignorance as to his relations with Miss Hill, who was a comely brown-skin woman several years her junior. She urged a complete investigation of the dual slaying and rumor has it that she stated that she would pay a reward (Continued on Page 5)

TODD DUNCAN AND ANNE WIGGINS



The NBC radio presentation "Genius of Color" is the latest weekly program of all-colored artists. With a cast of 50 artists headed by Chick Webb and his Orchestra each Wednesday evening, 10:30 to 11:00 p. m. EST on its coast to coast network, this aggregation is highly received. (Photo above.) The Four Ink Spots a novelty instrumental and vocal quartet is one of the popular features along with Ella Fitzgerald, a blues singer that is a septa Connie Boswell and one of the season's latest "finds": Hamtree Harrington, comedian, a vest-pocket edition of Bert Williams; Charles Linton, who possesses a Morton Downey tenor and Cecil McPherson's celebrated Jubilee Choir. It is conceded to be one of the greatest all-Negro programs ever arranged for the Nation-wide hook-up.—NNF