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Race prejudice must go. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good.

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SPRINGTIME IS CLEAN-UP TIME

You can see signs of spring fever almost everywhere. Farmers are plowing and sowing their fields. Suburbanites are planting their gardens. Housewives are cleaning and reupholstering homes. Communities are starting improvement projects.

Winter is apt to be a time of general neglect—partly because of severe weather and partly because of the press of other matters in that busy season. Vacant lots, yards and even streets become unsightly. Now is the time for a thorough spring cleaning, extending through the community, in the interest of health, safety and civic progress.

Such a clean-up campaign is a splendid activity for clubs, chambers of commerce, Boy Scouts, and similar groups to sponsor. Every town should emulate those communities which by a spirit of fine cooperation, have succeeded in gaining the name of "Spotless town."

When a movement to paint up, clean up and beautify sweeps a community, it leaves in its wake a healthier, happier town.

WHAT IS TRAFFIC CONTROL?

A noted traffic authority recently discussed the traffic accident problem in terms of three kinds of safety. The first is personal safety, the necessity for protecting the limbs and the lives of us all. The second is moral safety, the necessity for building an appreciation of the values of proper regulation. Motor vehicle traffic inevitably involves the law and law observance. Disregard of the laws of the road, even the minor ones, breeds contempt and disregard for more serious rules of society, especially among the young, for in the early stages disrespect for law masquerades as adventure. The third is the need for protecting the economic benefits which accrue from the widespread use of the automobile. Traffic accidents not only cost millions of dollars directly through lost earning power, lost time, hospital expense and repair bills—they push down property and rental values, slow up business turnover, reduce the value of investment portfolios, large and small.

Our understanding of the traffic problem might be better served if in thinking about it we substitute for the relatively narrow term "traffic safety" the more accurate one of "traffic control." This means the application of certain logical principles to motor vehicular movement which will at once ease congestion and reduce the hazard.

An important step in the direction of effective traffic control is the publication of the handbook, "Creating Safer Communities." Published by state motor vehicle and safety authorities in twenty-four states, the handbook tells how to set up a community traffic safety organization and presents a series of procedures for reducing accidents by removing the cause. It describes how essential accident information is secured. It gives instructions for developing enforcement, engineering and educational programs in line with advanced, tested methods of making traffic safer and less congested.

THE TOWN RAMBLER

In every town and neighborhood you meet the gossip and "nosey" people. They are always talking about the shortcomings, disappointments, misdoings, failures of other folks. They tell stories of other people's troubles joyfully. But they never tell about themselves. They want everybody to fail and deep in their hearts carry the hope that nobody will succeed in anything they attempt. Now you just listen at this type when you run across one of them. When the tale of "Damn the other fellow" has ended, ask the wind-jammer, "What have you accumulated for yourself?" "Where is the property you own?" "Where is the business you have established?" "Are there any spots on your character?" "What is your reputation among people who don't tell you but talk about you in conversation with others?" If the BLAB MOUTH answers these questions, you'll know enough about the person who has been talking about others to you.—Pittsburgh Crusader.

KELLY MILLER SAYS

CHARGE OF PILFERING AT TUSKEGEE HOSPITAL

We learn from press dispatches that the exsurgeon in chief and ten members of his staff have pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, and have been punished by fine and dismissal.

The management of the Tuskegee Veterans' Hospital involves doctors of race wide and race deep significance.

We all recall how a few years ago the question of Negro personell at this institution raised an issue which reverberated throughout the nation. The local bitterness and rancor engendered were never exceeded even when political issues were involved.

The Negro race was united in its demand for a Negro personell for the Veterans' hospital as it had been on no other question. Dr. R. R. Moton, recently promoted to the presidency of Tuskegee Institute, took his life in his hands in demanding a Negro personell in face of local opposition. Chief credit for the victory is due to President Harding, Dr. Moton and the late Senator Underwood. President Harding stood by the principle on behalf of the government, Dr. Moton on behalf of the Negro race, and Senator Underwood on behalf of the South.

After so significant a victory, the Negro was naturally concerned in the outcome of the new experiment which in several respects has more than justified our expectations. The management of the Veterans' Hospital at Tuskegee carries with it the largest governmental function entrusted to the intimate handling of Negro hands. From all reports we learn that from the standpoint of professional efficiency the results are most satisfactory.

The Tuskegee hospital ranks high in the scale of efficiency of management as compared to that of other Veterans' hospitals. It has succeeded in the most difficult task of keeping racial peace in the community and promoting racial cooperation and good will, for all of which the race is most deeply gratified, still it cannot but help feel a deep tinge of humiliation and regret at the outcome of the charges and trials for pilfering from the government commissariat. The judgment of the court was no doubt empered by leniency on account of the alleged traditional weakness of the race in failing to observe sharp distinction between meum and tuum.

I remember when a student at Howard University, the president took as his text the advice with which Apostle Paul exhorted his congregation: "Let him that stole, steal no more." He also stated that every Negro bishop and ecclesiast should repeat this exhortation through out the Negro race. The student body became incensed at the reflection implied.

The tradition that the Negro will steal, was baned down from slavery days. The slave naturally felt an unconscious proprietorship in the wealth which his labor had helped to accumulate. In stealing from his master, he was merely reappropriating that which in a part, belonged to himself.

Calvin's Digest By Floyd J. Calvin

An Editor Laments

Editor J. Clarence Colclough of the Christian Index, official organ of the C.M.E. Church, published at Jackson, Tenn., writing of a personal experience in his own town, says: "Walking east on Main street we stopped to slake our thirst from a public water fountain on the side of a street, to be told by a white bystander 'White people drink here.' We said 'Why see here where birds and dogs may drink.' 'Well,' said he, 'white people drink here,' implying of course, that by all odds, race people of your group are not allowed to stop and take a drink of water on the side of the main street in Jackson.

"The C.M.E. Church carries upward of one hundred thousand dollars in banks of Jackson, we do more than two hundred thousand dollars in business; take our business away from Jackson, the postoffice would have to discharge some of its employees, bankers would lose their jobs, and possibly other features of business would have to reorganize, but the editor of the official organ of the church that does over a two hundred thousand dollar business, giving white boys and girls employment in lieu of race people, was not allowed to stop by a public street corner to slake his thirst.

"If the editor can be treated like that, why the financial secretary who banks our money in the banks of the city would be asked to move on too. Why not? Educated colored people in the South, generally have no more preference than ex-convicts. Fact seems, there is a deep silent movement exercised in the breast of the white south to emasculate the freedom of manhood which education presages in the heart of prominent and educated race people. These K. K. K.s are enveloping the North, and East and West too, with their virus."

The depth of the editor's feelings is clear; he is angry, and justly so. What to do. That is the question.

Jesse Owens Learns

Our national and racial hero, Jesse Owens, has learned that all that glitters is not gold, and that gold does not necessarily bring happiness. Mr. Owens, in speaking to students at Knox-

ville college, is reported as saying: "Leading a band is all right financially, and it's a lot of fun, but socially, it's not so good. As for me I am going to try to go back to school next year, finish my education, and try to do something worthwhile for my race." Mr. Owens also added that while attending Ohio State, he put athletics ahead of his classes; but when he returns in September, he is going to get down to work and put athletics in its proper place, secondary.

Well said, Mr. Owens! You were blessed by nature with remarkable speed and agility of body; you have rendered distinctive service to your nation and race by your track and field feats; but now you have noted the real, pressing need of your group—the long, hard fight of racial organization. You would be welcome on this front, Mr. Owens.

The wanton massacre of the "Flower of Ethiopia" by the Italians in Addis Ababa lately has evoked little more than a pious regret throughout the world. But not only was the best brain and blood, but the hopes of a nation were ruthlessly destroyed. The sons of Ethiopia's Elder Statesmen—the Martin brothers, and young Henry—are no more. We join with the New Times and Ethiopian News of London in bidding a sad farewell to these young heroes, who not only fought, but made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

Mississippi Answers The South has a way of answering when consideration is being given to measures designed to curb the lynching spirit. As the House debated the Gavagan bill, news of a double lynching at Winona, Miss., was flashed over the wires. The Associated Press brings the South's answer as follows: "Townes and McDaniel were taken from Sheriff E. E. Wright and two deputies early this afternoon as they were being led from the courthouse to a wooded spot about one mile from the small store where Ge-

An Echo From My Den

By S. E. Gilbert

As I sit here in my den with pen in hand, meditating as it were, there comes to my mind this fact: "For as the body is one, so is the human family", and upon this subject the old Den Dweller writes:

In order that you dear readers may better understand the subject, I shall peruse the pages of anatomy and there I find the human body is composed of skin, flesh, bones, circulatory system, respiratory system, a lymphatic system, elimination and nervous systems, and although each system has its spe-

cial duty to perform, it is imperative that in order for the human body to maintain a score of perfect health, they must all function as a unit. As the human body acts so must the human family. In the words as recorded in I Corinthians, I quote: "For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For in one spirit were all baptized into one body; whether Jews, or Greeks, whether bond or free; and all were made to drink of one spirit." That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another, and whether one member suffereth with it; or one member is honored, all members rejoice with it.

The fundamental changes taking place in Omaha today make it imperative that the great and good qualities of each racial group should be recognized and that the power of Christian love and fellowship should operate to utilize these qualities of each group to enrich all. Moral and spiritual reconstruction is as greatly needed in relations between races in Omaha as between economic classes.

Do We Want Equality

In the April Crisis Magazine Mr. George S. Schuyler, well-known writer, asks: "Is there really any great ferment among Negroes for the full manhood rights guaranteed them by the Constitution? Is the dark brother overly disturbed by the circumstances of living in what is virtually a vast jail where at best he is seldom more than a prisoner? Is there any external evidence that he is disposed to do anything much about it?"

Mr. Schuyler concludes that, "In the main, we do not really want to be free." We wish to cite, however, efforts being made by colored members of various state legislatures, and of Congressman Mitchell at Washington, to do something for the freedom of the group. We are not in position to do much for ourselves without the aid of the whites; but we can protest injustice, and the Negro press proves we are doing that.

BRONZE Standouts



Bobby Johnson THE JUVENILE DANCING SENSATION IN "NEW FACES" ONCE RAN AWAY FROM HOME... AFTER GETTING AS FAR AS CHICAGO, HE WROTE HIS SISTER, WINNIE, THAT HE WAS HOME-SICK... BUT BEFORE SHE COULD URGE HER FATHER TO FORGIVE HIM, CAB CALLOWAY, WHO WAS PLAYING A THEATRE DATE IN CHICAGO, HAD BOUGHT BOBBY A TICKET AND STARTED HIM BACK HOME.

Johnson and Dean THE OLD TIME VAUDEVILLIANS WERE AMONG THE FEW TO EVER TRIUMPH ON RETURNING TO THE THEATRE AFTER 38 YEARS ABSENCE. CAME BACK LAST SEASON AT CONNIES INN TO BE THE... SENSATION OF THE GREAT WHITEWAY.



THE SINGING STAR OF GEORGE GERSHWIN'S FOLK "PORGY AND BESS" SCORED A SENSATIONAL TRIUMPH IN THIS OPUS... HER FIRST BROADWAY APPEARANCE.

Sunshine Sammy BEGAN HIS MOTION PICTURE CAREER WHEN HE WAS 1 YEAR OLD IN THE "OUR GANG" COMEDIES, AND WAS A FEATURED PLAYER IN THEM FOR 11 YEARS.

Both industry and governmental recovery acts by many measures now promoted for the advancement of their respective interests have either openly or tacitly set up barriers based on race or color. The churches of America must face reality and recognize the friction, unfriendliness and race prejudice so evident in the relations between racial groups. Our profession of ideals of justice and goodwill must be made effective by positive acts. If we talk brotherhood, we must (Continued on Page 7)