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C. M. K.—Me and my wife get along fine at times and at other times she gets all upset and it is because she was born in Taurus? And advice that you have to offer will be greatly appreciated.

W. D. G.—Please tell me if this

boy that I am going with now loves anyone outside of me? Ans: Not one soul; your are his "whole chesse" and the apple of his eye". Stop worrying.

So Blue—I have a relative in a distant city and I am thinking of writing if I may come and stay with her for a while. Would it be wise?

Ans: You had better thrash this thing out with your parents before you become interested. Of course you are twenty years old and it is time for you to get out and make some start in life, but do you think enough to ask your parent for their consent. The relative in question would be happy to have for a visit.

C. C. C.—Last Wednesday night my name was called at the show for Bank Night and I was not there. Please tell me if I should go would it be called again?

Ans: Tough luck for you. No, I don't believe that your name will be called again anytime soon. However you stand just as good chance as you ever did and if you are interested, keep going.

M. D. L.—My husband works hard and makes good but he just won't pay our bills. What does he do with his money?

Ans: He squanders it on anything in sight, no one in particular, but anything he sees

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he want, he gets it. If he doesn't change soon, you will have to make some arrangement to earn some money.

S. P. B.—What am I to do to make my husband in our home? I am only twenty-one.

Ans: A cheerful disposition goes a long way with every man. An affectionate and understanding wife is most appreciated. A clean home with good, regular meals, fascinates every man and most of all keep yourself as trim, pretty and attractive as you were the very day you two were married.

W. J. L.—Does this boy love me and will he marry me as he promises me that he would?

Ans: At fourteen you shouldn't even be going with boys regularly. No, he doesn't have any idea of getting married to anyone.

V. L. D.—I am a married woman and I am trying to school my children and my husband won't help me and seems like he doesn't want to have anything. Should I leave him.

Ans: Life would be just as hard for you as it would be for your husband, and struggle to educate the children. I honestly feel that you would be better off where you are because as soon as the children get grown they will get married and you don't want to be left alone.

LABOR VIEWS

—By Clarence R. Johnson

QUESTION OF WAGE REDUCTIONS

June 28 is the date set by the carriers' joint conference committee wherein they have requested a similar committee representing 19 Labor organizations to meet with them at Chicago for the purpose of discussing the carriers' request for rail employees for a fifteen per cent reduction. The original request of the carriers indicated their intention of reducing all rates of compensation, arbitrators, and other allowances fifteen per cent, effective July 1. No such reduction will be put to effect on that date in view of the provisions of the Railway Labor Act which makes it mandatory for certain mechanics of procedure to be engaged in before any change at all can be made.

Dining Car employees acting nationally through the Joint Council of Dining Car Employee Unions have invited carriers notice on Dining Car Employee Unions to meet them at Chicago on a national basis for the purpose of handling the question to a conclusion. Dining Car Employee Unions, through

WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC

By LOUIS REID

Music Features & Photo Syndicate

"SWEET LILIAN" Harry Owens' song which Bing Crosby first popularized in the film "Waikiki Wedding," captured first place in the balloting of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as the



Louis Reid

Lew Brown and Sammy Fain.

There are 2,270 different lullabies or cradle songs, regularly published and copyrighted in ASCAP's files. Nearly one-quarter of them bear the title of "Berceuse." . . . Again, showing how often composers have the same idea, there are 496 compositions entitled "Barcarolle." And this list does not include 106 different arrangements which have been made of Offenbach's famous work of this name. . . . Fifteen different lyrics have been published to the music of the Neapolitan serenade, "O Sole Mio." Even the music of Wagner's "Evening Star" has been published under six different titles.

Those Sentimental Ballads

Sentimental ballads of home and mother and smiling-through-the-tearful continue to find a big public. Witness the recent popularity of "There's a Good Man in the Sky," "On the Sunny Side of the Rockies" and "When the Organ Played O Promise Me." This type of song stems, of course, to the late Charles K. Harris and his "After the Ball" which was a tremendous hit for more than a generation. Harris who had unusual talent for this style of number, followed up his great hit with other successful ballads which, along with "After the Ball" are occasionally revived—"Hello Central, Give Me Heaven," "Always in the Way," "Break the News to Mother," and "Somewhere the Sun Is Shining."

The old ragtime tunes that flourished when Theodore the First sat upon the White House throne are seldom heard today. The jazz pianists and maestros of the present exist at the "Maple Leaf Rag," "at one time the craze of the land. Even such a tune as Kerry Mills' "Whistling Rufus," once shouted in every cross-roads of America, rests in dusty oblivion. . . . About the only definitely ragtime

air that is still heard is Irving Berlin's "Alexander's Ragtime Band." But then, this tune is the epic of ragtime.

One Enduring Ragtime Air

A lifetime has passed since it first crashed upon the pianos of the old cabarets of the country. It swept across the nation with the force of a cyclone. Feature writers interpreted prominent citizens on the perils of ragtime and Berlin was considered everything from a menace to a genius.

With ragtime now spelled as jazz and swing, Berlin confines his activities chiefly to blue skies and melodies that linger on, leaving the hot stuff to others. Yet, when the call is clear and persistent, he, too, can turn out torrid jazz as he demonstrated in "Heat Wave."



James Weldon Johnson

A S.C.A.P.

No song in the last six months had a quicker rise—or a quicker fall—than "Bei Mir Bist du Schoen."

The Curse of Repetition

Repetition is still the curse of music broadcasting. The public endures repetition in heaping doses, orchestras playing the same tunes hour after hour, night after night. And yet, the music publishers are largely responsible for the overplugging. They have believed that concentrated airing of a new song over a period of a month or more to an audience of 60,000,000 would bring a rushing torrent of gold to their sheet music counters. They did not reckon upon the effect of the constant airing.

No listener can endure a persistent dinging of a ditty. He quickly becomes fed up—fed up in most cases in less than a month. Even the complex strains of the classic composers cannot stand nightly repetition. Even a Debussy or a Richard Strauss cannot hold up under it. And if they can't, what chance has a simple Hollywood ballad?

RAIL LABOR WINS NEW LEGISLATIVE VICTORY

Organized Rail Labor won a smashing victory for railroad workers when Congress ignored the propaganda of carriers' lobby not to pass the Rail Job Insurance bill. Under the provisions of the new act just passed by Congress, railway workers will come under a Federal Unemployment Insurance Act. Heretofore they have been under the various State Acts, and in no instance are any two State laws similar. In order to protect the interest of rail workers, it was necessary for the Federal law to be passed. The Federal Unemployment Insurance Act provides many features superior to those embodied in the State laws, particularly as to benefits of low paid workers. The Federal law provides for a unemployment payment to employees in the low pay brackets against those in the higher brackets. Unemployment annuities start in at \$1.75 per day graduating to \$3 per day. Very significant the Federal law does not require any contribution from the employees as required under the State law. The California law requires employees to contribute 90-100 of every dollar or ninety cents upon the hundred. Vicious Anti-Labor Petition Being Circulated

Under the dignified name of "The Women of the Pacific," an organization supposedly interested in Industrial Peace, this group is circulating a vicious anti-Labor petition for the purpose of killing Labor Unions. The law was drafted by Attorney-General U. S. Webb State of California, and embodies everything that predatory interests, reactionary business and the vicious merchant manufacturers' association can desire. The law purports to provide for a Labor Commissioner to be appointed by the State whose business it will be to try into the affairs of all Labor Unions, say who can or can not become members of such Unions regulate the affairs of the organization to the extent that it would strangle their

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operations; also provides that employees can not stop work at any time without giving the commissioner an extended notice of such intent; permits employers to review the financial records and the minutes of the Labor Union; finally practically puts the Union under the domination of employers.

Certainly the State of California does not require the incorporation of any business concern, nor does the state attempt to regulate these businesses except as the law requires under certain types of investments. Moreover employers and corporation do not permit nor does the law require, that they open their books—financial or a record of transactions—to employees or to the public for inspection.

It seems that if the reactionaries are sincere in their desire for Industrial peace they would not continue to be one-sided about the matter. This so-called referendum petition, putting the question on the ballot is dangerous; will hamstring later killing Labor Unions; and is the first, toward bringing Industrial Fascism to America such as is known in Italy and Germany today. Labor Unions as they are now operated and formed are the bulwarks protecting Democracy in America. It is urged that no one sign this petition regardless of who circulates it or what they may say of its merits. We must defend the rights of the great mass of people and destroy any attempt to undermine them.

See Effort To Curb Extension Work Among Negroes

Washington, June 30 (ANP) Recent developments indicate that Negro county extension agents throughout the nation face demotion or a curtailment of their activities, it was learned here last week. Extension leaders throughout the nation are viewing with alarm what they consider an attempt to discredit Negro leadership.

To further complicate matters, Dr. J. B. Watson, president of Arkansas State college, has recently written a letter to Dr. C. W. Warburton, of the United States Department of Agriculture, criticizing the work in general of district, state and county agents, among them J. B. Pierce, one of the two colored supervisors in the 15 southern states. This letter is expected to hasten the change in status of extension agents, and already a white man has named supervisor of Negro extension work in Arkansas, replacing H. C. Ray.

T. M. Campbell of Tuskegee is the only Negro district supervisor besides Pierce in the entire southern region. The set-currently calls Negro state and county leaders. But there is movement, protested by colored groups to put Negro extension work in counties under the white county agent to the extent that the Negro ought to be responsible to the white agent. The extension service was organized to aid the rural and farm population. Agents visit each farm to give advice and demonstrations on the proper way and latest methods of caring for crops, live stock, of improving farm homes and land, preserving food, etc., as well as giving personal advice. They have organized meetings and farm associations enabling agriculturists to cooperate. Through their efforts, many farmers have grown bigger and better crops on the same land, conserved the soil by crop rotation, modernized their homes and saved money.

In some states Negro agents work under supervision of the state's Negro land-grant college. Mr. Campbell introduced an innovation at Tuskegee that has proved of great benefit to Alabama farmers: the moveable school. At prearranged sites, neighboring farmers have gathered for demonstrations of canning and preserving of food, improving sanitation and appearances of homes at low cost, and similar problems affecting agricultural areas. This school idea is gradually coming into wider use throughout the South and has been highly praised by both white and colored.

In addition to the belief that a change in the extension set-up would do away with progressive work, leaders say also white supervisors in the prejudice-ridden South would not be disposed to give more than the barest minimum of help to colored farmers and would not at all be in a position to understand or work sympathetically toward solving the peculiar problems of the Negro rural population.

In his letter to Dr. Warburton, Dr. Watson declared he had lived all his life in the South except for four years when he attended college in the North, and had owned a farm since 1904, then asked: "Why the district extension agent? Why the county agent? Altogether they have very little if any influence over the farm problem and participate in it at a minimum. Arkansas is in Mr. Pierce's district. Mr. Pierce spends probably five or six days in Arkansas. He knows nothing about Arkansas more than Mr. Ray tells him. Altogether during the 42 months Mr. Ray has practically no contact with the farmers of this state. He cannot have. His program practically is handed to him. He has nine agents, nearly all the money is spent on and by white citizens.

The county agents have no influence over the county in which they work. They do what they get a chance to do which, in most part, is very little. I venture the assertion that there are not a dozen farmers in Arkansas that have better crops, better livestock and a better outlook on farming because of the extension program.

"I believe the energy of the Extension Department is employed almost wholly with academic discussions and conferences, conventions, and the publishing of literature that not one farmer out of a hundred ever hears about. The Extension plan Smith-Hughes Department, I believe, should be worked by Congress to show reasons for their grant expenditures. "I believe the Negro work could be made to function better if the Negro land grant colleges could be given a larger part of its supervision. I should not insist on the handling of the money, only that we should have a larger share in selection of personnel and of supervision."

In his reply to the college president, Dr. Warburton said, "Your letter is very disturbing to me—I have read many reports on the work of Negro extension agents and talked with many people who have had opportunity to observe it, and have seen something myself. From these contacts, I have developed a much more favorable opinion than is expressed in your letter."

"We have completed a motion picture on Negro Extension work showing a large number of illustrations of the work actually in progress, which I think carries strong evidence of its value. Your letter leads me to wonder whether you have actually observed what the Negro extension agents are doing in the field, and the effect of this work on your people."

The North Omaha Tennis club met at the home of Auerne Kincaid, 2861 Corby St., June 29th. Plans for a party were discussed after which a delightful luncheon was served.

The next meeting will be at the home of Avoca Mason July 8th. New members are invited.

Editorial of the Week

(From the Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch, June 5, 1938)

Sacred States' Rights It was only a few months ago that statesmen from Dixie made the Senate rafters vibrate in Washington with impassioned appeals for the preservation of States' right, when it was suggested that Federal G-men be allowed to get evidence on local sheriffs and their deputies who allow lynchings to occur in their jurisdiction. This the statesmen said, would be a gross violation of the sacred rights of our sovereign Commonwealths.

But these same zealous guardians have been as silent as an army of clams while Federal G-men scour Florida "snake country" in search of the criminal who kidnaped little 5-year-old James B. Cash Jr.

Yet J. Edgar Hoover is personally in command of a squadron of G-men, who are actually treading the sacred soil of a sovereign Commonwealth, in search of a criminal! Will our guardians of States' rights allow this horrible transgression to pass unnoticed? Or are we to conclude that the hallowed rights of the States are to be respected only when lynchings are involved, but ignored when a kidnaping takes place?

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