

THRU THE Darkness I See

BY FRED C. WILLIAMS

CALIFORNIA "HEAT WAVE" HITS NEW YORK:—The news that Les Hite, known as the California "Heat Wave" proved. Such an overwhelming success when he premiered at the million dollar Golden Gate Ballroom in New York City and won the admiration of the dancing public that he has held over for an extended engagement, co-starring with Count Basie. Les Hite is the great favorite out on the Pacific Coast, an exceptional showman, as well as a splendid musician and director. New York is

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to be complimented for recognizing the musical ability of this popular westerner. Capturing the fancy and favor of the sophisticated East is an achievement that will encourage musical artists of other sections to invade edate and usually cold harded Gotham.

PENETRATING THE FOG:—An interesting item crept into the news last week that Henry Bowen, a railroad fireman of Portsmouth, Va., has just made application for a patent on a device known as the "Bowen Fog Sweeper". The idea is to produce a volume of wind, a cyclonic force from a nozzle protruding in front of an auto and propelled by a special motor that would sweep the fog away from the front of the machine. Mr. Bowen is optimistic concerning his invention and is now working on a device to counteract poison gas used by belligerent nations in warfare. This young man should be encouraged in his effort to perfect all of his devices, because of their humanitarian aspects.

WHAT WAS THE CAUSE?:—The stage play, "John Henry" starred by Paul Robeson, supported by Ruby Elzy, went on the rocks in New York city recently; after five days, the manager closed the doors. Poor attendance was his explanation. Other reasons have been advanced, some to the effect that Robeson's outspoken defense of Soviet Russia may have influenced New York's theatre going public who are truly patriotic and resent any attitude that does not spell Americanism.

THE FADING COLOR LINE:—Congress passed an act June 8, 1926, empowering the president of the United States to fill vacancies in the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, by appointing sons of veterans of the army and navy, marine and aviation corp. Because the time limit was short Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, now has before Congress, a bill to ex-

KNOXVILLE'S STARTING FIVE



If you crawled into the huddle just before the tip-off at any Knoxville College game and looked toward the ceiling you would see, as did the cameraman, K. C.'s five acres of the hardwood. Clockwise around the circle starting at the upper left, they are: Vinson, forward;

Henderson, guard; Farmer, forward; Jordan, center; and Preston, guard.

Knoxville cagers have dropped only one home game this year. Their latest victories were a twin bill against LeMoyné and a win over Fisk. Final home game is the twin bill with Morehouse February 12-13.

tend the power of the 1926 bill. The bill itself, as well as the amendment, does not deny the right of any son of any veteran to be denied this opportunity on the grounds of color. As citizens of this country, we should use all of our power and influence to see that the boys of our race get the benefit of the advantages offered by the present bill and write our senators and congressmen to vote for the passage of the Russell amendment.

STANDS BY HIS GUNS:—Mayor LaGuardia of New York city makes public statement to the effect that he will insist on the appointment of magistrate Paige of Harlem to the position of judge in the General Session's Court vacancy in Brooklyn. Legal authorities contend that they cannot be given the position because he is not a resident of Brooklyn; but what about the fact that Brooklyn is a community in Greater New York. We admire the courage and tenacity as well as the fairness of men like Mayor LaGuardia. Let's have more of them.

A MODERN PHARISEE:—The action of Governor L. D. Dickerson of Michigan in denouncing a group of poor people seeking restoration of the mothers' pension cuts, as he was teaching a Sunday School class at Central Eaton Methodist church, where the delegation of women sought him out and found him. Angri-ly he denounced them and stated that God's temple was no place for such talk. Christ fed the poor and drove the money changers, out of the temple, but Gov. Dickerson, like the Pharisees looked down upon the poor and exalted himself.

CARTER CHARITY CLUB:—The Carter Charity Club met at the home of Mrs. Leona McVay, 2868 Corby St., Thursday, February 1, 1940 with mesdames Leona McVay, Gertrude Green and Susie Yancey as hostesses. The chain was broken by the other hostess, Mrs. Margaret Starks who has served with the ladies since joining the club some years ago. Mrs. Starks passed January 23, 1940. We all loved her dearly, but God loved her best.

The meeting was called to order by the President Mrs. Myrtle Metcalfe. Mrs. Alice Smith was appointed chairman of the committee.

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on sewing for the needy families. Members are to participate.

Mrs. Viva Phillips was accepted as a new member in place of Mrs. Starks.

The next meeting will be held March 7, 1940 at the home of Mrs. Addie Seals, 2810 Binney St.

Mrs. Myrtle Metcalf, Pres., Mrs. Susie Yancy, Reporter.

Abe Wallace

MY NEW ASTROLOGY READINGS ARE READY!!

B. M. H.—Please tell me if I will get a better job soon and if so will it be here in this city or not?

Ans: A very good job is scheduled for you this very month. One in the city where you are located at present. One in your position must apply at employment agencies or advertise in the local papers in order to get work.

D. F.—I told my husband that we were expecting a baby and he told me to go back to my parents and I did. Now he is acting very peculiar since I left and I want to know what is the meaning of it?

Ans: Pack your duds and go back to your husband the very day you read this message. You are his responsibility and if you don't stick to him and make him support you now, then you won't have a husband. It isn't your parent's place to care for you and his expectant child when it arrives, so go back and make him do right by you.

L. J.—Dear Sir, it is a woman who has my husband and has had him now for eight years and I want to know will you get her out of the way for me but I must tell you that she has a strong hand on him.

Ans: She seems to have what it takes to keep your husband satisfied and there isn't going to be an immediate change in his actions. Stop worrying about him, and try to get a little fun out of life yourself. Although—see that he supports you as he should for you are his legal wife.

O. M. C.—I have been going with this boy for eight years. Now this last year I have dated other boys and this fellow tells me if I do this again that he will call the whole thing off. What must I do?

Ans: It seems to me that this fellow you have been going with for eight years can't demand all of your time if he doesn't anticipate marriage, and surely he has known you long enough to know whether he wants you for a wife or not. Give him the air and go with the other fellows and you will get a husband.

We regret that the camera cut Jordan's face in two but K. C. fans know that he never loses face on the basketball floor. He has starred consistently for Knoxville this season, his first for the Bulldogs.

Ans: No. A course in nursing would certainly be an honorable profession and you would make a very good nurse. Why don't you just take your mother's advice and let the other people talk She knows what is best and she followed the nursing field herself.

L. C.—Last year I sent for my Astrology Reading and I wish to know if I send a quarter this year can I get my reading for this year.

Ans: Yes, you may. Be sure to send your full name, birthdate and correct birthdate along with your letter and if you like, I will be glad well-being of society in his private questions along with your remittance for my new 1940 Astrology Reading.

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THE FISK UNIVERSITY STAGE CRAFTERS PLAYWRITING CONTEST

The Department of Dramatics at Fisk University has moved from one interesting event to another since September when Mr. John M. Ross joined the Fisk faculty as director of that work.

The students began at once constructing adequate and beautiful stage sets out of raw materials; they have presented two excellent plays, "Night Must Fall" and "Names in Bronze", and a grant of \$2,500 was secured from the General Education Board to develop dramatic work at Fisk.

Now they are announcing an annual playwriting contest which should stimulate and produce excellent new dramatic material portraying Negro life in America.

The following regulations govern the contest:

- Prizes**
1. Winning Three Act Play...\$20.00
 2. Winning One Act Play...\$10.00
 3. Second place 3 Act Play...\$10.00
 4. Second Place One Act Play 5.00
- Eligibility**
1. To any Negro adult who is a high school graduate and who is interested in play-writing.
- Subject Matter**
1. Only plays of Negro life will be accepted. Folk drama is preferred and encouraged.
 2. This does not exclude white characters who may appear in plays of Negro life.
- Length of Plays**
1. Plays may be either one-act or long plays. (Long plays are usually assumed to be of three acts).
- Deadline**
1. Plays must be submitted not later than midnight of April 30, 1940.
 2. Two typewritten copies of each play must be sent to THE FISK STAGECRAFTERS, John M. Ross, Director; Box 212, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
- Conditions**
1. No plays will be accepted which have already been produced.
 2. The production rights of the winning plays will be held for the author by the Fisk University Stagecrafters.
 3. No play will be returned unless it contains sufficient return postage.
- Folk Material**
- The Stagecrafters also hope to encourage the recording of situations which are suitable for dramatic writing. To that end they offer Prizes of \$2.00 each for the five best descriptions of dramatic situ-

ations. These situations may be either original or taken from real life, and must be of Negro life in the South. These descriptions should contain not less than 200 or more than 400 words.

(For other desired details address the FISK University Stagecrafters, John M. Ross, Box 212, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.)

ARE THERE STILL MORE COLORED WOMEN THAN MEN?

Every Census taken in the last 100 years has disclosed an excess of women over men in the Negro population of this country. The 1940 Census, which will start April 1, will show whether this is still the case. In 1930 there were 179,805 more colored women than men.

HOW MANY CITIES HAVE 100,000 OR MORE NEGROES?

In 1930 seven cities had more than 100,000 Negroes, according to the Census Bureau. They were N. York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans and Detroit. The 1940 Census which will start April 1, may show more cities having at least 100,000 colored persons as a result of recent noticeable movements from the country to the city.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Bryce Crawford,
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Atty Ray L. Williams,
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