

EDITORIALS

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on the battlefields and in the factories. And they must share equitably in the fruits of victory. For theirs will be the task to rebuild a broken world.

Not here in America, alone, but all over the earth.

We thank the distinguished men and women who gave their time and talents to the Institute. Especially are we mindful of the good will shown by Dr. Witman and the fine approaches made by the leaders of organized labor in this area. And thanks to Judge Hastie and Dr. Philip Randolph. Come often and again.

"WHEN FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE MARCH, THEY WILL BUILD AN ENDURING PEACE"

The above was the subject of a speech delivered May 8th before the Free World Association at New York, by Vice President Henry A. Wallace.

It was at once the most scholarly and statesmanlike utterance, delivered thus far by any statement anywhere in the world in the present crisis. And while it lacked the eloquence of a Churchill and the persuasiveness of a Roosevelt, it assumed the lofty plane which reminded one of the Sermon on the Mount in its all-breaking scope.

That we must and will win the war, he was sure; that we will win the peace, he was confident. But he urged that we must win it for the common man throughout the world. And that we must make very sure that never again shall Satan, in the form of a future Hitler sally forth in the world to destroy the peace and security of men.

Only a statesman could have given utterance to such profound truths for the welfare of all humanity.

It would be a great good fortune, if that speech could find its way into the minds of every person in the world.

He implies that the common man is on the march and will move ever forward until mankind everywhere shall have won the "Four Freedoms", but shall have also assumed the four duties: 1. The duty to produce to the limit. 2. The duty to transport as rapidly as possible to the field of battle. 3. The duty to fight with all that is in us, and 4. The duty to build a peace—just, charitable and enduring.

And he would banish poverty and ignorance from the world and make sure that the common man will everywhere attain the dignity which is the birth-right of all children of men.

THE EVER PRESENT COLOR LINE

If the world war results in blotting out the "color line", the cost, however great, will not be too great.

Here in the United States, according to "Modern Industry", a mouth piece of "Vested Interests" a million Negro workers immediately available for war work, are excluded from work in the war industries solely on account of color. Sometimes the fault lies with labor unions; sometimes with employers.

Imagine, if you can, such a situation in Russia. It would simply be non-existent. There workers would be workers and every one one of them would be at work on the firing line or in the factories in a mighty effort to beat the Axis Powers.

We are not making an all-out effort unless we utilize all our resources of men and materials. We are not good allies of other powers unless we do.

Here again Germany sets a fine example in the fighting field. She made Japan her ally; she made Italy her ally. Speaking of Japanese.

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A MESSAGE TO GALLOWAY

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School that were chosen because of their record of scholarship, leadership and service, were both colored. (I believe this is the first time that recognition has been given colored children.)

The children are, Miss Jean McRae, daughter of the fascinating widow, Mrs. Beatrice McRae, 2624 Decatur Street, and Miss Juanita Hanger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hanger, of 1915 North 28th Street.

I needn't tell you C. C. that S. C. Hanger is president of the Urban League Board and is active in all civic and charitable work. Vocationally he is a government meat inspector, and privately he is an aspiring young attorney.

Miss Juanita also distinguished the family, and the race, by being the only colored participant in the musical appreciation class recently held at the Joslyn Memorial.

Isn't this one item alone, C. C. a good answer for why there should be a colored press and why each family should become a reader of it?

And if we didn't have a colored press, C. C. how would we know of the many interesting things happening to colored residents from week to week? For instance, during the week, I ran across the following bits of interesting copy—interesting to colored readers—and I leave it to you to answer if you would know of it but for the colored press.

For weeks, ever since I've been in Omaha, I've observed the members of the Mt. Calvary Community Church, pastored by the Rev. R. W. Johnson, 25th and Grant, remodeling and working around the building. I observed the ladies working in the hot sun around the church yard, beautifying the grounds, planting flower seeds, etc., and anyone could observe that the work was a labor of love.

During the week they completed their improvements and Sunday afternoon they had a sort of glorification program, commemorating the conclusion of several months work. I attended.

Hitler, knowing full well they are Brown in Color, nevertheless says they are Aryans because they worship similar pagan gods. And they have made the swarthy Italian "pure" Aryan, also. Here in America we even hesitate to give dark men work.

In this lies the answer to Axis' successes thus far. In the interest of civilization we must slay this monster of COLOR-PHOBIA, here in America and throughout the world. For there can be no successful termination of the war and no winning of the peace while this monster goes to and fro in the earth.

Let America lead the way and rid itself of this Image of Evil and Destruction. This done, we shall win the war and the peace and thereafter keep the peace through the coming years.

THE POISON PLANT WITH FLOWERS OF FLAUNTING BEAUTY

Long ago a widely read American writer called "Temptation" "A Poison Plant upon which Hang Flowers of Flaunting Beauty".

If that may be said of Temptation may it not also be said of AMBITION, manifested chiefly by an overwhelming desire of many men and women to be "PROMINENT".

Down through the years we have noted this phenomenon and have tried to find a remedy for it, without success. In many men and women it is so pronounced as to amount to madness. Psychologists have probed it and dilated upon it, but all have failed to solve it.

We shall leave it as we found it, in the bright sunlight. 'A' Poison Plant with Flowers of Flaunting Beauty'. Many have plucked it; others will, until we learn the better way.

Have you been inside the remodeled church, C. C.? No wonder they should rejoice and be proud of their efforts. Everything is clean and freshly painted. Indirect lighting predominates. The altar, choir facade, and general rostrum, beautifully finished with mural crosses on the walls, as well as on the walls all around the church. A beautiful neon light with the words, "Jesus is the Light of the World" is across the front of the altar.

For this special program Rev. L. W. Anderson, pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church, 26th and Franklin, together with his delightful choir, were in charge.

You know what I think of Rev. Anderson's discourses, C. C.? I like his style of delivery for he connects his text with the present everyday problems of his listeners. I, for one, however, do not understand how he can talk so bluntly, and so critically of his listeners, and yet keep them in his fold, unless it is that they just say "Amen" on Sunday and then put their religion "on the shelf" for the balance of the week.

I have only one disturbing thought in connection with my visit to Mt. Calvary and that is that whoever designed those trellis-like arches, or posts, that extend upright in front of each dais made a slight mistake, at least in my opinion. When I go to church to listen to the preacher, or other talker, I like to concentrate on what he, or she, has to say, and not be mentally disturbed by having, he, or she, bobbing back and forth behind some post or other obstruction, even if it is open-work or trellis-like.

I overheard someone connected with the Pilgrim Baptist Church, lauding some quartette, the Southern Breezes Quartette, I believe. They said that the quartette was singing on one of the church programs when some radio people were in the audience and the radio people immediately booked the quartette for radio auditions. Have you heard anything about this, C. C.? What was the outcome?

Jimmie Jewell, the popular Omaha promoter that brings all the nationally-known orchestras and bands to his prominent Dreamland Ball Room, 24th and Grant Streets, was in the office one day, C. C., and he gave a standing invitation for me to drop in at the Dreamland any time I desired. It seems that I am beginning to be recognized as a member of the Omaha Colored press.

And being recognized as a member of the press I want to thank Sergeant George Bivens for the invitation that he extended for me to attend the supper at the Masonic Hall that he was promoting, in behalf of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, I believe.

I met a Miss Elizabeth Jamerson of Mason City, Iowa, but for the life of me I can't remember how whom she was visiting.

I do remember meeting Mrs. Margaret Grant, 2502 Lake Street, however. I couldn't forget meeting her because she lived in Minneapolis the same time I did and naturally we could talk and talk of old acquaintances.

Mrs. Grant has only been in Omaha for about a month and she has one of the nicest homes I've seen. She has a few lovely furnished rooms for rent for gentlemen who prefer something classy. I think she said her phone number is Atlantic 7837.

Sunday afternoon I saw the prettiest sight just sitting here at my desk looking out the window. That church across the street, C. C.—the St. Benedict's Church, I believe—was holding some kind of special services. It was either a confirmation service, or a mock wedding. I don't know which, but all of the little children—there must have been fifty of them—were costumed so prettily in their various kinds of robes. After the services the priests took pictures of the little christened children in every conceivable combination. You ought to run some of the pictures in the GUIDE.

I learned from Mrs. J. W. Gordon, 2932 North 28th Street, that her little granddaughter, Stenola Jones, 4 years old, the daughter of Mrs. Lummie Jones, 2815 Franklin Street, is ill in the hospital with pneumonia.

No relation—that is as I know of—but one Jones reminds me of another, Mr. Fred Jones, of 2427 Ohio Street, several weeks ago made an appointment for me to call at his house at a specified time. On the day of the appointment, several hours ahead of time he stopped me; paid me what he agreed; saying that he wouldn't be at home at the appointed time and he didn't want me to make a trip for nothing. Now that's what I call a real man and a real subscriber.

TOOK "TOWN MEETING" TO HOWARD



GEORGE V. DENNY, JR.

One of radio's most famous forums, "America's Town Meeting of the Air", was broadcast from Howard University, Washington, D. C., on Thursday evening, May 28th. It was the program's first broadcast from the nation's capital city.

Accepting the invitation extended by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President of Howard University, George V. Denny, Jr., the founder and Moderator of "America's Town Meeting of the Air" and President of Town Hall, Inc. New York City, took the entire program to Howard on that evening, where the discussion of the topical "Is There a Basis for Spiritual Unity in the World Today?" was carried over station WMAL and the largest network ever carrying a sustaining broadcast—129 stations of the coast to coast hookup of the Blue Network.

The speakers on this nationwide Howard University Town Meeting were Dr. Johnson himself and three members of the Howard faculty, Doxey Alfonso Wilkerson, Assistant Professor of Education, Leon A. Ransom, Acting Dean and Professor of Law, and Alain LeRoy Locke, Professor of Philosophy. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Wilkerson taken the affirmative side of the question, and Dr. Ransom and Dr. Locke, the negative. Mr. Denny acted as Moderator, and the latter half of the program's hour on the air was thrown open to questions from the audience in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

Along this line of thought, C. C. I might record that many have made definite appointments with me but they forget to keep them. That is quite discouraging at times but of course it is all in the game. It is nice, of course, to keep a record of those whose record is reliable and those who are not.

That journalistic discussion about who has been on one job for a long time has not come to an end yet. For instance I learned when calling upon Mrs. C. Kirtley, 2622 North 27th Street, that her husband, Curtis Kirtley, has been with the Pullman company for thirty years, and twenty-nine of those years they have lived right here in Omaha.

Remember the slogan I adopted last week, C. C. about dropping in to the GUIDE office to use the phone? Well, Cecil Chiles, 2815 Decatur, apparently, took advantage of this offer and before he left he put his name down as a GUIDE reader.

The name Chiles reminds me of old Nick Chiles of Topeka, Kansas. Remember him, C. C.? A quarter of a century ago he was noted as one of the most militant colored journalists in the West. I visited with him at his house in Topeka along about that time. During the week I met Mrs. Bessie Clark, 928 North 25th Street. She is from Topeka and we talked about many old mutual friends in Topeka.

Are you psychical, C. C.? I had a peculiar experience during the week. I called on Mrs. Pearl M. Alexander, 2312 North 27th Avenue. Before I could introduce myself she called me by name. The peculiar feature of this feat is that Mrs. Alexander is, and has been for seven years, an invalid. She has been unable to go beyond her front porch and never before had I passed her house.

Her explanation was that she reads the GUIDE regularly and she has been reading this message to you and she just pictured in her mind what this writer was like and when I called she immediately addressed me by name. Is that one for Bob Ripley, C. C.?

I have learned since, C. C., that Mrs. Alexander was the first colored person in Omaha to open a beauty shop here. That was years ago, and for many years she was not only a leading beauty, but a leading beauty culturist. She operated a Mme. C. J. Walker school.

old-timer who just passed away. His name is Wesley Thomas and they tell me he was known around Omaha for over forty years. His mother, Mrs. Erma Thomas, I believe, just passed away about three months ago. He leaves two brothers, Theo and Clyde Thomas.

Where is 30th and Spencer, C. C.? I have a handbill before me advertising the West Bros. Shows who will be there for eight days starting May 30th, under the auspices of V. F. W.

One advantage if an advantage it is in having traveled a lot, is in the fact that no matter whom you might meet, nor where they are from, you can always strike up a conversation about old mutual acquaintances.

Such was the case when I saw Mrs. S. C. Hanger busily engaged in assisting her husband in remodeling, and repainting, their home at 1915 North 28th Street.

Before she was married, C. C. you know she taught school in the Summer High, St. Louis, Mo., and we knew many old acquaintances including a beautiful creature of the feminine sex with whom I was at one time much enamored.

Somewhere I picked up a clue to a really worthwhile project that is now being formulated. It seems that a group of prominent ladies are organizing a Day Nursery project so that accommodations may be had for the working mothers. I'll try and get the details for this for you, C. C. so you can publicize it in the GUIDE.

The very attractive Mrs. Vernetta Mills, 2313 Charles Street, was recently visiting in Cheyenne, Salt Lake and Denver. At one time or another I've known all three places and I'm sure Mrs. Mills enjoyed herself while on her trip.

One of your subscribers C. C. Mrs. Evelyn Stevens, 2802 Seward Street, asked me if I knew where her niece Georgia Mae Mitchell, (no relation to me) could get a job. Do you know of anyone, C. C. who would like to give an eighteen year old girl at least a part time job as house keeper, or what have you?

Most people put on a good front. That's human nature, isn't it, C. C.? Well, I know one family who not only puts on a good front, but their backyard is even better looking than their front yard. I'm thinking of the Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott of 2872 Binney Street. I was admiring Mrs. Scott's efforts in beautifying her front yard one day when she retorted that I should see the garden in the rear. Well, I did see it, and it was lovely to behold.

C. C. here's a message that I'm not even going to try to edit. There's really something to it. It is from one of your subscribers, Earl C. Jackson, 2114 Lake Street. It reads: "Coming home from the Cudahy Packing Company, of South Omaha, one evening I overheard two ladies talking on the bus. One was telling the other that she knew a lady with 200 lbs. of sugar. She said that this lady was determined to get her regular sugar ration books and also just have what she wants regardless of how the rest of the country gets along. This lady lives a maid. She said somebody should report her for being so un-patriotic. Now, I ask you is that the right spirit? We, of the Cudahy Plant, are buying bonds and more bonds. Sending our money and our boys out to fight this war and it's pretty hard to sit still and hear that kind of talk. What can be done about it?"

Can you answer that one, C. C.?

Here's a patriotic little wife, Mrs. Charles Panky, 3110 Corby Street, wanted to cancel her subscription, pay for it and send the GUIDE to her husband, Charles M. Panky, Jr., Company D. 6th O. T. B. Aberdeen, Provings Grounds, Maryland, as she couldn't pay for two subscriptions. As a patriotic gesture I just told her to pay for the one and the GUIDE would voluntarily send the paper to her husband as long as he is in the Officers Training School. Was that OK, C. C.?

Thanks to THE SPECTATOR, Michigan's Leading Weekly, for sending me their paper each week. I read every word in it.

And also thanks to an old friend, A real friend. One who cooperated with this writer for years. He's from Michigan also. He says in

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C. C. I will have to admit that you seem to have some kind of political influence hereabouts. I would suggest that you use some of it in at least trying to have some of the sidewalks repaired in the colored district, even if you can't get the streets repaired. I walk these sidewalks everyday and my feet already have been drawn into fantastic shapes trying to tread these uneven and shapeless sidewalks.

For the benefit of your inquiring subscribers who want to know where I was born and my parentage, etc., let me quote from my birth certificate:

Born, Minneapolis, Minnesota; date (well that's immaterial for I'm trying to be younger than I actually am.)

Father, Z. W. Mitchell, Mother, Alice Gordon Mitchell.

Father's occupation—Editor. (Perhaps that explains why I have been in the newspaper game all my life. It's in the blood. My sister was likewise. And two uncles are publishers, or were, for one of them is dead.)

I went to public schools in Minneapolis. Later to public schools and college in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. And since the first World War I've traveled all over the entire Western Hemisphere.

This information will save a lot of questioning from some of your subscribers as I call on them.

A number of your subscribers, C. C. have expressed to me their deep sympathy because Mrs. Nellie Williams, principal of Long school, is in the Mayo Brothers hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, for an operation of a tumor on the brain.

Apparently, Mrs. Williams is loved by all the students, and the student-parents of Long school.

May Mrs. Williams soon recover and return to her loved ones—the students of Long school.

I met Dr. J. J. Jones, who has dental offices at 2308 North 24th Street, and who lives at 2417 Binney Street. Also his wife, Mrs. Mattie Jones. They have the ideal remedy for spending these sweltering weekends. They go out camping each week-end.

May Mrs. Williams soon recover and return to her loved ones—the students of Long school.

Imagine me attending a spiritual meeting, C. C.? Mrs. Roxie Morris, 2624 Caldwell Street invited me to attend one of her regular Thursday night meetings at 8 o'clock.

Happy is Mrs. Jessie Tompkins, 2710 Caldwell Street, who has been sick for a long time for she is able to be up and around again.

While calling on Mrs. Lafayette Robinson, 1414 1-2 North 24th Street I met her demure niece, Miss Edna Taylor, who said she formerly worked for you and would like to come back and work again as she preferred typing to sewing. Can't we use her, C. C. when we get our book promotion work started?

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Here's another note. It says something about Mrs. Pearl Monday, of Kansas City, Kansas, being sick. Is there any connection between that and your subscriber, Mrs. W. M. Monday, 1502 North 28th Street? I've forgotten now. Come to think of it I believe I do remember that Mrs. Monday said something about having to go to Kansas City because of this illness. I need a secretary, C. C. to keep all these notes straight. Will you loan me yours?

Somehow or other I am attracted to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell. They, sort of symbolize what I have been longing for all my life. That is a life partner who would be interested with me in building up a business. I've never found one but Mr. and Mrs. Bell are the ideal couple, in my opinion. They are taking over the general store business formerly operated by her parents, the Montgomerys at 2531 Lake Street, who for seventeen years operated at that same address. That is ideal—a young couple starting together to carry on, and build up a business. I believe their grand opening is some time next week. I've passed their store every day and the two of them have been busy rearranging, painting, and preparing the place for the future.

From Atlanta, Georgia, I met Theodore R. Mallory, a former G. Mahan, and we chatted for a considerable time about Atlanta acquaintances and their progress in the world.

Mr. Mallory stopped off in Cincinnati, Ohio, on his way to Omaha, to attend a Labor Convention. You know he is the Special Representative for the United Transport Service Employees of America. At the present time the only Omaha affiliate of this organization is the Red Caps Corp at the Burlington Station.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Mallory, 2221 North 25th Street, Miss Elsie Mallory, is now attending Spellman College, but is expected in Omaha within a week or two. She was just elected Parliamentarian of her class, and for some time she has been chairman of the Student Council.

The Mallory's son, Theodore, Jr. is quite a talented soloist and expects to go on a concert tour during the summer months.

Mr. Mallory has now returned to Atlanta but those who would like to communicate with him can do so by writing to him at 40 Jephtha Street, S. W. Atlanta, Georgia.

Now, C. C. I ask you, in all fairness (Continued on page 4)

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