

The 1944 National Negro Health Week Recognizes the Need for Preservation and Protection of Our Children—Citizens of the Next Generation

War is "bad business" for the moral and morals of any people, whatever may be the cause or the noble objectives of the conflict. It is especially disastrous to a growing generation of children who feel the impact of war upon their homes, neighborhoods, and community, and who are frustrated by the calamitous turn of events in their otherwise normal and care-free lives. Of course, all deficiencies in child welfare are not chargeable to the war. Remember, our President said that one-third of all the people of the Nation are ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed. Many of these are children. Hence, the challenge is two-fold—

Correction of the conditions which prevailed before the war, and increased vigilance and industry to prevent a further accumulation of the ills which afflict the innocent offspring for whom we are responsible—Indeed guilty of neglect and exploitation of their bodies, minds and souls.

But the past is now a record; the present is laden with challenge to retrieve some of the losses; the future bids and warns us to do now those things which we should have done in the past, and to prepare our children in the midst of war for the duties and opportunities of peace. What can we do? So much! First there should be the realization that "children just don't grow up like weeds and animals"—not unless you expect the harvest to be tares and tears. Even flowers must be cultivated and domestic pets trained for the satisfactions which abide in their respective beauty or devotion. How much more, then, should mankind be mindful of those made in his own image, with promise of noble contributions to the society of which they must become an integral part.

The National Negro Health Week is one of the many avenues through which an effectual approach might be made to solution of prevailing problems and the projection of helpful programs. Cognizant of the need for more conscious provisions for the welfare of our children, this year's Health Week chooses the health of these children as a major objective. The Health Week enales a community to orient its needs and facilities for child care and protection. The year-round extension of the Health Week findings and plans makes possible collaboration for the maximum utilization of available aids and the acquisition and establishment of those means for child welfare which are lacking.

The Child of Today—Citizen of Tomorrow! This is the challenge. Unworthy as we may have been in the past, let's be worthy of the future which will determine the measure and merit our Victory in the present conflict, according to the success we attain not only in saving the world for democracy but also in making democracy, as intended, a source of inspiration for all and the insurance of universal welfare.

The child receives its first nurture and training in the home. The immediate neighborhood of the child is the environment which influences both the reaction of the child to cleanliness, order, and beauty in the community, and the physical and social welfare of the child. Therefore, the home and the neighborhood have a joint responsibility to protect and inspire the children in the early years of their lives.

S. C. SENATE SNUBS WHITE SUPREMACY RESOLUTION. Columbia, S. C. March 28 (AP)—The South Carolina Senate adjourned Saturday evening, without giving concurring action to the intemperate "white supremacy" resolution which created such a sensation when it was adopted by the house three weeks ago. Introduced by Rep. Long of Union and asking, "the damn northerners to leave the south alone," in racial matters the resolution drew a storm of bitter criticism down on the state, extending as far abroad as England, where the London Daily Times gave it front page space. The senate's failure to action means that the resolution remains without legal status.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN HALL. (Continued from Page 1) the Office of Civilian Defense, Region II, and who is also serving as chairman of the Women's Activities of the National War Fund.

Governor Edison, who says he inherited his interest in adult education from his inventor-father, was elected to fill the vacancy of the Town Hall Board of Trustees created by the recent death of Dr. Arthur E. Bester, president of Chautauqua, who had served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years and who was vice chairman of the Board at the time of his death. Mr. Edison will not automatically succeed Dr. Bester as vice chairman of the Board however, as the election of Board officers will not take place until the annual meeting in May, when both a vice chairman and a chairman will be chosen.

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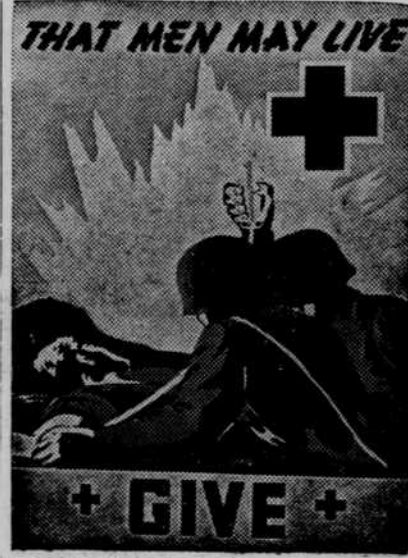
Dr. James McCaskill, prominent Dentist and Grand District Deputy, Exalted Ruler of the Elks, was buried Sunday at the Liberty Baptist Church in Chicago. The prominent fraternal leader died suddenly Wednesday at 4626 S. Michigan Ave. He had been honored on Thursday March 16 with a huge testimonial at the Great Lakes Lodge House by Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson. A Morehouse College and Northwestern University graduate, Dr. McCaskill has practiced dentistry in Chicago for 18 years. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Disabled American Veterans, Lincoln Dental Society, Masons and was active in local, civic and social organizations. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Grace E. McCaskill. (Press Photo Service.)

lord Davis, Mrs. Albert L. Deane, George V. Denny Jr., Mrs. Carl Eggers, Marshall Field, Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S. J., Mrs. Elgin R. L. Gould, Peter Grimm, Mrs. Simon Guggenheim, John W. Hanes, Luther H. Hodges, Joseph M. Levine, Russel Maguire, Robert G. Mead, Spencer Miller, Jr., Walter W. Naumburg, Arthur E. Orvis, Harry A. Overstreet, Mrs. Richard C. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. Charles Poletti, Philip D. Reed, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Charles William Tausig, Norman Thomas, Miss Dorothy Thompson, Mrs. James H. Van Allen, Frederic A. Willis, Wendell L. Willkie, Winthrop W. Aldrich, ex officio, Leland Rex Robinson, ex officio.

Officers, besides Mr. Denny are:—Robert Erskine Ely, Director Emeritus, Luther H. Hodges, Treasurer, Iva Nichols, Secretary, William Steinhoff, Vice President-Comptroller. Plans were also discussed at last week's Board meeting for a dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on this Wednesday, March 29, in honor of returning war correspondents. "I Predict" was the theme of the dinner of which Peter Grimm and Mrs. Richard C. Patterson, Jr., were co-chairmen. Mr. Thomas J. Watson was Honorary chairman. Arthur Kroek Washington correspondent of the N. York Times was the toastmaster at the dinner and the principal speakers were Lt. Col. Vincent Sheean, USA, Sir Willmot Lewis, Washington correspondent of The London Times, Jorothy Thompson and Frank Gervasi Collier's Correspondent just back from Italy and Henry J. Taylor, correspondent just back from the Mediterranean.

Mr. Denny reported a substantial increase of gifts to Town Hall during the first ten months of the fiscal year. Twelve persons have endowed chairs in Town Hall, each representing a gift of \$1,000. Persons for whom chairs were endowed are: Geo. Bliss Agnew, New York State Senator; Frances Newgass Binger, member and patron of Town Hall for many years; Joseph R. Ensign, manufacturer; Augustus C. Hone, Engineer; Raymond Vail Ingersoll, Borough President of Brooklyn and labor arbitrator; Lionello Perera, international banker and leader of Italian welfare work; David Dodge Rantlett, LL.B., lawyer and railroad executive; Ellen Augusta Rantlett; Arthur F. Stevens, manager of Methodist Book Concern; Joshua Marsden Van Cort, M. D., pioneer pathologist; Charles R. Waigreen, founder of the Waigreen Drug Co., Elizabeth A. Walsh, B. S., A. M. educator. Gifts to Town Hall's War Chest

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THE NEGRO VOTE

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A poll conducted among Iowa Negroes by the Iowa Observer, published in Des Moines, showed that Wendell Willkie was more popular than President Roosevelt. The ratio was 57 to 43. Other Republicans, however, did not show up so well. Dewey, for example, trailed Roosevelt in the ratio of 51 to 49.

A shift of the Negro vote away from the New Deal was noted conspicuously in a recent New York Congressional election. The Democratic candidate won by a margin of 1,571 votes out of more than 21,000 cast in a predominantly Democratic neighborhood, but the Democrats fell behind in the Harlem sections of the Congressional district.

Democrats in Harlem told the N. York Times that there is a definite trend away from the New Deal among Negroes. They added that they had warned President Roosevelt's political advisers at a conference in Washington last week to take action to try to halt this shift. At the conference, it was said, the trend was shown to be of national scope, Negro Democrats have asserted that it was responsible for the election of a Republican Governor in Kentucky last Fall, for the election of a Republican Representative in a special Philadelphia by-election.

Four years ago, the same Harlem districts gave the Democratic candidate a vote of seven and eight to one. Negro leaders blame this political change on a number of factors, one of which is resentment against mistreatment of Negroes in the armed services. Another cause of dissatisfaction is said to be discrimination against the race in employment. But there is still another reason that may be as important as any, and that is the Negroes' growing independence of relief funds. The manpower shortage has opened opportunities for work at higher pay than he has ever received before.

Many of them are still working for the government, for these high wages and year-end appeal, both to enable Town Hall to carry on its educational work through the war years have amounted to \$26,181.32. More than 600 people from all parts of the country contributed to the Town Hall's work so far this year.

come largely from government contracts, but it isn't relief money or WPA money in the old sense, and the feeling that it must be paid for in votes isn't there any more.

A political swing based on such a flimsy reason may be quite unreliable and may easily go back the other way when the war ends; but the Republicans originally claimed most of the Negro votes, and the return of the pendulum would not be unnatural.

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