

Substantial Wage, Salary Increases or Depression—Nation's Choice

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Your Work



(by Ruth Taylor)

How do you work? Do you finish what you start to do? Do you have to do things over? Do you work because you have to—or to fill up time?

It was Carlyle who wrote "Genius is the infinite capacity for taking pains." And it is that ability, that willingness of spirit which is even more important than mental dexterity or mental skills.

All work is seeds sown! It grows and spreads like the ripples from a stone thrown into a pool. We do not know against what bank it may spend itself, or whom and what it may affect.

Slipshod work hurts first the doer. First in having to redo—for redoing work is staying in a rut, is not progressing or learning. Second, in the weakening of ability to do a job right. Carelessness is a habit-forming drug, insidious in its sapping of morale, but deadly in its effects.

The work that each of us do, the work that is before us, is our job, to be done by us. We must prove that we do it better than anyone else.

But there is another thing to be remembered. Dr. Stelzle brought it out in an article once years ago: "The day's work stands for a socialized effort, which has become possible only because others in the past have contributed their share to our effort. To these we owe a debt of gratitude. There is only one way in which we may pay this debt we owe them—we have the privilege of building upon the foundation laid by our forefathers, so that other millions may be blessed because of our own labors."

"This may seem idealistic, but the law of progress demands this of us, unless we are content to become parasites, living from the labors of others. In a sense, every man is a parasite, who is willing to receive the benefits which have accrued as the result of others' labors, without contributing his share to the common good."

This is as true today as it was when it was written. The way to get ahead—both materially and spiritually—no matter what task confronts you, is to do the day's work as though it were the only job in the world—the one thing by which you would be judged. "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not unto men" so wrote Paul.

white Desdemonia. Iago and the rest of the boys fixed it up so that Othello had to kill Desdemonia and then himself, to satisfy the edict of white philosophy on the race question that intermarriage can only have a tragic ending when the male is black and the female white. Other stories point to a similar conclusion. The white man, however, can do no wrong although he also gets it in the neck in the end for venturing across the color line and having a black woman in a clandestine hideaway. Tracy Dean in Lillian Smith's "Strange Fruit" was such a character. The main theme is that it won't work out.

Truth is, intermarriage has and does work out. Otherwise, there would be fewer mixed bloods of legally married parents. But the white man has put the frown on it and that is all there is to it.

The white man will accept a Negro Joe Louis as heavyweight champion in the prize ring, a situation in which a Negro is established by the white man's rules as the tops in physical prowess. He will accept Kenny Washington, Jackie Robinson, Brud Holland, Buddy Young and others as all-Americans on the gridiron. He has finally accepted a Negro, Jackie Robinson, to crash the lily-white gates of major league baseball. Bill Robinson is, to the white man, one of the greatest personalities of the theatre of all time. But in each instance outlined here, a white woman remains out of the matter entirely. If the above-named persons, including Louis, consorted publicly with white girls, or married them, the show would be ended right away. Remember what happened to Jack Johnson? Well, that's the clue.

All this brings us to the point that somebody in our leadership front office ought to make it clear to the white world that white women are not that attractive to our men, and our men ought to prove it by showing more respect for their own women and by forcing the white man to belatedly give them the same respect he demands Negro men show his. There is no reason why Negro women should face double-trouble, disrespect from their own men and the same from white men. The white woman is certainly not entitled to any more respect than ours. The sooner the white man finds out that Negro men are not "white woman crazy" and that he'd better come across with the same respect for our women, the sooner a lot of this fog around the race question is going to clear up.

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twelve years. But you won't be really smart until you know all about those legally respectable but fiendish devices called "carrying charges."

GLORIOUS 92ND:

"They were glorious", said General Mark W. Clark of the 92nd Division, and we repeat that "glorious" is the word for this oldest of the Army's Negro Infantry divisions. The campaign record of this division, which suffered nearly 4,000 casualties during World War II, measures up in every way to the history of American fighting men of all time.

These boys of ours will be coming home soon, probably early in November, and now is the time to plan a richly deserved royal welcome. But if some of the brass hats have their way, the Division will be split up before embarking that they will arrive in small groups, which makes a welcome for the Division just about impossible.

BRANCH RICKEY—AMERICAN:

Add the name of Branch Rickey Jr., manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, to your list of men who actually believe that democracy can work in America, and are determined to give it a try. A tempest in a teapot developed over his purchase of Jackie Robinson, for the color-line boys immediately and loudly predicted that it simply couldn't be done. Rickey suspects that some of his men may quit rather than play with Robinson, but he has thought all that through too. A report went the rounds that the owner of the Kansas City Monarchs thought the whole business a raw deal, but that's all cleared up, and now for the first time a Negro has been signed to a playing contract in what is called "organized" baseball. If you are not very careful, even some American churches may swing around to the notion that people are just people.

OUT-DATED KKK:

When the shrewd cowards who went striking over the countryside during Reconstruction days in the South burned their fiery crosses, they terrified ignorant Negroes for whom the most real thing in life was fear. The KKK burns its crosses once more atop Stone Mountain in Georgia, but this time only a handful of delude whites are impressed. The Klan is out of step and out of date. Even the most rabid Negro-baiters in the country know this, and Negroes have learned not to be afraid. Many will die, if the Klan has its way, but many more than you would ever suspect will die fighting, not running. And a bed sheet just doesn't seem like a good screen to hide behind when the fracas begins. Other than for those who pay fancy prices for this yellow domestic, America is unimpressed.

WHAT MAKES:

My friends who are in the dough elaborate on the fancy prices paid for each item in their wardrobe, when anybody can see that I'm one of those guys

who believe that the major function of clothing is to cover the body?

People with new store teeth give you that so very broad grin, as if it were necessary to show ALL of both upers and lowers at each slightest provocation?

Plain Talk...

(BY DAN GARDNER)

WHITE MAN'S WOMAN AND HOW HE KEEPS HER WHITE

The white man has one fear, his greatest, on the race question, and that is about his woman. If he were positively assured that intermarriage, miscegenation, and social mixing would be taboo in every phase of life, the status of the Negro in the U. S. and darker peoples throughout the world would change overnight for the better, thinking persons have surmised.

Throughout the centuries of his world domination, the white man has built conquest upon conquest, explored most of the known world, reached out for the unknown in science, philosophy, religion, and done many unprecedented things in psychology, but in all, he is like Achilles with one vulnerable spot—in Achilles' case, the heel, in the white man's his woman.

Around his woman he has hung a sacred halo. To her he attributes purity, dignity, unsullied by contact with people of lower strata, meaning Negroes and darker peoples. Although these restraints have been irksome, tiresome, to say the least, the white woman has had to endure them through the years as her man placed and kept her on the very pinnacle of the pedestal of white supremacy. He organized Night Riders, the Ku Klux Klan; he has set up Christian Fronts, Bunds, Rotary and Lions Clubs, Daughters of the American Revolution and other groups whose main reasons for existence are the preaching of the purity and sanctity of white womanhood.

More lynchings here in the U. S. have come about over some fancied assault or insult to a white woman than any other reason. It has been said that a white man will make a Negro king so long as he has no designs on a white woman. Even Shakespeare back in the 15th Century expounded the theory of the supremacy of white womanhood and what a white man will do to keep her supreme (in his eyes) in how he worked out the drama of "Othello."

In this tragedy, the master playwright allowed the black Moor, Othello, to become a great general and ruler of white men; to have unlimited power and everything he wanted. Then Othello got an eyeful of Desdemonia, a white woman, and because of his position and power moved in to marry her, which he did. Then the fun began.

Where plotting and griping was not racial before, it became so when black Othello became husband to

OVERTONES

(BY AL HENINGBURG)

ARMY JIM CROW AILING:

Big news is the report that for several weeks a study has been made in the War Department for the purpose of ridding the army of old man Jim Crow. Some of the best minds in Washington have long wanted to build an army of fighting men, instead of permitting the dangerous practice of segregation in the armed forces to continue. General Eisenhower knows how well men of all races can fight together, just as all intelligent people have known all the time that the whole business of segregation is merely a device to shut Negroes off in the area of maximum discrimination and minimum services.

HOW'S YOUR ARITHMETIC?

If you're now making rosy plans to buy something which takes a long time to pay for, and will soon be possible with the easing of credit restrictions, divide the figure 72 by your rate of interest, and you get a notion of about how many years it takes you to pay double money. If you pay six percent, you pay the amount over twice in just