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EDITORIAL

MUNICIPAL AND STATE SCHOOL HEADS OF OUR GROUP MUST HUSH

For some considerable time I have tried to give thought and study with reference to those men or women who head our schools in municipalities and states.

I do not know as to whether my conclusion is correct or not. If it is not, it is my conclusion with reference to the matter. If there are those who differ with me, it is their privilege to do so.

I have talked with several outstanding men with reference to men who head our different schools, and there are others who have the same opinion that I have.

DO THEY SHOW MANHOOD

A close observation of some of our school heads, both in municipalities and state, has caused me to believe that some of our leaders are almost figure heads. I have come to believe that since they must do the will of the trustees and as a rule, the trustees are white, these school heads are really figure heads in places where manhood is needed. I am aware of the fact that these trustees are going to look for men who will do what they want done, that is human nature, and yet, I believe that where Negro leaders are placed in positions by white trustees or by any white authority, I say I sincerely believe that these leaders should have the manhood and the courage to speak out and ask for the proper consideration for our group.

One of the reasons for this great lagging in consideration on the part of Negroes, in schools especially, comes from the fact that our leaders, in order to keep a job will accept anything or any kind of proposition presented by white trustees for our group. Let it be remembered that I am expressing my opinion. This opinion may not be correct.

REAL MANHOOD

No Negro has a right to fill any position in community, county, city or state when the welfare of the race is at stake, unless it is known that that Negro or those Negroes will stand boldly for due recognition with reference to our people. This does not mean that we need some hot headed Negro placed in a position to create friction and dissatisfaction. It does mean, however, that the Negro man who is placed in such a position should have the courage and the temerity to tell those concerned what the Negro wants and what he needs.

PUSSY FOOT, JELLY FISH AND LIMBER BACKS

I sincerely believe that we have too many of our own group who are nothing in the world but pussy foots. They are like jelly fish. They are limber backs. They will bend in any direction. It goes without saying again, that there are men of our group who hold positions and who stand up in a common sense way and plead for the rights of our people.

If I were at the head of an Institution of any kind, a job or no job, pay or no pay, I would not sell principles for which I stood in order to keep a position. When one thinks of the educational conditions that exist in our

counties, our cities and states, he is almost persuaded to believe that there is something woefully wrong with Negro leadership. I think that our leaders have decided that they must hush in order to keep a job and I believe that the man who must hush is the man who is really not prepared for the job. If a man has the "Stuff" and knows he has got it, he does not have to bow to the whims and wishes of any man. You should do your job, do your job jam-up and stand for manhood, race pride, freedom of speech and freedom of thought. This does not mean that everything that is thought must be spoken. We do not have to always speak any way. Some times an expression on the face, the sparkling of the eye and the turning of the head will give one to know that certain things are not tolerated. That certain things do not meet our approval and by those expressions, we some times get recognition. Why hush when principles are at stake. A sorry leader is detrimental to any people. Churches would be better, homes would be better, communities, towns, counties would be better off, if we had a leadership that would not hush.

MINISTRY

Even in the ministry ninety per cent of the ministers will hush and swallow anything. Isn't it a pity that this is true, however, facts are facts.

MERIDIAN MOTHER, MRS. HANNAH MOSS BY NAME, WAS GREATLY DISTURBED

An article appeared through the columns of the Weekly Echo of April 21st in which it was stated that James Moss had been killed, caused much unrest on the part of Mrs. Hannah Moss of this city. Mrs. Moss has a son by the name of James Moss who has visited Arkansas and other places. The article stated that James Moss had been killed.

The editor of the Echo was asked to make an inquiry for Mrs. Moss. The following is self explanatory.

Meridian, Miss April 24, 1933

To the Sheriff, Hope, Arkansas. Dear Sir:-

We have noticed an article appearing in the news paper in which it stated that Oscar Wyatt, white, former chief of the Fire Department in your town, was held on murder charge for the slaying of James Moss. The paper stated that the case was nolle prossed by the jury in the circuit court. It was also stated that Moss attempted to rob Oscar Wyatt and his companion of fund which they were collecting from a carnival grounds. There is a colored lady in our city who has a son by the name of James Moss who has been away from home for some time. She is anxious to find out as to whether this was her son or not. Will you kindly forward by return mail a description of the man, giving his age as nearly as possible.

This information will be appreciated very very much. Enclosed you will find a self addressed envelop for a reply.

Thanking you for your kindness and immediate attention in this matter, I am

Very respectfully yours, Rev. Roy L. Young.

The Following is a Reply: Box 193 Hope, Arkansas

April 27, 1933

Rev. Roy L. Young, Meridian, Mississippi.

Kind Preacher:

The James Moss killed here has a father here and his mother died here some years ago. Tell the mother you wrote for that this boy cannot be hers as he and his parents were and are well known here.

Yours for service, John L. Wilson, Sheriff and Collector Hempstead County.

PINEY WOODS STUDENT WRITES EDITOR

Piney Woods, Mississippi Piney Woods School April 28, 1933

Rev. R. L. Young, Dear Sir:

I know you are surprised to get a card from a student in Piney Woods School. But every since I heard you speak Friday night, April 21st, in Yazoo City, to the Older Boys Assembly at the banquet, I have thought of you. I also have one of your Echoes that you gave away at the Home Science Department. I think it is just fine. I want to know if you will send me a copy of that poem you recited that Friday night. I also would like to become a salesman for the Weekly Echo. From Earlest White

EDITOR'S NOTE

The editor appreciates very much this card from a student of Piney Woods. One whom we would not know if we were to see him. One can never tell just what a message means to young people. It is therefore our duty to do our best at all times.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION

By H. T. M. Palmier, Laurel, Mississippi

To the Editor:

The great question in all this liquor issue is, shall America, having once recognized and outlawed liquor as the physical, economic, moral and spiritual foe of man, now put her seal of approval on liquor again; Lifting it from without the pale of the law to the high realm of government sanction? The inescapable influence of an action will be that liquor once declared bad for man and society, has been restored to good and regular standing, that all its bad repute and vicious character has been removed, and it now stands respectable, recommended and endorsed by the nation.

All the millions of our children and youth who have grown up since the advent of Prohibition will at once conclude that since the government has removed its ban on liquor therefore, it is something good and desirable. Where we have one clandestine hip flasker among the young people of our land today, we shall have ten open users of liquor tomorrow.

To the nation as well as to the individual are addressed the words of the prophet of old who, by inspiration of God, said, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puteth thy bottle to him." Hobaku 2:15. If America repudiates Prohibition and again licenses the manufacture and sale of liquor, in a very real way she will be giving this nation drink, and will be putting her bottle to every inhabitant of the land.

God's woe will rest upon her in such a course. The same prophet says to our municipalities that want to license liquor in order to tax it, "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity! Verse 12. The licenses open sale of liquor is always at the cost of men's blood. It condones and multiplies iniquity.

The motto and goal of every true American who loves his God, his neighbor, and his country should be "Total abstinence for the individual, Prohibition for the Nation."

DINNER TO BE SERVED AT NEWELL CHAPEL MOTHERS' DAY

Wouldn't you like to have breakfast and be free to attend the morning services and in the afternoon go to the various Mothers' Day programs without the rush and worry that preparing and serving dinner will cause you?

The Booster's Circle of Newell Chapel will do the "worrying" for you. Housewives, husbands, sons and daughters, avail yourselves of the opportunity of bringing Mother and family to Newell Chapel, "The Welcome Corner," on this memorial day MOTHERS' DAY for a wholesome meal without the trouble of preparing it. A cheerful group of ladies will be waiting to serve you.

Sit down eat and enjoy yourself while we serve you with a smile. The pleasure will be yours, the "worry" will be ours.

MENU

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The Booter's Circle.

GOOD SAMARITAN CLUB

The Club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Thompson, 12 Ave. & 17th St., at 7:45 P. M., with President in chair. Mrs. L. H. Hatter read Scripture Lesson, Matthew 5th. Chapter, 7 Verses. The Program was carried out nicely. The Club will meet next Monday night at the home of Mrs. L. C. Ramsey, 13th Ave. & 13th St.

We hope that all members will be present.

Mrs. T. L. Gates, President Mrs. E. M. McGrew, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA

Preaching at Hope Well church the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month Preaching at Stephen Chapel church the 2nd and 4th Sunday in each month. Rev. H. E. Morgan, pastor.

A STORMY SEA

(By Hattie M. Simmons)

Wechsler High School 8th Grade One March night the wind did blow Ships began to shake at sea, Branches of trees were hanging low There was no one to witness it but me.

Water began to sink the ship The wind began to split the sail, Fishmen began on shore to slip And ships began to fail.

Sailors left mothers and relatives behind The departure of them is sad, In the dark deep water mine The story of this hour is sad.

Death is shure to every one love Life comes sometime ended God witnessed the words from above So in these words the story ended.

MT. SINIA SCHOOL

The Mt. Sinia School closed one of the most successful terms in its history, April 26th, with a large attendance, in spite of the inclement weather. Quite a number of visitors was present including teachers from various schools. The features of the day were spelling contest, corn and cracker races, which were held in doors. The out door games were called off on account of rain. There were two exhibits on display.

The school and 4-H Club displayed many things made of sack, such as dresses and other household articles. Different things were displayed from the gardens such as cabbage, english peas, lettuce and many other varieties.

Mrs. Iona Hogan, Teacher, Mrs. L. B. Jones, Reporter.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

By Udell Wilson

When I was sick one day in bed, I had two pillows at my head, And all my toys beside me lay To keep me happy all the day.

And sometimes for an hour or so, I watched my little soldiers go. With different uniforms and drill Among the bed clothes through the hills.

RALLY

OUR VISIT TO THE 4-H CLUB

(By Miss Lenora Young)

Mrs. R. L. Young and Mr. Thomas J. Young visited the 4-H Club Rally Saturday April 22nd at the Wechsler high School. They were accompanied by Misses Lenora Young, Mattie and Lillian Larkin. We all were well pleased to see the many beautiful things such as, Spreads, Dresses, Suits, Pillow Cases etc., all made from sacks. Mrs. Butler is teaching our people that every thing can be used for something and we feel that she is doing a great work for us.

The song composed by Mrs. Annie Smith and sung by the Tabernacle Club was one of thought. It is reported that the song will soon become one of the club songs.

GUEST OF MR. AND MRS. C. T. BUTLER

Mr. L. M. Campbell of Tuskegee, director of seven southern states in Extension work, stopped over in Meridian Saturday night and Sunday, enroute to Tuskegee from Louisiana, where he had been for several days. According to reports, Mr. Campbell's stay in Mr. and Mrs. Butler's home was a pleasant one.

REV. C. L. LINDSEY OF MOBILE ALABAMA

Rev. C. L. Lindsey of Mobile, Alabama, better known as "Sin Killing Lindsey" has been running a great meeting here for the Mt. Valley Baptist Church. There has been great good in this meeting. Thirteen candidates were added to the church up to this writing. Dr. Lindsey and his loving wife will leave for Mobile, Friday. We pray that God will ever bless him in his work.

Dr. Lindsey is pastoring the First B. C. Mt. Vernon, Alabama, where he will baptised twenty two Sunday.

Rev. J. B. Peters.

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MEMBERS OF THE FOUR SQUARE CLUB AND THE NUMBER PAPERS SOLD

- Inman King 6
Jack Burly 16
W. C. Baity Jr. 8
Dewey Chandler 10
W. A. Thompson 10
Raymond Greer 10
Lamond Reese 10
James Ruffin 10
George Russell 12
Mastrow Hardy 6
Kinney Beck 10
Wilburn Meadows 8
Fred Roberts 10