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## THE SPIRIT OF EASTER

Easter Sunday, April 17, will be religiously observed by Christians all over the world as the anniversary of the resurrection of Christ.

It seems fitting that Easter should come in the spring, when nature awakens from its winter slumber, beds itself in new raiment and takes on new life.

To many men and women, Easter is just another day—a day for adorning their bodies in new spring clothes and joining in the fashion parade, although their spirits may be clad in tattered rags.

In many parts of the world, there is a growing spirit toward disbelief in God and the existence of life after death, but the pendulum is beginning to swing in the opposite direction, in a "Back-to-God" movement.

The world-wide depression during the past several years, the wars in Europe and Asia, and the increasing seizure of power by dictators, have demonstrated the need for more justice, more righteousness, and more of the spirit of Christ among the nations of the earth.

We are confident, however, that humanity will eventually rise from the tomb of depression and despondency in which the world is now buried but not until more of the spirit of Easter and the Resurrection fills the hearts of men.

## A PRAISEWORTHY EFFORT

In these critical times for the youth of our land, when so many are going astray under the strain of the recession and their difficulty in securing higher education and jobs, we should do all in our power to give encouragement to our boys and girls and keep their hope and ambition alive.

A praiseworthy effort in this direction is being sponsored by the Noonday Luncheon Club of the Booker T. Washington Trade Association of our city. This progressive organization is conducting an essay contest, in which scores of local high school seniors and graduates of the January class of 1938 have already enrolled.

The Club is offering approximately four hundred dollars in scholarship awards to entrants who write and submit the best essays on the topic "Why The Booker T. Washington Trade Association and the Housewives League Should Be Supported."

This is indeed a fitting topic, one which will serve to focus the serious thought of our youth upon a very vital issue and much good should result to Negro business in our community, as well as to the young people who enter the contest.

There are dozens of good reasons why organizations like the Booker T. Washington Trade Association and the Housewives League, on the other hand, is composed of local business and professional men and women, and in proportion as they are patronized by members of the race, the more jobs will they be able to create for our boys and girls who are graduating from high schools and colleges. The Housewives League, on the other hand, is composed of thousands of housewives in the community, who do most of the buying for their families.

They are endeavoring to patronize colored business concerns to the fullest extent possible, and are encouraging other women of the race to follow their example. Their policy is to spend their money so as to help build Negro business and create more jobs for their sons and daughters. In so doing, it is not their aim to boycott business establishments of other racial groups, but to protect the economic welfare of the race.

We congratulate the Noonday Luncheon Club upon the progressive step they have taken, and urge ambitious young high school boys and girls of our group to enroll in the essay contest.

## American Woodmen

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about to lose their property because of inability to secure loans, the American Woodmen came to the rescue and refinanced many mortgages.

Executive W. C. Woodson, a member of the Woodmen, also made inspiring remarks in praise of the organization, after which the final address was made by Dr. S. H. Morgan, major-general and head of the Woodmen in Detroit.

In his talk, Dr. Morgan stated that his organization had spent \$425,000 in aiding Negroes in St. Louis, alone. He further said that when many Negro homes were destroyed by fire in Oklahoma City some years ago, the Woodmen spent \$200,000 in loans to finance rebuilding of these homes. He also thanked the citizens of Detroit for the loyal support given the Woodmen and solicited new members to join the organization.

The American Woodmen's Association was founded in 1901 and now operates in a number of states and does a large annual volume of insurance business.

City-Wide Conference  
To Be Held

The local annual City-Wide Conference, under auspices of the National Negro Congress, will be held April 23 and 24 at Lucy Thurman Y. W. C. A.

Topics for discussion will include Housing, Relief and Security for Needy Negro Families, Fight for the Passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill.

## Paul Robeson

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Workers Club of Second Baptist Church.

Mrs. Emma Morris will appear in recital Thursday, April 28. The recital will be at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and will be under the auspices of the Detroit Study Club. The Paul Robeson Players will be presented in "Go Down Moses," by the Charles Young Post Friday evening, April 29, at Northern High School. The play was written by Robert Hayden.

## Discrimination

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At this time Judge Cotter asked the witness if Craigen was near when he told the officer that he was willing to serve the complainant, Reed answered in the affirmative.

As the officers were not in court to corroborate or deny Reed's assertions, Judge Cotter suggested that the case be adjourned until Friday when the officers will appear in court.

This is the first case where alleged violators of the Civil Rights Bill have been tried on a criminal charge.

Senator Charles C. Diggs, author of the present bill, was in court during the trial.

Some of the sponsors of the meetings include C. Lebron Simmons, Jr., Joseph Craigen, J. Grigsby, Harold E. Bledsoe, Dr. J. McClendon, Rev. W. H. Peck, J. McClouden, Rev. W. H. Peck, Turner W. Ross, Maurice Sugar, Mrs. Christine Smith, Mrs. Ernest Cabile, and others.

## THE EASTER CALL

It's a call from the clear, oft-riven sky,  
To set our love on things on high;  
Our life to draw from the Christ enthroned  
Till He comes again to claim His own

It's the dying to sin, and living again  
The risen life of "twice-born men."  
'Tis trusting our Christ, the "mighty to save,"  
Who triumph'd on Easter o'er death and the grave

It's the "hidden life" and the hidden manna,  
The Spirit of praise and the glad hosanna;  
These all are ours since Easter morn  
When the world's "new day" was born!

—J. Pauline Smith

## Civic Rights Group

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Mary Brown, does not intend to fulfill a grave need and desire of the parents of the pupils of a school to create and promote a Parent Teachers Association. In fact, she has done everything in her power to cause failure of all efforts in this matter. Due, no doubt, to her advanced years and infirmities, Miss Brown is no longer able to handle the situation, and it would seem advisable to have as principal a younger person of a more vigorous mind and body, and to have Miss Brown assigned to a less taxing position. We also feel that the placing on the Balch faculty of competent Negro teachers would go a long way toward alleviating the fears of the Negro parents and would restore their confidence in the school.

The petition believe that a step in the right direction in the field of education, and has been made with the appointment of a colored man. However, "we feel that the time has arrived when the presence of a woman, trained in educational guidance would be of inestimable value to the Negro of Detroit."

Because there are colored teachers in only one school on the West Side—Samson School—the committee petitioned for teachers at Winnet and McMichael Schools, stating that the appointment would be not only immediately fair, but also most decidedly to the best interests of both the school and the community.

## Teachers At Northwestern

"Northwestern High School, adjacent to McMichael Intermediate School, contains over 600 Negro students. As with its neighbor, this enrollment is growing rapidly. The situation is also similar in that the great increase of a previously numerically insignificant group presents problems requiring the greatest possible amount of understanding. The existence of a Negro teacher at this institution would greatly assist in fostering successful interracial relations. Northwestern High School, whose attractiveness, we are told is rapidly declining, would also benefit by the inclusion of Negroes."

It was brought to the attention of the members of the board that "Out of 252 schools in Detroit, Negroes are employed in only 16." With this fact evidenced, the petitioners said "We would like to know if the Board of Education, elected by the people, instructed Superintendent Cody and his subordinates to confine Negro employees to these 16 schools."

The committee also wanted to know "why they send Negro girls in physical education to the Y. W. C. A. to take swimming instead of going to the pool at Webster Hall, like the others. We have pleaded for sometime to have this corrected without taking it to court. We are making our final plea today to have it adjusted without going to court."

## Colored Not Equipped

Frank A. Gorman, member of the board, in answer to the charges of failure to promote colored teachers, charged that colored teachers are not as well equipped as white teachers. He said he had made that statement last year, and no one had approached him to refute it.

Concerning the alleged discrimination at Webster Hall, Mr. Gorman said "We have told Webster Hall to accept Negro students, or we would cancel the contract. Webster Hall agreed. Now if Negro students do not go to the pool, that is not our fault."

The statement made by Mr. Gorman that the colored teachers are not as well equipped as the whites, was challenged by the Rev. J. D. Howell, pastor of St. Stephens A. M. E. Church. "If the colored teachers are not qualified, then it is the fault of the system, because our teachers are products of that system."

Dr. Angus McLean reviewed the history of the school system in Detroit, pointing out that it was started just 100 years ago, at a time when there were no colored

## Voters Spurred

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the committee, who presided at the meeting, explained that the committee, who presided at the meeting, has launched a drive which will continue from Apr. 30 through August 31. He also pointed out that the Negro comprises the largest minority group in Detroit; yet they have been able to elect only a senator in the third ward. This, he declared, is due to the failure of the citizens to register and exercise their rights by voting.

William L. Sherrill, president of the local branch of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, flayed those who fail to take advantage of the ballot, saying that he was "puzzled to know why it is necessary to have such a meeting as this to call attention to the Negro of his right to vote."

Would Like To Shock Them  
"I wish I could say something on this platform that would shock you into the consciousness of your duty," Mr. Sherrill vociferated.

"I was not in Detroit long before I was impressed that the Negro was taking his politics seriously," said the Rev. William H. Peck, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, "but I am not so sure now."

"If the Negro is in the bread lines, and is not willing to vote and maintain welfare, then I think he is a poor citizen," the Rev. Mr. Peck declared.

"This is a great committee and can accomplish much, but it is a big job and it will need the aid and assistance of every man and woman in the city," he pointed out. After urging the audience to rise up and take advantage of the opportunity, Aaron C. Toodle, Pres. of the Douglas Civic Club, said "Civil rights in America will fail unless you exercise your rights. There is a potential voting strength of 80,000 in the race, but it is not dangerous because most of the voters are not registered and do not vote."

"I realized 30 years ago that for the Negro to progress, they must become political-minded," said Charles A. Roxborough, president of the United Congressional Organization, Inc.

"You can not expect anything in Detroit if you don't vote. The reason you don't get recognition is because you are asleep. We are tired of the present conditions in Detroit, but the only way we can change them is through the vote," continued Mr. Roxborough.

## The Women Speak

Mrs. Beatrice Fleming, head of the women's division of the committee, said "The impossible has been done, therefore, the people should now help us."

Senator Charles C. Diggs said "This committee is not for the Democrat, nor for the Republican. It is for the benefit of the people."

The senator pointed out that "We want many things, but we don't get them because of the 80,000 eligible voters, only 40,000 are registered, and of that 40,000, only 20,000 go to the polls and register."

The Rev. George W. Baber, pastor of Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, in welcoming the large audience to the church, said "Certainly, we who are residents of Detroit, have become alarmed at the failure to vote. I think that we are all morally bound to do our duty. This committee shows the breath of vision of these men and women."

Residents in Detroit. He declared that it was only natural that the whites should have the preference because the system belonged to them. However, he said that the board was doing everything possible to help the colored people.

Superintendent Cody complained that he had told Mr. Grigsby that no teacher would be appointed, nor none promoted just because they were colored. He suggested that a small committee come to his office and they would be able to thrash the problems out.

In reply to Mr. Cody, Mr. Grigsby said that the people had grown tired of promises, and wanted action by the board.

## Fireman Appointed

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## Not Segregated

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## Quinn Road News

By Charline Lucas

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The writer wishes to all Tribune readers a happy Easter.

## Baptist Missions

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## Constables Return From Vacation



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BULLETIN  
BOARD..

(By ULYSSES W. BOYKIN)

We can be safe in saying that Spring is just about here, we hope. These lovely windy days find many of us busy making plans and enjoying the Spring Vacation.

SUNDAY brings to a close Holy Week. The past week has been devoted to the great Christian festival of the Passion, which climaxed the penitential days of Lent, recalling the joy with which the people welcomed Jesus to the city where He suffered and died.

Thousands of years ago. Last week was quiet, socially. But it was enlivened over the week-end by the Delta's Rushing Party, and the A. K. A's dance at McKinzie Union. Then, too, the heavy snow cut down on the number of guests.

The CONGRIGITES of Plymouth Church are giving a Roller skating party at the Forest Gardens, Forest and Woodward, Wednesday, April 29 from 2 to 6 p. m. S. T. Holland, young correspondent who has missed very few of the Brown Bombers championship fights, is making plans to attend the fight between Joe and Maxie.

(S. T. believes that it will be held in New York City.)

Mr. and Mrs. Sunny (Everitt) Edwards and Willis Ward, who ended in Columbus, Ohio. Green Davis Jr., head of the Davis Bros. Cheese Company, celebrated his birthday Monday. Mr. Davis, who visited Europe last summer, plans to vacation in South America this season if things pick up a little.

The Press Reports that a final appeal for candidates for 150 positions as claims examiners for the Michigan Compensation Commission was issued Monday.

The commission wants for these positions men and women who have had experience as conciliators in industrial and other disputes, and

attorneys and others who have had experience in meeting and dealing with the public. The civil service examinations for these positions will be held on April 23, in Detroit. Application blanks may be obtained at the County Court House.

The University Students are off to their homes for spring vacation which started Friday and ends the day after Easter. With mid-semester blue books both before and after the holidays, many will use part of the vacation for a little final preparation.

Best wishes to our friends Mr. and Mrs. Edward Page of Hamtramck for their successful part in the political campaign.

The Bob Robinson's new home on McDougall avenue is a show place. The numerous ash trays, cigarette boxes, match holders, book ends and similar small objects scattered through the John Dolphins apartment in Oxford Hall and their home out on Wexford avenue in Chant Gardens, are hand made by Mrs. John Dolphins. She goes in for clay molding as a hobby.

Students Enroll  
In Essay Contest

Nearly one hundred high school seniors and January graduates have enrolled in the big essay contest, which will be held at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, under auspices of the Noonday Luncheon Club of the B. T. Washington Trade Association.

To the three winners, it is announced, will go prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50.

Sponsors anticipate that many new reasons will be given through these essays, as to "Why the B. T. Washington Trade Association and Housewives League Should Be Supported."

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"HOW MORE JOBS CAN BE MADE"

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