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Arkansas Abouts Face

The State of Arkansas, according to press reports, has
backed up from its legislative attempt to nullify the Smith-
versus Allwright Texas primary ruling of 1944.

Arkansas, modifying the South Carolina circumvention
strategy, separated federal and state primaries. Negroes
were permitted to vote in federal primaries but were kept
out of those nominating state and local officers. Now, Ark-
ansas has adopted a bill which would repeat this separate ar-
rangement and return the state elections to the original
plan. In plain words, Arkansas is moving to enfranchise its
Negro citizens after experimenting with plans used by
South Carolina and now plaguing Georgia.

There are frequent reports that there is sentiment in
South Carolina for placing the primary again on the books.
Only through state laws can primary affairs be conducted
honestly and without danger of unbecoming distasteful
and wholesale corruption. Certainly, the possibility of these
unfortunate experiences is far worse than is the voting in
primaries of Negro citizens.

And this is perhaps the reasoning in Arkansas. There
its leaders have weighed traditions against these dangers
and decided tradition was least desirable.

Memorial To An Editor

On February 12, at Jackson in Mississippi, grateful
and appreciative Mississippians held a testimonial dinner
for fighting, struggling Percy Greene, editor of The Jack-
son Advocate.

Utterly embarrassed, Percy Greene didn't know what
to say nor how to sit at the table. Like so many others of
his race and profession, this was a unique tribute which he
didn't want and felt he least deserved. But yet, who is
Percy Greene aside from the servant of his people?

The Mississippians were toasting their editor because
it was he who went to bat and laid the groundwork on
which the U. S. Senate stood when it turned Theodore Bil-
bo down. It was Percy Greene who led the way for voting
in his state last summer. And while others shook with
fright, he stuck to his course and achieved largely what
measure of success is attributed to those progressive citi-
zens voting last summer.

Percy Greene himself means nothing but the concepts
and ideals, the progressiveness and tenacity he exemplifies
bespeak the the origin and development of the formidable
Negro press which, beginning next week, takes time out to
celebrate its 120th birthday.

We, therefore, rejoice with the Mississippians and ad-
mire Percy Greene for having won the confidence and appre-
ciation of his people. His accomplishment is a challenge to
the too many other Negro editors who elect to let the bum-
ble bee be and submit to divers mistreatments. And the
tribute shown him is a challenge to Negroes in other states
and communities who benefit from their newspapers. While
they may not hold dinners, they could at least take time out
next week to send a note of "thanks" to the newspapers
serving them well.

You Can Take Your Choice

We are hearing much of court actions in South Caro-
lina as devices for reducing racial differentials and this
prompts speculation on how many cases should and could be
brought.

The conclusion is that for every service and opportuni-
ty provided white citizens out of public funds, by these city,
state or federal, there can be one for Negroes, though main-
tained under the fallacious "separate but equal" theory.
This includes parks, playgrounds, trade schools, public jobs,
purchases, etc.

The fact is these are so numerous and make listing
them impractical. However, full equality of opportunity and
services for Negroes can be accelerated by a multiplicity of
court actions. And the community and citizens can take
their choice of issues they would raise in federal court.

The new idea is subsidy for teachers. We favor bet-
ter salaries for American teachers and if it takes a subsidy
we are for it.

The man who merely learns to read, without learning to
think for himself, is little better off than the man who can-
not read.

Experts tell us that most fires are caused by human
carelessness; we wonder if this is the truth about fires that
occur in Fulton County.

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THE NEED FOR CHANGING

By JOHN H. McCRAY

CALL ME "MISTER"

The selfishness, the arrogance
and egotism of some white people is
so funny that it's pitiful. One would
suspect that considering their
many fine churches and professions
of Christianity, they would practice
the Golden Rule, which is, "Do un-
to others as you would have done
unto yourself."



Maybe they do
practice the rule
among themselves, but when
it comes to their
everyday dealing
with Negroes,
their conduct is
inferior and egot-
istical. At various
times, I have been
surrounded
by them.

The other day a
white man
who straggled some business with
me called. When I came to the
phone he began, "John, this is M-
STER Blank. Get that? I am im-
portant and insignificant but at the
very start, I must think of you as
"Mister Blank."

As hot under the collar as it made
me, I managed to say to my even-
tually I would appreciate his ad-
dressing me as "Mr. McCray," if only
depravity for racialism he found in
obnoxious to see the courtesy word
"Mister." When I finished, this man
who had said he had one thing start-
ed, "Now listen, John, I must
up. If having the business require
a foot in pride and ordinary cour-
tesy, then I didn't want it."
Strangely, a few days later, a
white insurance agent called at a
household. Calling the fair-
lyed-upstairs. Calling the fair-
ly called, "Gracie, this is MISTER
Blank, your insurance agent." Gr-
ie, it again. And numerous are
times some OVER-EGGON white peo-
ple address an overgrown colored
man as "hey" or "jude" or "Re-
verend." In fact, they call you
thing aside from the decent and or-
dinary aside by intelligent people
I need to get a kick out of the
ready answers my old friend Louis
Harrison, the well-known and
old man or "jude" or "Re-
verend" would bring up the nearest
bellylaugh and reply to the first
"Well, it's been a long time since
I've seen you. I sure didn't know
I had family people working here."
Or, he would say to the second
"Brother, how are you today? We
sure missed you at our last service."
Hope you'll be with us Sunday.
And still, bringing a good-natured
laugh, he would stroll out leaving
me to frown and face his be-
havior. And he would put on his
act as loudly as possible. Once out-
side he would swear vigorously.
I once asked a chain store clerk

why he had asked me "what cap
I do for you, Doc," and later "sub-
stituted "Reverend" when I just
stood and stared. He said, "He
thought he was showing me honor,
he said. But we still wonder why
some white men, meeting a Negro
for the first time, and on strictly
business, breaks out with "John" or
"Mary." One answer is that too
many Negroes think this is an honor
too. Too many of them grin and
cave in when it is done. And too
many of them just let this element
of whites go on thinking that ev-
ery Negro is in the class of their
domestics.

And what is even queerer is that
these same white people accuse the
Negro of promoting social equal-
ity and intimacy with white folk.
Only such intimate friends call you
your first name. Only your intim-
ate friends enjoy such a privilege, aside
from the people fact that you may
be in their employ as an insigni-
ficant person.

Take "Mister" out of my face, I
never asked white men friends who
call me by my first name and I ad-
dress them by theirs. This is our
business and it is not in the general
pattern of business relations.
While working a police "beat,"
I once of four years ago, a detective
instructed me to tell my paper the
next time I wanted to come with
out a "Mister" badge, he was com-
ing up and knock the daylight out
of everybody. But last year I saw a
white police officer, a Negro, who
not changed without being asked. I
was coming to work and he asked
me questions and he was with-
out adding "Mister." In the same light,
white newspapers set the pace for
much of the contemptuous contin-
uation of Negroes. For capital-
ism, they tell they don't have any
for Negroes.

We have got to get over the idea
that we want the same courtesy we
give white people.

Atlanta Paper

(Continued from Page One)

And, indeed, supporters of con-
stitutional law are saying that the
South Carolina expedient will be
ruled out since the Supreme Court
is around in another decision on
the matter. For it should be obvious
to all that in States where primary
elections are tantamount to elec-
tion refusal to allow anyone to par-
ticipate is a violation of the
fifteenth amendment.
This is time the current legal
legislation will go the way of
the grandfather clause, fraudulently
administered educational qualifica-
tions and numerous other schemes
which have been used, with vary-
ing degrees of success, temporarily
to disfranchise minority groups.
Despite the ingenuity and
thoroughness with which the South
Carolina legislature has attempted
to clear all legal hurdles, it is
evident that the constitutional
purpose and the judicial protection
thereof can easily be frustrated,
declares THE COLUMBIA LAW RE-
VIEW in discussing the South Car-
olina subterfuge and draws the
conclusion that the near future
may witness the Supreme Court as-
sert that denial of suffrage will be
struck down because ingenious of
subterfuge the form in which it ap-
pears.

The truth of the matter is that
subterfuges are left at best a tem-
porary means of delaying the in-
evitable.
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able fact that in resorting to them
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Miss Chappelle

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Having begun her duties Feb. 1,
Miss Chappelle has been assigned
to the desk at the bus terminal
and will maintain the following
hours: 10 to 12 A. M. and 2
to 7 p. m. Mondays, Tuesdays and
Thursdays, 1:30 to 4:30 and 6 to
10 P. M. Fridays, and Saturdays
9:30 to 1:30 and 7 to 10 P. M. on
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munity Chest with Dr. B. McCoy
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at the University of South Caro-
lina being president of its Board of
Directors.

Case workers render a long list
of service. Among these are return-
ing run-away children, assisting
stranded persons to return home,
advising newcomers where they
might find employment, etc. Miss
Chappelle's post resulted largely
from appeal by the public-spirited
citizens for continuation of TA
service to Negroes after the war
time USO-TA service was discon-
tinued late in 1946.

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SUNDAY
February 16, 1947
The 3rd Sunday In February

GOVERNOR
J. Strom Thurmond
Will Speak To The Colored Citizens of S. C.,
At The Columbia Township Auditorium
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The convention will open promptly at 12 o'clock noon, rain
or shine with a general discussion "To More Definitely and
Methodically Organize the Six Congressional Districts of
South Carolina. The Forty-six Counties and The Sixteen
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gan, Orangeburg County; Dr. James Curtiss Brown, Flor-
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Rev. J. S. Egan, Lee County; Rev. M. E. Gordon, Edgefield
County; Rev. W. M. Howard, Darlington County.
P. M. Sharp, Dr. D. J. Dixon will assist the Lincoln
Club secretary, R. L. Johnson, in calling the roll of the 46
counties and appoint a state-wide committee to represent
all counties present.

Intermission From 2 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.

2:30 Sharp—Devotions will be conducted by Rev. I. C.
Jenkins, Rev. C. L. Hill, Rev. W. L. Liddell, of Columbia,
South Carolina, Rev. M. E. Gordon, Edgefield, and Rev. W.
L. Wilson, Spartanburg.
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3 P. M. Sharp—His Excellency Governor J. Strom Thur-
mond will be presented by Honorable James Hanjmond Ex-
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