

Questions and Answers
In Negro History

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Questions pertaining to Negro History anywhere of general interest, and not too long, will be answered by Mr. Parker in this column. When space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations, and when a stamped envelope is enclosed. Address all communications to George Wells Parker, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Hazel G., of St. Louis, asks questions about Negro composers, but gave no address. Consult Negro Year Book or The New Progress of a Race.

Are there more wealthy Negroes in the South than in the North?—J. W. Webster, Grove, Mo.

Yes. There should be as there are about four times as many Negroes in the South as in the North.

What ever became of Chief Sam and was his mission to Africa a successful one?—T. J., St. Louis, Mo.

Chief Sam died some years ago. His mission was a failure not through any fault of his own other than the fact that he had neither the experience or education to make such a venture a success.

Is there a Negro daily and Sunday paper in the United States?—W. D. M., Dublin, Ga.

No, there is not.

Somewhere I have read that a Negro was the first martyr to the Christian religion in the United States. Is this true?—B. A. L., New York.

It is said that a colored girl was the first martyr to the Christian religion, in the United States. She was killed in California.

Are the Riffians Negroes?—E. B. J. Chicago.

The Riffians of North Africa are Moors and of Negro blood.

N. A. A. C. P.—SECRETARY TESTIFIES ON U. S. IMPERIALISM BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE.

CHARGES BANKERS PROVOKED

James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today appeared before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and declared that U. S. armed intervention and military control of the Republics of Nicaragua and Haiti had been brought about in the interest of powerful financial groups in the United States.

"The statement made for public consumption in the United States," declared Mr. Johnson, "that we undertook such intervention for the good of the people of those Caribbean countries is sheer hypocrisy.

"In Nicaragua, where I was United States Consul from 1909 until 1913, that is from the time of the overthrow of Gener Zelaya to the time of the taking over of control of the country by American military forces, that revolution was fomented and financed from the United States. The chief reason for Zelaya's overthrow was not his being a dictator, but because he was not sufficiently submissive to the American bankers. A government representing a minority of Nicaraguans, but favorable to the American interests was installed and since 1912 has been sustained in power by American armed forces.

The State Department alleged as our justification for intervening in Haiti; that we had to go in (1) to prevent foreign European powers from doing so to collect foreign debts from Haiti and (2) to restore order in a country fallen into anarchy. Neither of these reasons were true.

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"We intervened in Haiti in 1915 when the European powers were too occupied with the World War to think about Haiti. No American, before the occupation of Haiti, had ever lost his life there. We were negotiating diplomatically for control of Haiti when the killing of President Guillaume gave us an excuse to land armed forces which we did the same day. Since 1915, we have entirely abolished the Haitian legislative body, we have absolutely controlled the nominal president and we have collected and administered the country's finances. Furthermore, there is not one major achievement to which we can point, of real value to the Haitians.

"What we actually did in Haiti was to intervene for the benefit of the National City Bank of New York and affiliated financial groups."

The hearings at which the N. A. A. C. P. Secretary testified were on the resolution introduced by Senator Ladd of North Dakota, which would forbid the U. S. Government to use its armed forces to compel any other government to pay debts due to private American citizens.

Others who testified at the hearings were Lewis S. Gannett, associate editor of The Nation, who introduced a vast amount of documentary evidence; and Ernest Gruening, former managing editor of The Nation, and now a lecturer and writer on Mexico and Central American affairs.

THE HAIRDRESSERS DEFEAT ADVERSE LEGISLATION IN INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Ind., March.—Beauty culture in this State breathed a sigh of relief last week when a bill before the legislature known as the cosmetology bill was killed by the Indiana House. This measure provided for the creation of a department of examination and registration for beauty parlor operators and because of its rigid requirements would have worked a hardship on many colored beauty specialists. It had been advanced to second reading but succumbed when decided opposition showed itself in the lower house.

Similar measures are pending in many states. Malone of Poro College, St. Louis, suggested in an address recently that hairdressers everywhere in the country should be active in organizing and protecting their interests against pernicious legislation.

LAURENS NEWS.

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March 13, 1925, the ministers of the Laurens District were called by the P. E. of the said district, Dr. J. W. Lykes, in Bethel A. M. E. church, Friday, March 13, 1925. Rev. F. Y. Dendy, D. D., conducted the devotional. Rev. J. C. McClellan, B. D., pastor of Laurens Station, was elected secretary. The P. E. being indisposed, asked the Rev. F. Y. Dendy, pastor of the Renno Circuit, to preside. The time and place were fixed for the District Conference, Laurens Station being placed and the time

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was may 21st. Thursday at 9:30 a. m. All assessments were agreed upon for the year. Dr. Lykes can do as much out of the chair as some men can do in. The meeting was full of enthusiasm over the fact that it is favored with the greatest hero of them all as its leader, Dr. J. W. Lykes. The District President of the W. H. & F. M. was present, also the two daughters of Dr. Lykes, Miss F. L. Lykes, one of the efficient teachers in the graded school at Greenville, and the Star of Allen Temple. Mrs. Annie Rowis of Virginia, who is one of Allen's brightest stars. She has been here visiting her ill father, who is apparently much improved. Boom's Chapel here, of which the Rev. I. S. Ried is pastor, will entertain the District W. H. & F. M. this summer.

There was a Sandwich Social on last Tuesday night, March 10, 1925, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Satterwhite, for the benefit of the Boosters Club. The Oratorical Contest of the T. S. H. S. High School was given at Bethel A. M. E. church Thursday night, March 12, 1925. The judges were Mrs. S. C. Satterwhite, Rev. J. C. McClellan and Mrs. E. S. Nelson. Miss Alberta Irby and Miss Bertha Finley were the prize winners.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the ministers of the Laurens District of Piedmont Annual Conference are proud of their District Chieftain, Dr. J. W. Lykes; and, Whereas, since the last annual conference he has been confined to his home by illness; and, Whereas, his position in state school and church is recognized; and, Whereas, his leadership is safe and sociable; and, Whereas, he is a leader and not a driver. Be it Resolved, That we go down on record as executing and prosecuting any and every plan of his whither he is present or absent, well or sick.

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