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Helping the Cause of Negro Education

JESSE O. THOMAS

The Tuskegee-Hampton Cam-
paign is contributing quite as
much toward stimulating interest
in the development of other
institutions of learning as well
as in the cause of Negro educa-
tion generally, as toward the fi-
nancial security of the two above
named institutions of learning.
It is gratifying to know that
this endowment campaign was
inaugurated largely as a result
of the action of the General Edu-
cational Board in requiring Tus-
kegee and Hampton to raise
their courses to collegiate grade
in order to qualify for the \$1,
000,000.00 gift from the Board
of Education. Because of the
necessity of increasing the num-
ber of teachers and the amount
of equipment, the operating ex-
penses of the schools necessarily
will be materially increased. The
campaign appeal therefore is on
behalf of strengthening the cour-
ses of Hampton and Tuskegee
and the money is being given
primarily for what has been called,
but is a "misnomer," higher
education. The more educa-
tion one has the deeper ought to
be his sympathy, appreciation,
and range of his scientific knowl-
edge, as well as cultural appreci-
ations. I do not think of educa-
tion as being either higher or
lower, one may have more educa-
tion or more extensive training
than another. However this is
not the point at issue. The edu-
cational features of the cam-
paign consist of largely of the
meetings in the homes of dis-
tinguished citizens where a se-
lect number of prominent people
are invited. Dr. Moton invari-
ably makes an appeal for Negro
education in a broad way, not
confining the range of his re-
marks to the work of Hampton
and Tuskegee. At the home of
Mr. John D. Rockefeller, for ex-
ample, there were 175 guests
invited. You would not get this
number of people representing
the type and the amount of
wealth, in any single popular
meeting. Scores of homes of
distinguished citizens of New
York, Boston, Philadelphia and
different parts of New Jersey, as
well as other cities in Pennsylv-
ania and New York, have been
used as educational centers for
this campaign. So that a large
number of wealthy white people
are getting a "close up" on the
Negro education and its needs,

than has ever been true before.
Many of these meetings take the
complexion of a round table con-
ference, where questions are asked,
etc. Some one hundred or
more business men, and women
of New York have laid down
their business and have gone out
to retell the story to the wealthy
public in their acquaintance. Never
before in the history of our
educational development has
such a large number of influen-
tial people given time and money
and definite consideration in a
very personal way to the cause
of Negro education.

The value of an endowment
fund is in its impersonality. Be-
cause endowment funds are im-
personal they do not seek to con-
trol or dominate institutions
that are the object of their bene-
ficence. Very often when in-
dividuals give large contribu-
tions they seek to control pol-
icies of the institutions to which
they contribute. Not only have
white people different shades of
opinion, cooperating and work-
ing in this campaign, but Negroes
of all schools of thought
representing practically every
type of an institution of learn-
ing, together with those not cat-
alogued as "school men" as such
are cooperating most pleasingly
in all parts of the country. Negro
education is getting a boost
that it has never had to the
same extent from so many dif-
ferent angles and so wide-spread
in its influence as now.

White Woman Forger Sentenced to Jail

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Washington, D. C., April.

Mrs. Margaret B. Bushanzen,
who has been secretary to two
members of Congress, and who
was recently convicted on a
charge of forging the name of
Mrs. Martha Warfield, formerly
employed by Mrs. Buchanan as
cook, has been sentenced by
Chief Justice McCoy to serve
three years in prison, and to
pay a fine of two hundred dol-
lars.

The checks which Mrs. Buc-
hanan forged were on the Vet-
erans Bureau and amounted to
almost a thousand dollars. Up-
on threat Mrs. Buchanan made
restitution, but the chief inves-
tigator of the bureau had suffi-
cient evidence and it was largely
on his testimony that she was
convicted. She will serve her
time in the district jail.

Questions and Answers In Negro History

(By The Associated Negro Press).

BY GEORGE WELLS PARKER
Author of "The Children of The Sun."

Questions pertaining to Negro History
anywhere if 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 limita-
tions, and when a stamped envelope
is enclosed. Address all communica-
tions to George Wells Parker, 3423
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L. To O. of Fairfield, Ala., dis-
agrees with me as to the Negro
descent of the Hindus. He or
she encloses an outline copied
chart of races that is worthless
and unscientific. If the writer
would read the two great Indian
classics, the Negro type would be
recognized. Hunter, an English
authority, in his Annals of Ru-
ral Bengal, says in speaking of
the aboriginal inhabitants of In-
dia, "everything from their color
and flat noses to their barbarous
customs, manifested their rela-
tionship to Negro races." Also
speaking of the diversity of color
he remarks: "There are hun-
dreds of imperceptible gradations
from the black squat tribes
of the mountains to the tall ol-
ive colored Brahmin. "Huxley
also comments, "The dark stock
(of African origin) predomi-
nates in Arabia Persia, Afghanis-
tan and Hindustan, shading grad-
ually through all stages of dark-
ening into the type of the mod-
ern Egyptian, or of the wild Hill
man of the Dekan. Nor is there
any record of the existence of
a different population in all
these countries. There is much
more, but this must suffice.
When you want to learn origins
don't accept the white man's
charts. He generally arranges
it to suit himself.

What was the nationality of
Abraham?

Were the Canaanites Negroes?
Was Solomon a Negro or a
Jew?—Mrs. A. D. F., Orange, N.
J.

Abraham is the name of a
character that was the legend-
ary ancestor of many Asiatic
and African tribes. He came
from Ur of the Chaldees, a coun-
try settled by Cushites, who
were very black and classified
by the Hebrews as descendants
of Ham. They were about 100%
Negro blood.

According to Hebrew geneal-
ogy the Canaanites were the des-
cendants of Canaan, the son of
Ham. According to modern
archeology they were of Afri-
can descent and Negroid. Though
classified as Semites, they were ex-
ceedingly dark and possessed a
great deal of Negro blood.

Many Negroes are Jews and
the ancient Jew was very much
mixed. Not only Abraham and
Moses, but all other of the old
testament characters of note
were represented as Negroid a-
mong the Palestinian Jews. In
his songs, Solomon speaks of him-
self as being black, and he evi-
dently was, because black and



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brown skinned people were pre-
dominant throughout the coun-
tries of Asia and Africa. In us-
ing the term "Negro" one must
understand that in the Ameri-
can sense it includes everything
black to octoroon, however, the
American balks when this is ap-
plied anywhere except in the U-
nited States.

Where may I secure a copy of
The Children of the Sun?—T. L.
H., Detroit.

Write the author of this col-
umn in care of The Associated
Negro Press and include stamp
for reply.

A writer in the Minneapolis
Tribune states that all the great
kings and leaders of ancient E-
gypt were Greeks, Romans, As-
syrians and Hittites. Is this
true?—B. U. N., St. Paul, Minn.

Not much. Excepting the
Hyksos Dynasty, there is no re-
cord of any but Egyptian and
Ethiopian kings down to the 20
Dynasty. That period most cer-
tainly included all of Egypt's
greatness. After that she be-
came decadent and was often
under foreign rule.

NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL STILL GAINS

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Durham, N. C., April.—The
twenty-fifth annual statement
of the North Carolina Mutual
Life Insurance Company, the
largest Negro insurance com-
pany in the world, shows a stea-
dy increase in the assets of the
organization. The income dur-
ing the past year amounted to
\$3,709,496.49, of which amount
\$1,899,761.49 was paid in as
premiums by policy holders and
\$130,596.25 was made as earn-
ings on invested assets. The
payment of policy holders and
beneficiaries, including sick and
death claims, surrenders, etc.,
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