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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 limitations, and when a stamped envelope is enclosed. Address all communications to George Wells Parker, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Who was the first white millionaire in the slave states and the first Negro millionaire after 1865?—L. W. B. Edwardsville, Ill.

I have no data upon this matter.

Was Herod, proconsul of Judea, a Roman or an Asiatic?—K. L. N., Lason City, Iowa.

Herod was a Roman citizen, otherwise he could not have been proconsul. However, the House of Herod was lineally descended from Theseus and Wecrops, both of African descent, the latter having founded Athens in Greece; the other was one of the most celebrated kings of Athens and a famous hero.

Who was King Thair?—H. H. G., Pittsburg, Pa.

Thair was a famous and powerful king of Vemen, Ethiopian by blood, who conquered and plundered the ancient Persian capital.

Will you kindly give me some information about Edmund Dede?—C. C., Boston, Mass.

Edmund Dede was a composer and violinist. He was born of slave parents in 1829 in New Orleans. He took up the violin and was regarded as a virtuoso at twenty-one. He was of pure African blood and spoke the French language. He establish-

ed himself in Paris and became a teacher of the violin and a composer of note. He was a close friend of Dumas.

When was the first colored school for Negroes in the South started?—J. P., Buxton, Iowa.

The first colored school south of Ohio was formed May 20th, 1865, at Lexington, Kentucky.

Was Scipio Africanus an African?—F. J. D., Chicago.

No. Scipio was of Roman birth. The probabilities are that he was a mulatto the same as all the Romans of his day. The ancient Romans were not a white race, but a mixture of African and other bloods.

OFFICIAL POSTAL NOTICE FROM COLUMBIA POSTMASTER

Columbia, S. C., April—Below is given a brief outline of the most important changes in the Postal Law as to postage rates, fees, etc., which will become effective on April 15, 1925. Patrons are requested to take notice of these changes in order that the proper postage may be paid on matter deposited for mailing, avoiding delay and consequent inconvenience.

First Class Matter—(letters etc.) 2 cts. per ounce—No change in rate. Government Postal Cards—1 cts. each—No change in present rate. Private Mailing Cards—2 cts. each. This includes all private mailing cards picture post-cards, etc., which are approximately the size of a Government postal card whether they bear the words "Post Card," "Private Mailing Card," etc., or not. Large quotation or advertising cards, entirely in print and which do not bear the words "Post Card," etc., will require 1½ cts. for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof.

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lowing rates will apply:

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Fourth Class Matter—Takes parcel post rate plus 2 cts on each parcel. Everything weighing more than 8 ounces (except first-class or letter mail) is included in fourth class or parcel post. The rate on parcel post will be the same as at present except a 2 cts. service charge is added to every parcel of whatever size except those mailed on rural routes.

Special Delivery Fees—Letters and parcels weighing more than 2 lb. 10 cts. fee; form 2 to 10 lb. 15 cts. fee; over 10 lb. 20 cts. fee.

Special Handling—Parcels bearing 25 cts. in stamps in addition to the regular postage and the words "Special Handling" will be accorded the same care in handling as first-class or letter mail.

Special Attention Is Called To The Following:—"Mailers of perishables such as meats, vegetables, fruits, flowers, etc., and in fact any other articles not otherwise provided for by law or regulation have, now, under the new law the privilege of purchasing "Special Handling" Service together with "Special Delivery" Service in case the mailers themselves consider the commodity which they are mailing justifies the expenditure. It is for them to decide. If the mailer decides not to purchase the special handling and special delivery stamps, his consignment will be handled as ordinary parcel post is handled customarily. The mailer having been informed by the postmaster as to his rights, privileges, and risks, is the one to decide what service he will purchase.

Insurance Fees—Value up to \$5.00 requires 5 cts. fee; value up to \$25.00 requires 8 cts. fee; value up to \$50.00 requires 10 cts. fee; value up to \$100.00 requires 25 cts. fee.

C. O. D. Fees—Charges up to \$10.00 requires 12 cts. fee; charges up to \$25.00 requires 15 cts. fee; charges up to \$100.00 requires 25 cts. fee.

Registry Fees—Value up to \$50.00 requires 15 cts. fee; value up to \$100.00 requires 20 cts. fee; articles for foreign countries require 10 cts. fee.

Return Receipts—A fee of 3 cts. will be charged for a return receipt for either registered or insured mail to be paid by postage stamps attached to the parcel or letter.

Those who mail C. O. D. parcels will please take notice of the increased fees on the smaller money orders and prepare their C. O. D. tags accordingly.

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Any classifications or rates not fully understood will gladly be explained either personally or by letter. Your earnest cooperation will help to increase the efficiency of this office and will be appreciated.

T. B. MADDEN, Postmaster.

N. A. A. C. P. PROTEST BEARS FRUIT

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, N. Y., April—According to information received at the offices here of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dr. A. W. Pleckner, who, as an employee, of the United States Department of Labor distributed anti-Negro pamphlets at the expense

of the government, has been dismissed from the department, The N. A. A. C. P. was the first organization to direct attention to the case of government privileges for the circulation of the matter.

Competitive Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following competitive examination:

DRUGGIST in the U. S. Veterans Hospital No. 91, Tuskegee, Ala. Receipt of applications will close June 3rd, 1925. Entire staff will be composed of colored men and women. Entrance salary \$1,680 per year.

Wills Estate To Negro Race

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dustrial Institute for use of needy students.

Coincident with the announcement of the Troughton bequest, came word that Bishop William T. Manning and Everit Macy, banker, had given their support to the Hampton-Tuskegee Endowment Drive, Bishop Manning's letter being accompanied by a check for \$100. Mr. Macy is understood to have given \$25,000.00.

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