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LEVEL UP! By Ruth Taylor

In our fondness for statistics, we are apt to overlook the important fact that progress is made by leveling up and not bearing down. We make graphs and charts of what people do, of how they live, of what they think.

What is true of the nation is true of all groups within the nation. As individuals in groups rise above the standard of those groups, they break the path and pave the way for others to follow them.

THE FAITH OF THE NEGRO

Bring your minds back today, that seventy-five years ago the Negro was in slavery it is certainly remarkable to note the progress made in all walks of life.

done before the Negro holds that place in business to which he is entitled. How are we going to accomplish what should be done in this respect? We must have united efforts on the part of the race to assist one another, in every business enterprise.

1878 The Freedmen's Saving Bank and Trust company fails with millions of dollars loss by Negroes.

1880-85. About this time the Negro began to organize beneficial societies which developed into a regular business.

1888-90 First Negro bank or organization. 1888 The Capital Saving Bank of Washington begins business.

REVEALING SHADOWS By W. Marion Thompson S. M.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.—I John 3:1.

"IS IT FAIR?" To work one of God's called, consecrated and prepared Ambassadors through his youth, middle life and long in old age on small salary, at uncultured and shabby appointments, in all sections of the country without making a fair and just compensation, or pension or such a worthy and meritorious retired preacher is honestly and righteously unnatural, and extremely unfair.

There is scarcely a preacher in all of our vast Methodism, according to accurate statistics is paid equally and materially for services rendered. There is scarcely a minister who stays, and labors with a flock for five years, that when he goes that same membership owes him, and seems to have no compunction about it nor feel the keen sense of the just debt to the outgoing minister.

"Is It Fair?" Who cares? Who is concerned? Quickly speak. Four annals ago, the stately, wise, high churchman, Bishop Lorenzo Houston King came among us freighted with the thought word, and command that he cares and ordered that we, too, must care for the retired veteran minister, also, and to make ample provision for his seclusion, and global home, and comforts.

Every minute on the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction, and throughout Methodism, this noble Bishop has demonstrated and proven his deep interest, matchless loyalty to the Conference Claimants cause.

"Is It Fair?" All the clergy men unanimously exclaimed, "No! It should never have been so. But since we have discovered it thus, let us carry our urgent complaint to our good laymen, we know they will hear our prayer, and come speedily to our salvation.

If there is a calling peculiar to all other vocations on this planet, it is the ministry. Jesus asks us to leave other trades and work for Him. No work is more beautiful, potent, abundant, spiritually remunerative, and sublime. The minister works for and on everybody everywhere. Go into all the world and teach, preach, serve, and live. Peculiar because it embraces every phase of all existence. Peculiar because he deals primarily with the souls of men. That which only strayed, and

ALTRUISM

By F. J. DeLaine A lame man paused upon the street 'o push aside a banana peel jaid, "Some careless fellow hurrying along May be dislodged by his feet."

A blind man lit his lantern— A sightless pilgrim humble— Not to guide his step among the crowd But that others may not stumble.

An old man brave a chasm through and when he reached the farther brink said "Someone is come after me o I bring it lest by fear he sink"

A poet sat at his desk and wrote the fiery thought that in him burn That youth with rapid downward step might pause and read and turn

Our blessed Savior trod the plain and suffered death upon the cross Not for Himself but that the world might find the path it lost.

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Behold what wondrous grace, the Father has bestowed. On sinners of a fallen race, To call them sons of God.

It doth not yet appear, What wonders we shall see; But when we see our Savior here Like Him we all shall be.

'Tis in my Father's love, I here must share a part; Lord send Thy Spirit from above To rest upon my heart.

I would no longer lie, A slave beneath Thy throne; But I shall "Abba, Father," cry, and Thou my name shall own.

Christ gave His life to redeem. Then, "Is It Fair?" to forget the Old Preacher, who weakens thru the weight of years. Frail, helpless. He gives up. His sun is on the eve of setting. He shall soon cross the Bar. He served us well in his prime. His eloquence was a charm to our hearing. His powerful thoughts animated and illumined our brain. His appeals for Christ to use us were thrills and sublime to our consciences, and heart. His advice, and warnings to us to flee the wraths of an offended God, awoke and stirred us to reach the "Rock of Ages". His life and presence are precious in spirations, and benedictions to us. He is God's Elect. "Is It Fair?" He neglect, forget, abandon, him and his household. We all answer "No! No!! No!!!"

John C. Gibbs, Greer, S. C.

BETWEEN THE LINES

DEAN GORDON B. HANCOCK (BY) SQUELCHING OUR SQUABBLES

It seems difficult for humans to understand that because a thing is good, it is not necessarily good at all times, in all places and under all circumstances. The lack of appreciation for this fact leads to much misunderstanding and to great confusion.

Negroes are especially afflicted with this grievous assumption. It matters not in what field a Negro takes an advanced degree, he assumes the role of final spokesman on the Negro question, which is patently a sociological and economic question. We have it more vividly demonstrated in Henry Ford's deliveries on various questions of moment. He projected a peace movement at one time, and delivers himself variously on matters of current importance.

Our success thus far has been due more to the valor and efficiency of our allies than to our own ingenuity of organization. Russia, a nation with its centralized power has enabled the democracies with their decentralized power to prepare to fight "tomorrow" while she herself is bleeding today.

PIEDMONT NEWS

St. Matthew Baptist Church Rev. J. W. Mathis, Pastor Sunday school opened at the usual hour. The Supt. being sick the Asst. Supt. J. B. Burton was in charge. The school was taught in concert by class No. 1 teacher Bro. G. E. McCullough. We had as a visitor in school Miss Anna Boyce. After the lesson delegates for the S. S. Convention were elected, namely Bro. J. B. Burton Miss Lula Grace Peppers, Miss Vertel Rankins.

Advertisement for Dr. Charles Hawkins, Inventor-Research Specialist. Includes a portrait of Dr. Hawkins and illustrations of his inventions: a dimometer for protecting pedestrians during blackouts, and a fire prevention book. Text: 'DR. CHARLES HAWKINS INVENTOR-RESEARCH SPECIALIST' and 'EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY'.



"RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES!!"

Advertisement for the Agricultural Front, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Features a tractor and the text: 'on the AGRICULTURAL FRONT with the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'.

Negro Families in Texas County Plan To Raise 800,000 Chickens

In an effort to help contribute their full part to Texas' poultry goals of 50,000,000 chickens, rural and urban Negro families of Tarrant County are pooling their resources to get the job done.

New Food Administrator

Upon taking office as War Food Administrator, Judge Marvin Jones issued a statement pointing out that four major problems must be solved. The problems are (1) full allotment of materials for new machinery, supplies, repair parts, shelter, storage and processing facilities; (2) farm labor shortage; (3) seed, feed, fertilizer, and credit; and (4) a fair return to farmers for their production.

FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Beaufort, S. C.—Today we started out in our new quarters for the third quarter. The subject of the lesson was "A Distressed People". It dealt with the distress and hardships of the Israelites after Joseph's death.

MEMPHIS

Because their quick-thinking and heroic action doubtless saved the lives of many passengers as well as irreplaceable railroad equipment, Mr. and Mrs. Meddie Bedford, Wyandotte, Miss farm couple, were awarded coveted Illinois Central medals of honor here Thursday.

WASHINGTON

President Roosevelt has rounded out his Fair Employment Practice committee, and on Thursday noon he announced the names of the six persons who will work with Fr. Francis J. Haas, chairman to enforce the amended executive order No. 8802.

ANP News Shorts

Continued from Page 1 inasmuch as he was dropped from the city school system after the U. S. Army failed to accept him because of his physical condition.

Birmingham

All hail the Birmingham Black Barons, first-half winners in the Negro American league pennant race! They've kept their word, have the "Dixie diamonds," and romped through easily. Now they've got their mind set on taking down the second half honors in like fashion.

New York

Duke Ellington last week made Broadway news again as he introduced a new singing find, A. Hibbler, a blind romantic baritone, at the Hurricane restaurant.

TRINITY NEWS

Amidst the bad weather Sunday a few people were at the services. It being the 4th of July many people were home visiting friends.

RIDGE SPRING NEWS

S. S. opened at the usual hour with the Asst. Supt. Mr. F. L. Gardner in charge. The Fathers' Day rally closed Sunday after Sunday school was over. The sum of \$9.48 was laid on the table.

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Southall, supervisor of employment and service for the International Harvester Co., Chicago; P. B. Young, veteran publisher of the Norfolk (Va.) Journal and Gaide, chairman of the Southern (Durham) Conference on Race Relations; and chairman of the board, Howard university, and Samuel Zempuray; president of the United Fruit Co., New Orleans.

Greenwich, Conn.

Henry Lewis Walker, an ex-slave, died here Wednesday at 116 years of age. Born in Albemarle county, Va., Walker came to Greenwich 60 years ago; he died after an illness of six months.

Honolulu—The hardest man to outfit with a uniform on the entire Hawaiian Islands is Cpl. Edward Young. A member of a port battalion, Young is 6 feet 3 and weighs 330 pounds. The sizes just don't run that big in the supply house here so that frequently Young has to improvise clothes until special made to order garb is ready.

Miss Marjorie Burton

Miss Marjorie Burton was the guest of her mother Mrs. Susie Burton, Mrs. Mary Werts from Baltimore, Md., was the guest of her sister Mrs. Maggie Werts. She came to bury her brother, Mr. Julius Werts.

Mrs. Carrie Burton

Mrs. Carrie Burton was overjoyed to see her son Pvt. Elijah Burton, who has a honorable discharge from the Army. He has gained many pounds his weight is 265.

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