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THE BENEDICT ALLEN SUMMER SCHOOL

The Benedict Allen Summer School, from all reports that have been heard concerning that venture, proved a tremendous success. It was announced by President Sims at the final exercises held at Benedict last Friday, that since the experiment had proved so successful, the Summer School at Columbia had become a fixture, which announcement was greeted with the thunderous applause of the teachers, students who had been the beneficiaries. It was a fact worth noting that two students, because of having completed their work at the Summer School, received their Bachelor of Arts degrees. The Summer School idea carried out as successfully as it was demonstrated beyond question that Allen and Benedict might easily become one school, and in the course

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

The report, published in this paper last week, of the National Ministers' Institute held at Benedict College June 24 to July 4 is a most interesting and encouraging one. It appears that many of our ministers regardless of denominational affiliation took advantage of the opportunity for self-improvement that was extended them.

If it is a sign of progress in the right direction when our ministers can get together and discuss the vital problems of life without a great deal of denominational quibbling. We have gone far when Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and other ministers are able to study mutual problems for a while under teachers who represent different denominations.

It was a splendidly trained group of ministers that had to do with the conduct of the Institute. Dr. C. E. Antisdel, State Director, is well known as a minister and his rich experience in the field of foreign missions renders him peculiarly fit to shed light on many problems that might otherwise be puzzling. The Rev. C. H. Brown, pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, the Assistant Director, is well known as a pulpiteer and up to date thinker. He is a college trained man, and a graduate of the famous Rochester Theological Seminary.

Other teachers at the Institute were Dr. D. H. Sims, president of Allen University, and graduate of the Theological School of the University of Chicago, whose reputation as a minister is well known; Dr. Frederick C. Walton, graduate of the Rochester Theological Seminary; the Rev. E. F. G. Dent, college trained and theological graduate from Boston University. He has served as Dean of Theology at Kittrell College in North Carolina; and the Rev. R. L. Johnson, who has the distinction of being among the very few Negroes to hold a Bachelor's degree in theology. He holds the degree Master of Sacred Theology from Boston University.

Much benefit has already been derived from the formation of such contacts and were afforded by the Institute. We believe that it will mean a new era of understanding among our people in South Carolina.

COMMISSION SHOCKS HAITIANS

Carl Murphy, editor of the Afro American, said in an article written for that paper, that the Motion Commissioners sang spirited songs at a recent meeting of the Port au Prince College assembly while they were in Haiti investigating the Haitian education system for President Hoover. He stated that the Haitian elite were shocked and considered it rather unbecomingly for them to do so. The Commission also, according to the article, sang several spirituals on board the ship that brought them back to the United States. Passengers and other on board were said to have gathered to listen to the singing. Duvalier's poem "When Malinda Sings" was read by Dr. Modeste Wyatt Johnson, President of Howard University, while Dr. Johnson and Dr. C. Lake Innes, of Tuskegee, read sermons from James A. Weldon Johnson's "God's Trombones."

Of course it should be a matter of too great surprise to hear of anything done by the Commission, after it accepted the Jim Crow station provided by Herbert Hoover, but the report that these representative gentlemen have made of themselves ministers for the public's entertainment is at least nauseating. One could hardly imagine the Presidents of Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology engaging in a sing for the entertainment of a ship's officers and passengers on which they were passengers. Howard and Tuskegee, it appears to us, should appear to justify as great advantage among Negroes as Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology appear to the rest of the country. The Haitian, if shocked at the Port au Prince vocal demonstration, had been doubly shocked at the spectacle of these ambassadors' endeavor to amuse white people on board ship. It is a hard matter to counsel against buffoonery when those who are mightiest among us set the example.

SOVIET FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The question of Communism and the activities of the Russian people we think it worth while to state some few facts concerning the Soviet form of government—the form under which Russia is now being ruled. Bertrand Russell, great English philosopher, and Scott Nearing, eminent American thinker, debated the proposition: "Is the form of Soviet Government applicable to Western Civilization?" Samuel Untermyer, who acted as chairman at the debate, said that our dense ignorance on the subject is a travesty upon our institutions.

Mr. Nearing defined the Soviet form of government as being a temporary bridge over the abyss between capitalism and socialism and that it is neither a socialist nor a communist government but a transition government working toward communism and away from capitalism.

He further stated that it is highly centralized and is in the form of a dictatorship exercised by delegates of peasants and workers

and is dominated by the communist party who have in view the economic emancipation of the productive classes. Mr. Nearing is careful to state that the elimination of all exploiters and the owning of their own jobs, and controlling their own products, and deciding the policy of industry is the goal of the communist party, and not a fact already accomplished.

The Soviet is a dictatorship under the control of the industrial workers. Local constituencies are economic rather than geographical. At Moscow, the Soviet is elected by street car workers, school teachers, steel workers, building train workers. The assembly or congressional district as we have in America has nothing to do with it. It is a purely economic system.

The basis of representation is economic or occupational. The Soviet Government proposes to organize economic units. They would eliminate profiteering and graft in economic life, by actually organizing the economic life of Russia. Their constitution contains the phrase: "He that will not work, neither shall he eat." The parasite can't vote or hold office under the Soviet form of government. Only producers share in it.

It is Mr. Nearing's opinion that the Soviet form of government will fit Western Civilization with the old order broke down. He believes furthermore that a permanent rule of economic units is the inevitableness of the progress of decay in Europe and that the whole of Western Civilization is being swept away, and that the next international war, it is his opinion, will be a battering ram that is destroying our civilization. He believes that the Salvation of the Western World will be the adoption of the Soviet form of government when capitalism has broken down. Mr. Russell doesn't think that Western Civilization will break down. His opinion is that ultimately the form of government to come through a process of evolution.

A one act play was presented by the Summer School faculty, which deserves a special word of commendation. The play, of play selected, and second, for the annual benefits of the Summer School, was that of priest played to our nation's health, by Mr. Grigsby, one of the instructors. Each part was played fearlessly but the role mentioned was by far the best. It was a most profitable

Professor G. E. Nelson, of Benedict, and President D. H. Sims of Allen deserve thanks for their generous invitation to the Benedict Allen Summer School. Their generous contribution to the cause of education is a most commendable one.

BETWEEN THE LINES

BY GORDON B. HANCOCK

"CANNON FODDER"

Unless this writer is much mistaken, God knows he hopes that the Negro race in this country is living on the brink of a great tragedy! For many months this trend and terror of the Negro race have been carefully studied and analyzed. There is either an explosion of blood and terror in them all! There is a darkening in them that is calculated to make a great wall between the races. Without a minimum of good will the Negro cannot survive in this country. That the Negro has a grievance, too well known and even the white man will this ugly fact admit, and a race of the Negro's status, and protest against injustice and

criminations is at once necessary and necessary; that the Negro press is an intensely interested in the Negro race and the life after death. They will survive and possess a great part of the African primitivity. Go to the Methodist Class meeting or church and you will find a list of the experiences and "determinations" of the Negro race. They desire to go to the other side, to another father, or some other one, whose gone on before. While the Jews were being persecuted in the Roman Empire, and down through the Middle Ages they pursued their religion by leading. How well they were led and their lesson is to be learned in the fact that sensible Negroes do not call them "Sheeny," but you are called "Nigger," and you are called "Gold Star" Mothers of the War Department. They have desecrated the graves of the dead who have died in the world. These boys and girls who would have rested more peacefully had their mothers remained at home. Now their sleep of death has been disturbed. Let us paraphrase Mr. Bleasde's timely remark and say: To hell with all Uncle Tom's cowards. Rather die a free man than live a slave.

Five hundred thousand years hence unborn generations will gaze upon this century with pity. With all of our advanced culture, education, religion and religion we still oppress the weak-staked advantage of the down trodden and take the life of our brothers whose skins are non-white. But the greatest enemies of the Negro are not the Hellins, and gentlemen of his stamp; the greatest enemies are within the race itself. The compromisers and those who put their stomachs where their heads are, and who are willing to be hinder the advance of the race.

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POINTED POINTS

By GEORGE A. SINGLETON

The weekly text: As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them. Jesus.

The weekly text: "To hell with the Constitution." Coleman L. Blease.

Jesus uttered His great teaching of brotherly love nearly two thousand years ago and men have been trying to practice it. Cole Blease uttered his words a few days ago in a political campaign in Union, scene of recent lynching. It remains to be seen whether the well meaning people of South Carolina will reflect Mr. Blease on his platform of lynch law and thereby repudiate Jesus, or defeat Him and exalt the Christ of God whom so much has been said these many years.

Who is going to save South Carolina? Jesus or Cole Blease? This writer holds that all rapists should be white, yellow, brown or black, but he does not hold that it is good policy for the people to set aside the Constitution and proceed to hang or riddle a body with bullets or burn at the stake, even if guilty. If this thing continues, I mean lawlessness, the life of a white man will not be safe. Negroes are the best imitators in the world. How long will it take them to learn their lesson is to be seen. It is hoped that the "superior race" will set the right example.

The one hopeful sign is to be seen in the fact that Blease does not speak for all of the people of South Carolina. He may voice the sentiments of a few, but the Columbia Record and the Charleston News and Courier, the sun of intelligence in the South, have now for a lawmakere to advocate lawlessness in a republic whose cornerstone is "law and order."

In the meantime, what is the black man to do? Work like sixty to get the ballot, and after having gotten it, use it effectively to put out of office and keep out all sons of God who would violate the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Arouse! Arouse! Arouse!

Public opinion until late included men and women who believe in justice and Jesus, lift their voices to the side of the right. What can the black church do? Can religion put down out of the skies, or can it put the people to work producing those commodities which the world must have and thereby "develop" a self sustaining independent economy. Money is power. You do not see an N. A. A. P. lynching Jews. There are more black folk in the United States than there are Jews in the world.

What is the trouble? The Jews and religion and practice it yet see that it does not interfere with their religion. The religion of the blacks, and the Jewish religion, have been taken over from the white man. It has been a sedative, an opiate to the Negro's religious nerves, and he has been satisfied with the present order.

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is an institution in itself.

I see by the papers that Lindy, Jr. has been made a member of the Flying Club. May be unique for him but non-whites have been members of the club ever since their coming to these shores. Give honor to whom honor is due. In this space sometime ago this writer mentioned the advisability and propriety of giving a testimonial to Professor Casper George Garrett, the last of the great teachers at Allen University. He has touched the lives of hundreds of boys and girls who are now scattered all over the country making good. They love Professor Garrett and the writer believes they would gladly join in any movement which would make concrete and vocal their esteem.

Professor Garrett has been recently added to the staff of Allen as Field Agent. It is his duty to travel the state and make contacts for the school. No one living or dead is better fitted for the task. In keeping with our suggestion it would be in order to tender the testimonial and at the same time present him an automobile. The least we can do is demonstrate our appreciation. The call would be made to his friends and admirers as well as to his boys and girls. The writer is willing to start the subscription and serve on a committee whose duty it will be to carry the plans to a successful conclusion.

It seems that this could be done by the official opening at Allen. The General Superintendent of the area and several visiting ministers and friends will be in Columbia at that time. From that gathering and enthusiasm which would automatically lead to the proper celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the college at a date designated by the proper authorities.

At the recent Council of Bishops in San Antonio, Texas, the plan to merge schools and colleges of the A. M. E. church was ratified by the episcopates. It was recommended that Kittrell and Allen merge. This writer wants to see who is going to help the cat. Allen is a going concern and Kittrell is practically defunct. Duke gave some buildings but the school has no revenue. On the other hand competition in the North Carolina Educational system is out of the question. North Carolina leads the South in the education of non-white citizens. It does not believe in sending the Constitution to hell.

Allen will use good sense and think a long, long time before rushing into any sort of merger scheme. The affiliation with Benedict college, which professors and classes exchange during a brighter day for the two colleges. In time they will be literally one supported by the Negroes of South Carolina. They should be one now.

The same thing of reasoning holds good with reference to Morris Brown in Atlanta. It can never hope to compete with Atlanta University because of which will be the millions of the General Education Board. Even though it does merge with Edward Waters it cannot hope to do a grade of work which will be recognized by educational authorities. In the same breath Clavin should be merged with State. Division and duplication of effort keep the race impoverished.

This writer writes not to please but to provoke thought. When he thinks he is right he goes ahead. The advancing of the race is a bigger job than any single group of individuals can accomplish.

PERIPATETIC MUSINGS

By I. WALKER ROUND

A little while back a great deal of enthusiasm was being generated over a prospective Consumers Cooperative that was to be opened in Columbia among our able citizens. Many are the people who subscribed for the purpose of launching the movement. The idea appears to have died a natural death as it seems that nothing has been done about it.

With Negroes organizing their forces for economic betterment all over the country, it is not to wonder why some movement can't be begun and carried through to success among us here in Columbia? What is needed more than anything is for some person who is able to catch the imagination of the people to draw up some well thought out plan and continue clamoring for its adoption by the community until something is done about it.

Faint heart will never accomplish the establishment of a stabilized economic condition among colored Columbia. Satisfaction at individual prosperity will never accomplish it. Until some of the more affluent of our people realize that their state of economic well being might not be but for the voracious masses, and that a duty devolves upon them to use some of the means garnered by them for the rescuing of these masses from the humiliation of economic thralldom, the condition of our people in Columbia will continue precarious.

Since this column was begun many discussions have appeared in it concerning economic organization. That shall be the major theme as long as it continues. In Chicago Negroes are demanding the right to be employed at the places where they spend their money. Their demand would be futile if they didn't have elsewhere to buy the necessities of life sold by the places that they threaten with the boycott. Those Negroes are so organized that if all the places are closed to them they will furnish their own necessities. We may only make demands when we are in position to back them with appropriate action.

If we didn't spend our money where we cannot work in Columbia (except Continued on page five

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