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DEPLORES RACE PREJUDICE

Cites Achievements of the Three
Alexander Dumas
in France.

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Deriding the absurdities into which race prejudice leads white Americans, Albert Guerard, writing in the June number of Scribner's Magazine, speaks of the so-called "inferior" product of mixture and cites the Dumas family as evidence against any such inferiority. Says Mr. Guerard: "There is a plaza in Paris dedicated to the three Alexander Dumas. The first, the son of a Haytian planter and of a Negress, was a general at the time of the Revolution and the Empire. The second, unmistakably African in coloring and features, was the jolly giant who has fascinated three generations with his romantic tales, who made and lost several fortunes, managed newspapers and theatres, hobnobbed with the greatest in the land, and preceded Henry Ford in devising methods of quantity production. The third, besides giving an everlasting and deplorable model of maudlin romanticism in 'La Dame aux Camélias,' besides suffering from a painful excess of technical skill and Parisian wit, created the modern problem play, paved the way for symbolism on the stage before Ibsen had been heard of, and wrote homoietic paradoxical, glittering prefaces when Bernard Shaw, his ungrateful son, was still in his cradle. Few nordic families could offer the same record of physical and intellectual energy as that 'colorful' dynasty of the Dumas.

"Once more, I am only pleading for careful study: I am not claiming in advance that the mulatto is a desirable product. I am only stating that the fine record of many people of mixed parentage should prevent us from accepting blindly any adverse verdict. On the whole, analogies drawn from other branches of biology are favorable to cross-breeding, if it be followed by selection. The finest breeds of dogs, horses and plants are the result of careful crossing. This proves very little, I know; but it may at any rate act as a check on a prior conclusion."

PASSES ENTRANCE EARLY



MASTER WM. HENRY JONES, Jr., who has entered the Windsor high school with high honors at the tender age of eleven years. He has skipped two grades during his public school career, during which time he has carried on in music, baseball, hockey and pole-vaulting. He has planned to finish college in this country after which he will finish medicine in Edinburgh. This latter information Master William vouchsafed to us as a dead secret.

First Youth of Capital to Win Radio License

Washington, D.C., July 15—As the results of competitive examinations held in Baltimore, Md., Rufus P. Turner, colored, a student at Armstrong Tech and an organizer of the Radio Club of that school, is the first boy of this city to be awarded a commercial operator's license.

Rufus Turner, although in his teens has become one of the outstanding amateurs in the country. His work and experiments have brought him much fame. He received a prize for building the smallest radio receiving set in the world. This set was made on an ordinary pin. It was exhibited at the national Radio Show held in Madison Square Gardens, New York City, last year and was also exhibited at the Radio Show held at Wardman Park hotel here and later placed on exhibition at the Tribune office.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THREE NEGROES SECURED

James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announces that the American Fund for Public Service has provided two scholarships of five hundred dollars each to be awarded to colored students to attend Brookwood Labor College at Katonah, New York.

Brookwood College is designed for the scientific training of men and women who desire to be effective and useful in the labor and farmer movements, whether as rank and file member or as officials; and to give training in the technique of labor union administration and of activities such as speaking, writing, organizing, teaching, in which they may be called upon to engage. In a word, Brookwood is established for the scientific training of leaders and workers in modern industry.

Applicants for these scholarships may write, giving their age, training and a statement of their plans with regard to industry as a career. Letters should be addressed to James Weldon Johnson, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York.

WINS FIRST PRIZE

A few days ago Mrs. Pearl Kelly, of 9 Marmora Street, in competition with twelve thousand contestants, won first prize in a cross word puzzle contest offered by the Mentholatum Co., of Bridgebury, Ont. We consider this accomplishment of great merit in view of the fact that the contest was open to the general public of the Dominion. Although Mrs. Kelly's health has not been very good for the past few months and though she has had the care of her several small children she found time to "bring home the bacon". Mrs. Kelly is also an accomplished musician.

Youngest Grandmother is Thirty

Associated Negro Press.

Hagerstown, Md., July 15—The youngest grandmother in the United States, so far discovered, is Mrs. Lola Dixon of this city, who is just 30 years old. Her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Middleton, is just 15, and has just become the mother of a boy.

CHICAGO POSTAL WORKERS SCORE

Washington Recognizes Value of
Negro Clerks

Associated Negro Press

Chicago, Ill., July 22—Word received from Congressman Madden's office in Washington on Friday brought gladness to the hearts of local postal workers when the announcement was made that three Negro clerks had been promoted to foremen. David B. Hawley, president of the Appomattox Club; Howard Cornwell, also a member, and Henry F. Wilson, president of the local branch of the National Postal Alliance, were the three selected. Their appointment was somewhat in the nature of a compromise. For several years the postal employees have been urging promotion for some few of our workers as a proof that there was no limit ability when demonstrated and that the government placed all its servants upon a par. More persuasive methods were adopted when Leader Edward H. Wright with the support of Congressman Madden entered the fray. A superintendent of a station was hoped for and the names of the three men now appointed were mentioned in connection with that position. The result was the appointment to foremanships of all three who had the endorsement of all the local postal organizations, the Phalanx club, the Chicago branch of the National Postal Alliance, the Railway Mail branch of the Postal Alliance and the Chicago Post Office Girls' Club.

Bank Rewards Negro for Faithful Services

San Diego, Calif., July 22—Chas. H. Dodge, colored, who has been in the employment of the Southern Trust Commerce Bank of this city for many years, received a reward for faithful and efficient service last week by being given the position of confidential clerk of the institution. The banking officials stated that the position was one which required both honesty and ability, and one of vital importance to the successful conduct of the concern.