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INTER-RACIAL CO-OPERATION EXEMPLIFIED

(By The Associated Negro Press)
The movement for interracial co-operation in America on the basis of the ideals of Christian brotherhood found unusual exemplification in the life of Mr. John J. Eagan, philanthropist and Christian statesman, of Atlanta, Ga., the late chairman of both the Commission on Interracial Co-operation and the Federal Council Commission on the Church and Race Relations. Over against all the lack of faith in the practical power of Christian ideals to remove racial prejudices, suspicions and fears and to bring good will attitudes and action between the races, stands the figure of a man who actually lived according to his ideals in the midst of most trying racial circumstances preceding, during and after the World War period.

The effects of the hysteria that swept the South like the wind following the Armistice, when Negro soldiers were to be returned to their home communities, called for Christian statesmanship of the highest order of courage, organized power, and faith. The new commissions based upon ideals of brotherhood and good feeling between the races, required such statesmanship for a continuous attack upon such evils as injustice in the courts, peonage, lynching, unfair division of school funds. They demanded further positive measures of better educational facilities for Negro children, better protection of life and property and larger opportunities in self-development along many lines.

Mr. Eagan did not believe in segregation. Bishop R. E. Jones, one of the outstanding Negro leaders, said a few days ago, "I have often despaired of any real solution of the race problem in America. I shall never do so again after knowing and working with Mr. James Eagan. I never knew there were in the whole world, any white men so fair, so just, so devoted to true democracy, as I found him to be." On numerous occasions he faced questions like local financial campaigns, school funds, social work programmes and the like. Being a Southerner, he often surprised people by his recognition of the evils from segregation, by his firm

Texans Mean To Cast Vote

Galveston, Texas, May—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Negro voters of this city brought together by L. G. Robinson, Chester Ferguson, A. L. Bush, J. A. Mirant and Frank Burton, have completed plans which are to be followed in the effort to make colored citizens a voting factor in the state. The voters who attended a preliminary meeting two weeks ago have met again and formed what is to be known as the "Voters' Full Value Club", of Galveston County.

It is proposed to keep the membership open to men and women regardless of political affiliation, to make active members of those who paid their poll tax and associate members of those who have not.

An executive committee will direct the work of the organization in the county which he designed, in its programme of education and activity, to organize groups in each precinct in the city and county with men and women leaders to line up voters and prospective voters and to do anything necessary to persuade them to become effective voting citizens.

In addition there are to be general standing committees, appointed on every matter of interest to the organization which will work with and coordinate the work of the precinct group. It is not intended that any Negro in Galveston county misses the right to exercise his citizenship if the Voters' Full Value Club can make them see the light.

democratic attitude and efforts against it and his expressed conviction that Christians should do nothing that would encourage any measures that might foster segregation.

Against all cynicism, doubt and prejudice, as to the probability of healing the open sore of relations of white and Negro citizens in America, stands the experience of scores of communities North and South, where hundreds of white and colored citizens now meet regularly to plan and act together for the common good, a movement which has grown to nation-wide proportions under the chairmanship of this man who believed that Christian ideals are practical solvents of racial problems and that these ideals can be applied to our many local situations in industry, education, politics and religion.

B.M.E. CONFERENCE NOTICE

Beginning in the issue of May 17, and in each succeeding issue before Conference there will appear in The Dawn letters of importance concerning the Conference and its plans.

Members and friends of the Conference are requested to take notice.

Grant Church, Toronto Observes Mothers Day

Last Sunday was a great day at Grant Church. Mrs. M. E. Anderson, the noted Evangelist of Chicago, occupied the pulpit morning and evening. Both services were very instructive and everyone that heard her says she is the most powerful and spiritual person that has been among us. Mrs. Anderson is to hold the pulpit during the absence of Rev. Guy in the afternoon. A very unique program was rendered by the missionary ladies of our church. Subject "Mothers". Many valuable papers were read concerning mothers. Duet by Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. S. S. Scott, entitled "Tell Mother I will be there." Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Straker, "Mother's Prayer," Mr. Leroy Williams at the Piano.

Mrs. C. Best gave a short talk, commenting on the different papers, which brought about much laughter. After the programme by the ladies a chance was given to anyone to speak. Mr. S. S. Scott acting in the absence of the Pastor came forward and congratulated the President and ladies upon such a wonderful program and told them from whence the beginning of Mother's Day.

"In 1908 Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia observed the first 'Mother's Day' in memory of her own mother. Believing that others shared her feelings, she began a nation-wide movement to have the day observed. She struck a responsive chord in nearly every heart. Little by little the idea grew. The Congress of the United States set apart the day by a formal act and the President recommended its observance. It is now not only a national day, but international. Country after country has responded until its observance on the second Sunday in May each year has become world-wide.

"Well may we pause to pay honour to her who, after Jesus Christ, is God's best gift to men—MOTHER. It was she who shared her life with us when yet our members were unformed. Into the valley of the shadow she walked that we might have the light of life. In her arms was the garner

METH. EPISCOPAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

Springfield, Mass., (By the Associated Negro Press)—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is well under way with its gigantic work, and is attracting world interest. The Episcopal address, read by Bishop Berry, Senior Bishop, has created wide comment. This address is to the General Conference as the message of the President is to the Congress upon its subject to the law to be enacted are based.

The address takes a decided rap at the Ku Klux, upholds prohibition, and takes a definite position on pacifism. The church is against war, but is not against patriotic protection. Completion of the long efforts to unite the church North and South is urged, and lawlessness in all forms is denounced, and a plea to get back to the religion of the Wesleys is earnestly made.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is the one great denomination of Methodists that receives colored delegates on the same footing with all other delegates. There are two active bishops in the church, Bishop Robert E. Jones, of New Orleans, and Bishop Matthew W. Clair, of Liberia, Africa. These church dignitaries are accorded exactly the same courtesies, in every respect, as the other bishops of the great church. It is expected that at least one, and possibly two other bishops will be elected during the present session of the Conference.

There is quite a little interest manifested in the possible personnel of other general officers representing the more than 300,000 colored members of the denomination.

RATTLERS RATTLE OVER RADIO

State College, Pa., (By the Associated Negro Press)—So that people of this section may become acquainted with just how the rattle of a rattle snake sounds, Prof. George R. Green, now delivering a series of talks over the radio on "Snakes", has arranged to have a wire cage near the broadcasting station, and to tease the snakes confined within until they do their rattle for the listeners-in.

of our food, and the soft couch for our repose. There we nestled in the hour of pain, there was the playground of our infant glee. Those arms later became our refuge.