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"HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL"

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO YOU

The year 1924 has passed into history. The new year, 1925 is before us. The question will no doubt arise in the minds of individual persons what this new year will hold for them. It may mean the finished course for some; it may mean the beginning for others. Every new year should bring us new ideas and new resolutions that make for a higher conception of life and a higher realization. A retrospective view of what God has already done for us is a wonderful strengthener of faith. On the other hand, dwelling upon what we have done, or left undone, is almost sure to have a weakening effect, leaving us more and more unprepared for the taking up of the present opportunity. There is no redeeming time that is past. That, with its opportunities, is gone far beyond the grasping scope of mortal fingers. Brooding over its failures or glorying in its successes are alike unprofitable, but even this the most of us must learn from experience. During the year of 1924, much has been accomplished for which we are justly proud but not boastful. Through the zealous efforts of the Editor of the Dawn of Tomorrow and a number of our own fellow citizens, along with a score of our anglo-saxon friends, there has come into existence an organization known as the Canadian League for the advancement of Colored people. It has been said, and we believe truthfully, that nothing has ever been attempted like this before. Some no doubt have felt that it was an unwise step to assume when everything seems so lovely and bright. But much forethought has been given to this great question and all that has been done has not been in a fanatical way. The Holy Bible tells you, and man's experience has always demonstrated it, that "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." Many are fearful that we will not win. Why? Is it not because they are looking backward instead of forward? We have had much to contend with, let us say;

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FOUR GENERATIONS



ONE OF CANADA'S GRAND OLD COUPLES AND THREE GENERATIONS OF THEIR DESCENDENTS.

A Threatened Lynching in U. S.

All lynching is not physical. Just as a poor colored man can be strung to a tree in darkest Georgia, so an organization equally innocent of any wrong, or if guilty, not meriting death as a penalty, may be lynched on the tree of public opinion by pernicious propaganda. And we who protest against physical lynching of our people should be the first to put to shame those who would kill without trial an organization that has done and is doing most good for the race.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has provoked the attacks of several individuals recently on account of the personal opinions of some of its officers. After the election when the personal hopes of James Weldon Johnson and W. E. B. DuBois, voters, did not materialize, insidious attacks on the organization began. One member of the directorate, who apparently thought more of his party than of his race resigned. Rumors were started that the N.A.A.C.P. was growing unpopular. A few unscrupulous members of the press published articles in which vague hints of the growing unpopularity of the Associa-

tion were offered. Someone had said that someone else had noted someone else looking displeased apparently on account of the alleged policy of the N.A.A.C.P. Whisperings have been published with no definite source. The result is that unless the colored people of America are sensible enough to remain loyal to an organization with an unparalleled history of service behind it, the Association is going to be slowly tortured to death and the greatest lynching ever recorded will set the race back decades.

We can not score too heavily the individuals or groups of individuals responsible for this attempted lynching bee. Their attitudes as those of colored men are incomprehensible. If they have facts and figures let them attack them personally to satisfy their venom. But if they are truly interested in the welfare of their race in the future progress of the colored people in America, let them remember that no organization, white or colored, has ever accomplished as much real good, brought as much definite protection, secured for a trampled people so many cherished rights as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. No matter what its human shortcomings, when this Association is lynched, civilization will weep and a Hell-born storm will darken the earth.

—From Washington Daily American

COLORED GIRL FALSELY ACCUSED

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—When Geo. Reinhart, white, sees another colored girl on the street he won't be so anxious to offer her a ride in his car. because Lizzie Wills, Kater St. near Seventeenth gave him a warning that caused him much embarrassment when he accused the girl of stealing \$80 from him, only to find it on the floor of his car.

With the idea that money would turn the heads of girls, Reinhart was cruising along Columbia Avenue near Fifteenth Street Wednesday night when along came Lizzie. He offered her a ride for reasons of his own and she accepted the offer. What happened in the car could not be learned. However, the girl alighted from the car after riding a block and a half. She then boarded a car for down town.

Reinhart missed his pocketbook and he immediately followed the trolley in which the girl was riding. After twenty squares the girl alighted from the trolley and Reinhart told a traffic cop, who arrested the girl on Reinhart's statement.

The girl denied having the money, but the white man said she did as he had evidently been very close to her in his car. However, the girl said the pocketbook was on the floor of the car. Reinhart and the cop investigated and found it. Lizzie was released.

Negro Magistrate Is Exonerated

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Magistrate Amos Scott, the first colored magistrate of this city, whom the prejudiced whites tried to get something against several times, appeared before the district attorney with his books for an investigation. After several weeks he was given a clean bill of health. And it found that he had been conducting his office to the satisfaction of the police department