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EDITORIAL

THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Fifteen years have passed by since the late J. F. Jenkins first launched The Dawn of Tomorrow and today it constitutes one of the memorials of the work that he undertook and carried on during the remaining years of his life on behalf of the colored people of Canada. In days to come students of the history of Canada will delve through the files of this paper, as they have been preserved in a few larger libraries, and will gain therefrom a picture of social conditions among the colored people of this period and of their aspirations and achievements.

The Dawn of Tomorrow was not the first paper to be published in Canada by a member of the colored race. Away back in 1850 Henry Bibb began to issue at Windsor, a little page not unlike The Dawn to which he gave the name The Voice of the Fugitive. There is history in that name, for when Bibb began publication the notorious fugitive slave bill had just been signed by President Fillmore and even the northern states had become unsafe for Negroes, whether free or runaways from slavery. It was to Canada that these people then looked for protection and safety, and they came across the border at Windsor, Amherstberg, Niagara and other points by the hundreds, if not by the thousands.

Ten years later came the Civil War, then Emancipation Proclamation, the victory of the north under Lincoln and the passing of the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. Many Negroes who had come to Canada now returned to their own country and people. But there were others who having made Canada their refuge in time of trouble, decided to stay under the British flag and their descendants are numerous in Western Ontario to-day.

It was on behalf of this little racial group of a few thousand people that J. F. Jenkins raised his voice and proclaimed through his paper that there was a tomorrow at hand when better things were in store for his people if they would prepare for them. His was not an easy task of leadership. He had many disappointments, he made many sacrifices, and he passed on without seeing his work com-

pleted. But there are others who have taken up the banner which fell from his hand and the work goes on.

The colored people of Canada need leadership, and leadership will come. There are barriers in the way of the young people of the race, there are hard social and economic problems to face. All is not sunshine. There might come other men and women who will be prepared to sacrifice, to meet disappointments with bravery and to carry on. The Dawn of Tomorrow has been their voice in the past, it deserves support that it may continue to speak on behalf of a people.

—FRED LONDON

MOBS BURN 2 NEGROES

Georgia and Mississippi Slayings Follow "No Lynching" Report

ROLLING FORKS, Miss. —(ANP)—Seven days after leaders praised the South for getting through the first six months of 1938 without a lynching, the first time this has happened since 1902, a mob of 300 slew a negro blacksmith in a 15 minute gun battle, set his body afire, then carried it to the city dump where it was burned again.

Tom Green, 48, was slain in a share-cropper's cabin after he had shot and killed his employer, R. Purdy Flanagan as he reached in his back seat for a shotgun, by 300 men led by Sheriff M. C. Ewing.

Members of the mob dragged the dead man's body from his cabin and to the spot where Flanagan was killed, doused it with gasoline and applied a torch. Later the body was tied behind an automobile and dragged several miles to the city dump and fired again.

ARABI, Ga. —(ANP)—Not to be outdone by a mob in the Southern sister state of Mississippi that shot a Negro blacksmith to death and twice burned him two days before, a mob Saturday burned the body of a dying 60-year-old man after he had killed the lone police man of this small South Georgia village.

John Dukes was the victim. He was unconscious when an angry mob formed and fired his body where it had fallen on the ground. Shortly before, Freeman O. Epps, white, Arabi marshal, had attempted to arrest Dukes on a charge of being drunk, and Dukes shot him.

An angry mob formed immediately. As Dukes lay there dying, his body was ignited after it had been doused with oil.

MRS. JAMES WELDON JOHNSON IMPROVING IN N.Y. HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, July 15 — (ANP) —Advices received, indicate that she is improving under treatment at the hospital in Maine where she has been confined since her husband's tragic death in a collision of their auto with a train recently.

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The 82nd Annual Conference of the B.M.E. C. was held on Saturday, July 23rd, at the St. Catharines Hotel. The conference was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

The Sunday School Conference was held on Sunday, July 24th, at the St. Catharines Hotel. The conference was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

On Monday, July 25th, the conference session was held at the St. Catharines Hotel. The session was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

On Tuesday, July 26th, the conference session was held at the St. Catharines Hotel. The session was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

On Wednesday, July 27th, the conference session was held at the St. Catharines Hotel. The session was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

On Thursday, July 28th, the conference session was held at the St. Catharines Hotel. The session was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

On Friday, July 29th, the conference session was held at the St. Catharines Hotel. The session was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

On Saturday, July 30th, the conference session was held at the St. Catharines Hotel. The session was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.

On Sunday, July 31st, the conference session was held at the St. Catharines Hotel. The session was presided over by Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent, Rev. J. H. St. Catharines, Superintendent.