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Churches No Place For Scorn

The attempts of Negroes to integrate the churches of Little Rock, regardless of any sinister motives ascribed to the operation, should be embarrassing to the churches and the ministers involved.

Certainly, if men, white and black, cannot worship God together then the Biblical teaching that God is the father and that all men are brothers in his sight regardless of race has no significance.

There's a story current in Chicago that a Negro who had been rebuffed Sunday after Sunday in his efforts to worship in concert with his white brethren, died and awakened to find himself in Heaven.

Assuming that Heaven too must be Jim Crow since the churches he had known made a color distinction, he was surprised when St. Peter welcomed him and immediately assigned the celestial tailor to outfit him with customized tailored wings.

"Gosh, St. Peter," he exclaimed, "this must be heaven. I sorta expected that I'd have to get along on wings cast off by white angels."

"Not here," St. Peter assured him, "we make no racial distinctions. All souls are of the same color to us."

With his wings fitted, adjusted and working perfectly, he asked St. Peter where the colored angels dwell.

"Anywhere you choose," St. Peter informed him expansively. "I told you before there are no race barriers here."

The brother from Little Rock shook his head in amazement. "This really must be heaven," he remarked. "I had hoped it would be like this. How about work," he then asked.

"Take any job you are suited to," St. Peter said. "You can push clouds, polish the golden streets or help keep up the supply of milk and honey. It's up to you."

"But, St. Peter," he inquired, with a worried wrinkle in his halo, "those Little Rock Christians might object."

"Don't worry about it," St. Peter assured him. "None of them are here. They're not Christians according to God's standards."

A few days later St. Peter noticed his colored Little Rock angel sitting on a golden fire plug, his halo again twisted with worry and concern.

"What's your problem now," he asked. "I told you you are in Heaven, that you can live, work, go to school, and socialize as you please. No one is going to embarrass or humiliate you. There are no color distinctions here. All men are equal in the sight of God."

"I know, I know," the Little Rock angel said with some irritation, "but ain't there nothing but revivals and worship services and Bible class here? Don't you have a little cozy tavern where an angel can get a sip of wine, or a juke box where he can hear some happy music, or a TV where he can see a good variety show, or a place where a man can dance, just a little bit mind you, and properly?"

"No, not here," St. Peter said sadly.

"Well," the Little Rock angel said flapping his wings preparatory to taking off for home, "Heaven just isn't altogether what I had pictured it."

Dreaming is all right as long as you keep wide awake doing it.

Analyzes Problems Confronting Negroes

The race problem will never be solved until America rids itself completely of people who think like Sheriff Willis McCall, a Florida law enforcement officer described by Coronet Magazine as one of the South's most outspoken racists.

The Lake County sheriff is quoted as declaring "The colored man is making progress. He has come a long way in a few hundred years from darkest Africa, but I don't think you'll ever make him the equal of the white man. The Supreme Court decision just won't work."

Unfortunately the words of Willis McCall reflect the thinking of a large segment of Americans especially in the southland.

They are incapable of thinking of people as individuals, but like to lump whole races together and base their arguments on invalid comparisons of great masses, pitting the most backward of a group against the most advanced of the other.

Does a backwoods country sheriff think he is the superior of men like Ralph Bunche, Frederick Douglass,

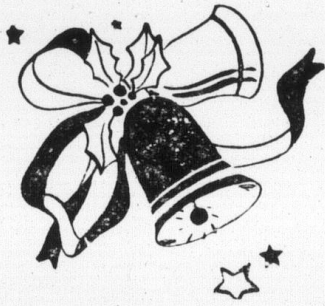
Booker T. Washington, Thurgood Marshall, George Washington Carver, Prime Minister Nkrumah and others, both past and present, who have and who are still shaping the course of history?

Millions of peoples throughout the world follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, Confucius, Mohammed and Buddha.

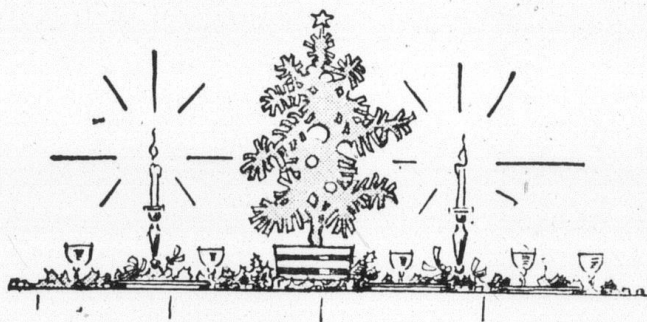
They were all of different ethnic groups, proving that no race has a monopoly on genius.

Strutting around in their little worlds, lauding it over ignorant sharecroppers and exploited turpentine workers, the McCalls are so busy looking down their noses that they fail to see the dark men of status who tower so far above them that they are not perceptible to the prejudiced eye.

What is really important is that thousands of colored youths following gone before, are so preoccupied with their march along the higher road that they have no time to bother about what men like Willis McCall either say or think.



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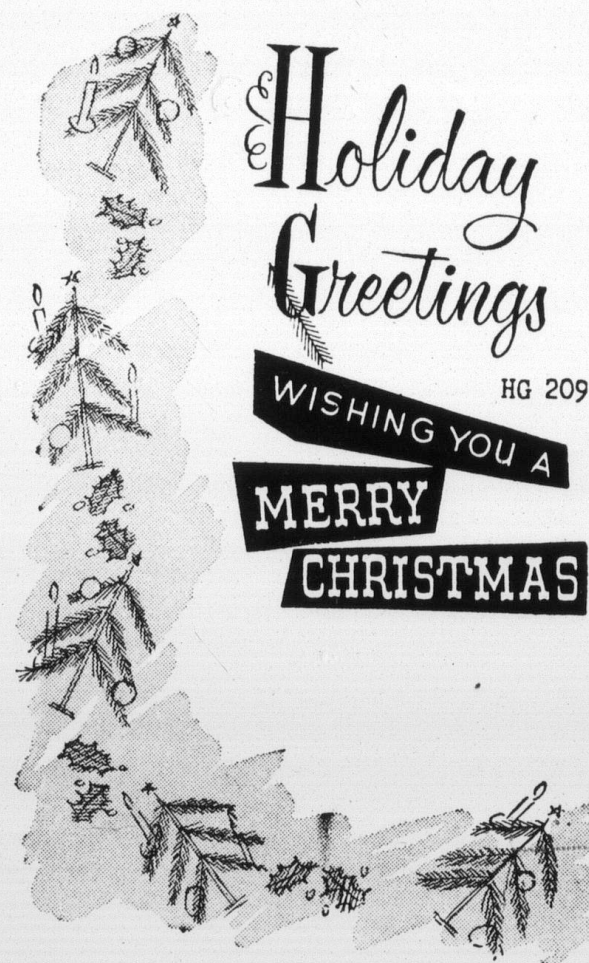
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