

Debunking The New Negro Idiom

Friendship's Dr. Samuel W. Williams gave the Hungry Club series one of its most brilliant features in the closing out of that function for the summer.

In native originality and on his own resource he debunked the new Negro idiom in his address Wednesday last. He re-lived another Negro, probably the old Negro of another day and era whose "thirst after righteousness" and whose yearn for freedom covered also a wide expanse of native courage, racial integrity and unfaltering fortitude. These had not "rubbed their heads against college walls" but nevertheless had that contagious disease" whose only cure, the Doctor contended, was fulfillment.

Dr. Williams, who is also professor of Philosophy at Morehouse College, told his forum that the thirst for freedom and the manly yearn for personality belonged to no particular sect or segment of man; no particular strata or race, but to man.

He told of those unknown heroes of another era, whose ambitions were fired by the same menu, now being hashed as something new, of a new thought and a new Negro.

He allowed, that the new Negro doctrine is an insult to the memory of all those heroic slaves, who, during the dismal days of slavery, fought as best they could for freedom. He called the thirst an infectuous disease, with only one cure — fulfillment.

Disguised or otherwise deleted entirely would be many annals of Negro courage and fortitude in those days that tried men's souls.

"Uncle Ned" perched upon a shuck-pile and in hilarious fashion, portraying another Orpheus mounted on Olympus, amusing his dancing captors about him to the rollicking tunes plunked from his banjo, was by no means satisfied as he was appraised. There burned beneath the straggling hairs still insisting a place on his bald forehead that longing and native yearn for the days when his people would be set free. All men naturally deserve freedom and those who would deny it are wasting their time and energy.

Alderman Ralph Huie

In the passing a few days ago of Alderman Ralph Huie, the city government and the populace in general sustain a loss that will be hard to replace. In the bloom of life and at the height of a useful career, he was gathered unto his fathers.

As a banker, Mr. Huie numbered his friends by the thousands he touched in the capacity of counselor, consultant and public servant.

As chairman of the powerful Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, he was that trusted guiding hand which brought the city of Atlanta through some of its gravest crisis. At the high-tide of an unprecedented expansion, the city was able to make the most of its limited resource on a sound basis. The huge expressways, street improvements, traffic facilities, sewers, lights and business availability, would all go to vouch for the value of its bonds and physical assets.

Ralph Huie was a man of sterling worth. Coming into the realization of an opportunity through thrift and honor, from the bottom rung, would account for his seasoned temper and fiscal competency in the annals of finance and municipal adjustments.