

THE NEW DEAL, THE NEW YEAR,  
THE NEW NEGRO—SUPREME  
LECTURER'S TALK

By  
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For nearly three years we have been living under a new kind of Government—The New Deal. I call it a new kind of Government for it is difficult for me to determine whether it is a Democratic, Autocratic, or Putocratic form of Government. During the year just passed the five hundred men and women elected to make legislation for them passed a bill—one man knocked it out of existence; then nine men nullified a law that this one man has made. These things actually did happen in 1935. Congress passed the Patman Bonus Bill. The President vetoed it; then the Supreme Court declared the President's N. R. A. unconstitutional. Regardless of what kind of government it is we can say that we have come a long way towards national prosperity since the New Deal was put in action. Although many experts declare it is a "sham" prosperity. We who are not economists and Government scientists can only take it as it appears and as we feel it, since the beginning of the New Deal thousands of idle have been put to work, homes have been saved from mortgages, illiterates have decreased, schools have been repaired and erected and many other improvements made that I will not take time to mention. Despite the apparent success of the Roosevelt Administration, it has received more bitter attacks than did the Hoover regime and much of the criticism has come from the Democratic ranks. Headed by the late Senator Long, Governor Eugene Talmage and the former presidential candidate, Al Smith, criticism of the New Deal has been incessant. Even former N. R. A. head Gen. Hugh Johnson does not agree with some of the principles of the New Deal.

With the coming of the New Year the New Deal will get its final test. It has been tested by the Supreme Court but this year it is to be tested by the American people at the Polls. Will President Roosevelt be given a chance to carry on his New Deal policies for four more years? Or will the Government be turned over to a new administration in the midst of these new American experiments? These questions will be answered before 1936 has passed. At present it appears a certainty that President Roosevelt will be nominated as Democratic standard bearer again, but whether he will win in the November 6, election remains a question—a great question. A recent poll of the 48 states by the Literary Digest shows over sixty percent of the people are not in favor of the New Deal. These Polls made in the past by the Digest have been very dependable. As I see it there are one or two Republicans who would make a very good run in the election. Governor Landon of Kansas and Senator Borah of Idaho (Senator Borah has already made the statement that he would never sign the Wagner Anti Lynch bill). Both are bidding strong for the nomination. It is very evident in President Roosevelt's speech last night to the joint session of Congress that whoever wins, the Democratic party is going to put up a great battle.

What effect will the New Year have on the New Negro? I use the term "New Negro" for we are no longer a helpless and receptive race of people, but we have awakened to realize our place in this civilization and our duty to our race and our God. The New Deal has given this New Negro a better chance to develop than any other administration. Under the New Deal several Negroes have received high government appointments, illiteracy has decreased among us, our schools have been repaired and new ones erected and the idle have been put to work. The Negro has figured in every piece of New Deal legislation even though prejudice and tradition did come to the front in putting this legislation in action in some localities.

If the New Deal is returned to power the Negro's further progress is assured, but if the Old regime is successful our future will be in doubt. Regardless of who wins the Senator from Idaho is least wanted by the Negro; stand by and all watch what effect the New Year will have on the New Deal and the New Negro.

HERE AND THERE  
By CLEO.

Thanksgiving marked the end of the big Drive of Yazoo High School No. 2. Each teacher was to raise \$26.00. The teachers went about it in a spirited way and the reports were indeed commendable. The Drive was for the purpose of building a tradeshop for the boys and adding another piece of machinery—a band saw. We are sure Yazoo City and vicinity are glad to know that the saw will be purchased and that the building is already under construction. Prof. R. P. McGee, Instructor of the Trades Department, has charge of the building as a class project and from all indications, the building will exhibit the excellent work which characterizes Prof. McGee and the extent of training the boys are receiving.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Huddleston left Tuesday, Decem-

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ber 24, 1935, motoring to Nettleton, Mississippi, to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. Word. Shortly after they had gone, news reached here that Mrs. Word had died suddenly Tuesday, December 24, 1935, at one o'clock. It came as a great shock to their many friends but what it was to them upon their arrival, cannot be expressed in words. Mrs. Huddleston, because of her lovely disposition has won a place in the heart of all who know her and she has our deepest sympathy in this her great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Huddleston have with them their father, Rev. A. Word of Nettleton, Mississippi. Rev. Word expresses himself as being happy to see the accomplishments of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters of which he had heard so much talk. In view of his physical condition, a part of his time here is being spent as a patient in the Afro Hospital. He underwent an operation Tuesday, January 7, 1936, and it is our sincere prayer that he will soon recover and that he will not experience any unusual suffering.

Mrs. Naomi Huddleston, wife of our Assistant Custodian, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Jr., is now recovering from an illness which necessitated her absence from her duties at the Afro office. We hope and pray that the young Mrs. Huddleston will soon be back to normalcy.

Mr. S. M. Rogers, one of the outstanding men in the service of the Afros, is now confined to bed in the Afro hospital, having undergone an operation a few days ago. We are much concerned when men like Mr. Rodgers are forced to leave the field. We know what Mr. Rodgers can do and we pray for his speedy recovery and ask our readers over the state to pray that God will give him strength to continue the splendid work of the Afros.

No better habit can be formed than that of going to church. Services at St. Stephen M. E. Church for the first Sunday in the New Year showed a good attendance. The inspiring sermon by the pastor, Rev. F. P. Leonard, the special selections rendered by the choir and the impressive communion service made the eleven o'clock hour indeed soul reviving and should have kindled in each heart a desire to lead a new life in the service of God during the entire year of 1936. We hope that the spirit of worship and new determination prevailed in all congregations that met on the First Sunday of this year.

ADDIS ABABA—A cable by Mr. J. A. Rodgers, War correspondent for the Pittsburgh Courier, read as follows: "Two German spies, allegedly seeking information to sell Italy, were caught here today and immediately deported. Their lives were saved by Royal Command of Emperor Haile Selassie".—Our comment is—What manner of man is this that he can do good to those who despitely use him, even in time of war.

We are glad to note that the Adult School, which has been closed for several months due to arrangements in the FERA and WPA divisions, has reopened. This means the circulation of a few more dollars and a few more people's necessities supplied.

If the Ethiopian troops succeed in capturing many more tanks, machine guns, cannons and tons of ammunition from the Italians, it won't be long before the Italians admit defeat and the Ethiopians march to victory.

"THE NEGROES DEBT TO  
SOCIETY"

By  
CHRISTINE NICHOLSON, Pickens, Miss.

When Jesus said "go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature", He wasn't at all being selfish to the extent of race, creed, or color but He meant every person.

It is true that the Negro is a part of the social order and therefore he has a debt to pay.

The Negro is America's tenth man, tenth man I say, but not tenth in creative ability or intellectual ability, or in population.

My reading public may think that I am satirical or being ethnocentric when I say that the only real American Art is typical of the Negro. The Negro has given to civilization folks songs, and dialect, not forgetting the Jazz. Nothing else is really American.

If I were to mention some of the great authorities on creative ability, among whom would be Phyllis Wheatley and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

There are some others who have given typical gifts to society, but not in the sense of the first named. Among the latter crowd I would be forced to mention Benjamin Banneker, Crispus Attucks and Booker T. Washington.

The world is calling for men and women who are willing to lay down their lives for their friends. We, as educated Negroes, are willing to join the band of thinkers who really know the advantages of social order and realize the benefit of paying the honest debt that the Almighty has given us.

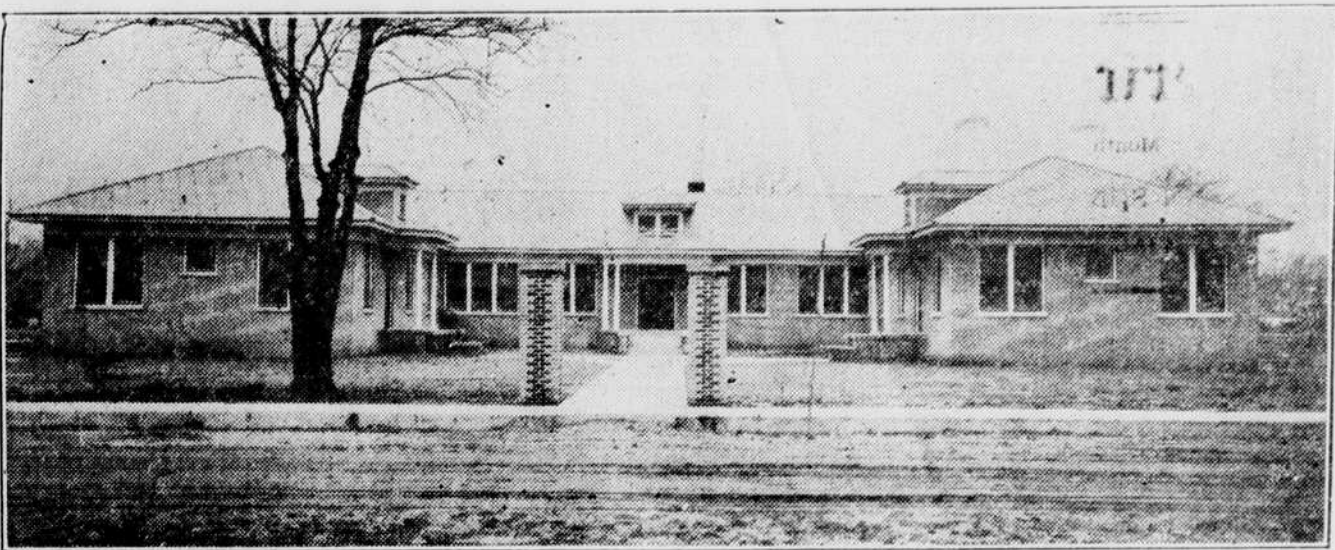
Many times have I conversed with myself about this terrible monster that we call race prejudice—I arrived at a definite conclusion that it is only a misunderstanding on the part of both races. We have so inherited that old feeling that we are narrow minded, and selfish enough not to give to society our all for fear the opposite race will be benefitted.

We don't have to pay our debt to society in material things but in things that are intangible as well.

I feel disposed now to show you Joe Louis, not only has he brought about a sort of reconciliation between the two races but he has shown to the world that he is a gentleman.

The American Negro is a four in one individual. He is a primitive self, a social self, a group self, and a spiritual self. Therefore, we ought to live with ourselves that we

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The Afro-Americans are now enjoying a five thousand dollar annex to their hospital. Sixty feet have been added and make it possible for us to have one hundred beds.

will be proud of ourselves.

The Negro owes a debt to society whether he feels a strong desire to pay it or not. Some thinkers such as our founder and Custodian, "The Honorable T. J. Huddleston" and a few others do great things to uplift humanity. Thus, adhering to the statement that Christ gave when he admonished his disciples.

It is logical indeed that we as a race should take the responsibility by doing this. A great curiosity would be aroused on the part of the opposite race.

This behooves me to refer to William Pickens the NAACP authorities statement. Any man feels proud when he has a responsibility. The idea should be prevalent in every one's mind, that the greatest thing a man can do is to lay down his life for his friend.

In as much as we are human we are a part of society and we must prove ourselves worthy of being a part of this great American body by paying the honest debt that we owe.

The following few lines should give every one an inspiration and a willingness in his heart for service.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him should have eternal life."

This wasn't written for criticism because of the fact that He has not paid His debt in intellectual, in social, or in the line of invention or constructive ability, but in a sense of construction and to show to some who have not paused to think that the Negro after all is worthy of both admiration and praise.

Below is a statement of the Delta National Bank. One writer has said, "A wise man changes but an unwise man never changes." Be wise and start a bank account today.

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ward some worthy cause, if we retarded the progress of our race by our neglect to support such worthy enterprises as would have been beneficial, let us not carry them into the New Year. I believe a few of us actually felt the loosening of the grip of the depression during 1935 and with the bright promise of 1936, it is my desire that each Afro from the least to the greatest, enjoy a gracious share of life's goods and that prosperity will abound in every nook and corner; not only is this my desire for the Afro family, but for all God's people.

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At the Close of Business December 31, 1935.

RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 537,323.19
Overdrafts	318.75
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta	9,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	14,191.52

Cash Resources:

Cash on hand, in Federal Reserve	
Bank and Other Banks	\$1,223,889.39
U. S. Government Obligations	1,500,000.00
State, County and Municipal Bonds	1,054,230.00— 3,778,119.39

TOTAL \$4,338,952.85

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$150,000.00
Surplus, earned	150,000.00
Profits, net	17,148.03—\$ 317,148.03
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	NONE
Dividends Unpaid	1,337.60
DEPOSITS	4,020,467.22

TOTAL \$4,338,952.85

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