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Child Attack Story a Falsehood Gannett Will Head College Drive!

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FRANK E. GANNETT

NEGRO COLLEGE DRIVE

Plans for local participation in the United Negro College Fund Campaign for the support of Negro colleges and universities in the South were the subject of a discussion held in the office of Frank Gannett, general chairman of the local drive on Friday afternoon last.

In an effort to raise \$1,500,000 for the support of some 27 Negro colleges, a drive is being sponsored throughout the month of May in 14 cities of the United States.

The other members of the executive committee for the local campaign include Dr. Charles Lansford, vice-chairman; Elmer Lewis, director of the campaign; Rev. I. P. Pogue, secretary; Raymond Ball, treasurer; Anthony Capone, John Cooper, Mrs. Alfred Hart, Mrs. Harper Sibley, Dr. Justin Nixon, Gilbert McCurdy, Robert Taylor, Eleanor Mumford, John P. Boylan, Dr. Dexter Perkins, John Jack, Herbert Lansdale, and Judge Harvey Remington.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is chairman of the national campaign advisory committee.

Seaman Second Class Warren Kelso was guest of honor at a stag party given for him by his godmother, Miss Mary Davis and Mrs. Carolyn Spencer at the latter's residence. Among those attending were John Purdue, Shepard Burke, George Leach, Jr., Langston Kelso, Ronnie Abbott and Gordon Kelso.

ORCHID OF THE WEEK

To the Rev. Murphy Greer, for his special accomplishments and to the members of the Aeon Baptist Church who will witness the Burning of the Mortgage Ceremony on Sunday, May 21, 1944.

On Friday, May 5, the following article appeared in the final edition of the Times Union:

Woman 'Rescues' Slapped Child

A five year old girl, kindergarten pupil at School 19, was led several blocks from the school today by a Negro and then apparently was rescued by a white woman, according to the police of the Sixth Precinct.

They said the little girl told her parents that the Negro slapped her after engaging her in conversation in Magnolia street as she started for her home in Columbia Avenue this noon. She said she became frightened and went with him as he took her by the hand and walked down Seward Street to Clarissa Street. They were followed by a schoolmate of the little girl. A woman, apparently suspicious at seeing the man and girl together—then 'took her away from him' and accompanied her most of the way home. The girl was unharmed.

After reading the above article the editor of this paper immediately set into motion a complete investigation by going direct to the particular vicinity mentioned. Residents in the neighborhood (white) were questioned and also residents of the lower Clarissa Street section with the result that no one claimed to have witnessed or even heard of the alleged attack.

After completing the house to house investigation, the editor contacted the police of Precinct No. 6 who were very cooperative and explained that the incident had turned out to be a phony, and suggested that he (the editor) contact the detective bureau at Police Headquarters where verification that the story was false was given in more detail. Shortly afterward, this paper contacted Mr. Elmer Lewis, city editor of the Democrat & Chronicle and asked for his cooperation in this matter so that there might not be a reprint of the article. At the same time, Mr. Joseph Adams, managing editor of the Times-Union was contacted and given the complete details with the statement of the Police Dept. Mr. Adams, always a cooperative individual promised to cooperate and investigate the matter.

The VOICE editor then called Superintendent of Schools, James M. Spinning, who promised his cooperation in the matter and on the following day, Mr. Spinning contacted this paper to report that nothing of the occurrence had been brought up at the school.

All these public spirited citizens and officials, the Gannett Newspapers, Police Dept. and the Public School System deserve the undying thanks of the Negro citizens of Rochester for correcting and spiking a mischievous and malicious rumor.

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following day) this article appeared in the final edition of the Times Union:

"Child 'Rescue' Story Spiked

Story of a 5-year-old girl, a kindergarten pupil at School 19, that she was slapped and led for several blocks yesterday by a Negro man was branded as false today by police of Precinct 6.

The child's family told officers there was only imagination in her tale of being slapped by the man in Magnolia Street and then being

led by the same man for several blocks away from the Columbia Street home before being rescued by a white woman."

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CONSISTENCY -- THOU ART A JEWEL !

In October, 1944, there will be Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for
 observed the tenth anniversary about a year and a half.

The "Rochester Express," pub-
 lished and edited by a brilliant
 young man, Robert Holland, had
 a life span of two issues.

The VOICE newspaper was
 founded and published by How-
 ard W. Coles and Elsie Scott in
 October 1934. For the first year,
 the paper was published from
 offices in the Greyhound Building
 in Franklin Street. At that time
 friends and skeptics prophesied
 that the new Negro enterprise
 would fold up in a month's time.

But a strange thing happened—a
 month went by—and then two—
 three—four—until we have ar-
 rived at the tenth milestone of
 the life-span of that paper. This
 has been accomplished by the help
 of God and the support of a few
 loyal Negro and white citizens,
 plus a modest amount of business
 in advertising. What we think
 we have accomplished, our strug-
 gles, vicissitudes, mistakes, dis-
 appointments, sacrifices and joy-
 ous victories—we will omit men-
 tioning here. We will quote in-
 stead from Harriet Tubman, the
 Joan of Arc of America.

In August, 1868, Harriet Tub-
 man wrote a letter to Frederick
 Douglass, her compatriot of the
 Underground Railroad, requesting
 of Douglass a word of recom-
 mendation to be used as a part
 of the biography of her life
 which was being compiled by a
 kind white lady. In answer to
 her request, he wrote these lines
 —"You ask for what you do not
 need when you call upon me for
 a word of commendation. I need
 such words from you far more
 than you can need them from
 me, especially where your super-
 ior labors and devotion to the
 cause of the lately enslaved of
 our land are known as I know
 them. Most that I have done
 and suffered in the service of
 our cause has been in public and
 I have received much encourage-
 ment at every step of the way.
 You, on the other hand, have la-
 bored in a private way; I have
 wrought in the day—you in the
 night. I have had the applause
 of the crowd and the satisfaction
 that comes of being approved by
 the multitudes, while the most
 that you have done has been wit-
 nessed by a few trembling, scar-
 red and footsore bondsmen and
 women whom you have led out

The "A. M. E. Zion News,"
 published continuously for six
 years under the leadership of
 the late Bishop Walter Brown
 and Messrs. John Lee and Wil-
 liam Stockton was a progressive
 paper and a credit to Rochester.
 The "Rochester Sentinel" was
 published by Mr. George Burks,
 pioneer citizen and edited by Dr.
 Robert Byrd, Ph.D., and John
 Gilmore; the last year of pub-
 lication by the eminent John T.
 Fortune. The life span of the
 "Sentinel" took in a period of
 five years causing the publisher
 to lose over \$4,500, plus an ad-
 ditional \$2,500 or more fighting
 various civil liberties cases for
 the Negro populace.

The Clarissa Street Branch
 Y.W.C.A. "News" was edited by
 Miss Estelle Fitzgerald and Mrs.
 Samuel Lindsay and staff. It
 was published for little more than
 a year.

The "Rochester News" was
 published by Messrs. Avis Fields
 and Alonzo Scott, now business
 executives in New Rochelle and
 New York City, respectively. This
 newspaper was published for
 about three and a half years.

The "Rochester Progress" pub-
 lished by Mr. Joseph Moore and
 edited by Messrs. Eugene DuBois
 and Walter Myers, prominent
 mortician, had a life of about
 two years.

The "Rochester Planet" was
 published by three of Rochester's
 leading churches and edited by
 the late Dr. James E. Rose of

LETTERS TO EDITOR

May 2, 1944

Mr. Howard Coles,
 446 Clarissa Street
 Rochester 8, New York
 My dear Mr. Coles:

On behalf of the Young Adult
 Department of the Rochester Y.
 W. C. A., I wish to thank you
 for your literature on the life of
 Frederick Douglass.

Sincerely yours,
 ELENOR M. MUMFORD,
 Secretary,
 Clarissa St. Y. W. C. A.

of the house of bondage and
 whose heartfelt "God bless you"
 has been your only reward. The
 midnight sky and the silver stars
 have been the witnesses of your
 devotion to freedom and your
 heroism."

There is much of this quota-
 tion that can be applied rightly
 to the work of the VOICE news-
 paper in the past decade.

The VOICE was at your home
 when your children were born;
 at their birthday parties, at their
 graduation from grammar and
 high school, at your wedding
 anniversary, at your place of
 business, at the Welfare Office
 with you, in the courts of law;
 at the hospital, at your side
 when you were in trouble; help-
 ing you gather your things from
 the street when you were cast
 out; opening jobs, housing, rec-
 ommending you to serve on juries;
 fighting for your rights
 against discrimination and dis-
 franchisement; giving work to
 your boy and girl, publishing the
 news of your church, your fra-
 ternity, your social club, your
 party, your sporting activities.
 And the little morsels of news
 that meant so much to you and
 your affairs; your dramatic clubs
 and last, but by no means least,
 chronicling the history of your
 lives and writing the epitaph at
 your graves—this has been the
 road the Voice has traveled for
 ten long eventful years. Thou-
 sands of dollars have been poured
 into this venture—with little or
 no profit.

Ten years—ten long, hard, lean
 years. A new generation has
 come into its maturity — the
 flower of manhood has marched
 off to war—a second generation,
 sprouting like young buds on the
 trees in spring is knocking at
 the door—life moves forward—
 seven hundred or more new Ne-
 gro citizens have come to your
 community—industry has let you
 and yours in—you live better
 than you have ever lived in your
 entire lives—and you sigh your
 fear for the future, especially
 when you see the deportment of
 the thoughtless ones. You think
 —you wonder—you see for the
 first time strands of gray hair
 at your temples— you observe
 suddenly that your children are
 growing up and you are growing
 old—barriers that have stood for
 a century are crumbling before
 your very eyes.

You say to yourself, yes, life
 moves on— on toward eternity
 whether or not people progress;
 and, if you are wise, you stop
 and ask yourself as you watch
 the hour glass run dry, is there
 more that I could do? Could I
 help someone less fortunate
 than I? Can I offer a lasting
 contribution to my country?

Ah, ten years is a long, long
 time in the allotted span of four
 score and ten; yet it passes like
 a flash of lightning in the night;
 it was there, now it is no more.

The VOICE newspaper sends
 this message to you; it will be
 added by Father Time with un-
 seen hands to the VOICE file of
 thousands and thousands of like
 editorials, representing pleas, sa-
 tire, humor, tragedy and joy—
 the editorials that will, in some
 future years long after you are
 dead, tell some aggressive young
 historian what you and your
 family did, how you lived, and
 how you fared during the period
 between 1934 and 1944.

....Consistency, thou art indeed a
 jewel!

**CRADLE OF FREEDOM
 SCORES ON SALES**

"The Cradle of Freedom," a
 history of the Negro in Roches-
 ter, Western New York and Can-
 ada, written and published by
 Howard W. Coles of this paper,
 is enjoying an unlooked for suc-
 cess, particularly amongst col-
 leges and libraries where it is
 reported to be of valuable assist-
 ance as a reference book.

Some of the colleges where it
 has been placed are Yale, New
 York University, Fisk, Howard,
 Duke, North Carolina College for
 Negroes, Virginia State College,
 Cornell U. of R., and others and
 can also be found in the libraries
 of Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo,
 New York and other cities
 throughout the United States.

Comment on the book has been
 very favorable. Dr. Warren Ban-
 ner of Opportunity Magazine,
 said: "The story of the Negro
 in the Land of the Genesee is
 superb. In no other way would
 posterity know of our contribu-
 tions to this great nation were
 it not for the untiring efforts of
 men like the author of this
 work."

Dr. John Lowe, director of the
 Rochester Public Libraries, states
 that the Cradle of Freedom is
 "a great book, a lasting contri-
 bution and an herculean task,"
 and W. D. Manning, reviewing it
 in the Rochester Democrat and
 Chronicle declared that "the book
 will have enduring value as a
 contribution to Rochester his-
 tory."

Mr. Frank Gannett, publisher
 of the Gannett Newspapers, in a
 letter to the author expressed
 his "congratulations on the ex-
 cellent job in producing the
 Cradle of Freedom."

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 ley, Lindsay & Curr Company,
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By Lillian Smith
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 FOR MAY

Reviewed by Bucklin Moon
 Author of "The Darker Brother"
 STRANGE FRUIT has about it
 the haunting quality of a remem-
 bered dream and it is one of the
 few novels I have read which I
 am certain will remain with me
 for a number of years. For Lil-
 lian Smith, herself a white
 Southerner, has put into it all
 the old ghosts hidden away in
 musty closets and all the things
 which the white South has left
 unsaid, and she writes with the
 burning sincerity of a courage-
 ous woman no longer able to live
 complacently in the hypocrisy of
 a bi-racial culture long outmoded
 and rotten at the core. And even
 as the Southerner which extends
 from the cradle to the grave. Is
 complex, so is STRANGE FRUIT
 in the telling many-sided.

It is the love story of Nonnie,
 who happened to be born a Ne-
 gro, and Tracy, who happened to
 be born white, a fable full of
 tenderness and compassion; it is
 the complexity of the forces
 which doomed that relationship
 from the beginning with all the
 relentless fury at their command;
 but above all it is, as was MAIN
 STREET, a clean cut and bril-
 liant dissection of a small town.

In STRANGE FRUIT, that
 town happens to be the sleepy
 little town of Maxwell, Georgia.
 And as a reader you are always
 conscious of it, you feel it and
 at times you even smell it. You
 know the men and women who
 live there, unmistakably, their
 hates and their fears, the effects
 of three generations of ill treat-
 ment of the Negro, and above all,
 I think, something of what it
 means to be a Negro south of
 the Mason and Dixon line.

STRANGE FRUIT is one of
 the important novels of this gen-
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FIVE BOYS FROM CITY DIE IN SERVICE

Strange as it may seem, since November 7, 1942, five Negro boys from this area have given their lives in the service of their country while still in this country. Such are the fortunes of war.

They are Lester Briggs, Harry Washington, William Beckley, Jackie Ray and John Braxton.

One John R. Robinson was decorated for distinguished service under fire at Salerno, Italy.

The service record of Rochester and Monroe County shows that there are over 500 Negro boys serving in the armed forces of the United States.

PASTOR AUTHORS BOOK

"A Giant in the Earth," the biography of the late Rev. Boddie, written by his son, Rev. Boddie of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, will be off the press soon.

Rev. Boddie has been pastoring the Baptist Church for the past two years. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Before coming to Mt. Olivet, Rev. Boddie pastored at Elmira, N. Y. and in Huntington, West Virginia.

He addressed the Convention of Baptist Women at their meeting in the Baptist Temple on Tuesday, May 9. His subject was "The Contributions of the Negro to World Culture."

Rev. Boddie has also been active in youth work throughout New York State.

NEGRO BUSINESS

Readers on the East Side of Rochester will be interested to know that a new grocery store is being opened by Messrs. Rickman and Nathaniel.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, this is the only Negro grocery store owned and operated by Negroes. It is located at the corner of Leopold and Harrison Streets, the heart of the Negro community in the Seventh Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickman have been very active in the Celebration of Douglass Day and Mrs. Rickman is an accomplished elocutionist. Both Mr. Rickman and Mr. Nathaniel are to be congratulated on their progressiveness.

Mr. Isaac Whyte has taken over the shoe shining parlor in the Powers Bldg. Arcade at 16 Main Street West.

Our congratulations to him, also.

ROCHESTER SEAMAN HOME

One of the first of Rochester's very young men to volunteer for duty, Seaman Second Class, Warren Kelso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aj Kelso of Clarissa Street is home on furlough after having completed his boot training at the U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Seaman Kelso, who was seventeen years of age on the first of February last, appeared at the Naval Recruiting Station here in Rochester on the second of February and signified his willingness to join the Navy. With the consent of his parents, he was permitted to enlist.

He will return to Great Lakes on Tuesday where he will attend Signal Men's School for further training.

The VOICE staff wishes him the best of luck!!

Remember—you read it in the
ROCHESTER VOICE

EDITOR SPEAKS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

Speaking before the City Council on April 25, Howard W. Coles, editor of the VOICE Newspaper, said:

Mayor Dicker,
Gentlemen of the Council:

I should like to take this opportunity to commend this honorable body for its action in creating a City Planning Commission to act in an advisory capacity to the already established City Planning Board.

Speaking as a representative of the local Negro press, and the Rochester Negro Citizens' Planning Council, there are three points that I wish particularly to emphasize. In 1939, the Negro citizens of this city owned property valued at \$331,845.00. This they were able to retain even through the depression period. In 1940 to 1943, they have purchased property to the amount of \$115,000.00, representative of private homes with a sprinkling of commercial property here and there. I would like also to call the attention of this Council to the fact that Negroes live in two particular sections of the city in predominant numbers, which in other cities are known as "Black Belts." These areas suffer from ecological segregation, and according to the Zoning Regulations, both are part residential and part commercial. This means that in many cases the residents have had to suffer chicken markets and other types of unsightly businesses in close proximity to their private dwellings.

One of the reasons why it is so important that there be a representative from the group

I represent to serve on this Commission is that it is a recognized fact by all planning groups in various cities throughout the United States that the Negro usually lives in or adjacent to the down-town or central district. Therefore any plan similar to the Bartholomay plan or any other plan which may be entered into by this commonwealth would naturally affect the Negro citizens of this city first, because they are closest to the area where the planning will begin.

I realize that in the matter of city planning, housing is only a small part, particularly residential housing. But I wish especially to point out to you that various types of city planning can change entirely the physical face of a community. As a former member of the City Manager's Advisory Committee on Housing, I was aware that a plan was submitted in this particular field, which I am sure that you have access to. Therefore, I deem it imperative, that if this suits the will of this honorable body, a member of the Rochester Negro Citizens' Planning and Housing Council be appointed to serve on this Commission.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Ruth Coleman, sister of Mrs. Mark Fax has gone to Louisiana to spend some time with her husband, Sgt. Aaron Coleman of Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Mr. Parnell Standard of the Cotton Club returned by plane on Tuesday last from Washington, D. C., where he visited his father, Major Standard, former Rochesterian and business man who is now employed in the United States Mint.

Rev. J. E. Rose and Workmen DOUGLASS DAY 1941



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DOUGLASS DAY PLANNED FOR JUNE ELEVENTH

LARGE CIVIC CELEBRATION TO BE GIVEN
VOICE NEWSPAPER TO PUT OUT JUBILEE ISSUE

The Planning Committee for the Celebration of Douglass Day and Exposition of Progress has announced through its chairman, Editor Howard W. Coles of the Voice Newspaper, that plans are being formulated for carrying out the annual rites on Sunday, June 11 at the base of the Frederick Douglass Monument in Highland Park.

The committee, which sponsors a pilgrimage to the Shrine on the anniversary of Douglass' birth, February 14, and also hold simple rites on September 4, the date of the re-dedication of the monument when it was moved in 1941 from its 40-year location in St. Paul Square to its present site; is planning to bring a nationally known speaker as well as having several local speakers who will bring local greetings from the

various social, fraternal and religious factions of the city and community.

The purpose of the annual celebration is not only to give honor to Frederick Douglass, but to focus the attention of the public on Negro history and Cultural Achievements of the Negro and to aid in the perpetuation of the Frederick Douglass Foundation for assistance to worthy colored students. It is also a part of the national movement sponsored by the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of America for the maintenance and continuation of the Douglass Shrine in Lake Placid, New York. The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge.

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WHEN THE BELLS OF INTOLERANCE TOLL FOR ONE -- THEY TOLL FOR ALL -- REMEMBER THIS GREAT STATEMENT !

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"This cola tastes best!"
says
"HOT LIPS" PAGE



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"Giving out" on his trumpet or picking his favorite soft drink—"Hot Lips" never misses! One lucky day he found a sure way to chase the blues! He took the famous cola taste-test—sampled leading colas in paper cups—and chose Royal Crown Cola best-tasting! He says, "It gives me a 'quick-up' quick!" Try a frosty bottle today!

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ROYAL CROWN COLA

BEST BY TASTE-TEST

IN THE BIG RED AND YELLOW BOTTLE

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss June Rowe, daughter of Mrs. Meta Caston of Clarissa Street has left for Washington, D. C., where she will engage in government service.

Miss Junietta Simpson, who has been employed in Washington for the past two years will return to Rochester to spend some time with relatives and friends.

"Any man who is good enough to offer his life in defense of his country is entitled to a square deal from that country. No man should ask for more. No man should receive less."

—Theodore Roosevelt

CHILDHOOD SWEETHEARTS MARRIED

In a very pretty ceremony, the childhood romance of two Rochester young people culminated in marriage, when the former Miss Ruth Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Clarissa Street became the bride of Alex. Bracey, son of Mrs. Mae Bracey of Ford Street.

The ceremony, performed by the Rev. J. C. Brown of the A. M. E. Zion Church, took place in the home of the bride's parents and was followed by a lovely reception. James Carpenter was best man, and Mrs. Eleanor Williams was maid of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bracey are at present residing at the home of his mother in Ford Street.

REAL ESTATE PURCHASERS

The bubble of prosperity actuated by the present emergency has brought on a wave of property buying among the ranks of Rochester Negroes. Most of the purchases are confined to the field of private dwellings, but a few are being purchased for speculation or business purposes.

Among those who have acquired real estate are Mrs. Della Anderson, Delbert Thompson, Cordie Greenleaf, Nelson Bishop, Sr., Theodore Price, Mrs. Madge Ross, James White, Nathan Murdock, Mrs. Peter Young, the A. M. E. Zion Church, St. Simon's Episcopal Church, Rev. Dick Noakes, Cornelius Bailey, Robert Frazier, Odd Fellows Lodge, Mrs. Alice Murray, Raymond Hunter and Henry Greenleaf.

Apparently the national squandering of war wages which was so roundly criticized by Roger Babson is not applicable to all of the Negro citizens of the United States.

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Intolerance vs. Intelligence

By JOSEPH P. MacSWEENEY, Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.

I long ago reached the conclusion that intolerance is a libel on intelligence because it arrogates to itself a prerogative which belongs to God Who alone has the power and the right to determine whether or not we follow the dictates of conscience. Then, too, I have found that one's resentment against the other fellow following a particular line of cleavage in the matter of religion is so often founded upon ignorance and misinformation that these bases are well nigh universal. Obviously such bases cannot be said to be intelligent ones. So, if we do not wish to be classed among the unintelligent we should, it seems to me, avoid being intolerant in the sense that we would decry, mistrust and even persecute the other fellow if he professes this, that or the other religion which doesn't happen to be the one in which we ourselves believe.

All this, it seems to me, applies with equal force to racial bigotry and intolerance. After all, the Creator is responsible for one's being born of a given race, hence, racial prejudice is a flying in the face of the wisdom of the Creator which again is doing violence to intelligence. To my way of thinking, prejudice, bigotry, greed and lust for power are at the root of all persecutions. Obviously persecution is persecution no matter to what religion or race applied. This fact suggests that the persecuted should make common cause in opposition to it. If this is not done the persecutors will beat

the persecuted "in detail" as the military strategists put it. But if the persecuted make common cause and present a mass front consistently and persistently, those who suffer in common might reasonably expect to make a deep impression upon world conscience in their behalf. At this point it is pertinent to ask: Who can resist an aroused world conscience? Well, Bismark, the man of "blood and iron" answered that question when he decided against resorting to force on a certain occasion on the ground that the "imponderables of the world would be against it" which was only the Bismark way of saying "The Conscience of the World." The point loses none of its force because Bismark was not concerned with the higher implications of the term Conscience. To him it meant a force to be reckoned with and he acted accordingly.

This does not mean that one need yield an iota of one's own convictions in the matter of the religion which one professes. All it really means is that all of us should realize that religions is a matter of conscience and that we are responsible to God alone for the sincerity with which we follow its dictates. He alone knows our hearts and minds and, as He is infinitely wise, just and merciful, we can safely leave the matter to Him. I do not want to appear presumptuous, but I certainly feel that we would all be much happier if there should develop a wider appreciation of the fact that we cannot indulge in intolerance without doing violence to our intelligence.

PUBLIC FORUMS

The Frederick Douglass Forum of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church meets on Sundays, at 6:45 P. M. in the auditorium of the Church. Speaker for Sunday, May 14, will be Rev. I. P. Pogue, whose subject will be "The Negro Faces the Future." Speakers and subjects for the next cycle will be announced in a later issue.

The Rochester Forum League which meets on Sundays at 8:00 P. M. in the Empire Room of the Powers Hotel presents a series of discussions on Home Front Issues and How We Can Meet Them. The roster of speakers follows: May 14, Miss Florence Winchell, subject, "The Community's Children"; May 21, Mrs. Leonard Jones, "Is There a Housing Need in Rochester?"; May 28, Mr. Willard Bliss, "The Role of Organized Labor in the War"; June 4, "How Can We Best Extend Medical and Public Health Services?" (Speaker to be announced). June 11, "The American Labor Party—Its Present Role and Program (speaker to be announced).

The general public is cordially invited to these meetings.

SERVICE MEN HOME ON LEAVE

Among the boys in the armed forces who have been observed visiting friends and relatives here in Rochester are Sergeant William Bracey of the Air Cadets; Seaman George Bracey of the U. S. Navy; Seaman Irving Budd, also of the Navy; Seaman Warren Kelso, Navy; Sgt. John Greenleaf, U. S. Army.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Coles:

The Congress of the United States of America sets aside the third Sunday in May each year as Citizenship Day with the popular title "I Am An American Day." Last we too lightly hold the advantages of our heritage as citizens, I am inviting you to membership in the Executive Committee. Our Committee in the past has not only arranged for the consideration of this vital subject in houses of worship, but it has conducted a Mass Meeting in the Eastman Theater. Each event has been a distinct success.

I am calling together the members of the Executive Committee within a few days, and shall be gratified to have your acceptance to facilitate the organization of the program and as a basis of establishing the larger General Committee. Naturally, I am banking upon the fact that you will once again serve your city. More than ever before we now need to present a solid front of Americans who are "all out for victory."

Sincerely yours,
SAMUEL B. DICKER,
Mayor

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