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LET'S DEFEND AMERICA

To Defend America we Must Act Now..Do Not Wait

American people have in this critical period and age no time to lose in making preparation to defend our land and country. This is no time for shirkers. This is no time to play. Every man and woman, boy and girl of every race, creed and color needs do his or her full bit in our great defense program. We cannot isolate ourselves from the great task that now confronts us. What ever is necessary to be done for the preservation of this nation let us do it at once. We don't want our country destroyed; we do not want to be the recipients of bombs, submarines and dive bombers. The time has come that we as a nation, MUST cooperate. Prejudice, hatred, discrimination, maltreatment and injustices must be done a way with. The American people, for our own protection, must consolidate our forces and our energy and work for one common cause. Incendiary

bombs, etc., know no color, no race, no nationality. They will, if dropped, explode anywhere on anybody.

The American Negro has never proven himself to be a traitor. He has always been loyal to his country. As a slave, he has been loyal to his master. Let us double our determination to be more loyal and patriotic than ever before. There are recognitions that the Negro deserves, and they are sure to come as God lives and reigns supreme. This war stricken and war torn world is going to bring about new conditions; new changes, and all men, irrespective of race, color or creed may as well prepare themselves for the great changes that ARE to BE made.

Lets defend America with the last ounce of blood that runs through our veins.

MRS. ELLA McLENDON



Formerly of Meridian, who is now residing in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Editor Of The Weekly Echo Mistreated By R R Ticket Agt.

EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY ECHO
MISTREATED BY RAILROAD
TICKET AGENT

While visiting the North Mississippi Annual Conference in North Mississippi, the editor of the Weekly Echo was very much embarrassed by a ticket agent at The Frisco Railroad Station. We registered our complaint to the St. Louis Headquarters, and we have a very, very courteous reply from Mr. E. G. Baker, General Passenger Agent.

The time was, but is no more, when men and women pay first class fare for travel and yet they are to be treated like cows or hogs.

In this open letter, as editor of the Weekly Echo and pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church, Meridian Miss., we would like to suggest to our people to be courteous, be respectful, be honest and decent in all of our travel at home and abroad, and when these suggestions are observed, we can respectfully demand courteous treatment.

A letter from the Passenger Agent is as follows:

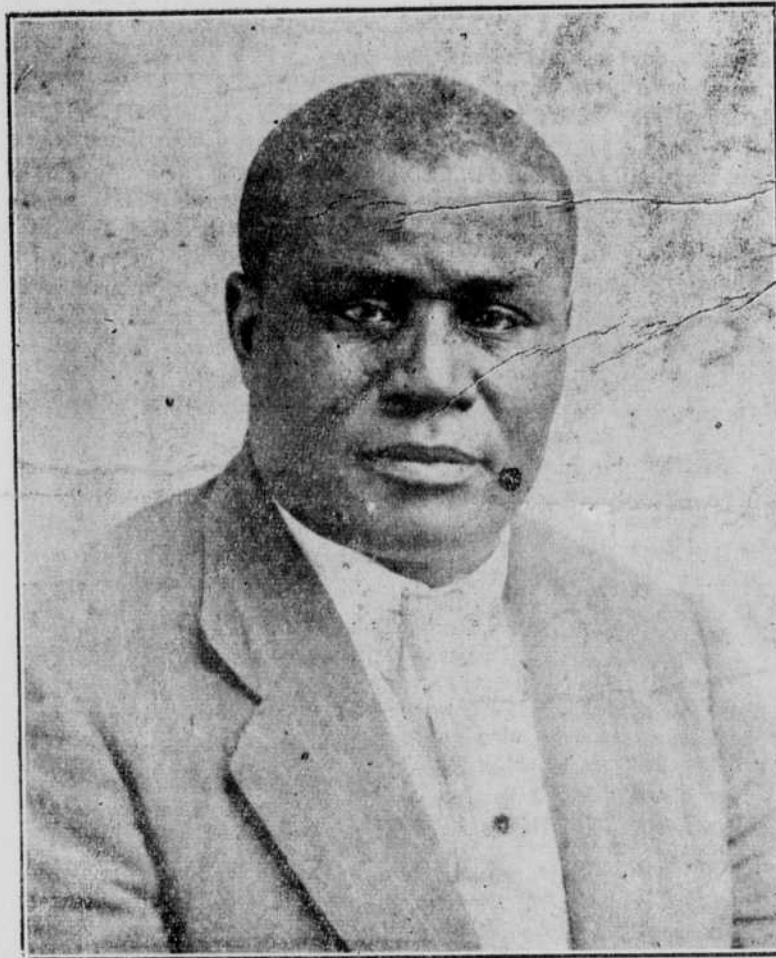
St. Louis, Missouri,
January 2, 1942—
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Rev. Roy L. Young, Ex-Presiding Elder
Meridian District, C. M. E. Church,
1821 16th Avenue,
Meridian, Mississippi,
Dear Mr. Young:

Your letter of December 29, calling attention to the attitude of an employee of our ticket office at Holly Springs rightfully concludes that patrons of our service are entitled to courteous treatment under any circumstances and the complaint which you made will have thorough consideration.

Please feel assured that our interest will bring about an investigation and the information which you have given us to facilitate this is much appreciated. For anything disturbing in your travel on our trains we are sorry and measures will be taken to make your further travel with us a pleasant experience.

Yours very truly,
E. G. BAKER,
General Passenger Agent.



REVEREND F. K. DAVIS

Treasurer of M. I. College Field Funds and an outstanding C. M. E. leader.

The Emancipation Program

On Thursday, January 1st, the Emancipation Day Program was rendered in the auditorium of the H. B. A. at 2:00 p. m. with a very appreciative audience witnessing a very, very interesting program.

A Victory parade was scheduled for 12:00 noon with Professors Jonas Henderson and E. L. Williams, marshals. At 2:00 p. m. a large number of persons were wending their way into the auditorium. Miss Emma B. Ivy, principal of the East End Grade School, was mistress of ceremonies. Interesting selections were rendered by the Harris High School, the Wechsler Junior High and East End Schools.

The scripture lesson was read by the Reverend J. H. Griggs, pastor of Haven Chapel Methodist Church. In vocation by Reverend F. Divers, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church. The Miss Ruby Wright read the Emancipation Proclamation. The speaker for the occasion was the Reverend C. C. Walker, pastor of the First Congregational Church, who was presented by Reverend W. B. Foster, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. A very interesting address was delivered by Reverend Walker. The offering was taken by Reverends W. J. Walker and T. R. Smith.

The presentation of ex-slaves was made by Professor T. J. Harris. This was done in a very unique and touching manner. One ex-slave was pre-

sented in the person of a Mr. Clark. The Emancipation Program was under the auspices of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

GRANT US, O LORD, humility and courage in the days ahead. Bless us our extraordinary mercies. Help us in our daily tasks to work not for ourselves alone but for Thy Glory and Honor always. Teach us to put aside pride for forbearance, prejudice for understanding, hatred for love. And with faith in Thy Justice and Mercy help us to face the new day and the new year, confident and steadfast,—
Amen.

—RUTH TAYLOR.

Hon. J. H. Dean Holds Audience Spellbound

Before an audience of more than 100 Farmers, Ministers and Teachers, Prof. Dean, Agent of the U. S. Farm Security Administration, delivered a serious message, one that will long be remembered here in MERIDIAN, on the all important subject of helping those among us whose income is in the lower bracket and their living conditions are far BELOW THE AVERAGE. Mr. Dean, in a dynamic APPEAL, said to the leaders of our group: "its up to you to fight as never before to help raise this standard!" He ASSURES us that the U. S. Government will help them, and will be ready to furnish the information necessary for this procedure.

In a measure, Mr. Dean really preached forcefully, our SALVATIONAL DUTY AS LEADERS to our fellowman. He also cited outstanding examples of what OUR PEOPLE ARE
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Fetes Employees

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Young, Jr., owners of Young's Beauty and Barber Shop, also E. F. Young, Jr. Manufacturing Company, entertained the Operators and Barbers at their home on 2009 24th Street, December 31st. Mrs. Young entertained her guests with a variety of Christmas games, radio, and piano music, furnished by one of the operators, Mrs. Florence E. Price.

Mrs. Young served her guests Spring Fried Chicken, Green Peas in scalloped cups, Potato Salad, dressed with parsley, stuffed celery, Cranberry Sauce, Hot rolls, toasted nuts, ambrosia, assorted candies, fruit and plain
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I'LL DO MY PART

To: The Secretary, Civilian Defense Executive Committee,
Police Department, Meridian, Miss.

The undersigned volunteers for duty in the group checked below and stands ready to perform any service in possible emergency defense work in Meridian and Lauderdale County:

Air Raid Warden () Rescue Squads ()
Auxiliary Police () Nurses' Aides Corps ()
Auxiliary Firemen () Messengers ()
Bomb Squads () Drivers' Corps ()
Fire Watchers () Decontamination Corps ()
Medical Corps () Road Repair Crews ()
Demolition and Emergency Food
Clearance Crews () and Housing Corps ()

NAME _____
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AGE _____ SEX _____ RACE _____
OWN AUTOMOBILE? _____ OWN FIREARMS? _____

WEEKLY DEVOTION

STATION WCOC, MERIDIAN

Saturday Morning 9:35

JAN. 3rd—REV. LUKE BEARD, New
Hope Baptist Church.

JAN. 10th—REV. F. P. LEONARD,
District Supt., Methodist Church.

JAN. 17th—REV. I. S. PEITUS,
Pilgrim Baptist Church.

JAN. 24th—REV. E. W. ROGERS,—
South Side Methodist Church.

JAN. 31st—REV. C. O. INGE, Mt.
Bethel Baptist Church.