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Volume 1

Richmond, Kentucky, Thursday, March 14, 1935

Number 6

A LETTER

Richmond, Ky.
March 9, 1935
Editor Hill Topper,
Dear Sir:

What a funny world this! In our great cities teeming with millions of foreign born citizens, schools are held and they are taught the fundamentals of citizenship. When they acquire these qualities and their citizenship papers they are then eligible to hold any office in the gift of the people, other than that of the president and vice president. Many of these commit every crime in the calendar, agitate and try to overthrow our form of government and not a few of them are elected to the offices of U. S. Senators, and various other offices of state, county and city. And they make good officials. That is as it should be. Walk in, the doors are open.

But, when a broad, learned humanitarian, even suggests to the black folks that they fit themselves for and aspire to even a most lowly of these positions that the alien is urged to aspire to and qualified for, something monstrous, unheard of and terrible has happened, and not to be thought of. Surely we are no less a citizen than the alien.

We see nothing amiss in advising one to be a good citizen. One who's patriotism has never been questioned, who from the founding of the republic has performed well the nation's work, whatever be the task.

Doctor we want to thank you and want you to know we appreciate your advice, and we hope that we prove worthy of the advice of so broad-minded and courageous a man. History is peppered with many of your type, and we owe you much. We thank a kind providence that such as you live and live long, and at times speak to Ishmael.

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(Paid Adv.—Mr. Owen Whyte)

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To the students of the Richmond Colored Hi School—the E. V. Elder's store has arranged a special lay away plan for your commencement suit. Stop in and let them explain. Only a small down payment.

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ALLISON DIES

Rev. Allison, former pastor of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, of this city, died at a Louisville hospital this week.

His funeral was held in that city Tuesday.

VISITORS

Daniel Warford, Rueben Warford and William Warford, of Louisville, were in the city Monday on business.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Broadus were visitors in the city Monday.

NEGRO NATIONAL NEWS

(By S. B. B. News Service)

Max Baer has issued a statement that he would fight a colored boxer, and as far as drawing a colored line—that is a lot of hokey. He states he is not afraid to fight anyone.

Fredi Washington, who was starred as Peola, the dissatisfied daughter of Detiah in "Imitation of Life," has a "color problem" all of her own—and is not the one featured in the film. She made the statement at her personal appearance in Chicago. She stated that she wished she was brown skinned and that in her real life she has never attempted to pass for white.

Jan Garber, world's leading white band, played for the colored Omega fraternity at the Savoy ball room in Chicago several days ago.

Kenneth Hill, of Kansas City, Mo., is scheduled to appear on program of the Central Physical Education Association, March 20. Mr. Hill is the first Negro to appear on such a program.

Cab Calloway and Claude Hopkins traded jobs for a few night last week.

Charles R. Davis, of Cincinnati, is seriously ill at his home. His wife, Mrs. Davis, was formerly president of the Federated Clubs of the State of Ohio.

The Mills Brothers were featured again with Bing Crosby Tuesday night over the coast to coast C.B.C. network. The Mills Brothers are booked to leave for Europe within a short time. They're making a number of short pictures in Hollywood at present.

Huey Long and Father Coughlin say they are representing people regardless of their race, creed or color.

Six or seven broadcasting stations throughout the north and south have put on all-colored hour programs, to promote better feeling between the two races.

The city of Lexington is going to appoint a number of colored policemen and other officials. Judge Swope addressed the Colored Voters League of that city, recently.

THEY TURNED

Arthur Reed has turned out to be a reformer.

George Patton has turned out to be a Red Cross nurse.

Ida Mae Jett has been defeated.

McBryant has now turned to be Public Enemy No. two and three-fourths.

SOMETHING FREE

The United Department Store of this city is giving away absolutely free a spring outfit each Saturday until Easter.

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Mr. Wayman states that he greatly appreciates the colored trade.

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WHAT A STREET!

Believe it or not—the East Main street, from the L. & N. depot to Lake street, has more holes than any other street in the U. S. It seems to me that the car drivers have to detour.

Last week the city put some mud in the holes to fill them up but due to the fact that we have had so much rain, it has washed out.

And again, the people walking on the side walks of this section have to watch their step—if they don't they might get run over by a car.

The people that drive over this road say that they bounce and have punctures with the greatest of ease, like the daring young man on the flying trapeze.

Let us have good streets in this city.

LETTER SAYS NOT TO PRINT NAMES

The Hill Topper received an unsigned letter recently threatening him not to publish their names in connection with the story about the blackmail letter received from a Louisville editor.

And to whom it may concern: As soon as we find out definitely who did this blackmailing we will publish their names in headlines.

We the entire staff of the Hill Topper, are not afraid of cheap threats. So, watch out, we are going to expose these blackmailers as soon as we receive advice from our legal advisors.

We print (all) and fear none!

TED BALLARD

The Ted Ballard store on East Main street is offering special prices this week on all groceries and meats.

You will be amazed at the low prices they are offering. Their prices will suit your pocket book. They welcome the colored trade and you will receive polite and courteous service.

WE ARE ON OUR WAY

The Hill Topper will leave for Cincinnati within a week to complete the arrangements for the initial offering of the "Buckeye Tribune." This is to be one of the largest colored papers in the United States.

This paper will be published by the Smith Specialty Company, of this city.

We were informed several days ago by an egotistical East Ender that our paper was not made up in the right form.—We know it.

STATE TOURNAMENT

On Thursday evening of the drawing it was pretty generally conceded that the winner could be picked from one of the following teams:

Winchester, last year's winner and a prime favorite to repeat, Central of Louisville, Richmond, Frankfort and Lexington. No one had the slightest bit of hope for the teams of the western section. As a matter of fact, the executive secretary had failed to send out an invitation to one of the teams later destined to throw consternation into the ranks of the ranks of the Bluegrass teams by the masterful way in which they surrounded the Lynch team in a maze of passing and shooting.

To give any other report of the event than merely the high-lights, scores of the deciding games, and a few selected comments would be to make monotonous something that was characterized by the exact opposite.

There was no long wait before developments. In the opening game at 8:00 o'clock Friday morning Central, of Louisville, went down before the onslaughts of the fast Harrodsburg team; Frankfort polished off the State High basketballers of Bowling Green and the tourney gossip began to hum. This was to be another Bluegrass affair with the Western and Mountain teams in the balcony. Then came a series of expected wins. Lynch was soundly trounced by Madisonville. In this contest all hopeful coaches got the scare of their lives. Madisonville possessed the classiest and most accomplished team in the tournament. Suggestions of "ringers", professionals, and "old heads" began to circulate in the non-resisting atmosphere. Richmond and Winchester received their regular pre-game diet. Oliver marched proudly through an impotent Paris squad while the Ramblers were "prepping" on a much bewildered bunch of boys from Elizabethtown.

Finally the Ramblers met Winchester, as they usually do. Again the Oliver High boys triumphed, but not as had been expected. The end of the first half of the game found the score 8-1 with Winchester not even collecting a single field goal. The Richmond defense was airtight. The second half was in its final second when the Winchester center, in desperation, threw the ball with one hand from the center of the floor and straight as fate the ball settled through the net

to tie the score. In the overtime period Winchester outplayed Richmond to win, 28-30. The victory was but momentary for next in line was the powerful Madisonville quintet whose outstanding performances had now found them the tourney favorites. With calmness and precision the Rosenwald Tigers removed the Oliver team as a claimant.

In the other bracket of the tournament drawing, divers and sundry matters of importance, big and little were happening. Out of the strife came a conquerer, from where no one knew. Beaver Dam would never have been selected by the most contradictory or anti-social as having even an outside chance. For, in the first place, no one knew where it was; no one had played them; and no one seemed willing to admit the facts which stood out so grotesquely; they had beaten the favorites, Frankfort, a strong team and always a tournament contender. But here they were, untired and unbeaten, unexcited and unconcerned, with a coach as seemingly disinterested as the most apathetic of on-lookers.

Saturday night was a Saturday long to be remembered. A proud Central High from the largest city in the state struggling with a defiant Dunbar of Lexington for the consolation. Two of the outstanding schools fighting for the losers prize. In the finals came little Beaver Dam for whom all of the spectators pulled with that desperate fervor with which a forlorn hope is indicated. No one had even the slightest idea that Beaver Dam would emerge victorious. But what's the use? The game defies all description. It proved to be the second overtime game of the tourney. And the smoke cleared away to find little Beaver Dam with a possible population ranging around 700 crowned the State Champions. Ainsii soit-il; thus it goes; thus it goes.

P. L. GUTHRIE.

K. K. TRIBE QUIET ON EASTERN FRONT

The "King Kong" tribe which has its headquarters at the Dells, have been very quiet. But watch out, they will burst out again, and Oh! Then we will have some real news. We will let you know all about these prehistoric ruffians.

NEW DRUG OPENS

A new drug store, under the management of Mr. Neal, of Mississippi, has been opened for business in the Ark building on First street. Mr. Neal is a graduate of Wilberforce University and was the highest honored student of Meharry Medical College. The formal opening will be March 16th.

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SPORTS

(By W. B. Parks)

They Just Can't Take It

On Friday night, March 1, the Dunbar Bearcats, of Lexington, were out-classed, out-played and out-smarted by the mighty onslaught of the raging Ramblers, of Richmond High School. The score was 39-5 and at no time during their fracas did the Bearcats threaten the Ramblers. The large over-flow crowd that filled every corner of the gym marveled at the splendid floor work, accurate passing and all around play of the Ramblers.

When the score was 18-4 in favor of Richmond Coach Baker pulled out his so-called first team, which in reality was no better than the second team that he sent in. Now, for what reason did Coach Baker take out his first team? Did he do so because he had a game the fol-

lowing night? That doesn't seem at all right, knowing that Richmond and Lexington are bitter rivals at any kind of sports.

And since coach Baker has given his excuse and it being so thin that it won't hold water, I will give my reasons for his actions. I am sure everyone will agree with me. It is true that Dunbar defeated the Ramblers at Lexington this season, the place that they (Dunbar) win all of their games, and since they had already defeated the Ramblers once, came over figuring on having little or no trouble at all getting rid of the Ramblers and to their great disappointment found the Ramblers in no good mood and keyed up to the minute. After five minutes of play Coach Baker, seeing that he would be unable to win with any team he might put on the floor, pulled that "phoney" excuse and took his first team out because he can "dish it out," but is far too sportmanlike to "take it" on the chin and come up smiling.

Tuesday, March 5th, the Ramblers were hosts to McCall School of Cincinnati. The McCall girls won by the score of 14-9, while the Ramblers took the measure of the Ohio five by the score of 20-16 after playing 3 minutes overtime. An overflow crowd watched the big blue Ramblers fight an uphill game to tie the score at 16-16 at the end of the regular playing time and in the three minutes overtime period the big crowd saw a team that absolutely refused to be beaten, and proceeded to flip two more field goals through the hoops to bring the score up to 20-16 and the ball game was over.

WHAT NEXT?

Luvonia Turner and Francis Black proved to us they are still young by walking down Main Street Saturday eating suckers. One had an orange sucker while the other one was sucking a lemon sucker. O. K. with me.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boyd were over from Lexington Tuesday night for the basket ball game.

Miss Beulah Miller, of Cincinnati, spent a few days at home.

Mrs. Florence Miller, of the Lexington road, who has been very ill, continues to improve.

Prof. C. C. Handy and the Rev. H. A. Rogers were in Winchester Sunday.

Mrs. Dovie Chenault and son were at home Monday from Chicago to attend the funeral of Mr. Herndon Chenault, which was held Monday at the Shallowford church.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ballew and Mr. Russell Ballew were at home from Chicago to attend the funeral of Mr. Herndon Chenault.

The funeral of Mr. Anderson Presley, who died at his home on B street Thursday, February 29, was held at the First Baptist Church Sunday, March 3rd, conducted by the

Rev. H. A. Rogers. Little Miss Callie Ann Boyd is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Miller, of Fayette county.

Thomas F. Francis is the man of the hour. He has more young girls coming back to his room than any one else in Richmond. Those that can't come in the front way—usually use the rope ladder. Don't let it break, Francis.

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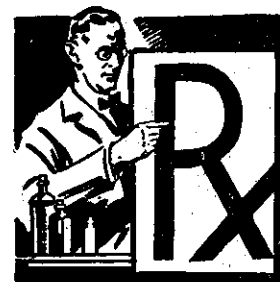
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THE LOW DOWN

(By W. B. and T. B.)

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Watch out, all you ladies, for there is a kissing bug going around kissing ladies only (nuff said).

There is a certain man in Richmond making dates for two so-called "society girls." Sounds like a new deal "Imitation of Existence."

Twenty-five dollars reward for the gentleman who paid a certain person's way to Winchester.

One would think that Prof. Paul Smith, of Lexington, was the second Hitler. Prof. G. W. Parks proved to him that he had Indian blood in his veins.

Can you bet this?—Holly street is just another Broad way in New York.

Believe it or not—Nappy-chin, who was convicted of a crime in the Circuit Court, was termed as a "smart Negro." Of course, the moral side was not considered—neither was character.

George Patton introduced Edgar Watts in Winchester two weeks ago as a ———? friend.

Milton "Crooked" Parks says the loafers association is still in session at the Dells.

Donald "Cranky" Parks the Dillinger of the Hill, has turned out to be a love bird. O. K., but don't oversport yourself.

Did you ever hear the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink"? Well, we do not agree with you, for the East End "Professional Bummer" was carried to Lake Reba and baptized in the "holy spirits"—Amen. The ambulance call was answered by E. Watts. Judge ye not.

Something else — I was around to Blythe's sandwich shop the other day and purchased a sandwich. They gave me a glass of water and some potato chips with it—Good service.

I met "Sugar Pie" Hisle the other day. She said for me not to put her name in the

paper. O. K., I will not. Don't worry. Excuse this time.

It seems that these young East End social girls have more shopping to do than their parents. You better check up.

Curtis Brooks attempted suicide the other day. At least, that's what Ted Chenaault said.

A certain change will be advocated by the Hill Topper.

It is funny how G. Doty and M. Williams will double cross W. Walker when they are good old team mates, but I guess love is one thing and friendship another.

W. Miller is bound to succeed at anything he starts to do, with all the encouragement and inspiration he is getting from B. Collins.

It seems that E. M. Shearer is the chief date fixer around here now, so you had better watch your step, E. M., that you don't get fixed yourself.

McCrath Grubbs is going around singig, "The Pal That I loved, stole the gal that I loved, that's why we're not pals any more (speaking of J. Embry.)"

A certain lady went to Cincinnati last Sunday and got left, because she stayed too long at the zoo. It wasn't told to me, I only heard.

Did you hear about E. H. and G. N. (girls), G. Doty and M. Williams having a big turkey dinner lately with brown gravy and all the trimmings? But they didn't ask their friend W. Walker to have even a taste. You know, E. H., spite work never did pay.

J. D. (Loving Papa) Parks is the president of the freshman class, and what a president. Asw "Flink" Boyd and Louis Runion.

J. Glenmore Bates has almost ruined his eyes watching E. Wells. The result was that he is now wearing "specs." More power to you, Glenmore.

You know, Vulcan Taylor (the old heart breaker) was back in town Friday but did not break many hearts as he was too busy telling how well he was getting along at K. S. I. C.

BRIEF NEWS

The law was called out on Short street Sunday. They responded within three minutes time. Fast work.

Some mud was placed in the holes the other day out on East Main street. And now the people driving their cars will not have to use the side walks.

One of the Hill Topper's had a fever blister on his nose—he was told by a friend that he had been nosing into to many peoples business.

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REVIVAL IN SESSION AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival at the First Baptist Church is now in session. It is being conducted by Rev. Givens, of Winchester. Rev. H. A. Rogers, pastor.

CONTINUES ILL

Mrs. Hattie Parks continues seriously ill. Mrs. Nettie Carpenter continues ill.

HE SAYS'

Mr. Bob Benton, proprietor of the Benton's Liquor Dispensary, says, get your nickels and dimes and come out and see him sometime. For Saturday only he is selling one pint of liquor and one pint of gin (both) for 97c. Don't miss it.

THEY SAY--WE QUOTE

Chester "Ace" Willis says, "When a person lives in a glass house they should not throw stones."

Herman Jackson says, "When they eat once at my place they will always come back."

Edmund Hughly says "Do not drink all the water from the lake." And, "Dishonesty is the best policy."

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