

### Interesting People -By Geo. S. Lee

**HOLDS TWO CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS OF HONOR!**

FOR GALLANTRY IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON THE MECHANISM OF THE TORPEDO NOW 79 YEARS OLD AND RETIRED HE SERVED FOR 36 YEARS (NO NEGRO RECEIVED THE MEDALS IN CHARLESTON, W.C.)

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### MR. TAAFU . . . . . By Cecil D. Nelson, Jr.

PAINTINGS BY TAAFU

My dear woman, an artist has to get his inspiration from SOMEWHERE!

### Hastie Is Fourth Civilian Governor Of Virgin Islands

**Staff Correspondence**

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands—William H. Hastie, whose appointment by President Harry S. Truman as governor of the Virgin Islands was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 1, this year, and who was inaugurated on May 17, is the fourth civilian to serve as chief executive of the islands.

Prior to March 17, 1931 when the Hon. Paul M. Pearson was named by President Herbert Hoover as the first civil administrator, the Virgin Islands had been under Navy administration since their purchase by the United States from Denmark in 1917. Governor Pearson, who served until July 23, 1935, was succeeded by Lawrence W. Carter, whose term of office began on July 24, 1935 and expired Feb. 1, 1941. Governor Hastie's immediate predecessor, Governor Charles Harwood, served from Feb. 2, 1941, to April 30, 1946.

**NAVAL COMMANDERS OF ISLANDS**

Naval commanders of the islands in the order of their administration are as follows:

Captain Edwin T. Pollock, March 13, 1917 to April 8, 1917.  
Rear Admiral James Ogle, April 9, 1917, to April 7, 1919.  
Rear Admiral Joseph W. Oman, April 8, 1919, to April 25, 1921.  
Rear Admiral Sumner E. W. Kittle, April 26, 1921, to Sept. 15, 1922.  
Captain Henry Hugh Hough, Sept. 16, 1922, to Dec. 2, 1923.  
Captain Phillip Williams, Dec. 3, 1923, to Sept. 11, 1925.  
Captain Martin Edward Trench, Sept. 12, 1925, to Jan. 5, 1927.  
Captain Waldo Evans, March 1, 1927, to March 18, 1931.

**Whitman Volume Has Hughes Introduction**

NEW YORK, N. Y.—In honor of Walt Whitman's birthday on May 31, a volume of selections from Whitman especially chosen for young people, entitled, "I Hear the People Singing" was released. In addition to 39 of Whitman's poems the book also contains an introduction by a living American poet, Langston Hughes, who emphasizes Whitman's message of democracy, human brotherhood, and freedom for youth today.

### GOOD CONDUCT . . . .

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YES, I KNOW... I KNOW—I KNOW

For gosh sakes, don't always know so much. Let the other fellow finish talking, and then see if you really do know.

### Public Opinion Poll . . .

## One Out Of 3 Americans Oppose Full Press Freedom

DENVER, Col. — Out of every three Americans, two still believe in the fundamental rights on which this country was founded—freedom of the press. One out of every three, however, opposes newspaper criticism of our form of government even in peacetime, according to a recent nationwide survey by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver.

Public opinion tends to be somewhat more cautious when confronted with a more specific example of freedom of the press—whether or not a Socialist newspaper should be permitted. A 64 per cent majority say newspaper should have the freedom to criticize our form of government, while 58 per cent would allow a Socialist Party publication. Only 5 per cent were undecided on the larger issue—criticism of the government, but 16 per cent were undecided on the more specific application.

NO's staff of specially trained interviewers asked a stratified random sample of civilian adult: "In peacetime do you think newspapers should be allowed to criticize our form of government?"

Yes 64 %  
No 31 %  
Undecided 5 %

"In peacetime, do you think the Socialist Party should be allowed to publish newspapers in this country?"

Yes 58 %  
No 36 %  
Undecided 6 %

**GROUP DIFFERENCES**

Education seems to play a more

### Methodists Wage War On Liquor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Meeting under the chairmanship of Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, president of the board of temperance of the Methodist Church, plans were made here last week at the close of a two-day meeting, for an intensive and "agitational" movement throughout the Methodist Church in the interest of temperance education and curtailment of liquor traffic.

### VOICE of the PEOPLE

## Praises Rep. Luce For DAR Stand

Editor, Journal and Guide — Please allow me space in your valuable newspaper to express my views concerning the current controversy among members of the Daughters of the American Revolution over the barring of Negro artists from Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C.

When our country was facing grave danger from without and within, a few months ago, and our so-called democracy had to be defended from our enemies, all Americans were called upon to do their bit in the nation's defense. During those fateful days why didn't some of these ladies of such racial fanaticism protest against black men fighting and dying along with their sons, brothers and other relatives for the democracy that is now being enjoyed by whites while blacks in so many instances are being so absurdly denied that which should be theirs without any hesitancy whatever.

May God help Mrs. Clare Booth Luce and her committee and all other such fair-minded people to keep this sympathetic fire burning until all America fully realizes that love and justice (and these only) are the basis of a safe and lasting peace.

—Rev. E. W. Williams, Norfolk, Va.

### THEY'LL NEVER DIE By Elton Fax

AS IF BEING THE ABLE WIFE OF A GREAT BISHOP AND THE MOTHER OF EQUALLY FAMOUS OFFSPRING WERE NOT A JOB, SARAH E. TANNER ALSO HELPED ORGANIZE THE A.M.E. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—THE OLDEST SOCIETY OF NEGRO WOMEN IN AMERICA/ SHE WAS BORN 1804 IN WINCHESTER, VA. HER HUSBAND, BISHOP BENJ. TUCKER TANNER AND 2 OF HER 7 CHILDREN—DR. HALLIE TANNER JOHNSON AND ARTIST HENRY O. TANNER—HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED IN THIS SERIES

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### CONSENSUOUS

Of persons expressing an opinion on both questions on the current survey, 55 per cent answered "Yes" to both—endorsing freedom of the press in general and in specific application. Fourteen per cent answered "No" to both. The remaining 31 per cent are less consistent, in that 16 per cent believe that the press should be free to criticize the government in peacetime, but that Socialist newspapers should be suppressed. The other 15 per cent say they do not believe in freedom of the press in general, but they do to criticize our form of government.

### GUIDE BOOK SHELF

#### AMERICAN DAUGHTER

By ERA BELL THOMPSON, 381 pp. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1946.

By ARTHUR P. DAVIS

In spite of the old adage to the contrary, there is something new under the sun. Here, for example, is an autobiography by a Negro author that does not deal with the thwarting and distorting effects of the American race problem; an autobiography that does not mention the oppression, the violence, and the depravity which segregated living produces.

Here is a story of Negro childhood and youth which is effective, not in the sadistic Deep South, but of all unusual places, in North Dakota. Here is a life of a Negro girl who, for a while at least, lived and thought and acted like a white American. In short, here is a new and fresh book about Negro American life—one that we need if we are to see the complete picture.

"American Daughter" depicts the sorrows, the joys, and the struggles of an interesting pioneer Negro family that went from Iowa to a farm in North Dakota. "Pop" Thompson, with his three sons—Tom, Dick, and Harry—his wife, and Era Bell, his daughter, moved from Des Moines to a farm in the heart of the Dakota prairie land. A much better chef than farmer, "Pop" struggled with the soil, achieving only partial success; neither hardship nor loss nor failure could quench entirely his spirit.

**NATIVE DIGNITY AND GREAT FRIENDLINESSES**

The supreme character in the work, Pop has a native dignity and a great friendliness that won not only the respect of all who knew him, but which will live in the heart of the reader as well. In this portrait of her father, Era Bell Thompson has embodied all of the love and respect that she had for this grand person.

The battle of this family with prairie farming and all of its hardships and heartaches is effectively told by Miss Thompson. Her delineation of these years is highly dramatic and convincing. A moving recital, it is not racial but American; and it is another addition to the heroic saga of the mid-west conquest of the soil.

The neighbors of this Negro family were of all races and backgrounds, but like the Thompsons they were all good typical Americans with essentially the same problems. Above all, there was human kindness and friendliness. Although Miss Thompson does not label it as such, this is the unconscious secret of the work's fascination. In a hundred different ways, she implies this thesis—the "oneness" of all people when they get to know each other.

"American Daughter" is an optimistic book—a book in some respects like the works of Louis Adamic. Miss Thompson, like Adamic, sees many of the obstacles to unity in our American life, but she also sees the other side of the medal, and she emphasizes the latter. One feels that she has had many more skirmishes with the Problem than she tells about in her work. But she set out to give a picture, not of humiliation and oppression, but of the essential goodness which can be found in American living.

"American Daughter" is, therefore, like a breath of fresh air after the noisome atmosphere we have experienced in some recent Negro autobiographies and novels. It is naturally invites comparison with Wright's "Black Boy." As a matter of fact, it is a sort of unintentional answer to the latter work. "Black Boy" is morbidly cynical and pessimistic; "American Daughter" is just as definitely hopeful and optimistic.

Let's find all that is wrong with Negro living in America (particularly in the South) and hammer it home. Mr. Wright seems to say. But Miss Thompson boldly states: "I know there is still good in the world, that way down underneath, most Americans are fair; that's the peace in the world. People can work together and live together in peace and happiness if they but have the opportunity to know each other."

We need both attitudes. We need Wright's and we need Thompson's to offset the unrelieved darkness of Wright's portrayal. Both are therapeutic. Wright points out the obstacles to be met. Thompson gives us the hope that they can be overcome. She bolsters our faith in the American way.

When we see a family like that of the Rileys, we know that no matter how black the scene may look to the liberal Christian whites who are willing to face racial issues openly and squarely. The Rileys are among the best portraits we have in recent literature on the Negro.

Well-written, new, fresh and charming, "American Daughter" brings us another promising Negro writer. Let us hope that Miss Thompson's second volume will come soon and, more important, that it will live up to the promise of this first. She has made a grand start.

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