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Voter Registration Movement Up Date

Voter-Registration is a basic gear in the American political and democratic system of living. It is the first step in political participation.

In the North, minority citizens have had the privilege and right to vote for a great many decades, while our citizens in the South are just beginning to mount into high gear. It is reported, however, that Northerners do not take advantage of this privilege as well as our Southerners who are fast feeling advantage of the right.

Here in Buffalo, when the Buffalo Criterion initiated the first voter registration drives in the mid-20's, enthusiasm was high among all of the minority leadership. The first little voting machine demonstrator brought into the 5th Ward was a table model placed in the Criterion office. It was approximately one foot high by two feet long, with an axle to make it stand. Evidently the Board of Elections had only a few of them because the time limit for temporary demonstration was short. Primary elections were done by marking ballots and the voting machines were nearly as antiquated as they are today.

It took approximately eight years of hard work before the first minority official, the late Sherman L. Walker, was elected in office in 1933.

From that time on we have elected several other officeholders—two on a citywide basis, one state official, two other councilmen and several from the area to the county legislature.

Since the Criterion's first campaign, several other organizations—political, religious and rights groups—have conducted campaigns until we have reached our present status.

Today it is good to see groups: the NAACP, Urban League and BULLDOG organization pushing for greater voter registration—a fundamentally important report.

However, a more urgent and difficult problem for our people to be taught and learn in our great political system is the art and need of ticket-splitting. But, judging from the discussion of the issues and credits to be given, taken, considered and analyzed, this art is a long way off.

Our leadership at present is not teaching this higher phase of American politics and our political strategy and reasoning is still stereotyped.

Among the first minority District Committees elected were La Rue, Bill School, Fred Shattuck, Frank E. Merriwether and Joe Clark, who represented the heart of the inner-city from Bennett St. west to Elliott St. west between Eagle St. and Broadway, where our people do most of its activity. Look at the inner-city perimeter today!

The campaign to extend the election of District Committeemen east to Smith St.

FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS?

"THEY PUT THEM ABE IN REVOLT MINORITY DRIVERS WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT" STATED A NEW YORK LIBERAL POLITICIAN



then initiated by The Criterion. The project was extended to Lackawanna, Lancaster and the twelfth Ward in the Maden District. The first political club, The Criterion's Bookers T. Washington organization, included in its membership leaders from the above-mentioned areas.

Also of importance with the registration drives was the re-districting of city ward lines done at the Kenefick Charter Hearings in the latter 20's, during meetings held in the city hall. The Criterion's editor, the late Frank E. Merriwether was the leader of the delegation which persuaded the commission to draw the fifth and twelfth ward line so that Negroes could elect members of their race.

Community Jewel

The recent "kick-off" meeting of the Elliott District Division of the United Way was held at a dinner-meeting in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Callahan of 42 Johnson St., recently.

This meeting, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Callahan, netted \$1,205.00 and was quite an appreciable start. Some of the funds came from the assistance of the Catholic and Protestant churches in the area.

Mrs. Callahan is to be commended in leading this division. She is a dedicated, sincere, unselfish and untiring worker in the church, in the community, in her beauty business and in her home.

When she sets out to do a job, she sets out to do it well. Mrs. Callahan assists with several drives and has been active in many ways, including the No. 1 Johnson Block Club.

We say that Buffalo's innercity has a jewel in Mrs. Callahan, who contributes to its betterment through active interest, participation and dedication. This Criterion observation dates back more than two decades.

Are U.S. Firms Competitive?



One U.S. manufacturer successfully competes with foreign firms in the world market. The American Export Company, a division of Overland Transportation, is proving that American goods are competitive for they are in demand throughout the world.

The company manufactures a wide variety of goods and services. Its competitors, some foreign and some domestic, are in every phase of competition. Mechanical engineers and mechanical designers, electrical engineers and electrical designers, and mechanical designers and electrical designers, are in every phase of competition. Mechanical engineers and electrical designers, and mechanical designers and electrical designers, are in every phase of competition.

Quotations With A Meaning

from various authors

- Godless Parents** - "Ding studies religion. All the religion that we do is to get out of what we think out with our own heads, and find our way with our own eyes."
- "He believed that one man was made a difference and that every man should be it."
- "Having a child in the land and strange people at a neighbor's fire for each other. It is an almost bewilderment that their marriage is a complete one. It is the result of their love of which love and physical pleasure is that of devotion, continued as well."
- "Good sportsmanship, or the willingness to see others win, is the sound basis of physical education."
- "Spiritual severity rests on faith in God and the laws of right and wrong, and we may misunderstand or misinterpret these things, but we cannot ignore them. They are the spiritual equipment with which we can meet the necessities and the material necessities of life."

Army ROTC Newsbeat

According to the Council on Education in the United States, the most significant factor in the maintenance of our way of life is the maintenance of our standards of living. This is the only way to keep our standards of living high and to keep our standards of living high.

The Council reports that the average cost of living in the United States is \$100 per month. This is the average cost of living in the United States. This is the average cost of living in the United States. This is the average cost of living in the United States.

Justice Dept.

Issues Report

During August, the Justice Department was involved in a number of legal actions to carry out its duty to enforce the laws of the United States.

The Ontario, Nebraska school board was ordered to reinstate a teacher who had been dismissed for being a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The school board was ordered to reinstate a teacher who had been dismissed for being a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

McFarland Announces F. C.

James Senator James C. McFarland, Republican-Congressional candidate for the U.S. has named Stuart O'Connell, Vice President of M & T Bank, Chairman of his campaign.

The Department also sought to participate in a private voluntary contribution program of letters of denunciation to the Government.

Crossword Puzzle

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THE ONE WHO IS MOST LIKELY TO BE A GRACK

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IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

IF YOU REQUIRE FULL 36 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE COURSE

ARE CAMEL HAIR BRUSHES MADE FROM THE HAIR OF CAMELS?

DOES BEER BEING SERVED WITH A PROTECTION AGAINST THE EVILS? YES, BEER IS SERVED WITH A PROTECTION AGAINST THE EVILS.

ARE GOAT BEETLES OF BRIDGE? YES, GOAT BEETLES OF BRIDGE ARE FOUND IN THE BRIDGE OF BRIDGE.

NOT IT FULL? THEY ARE MADE FROM THE TAILS OF SWEDISH SQUAVERS!

TELL ME...

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WHICH IS THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE WORLD?

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE RED-NECK YELL?

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