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Black Like Him

In John Griffin's controversial "Black Like Me," the novelist describes the total and unsettling sense of disorientation he experienced once he had assumed the identity of a Negro.

Griffin, you may remember, is the white writer who, a few years ago, underwent medical treatment to temporarily change his skin color. Once this change was affected, he spent a couple of months traveling and job hunting in the South posing, not as an ignorant Negro, but as a reasonably well-educated and well-dressed one.

Though he thought himself familiar with the problems faced by the Negro, Griffin was overwhelmed by the personal changes wrought by his assumed skin color. In his book, he describes in detail the depressing psychological effects the change had on his own outlook.

The results were more apparent in New Orleans, where he took the color change treatments. Eating places he had patronized as a white were closed to him as a Negro. Clerks who had served him cheerfully before the change waited on him only sullenly afterwards. (Griffin shaved his head at the same time that he changed color. The transformation was so complete that he was unrecognizable to anyone, Negro or white, who had served him before.)

For Griffin day to day living became almost untenable. He relates time and again stories of wandering an unfamiliar city for an entire day without being able to find an eating place or even a restroom for Negro use.

But the biggest difference disclosed by his courageous experiment is one of understanding. And, because of the unique dual role he has played, Griffin, though he does not suggest it, could well be the only man in the world who has completely perceived this difference.

His perception of the problem is the difference between saying "It certainly must be terrible to live that way," as opposed to "It certainly IS."

In the South his position is truly unique. No other Southern white, however lowly, has ever experienced the total spiritual and personal oppression levied against the Negro. No southern Negro, however elevated, has ever experienced the complete freedom of living and choice that is the southern white's.

Only Griffin has done both.

Editorial written by Mike Thoele

TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV

Channel 15

TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Bachelor Father
6:30—CBS News
7:00—Big News
7:30—Ballyhoo of Balboa
8:00—Death Valley Days
8:30—Sketch
9:00—Petitecoat Junction
10:00—The Nurses
11:00—Big News Final
11:30—Award Theatre: "Beyond the Blue Horizon"

WEDNESDAY

Morning
7:30—Daily Word
7:30—Sunrise Semester
8:00—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Miss Brooks
9:30—Jack Benny
10:00—Sounding Board
10:30—I Love Lucy
11:00—Andy of Mayberry
11:30—The McCoy's

Afternoon

12:00—Love of Life
12:30—CBS News
12:45—Guiding Light
1:00—Mid-day News
1:30—As the World Turns
2:00—Houseparty
3:00—To Tell the Truth
3:25—CBS News
3:30—Edge of Night
4:00—Storm
4:30—The Early Show: "Terror of Rome Against the Sons of Hercules"

Evening

6:00—Bachelor Father
6:30—CBS News
7:00—Big News
7:30—Election Eye in Britain
8:00—Days of Our Lives
8:30—Dick Van Dyke
9:00—Cara Williams Show
10:00—Danny Kaye Show
11:00—Big News Final
11:30—Award Theatre: "The Glass Key"

WKJG-TV

Channel 33

TUESDAY

Morning
6:00—News
6:15—Gateway to Sports
6:25—CBS News
7:00—Hunter Brinkley Report
7:30—Dobie Gillis
7:30—Olympic Games
8:30—Man from U.N.C.L.E.
9:00—Republican National Committee
10:00—Campaign and the Candidates
11:15—Olympic Games
11:30—Sports Today
11:35—Tonight Show

WEDNESDAY

7:00—Today
9:00—Bosco Show
9:30—The Bellsman Show
9:45—Faith To Live By
10:00—Make Room for Daddy

District Officers

Selected By NFO

Delegates and members of the National Farmers Organization met at the New Haven high school cafeteria recently and elected officers for the 4th congressional district, NFO.

Donald Meyers, NFO assistant national organizational director, presided at the meeting with Edward DuVall national staff organizer and officers assisting.

Officers elected for a one-year period are: Donald R. Meyers, DeKalb county, president; Eldon Cox, Whitley county, vice president; Edward DuVall, Allen county, secretary; and Richard Frey Steuben county, treasurer. Publicity director, was Ernie Wilson, Wells county. Three trustees elected were, Charles Schrenk, Allen county, three years; Donald Mills, Wells county, two years; and Robert Langley, LaGrange county, for one year.

Committeemen to represent the 4th district at the organization's national convention in Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 2 and 3, will be Ernest Wilson, Wells county; by-laws; Edward DuVall, Allen county, resolutions; Keith Rhodes Noble county, credentials; Floyd Meyers, DeKalb county, arrangements; and Elbert Roe, Noble county, election and tally.

Averell Harriman, former governor of New York, will be featured speaker October 16 at Ball State Cardinal Hall, Muncie.

The Eastern Indiana labor unions, Eastern Indiana small businessmen, Farmers Union, and National Farmers Organization are coordinating their efforts to make this a success. The purpose being to create a better understanding between the three important segments of the community.

Concert On Friday For Scottish Rite

FORT WAYNE — The Fort Wayne Philharmonic orchestra will give its annual pop concert for Scottish Rite members and their families at the Scottish Rite auditorium here Friday night, October 16, at 8:30 o'clock.

The program will be under the direction of Igor Buketoff, conductor.

A silvery-haired little Japanese man, Yoichi Hiraoka, who looks more like a diplomat than a musician, will be the featured artist on the xylophone. In the 1930's and early 1940's, Hiraoka was a familiar xylophonist throughout Town Hall recitals and hundreds of appearance on sustaining programs of the National Broadcasting Company.

The orchestra will play both popular and semi-classical numbers. Several current songs from Broadway shows will highlight Buketoff's selections.

The first fall luncheon-bridge for ladies of Scottish Rite will be held Wednesday noon, October 14.

Enrollment Higher

At I. U. Centers

A 38 per cent increase in the enrollment of full time students for the current fall semester at the Indiana University Fort Wayne campus has been announced by Ralph E. Broyles, director.

In announcing the fall enrollment figures, Dr. Broyles said that the over-all enrollment of credit students is 1,324, of whom 416 are enrolled for full academic programs. A total of 900 students was enrolled last fall, 245 of whom were full time students.

Indiana University's six regional campuses, located in Fort Wayne, Kokomo, Gary and East Chicago, Indianapolis, Jeffersonville, and South Bend, and three centers operated in Vincennes, Richmond and Evansville, show an increase of 38 per cent in the fall enrollment of full time students.

The current total credit enrollment for the regional campuses and centers is 12,833, as compared to 12,250 last fall, an increase of 4.7 per cent.

The enrollment figures announced by Dr. Broyles for the Fort Wayne campus are in addition to the large number of people enrolled in the various continuing education programs conducted on a non-credit basis.

Recognized nationally for its regional campus program, Indiana University offers the complete freshman and sophomore years of a year degree program, as well as many upper-class courses, at the campuses. Students also may complete certificate terminal programs in various fields. The regional campuses also offer extensive graduate programs.

New York Stock Exchange MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 69; DuPont, 274; Ford, 61 1/4; General Electric, 86 1/4; General Motors, 101 1/4; Gulf Oil, 58 1/4; Standard Oil Ind., 85 1/4; Standard Oil N. J., 88 1/4; U. S. Steel, 61 1/4.

Revival Services At New Light Christian

Revival services are in progress daily at 7:30 p.m. at the New Light Christian church on Cleveland.

The evangelist is the Rev. William Whitmore of Troy, O., with Sally Suman in charge of special music each evening.

The Rev. Ogle Mounsey, pastor, invites the public to attend these services, which will extend through Sunday.

at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

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