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A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE NEGRO IN AMERICA, by Langston Hughes and Milton Meltzer. New revised edition. Crown Publishers, Inc., New York. 335 pages. 1963. \$5.95. Sixth Printing.

Here, for the first time, is an authoritative, panoramic picture story of the Negro in America, from the arrival of the first African slave ship to present times, covering every aspect of Negro life--social, political, artistic and economic. This unique book, lavishly illustrated with more than 1,000 reproductions of pictures, paintings, broadsides, drawings, woodcuts and cartoons, contains concise pictorial accounts of all the important events in the Negro's dramatic struggle for freedom. There are pictures of every famous and important Negro from Nat Turner, Frederick Douglass and Dred Scott to modern leaders such as Adam Clayton Powell, the Reverend Martin Luther King and Ralph Bunche.

BUT THIS BOOK IS FAR MORE than a collection of pictures--fascinating as they are.



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Beginning with the origins of the Negro in Africa, the authors trace in text and picture the story of the Negro as a slave and as a free man, who he is, where he came from, what he has contributed, how he has affected and, in turn, has been affected by American life and, finally, where he is headed. Included in this absorbing account are reproductions of news editorials, letters, posters, handbills and pamphlets ranging from the early days of the slave trade to the recent desegregation decision of the Supreme Court.

These extraordinary varied illustrations constitute the largest number and the most important pictures of Negro history ever assembled in one volume. Portraying every facet of the role of the Negro in American history, they were selected from the many thousands in Milton Meltzer's and Langston Hughes' personal collections as well as from public and private sources throughout the world.

YEARS OF STUDY AND RESEARCH went into the preparation of this volume and because of the authors' happy blend of sound scholarship and clear narrative style, the reader gains from these pages a remarkable understanding of the great dramatic background, the rich heritage and the unquenchable spirit of the Negro people.

LANGSTON HUGHES is often called the poet laureate of the Negro people. His works have been read and loved by people the world over. His works also include novels, short stories, history, biography, autobiography, plays, lyrics for opera and musical comedy, and the enormously popular humorous sketches about that talkative character, Simple.

MILTON MELTZER is a specialist in graphic history and biography. He is also a science writer and editor who has written for radio, television, newspapers and magazines. Mr. Meltzer is the author of MARK TWAIN HIMSELF, MILESTONES TO AMERICAN LIBERTY, and co-author of A THOREAU PROFILE.

This is a superb book which should be in every school library as well as every Negro man's home.

Madison Book Fair

The Madison Elementary School, corner of Madison and 'J' Streets will sponsor a student book fair from April 20, through April 23. Books will, of course, be on display in the School Library, and students will be permitted to browse and purchase books during the hours the book fair will be open--from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

SPONSORS OF THE EVENT, the Madison's Parent Group and Mrs. Elsie Sellers, Counselor, who is serving as book fair chairman of the committee which includes Betty Sue Zeligman and Richard David are hopeful that all students, parents and visitors will attend the fair which, hopefully, will stimulate student interest in reading and in building home libraries.

The book fair display will include attractive new books from many publishers in all popular price ranges. All reading areas of interest to students will be represented including classics, fiction, biographies, adventure stories, science, nature, crafts, mystery and reference books--a wonderful selection of books to read or to purchase for gifts.

The committee is working with Educational Reading Service, a professional book fair company which will furnish an individual selection of books for the Madison book fair. The schools percentage of all sales (20%) will be used for Instructional Aids.

!!! ATTENTION VOICE READERS !!!

ABOUT THAT BOOK FAIR AT MADISON SCHOOL--Mrs. Sellers, School Counselor, has expressed apprehension that many of the students who would like to own books, will be unable to buy them. The VOICE is sure that many of the community organizations, civic groups and business firms in the city will share our feeling that here is a golden opportunity to make some youngsters happy. Perhaps your club, organization or company would like to purchase books at the Madison School Book Fair, or at any of the local school's Book Fairs, and donate them back to the school for distribution to those children who are unable to buy their own.

Young Teacher From The Old School



IN KIT CARSON Teacher, Al Ramirez' fifth grade room a sign placed by the clock reads "Time Passes--Will You?" If you should drop by these youngsters classroom and chat with them for a few minutes, you'll come away convinced that not only will they pass, they are enjoying the prescribed study necessary for passing. Young Al Ramirez is what some would call a teacher of the old school. . . The kind who is sincerely interested in the achievement of his pupils, and devoted to teaching and those whom he teaches.

BECAUSE THE SCHOOL BUDGET is so low, field trips are prohibitive in cost, Mr. Ramirez has been taking small groups of his pupils on field trips in his own car. And how the kids love it. They enthusiastically described their separate trips to Boulder Dam and to Lake Mead to the VOICE reporter, and they were unabashed about speaking of their desire to make more such trips listing nearby spots they would like to visit such as Mt. Charleston, The Valley of Fire, Lee's Canyon and, Hold your Breath, even the City Museum.

IT DOESN'T SEEM UNREASONABLE, does it, to yearn to visit spots so close and yet so

Science Festival Set For Kit Carson School

The Kit Carson Elementary School in Las Vegas will sponsor a Science Festival from April 26 thru April 29. Students, too, will be permitted to browse and purchase educational material. The Science Festival will be open during the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Material will be on display in the Music Room.

The Science Festival committee invites all students, parents and visitors to attend the festival. The festival is not only designed to spur student interest in science and learning, but to enable contribution to a worthwhile project--20% of all sales and profits will be used for the science room.

The Science Teachers of Kit Carson School are sponsoring the event, with Mrs. Charlotte Cook and Mrs. Maggie Pearson serving as Science Festival chairmen. The committee includes Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mr. Earl Carter, Mrs. Juanita Wynn, Mr. David Hoggard, and Miss Mintha Jones.

The Science Festival display will include attractive materials in all popular price ranges. All areas of interest to children will be represented, including magnetism, nature, crafts, astronomy, seeds, maps, and simple equipment. Some of the displays make wonderful gifts. The committee is working with Educational Science Service, a professional company, to furnish an individual selection for the Science Festival.

Jo Mackey Bulletin

On Saturday, April 23, beginning at 10 a.m., the Jo Mackey PTA will sell dinners in the school multipurpose room located at 2726 Engelstad.

These dinners are being sold for the purpose of raising money to purchase uniforms for the school Flutophone Band.

The menu will consist of Barbecued Chicken or Ribs, Fried Chicken, Potato salad, a green vegetable, hot rolls and butter, pie or cake for \$1.35.

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far away. There should be more Ramirezes, and there should be many of us in the community willing to aid Ramirez in his zest to offer his pupils new experiences.

FOR TEACHER RAMIREZ, the experiences are equally rewarding. He spoke glowingly of the rapport that was established between him and his charges after making the trips; that as a result, the communication between them was all a teacher could hope for.

SHOWN IN PICTURE with Ramirez are pupils (from left-front) Donald Marquez, Raymond Walker, Edward Davis, Tony Chapman and Larry Gammage. Back row (from left) Debra Lamb, Sally Walker, Laverne Davis, Deon Hopkins, and Yasmin Heather.

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