

# NEWSLETTER

Learning the Hard Way.....

Tragedy in Maycomb Teaches a Sad Lesson

Weekly Newsletter by Reverend Sykes



said that "all men are created equally" (p 205)

God did create his people equally but we are not treated like it. As we know God does everything for a reason he has a path for everyone and if our path is to deal with the blindside of Maycomb we will. In other news don't forget to acknowledge Mr. Finch for all his hard work. Even though he lost the trial he gave the jury a run for their money. Tom Robinson sadly set an example that if you talk to a white person some people will take it the wrong way.

It is tragic to see what happened to our loving late brother Tom Robinson. He left behind two darling kids and a wonderful wife named Helen. We all know that what happened to Tom was unbecoming but we live in a society where racism and prejudice blinds all. Tom was a black man going against a white man who is back up by a white jury. As a representative for our congregation I would like to warn everyone about the dangers of the world. Not all white folks are as sweet and caring like Mr. Atticus Finch. Not all white folks understand that colored folks are human too. "Thomas Jefferson once



Waiting for Tom Robinson's verdict.

**THE DARKNESS THAT BLINDS**

Bob Ewell was one of the many people who hated blacks with a passion he even hated Mr. Finch After the case, news spreaded around saying that Mr. Bob Ewell stopped Atticus on the post office corner, spat in his face, and told him he'd get him if it took the rest of his life, but he was missed judged and hated. Even though Bob and his family started this problem deep inside he was feeling left out. "They were absolute trash" (p 124). So all the higher class whites missed judged him because he was broke like us God forgives all, for all of their sins. But that doesn't mean we can't learn a lesson or two from this man.

Some whites can be real nasty and spiteful. Do not react to the words , this can just cause more trouble. Like Mr. Finch said "You just hold your head high and keep those fists down. No matter what anybody says to you, don't you let 'em get your goat. Try fightin' with your head for a change." We all know Bob was giving her a lot of grief after the case. She did not react in a way that would start a problem she simply kept on her way. Helen did have a little help dealing with her Bob Ewell problem.

**THE LIGHT IN DARKNESS**



Which brings me to the point that there are still nice white folks out there in our home we call Maycomb. Mr. Link Deas has been there since

the start, even before the court case started. He hired Tom Robinson and Tom worked for him for years. Mr, Link was there at the court, he even tried to support Tom saying how good of a worker he was and that would never hurt a fly.. Even when nobody in Maycomb would hire Helen Mr. Link "made a job for Helen" Helen

told me herself that she overheard Mr.Link talking to a customer saying "He didn't really need her but he said he felt right bad about the way things turned out" .Thank you to Mr. Link Deas for helping Helen out.

Mr.Raymond is another man who may be different but he is one of us, even if he doesn't show it. His wife is part of our community. Now Mr.Raymond may be a "drunk" but drinking is his way to show the world he doesn't care what people think. When I went to go speak to him he told me he said the same thing to Ms.Jean Louise and her friends "they could never understand that I live like I do because that's the way I want to live" (p 201). He does have a black wife he does have little mix kids, but those kids are just as human as we are. and he loves his family no matter what people think or say. Mr.Raymond understands that. So one day when you do see Mr.Raymond just be nice, say hi and keep at your day.

# Close Your Eyes and See a Better Day



I know a bold little girl name Ms. Jean Louise and she isn't afraid to speak up for what she believes in. After this case her eyes were opened too., she understand that none of this is right. She once said that "No, everybody's gotta learn, nobody's born knowin'" (p 227). I agree with her, Nobody is born knowing the dangers of Maycomb or the people in it. Sometimes you learn the easy way or the hard way that is life. Tom Robinson learned the hard way not to help younger white folk or a Ewell. That is why we have to teach and warn our people about the ups and downs of Maycomb. "They're ugly, but

those are the facts of life." Even in this world were everything looks bad there is still some good, like Mr. Finch and Mr, Link. Maybe one day in this life blacks and whites will be united and everyone will treat each other with the same respect they deserve.

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## Calendar

### November 5th 1963:

Our choir will be having auditions for a new lead singer.

### November 19th 1963:

Sister Marry will be dropping off the donations across town.

### November 29th 1963:

Brother Steven will be turning 87 there will be something small at the church.

## Other News

### TIME IS RUNNING OUT



Time is running to donate any goods to help other families across town. Donate what ever

you can



**PRAY FOR THE JACKSONS**

Sadly little Harrieta Jackson is still missing if you know anything contact the Jackson.

### Be Aware



There has been rumors about a mad dog walking around be safe when walking