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COMMUNITY HELPS TO CELEBRATE CENTENARY EVENT

Aged Colored Man Is One of Those
Who Escaped From Slavery By the
Underground Railway.
(From the London Free Press)

Mount Salem, Feb. 22—Born in a plantation cabin in Boone County, Kentucky, just 100 years ago to-day, but a valued member of this community ever since he escaped to Canada by the "Underground" system, Lloyd Graves is to-day celebrating his centenary with the good wishes and good-fellowship of all the local residents, among whom he is known as a "colored man with a white soul." Mr. Graves bears his years lightly and is actively engaged as caretaker of the local school. Daily he may be seen, almost before it is daylight, wending his way to the schoolhouse, so that it may be clean and warm before the first scholar arrives.

On the Kentucky plantation Graves as a boy lived the life of a slave, doing tasks faithfully under a severe master, but daily wishing to be free. When he became a young man he began to notice that many of the colored folks of his community were succeeding in making their way to Canada. First two of his men friends made the break successfully, then a man and his wife. The latter pair were forced to leave their child behind, and Graves pledged his word that he would make an effort to get away himself later and that he would bring the child with him to Canada. The parents of the little one left on their perilous journey in full confidence that they would later be re-united with their child.

The day of decision came when Graves overheard his master, in conversation with a buyer, arranging for the transfer of himself and a number of other slaves to new fields of labor. Seeing that he must get away at once if he was to redeem his promise about the child, Graves made his plans. He succeeded in escaping with the child, and made his way in safety to the "underground" railway, then being used extensively by colored folk to reach Canada. The



THE LATE MR. ERIC MURDOCK

two crossed Lake Erie on a sailing vessel under the captaincy of a man named Barr. They landed without incident at Port Stanley.

At St. Thomas Graves found employment for a number of years and later moved to Malahide Township, where he has resided ever since.

Mr. Graves soon found his place in the community. He has made an honest living and owns his own home. Last summer, though on the eve of his centenary, he worked two and a half acres of land, all in hoe crop, and a weed could not be found on his land. In addition to working his little farm, Mr. Graves is caretaker of the school, and the work done by him there is as near perfect as may be. His chief thought is for the pupils, some of whom have a long walk to school, and he is always anxious to have things comfortable for them.

His birthday was an occasion of rejoicing for everyone. A party was held in the hall and baskets were brought by many. The good wishes extended to the centenarian and grand old man were many and sincere.

SOUTH AFRICA MAY GIVE

VOTE TO WOMEN

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Capetown, S.A., Feb.—Enfranchisement of white women came nearer to realization here with the adoption by the house of assembly of a bill giving to women the right of suffrage. It had been rejected twice before. Neither black men or women are given the right of suffrage in South Africa.

NOTICE TO AGENTS

In sending in local notes please write on one side of paper only.
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A Word To Our Readers and Patrons

Our publication of a periodical, known as "The Dawn of Tomorrow" is nearing the completion of its first year of existence and we desire to give to the public some expression of appreciation for what co-operation we have received.

To our many advertisers throughout the Dominion who have so readily placed an advertisement with us, and by so doing have assured us of their interest in the welfare of our little paper, we wish to say that too much credit can not be given to each merchant for assisting so nobly in the maintenance of our paper. Service and efficiency is the twin motto of this little journal and we assure those who continue to place their confidence in us by giving us their advertisements for publication, that we shall strive to render the same honest and faithful service as long as your business is entrusted to us.

To our many readers, we desire your full co-operation in sustaining our paper. You can be of much service to the progress of the paper in the matter of circulation among your friends if you will speak to those you come in contact with about its value to us as a people in general.

To our agents who mean much to the paper in the matter of distribution, each one of you in the various towns and villages wherein you reside can be of great service to our paper if you will be prompt in making your report to our head office and also prevailing upon your readers the necessity of promptness in payment to you for papers you are sometimes forced to charge. If we are to continue the publication of our paper, we must by all means have the fullest co-operation from every source.

We are indeed very grateful for all that has been done to date but we are pleading for an improvement in conditions if we are to continue as a factor in the lives of our people in Canada.

F. O. STEWART,
Business Manager.

FRIENDS HONOR LEON JOSEPH

Toronto—Despite the inclement weather a large crowd packed U.N.I. A. Hall last Thursday night to do honor to Leon Joseph of this city.

Mr. E. L. Cross, LL.B., who was the speaker of the evening, in an interesting address gave a brief outline of the life and activities of Mr. Joseph and charged the young men to be of actual service to the race, and in turn adjured those of the assembly to encourage the young people to enter into useful fields of activity.

At the close of the programme, refreshments were served, and Harris' Orchestra proceeded to serve fox-trots, waltzes, slow-drags, etc., for those who delight to trip the light fantastic; and an early hour found the happy friends of Leon Joseph wending their weary footsteps homeward.

The committee, Messrs. J. W. Carter, R. P. Edwards, V. Gonzales, J. L. Sullivan, Shirley S. Jackson, R. C. Lynch, Leroy Williams, and MacPherson were highly complimented for their fine arrangements on this unique occasion.

Birthday Celebration At Hamilton

The Trustees Aid of St. Paul's A. M.E. Church met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. A. Hammond.

After a short meeting other friends gathered in honor of Mrs. May Brown's Birthday.

Mrs. Hammond made a few remarks speaking of the faithful services Mr. Brown had rendered the church and its different societies, and asked her out of love and appreciation to accept the shower of gifts from her many friends. The presentation was made by Mrs. Dev. Allen and Mrs. J. C. Holland. After an evening of music and games all partook of a dainty buffet luncheon.

Mr. R. A. Hammond acted as Toastmaster, Rev. Dr. Allen replying with a toast to our church; Mr. R. Toliver, one to our country; Mrs. (Rev.) Allen, one to Mrs. Brown.

All departed for their respective homes at an early hour of the morning after spending a very enjoyable time.