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ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT LIBERATOR TO BE RESPECTED

May 9th will mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of John Brown, the noted abolitionist. It is fitting that the memory of this splendid character should be observed by the race he sacrificed his life for in an effort to break the shackles of bondage and give it freedom from a cursed and inhuman institution.

John Brown struck the decisive blow that aroused the public conscience to the monstrous wrong of human slavery. This brave man who was not afraid to die for a righteous cause when on the way to the scaffold spoke words of cheer to the slave onlookers. About the last act of his life was to stop and kiss a colored child held in its mother's arms.

The churches, lodges and civic organizations should arrange appropriate programs extolling the virtues of this grand old man and the important part he played in bringing about the emancipation of the race.

RACE GIRL WINS THIRD PRIZE

Helen, the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ball, of this city, was successful in capturing the third prize in an instrumental contest at the Hobby Fair which was sponsored by the Rotary Club a few weeks ago. Two hundred children entered the contest ranging in age from 10 to 14 years. Helen was the only representative of our race who entered the contest. She was also the youngest competitor. With such rapid progress in so short a space of time, her teacher is firm in her belief that Helen is one of London's future stars. Too much cannot be said in praise of little Helen's accomplishments, for she has made it clear, as other race girls and boys are doing, that the Negro's brain is not inferior.

REJECT FORMER U. S. LYNCHER FOR HUNGARIAN JOB

A cable from Europe published in the Brooklyn Times states that in response to an advertisement by the Hungarian Government, for the purpose of filling the office of public executioner, there were 500 applicants, among them three women. One of the applicants claimed to have taken part in 25 lynchings in the United States. This qualification did not get him the job.

LEAGUE DIRECTOR



MR. GEORGE A. WENIGE, Mayor of City of London for the past three years, and an active member of the Executive of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People. He devotes a large part of his very valuable and crowded time to its interest. Known by everyone as "the man who made walking expensive."

Road Roamers En-Fete

Toronto, Can.—"The Sensation of the Season," was the conclusion arrived at by those who attended the Annual Reception and Ball of the Road Roamers, local No. 175 of C.N.R. Porters, which was held in the newly decorated Occidental Palace Hall, this city, last Thursday evening.

Limited space forbids details of the numerous features of this gracious occasion that were consummated under the master hand of Mr. W. E. Harris, the faultless dancing-director and his assistants, of which the Original Bostonian Orchestra was most notable.

Suffice to say that not in many moons, if ever, has the Group in Toronto had the opportunity of attending a more happily comported assembly, whose guests of faultlessly dressed gents and daintily but gorgeously gowned ladies coupled in the well executed versatile dances of the day, left nothing to be desired.

The most tempting viands of the season were excellently served by a Welcome Committee, under the leadership of Chairman E. R. Bradley, and the wee sma' hours found the guests reluctant to leave

Prominent Woman Dies Unattended In the Jail

Colored people of Lexington, Kentucky, are aroused over the treatment resulting in her death given by the local police to Mrs. Gertrude Boulter, a prominent church and civic worker, who, when she became unconscious from acute indigestion on the street, was taken to a local jail on charges of intoxication, and without any medical attendance was allowed to die in her cell.

Local colored organizations, including the Lexington branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, combined in presenting a protest to Mayor Hogan Yancey and in demanding a rigid investigation of the neglect shown by the police. The petition presented to the mayor and Safety Commissioner Gentry of Lexington refers to the "tragic and disgraceful" death of Mrs. Boulter and gives the following statement of what occurred:

"Suffering from a severe attack of indigestion last Wednesday evening, she fell unconscious on the street on her way home from work. In this state she was picked up by officers about 10.30 and taken to the police station for drunk. She, it seems, was left alone during the night, without medical aid or any attention whatever, and was found dead in the cell the next morning.

"Mrs. Boulter was highly respectable, a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church, a member of the Y.W.C.A., active in the Woman's Council Community Service and several fraternal organizations. She was an active worker at the polls last year and was one of the committee and contributor to the Welfare League. The best Negro women and citizens of Lexington wish here to enter our protest, disgust and indignation against such treatment toward our law-abiding citizens.

"Indeed, we are much alarmed and feel that we have no protection whatever; we therefore beg you to make a thorough investigation of this case and if need be to so amend the laws or city ordinances so that the respectable women of our race would not have to die in a cell in the police station, if found in an unconscious state on the street.

"Inasmuch as there were no signs of intoxication as certified by the coroner, no disorderly conduct, no scars to indicate quarrel, coupled with the fact that she was neatly dressed, we feel that either our colored police woman, probation officer, city physi-

CLARENCE DARROW TO ADDRESS N. A. A. C. P. IN DENVER, COLORADO

Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, nationally known lawyer, has accepted an invitation to address the sixteenth annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in Denver this June. Another prominent jurist, Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver, has also accepted an invitation to address the N. A. A. C. P. Conference. Judge Lindsey, whose recent re-election was contested by the Ku Klux Klan, has just won his office on an official recount of the ballots cast.

The N. A. A. C. P. reports great interest in the conference throughout the Middle West and the East. Harry E. Davis, of Cleveland, a member of the Ohio State Legislature and of the N. A. A. C. P. Board of Directors, hopes to have a large enough delegation from Cleveland so that they may have a special Pullman car. Walter White, assistant secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., reports great enthusiasm in Camden and Philadelphia, where he addressed meetings recently, and states that a number of people will go to Denver from both of those cities. Pueblo, Colorado, is now endeavoring to organize a delegation of 25 to attend the conference.

Shorter Church, in Denver, which was to have been the conference headquarters, having been destroyed by fire, the headquarters will be established at the Zion Baptist Church and all meetings and mass meetings will be held there except those scheduled for the City Auditorium of Denver.

On learning of Editor Jenkins' illness Mrs. (Rev.) H. D. Wright made it convenient to stop over in London for a few hours for the special purpose of visiting him and his family. Mrs. Wright was en route from Montreal to Buxton, where she had spent a few months with her daughter, Mrs. Vera Ashby.

cian or trained nurse might have been called to identify her since few of our best citizens are known by the white policemen."

The petition was signed by Mrs. L. B. Fouse, representing the City Federation of 40 Clubs and the National Association of Colored Women, as well as by practically all of the leaders in civic, fraternal and church work in the city, and was endorsed editorially by the local white press.