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League Branch Doings

BRANTFORD

On Monday, October 12th, 1925, our Executive Secretary, Mr. J. F. Jenkins, spoke on the aims and objects of the C.L.A.C.P. He spoke so enthusiastically about this organization that a branch league was formed here in Brantford.

On November the 2nd, 1925, the first meeting was held and although our membership then was not large all were present and since that time the organization has grown wonderfully, which shows that we are progressing and not falling off. Our membership has increased from Nov. 2nd, 1925, from ten members to twenty-five at the present date.

Our work has consisted mostly in a spirit of union on a social scale. We believe that if we can get the people interested socially we can do wonders, and with all the officers being women and no men, we ought to be going to with God's help, keep on.

On Monday, Nov. 30th, 1925, a successful box social was held for the purpose of starting off our treasury and raising money for our charter, and a very neat sum was realized to start off with.

Feb. 26th, 1926 saw a very splendid concert put on in Brantford by all members of the C.L.A.C.P. It was thought that Brantford had no talent, being one of Ontario's small cities and populated by so few Colored People, but this League has found out that we have all the talent we need with some practice. We owe it to this League to find this out, wherefore if it had not been for the C.L.A.C.P. we would not have found that Brantford people could put on a concert to please the public with our own local talent and not call on outsiders. Also, we repeated our concert on May 4th, 1926 in the B.M.E. Church which was a decided success all our benefits going to decorate the Church Parsonage. Both of these concerts were absolutely a success, both realizing splendid sums.

Although our league is small we are mighty, and we intend to do a great work in the future.

We are getting our younger people

interested in this and on May 3rd, 1926 we had a very interesting evening consisting in the nature of a literary contest, each member brought a paper on the aims and objects of our League and how we can better our League. Every one was very good and each one had the same spirit. We noticed in starting, they all spoke of starting on self-esteem, which every one knows, leads to all the worth while things in life.

We are looking forward to our Anniversary Sunday, which will be held in October at an early date.

Great things are expected of the Brantford Branch and greater things shall be accomplished. Our next effort will be to raise finance for our National Body.

GLADYS Walker, Pres.,
1 Park Ave. Brantford

LONDON

London, Ont., May 26, 1926.

The London Branch of the C.L.A.C.P. has not been asleep. Through our influence one of our members has been named Assistant Judge of the Juvenile Court of the city. During the winter of 1925 a colored family lost everything through fire. Our appeal brought splendid results and we were successful in entirely refurnishing their house and securing many articles of clothing. We took in hand two deserted widows with children. In the one case we secured a house, had one month's provisions and fuel provided for. In the other case we looked after the two older children, paid a month's board for the mother and baby; paid a woman to care for the baby while the mother looked for work. She now has a steady position and is doing nicely.

We took up the case of a deserted mother with three children. She had applied for the mother's allowance several times without satisfactory results. Through strenuous efforts and through much discouragement, we finally assisted her in securing the allowance.

Two cases in which our citizens had come before the courts we asked and received clemency for them on

the grounds that their records had been clean.

Through our efforts, combined with those of other good citizens, an Adult Class was formed during the present year which met in the downtown library and was instructed by a professor from the University of Western Ontario.

In a general way we have awakened a great desire for spiritual and material progress and out of this spirit there have sprung into being other activities which are a credit, not only to us as a race, but to the City of London as a whole.

WINDSOR

Mr. J. F. Jenkins,
Executive Sec. C.L.A.C.P.,
My dear friend Jenkins—

Yours of the 18th re Branch report, did not reach me until this morning. I am hastening, however to reply and report to you as briefly and as accurately as possible on the work of the Branch here. While we are not making a big noise we are working quietly for the betterment of our people. We held a mass meeting for the Sweet Defense Fund and raised \$50 and prepared ourselves to raise further sums as the case should demand. We are very glad to say that the first of the separate trials resulted in a verdict of "not guilty" and we rejoiced as much here as our brethren did in Detroit. In our own city we had two minor cases brought to our notice, one of which was settled very amicably and the other one promises have been made to take care of it suitably. In this case, Rev. Seay, our pastor and a member of the National Executive Board, has been very prominent.

We have under contemplation the raising of funds to prepare for the coming campaigns and winter housing and also to aid the National Branch.

We ask your good wishes for our success here locally as we pray for your success nationally, and know that if every man and woman of color in this fair Dominion of ours will pull together, that success and prosperity will be ours both individually and collectively.

WM. H. KELLY,
Pres. Windsor Branch.

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\$500,000 Negro Housing Project From John D. Jr.

New York, May—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has come to the aid of the colored citizens of New York in solving the serious housing problem, which they have been facing.

It was announced Tuesday that the millionaire philanthropist had purchased an entire city block in the northern section of Harlem for approximately \$500,000. The block contains sixty city lots and is bounded by Seventh and Eighth Avenues. It will be used to build low rent homes on. The property has frontage on five streets. Andrew J. Thomas architect announced that half a dozen plans for improvement of the property were under consideration.

Girl Orator Third In U. S. Contest

Los Angeles, Calif., May—(Special).—Viola Baucom, senior at Roosevelt High School, Friday was awarded 3rd place in the grand finals of the Pacific Southwest territory in the National Oratorical contest on the Constitution. A \$100 prize was included in the award. Six boys and one girl all white, besides Miss Baucom, were in the finals representing the survivors in a long series of elimination contests involving 25,000 entrants. Four thousand persons heard the orations.

All the contestants but Miss Baucom chose The Constitution as the subject of their orations. She chose "Lincoln and the Constitution" as her subject, and delivered a masterful address on the works of the great emancipator.

Miss Baucom has taken an active interest in dramatics throughout her high school career. She expects to go to college to continue her work along the dramatic line.