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### Stay Home Campers Delight Audience

Magic music from the bute of the Pied Piper was heard again on Saturday afternoon when the children who have been participating in the Y.M. - Y.W.C.A. "Stay-at-Home" camp program at Russell Street park enacted the famous play by Robert Browning for parents and friends.

The presentation was held in conjunction with the closing exercises of the two-week camp and under the direction of Mrs. U. T. Mays. Sets were designed and executed by Max Bradford, A. E. C. Slater and F. Milne of the Sarnia Sketch Club. Assistance in this department was also given by Mrs. A. J. C. Payne and Winston Walker for the Sarnia Drama League.

Program chairman was Alex Sinclair, representing the Board of Directors of the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. In his preliminary remarks he commended Mrs. G. E. Evans and members of the parks program committee who with Miss Barbara Plewman, girls' program secretary for the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A., arranged the camp program. Purpose of the venture was to lead and supervise constructive play among children who are spending the summer in the city. A telegram of congratulations was read from Aubrey Oldham, chairman of the "Y" Board.

W. E. Germain, chairman of the Sarnia Board of Parks management and representative of Sarnia Lions Club, expressed pleasure that the parks were being used for such a progressive undertaking. He asked the co-operation of the parents in seeing that children do not abuse parks properties and equipment.

The story of how the ancient town of Hamelin was rid of a plague of rats was related over a public address system by Ruth Ladewig, while the members of the cast enacted the piece in pantomime. Appearing in proper white wigs and elaborate robes of office were Lyle Nichols, the mayor, and councilmen Billie Barr, Bob Berglund, Kirk Berglund and Robert Houston.

Pied Piper Jimmie Powers, in coat half of yellow and half of red was followed about the playground by "rats" who were eventually to "drown" in the mold spray of the wading pool.

Climax of the play arrived when the children followed the piper through a split in the back curtain on which were portrayed the sun-kissed mountains and forests of that mythical land.

Costumes were made by the children under supervision during their handicraft periods.

#### WALTER WHITE IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, — Walter White, NAACP secretary, now in Europe to attend sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations as a consultant, has left Paris for a tour of United States military establishments and displaced persons encampments in Germany according to word received here today.

### Africa Opposes U.N. Rights Plan

PARIS — (C.P.) — South Africa today assaulted a declaration on human rights proposed by the United Nations Assembly Social Committee and flatly rejected several parts.

M. E. H. Louw, South African Economics Affairs Minister, said the declaration "would destroy the whole basis of our multi-racial structure." His country could not accept an article pledging equal rights and freedoms without race or color distinctions.

Louw also told the committee that the right to participate in Government "is not an absolute right which belongs to every person as such." He added that it is conditioned "not only by nationality but also by qualifications of franchise."

He said the declaration should be limited to the category of rights capable of universal application including freedom of speech and religion, inviolability of person and property and free access to courts.

Ralph Maybank, parliamentary assistant in Canada's Health and Welfare Department, earlier told the committee the Dominion is in general agreement with the human rights declaration. Afterwards, in an interview, he said the Canadian delegation will suggest a number of changes in wording in the interest of clarification.

Although Canada has no national declaration of human rights, the Dominion's concepts were developed as a result of "daily contacts of free men living together and sharing common basic objectives," he said.

The declaration which the committee is considering sets out "equal and unalienable" rights of man, with specific reference to slavery, involuntary servitude, arbitrary arrest and detention, and freedom of movement and residence.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt presided over the United Nations Human Rights Commission which drafted the declaration last May. Thursday she told the Social Committee the United States would accept the declaration without amendment if other countries followed suit. There appeared no prospect of that.

### Goderich Plans Community Affairs

GODERICH, Oct. 1 — The first of the community concerts to be held under the local Community Concert Association will be presented by "de Paul's Infantry Chorus" on Monday evening, November 22. The chorus consists of 36 Negro ex-G.I.'s trained and directed by Leonard de Paur.

The second concert of the series will be held on March 15, by a piano-cello duo, Nikolae and Joanna Grandan.

A crack two-piano team, Whittemore and Lowe, will present the third concert.

There were 712 subscriptions for the series sold in Goderich and district during a campaign for membership last week.

### Community Centre Names Committee

Plans for the long contemplated Ward Three Community Centre took definite form last night at a meeting in the hall of Grace United Church, Hamilton Rd. when officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. C. E. Howson, president; R. Findlath, vice-president; Miss Marion Jenkins, secretary; A. C. Robinson, corresponding secretary; J. Marriage, treasurer; ways and means committee: Charles Heath, chairman; Miss E. Blakeman, A. Bernhardt; C. Johnson, W. D. Finch, O. C. Bridgeman, Rev. S. A. Moote and Mrs. Lucy Cole.

#### Groups Represented

About 30 members of various clubs and organizations were present and enthusiasm ran high. Among groups represented were London Labor Council, Y.W.C.A., East End Athletic Club, Ex-Service Wives, Mothers' and Guardians' Association, Chicken Coop Athletic Association and Grace United Athletic Club.

At an earlier meeting it had been decided to ask City Council for permission and assistance in erecting the proposed centre. The building planned for the corner of Ash and Sycamore streets, will provide a community focal point for clubs, youth organizations and other groups and with furnish recreational facilities for school children and adults of the community as a whole throughout the winter. It was emphasized that the centre would be for the use of the whole community without distinction as to race or religion and that no person or group would be refused use of the premises or participation in its activities.

#### Fully Equipped Building

The proposed building will be provided with all facilities usual to such a centre including a stage, art, library and recreational program as well as committee, dressing, shower and club rooms and kitchen.

Rev. S. A. Moote, pastor of Grace United Church, announced that the Public Utilities Commission had offered to administer and operate the centre, in co-operation with the various committees yet to be elected, if council would agree to appropriate the grounds in question.

It was the general opinion of the meeting that something concrete in the way of active organization must be in evidence before either the City Council or individual householders of Ward Three could be effectively approached.

It was announced that there will be a general meeting for the benefit of those interested in the project Thursday, October 14 at Grace United Church.

#### WHITE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY OUT

NEW YORK — "A Man Called White," the autobiography of Walter White, NAACP secretary, is scheduled for publication by Viking Press on Monday, October 4. The volume recounts Mr. White's career as an official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People over a period of 30 years.

### Housing Ended Discrimination In

TRENTON, N.J. — By action of the City Commission this week, Negro veterans were assured an opportunity to obtain housing in a Trenton veterans' housing project. According to charge made by Clifford R. Moore and Charles Williams of the Trenton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, city officials had planned, while refusing to pass on applications of Negro veterans, to admit white veterans to the completed units.

Protests were made to city officials and to the State Department of Economic Development, which had built the homes, by NAACP branch officials and by Mrs. Marian Wynn Perry, NAACP assistant special counsel.

The City Commission and representatives of the Trenton Committee on Veterans' Housing have now agreed that no applicants will be admitted to the project until all applications have been screened and passed upon without discrimination.

#### REPORTS IMPROVEMENT IN MORALE OF TROOPS

New York — "Morale among Negro troops in Germany is high although the situation is complicated by failure of the War Department to end segregation," Walter White, NAACP secretary, reports in a communication received here today.

Mr. White's report followed a week's tour of troop installations and displaced persons' camps in Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Mannheim, Nurnberg, Kissingen, Giessen, Karlsruhe and Berlin.

Contributing to higher morale is the increased proportion of Negro servicemen now assigned to combat outfits, nearly half of whom are now so assigned. The higher morale is reflected in a reduction in the crime rate which last month, Mr. White reports, was lower than that for white troops and the lowest in the history of the occupation.

In Berlin, the NAACP official observed that most of the work handling supplies for the air lift into the American, French and British sectors is being done by Negro troops.

Following his tour of inspection, Mr. White returned today to Paris where he is serving as a consultant to the United Nations General Assembly.

#### WHERE INTOLERANCE HURTS.

(Welland-Port Colborne Tribune)

We in Canada believe in racial and religious tolerance if we believe in anything at all that makes our civilization distinctive and worth preserving.

There is a phase of that, however, which we do not often think about. We think of the injury done to the innocent against whom prejudice and ill-feeling operate. We do not think often enough of what intolerance does to the person who lets it creep into his being.

### Seek To Ban Jim Crow Housing

NEW YORK — Renewing the attack against residential segregation, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week joined with the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union in filing a brief asking the Appellate Division to reverse a lower court decision which affirmed the right of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to exclude Negroes from its semi-public Stuyvesant Town housing project in lower Manhattan.

The appeal, filed on September 20, involves two cases: one on behalf of three rejected Negro applicants, and the other by Shad Pollier, vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, suing as a taxpayer.

The Metropolitan Company admits that it has refused to accept Negroes in Stuyvesant Town. The plaintiffs argue that this discrimination is unconstitutional because the project was built with the aid and cooperation of New York State and the City of New York. The Constitution forbids racial discrimination by the State Government and its branches; the plaintiffs urged in their brief that this restraint applies also "when the State acts through a private corporation in performing its public functions."

Money from both Negro and white taxpayers is benefiting the life insurance company, since tax exemption was granted for twenty-five years on the improved value of the land. The total saved by this exemption will come to more than fifty million dollars over the full period.

The brief concludes: "If the defendants' contention is sustained, there will be, within a stone's throw of the United Nations building, a gigantic undertaking in which racial segregation is not only openly avowed, but publicly subsidized and approved. It is undesirable, dangerous, and, above all, illegal."

The plaintiffs are represented by NAACP Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall and Mrs. Marian Wynn Perry, assistant special counsel; Will Maslow of the American Jewish Congress; and Charles Abrams of the American Civil Liberties Union.

#### MR. JAMES BELL

The death of Mr. James Bell, past treasurer of the City of London, was greatly felt by the members of Beth Emanuel Church. It will be some time if ever such a staunch friend will come to our rescue. The B. M.E. Church had always been known as Mr. Bell's church. Never at any time did he let an opportunity pass to assist in any way he could. He was treasurer of the building fund and a good one. On Thanksgiving Day at our annual dinner it did not seem the same. Always he brought a crowd to dine with us and lemon pies were always made especially for him.