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Negro Teachers Being Accepted

CHICAGO — Can Negro teachers gain the respect of pupils whose parents have "accepted" the lynching and maltreatment of Negroes for generations? One white mother says yes, and tells how in her own story, "I'm Glad My Daughter's Teacher Is A Negro", in the March issue of EBONY Magazine.

Mrs. Sue Meyers Gerard, the white mother, tells the turmoil of her mind and how she acts to save her two children from bigotry when integration comes to her rural town in southern Missouri.

A swimming instructor in an all-white college, Mrs. Gerard had made the decision to teach swimming to racially-mixed classes in Flint, Michigan, during World War II, and had returned to her home where "few of my rural Missouri neighbors have faced the race situation so personally."

Why was Mrs. Gerard that that Mrs. Eva Coleman, a Negro, was her daughter's teacher? When asked this question by her son, Mrs. Gerard "leaned back and tried to compose my 44 years of attitudes into a single thought."

Her extended answer gnaws at the Southern conscience, and meets head-on the fearful questions on both sides of the integration problem.

Maytag Donates For Education

NEWTON, IOWA—Four national educational and rural youth organizations have been awarded grants totaling \$3,800 by the Maytag Company Foundation, Inc.

A \$2,000 grant went to the National Fund for Medical Education which offers financial assistance to the nation's 82 accredited medical schools.

The United Negro College fund, which serves 33 private Negro colleges, universities and professional schools in the United States, received a \$1,000 grant.

Named recipients of grants totaling \$800 were the Future Farmers of America Foundation and the National 4-H Club Foundation.

Similar grants have been made by the Maytag Foundation to all of these groups annually since the foundation was established six years ago.

"We are better than we know, but not as good as we think."

Royal Residence Great Attractions

Down the centuries the British Royal Family has acquired quite a number of different homes in just the same ways as other people do — built them, bought them, or inherited them. Some of the more recent ones like Queen Victoria's beloved Balmoral in Scotland, and Sandringham, Edward VII's country home in Norfolk, are kept private — places where the Royal Family can get away from crowds for a spell in summer or at Christmas and enjoy themselves like anyone else; and Buckingham Palace, the Queen's chief residence, is not open to the public. But most of the others can be seen at various times, and it is well worthwhile to make a tour of them.

While you are in London you must not miss St. James's Palace, only a few hundred yards from Piccadilly. The Queen does not live there, but the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Princess Royal have their London homes in part of it, the Duke of Windsor lived there when he was Prince of Wales, and at its southern angle is Clarence House, home of the Queen Mother.

St. James's, a small 'cosy' palace, rubbing shoulders with the rest of London, was built in the sixteenth century by Henry VIII — probably to the design of Holbein — on the site of a leper hospital. After the Palace of Whitehall was burnt down in 1698 it was made the official residence of British sovereigns, and although Buckingham Palace later became their home, foreign ambassadors are still designated to 'the Court of St. James's'. Charles II, James II, Mary II, Queen Anne and George IV were all born at St. James's, and it was here that Charles I spent the last three nights before his execution.

Kensington Palace

Away to the west is peaceful Kensington Palace set in the heart of Kensington Gardens, one of London's public parks. William III, Anne, and the first and second Georges all lived in this palace, and the old house was altered and enlarged by Sir Christopher Wren. But it is the spirit of Queen Victoria that lingers here, not as the old lady who was head of a great empire, but as a young, inexperienced girl. She was born in Kensington Palace in 1819, and it was here that she was woken at six o'clock on a June morning in 1837 to be told she was Queen.

Away up the Thames we come to another historic palace — Hampton Court — a magnificent pile of ancient buildings beside the river. The first king to live here was, as at St. James's, Henry VIII. The Palace was actually built by Cardinal Wolsey for his

own use, and he presented it to Henry in a last, unavailing effort to regain the King's favor. Henry lived here in turn with five of his six wives, and the ghost of the unhappy Catherine Howard is said to linger in the Haunted Gallery. Catherine was accused of misconduct just over a year after her marriage, arrested and later beheaded. One day she escaped her guards and fled along this gallery towards the chapel where the King was at Mass, but she was intercepted and her despairing cries are still — we are told — sometimes heard echoing through the empty rooms.

Windsor Castle is, of course, one of the best-known palaces in the world. Its history goes back to the time of William the Conqueror, but Edward the Confessor had a palace here before, so it has been the home of British kings and queens for nearly a thousand years. To look at, it is the perfect castle of old romance; its magnificent towers and battlements standing on a green mound above the quietly waters of the Thames.

Windsor's Rich History

History is rich and varied at Windsor; days of rejoicing and mourning, royal births, marriages and deaths, political prisoners languishing in dungeons, and princely banquets. In Henry V's time a prince, later James I of Scotland, was imprisoned here and watched from his window the beautiful Lady Jane Beaufort walking among the roses. He fell in love with her there and then, and later she became his queen. On a tragic day of 1649 the beheaded Charles I was silently buried in St. George's Chapel, Bishop Juxon whispering the words of the Burial Service, for the rites of the Church were forbidden by the Puritans. Today the Castle with its wonderful pictures, furniture, china and historical treasures is open on weekdays through the year, except when the Queen is in residence.

Holyrood House at the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile is full of shadowy memories of Mary Queen of Scots. Originally an Abbey, the Palace was started about 1500 by James IV of Scotland, and enlarged and improved by 1561 when Mary came over from France. It was here that she spent the first, happier days of her reign, here that the luckless Rizzio was murdered, and here that she finally married Bothwell. Three weeks later she left Holyrood and never returned. Since the union of England and Scotland it has been the sovereign's official Scottish home, and the present Queen spends about a week here every summer holding court functions. But none the less as one wanders round the old rooms it is of Mary that one thinks. Each palace has its own memories which go to make up the pattern of Britain's history.

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