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TRINIDADIANS PICK LONDON FOR HOME

Joseph E. Clarke and Wife Follow Son Who Is Western Medical Student

Choosing to settle in London because "our boy is going to university here," Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Clarke, recently of Port of Spain, Trinidad, arrived in Canada recently after a lifetime spent in the West Indies colony.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clarke are delighted with their early impressions of their new home town and its people, they told The Free Press.

"Every impression is very favorable," they declared. They have secured accommodation at 47 Oxford Street West and are pleased to get a home so close to the university where their boy is studying.

"Our boy is George Clarke who has completed the first year of his B.Sc.-M.D. course at the University of Western Ontario, and is just finishing a course at the university summer school.

Mr. Clarke spent 37 years in Government service in Trinidad, the first 12 in the treasury, excise and customs departments. The last 25 years he spent in the education department and is now on six months' leave prior to retirement from his position as chief inspector of schools for Trinidad. He had been acting as deputy director of education since last December and resigned that position to come to Canada.

Although reticent about his achievements in the field of education, Mr. Clarke admitted winning a gold medal in mathematics in a senior Cambridge examination and in a similar Latin examination, open to students from all over the world, Mr. Clarke placed eighth.

Educated in England

He received his education in Trinidad and England, and prior to joining the Government service was second master at Naparima College, in Trinidad.

Mr. Clarke stated that his work as an inspector was concerned mainly with primary schools, and that he was hoping for an opportunity of seeing how the Canadian primary school system works. He has reached retirement age for Trinidad Government officials, and said that any further educational work that he might do would likely be as a hobby interest "to keep my wits sharp."

The Clarks flew from Trinidad to Canada in record time, leaving there at 7.30 p.m., July 13, and arriving in London at 5 a.m., July 15. They flew as far as Toronto with stops at Miami and New York, and came the last leg of the long journey by train.

Visited Canada Previously.

Although seeing London for the first time, they were not perfect strangers to the country, having visited Canada in 1938 when they came as far as Toronto and Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have traveled to England, Wales, Scotland, Belgium, Holland, France and Switzer-

B.M.E. CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN THE B.M.E. CHOIR FROM DRESDEN, ONT.

On Sunday, Sept. 15th the B.M.E. Church of this city will have as their guests during the three services, Rev. E. R. Richardson of N. Buxton and the Dresden choir of 26 voices. Rev. Clifford Johnson, pastor, invites you to come and hear this wonderful program. Meals will be served in the Sunday School room of the Church to those wishing same during the noon hour, D.S.T.

erland on the six-month leaves which Mr. Clarke received every four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have two other sons, one still in Trinidad, and the other at present in the United States. The eldest, Joseph E. Clarke, Jr., is a first class clerk in the treasury department of Trinidad while the second son, John, was recently discharged from the Canadian army. He came to Canada in August, 1943, and joined the R.C.A.S.C. After training at Camp Borden, he went to England and the continent where he served as a dispatch rider. Although at present in the United States, his parents stated that he liked Canada sufficiently to seek Canadian citizenship.

London Recommended

The new arrivals spoke highly of Canadians in Trinidad whom, they declared, specialize in missionary work and education of East Indians, and mentioned their acquaintance with four Canadian ministers, one of whom advised them to come to London when told that they were going to settle in Canada.

When queried as to his hobbies, Mr. Clarke mentioned music, cricket and tennis, in that order. He disclosed that he had composed a few waltzes, while in Trinidad but modestly stated that he kept the identity of the composer a secret, and described the experience of dancing to some of his music without any other dancers knowing that the composer was also present on the floor.

He has been an enthusiastic cricketer for many years and captained a team which won the 1946 Trinidad cup just after he left for Canada.

Trinidadian Song

With an athletic appearance belying his years, he is still interested in athletics, and was just leaving for the university tennis courts yesterday afternoon when telephoned by The Free Press.

When his interviewer jokingly asked if Trinidadians really drank "rum and Coca-Cola," Mr. Clarke asserted that the song was composed by a native of Trinidad although American soldiers stationed there had an indirect hand in its birth. The Yanks, who have a well-known fondness for "coke," also grew to like Trinidad rum, and began to mix the two, giving the idea for the song to a native calypso singer. Thus it came about that "Rum and Coca-Cola" had its first premiere in a carnival tent in Trinidad.

Mr. Clarke also intends to continue his interest in English literature and French, but ruefully admitted that his cricket game would probably suffer in London.



RUSSELL RUDD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rudd, Toronto, who served three years in R.C.A.F. as Navigator, attended University of Omaha, 1938-41 and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity (Negro). Mr. Rudd has taken a position as Laboratory Assistant with Ontario Department of Health. He plans to be a Veterinary Surgeon.

In one of the greatest health safety measures now in operation, the provincial laboratory at Queen's Park is testing 75 to 100 samples of water daily to detect bacteria and prevent epidemics.

Last month more than 1,500 samples of water from many sections of the province went through the test tubes under the trained eyes of laboratory technicians.

Reports show that for the greater part samples of municipal water supplies meet the health standards but samples drawn from wells and springs on summer camp properties and farms divide on about a 60-40 basis, with the larger percentage in favor of purer water.

The tests result in four grades with A classified as pure; B, drinkable, and not considered dangerous; while C and D are definitely "out" for drinking purposes in the raw state. The two lowest grades can be used after being boiled or treated with bacteria-killing chemicals.

The summer months of July and August bring the most work to the laboratory technicians as the samples pour in from summer resorts, cottages and camps.

NAACP INTERCEDES IN GI COURTS-MARTIAL

New York, August 16th — One by one, slowly and tirelessly, the decisions pronounced by prejudiced courts-martial on Negro servicemen are being reviewed. This fight for justice is being spearheaded by the NAACP and its legal staff. As a result of its efforts, a reduction of sentences totaling 2100 years has been secured. 9 death sentences have been remitted and 6 life sentences reduced. At present, petitions are pending in behalf of 5 men sentenced to death and of 11 other serving life terms.

Favorable news has just been received in the case of former serviceman, LeRoy Steen, who spent over 15 months in the death cell, charged with violation of the 92nd Article of

ENJOYS LIVING THO' HANDLESS, FOOTLESS HARD TO PICK UN-PREJUDICED JURY

Like several GI casualties in World War II, little Sammy Workman has no hands or feet. But unlike these soldier heroes, the 23-year-old Los Angeles youth has no artificial hands or feet to replace those he lost when stricken by a mysterious disease when a baby of 2.

But Sammy Workman has in 20 years learned to live without hands and feet and get around almost as a normal person.

Sammy was discovered several years back in his home town of Richmond, Virginia, by Peg Leg Bates, great dancer who won stage fame after losing a leg in an auto accident. Peg Leg took Sammy to New York and then to California, where he lives now. Sammy's big ambition is to get on the stage. He can sing and dance very well and his prowess in marble shooting, baseball throwing, writing with the nubs of his hands or feet should make him a hit.

First-born of Elizabeth and Hugh Workman of Richmond, he was a normal child and for two years cooed and played like other neighborhood youngsters.

Then a disease hit Sammy and his hands and feet simply fell off. Sammy says his mother never told him what kind of disease it was.

Sammy learned to dress himself, walk, run and play like other children. He was never allowed to believe he couldn't do anything the other children could do and he did them.

He went to the George Mason elementary school where he was a better than average student. He graduated from the Maggie L. Walker high school in 1942 in a class of one hundred.

In 1939 all the school children of Richmond put on a huge stage show with many celebrities taking part to raise money for artificial legs, in recognition of his magnificent courage in the face of such a great physical handicap. With them he learned to drive an automobile and he got a job with the Richmond delivery company driving a truck. By pushing the pedals too hard, he injured his legs and is unable to wear them until an operation is performed. He plans to get the operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

War. His death sentence has been commuted and his period of confinement reduced to twenty years imprisonment.

Steen had been awaiting execution since May, 1945. This extended period of confinement without any information about the action taken upon his sentence was denounced by the NAACP as unjust, unfair and inhuman.

On June 25, 1946, the NAACP petitioned the Secretary of War for clemency on his behalf, and urged that his sentence be drastically reduced, as they were convinced of man's innocence.

Lawrenceburg, Tenn. — As the trial of 25 Columbia, Tennessee Negroes charged with attempted murder moves into its second week in Negro-hating Lawrenceburg County, it is becoming increasingly evident that it will be impossible to pick a non-prejudiced jury. After three days of questioning, only two jurors have been accepted out of 46, all of whom admitted, in one bigoted statement or another, that they could not give a Negro a fair trial.

One juror, W. E. Staggs, a 64-year-old white farmer, told the court he wouldn't give the same credit to testimony offered by a Negro as he would to that of a white man. He told Maurice Weaver, NAACP attorney for the defense, that he believed in separate types of justice for Negroes and whites and added that he thought some of the principles of the Ku Klux Klan were "very good". After unsuccessfully moving for Staggs' rejection for cause, lawyers for the defense surprised the court by accepting this biased man as the first juror. Possibly Staggs' presence on the jury can serve later, in the event of any or all the defendants' conviction, as a major reversible error and cause for a retrial.

It is also clear that the state does not intend to permit a Negro to serve on the jury. Two have been questioned—the first in the county in 50 years—but both were excused.

more in the near future.

After coming to California Sammy became known all over Los Angeles, making friends easily. He worked on the spotlight for Curtis Mosby, owner of a large cabaret, until someone found out that Sammy was not 21 and therefore not allowed in a night club. He got the job when he became of age.

Among his large circle of friends are members of every profession. Lucky Millinder, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Lena Horne, Eddie (Rochester) Anderson, Mantan Moreland, Earl Hines (with whom he has a stand feud on the pool table), and Erskine Hawkins know of and admire Sammy's great courage.

Sammy, who writes a better hand than most business people, sends his mother a letter every week.

He has taken his handicap in stride, replaced his defects with new talents. All that he asks for today is an equal break.

Sammy has complete confidence in his ability to master any and every game played by normal people with hands and feet. He does not ask for pity or sympathy or money but just a chance to earn a living.

Seeing is believing in Sammy's case and many thousands are expected this summer to turn out to ball parks to witness his amazing feats despite lack of hands and feet.