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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.

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### 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.



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**Editorial****MOTHER OF MINE**

On Sunday, May 10th, we observe another Mother's Day. It is only right and just that a glowing tribute be paid to this sweetest of all characters.

Men are largely what their mothers make them. This is said to be true of their physiques; it is certainly true of their characters. The mother is the first factor of the soul. In her face is our earliest vision of heaven, and in her love do we find our sweetest and most comforting revelation of God. He is a strange man who must be urged to honor the memory of his mother; a cheap man who tries to excuse his own shortcomings by reflecting on his mother's training, and a brute who is ever anything but thoughtful and considerate of her who placed her own life in jeopardy to give him being.

How memory of mother steals over us! It sings itself like a song into the tired heart. It falls like a prayer from heaven on human need. It changes gray to gold in the cold cloud of a stormy sky, and packs the night of disappointment with stars of hope. In this changing and restless life there is one thing that is as steady as the shining of the sun. A mother's love knows no invariableness, neither shadow of turning. It will pay any price, endure any sacrifice, face any peril, bear any shame, and die without a murmur, for a child.

A man can always be sure of one friend—his mother. The world may turn him down, but she stands by him. Society may lose faith in him, but in the face of all the doubts that may blacken his name, she believes in him. When there is nothing left of his palace of hope but the ruins, his mother comes and sits with him there in the gloom, and whispers hope, and bids him play the man, and heartens his very soul, until before he knows it he is building castles in the air again.

She may have crossed the silent river, but he is sure she has not forgotten. If the dead can think of us, mother is thinking of her children; if the dead can pray, she is keeping the old vigil. My own mother has been in heaven for a number of years, but her memory is to me the most precious, and grows more beautiful with each passing year. In the hallowed silence of memory I can see her dear face, and heaven is never so near as when the radiant mantle of a mother's influence falls about our life.

F. O. STEWART.

**Letters to the Editor**

Mr. Editor: While watching a game of ball recently, the players of which included several young women, I was suddenly aroused from my meditations by a violent slap on the back, accompanied by the words: "Well, you old piker, now what is on your mind?" Well, I turned and faced a friend of my school days, and without any hesitancy at once made known to him the thoughts that occupied my mind at the moment, and shortly we were engaged in a spirited argument, brought about by me saying that I could not understand the changes that were taking place at present. I told him to take notice that the little girls were playing marbles with the boys, and the little boys were skipping the rope with the girls, and the larger girls were playing ball with the young men, and playing very well at that, and he insisted that that was all right and just as it should be.

Then I reminded him that the men and boys were having their hair cut long, and the girls and women were having their hair cut short, and he said that was all right, and that I must have a grouch of some kind, that I was unprogressive and old-fashioned, and he kindly invited me to go with him to his home, with the information that his wife happened to be out and he wished that I would sample and pass judgment on the quality of some dandelion wine of which he had previously boasted and which was now one year old.

Well, to his home and to the cellar. He quickly uncorked a bottle of beautiful transparent wine of an amber color and passed me some in a glass, which was the first I had ever tasted, and I told him that it reminded me of real wine all right, but that the name should be changed from dandelion wine to mule wine, but he insisted that it was perfectly harmless.

Very shortly, however, he began to tell me with a great show of pride what a gentle, lovable wife he had; that they never had a cross word nor a jar of any kind to the sublime tranquility of their home; that their domestic life was ideal. That she always spoke gently and kindly to him and that he was unquestionably the boss around his house, and I told him that was just fine and that he was very fortunate to have such an ideal wife, and then we heard this gentle angel coming in the front door. Now, we were both comfortably seated in chairs that had seen their best days in the dining-room, but my friend's chair at once seemed to become uncomfortable and, rising with the remark that his wife had returned, he started for the door.

She no doubt noticed my hat and topcoat as she came in, and suspected our whereabouts, and at once came into the dining-room and called him by name in a loud and authoritative voice, and he, replying meekly from the cellar below, justified her suspicions. Without any apology to me he immediately made his way out, but I followed closely, and at once she demanded of him an explanation, and he told her that he was showing me the furnace, to which she replied that the furnace was not in that part of the house, and besides, that was no place for him to entertain his company. By this time I was beginning to wish that I was on the outside and was

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## OWEN SOUND NOTES

May 3rd was the Lord's Day. It was a fine, bright day here. The morning service at the B. M. E. Church was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson, the text being taken from Acts, chap. xvi., verse 30, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" He spoke very impressively about the woman that followed Paul and Silas day after day and chiding with them, but she was a wicked woman and Paul, being grieved at her conduct, changed her course of life, which brought persecution to Paul and Silas. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteous cause. He should sing, Praise be to God then; we have a victory.

At the evening service the text was from Isaiah, lv., verse 6, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." With an earnest desire of heart and mind did the speaker press upon all to seek Him now. It was listened to with great interest by about 30 of a congregation.

The social held at Wm. Harrison's house on Tuesday, April 28th, was a decided success in every way. There was a good turn out and everybody enjoyed themselves. The proceeds amounted to \$17 clear. The ladies were highly congratulated by the B. M. E. church officials on their splendid success and all others who contributed and turned out to make the social a real joyful event.

The Mothers' Club are having a social gathering at the parsonage on Wednesday, May 6th, for the benefit of the pastor's salary. We wish them a good time.

Sunday, May 10th, is Mothers' Day, and the mothers are getting ready for a big turn out on that day.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Frances Molok is able to go out again after having a severe stroke last winter. She is looking well.

Our rally Sunday comes on the last Sunday in May. The officials are preparing for a big day. They are expecting the C. P. Railroad preacher, Mr. Johnson, to be here to conduct the services on that day. Pray for him that his coming to Owen Sound may be a blessing, both spiritual and temporal.

Master Wilson Woodbeck, Morton Scott, Johnnie Green and Herbert Bowie have started out on their boats which run from Owen Sound to Sault Ste. Marie. We wish them a happy and prosperous season and a safe return home again. May God bless the boys.

Mrs. J. White is still on the sick list. She is over 85 years old and has been a hard working woman and has raised a large family of children. She asks for the prayers of all God's people for her heavenly home when done with earth.

Master Leonard Taylor is around again and he is going to school, but his mother is still indisposed.

Mrs. Alice Harrison is confined to her home yet. We miss her very much in our church work. We are praying for her good health again.

## HALIFAX NOTES

Easter services in the Cornwallis St. Baptist Church and the A. M. E. were largely attended. Both churches had special programs in which the young people of the Sunday schools took one of the services. At the evening service in the A. M. E. Messrs. F. A. Critchlow, medical student at Dalhousie University, and Charles

Allison, barber, were the violinists.

The Odd Fellows had a very delightful concert last Thursday evening.

Principal Clarence MacKinnon, of Pine Hill Presbyterian College, and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Rev. W. Constantine Perry were the speakers at the Intercolonial Club on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Mills, who is employed at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, spent the Easter with her parents in New Glasgow.

The Rev. W. Constantine Perry, who has been pastor of the Second Baptist Church, New Glasgow, is now in Halifax. At a farewell meeting the church passed a resolution expressing their regret at the departure of Mr. Perry, also their confidence in him as an earnest preacher and an energetic worker. Mr. Perry made a trip to Boston last month.

Miss Dolly Smithers, of New Glasgow, is a visitor in the city, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Perry at 19 Moran St.

The Cornwallis Baptist Church has just closed a very successful evangelistic campaign, lasting over six weeks.

## CAYUGA NOTES

Mrs. Annie Burke and family, of Canfield, spent Sunday in Toronto.

Mr. Fred McLean, of Hamilton, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Albert Smith.

Miss Mary Smith has returned home after visiting in Hamilton.

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### LONDON NOTES

#### B. M. E. CHURCH

Sunday, May 3rd, was observed as "Women's Day" at Beth-Emanuel Church. Splendid services were conducted during the day by the women of the church, with Mrs. M. Drake and Mrs. J. Brown presiding at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. Mrs. E. Groat and Mrs. J. Irons were the speakers at the morning service, while Mrs. D. A. McKay, of the London Religious Education Council, gave the evening address. Mrs. Nellie Slaughter of the Hill Street Baptist Church rendered a solo at the 11 o'clock service, and Mrs. Christina Jenkins gave a very interesting paper at the evening meeting. The chief feature of the day was the large number of women present, 82 women attending the services during the day, against 34 men. The offerings for the day were very good and will keep the men hustling to beat. On Monday night the stewardestesses' board gave a Japanese tea social which was very unique.

Special Mother's Day services next Sunday, May 10th. "Go to Sunday School" program at 3 p.m., auspices of Sunday School department. Special mothers' meeting at 7 p.m., with special speakers.

Mr. Walter Taylor and family, and Mr. C. DeWeaver and wife, of Detroit, Mich., are visiting in the city, the guests of Mrs. J. Irons, mother of Mrs. Taylor. They all worshipped at the B. M. E. Church at 11 a.m. Mr. Taylor also addressed the brotherhood at 10 a.m.

A very interesting program was rendered in the church on Thursday, April 30th, under the auspices of the Church Aid. Receipts over \$24. We wish to thank all who helped us in our success.

Miss Hilda Carter, a student at the Normal School, was one of the participants in the Glee Club program at the school Monday night.

The high-class dry goods store of J. W. Bailey, of Hamilton Rd. and Rectory St., was entered last Sunday evening and several valuable articles were stolen. The safe was blown and the sum of \$3.49 was taken. It is fortunate that Mr. Bailey had removed most of his cash from the safe.

#### WOODSTOCK NOTES

Mr. George Morton is visiting his brother on Main St., Mr. Henry Morton.

The quarterly meeting will be held on the 31st of May. We hope for a large crowd. Come, everybody that can, and make this a successful quarterly meeting. Strangers are cordially invited.

Mr. Wallace Marshall spent Sunday the guest of his parents.

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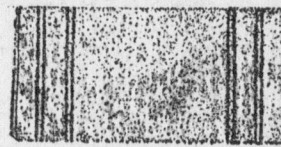
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#### ST. CATHARINES NOTES

Miss Olive Barnes, of Cayuga, Ont., is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Martha Young.

Miss Beatrice Gales, of Buffalo, N. Y., paid a week-end visit to St. Catharines and worshipped in the B. M. E. Church.

Mr. George Bell is much improved after a brief illness.

The B. M. E. 69th Annual Conference convenes in the B. M. E. Church, St. Catharines, Ont., June 23rd. The officers and members are looking forward to making it a record event.

#### STRATFORD NOTES

Mr. J. D. Hall and Cecil Miller motored to Dryton on Sunday. Miss Carol Harrison spent the week-end in Woodstock.

C. A. Johnson had charge of the services in the B. M. E. Church on May 3rd. The concert that was given in the church on May 1st was quite a success. Mr. Bryant was chairman. Mrs. Bryant supplied guitar and mandolin numbers, and Y. M. C. A. members also contributed to the program's musical selections. The audience would have been larger but the weather was very unfavorable. Cake and ice cream were served at the close.



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## Letters to the Editor

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edging my way to the door, no doubt  
with an expression of guilt on my  
face.

Now, my friend is fond of tobacco  
and uses it secretly from her, but as  
he smiled she said to him, "I see you  
have been chewing tobacco again," and  
he stood there meekly and silently  
with both hands in his pants pockets.  
"Take your hands out of your  
pockets," said she, and out came his  
hands.

I reached for my hat and coat and  
was soon on my way down the street.  
**THE PIKER.**

Mr. Editor: May I be permitted  
space in your paper to answer an  
article written by The Piker, who has  
a good deal to say about bobbed hair.  
Now, Mr. Editor, I don't think he  
knows what he is talking about. Some  
men don't want us girls to have any  
freedom. I know a man who won't let  
his wife bob her hair because he says  
it would spoil her looks, but he never  
stops to think how easy it is to take  
care of your hair when it is bobbed,  
and the barber puts something on it  
and smooths it down and it sticks  
close down on my head and is no  
trouble and I don't have to be bother-  
ed with hairpins, and I think it looks  
nice. Yours truly,  
**BOBBED HAIR SUBSCRIBER.**

### THE STORM

One evening, just at twilight,  
At the close of a dreary day,  
The moon's rays illumined my path  
And guided me on my way.

The stars were radiant in the sky,  
The breeze was soft and warm;  
As I treaded with weary footsteps  
I thought not of a storm.

But soon the dark clouds gathered,  
The wind blew high and wild;  
I was lost in deep meditation  
Of the days when I was a child.

The lightning above me flashed,  
And all grew strange and black;  
The raging storm continued  
As I hastened to my shack.

The rain in torrents fell,  
The thunder above me roared;  
Then, with the sound of one great  
crash,  
I fell, and knew no more.  
BY VERITA SMITH,  
7 North St., St. Catharines.

### CHATHAM NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Braxton and  
daughter, of Windsor, spent Sunday  
with his mother, Mrs. A. Braxton.

Mr. Clifford Currie, of Pontiac, is  
spending a few days with his wife and  
children.

A grand concert, entitled "The  
Chinese wedding, was held in the A.  
M. E. Church May 8th.

Mrs. George Currie is able to be  
around after her recent illness.

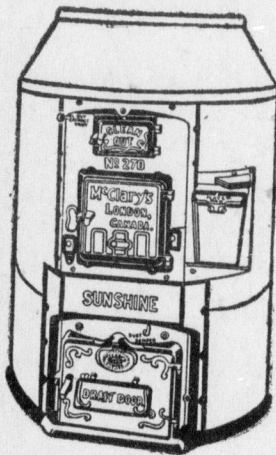
Mrs. Josephine Day has returned  
to Detroit after attending the funeral  
of her sister, Mrs. James Jackson.

Rev. J. C. Richards remains just  
about the same.

Mrs. Stringer, of Cleveland, Ohio, is  
visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. C.  
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Sea Gull (to airplane following  
ship)—"Hey, leave this ship alone,  
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### MONTREAL NOTES

Montrealers have enjoyed many musical treats recently, but the climax of all was reached when Mr. Albert E. Greenlaw, of Detroit, formerly of Woodstock, Ont., famous Jubilee singer, gave a song recital in the Union Church Sunday evening, May 3rd, and on Tuesday evening, April 28th. He was assisted on Tuesday last by Mrs. Maude Jones, an educationist of great ability from United States. Large audiences packed the church on both occasions.

Miss Jamieson, returned missionary from China, will lecture in Bethel A. M. E. Church on Thursday evening under the auspices of "Mite Missionary Society."

Pastor Stucker and wife, of the Brotherhood Church, Verdun, spent the week-end in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor's little daughter, Joyce, of Green Avenue, was knocked down by an automobile last week and was immediately removed to the Western Hospital. She has since returned to her parents' residence, where she is resting quietly. We hope for a speedy recovery.

We are pleased to congratulate Mrs. Lottie B. Walters, of this city, formerly of Montgomery, Ala., upon completing the course at Pemrose Dressmaking College and receiving her diploma.

Mrs. W. Fraser and baby, who have been visiting her parents in St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S., have returned to their home in Verdun.

### TORONTO NOTES

Mr. J. Gaskins, of Dennison Ave., has been confined to his home through illness. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. A. Mahamid, of Dundas St., is in the General Hospital suffering from blood poisoning.

Mrs. Laura Gabriel, of Vanauley St., entertained at luncheon last Friday. Mrs. A. Thatcher, of 186 Elm St., has recovered from her recent illness. She is at work again.

Mr. Dick Locket, of 86 Chestnut St., is very sick. Dr. Anderson is caring for him. We hope he will recover. His wife is in a bad state of health also.

Mrs. F. Gazaway has moved from 296 Adelaide St. to 414 Adelaide St.

Mrs. Annie Fletcher is out of bed again.

### BRANTFORD NOTES

Sunday, May 3, was observed as Ladies' Day, and was a grand success, both spiritually and financially. A great deal of credit is due Mrs. John Lucas, president of the Ladies' Aid, and the ladies who so nobly supported her, in making it a successful day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown, of Hamilton, were motor visitors in the city over Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Palmer, of Princeton, were also motor visitors on Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas.

Miss Bertha Johnson is confined to her bed through illness.

Mr. Chas. Baldwin was removed to the hospital on Monday.

Mrs. Baldwin is convalescing nicely at this writing and we trust she will soon be able to leave the hospital.

Rev. S. R. Drake was in the city and held a members' meeting arranging for the program from now until conference.

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