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GEORGIA SCHOOL CONDITIONS TOLD TO WORLD

White Women Voters Feature Article Frankly Facing Facts.

Atlanta, Ga., April 24.—The Pilgrim, official organ of the Georgia League of Women Voters, startled its readers this month by a first column, front page expose of the discrimination against Negroes widely prevalent in the educational system of this state. Having reviewed the background of Negro education in Georgia and the remarkable educational progress of the race since the Civil War, the article turns to present conditions and sets out frankly the facts as they are today, showing an expenditure for teachers' salaries averaging \$17.93 for each white child of school age and \$2.58 for each colored child. Value of public school buildings is shown to be per child, white, \$58.72; colored, \$10.02; expenditures for new buildings per child, white \$2.84, colored 27 cents; expenditures for equipment per child, white 40 cents, colored 3 cents. It is pointed out that many counties use for white schools state school funds appropriated to the county on the basis of the colored school population, the aggregate so diverted running to more than \$600,000 a year. For college education, according to the article, the state appropriates to white schools \$829,700 and to colored schools only \$32,500.

The article was prepared by R. B. Eleazer, Educational Director of the Commission on Interracial Co-operation, and has been put into pamphlet form for wide distribution over the state. Its conspicuous publication in a journal of so great importance, representing the most intelligent and influential white women of Georgia, is considered significant.

DEATH OF MRS. SUSAN LE BURTIS

Mrs. Susan Le Burtis, one of Woodstock's well known citizens and widely known herbist, passed away at her home, 331 Dundas St., Thursday, April 22, at 3.10 o'clock, following a lengthy illness which extended over a period of seven or eight years, during which time her health gradually failed until she quietly passed away. She is sur-

Tell Of Contributions Negro Has Made U. S.

New York, April 21.—The contributions of the Negro to the making of America were brought out by prominent race speakers Sunday at a patriotic meeting held in the forum of the Community Church, Park Ave. and Thirty-fourth St.

Dr. William E. B. Dubois gave two principal contributions that the colored citizens have made to the progress and welfare of the country. They were efficient and willing labor and support in fights for independence.

James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told of the Negro's contribution to music, declaring that "the only things cultural in American civilization that have come out of American soil have been from the American Negroes." He enumerated folk lore, which originated from Negro slaves; dancing in its every phase, even down to the Charleston; American popular music, which he said originated directly with the Negro, and finally the Negro spirituals.

To Erect Monument To Canadian Negro

Vancouver, B. C., April 21.—Within twelve minutes the Kiwanis Club of this city raised \$1,300 of a fund of \$5,000 to erect a monument to Joe Fortes, colored, who during his thirty-six years' residence at English Bay taught scores of children to swim, saved the lives of twenty-two, and rescued hundreds of others before they reached the drowning stage. Continuous exposure to all kinds of weather broke his health, and he died in 1922.

When interviewed by the Associated Negro Press, a leading Kiwanian said: "British Columbia will not allow the memory of Joe Fortes' life of self-sacrifice to pass. He was a man."

vived by one son, Alexander Green, of this city; one adopted daughter, Mrs. G. W. Molop, and her four children, Frances, George, Gladys and Gordon, of Owen Sound; one granddaughter, Mrs. W. A. Cromwell, and three great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Jean and Willoughby Cromwell, all of this city.

Taft Attends Negro Funeral

Dignitary of the Bench Typifies American Spirit in Act.
(From Star of Zion.)

What more touching evidence of the pervasiveness of the real philosophy of American life and government than the spectacle of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States standing reverently at the bier of a humble Negro messenger of that great tribunal? Surely William Howard Taft, stepping down from his high post, laying aside his pre-eminent dignities, bowing his head beside the mortal clay of Eugene Brooks, typifies America, says The Philadelphia Bulletin. The only living ex-president of the United States, Presiding Chief Justice of the greatest legal tribunal in the world, divesting himself of his eminence, to pay his tribute of one man to the worth of another.

And that other. Of Eugene Brooks, forty years in the service of the Supreme Court, its august justice say, "He was a man of very fine character, who performed his duties exceedingly well." How this appreciation dignifies the humble Negro messenger with just recognition of the fundamental quality behind all service, low or high, great or small, noted or unnoticed.

What more could anyone say of any member of the tribunal Eugene Brooks served? What more can anyone say when the time comes to sum up the service of the Chief Justice himself, who came to pay the tribute of Eugene Brooks?

"A man of fine character, who performed his duties well." An epitaph that might epitomize upon the tomb of every faithful American the sum of his efforts to embody in action the philosophy that is American.

BRANCH OF LEAGUE AT HAMILTON MEETS

The regular meeting of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People was held Thursday evening, April 22. Mr. Robt. Manary, city accountant, was the speaker of the evening. His address, "National Wit and Humor," which dealt with the English, Irish and Scotch, was well received. A goodly number were present.

Two-thirds of the 4,267 centenarians in the United States are Negroes.—"Dearborn Independent."

SECOND SWEET TRIAL BEGINS

New York, April 23.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Ave., today reports the second Sweet trial now under way in Detroit, with Clarence Darrow and his associate, the famous Michigan criminal lawyer, Thomas F. Chawke, and also Julian Perry, in court defending Dr. Ossian H. Sweet, Mrs. Sweet and nine others charged with murder because of the death of a man during a riot outside Dr. Sweet's home on September 9 last.

Separate trials have been granted all the defendants and Dr. Sweet's younger brother, Henry is the first one of the eleven to be tried. At latest reports, despite the calling of a special panel of 125 jurors, a complete jury had not yet been obtained, and the special panel had been exhausted, most of the jurors admitting prejudice and being excused from serving. Another panel of 125 men is being called today, Friday.

The Detroit Free Press reports: "Clarence Darrow, chief of counsel for the defense, made it clear during the questioning of a prospective juror that he wanted the case tried by men who had spent their lives north of the Mason-Dixon line and were free from race prejudice. Darrow holds that the outcome depends primarily on the personnel of the jury; that the factors are entwined in the race problem and he wants a jury sufficiently open-minded and intelligent to grasp the psychological mob complex fear which, he contends, is a part of the race-mind of the Negro."

Efforts Rewarded

Through the untiring efforts of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People of this city, one of our citizens, who has been struggling in the face of handicaps to support her three children, has been granted ample and permanent assistance in the form of a mother's pension, from the Ontario Government. In expressing her thanks to the League she says: "If this is the kind of work you are doing, God bless the Canadian League." But what the League is proud of, is, it feels as if it has made it possible for three children to become useful citizens.

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Editorial

TO AFRICA—WHY NOT?

One of our most prominent white citizens said to us a few days ago: "I have often wondered why all the colored people do not go to Africa. To me there seems to be several advantages to the race in such a project. In the first place, the Negroes from North America could go to Africa with their experience and learning and could enlighten the four hundred million natives. In a decade or so the black race would be the most powerful race upon the earth, and Africa would become one of the richest and most highly respected countries.

We admitted to him that there was good logic in his argument, that it would be a splendid thing for Negroes in great numbers to go to Africa to carry enlightenment to the natives, to make Africa a mighty power among the peoples of the earth and so forth. But—going to Africa is a personal question which appeals to some of us very strongly and to others not so strongly. Some of us feel more strongly the ties which bind us to America. America has been the home of our foreparents for more than three hundred years. It is the country for which they and we have labored and fought. They and we helped to transform it from a vast jungle into the most wealthy spot in the world. As great as our patriotism is for Africa some of us feel as if we want to remain here and enjoy the fruits of the sacrifices and of the labors of our ancestors. We want to enjoy the fruits of our own efforts. It is as natural with us to think thus as it is for the English, the Scotch, the Irish or any other race.

And again, suppose we were willing to go to Africa in great numbers—suppose every Negro in North America would go to Africa—where and in what part would we be welcomed? Africa, the best parts of it, has been portioned off, divided between England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and heaven knows who else. Laws are being made to keep Negroes and other dark races out of Africa. The darker races in Africa are being segregated, driven into the jungles, and in other ways proscribed against. It seems, then, that the only part of Africa where we would receive a cordial welcome would be the jungles and the desert.

Some Negroes, many Negroes like ourselves, would gladly go to Africa and give the best there is in us to

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enlighten the natives. We know the African native is capable of becoming an intelligent human being—capable of adding much good to the world's citizenship. Although unlettered and unlearned, we know he is not inherently inferior nor unteachable. We also know that Africa is one of the richest countries of the world in natural resources. We know this as well as England, France and Germany know it. We would gladly go there and help to make Africa, as it should be, a land of the blacks in which black men and black women would be highly respected. Whether or not Marcus Garvey was right in his method in entering Africa with shiploads of American Negroes, much can be said in praise of his idea of making Africa a land of the blacks. And perhaps some day there will arise among us a leader, a Moses, with a clearer vision, a better scheme than Garvey had, and then, may be, many Negroes will go to Africa to improve Africa for Africa's sake. Who can tell?

In loving memory of Wilfred Lloyd Drake, who departed this life nine years ago. April 27th.

We know thou hast gone to the home of thy rest,

Then why should our souls be so sad.
We know thou hast gone where the weary are blest,
And the mourners look up and are glad.

Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

ON THRIFT, TEMPERANCE AND WOMEN

You will have wondered, friend, at my silence these some weeks, but, truth to tell, the good wife hath been most diligent to keep my hands in useful employ of domestic character, women being distressfully prone in the springtime to much useless labor, such as cleaning, carpet-beating, window-washing, etc.

My latest venture being to repair the ceiling plaster in the kitchen of our domicile, at the which I became much daubed, as also did the floor and various utensils, though to be sure I was able to clean up much of it before it was observed.

In the midst of all this activity our neighbor, Whitford, did appear and pressing requested me to accompany him and others to Toronto to interview Mr. Ferguson in regard to certain temperance measures of much interest to our community. Immediately seeing the importance of this as contrasted with my trivial domestic employment, I with the reluctant consent of my help-mate made haste to comply. In the due fulfillment of this patriotic duty to the commonwealth, a singular incident occurred, of the which I will now enlighten you.

Having leisure during the day in our capitol, I visited a park where were confined certain specimens of our wild animals, notable among which was a very fat and lazy beaver.

Now, I had been familiar with the outlines of this creature from observing it on our national flag, but was somewhat shocked to discover that fine emblem of our industry and thrift

to be a sluggish beast of piggish appearance rolling about in a dirty pool. "Can this indeed," I observed, "be that animal of industrious habit, help up to our youth as a pattern of living?"

With a mighty slap of his tail on the muddy water, which did somewhat discolor my Sunday blacks, the beast snorted loudly and said: "It is a fair sample of man's work that the pattern of thrift, as you call me, should be cooped up here, useless, and unemployed, to be stared at by ignorant observers."

"Man," I began in my best manner, as I saw the importance of the occasion. "Man is the highest type of life, a noble work, of highest attainment in art, science, literature and philanthropy, sober, industrious and temperate of habit, as my presence here proves, being delegated to interview our premier on that very subject."

"Much better stay at home in the interest of temperance," sneered the beaver.

"Foolish one," I exclaimed, "my house is strictly temperate."

"You and yours, like your kind in general, are the most intemperate of all beasts," he said. "All wild animals are most temperate in all things. What wild beast will overeat, as will the horse let loose in the oats, or a cow or a pig that have degenerated in man's company? Man is piggish in eating and drinking, intemperate in speech, and his females the most intemperate of all."

"How now, sirrah?" I exclaimed. "Have a care."

"'Tis truth," he said, "as you will see. Doth not woman spend more in dress than man did in drink? Is she not more a slave to style than was ever the greatest sot? Doth it not make her arrogant, garrulous, full of pride? What will not some of them do for stylish clothes? Temperate! Forsooth 'twould shame a peacock."

Now, being much annoyed by such disrespect for our consorts, I had much ado to control my temper, and indeed did make shift to give the animal a sharp poke with my cane, a fine Irish thorn given me by admiring friends, upon which the saucy beast seized it in its mouth and before I could rescue it had peeled off half the bark and sadly scratched the gold band off it.

Now, seeing the uselessness of further contending with this self-opinionated beast with any hope of reforming his erroneous beliefs, I made my way to our interview with the legislators, whom I have reason to expect are of a more pliable mind.

HAMILTON NEWS

On Tuesday evening the young ladies of the Rosemary Pastime Club entertained their gentlemen friends at the home of Miss Fern Harrison. A dainty luncheon was served and after a joyous evening of games and dancing the happy crowd departed during the wee small hours.

The concert given Monday evening at the church under the auspices of the Mothers' Club of Dundurn St. Church was a successful event. A goodly number were present and all heartily enjoyed the musical numbers, also the play, "The Old Maids' Club".

On Thursday evening Mrs. W. Robinson-Townsend and Mrs. H. Hicks-Berry entertained the employees of the Proctor-Gamble Co. at their annual dinner which was held at the

Stafford House. Their musical numbers were greatly appreciated and heartily enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday, April 14, the death of Carson Roy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith, occurred in the General Hospital. Deep sympathy is extended the family in their bereavement.

Mr. Ernest Barnes, also Mr. Harold Johnson, of Cayuga, were visitors in town during the week.

Sunday was quarterly meeting day at St. Paul's. P. E. Carpenter was in the city and conducted the services during the afternoon and evening.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Lewis that they are grandparents once more. A nine-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lewis, Buffalo, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Burke, Canfield, Ont., were visitors in town on Sunday.

The death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs occurred in this city a week ago. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Mrs. Gertrude Bell left the city this week to take up her residence in New York City.

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Many are already giving to the limit of their means, others are not. As a matter of civic and individual pride and conscience they MUST increase their subscriptions to the utmost.

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SUCCESSFUL LEAGUE MEETING IN TORONTO

The C. L. A. C. P. held an open meeting at the Baptist Church, corner of University Ave. and Edward St., Tuesday, April 6, 1926, and though there was not a great crowd, there was a great deal of enthusiasm shown by those present. A number of events were discussed, and the regular business of the meeting was carried on as far as possible and the meeting extended far into the night. Mr. Jenkins, our national secretary, was present and spoke words of encouragement and these words had a telling effect on those present. The people of Toronto are slow in taking a hold of this organization, so it seems, but we are getting a sure footing and when we do get out good, everybody will know just what we are doing and how well we are doing it. Be encouraged by remembering that any number of great organizations started from a few enthusiastic but determined workers. Those of you who read this article please help us to make this league a successful one. We need your help, encouragement and co-operation.

TORONTO NEWS

The Home Service Association's social was one grand success in every way. The weather was just what the doctor ordered, the skies were clear and blue and it was just cool enough to allow everyone to be comfortable. The most wonderful assembly of beautiful dresses of all description, colors and kinds were in evidence and people from everywhere were there to enjoy the festivities. The orchestra worked well and the music was all that could be desired and dancing was at its height until about 1.30 a.m. The musical by the Jonquil Club was highly entertaining, and those who did not dance enjoyed the musical; also there were tables for playing cards and a number enjoyed the games. Altogether we had one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season and if you missed it you certainly missed some pleasure.

Mr. F. A. Hubbard has returned to the city after having visited several of the West Indies islands and Bermuda. Dr. Johnson, of New York, formerly a Canadian boy, came back with him and enjoyed the evening's entertainment of the Home Service Association. Dr. Johnson is some dancer, his specialty being the Charleston.

Rev. A. McEwen Williams preached a special sermon to the business men of Toronto last Sunday evening and showed by the Bible what wonderful things could be done in business. A small program was rendered after the meeting, viz: Talk by Mr. W. W. Williams, acting as chairman, of the West Indian Trading Association, paper by Mr. W. H. Bucher, and an instrumental solo by Mr. Knight, organist at the First Baptist Church.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers were wonderful as singers, the harmony of their voices was as near perfect as a human voice could be made, and the numbers they rendered were above criticism. If Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" had not been immortalized, their singing it would certainly have immortalized it.

The Baptist Church Quartet sang

last week at Barrie, Ont., to a fair-sized audience and acquitted themselves with much credit. They will sing Monday night at Galt and we expect great things of them in the near future.

I think the ground hog has seen his shadow again from the snow that seems to follow these few warm days.

Miss Clara Deas and her brother, Earnest, accompanied by a lady friend, are visiting friends and relations in Toronto. Mr. and Miss Deas, formerly of Toronto, are now making their home in Cleveland, Ohio, and came up to the Home Service Association dance.

Please don't congregate outside of the church door on the pavement and block the sidewalk. It causes remarks to be made by passers-by that are not always pleasant to hear, yet sometimes just.

Don't forget the Home Comforts' May festival next Monday. The children have been working hard to give you a high-class entertainment on that night.

BRANTFORD NEWS

Rev. H. D. Wright preached both services Sunday, the morning subject being "The Called". At 7 p.m. his subject was "The Man with the Measuring Line," which was surely a masterpiece.

Mrs. Thos. Snowden, or "Granny Snowden" as she is more generally called, is very ill at this writing. Mrs. Snowden is the oldest member in our church, having joined our church 64 years ago, and in all that time has been a faithful attendant, always interested in her church.

Those from Brantford who attended Mrs. Le Burtis' funeral were Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Wright, Rev. S. A. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas, Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. C. Delfish and Mrs. F. Wilson.

The Canadian League are putting on a concert May 7th at the B. M. E. Church for the benefit of the church. We trust all will try to make it a big success.

Rev. S. R. Drake will make his annual visit to Brantford the first Sunday in May.

The quarterly meeting was a grand success, both spiritually and financially. There was a good attendance throughout the entire day, two members being added to the church. Rev. H. L. Logan preached two wonderful sermons which all appreciated in the highest.

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Miss Jean Cromwell, of Woodstock, spent her Easter holidays with her friend, Margaret Harrison, of Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Port Huron, Mich., spent a few days last week at the home of Mrs. Moore's parents.

Miss Gertie Henderson spent a few days in London last week.

Miss Elsie Duncan spent the Easter holidays at her home in Guelph.

Miss Gladys Armstrong spent the holidays at her home in Listowel.

Mr. Wm. Jemel, of Guelph, was a

week-end visitor. He was the guest of Miss Hazel Wesley.

Miss Evelyn Duncan, of Guelph, is visiting her sister, Elsie, who is with Madame Harrison.

Mr. Wm. Cromwell, of Detroit, after attending the funeral of Mrs. Le Burtis at Woodstock, spent a few days in the city with relatives.

Mr. Robt. Underwood spent a few days in Port Huron last week.

Pallbearers for the late John Hesson were his three sons-in-law, a brother-in-law and a nephew. The floral offerings were exquisite.

OWEN SOUND NEWS

Sunday, April 25, was a very cold day here, the ground being covered with a blanket of fresh snow which fell during the night and made going out very unpleasant for the attendants at divine service. But there was the usual turnout at the B. M. E. Church at Owen Sound. The pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson, though laboring under adverse difficulties, preached good sermons both morning and evening. The text in the morning was taken from Ephesians, ch. iii., verses 16-17, "Latter claws to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love." The pastor said that love was the fulfilment of all the laws of God and we all must be so deeply rooted in good ground to be able to stand against the wild winds of the satanic powers of the evil one.

At the evening service the pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson, took for his subject Romans, chap. i., verse 16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jews first, then also to the Greeks." The speaker said if we were living in the days when the Apostle Paul wrote the words, man would be turned out of society and even put to death for even speaking of Him as being the Promised Messiah, the world's Redeemer, but today we all should pay the highest respect to Him for we live in a land of freedom where none dares to hinder us from saying, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

We are sorry to report the birth and death to Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson of an infant which occurred last Thursday, April 22, still-born; but we are glad to report that Mrs. Richardson is recovering. We are praying for a speedy recovery again. May God bless her and make her a blessing among our people.

Mrs. Richardson, of Toronto, is here visiting her son, Rev. E. A. Richardson, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. A. Richardson. We hope she will have a good time with us before she returns back home again to Toronto.

Miss Rosa Talbert, Margaret Courtney, Estella Earls, were on the public school honor roll for the month of March. Well done, girls; do it again.

Mrs. Clifford Johnston, who has been in Toronto visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Martin, is home with us again. She is stopping with her mother, Mrs. Saul Earls, Eighth Ave. East. We are glad to see her again; she is a good Christian worker.

The B. M. E. Church officials are preparing for a jubilee concert to be given on the 12th of May. A good program is being prepared by the convener, Rev. E. A. Richardson, and his assistants, Mrs. A. Harrison and Thos. Green.

The Peerless Jubilee Singers, of Hamilton, Ont., here on Saturday, April 17, at the city hall, made a good mark for themselves.

Mrs. F. Taylor, Mrs. H. Woodbeck, and Mr. R. Green are on the sick list at this writing with colds. Pray for them all.

There was an error in the account on the rally Sunday money which should have been between \$30 and \$40 dollars instead of \$70.

**Social Conditions
Among Negroes
Before 1865**

By Fred. Landon, M.A.

(Continued from last issue)

In preparation for a state convention of colored people held at Cincinnati in January, 1852, information was sought from Canada as to the success that was attending the fugitives there. Henry Bibb being asked to make a statement. This he did and published it in his paper, giving much interesting information concerning the refugees at this time. He was asked particularly with regard to the moral standards of his people and his answer was that the morals of the fugitives in Canada were as high as among their people in the Northern States, and compared favorably with the white population, though there was still need for improvement. "Mentally, we find our people far behind the intelligence of the age," he says in his statement. "Just as in the States, we have scarcely any professional men among us, while we are well satisfied that they would be well supported in Canada West. We are sorry to be compelled to admit that along the frontier we have to contend with Yankee prejudice against color, although unlike that which is so formidable in the United States. There it is bolstered up by law—here it has no foundation to stand upon and we can live it down. As to there being legal obstacles in the way of our advancement, we know of none. The laws that apply to the black men apply with equal force to the white men also, and there is no distinction here among men based on the color of the skin so far as law is concerned, with but one exception, and that was asked for by the colored people and the Roman Catholics, and their prayer was granted. The request, however, was not made by the intelligent portion of the colored population, but by a lot of ignoramuses who were made tools of, and who knew not what they were doing. Such men are hardly fit to live or die. The prayer of the petitioners was that colored persons might have separate schools for their children if they asked for them, and that the Catholics and Protestants might do the same—not that they shall have these distinctions but that they may have them if asked for. We are happy to inform you that there is no compulsion or necessity in Canada for colored schools or colored churches and that every man who respects himself will be respected.

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LONDON NEWS

On last Saturday morning death came very suddenly to Mrs. Harriette Clinton Berry at St. Joseph's Hospital, where she had gone the previous evening. Mrs. Berry underwent an operation and died two minutes after being removed from the operating table. Funeral services were held last Tuesday evening from the family residence, 79 Clarence St. Rev. Thos. Woodcock officiated. The many beautiful floral offerings bore mute testimony to Mrs. Berry's high standing in the community. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, mother, three sisters, two brothers and a host of friends.

The Get-Acquainted Club will broadcast from The London Free Press radio station next Sunday between 1.30 and 3 p.m. The music will consist of mixed choruses, solos, duets, male and female quartets. Lovers of of music are advised to take advantage of this opportunity to listen to voices full of natural harmony.

Under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Berry and Mrs. Fred Kelly a company of our young people will leave for Ingersoll next Saturday for the purpose of rendering a musical concert in the town hall. The proceeds will be used to aid the Hill St. Baptist Church. Music lovers will miss a great treat by being absent.

Prof. Jordan of the London Conservatory of Music has asked for the privilege of hearing the Get-Acquainted Club sing. He will be given this opportunity next Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. Byron Fountain. Caution, members. Don't get nervous.

One of the most outstanding and pleasing events of the season was a surprise party tendered Mr. and Mrs. Byron Fountain Friday evening, April 16, by the Get-Acquainted Club. The affair was held at the Fountain residence, Dame St. On entering the spacious living-rooms, panelled in mahogany, on a cream background, a scene of splendor was presented by the various colored and beautiful frocks worn by the ladies and of the splendid appearance of the fashionably dressed young men. Such a picture of culture and refinement will not soon be forgotten. The evening was spent in games and singing, in which everyone took part and enjoyed himself immensely. A dainty buffet luncheon was served, after which the fun was continued till an early hour in the morning.

On behalf of his wife and himself Mr. Fountain expressed to the club and to the other invited guests his great pleasure for such an agreeable surprise.

The happy evening was brought to a close by singing the club's hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Woodcock invoking God's blessings upon the host and hostess and upon the club. To Mrs. Chas. Poindexter goes the credit for arranging both program and luncheon.

MONTREAL NEWS

Mrs. Maud Jones, from the United States, gave a sacred recital at the Union Congregational Church on Sunday evening, 18th inst.

On Sunday, 25th inst., the Union Sunday School at the close of its

session presented Miss Altoise Bethal with a Bible as a parting gift for her faithfulness as a pupil. The "Ever-Ready Class" loses one of its prominent members.

Mrs. John Bethal, who was a worthy secretary of the "Excelsior" W. C. T. U. for a number of years, was presented with a book entitled "Scenes in Palestine" by the above-mentioned society. We wish Mrs. Bethal God-speed in her new field of labor.

One of the most beautiful sessions of the W. C. T. U. was held at the residence of Sister Isadore, 1465A St. James St., on Tuesday, 13th inst. Sister Isadore's subject of discourse was, "Be Filled with the Holy Ghost."

A very interesting event took place on Thursday evening, 8th inst., at Alexandra Hall, Westmount, Sherbrooke St., where a banquet was given in honor of Messrs. E. Reid, E. Swift, Melville and Charles, graduates of McGill College. One hundred and fifty guests were present.

Mrs. Walter Taylor has taken a trip to Chicago for her health, accompanied by her children.

Miss Eva Jones has been laid aside from active duties for the past few weeks, but we are pleased to know she is recovering.

Miss Cully, hairdresser, has been visiting in Verdun, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jefferson.

Congratulations to Mr. Eddie Elliott for the fourth time in winning the silver cup of the Athletic Club.

WOODSTOCK NEWS

The funeral of the late Mrs. Susan Le Burtis, who passed away at her home on Thursday, April 8, was held from her late residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by the Rev. P. Thornton Meek, assisted by the Rev. S. A. Lucas, of Brantford; the Rev. Mr. Wright, of Brantford, pastor of the B. M. E. Church there, and the Rev. S. A. Drake, of London. The services were largely attended by many friends from Woodstock and all parts of the country. The many floral offerings were beautiful and attested the high esteem in which the late Mrs. Le Burtis was held by all who knew her. The pallbearers were: Samuel Smith, Horace Marshall, George Selby, John Lucas, William Cromwell and Thomas Marshall. Interment was made in the Methodist cemetery. To add to the impressiveness of the service several hymns were sung by Mrs. Delfish, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. John Lucas, all of Brantford.

Wallace Blair and Kenneth Cromwell were visitors in Ingersoll last Sunday.

Mr. William Taylor has returned to his home after spending the past two months in Chatham.

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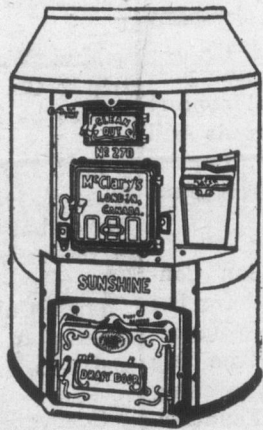
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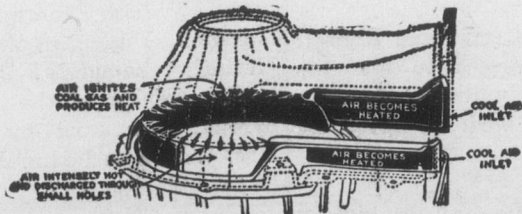


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Movie Extra Is Acclaimed Star

Los Angeles, Calif., April 21.—It was a conceded opinion that James B. Lowe would "get over" as Brutus Jones in the O'Neil play "The Emperor Jones", presented at the Pot Boiler's Theatre, but no one predicted the enthusiastic reception accorded this new-found star.

Giving an interpretation of the "Emperor" that was original and all his own, Lowe is credited by many critics as having given a better performance than Gilpin.

At the ending of each performance he was given an ovation and many came back stage to personally congratulate him. John and Ralph Ince, of motion picture fame, both dropped back stage. Ralph Ince attended two performances.

Leatrice Joy sent her card to Lowe with the message that she would personally recommend him to Cecil B. De Mille.

The presentation of the play has not only made Lowe, but it brought out a youthful actor, Onest Conley. Conley is the son of Madame Sul-Ten-Wan, motion picture actress, and his role of the dancing witch doctor was one of the outstanding bits of this history-making revival of Emperor Jones.

Although a personal triumph for James B. Lowe, he could not have achieved his success without support. This was given him in splendid shape by members of his race, namely: Nathan Curry, O. W. Phillips, Willis Coombs, Harley Farley, Irene Allen and Katherine Garrett.

The impressionistic stage settings were lighted by the local electrical genius, James Brown.—California Eagle.

All-Negro Movie To Be Human Story of Race

Los Angeles, Calif., April 21.—It will be the aim of motion picture producers to play up human qualities in the all-colored feature picture which is soon to be produced. Bertram Millhauser, production editor, who will assume full charge of the production, anticipates gaining in his story the same qualities that made "Humoresque" such an appealing story of the Jewish race in America.

The decision of the DeMilles studios to produce an all-colored picture was reached after a careful survey of opinion from individuals and theatre owners in all parts of the country which revealed a remarkable interest in a photoplay of such type.

No white person will appear in any scene of the proposed picture and no attempt will be made to inject anything that might arouse racial discussion. It will be a friendly, human story of the life of the colored race in its own element.

NEGRO'S TRAFFIC SIGNAL IS PLACED INTO SERVICE

St. Paul, Minn., April 21.—The automatic traffic signal invented by R. L. Milton, 314 Rondo St., has been inspected by city officials and pronounced a success. Plans are already under way to install one of the colored inventor's signals at one of the principal intersections of the city. The signal was placed on display in the city hall Saturday, Sunday and Monday and was viewed by hundreds of curious citizens.

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