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HOOVER LAUDS RISE OF NEGRO

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WASHINGTON, April 14- Negro schools established since the days of slavery were credited Tuesday by President Hoover with having exerted the greatest influence in averting social upheavals following the admission of 4,000,000 slaves to citiz-

From the study in the White House, where President Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation, the chief executive participated in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., by Booker T. Washington.

His address was transmitted to the chapel of the institute and there rebroadcast to the country.

Progress Surpasses Hope.

President Hoover praised the work of Washington in leading his race passed the most sanguine hopes of the most ardent advocates."

The President noted that in the past fifty years "the Negro race has multiplied its wealth more than 130 Mary C. Beneke who died in Hanhetimes, has reduced its iliteracy from 95 per cent to 20 per cent and reduced its death rate by one-half.

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COLORED PRISONERS IN RIOT

Chicago, March - Following the fatal prison riot at Joliet on Friday, Warden Hill told investigators that among signs of dissatisfaction in the prison that had been noted was a dissatisfaction among the Negro inma-

They had sent an emissary to him the warden admitted, asking him if it would be all right for them to get a petition which would hold that inasmuch as Negroes constituted 32 per cent of the prison population they were entitled to 32 per cent of the good jail jobs.

"I told the emissary," Warden Hill states, "that I could not be dictated to by a group of prisoners and that I would put every man who signed such a petition in solitary confine-

Remembers Negro Catholics

Philadelphia, April 15th-Mrs. Alice F. Cord, widow of a Philadelphia toward literacy, and said the progress lawyer, who died on January 25th, of the Negro since slavery "has sur- leaving an estate valued at 984,577 bequeathed \$1,000 to St. Catherine's School for Colored Children in Ger mantown, a Philadelphia suburb.

On the same day the will of Miss man Hospital, on March 27th was filed which provided for a Five Thousand Dollar bequest to the house of St. Michael and All Angels for Colored crippled children with the proviso that the sum is to provide for endowing a free bed. Her entire estate, according to the probate was valued at \$22,500.

WILBERFORCE, O., April - The Wilberforce Varsity nine turned in an easy win in their opening game by defeating Antioch College, white, 13 to 2.

Glover and McGhee hurled well for the Green and Gold and Pavey for

each by Redden, Poore and Harri- of white workers for Negro work-



EDITOR J. F. JENKINS who is making good progress towards recovery after being confined to St. Joseph's Hospital for four weeks during which period he underwent two critical operations.

NEGRO JOBLESS ON THE INCREASE

ATLANTA, April - Unemployment is proportionately greater among Negross than among white people thruout the country, according to a report of the National Urban League made public here through the Commission on Interracial Co-operation.

The report, based upon an extensive survey, said that generally the Negroes in the South were faring better in keeping jobs than in the North, but that in many cities Negro unemployment was from four to six times greater in proportion to ppopulation than white unemployment. St. Louis was cited as showing the greatest disportation, Negroes there numbering 9 per cent of the population and providing 66 per cent of the city's total unemployed.

The survey also found that conditions now among the Negroes was whole field of education from prim
ars, while two each were and one partly through constant substitution the Savoy Ballroom. Miss Lena L.

Ary solved and solve and solve are workers for Negro work.

STUDENTS SING FOR LEGISLATORS

COLUMBIA, S. C .- A group of singers from the Colored State College and Claflin University rendered a number of vocal selections at the State House on Thursday night before the two Houses met.

The Claffin University quartet was composed of Emanuel Mansfield, S. Swann, J. James and L. Lockman.

The group from State College was composed of Weber Blackshear, Durant Hawkins, Cornelius Jenkins, J. Evans, Harold June, Richard Waymer, Alfred Ellerbe and Edward Griner. J. Harold Montague was the director.

LIVED AS WHITE; DIES NEGRO

LIVED AS WHITE: DIES NEGRO. BATESVILLE, Ark., Apr .- This town was thrown into an uproar when O. J. Wright, who was murdered here March 19th, was positively identified as a Negro.

Wright had/lived in thisi community for years as a white man and enjoyed the respect of the white citizens. On March 19 in a fight with Ollie Greenshaw, a white man, he was beaten to death. At the inque, it is reported that Coroner Pence stated to some of his friends that he believed the murdered man was a Negro and since that time has conducted a quet investigation.

WON "MISS CHICAGO"

CHICAGO, April - Miss Edith M. Lautier, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., won a city-wide popularity contest held here during the past month and was crowned "Miss Chicago." The contest was held in connection with the "Tour to Tuskegee."

Miss Lautier, who is supervisor of the clerical staff of the Metropolitan Funeral System, received 3,235,843 votes, each vote representing a penny purchase at the South Center Depart-Compton of Pilgrim Baptist Church was second.

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Editorial

RECORDING OUR HISTORY.

Twenty five years ago it could have been truly said of the Negro in Canada that he had no history-that is, that he had no written history. His records were but a part, and a very obscure part at that, of the history of his race in the United States, since the Negro in Canada came almost al ways from the United States.

There has been a change taking place in these recent years. history of the Negro in Canada is no longer obscure and the romance and the interest of his history in this country becomes more and more an object of interest and study. The extensive research work of men like Mr. Justice Riddell of the Supreme Court in Ontario and of Professor Fred Landon of the University of Western Ontario has resulted in the gathering together of the scattered threads and the weaving of these in to a story that is now imperishable. Through the pages of magazines and the publications of historical societies of Canada and the United States they and others have printed extensive studies of Negro history so that generations to come will know how it was that the race entered Canada and what their life was like when they were in very truth co-pioneers with their white neighbors in the opening up of this new country.

The history of the Negro in Canada was given honor last autumn when at Windsor there was unveiled with fitting ceremony a bronze tablet recording the connection of Windsor and the Detroit River frontier in general with the workings of the famous underground railroad. City officials of Windsor joined with the Dominion representatives of the Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada to pay tribute to the bravery and the intrepid character of those who made easier the way to into that closer, personal and helpfreedom in the Queen's dominions ful contact with Liberia which is so and to recall the privations and the necessary to each hardships of the black people who made their way to the British provinces where they could "shake the lion's paw."

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada is to be commended riculturists who are fully prepared to for its action in commemorating the underground railroad. If one might venture to suggest another field for its interest, it would be to mark in some way the connection of the City of Chatham with the enterprises of old John Brown whose "soul goes League, are: marching on." Brown held his famous convention of 1858 in the Canad- York, packers and distributors of ian city of Chatham and in that city was doubtless planned the blow which came in 1859 and which startl- Cincinnati, Ohio, manufacturers of

Bawn of Tomorrow AUTHOR SEES PLAY "GREEN PASTURES"

NEW YORK, April - Roark Bradford whose writings inspired the production of the Pulitzer prize play, "Green Pastures," Saturday night viewed the play at the Mansfield Theatre for the first time since it opened 480 performances previous. With him was Marc Connelly, the playwright who actually wrote it from fables Bradford wrote of the Southern Negro's conception of heaven-fables that have brought him fame and fortune so swiftly that he still can hardly believe it. Bradford was kept in Sante Fe, N. Mexico, with his wife, who is ill, for ten

He arrived in New York on Friday and was met at the station by Richard B. Harrison, leading actor in the play who has the role of the "Lord." After the show he was taken to Harlem for a round of colored night clubs, and all this week he has been feted at dinners and teas.

Bradford receives a royalty from the play. He refused to consider sharing the Pulitzer prize with Connelly saying that it was absurd to think that he should have part of the prize.

From the copy desk job on a newspaper in 1928, Bradford has progressed to a point where he now has an income of close to \$50,000 a year.

LIBERIA WANTS **AMERICAN NEGROES**

CHICAGO, Apr. - Something of the importance which the Liberian government itself attaches to the pro posed West Africa Cruise of the Liberiian Development Association with headquarters in this city, is indicated in a letter just received by the Association from the secretary and aide-de-camp of the president of Li-

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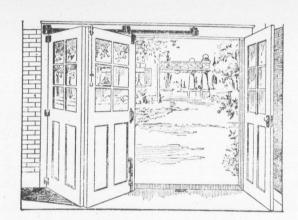
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LONDON NOTES.

Mr. William Taylor who has been very ill in St. Joseph's Hospital is able to be removed to his home.

The regular meeting of the C.L.A. C.P. met at the home of President Mis. Drake. The work for the coming months was discussed and other things of importance looked after.

Mrs. William Berry and little daughter Arlene were guests of Mr. anc Mrs. Ben Smith of Dresden, also Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson of Turnervilley, Ont. and Rev. and Mrs. Penick, Dresden, for Easter week. Mr. Berry motored to Dresden to spend Easter Sunday, motoring to Windsor Monday. Mrs. Berry and daughter were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carter, covers were laid often. Mr. and Mrs. Berry and daughter were entertained to dinner by Mrs. Ernest Lucas. Covers were laid for eight.

The death of Mrs. Smith occurred at the residence of her son Joe, in Windsor, Easter Sunday. Mrs. Smith was in her seventy-sixth year. Her death was a shock to the whole community, Mrs. Smith being ill only three days. She leaves to mourn her loss four sons and five daughters and a host of grandchildren. Relatives and friends, the grandsons acting as pallbearers. The funeral was from her son, Ben Smith's residence, in Dresden via Queen St. Baptist Church Rev. Stewart of Windsor conducted the funeral service. Mrs. Marion Powell of Windsor sang "God Knows Why." The funeral was largely at-

The many beautiful floral tributes showed the high esteem in which the community held Mrs. Smith, as did also the telegrams of condolence and letters frfom different organizations expressing their deepest sympathies

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Ernest Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Car ter of Dresden were visitors in London on Sunday, April 19th, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, 5

Quarterly meeting services were conducted under very favourable circumstances. The pastor, Rev. E. Alph Richardson spoke at the morning and evening services. Rev. Dr D. N. McCamus of Dundas Centre United Church was the speaker at 3.00 p.m. Dr. McCamus used (This do in remembrance of me) as his text and dealing with the Lord's Supper as Sacrament, Eucharist, and Communion. He emphasized the steady spiritual growth every one enjoys when by faith they do the commandments of the Christ of God.

This being the first issue since Easter, Rev. Richardson wishes to express gratitude to the choir members for the excellent rendering of the Easter sonalogue, Dawn Immor-

"eleaning bee". The Church is a credit to us and we are 'extending a cordial invitation to all to worship

Mr. Wm. Taylor an old resident of London has been in St. Joseph's under an operation and is gaining his former health. He is to return home

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We are pleased to report to all who are interested that Mr. James F. Jenkins, who has been seriously ill at St. Joseph's Hospital is progressing favourably. His physicians report his case successful, and expect in a few days he will be able to be moved

The funeral of the late Henry Anthony King, late husband of Mrs. Ethel Kinv (nee Ethel Irons) was conducted from the Gordon Ferfuson Funeral Home Monday, April 6th. Mr. Kiny passed away in Marquette Mich. after a brief illness, and interment was made in Woodland Cemetery with the family of Mr. and Mrs John Irons, London.

Mrs. Kinv and sister, Mrs. Stella Claybourne are spending a few days with their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Irons on Nelson St.

Rev. Richardson returned home on Saturday after spending several days in Toronto visiting her sister Miss B. Rudd, and other relatives and

Mr. Louis Groat and Mr. Chas. Kelly are still in Byron but are reported doing well.

Services were encouraging in attendance on Sunday last with the pastor speaking at both services. At eleven o'clock service Mr. Richarcson dealt with The Duty of Israel, stressing that the promise of the Holy Ghost was to us, our children and all whom the Lord shall call, when we seek after it, Speaking to a very attentive congregation in the evening, Mr. Richardson gave a graphic picture of the struggle, the growth and endurance of the church through the ages from 100 A.D.-to the present. Using Rev., Chapter 2 the speaker showed how tolerance in the church with the things of the world leads to spiritual weakness and alienation from God.

STRATFORD NOTES

Mrs. M. E. Harrison is speedily recovering after a tonsil operation on April sixth.

Mrs. J. H. Duncan and daughter of Guelph is visiting with her mother. Mrs. M. E. Harrison, for Easter.

Miss Car has returned to Stratford for Easter after three months of tea ching near Sault Ste. Marie. She will return on Friday 10th, 1931.

Miss Hazel Wesley of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Gery Green spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wesley.

Mrs. J. D. Hall is recovered from her illness after a month's duration.

There is to be a concert in the St. John's Church the 27 of this month which will be in charge of C. A. John son of Toronto.

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of the north and middle west, the Ne- movement. gro has generally taken the lower and rougher positions which were open to him. However, his entrance has been accelerated by two conditions: first, he has been imported in large numbers to act as a strikebreaker; secondly, he has filled the normal opportunities opened to all labor as a result of the war and the flood of emigration and restrictive immigration occasioned thereby.

The fact that many of these were agricultural laborers unused to collective action, and that they felt their advancement to be due to a kind of fate or to be a benevolent employer who had tendered them positions which they otherwise could not have held on account of racial barriers erected by white trade unionists, made these men hardly amenable to unionism. The deep rooted reasons for this failure of consistent co-operation between black and white workers lie in the cultural economic and social heritage of the slape tradition which encouraged mutual suspicion and distrust in both races.

Doctors Spero and Harris trace the development of the American labor movement from the period following the civil war. The idealism of the old Knights of Labor, the practical business unionism of its successor, the American Federation of Labor, the more liberal and visionary tactics of socialistic and industrial unions, are all fully elucidated and criticized. This is the distinct characteristic of the work: that, when talking about the longshormen's troubles the hard and bitter fights in the coal fields, the unionization of the steel and meat packing industries, the racial policy of the ladies' garment workers' union, or even the rise and fall of the Pullman porters' brotherhood, the authors have approached the pro blems from the point of view of the advantages and disadvantages to the workingman in general irrespective of race. As economists the authors are interested primarily in labor dy-

One of the most interesting parts of the book is the section devoted to the attitudes of the egro community to the labor movement. One looks forward with glee to see the race leaders rushing to defend themselves. Spero and Harris do not pull their

The Negro in Industry punches, when marshaling evidence bearing on the activities and outlook of Negro politicians, the church, Today the Negro occupies a sig- the National Urban League the Nanificant place in American industry, tional Association for the Advance-How did he reach this position? As ment of Colored People, the Booker a newcomer in the various industries T. Washington group and the Garvey

GANDHI TO BARGAIN ALONE

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