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NEGROES ASSIST TO PUT OVER BIG PHILADELPHIA SESQUICENTENNIAL

Activities Include Building, Contracting, Decorating, Designing, Superintending and Staging of Pageants, Choral Work, Superintending of Exhibits, and the Bringing of Various Negro Conventions to the Sesquicentennial.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 2nd—Cannons roared, airplanes soared and swooped in aerial salutations. Bugles and drums blown and thundered. Five thousand trained voices arose in Gounod's immortal "Unfold Ye Portals." The Mayor of Philadelphia in his capacity of President of the Sesquicentennial Exposition Association, welcomed the official representatives of forty-two nations. The Secretary of Commerce spoke for the President of the Federal government. Fifty thousand persons in a classically beautiful stadium stood with bared heads while a bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a Roman Catholic Prelate invoked divine blessings.

One of the outstanding events of the Negro participation in the Sesquicentennial International Exposition will be the presentation of a mammoth pageant, "Loyalty's Gift" on July 12th in the great auditorium. The pageant has a number of striking episodes and is intended to appeal to the human sympathetic understanding of the white group for the Negro. It is a highly dramatic picture of the development of the race, even suggesting by one episode the early Egyptian days and linking the history of the black people with that period.

The Negro spirituals, which are being recognized as the only truly American folk songs, will form an integral part in the spectacle which is to be presented under the direction of Mrs. Dora Cole Norman, widely known colored drama director.

"I am trying to have these people use their native creative sense in the pageant, to harmonize, to express the music and the rhythm that is peculiarly their own," said Mrs. Norman in explaining the idea of the pageant which she has written.

Every detail of the production is the work of colored people, with the exception of the "Star Spangled Ban-

ner" which brings in the proper patriotic note as a climax. All the scenery is being painted by colored artists working from suggestions made by the director.

Mrs. Norman, herself is attracting the favorable attention of all who have met her or observed her work. Her own accomplishments are outstanding. She played the leading colored woman's role in Eugene O'Neill's play, "All God's Chillen Got Wings," when it was produced by the Provincetown Players in New York last winter. The part was that of "Hattie," the sister to the leading Negro character in the play. One of her greatest accomplishments was as organizer and director of the Players' Guild in New York, a dramatic club planned to stimulate the creative arts among her race.

Beautifully decorated Booths.

Designed by the race, built by the race, decorated by the race with a beautiful color scheme, are the many booths which will house the exhibits rapidly arriving daily. Mrs. Dora Cole Norman of Staten Island, New York, is here to conduct the rehearsals of the pageant, while Miss Laura Wheeler of Cheyney, Pennsylvania, will superintend the arranging of the various exhibits.

Negroes In All Choral Features.

Besides having their own folk songs and choruses the race will appear with other groups in all the festival choruses. Franklin W. Hexter, chairman of the committee on music has been assured the hearty co-operation of Sesqui officials to this end.

Conventions Coming.

The Afro-American League of America, which convenes here, August 16th to 18th, inclusive, is to be one of the greatest meetings of the race. Questions of interest will be discussed by prominent men and women of the country. It is planned to entertain the Association of Negro Musicians from July 27th—29th inclusive and the national Medical Association from August 23rd to August

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MR. "JIM" WILSON, of Brantford.

Mr. Wilson is one of the most successful market gardeners of Brant County. The "Wilson Celery" has won many first prizes. Years ago he was an actor of outstanding ability, having travelled with Black Patti, Coles and Johnson, Williams and Walker, Primrose and West and Buffalo Bill. Mr. Wilson has in his possession clippings from some of the leading newspapers of North America referring to his act. In referring to Coles and Johnson's "Trip to Coon Town," in April 6th, 1898 the New York Sun said: "There were only about 12 persons in the company and yet each is an artist. For instance, Jom Wilson does an equilibrist specialty which is quite as good as anything done by Clinquevalli." It will be remembered that Clinquevalli was considered at that time to be the world's greatest equilibrist.

\$500 Newspaper Prize To Negro Immigrant

New York, May, 19—Second place in the New York News "Hall of Fame" game carrying an award of \$500 was won by Cyril A. Wilson, 71 Irvin Place. Thousands of contestants from all parts of the country took part in the competition. Wilson is a native of the Barbados. He came to the United States after winning a scholarship in his country. Since arriving here he has studied Mechanical Dentistry at Bodee dental school. He stated that he will enter the Columbia New York University School of Dentistry.

SEES RISE OF RACE TO HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT

New York, May—In a sermon, entitled "The New Negro," the Rev. John Herman Randall of the Community Church, Thirty-Fourth and Park Avenue, stated that the colored American of today had achieved a spiritual freedom which was releasing him from a bondage of inferiority and elevating him to a plane of equality and friendliness with all.

"This great change has occurred within the last ten years," Dr. Randall said. "While early signs were manifested at the turn of this century, the driving force behind the emergence of the Negro to a man of self-respect took form at the outbreak of the World War, when the acute shortage of labor in the Northern Industrial cities encouraged the migration of colored farm labor in the South to the North.

"The Negro has become a city man. With the opportunity of enjoying group relationships and the advantages of an urban environment, the Negro has developed from a condition of imitating the whites to the status of an individual thinker."

Art Has Offered Negro Broadest Opportunity

New York, May—The annual report of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, made public recently said that the greatest issue confronting Negroes today was that of residential segregation through agreement of property owners in some parts of the country to refuse to rent or sell to Negroes. On the other hand, the report told of increasing recognition of Negroes as creative artists.

"One of the most significant changes that has taken place regarding the Negro in this country," it said, "is the recent change of attitude, we might say national change of attitude, toward Negro culture and art. Today the most important periodicals in the country are open to Negro writers. The greatest publishing houses bring out the works of Negro authors, Negro singers and musicians fill the finest concert halls in the country. Colored singers are soloists with the most famous orchestras."

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Editorial

UNDER ONE FLAG

Writing on the "New Negro and Higher Education," in the Boston Chronicle of May 29, Kelly Miller turns from his main theme to make the following observation: "The race question can never be solved in America apart from the basic factor on the African Continent. Race and color will be a stigma and a reproach as long as there remains that great reservoir of blackness, ignorance and degradation. So long as blackness remains as a badge of inferior qualities anywhere on the face of the earth, the African will share the stigma wherever he is to be found." Later on he remarks: "I take the position that the Negro question can never be settled in America until it is settled in Africa. Universal race questions cannot be settled in fragments. You cannot settle the Japanese question in California or in Hawaii until it is settled in Japan. The Negro must interest himself in the universal Negro problem in both its American and African aspects."

Kelly Miller as given us here a bit of sound philosophy and some excellent advice. From the very nature of the case the race question, as it affects black people, cannot be parcelled off and solved in portions. If to the white world about us, blackness is a badge of inferiority, it will ever remain so until black folk convince the world that black people are not inherently inferior, but that environments and opportunities affect them in the same measure as they do all other peoples. And again, if Africa is the great human reservoir of ignorance and degradation, our race will continue to be a reproach so long as Africa remains such. Not only does this apply to the native African but to all persons of Negro blood wherever they may be found.

And, therefore, the race problem cannot be solved by fighting for and even gaining a few rights in the United States. It is not solved when we in Canada or in other parts of the Empire enjoy certain rights which came to us without effort. For in both cases we still wear the label which is considered by other races the badge of the "Inferior Complex"—our dark skins. Broadly speaking, a Negro is a Negro, the world over and as such he is considered an inferior being.

Of course it is right and just and fitting that we should contend for

manhood rights wherever we may be. It is also proper that we do all that in our power lies to banish ignorance and to spread intelligence among our people upon this continent. But it is just as much our duty to contend for the manhood rights of the African native. It is also our burden to see that ignorance, savagery, superstition, and degradation is banished forever from the Continent of Africa; for if the problem is ever properly settled, Africa is the place where that settlement will be made.

Garvey's plaintive cry to redeem Africa ever rings in our ears. Whatever he may or may not have been his appeal for the fatherland has struck a responsive chord deep down in our souls. We know that by redeeming Africa we will redeem black and brown America, and that when Africa is lifted up we also shall be exalted, but not until then. And we are still hoping and praying and waiting for a Moses to rise among us with a vision which will enable him to lead us on and with the power to help Ethiopia to "stretch forth her hands."

Live It Down!

(Rev. A. L. Scott in Southwestern Christian Advocate)

This twentieth century age, let us remember, abounds with opportunities as never did the ages before it. It is the weak man only who is crushed by obstacles; the strong man is nerved and braced by every opposition that seeks to bar his road. To my mind, the first reply we can make to race prejudice is usefulness—honest, high-class service. No prejudice in the world can keep a race from demonstrating its value in the economy of God's household.

Just as a man's most effective answer to injustice is to live it down by his work and worth, even so a race unjustly condemned has this appeal to the supreme court of humanity, by making its contribution to man's steady advancement as solid and valuable as it can. Opportunities for solid usefulness abound for us as for anybody else; prejudice must spur us to exertion, not daunt us into a morbid habit of rebellion and complaint.

Justice, even against ourselves, ranks perhaps next in importance. The true man under attack must first set his own house in order. The retort of conscious guilt, "you are another," is not to be our defense, so much as for us to be in the right rather than to have the best of the argument. I have as yet to analyze any type of prejudice that has not some foundation, be it ever so unjust. . . . We owe it to ourselves, to the strength of our cause, to examine ourselves to determine exactly how far we are giving cause and adding fuel to prejudice.

No race, of course, is free from foibles; but as the individual must ever strive to rid himself of those weaknesses and those vices which stand in the way of usefulness to society, so must the race become aware of whatever just complaints the world advances against it and must go to work earnestly to remedy them. The very injustice which lumps all individuals in the mass and condemns each of them unheard for what is supposed to be the general foible, that very injustice must arouse

My Mother's Escape From Slavery With Her Five Children

(by Mrs. Charles Walker)

PART TWO

Now George Payne paid these American soldiers two hundred dollars to go and bring his wife and five children from William Giddings plantation in Leesburg. These Northern soldiers positively hated slave-holders and they were only too glad to get a chance to do some damage to one of them, so they set out after Payne's family; three of them there were but believe me Giddings would think there was an army of them by the time they were through with him.

These soldiers were sent out on a skirmish when they left Washington and they had planned to make this trip while on it so one night not far distant from the time Payne paid them the money they arrived at Point of Rocks and then walked to Leesburg, which was about four miles, and then to Giddings' house. When arrived there they reached a window (described to them by Payne in Washington) and tapped gently, which brought, Emily, Payne's wife, on the scene. At first she was frightened at seeing these Northern Soldiers, but after hearing their story she became interested, but still she dubious about believing them as she had heard many tales of these soldiers so after receiving evidence that her George had really sent them why she believed in them and listened. Now Emily was what they called a wet nurse for the Mistress Giddings and she told them that she could not go because she could not leave the baby, at which they remarked why she should worry about the baby when her husband sent them for her, and when her husband had a home all ready and waiting for her in Washington. Now Emily loved the Master and his wife and family and they thought a great deal of her, so for this reason she hated to leave although she was very anxious to leave there to join her husband. Of course the soldiers wanted her to come right then but she would not think of it and told them that she could not be ready for two weeks as she had to get the children ready and so on. So they consented and she told them not to come to the house for her but she would meet them at Point of Rocks if they would let her know the date and hour when they would be there. She was so afraid if they came again they would harm her Master, and these soldiers told her flatly that they had come for her and had received the money for bringing them to Washington and if she was not at Point of Rocks, they would get her if they had to do so over the master's dead body, so she fully made up her mind to be ready in two weeks from that night. A very busy two weeks followed in which all the children were being made ready for the journey which was to be made by boat.

Henry and Maria, the two oldest children were let into the secret as they had to help their mother prepare for the long trip in view and

a sense of solidarity by which each individual accepts responsibility for all the others.

prepare plans how they could escape without the master knowing. So while she was preparing to escape two or three days later Marse Giddings was sitting on the beautiful veranda of his home when over the hills from Point of Rocks he espied a rroup of Northern Soldiers coming towards his house. Of course he was filled with fear and not knowing whither to go and hide (as he had heard terrible stories of what these soldiers did to slave-holders) he ran to Emily and cried, my God Emily, save me, hide me, the soldiers are coming after me.

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Many citizens of Toronto will be interested to learn that Mrs. U. Byles an old resident, died in Red Bank, N.J. last February. She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Una Skoggs and Rubie.

Mrs. M. E. Mathews who is just recovering from an operation, has left for Ottawa where she will be with her mother during the summer months.

Mrs. Buchanan of Windsor, sister of Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart is the mother of a fine baby girl. Baby June and mother are doing fine.

Services Sunday were very impressive and interesting, two fine sermons having been delivered by the pastor. At 11 a.m. he spoke from Joshua 24: 15. Sub. "The Decision of A Christian." The evening text was taken from Philippians, 1: 21. Sub. "Paul's Estimate of Life." No man in the history of the Christian Church, upon whom the eyes of the world have been fixed, so wondrously fulfilled in his own life and character the ideal of Christianity as did the Apostle Paul, said the speaker in the introductory remarks upon the subject. The Apostle Paul was acclaimed by the speaker as a type for present day Christians. The evening programme given by our choir at the close of the evening service was very interesting and worthy of mention. The play, entitled, "Searching for Happiness," in which both members of our choir and Sunday School participated, was a real gem. Each one took his part in a very commendable way.

Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart has returned from Windsor, and was heartily welcomed home by members and friends.

Miss Lena Taylor and Miss C. Lucas, are visiting in Detroit.

The Union Missionary meeting under the auspices of the women of the A.M.E., B.M.E. and Baptist Churches, on Sunday, May 31st, held in the B. M.E. Church was a very interesting meeting. A splendid programme of solos, addresses and papers was given and fully enjoyed by all present. We need more of these kind of meetings among the church folk of our city.

Sick List.

Mrs. Harry Brown, of 98 Bristol Ave. underwent a serious operation at St. Joseph's hospital. She is improving slowly at this writing. Mr. Herbert Green is confined to his bed with pleural-pneumonia. Our prayers are for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Gazaway, Mrs. Davis and Miss Thompson are also among the many in our community who are confined to their beds because of sickness.

BRANTFORD

Rev. H. D. Wright filled the pulpit in his usual masterful way at both services on Sunday.

A number of friends met at the parsonage on May 27th, the occasion being the Rev. H. D. Wright's birthday, at which time they presented him with a purse after many congratulations to which Rev. and Mrs.

Wright replied. A dainty lunch was then served by Mrs. Wright which was delightful.

The Teachers and Scholars are busy preparing for Children's Day, June 13th, which we trust will be a grand success.

Messrs. Kenneth Willoughy Cromwell and B. Blair, of Woodstock were motor visitors in the city over Sunday.

Mr. Israel Smith spent a few hours in the city on his way home to Owen Sound, where he was called on account of the illness of his wife, a former Brantford girl.

Miss Olive Johnson who has been attending college in Greenville, Ill., has returned home for her summer holidays.

The sick are all convalescing nicely. Mrs. C. Delfish, Mrs. John Malotte, Master Freddie Johnson, Chester Baldwin and Miss Bertha Johnson.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins, Executive Secretary of the C.L.A.C.P will be in the city over the week end, being booked to speak to the Kiwanis Club, at which time they are having a large Banquet, Mr. Jenkins being the principle speaker for the occasion. Another boost for Brantford people and our League.

HAMILTON

Born to Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Barnes, on Wednesday, May 19th, 1926, a baby girl, Edna May.

During both services on Sunday at St. Paul's the pulpit was occupied by the new pastor, Rev. Claude Stewart. Very inspiring sermons were delivered and highly appreciated by all.

Mr. Lloyd Duncan and his sister, Miss Evelyn, of Guelph, also Mr. Edwin Young of Buffalo, N.Y., were week end guests of Miss Elfreda Holland.

Misses Vera and Dorothy Morey of Brantford were in the city Sunday.

We are sorry to report the illness of little Betty and Austin Toliver, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Toliver, and also the illness of little Billy Barnes, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Bushe, of Canfield, spent the week end in the city.

Mr. Harold Johnson, of Cayuga, spent Sunday in the city.

Rev. and Mrs. Claude Stewart, late of Amherstburg, are now residing in the city. As our new pastor and wife we pray that success will attend their efforts and that much good will be accomplished through them.

Mr. James Thomas of Cleveland, Ohio, nephew of Mr. T. Y. Holland, spent the week end in the city.

The many friends of Mrs. T. H. Henderson regret to learn of her

death, and extend their sincerest sympathy to Rev. T. H. Henderson in his hour of sadness.

Mrs. A. Hammond has removed to 65 Gore St., (formerly 'Pierman House) where visitors will find accommodations, and comfortable rooms by day or week.

The members of the C.L.A.C.P are fostering a concert to be given on Thursday, June 17th. A splendid programme and enjoyable evening is assured all those who attend. Let us all co-operate and make this our first attempt, a very decided success.

Mrs. Ruth Hatchett-Wells is critically ill in the Mountain Sanitarium.

South African Natives Excited Over Passage Of Color Bar Bill

South African natives were highly excited by the recent passage of the Color Bar Bill which excludes them from a number of skilled occupations, according to reports received from London by the national Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Natives are reported to have entered Capetown where they prayed and sang hymns. The South African Premier, General Hertzog, is reported to have attacked the church for interfering in the situation and the Dean of Johannesburg replied that if the church remained silent it would be false to itself and to its Founder.

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The sources of wealth in the Congo are many and varied, and present opportunities to all interested in the trade of that country. Diamond mines have always been sources of revenue, and this is true in the Congo, where the diamond industry is virtually post war. During 1923 and 1924, 20 per cent. of the world's supply of diamonds, measured by weight was gathered in the Congo mines. The quality of the diamonds varies widely, as among them are blue white stones, colorless and transparent. Some are yellow green and others brown.

The Belgian Congo, prior to the World War, was looked upon as being chiefly a rubber country, as the total value of the exports from the Congo between the years 1901 and 1910 were 80 per cent. rubber and 20 per cent. other products. To-day it is estimated that rubber amounts to only 1 per cent. of the total value of exports from the Belgian Congo, while the chief products are now minerals. In Katanga Province, in the southern part of the Congo some of the copper ore runs as high as 25 per cent. but of the high grade ore the average is about 15 per cent. copper. For the first year the output was only about 1,000 tons of raw copper. Production has increased steadily, and in 1924 the company produced 85,500 tons.

Another recently discovered commodity in Belgian Congo is cobalt. Electric furnaces were installed at La Panda in the southeastern part of the Congo in 1924, and produce an alloy of copper-iron-cobalt which is sent to Belgium for the production of cobalt in the form of metals and oxides. Coal has been found near the copper mines and is good for local purposes and several mines are in operation. Iron is found in great quantities. Some of the ore is said to run as high as 65 per cent. iron, but is not much valued because of the long haul to market.

Editor Of "Rip Saw" Dies At Duluth

Associated Negro Press.

Duluth, Minn., June 2nd—John L. Morrison is dead. Mr. Morrison, editor of the "Rip Saw," after years of labor in the effort to secure justice for all and equal rights for every American citizen, regardless of race, color, or creed, has passed on to the better country, leaving thousands of friends of all races, to mourn his passing.

As editor of the "Rip Saw," as the name of the publication implies, Mr. Morrison "ripped" into prejudice, in-

justice, and unfairness so courageously and earnestly that he was known to Negro citizens of the state as the "John Brown of Minnesota." It was Mr. Morrison who first discovered and published that a great injustice had been done the Negro circus hands, who were lynched after an alleged rape of a seventeen year old white girl in 1920.

Editor Morrison made a thorough investigation of the affair and published his findings boldly with the glaring headline: "Negroes Did Not Rape Seventeen Year Old White Girl As Alleged." This action on his part increased the circulation of the Rip Saw and endeared him to all citizens who believed in justice and equality of all men.

He openly condemned mob violence and all those connected with the horrible crime and was not content until the principals of the mob were convicted and the chief of police and head of the public safety had been retired from office.

At that time and for years after, he was a hero in the eyes of the public and lauded for his courage and fairmindedness. Today he is mourned by those who admired him. He was an ardent supporter and member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and attended every meeting when possible. Duluth has lost a leading citizen, and the Negro race has lost a true, tried and sincere friend.

Colored Athlete Wins Gold Medal

Colored athlete wins gold medal—gives it to his white attendant.

Cambridge, Mass., May 30th—Cecil Cooke, Negro runner of Syracuse University, who won the quarter-mile title in the Harvard golden jubilee tracks and field meet, had just left the rubbing table when the Syracuse manager brought him the gold medal he had won. The Negro gazed at it with pride handed it around so that less fortunate athletes might look on it and was about to place it in the pocket next to his heart and he stopped and pondered for a moment.

Then he went back to the rubbing room and quietly sought out Frank Otto, the Syracuse rubber.

"Mr. Otto," he said, "You're a white man, and, except for me, your work is with boys of your color, but ever since you've been with Syracuse you've given me just the same treatment and attention as any of the white boys, and I want to tell you I appreciate it."

"This medal is just about the best thing I ever won. I want you to take it as a gift of thanks for your care of me."

Before Otto could answer, Cooke turned away and was gone.
(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Rare Negro Books Go To N. Y. Library

New York, May 26—A priceless collection of books on, about or by Negroes has been placed on the shelves of the New York Public Library

through the efforts of representatives of the National Urban League, who reached an agreement with the collector, Arthur A. Schomburg and negotiated with the Carnegie Corporation for the appropriation of ten thousand dollars to obtain the collection.

Among the names which appear in the writings which date from the year 1550 and bear on the historical achievements of Negroes in every part of the world are: Gustavus Vassa, Jacobus Capitein, Paul Cuffe, Jupiter Hammond, Juan Latino, Ignatius Sancho, Prince Saunders, De Baron Vastey, Henry Sipkins, Frederick Douglas, Dunbar, Absolom Jones, Alexander Crummel, Toussaint L'Overture, Benjamin Banneker and Chevelier St. George. There are several thousand books in all, which represent the labors of Schomburg over a period of thirty years.

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STRATFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Waldon and family of Guelph were the guests of Mrs. Harrison last Sunday.

On Sunday, May 30th, death came very suddenly to Mrs. Jarreth. Mrs. Jarreth was one of our most widely known and most beloved citizens. She leaves to mourn her death, a husband and seven children, five of whom are at home and Mrs. Hessen and James of Buffalo. Funeral services were held on June 1st.

Mrs. Harrison and family, accompanied by Mr. and Miss Hessen and Mr. Robt. Duncan, motored to Listowell on May 30th.

Mr. Armstrong of Listowell and Miss Elsie Hessen are week end visitors with the Wesley family.

Messrs. Cromwell and Blair of Woodstock were recent visitors to our city.

Mrs. M. E. Harrison has announced the engagement of her daughter Mabel Florence to Mr. Mhas. Alexander, of Salem, Ohio.

NORTH BUXTON

The past week has been a very busy one in the village. On Monday evening the B.M.E. Church had a grand entertainment which filled the church to capacity. The programme consisted of a play, entitled "Si Slocum's Country Store," in which sixteen characters participated. With this, there was also an egg-eating contest which proved a drawing card for the large gathering.

On Tuesday afternoon, the funeral services of the late Sam Emanuel were conducted in the B.M.E. Church by the Rev. Constantine Perry. The death of Mr. Emanuel took place in Chicago, but Buxton being his former home, the remains were brought here for burial. Accompanying the remains, was one of Buxton's sons, in the person of Mr. George Kersey, who now holds the distinguished position of being the representative of the 3rd district in the 53rd General Assembly of the Chicago Legislature. Mr. Kersey is also a leading funeral director of Chicago.

Mrs. Alice Drye, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Arnold Watts, has returned to Chicago.

Last Sunday evening, the North Buxton Choral Society scored another success in an entertainment in commemorating Memorial Day. The service was held in the Baptist Church.

Last Sunday afternoon Rev. Perry went to the eleventh Concession Church where he preached to a very large and appreciative audience.

Next Sunday, the Rev. will hold Quarterly Meeting in Dresden B.M.E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alexander will find the summer months more enjoyable to them, as they ave purchased a new car, the latest Ford model. We congratulate our popular teacher on his purchase.

Plans are under way for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of

the founding of the B.M.E. Church in Canada, by the local Church. At a recent member's meeting, on the suggestion of the pastor, it was decided on that occasion to raise money for the erection of a hall in which entertainments, etc., could be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright of Ypsilanti, Ohio, Mr.s Davis and Mrs. Richardson of the Eleventh Concession, Chatham Township, were visitors in Buxton on Monday.

LONDON

Mrs. Mattie Chandler is confined to St. Joseph's Hospital where it is feared that an operation will be necessary.

The concert last Thursday evening at the Wesley United Church (white) under the auspices of the B.M.E. Church Aid was a grand success. The Wesley Church people have asked that the programme be repeated within the near future.

Mrs. Minnie Harris spent a few days recently in Detroit visiting her daughter, Mrs. Annie Vant.

Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart spent the week end in the city as the guest of the Drake family.

Friends of Miss Alice Drake are delighted to hear her pleasant voice over the tlephone once more.

Mrs. Fred Harris was called to Buxton last Saturday to attend the bedside of her brother who is very ill.

Mr. Gordon Curry of Chatham is spending a few weeks in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nevels and their niece Myrtle, spent the week end in the city as the guests of Mrs. Eliza Groat.

Mrs. Grace Groat and her young son have returned from Stratford where they spent a pleasant two weeks with her mother.

The Get-Acquainted Club has been asked to render two separate programs over the Free Press Radio during the month of June. This is a fitting testimony to their ability to please the radio fans.

Mrs. George Workmann of Bathurst St. spent a few days in Toronto. She reports a very pleasant trip.

Mr. Arthur Moxley of Trafalgar St. is making an excellent record flying pigeons. To date he has won one first, two seconds, one third and one fourth place.

Mrs. Albert Butler is in receipt of an invitation from her niece, Lillian Francis Wells, to her graduation exercises in Lynchburg, Va. Miss Wells is finishing college at the age of eighteen. We are proud of the fact that Miss Wells is a Canadian born girl.

The C.L.A.C.P. will hold its next meeting at the Hill Street Baptist Church, on Monday, June 14th. The main object of the meeting is to arrange for a float representing the colored citizens of the city in the coming Centennial. A programme has been prepared. Everybody is welcome.

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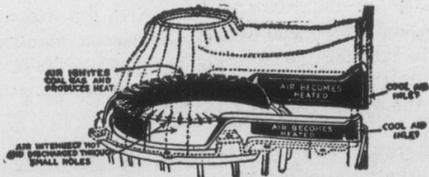


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Hartford Y.M.C.A. Sends Colored Delegate

Hartford, Conn.—After many years of slumber the Young Men's Christian Association of New England is being awakened to its responsibilities to the colored youth. The Y.M.C.A. of Hartford is to be congratulated for taking the initial step. Within the past six months it has extended its program to meet the needs of hundreds of colored men and boys of our city by way of social, recreational, and religious programs. This work has been under the direct supervision of Mr. Samuel M. Jenkins, a graduate of the Florida A. and M. College of Tallahassee, Florida, who is the first colored man to serve on the Hartford staff.

Accepting the invitation of the State Secretary the colored people of Hartford took immediate steps toward securing funds with which to send a delegate to represent them at the World's Conference which is to be held at Helsingfors, Finland.

After a successful campaign the committee's attention was turned to selecting a delegate, and after thorough investigation Mr. Kenneth C. Eldridge, a graduate of one of our local high schools and a young man who is very active in social and religious activities, was the choice of the committee. The people of Hartford are much pleased with the choice of the committee as they feel assured that Mr. Eldridge is well qualified to do the job.

Finds Haiti Under Stringent Rule By U.S.

Chicago, May 19—"The United States is the real government of Haiti Americans control the finances. They can have the Haitian Congress called when they see fit to do so," said Dr. Paul H. Douglas of the University of Chicago, in an address.

Dr. Douglas has just returned from Haiti, where he investigated this tiny republic whose history has been marked by many upheavals.

"The United States has done nothing in Haiti to further education. It has made no determined effort to stamp out illiteracy. Although public primary education is free, very little has been done to encourage attendance. There is but one normal school, a school of law and one where medicine is taught.

"Courts have hardly any power in Haiti. They can issue orders but few of them are put into effect. There is no habeas corpus. One of the libelers of the head of the Haitian state was put in prison. No trial followed. The main object was to get him into jail."

Despite harrowing conditions, Dr. Douglas expressed the hope that a better day would dawn for Haiti.

Wills To Meet Sharkey

Boston, Mass., June 2—Jack Sharkey, New England heavyweight champion, and Harry Wills, contender for Dempsey's world title, have been signed to meet in a Providence ring this summer, it was announced Monday.

Enterains in Aid Of Hill St. Baptist Church

A Guessing Contest and Silent Supper was given by Mrs. V. Meyers on Tuesday evening, June 1st, 1926, at her home, 180 Simcoe St., London. Much credit is due Mrs. Meyers for her untiring efforts to make the evening pleasant and entertaining for all who attended. A short program was enjoyed by all. Then everyone was eligible for the Guessing Contest. The affair was something out of the ordinary and very interesting. The contest was very keen, Mrs. Pearl Kelly winning from Mr. A. Butler, the prize in Class (A), having guessed within two points of the goal. The prize was a beautiful cake dish.

In Class (B) Mrs. Hattie Berry carried her field in the final and won the prize, a dainty little percolator.

There was no prize in Class (C). The contestants did remarkably well. Mr. W. Meyers acted as the judge, after which a dainty supper was served by Mrs. V. Meyers and Mrs. D. Meyers.

Every one present expressed their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Meyers for the generous way in which they entertained. I am sure it was very kind of Mrs. V. Meyers for her efforts in aiding the church in this manner, the proceeds going to the Hill St. Baptist Church. It was a grand success from every stand point.

Negroes Assist to Put Over Sesquicentennial

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27th inclusive. The national Negro Press Association will bring here men and women representing at least one hundred and ten colored newspapers. All of the latest art in newsprint will be displayed. Authors and writers of note will visit the Exposition while the works of our historical writers will be seen among the educational exhibit. The State Federation of Colored Womens' Clubs will be held July 12th to 19th, inclusive.

Negro Wins Rank Of Detective-Sergt.

New York, May 24th—The first time for a Negro to attain a high rank in the Police Department of Greater New York came a few days ago, when Officer Samuel J. Battles was elevated to the rank of Detective Sergeant by commissioner McLaughlin. This honour, it is said, comes to Sergeant Battles as a fitting reward for sixteen years of faithful service in the police department, coming through with a clean cut record of efficient service without a reprimand.

John Toomey, promoter, offered a purse of \$200,000 for the bout to be held at the President Cycle Drome. The two heavyweights to arrange for the splitting of the purse. Paddy Mullins, Wills' manager, telegraphed his consent from New York and Johnny Buckley acceded in Sharkey's behalf. No date has been set for the encounter.

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