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BARBER BILL ARRAIGNED
AS RANK INJUSTICE

Atlanta, Ga.—Severely arrainging Atlanta's recently enacted barber ordinance which provides that Negro barbers shall not serve white women and children, the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, of this city, official organ of the white Southern Methodists of Georgia, demands the repeal of the law and calls upon all right minded citizens to busy themselves to that end. Among other arguments against the law, the Wesleyan says:

"It is an attempt of one class of men to capitalize prejudice to their own mater advantage. It is the rank-est kind of injustice. Every member of every white barbers' union that had any part in advocating this law ought to hang his head in crimson shame. A big newsboy who should browbeat a small cripple from the streets in order that he might have the whole business opportunity that they offered would be in the same class. In comparison with white people, the Negro is a disadvantaged race. That his competitors should seek to drive him from the field is an outrageous violation of human rights. If white barbers cannot meet black competition then they ought to retire from the field like men and confess themselves beaten. To call upon a white government to come to their rescue and drive from the field those who in fair competition are securing some of that trade that they covet is to take an unworthy advantage. Fight fairly, win honestly."

Reproducing this editorial in full, the Atlanta Constitution vigorously supports the demand for repeal of the law in a half-column editorial which concludes:

"It will be a happy day for Atlanta, and for this great State, founded upon the bedrock of individual justice, when the bigotry of ignorance and prejudice, and the designing capital-ization of these destructive elements, shall have been driven from the life of the commonwealth."

The bill has been widely and vigorously denounced by the press of Georgia and the South.

Hamilton League Holds Debate

The meeting of the Canadian League held last Thursday was a lively one, the debate, "Resolved that man will go furthe rfor the love of woman than for the love of money," caused considerable discussion, the affirmative side being successful.

Toronto Lodge
Royally Entertains
Children and Parents

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday, March 13th, at Occidental Hall when 250 children and their parents were the guests of the Independent Order of Scottish Mechanics, Soloman Temple, Lodge No. 38. This entertainment has become a yearly event. The officers and members of the order spare no pains in making the entertainment a glorious treat for the little ones.

In a short address the Worshipful Master told the children of their coming duty as citizens and as shapers of the destiny of the next generation. His address was a great inspiration to both children and adults.

Brothers Mathews and Jackson made the musical end of the program a decided success. Everybody showed their appreciation in "the old time way." The Mechanics are a progressive body of men. They endeavour to give the best there is in them to the world and especially to the world of children. They have shown skill and tact in handling a great number of children. On this special occasion every child went away with a bag filled with candies, fruits and nuts. Indeed it was an inspiring sight to observe the children sport and roam over the spacious hall. At the conclusion of the program the children sang the National Anthem and marched out in splendid order. Success to the Mechanics in their efforts to promote good will among all the people of the city.

Temporary Injunction
Halts Anti-Barber Bill

ATLANTA, Ga., March 10—As the results of a petition filed against the modified anti-colored barber bill protesting its unconstitutionality, a temporary injunction restraining the city from putting the measure into effect has been granted. The petition was signed by thirteen colored barbers and two white barbers who employed colored help. It alleged that the measure violated the 14th amendment of the United States Constitution. Under the measure, colored barbers could not serve white women or white children under the age of 14. The petition was set for hearing.

Ancient and Holy Things

(Editorial from The Dearborn Independent, March 13th, 1926.)

We ought to keep them forever—ancient and beautiful things.

There are no songs being written in this Jaz Day that compare with the old songs that grew up out in our own country. What Jaz songs compare with the plaintive melancholy, and the deep moving melodies like, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot;" "Nobody Know De Trouble I's Seen," "I Cant Hear Nobody Pray," "Singin' All Over God's Heaven?"

Just now there is a revival of interest in the Negro Spirituals. A dozen books have been published recently on these spirituals. We are beginning to put a proper valuation on our ancient and beautiful things.

There is a natural revival of the old American dances; they are finding their way back to their place in the heart of America.

He who saves for America the old music, the old songs, the old hymns, the old customs, the old recreations, the old wholesomeness and freedom, is making America his debtor.

RACE OR COLOR LINE
MUST NOT BE DRAWN

Judge Rules Hotels Are Not to Discriminate Against Travellers

Toronto—Holding that the plaintiffs had failed to prove that they had been definitely refused service by the Royal Connaught Hotel, of Hamilton, Mr. Justice Logie, in the Non-Jury Assize Court, yesterday dismissed without costs the action brought by Dr. Benjamin Cohen, and Dr. Geo. Wendel Morrison, against the hotel company, in which the plaintiffs claimed \$50,000. The decision does not in any way disturb the existing law governing the inn-keepers, nor does it give them the right to refuse service to any respectable guest who presents himself.

"In Canada, no race or color line is drawn against the traveler," said Mr. Justice Logie, "While there are such statutes in other countries, no such laws are recognized in Canada. Colored people and Hebrews have the right to go to a common inn and receive service, and there is no doubt in my mind that the hotel is such an inn."

Continuing, His Lordship pointed out that if the plaintiffs had proved that they had been refused service, then there would have been a good cause of action. He felt, however, that they had been sensitive, looking for trouble, and with a chip on their shoulders. The attitude of Alonzo Carter, the manager of the hotel, also failed to satisfy the court, it being stated that in his examination he had indicated that there was an objection to Negroes. This attitude was held to be sufficient to deprive the defendants of costs.

A CAUSE OF GROWTH
By C. M. DeWeever

Did you ever stop to reckon, friends,
As the years do come and go,
That we live and use our means
Because our mothers made it so.

Did you ever stop to wonder, friends,
Why blessings will ever flow,
Upon our business we attend,
Because our mothers made it so.

Did you ever count your treasures
And the cost that aren't so low,
Whie they fill our countless measures,
Because our mothers made it so.

If we live and grow in riches
Let our friends and enemies know
That our progress always stretches
Because our mothers made it so.

Dark Skinned Races Not Inferior
To Whites, Says Pope in Encyclical

Free Press, Mar. 6, 1926.

Rome, March 5—The belief that the dark skinned races are inferior to the white is a mistaken one, Pope Pius declared in an encyclical letter published today, vigorously urging an increase in the number of native Catholic clergymen in the so-called uncivilized regions of the world.

His Holiness says that long exper-

ience proves that these peoples, erroneously termed inferior, can compete with the white races in mental acumen.

"If in the heart of barbarous lands," he writes, "there are found men who seem slow to learn this is explainable by the conditions of their life, of which the restricted needs do not allow them to make large use of their intelligence."

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Editorial

THE OLD TIME NEGRO SONGS

Now that all the world is extolling the virtues of the Old Time Spirituals perhaps we ourselves may get a hearing. We have striven for many years to convince our own people and other peoples that the Old Time Negro Songs are one of the greatest heritages ever left to America. We have chosen this as a subject on which to before large white audiences and before gatherings of our own folk. These Old Time Songs have ever been near and dear to our hearts, because they tell the story of an epoch in the lives of our forefathers, when all around them was sorrow and darkness, and because from this valley of turbulent waters their voices went ringing upward to heaven through these songs, telling of their sufferings and sorrows, and the music went echoing throughout the world, telling of their yearning for human sympathy and love. We love to sing them, because, although crudely expressed and many times weird in sound, they tell of a peculiar kind of genius, a genuine poetic nature and a natural musical talent possessed by our ancestors. They tell of sorrow but they also ring with hope. They tell of oppression but they also breathe the spirit of forgiving patience and long suffering. Both spirit and music are beautiful. That is why the world will never forget them but will more and more, as the years go by, honor and reverence them. They have found their place among the best music of the world.

We remember approaching a certain young man with the view of having him assist in a chorus of Old Time Songs. "Not for me," said he, "I want to forget them and all about them. They remind me too much of the days of slavery." "You poor fool," we answered back to him. And we still have that answer for any member of our race or of any race who would scorn those divine Old Time Negro Songs.

On the Moral Turpitude of a Fox

You will no doubt think it extraordinary that I alone, of all men should be favored with conversation with so-called dumb animals, but after thought I have satisfied myself that mother nature, mindful of the good of her children, desired that the humb-

ler creatures should know more completely of the enlightening knowledge of men through my humble assistance.

I trust this responsibility may engender in me a becoming humbleness of mien.

Led by this resolve, I on Monday past duly fortified in the flesh with a liberal helping of pancakes and syrup, preceded by a first helping with butter alone, early in the morning, (this being wash day and not being desirous of impeding this employ) somewhat hostilely armed myself with an ancient, but trusty gun of one bore, and crossing our yard made my way toward the meadow. Attaining some distance, I paused listening to make sure I would not be wanted for the morning, and hearing no outcry, I skirted the creek, idly speculating on the fate of sundry minnows known to me under kindlier circumstances, now gripped in icy confines. Now remembering certain rabbit tracks seen on that day of wood gathering, I bethought me of the useful employ of supplementing the meagre fare of the morning with a delectable rabbit pie. And most fortunately soon after I espied one of these creatures seemingly exhausted, whereupon I let off the gun full at him, upon which he expired. Intent upon pouching this prize I was surprised to hear this remark in a thin penetrating voice: "It would seem that the little people are right to say thy kind are robbers of our race." On looking up, being somewhat astonished, I perceived a very handsome red fox sitting nearby where but an instant before had been nothing. "T'would be wiser," said he, did you let the blood freeze before you put the rabbit in your bag, else you soil your pouch." This seemed so sensible a remark, that I paused to give effect to this design, "And yau," said I, not to be outdone in courtesy, "appear to merit the name of being the most knowing of all beasts." "Our kind," he said, "have some small reputation of wisdom, but would gladly learn of the wiser ways of mankind." This agreed so well with my spirit, I made haste to somewhat enlighten him in man's doings in the field of reason, observation, and resource. These remarks so far commended themselves to him as to arouse a lively interest, which pleased me much. "This," said he, "is most instructive, alas that my mate is not here to share this wisdom. If a short journey would not incommode you, it would be well did she hear from your own lips these illuminating remarks."

Now being nothing loath I picked up my gun and rabbit and made ready to follow him. "And it please you," he said, somewhat diffidently, "I fear if my good mate see yon rabbit in your hands instead of my mouth it might cause some embarrassing moments. You might leave it here till we return." Now understanding this almost human wish to look well before his own household, I readily complied, and followed on some rods toward the wood, when suddenly the fox wheeled about and fetching a compass to the right bounded back to the rabbit which he seized and made off with. In haste I ran also to my gun prepared to avenge this dastardly trick, but the lock snapped fruitlessly, not having been reloaded, which fact no doubt had been observ-

ed by the fox. "You see" he paused to say, "your lesson on 'reason, observation and resource,' is already fruitful of results, I thank you for your instruction, and also for this excellent rabbit." So saying he bounded away.

—By A.

LONDON

Mrs. Louise Washington has been confined to her bed for the past few days.

Mrs. Washington of Sackville Street mother of Mrs. Fred. Fountain, has been indisposed for the past few weeks. Her condition at present is somewhat improved.

The condition of Miss Alice Drake has shown a more substantial gain during the past few days than any period during her illness.

The Choir of the Hill Street Baptist Church rendered several selections at the B.Y.P.U. of Maitland St. Baptist Church last Monday evening. Their rendition of the old time spirituals were received with great enthusiasm.

The Membership Committee of the Canadian League invites you to their meeting to be held in the B.M.E. Church, Thursday, March 25. A splendid program is promised. Refreshments will be served free.

Notice—The educational class will hold its next meeting next Monday evening at the Public Library. All members are urged upon to be present. Visitors are entirely welcome.

The Shamrock Hunt and Social under the auspices of the Dramatic Club of the Baptist Church last Tuesday evening, was a decided success.

Mrs. Fred. Fountain won the prize offered for the person who would find the most shamrocks.

Communion Services were observed at the B.M.E. Church last Sunday evening, it being Quarterly meeting. The presence of the holy spirit was felt throughout the day. Rev. Woodcock delivered a very touching sermon at the evening services.

The Sunshine Band of the Maitland Street Baptist Church rendered a most delightful program at the Hill St. Baptist Church last Wednesday evening. The program consisted of solos, duets, choruses and a beautiful playlet. All who took part in the programme were real artists. At the conclusion Mr. William Myers, in a fitting manner thanked the Sunshine band for such a splendid program. The ladies of the church served the participants with a dainty lunch.

Volunteer Band.

The members of the Volunteer Band of the Adelaide St. Baptist Church visited Hill St. Baptist Church last Wednesday evening, March 3rd and presented a delightful program which included solos by Miss Violet Tucker and Mrs. Rowley; reading, Miss Gladys March. A pleasing sketch was presented entitled "Mrs. Glyn's Conversation." At the conclusion of the play the ladies of the church entertained the artists and served refreshments. Mr. Myers was chairman of the evening. He thanked the band for their kindness in helping the church. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$12.65, which was turned into the church treasury.

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Phenomenal Advancement Made By Race

Chicago, March 10—The remarkable development of Negro education within recent years has affected the educational policy of religious denominations supporting Race schools in that they are no longer called upon to provide educational facilities throughout the whole South, but rather in certain particular though no less important areas. Equally has it become necessary that the denominational institutions for Negroes working in these areas be adequately supported and that their work co-ordinate with that being done in other sections by state legislatures.

This is the burden of the report of a commission consisting of President Arlo A. Brown, University of Chattanooga; Dr. Thomas F. Holgate, Northwestern University; Professor Willis J. King, Gammon Theological Seminary, and President John L. Seaton, Albion College, which was appointed last May by the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church to study its Negro institutions. The recommendations of the committee covered, broadly, three principles:

(a) There shall be, in the main, but one educational institution in any state, except in the case of a state like Texas, which stretches over a wide territory and where there is reason to hope for substantial and adequate local support.

(b) The work of the schools should be so concentrated as to have the least loss of energy, and to that end no school should cover more than six years of work. There may be exceptions but the principle should be as here stated to be worked out as rapidly as possible.

(c) Teacher training should be emphasized in all the schools as a means calculated to render the best service to the whole community. Some schools ought to place their chief emphasis here.

A review of the achievements of the Negro since Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation shows that in numbers the Negro has trebled, his homes have increased from 12,000 to 700,000; his business men, which were 4,000 then, number 70,000 now and he operates 920,000 more farms than he did sixty years ago.

Negro insurance companies have an income of \$10,000,000 annually, where they did not exist sixty years ago. Further, illiteracy has decreased from 90 to 10 per cent. To his educational credit he has 48,000 teachers, 8,000 physicians, 500 dentists, more than 800 lawyers and almost 300 authors, editors and reporters. Ten thousand Negroes are college graduates, and sixty of this number are Phi Beta Kappas.

Negro churches have increased from 700 to 47,000 and church property \$1,500,000 to \$100,000,000.

March "Opportunity" A Brilliant Number

Something of the epicurean quality of an editor's mind is reflected in the

St. Louis Boy Wins Fame in New York

By Alvin J. Moses

New York, Feb. 10—Benny Hall, of St. Louis whom Gene Flaherty swears he will steer into a championship if given only half a chance, is the lad who disputes Sugg's claim, and is ready to back up his challenge with real coin of the realm. During last year Hall amassed a record that even Champion Rosenberg would be proud of, East being the scene of most of these battles. The St. Louis perpetual motion machine figured in no less than 20 fights since last April, appearing against the best talent that could be induced to crawl under the ropes with him. In nearly all of these encounters Benny was forced to concede pounds to his opponents, but in every instance, he proved equal to the occasions, only four newspaper decisions going against him.

The fans who attend the bouts over at the Ridgewood Grove, swear by the pleasant faced fighting gamecock, and are sincere in their declarations that he should be able to make it decidedly unpleasant for Bud Taylor, McLarnin, Suggs, Graham, Rosenberg et al, if the following named gentry forced to come in at the poundage required by the commission—and we join in that opinion.

Before coming East Hall was looked upon as a sure shot for the bantam crown.

Colored Attorney Argues Against Hughes

Associated Negro Press.

Chicago, Feb. 10—In an action involving firms whose aggregate assets total several billions of dollars in the Circuit Court here Wednesday, Assistant United States District Attorney, James G. Cotter, was opposed to Charles Evans Hughes, former candidate for president of the United States, former secretary of state, and former governor of New York, in the legal arena. The action was an appeal which sought the removal of the case to Cleveland. The businesses involved are accused of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Mr. Cotter is one of the most able district attorneys in the Northern District of Illinois, white or black. His appointment came largely through the efforts of Congressman Martin B. Madden.

tasty "menu" to the March issue of "Opportunity: Journal of Negro Life," published by the National Urban League, 127 East 23rd Street, New York City. There is fiction by an able Negro writer, poetry by a bevy of the young literati, Negro history by a famous scholar and educator, of study of Negro folk lore by an eminent professor in a white university, seasoned editorials, reviews of Spanish and English books pertaining to the Negro, and a continuation of the discussion of the "Negro in Industry" which began in the February issue.

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**To Commemorate
Colored Soldiers**

New York, March 12—The Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at its meeting this week, endorsed the Bill introduced in Congress by Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, providing for a monument costing \$30,000 to be erected in commemoration of the valiant service in France of three American regiments composed of colored soldiers. The Regiments whose bravery is thus to be commemorated are the 369th, the 371st, and the 72nd, all three of which were attached to the Fourth French Army.

"The Bill," writes Representative Fish in a letter to the N.A.A.C.P., "is practically the same as the one which was favorably reported out of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House last year. . . . I believe it would be effective if you would ask your readers to write to every Congressman no matter what district they represent in behalf of the tardy recognition of the colored people."

In the favorable report of the Bill by the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, it is stated: "Three of these regiments had their colors decorated with the French War Cross for gallantry on the field of battle." The regiments, together with the 80th had killed and wounded amounting to 40 per cent. of their men. The four regiments received more than 400 individual decorations for extraordinary heroism under fire, officially proving the gallant conduct of Negro troops in modern warfare. The report further states:

"These colored soldiers belonging to these combat units demonstrated that if properly trained, equipped and led that they will equal the best soldiers in any army in the world for bravery and fighting qualities. They endured all the hardships without a murmur, slept in the cold and rain, and faced death from high explosives, shrapnel, gas, and machine guns with the same fortitude, loyalty and courage as the other American divisions. These colored regiments were known to the French as "les Joyeux" or the happy ones, as they carried out orders without grumbling and always made the best of the conditions with which they had to contend.

"There were over 400,000 Negro soldiers in the United States Army by the armistice and about 40,000 on the battle line. The erection of the proposed monument would be a wonderful inspiration not only to these 400,000 colored soldiers but to the entire Negro race in America, amounting to 12,000,000 people, who contributed their blood and their treasures to help win the war. It would be a constant source of inspiration for future service to their country both in times of peace and war. Such a monument would not only teach loyalty and patriotism but would carry a message to the Negro race that there is no discrimination for the soldier who wears the United States uniform and is willing and glad to lay down his life for his country; for the life of a colored soldier is just as dear to his mother, his wife, or his family as that of any other soldier

that was ever born. The record of these Negro infantry regiments entitles them to the grateful recognition of a grateful republic."

High Negro Official Resigns

Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb. 11—By the A.N.P.—Much whispering is being done here as a result of the resignation this week of United States Commissioner A. L. Burnett, perhaps the only Negro in America holding such a position. The newspapers stated that Burnett had resigned as a result of criticisms made because of his mishandling of cases, but there are others who make no secret of the fact that, since the prohibition law became effective, the work of Burnett's office increased to such an extent that there has been a steady pressure by whites to make him get out. Most of the dry law violators who came before him were white. He was made United States Commissioner in 1895. It is understood that he is to continue in his practice of law.

OWEN SOUND

The revival meetings are still going on in Owen Sound. The cottage prayer meetings are being kept up with good attendance. The Christian people are being blessed spiritually. On Sunday morning there was a good turn-out. At the morning meeting the pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson conducted the service, taking for his text Thessalonians ch. 5, ver. 19, "Quench not the Spirit." He said that Christians should not withhold their emotional feeling but shout aloud when the spirit of God moved them—to make a joyful noise unto the God who had done so much for us. Everybody present was filled and running over with the Holy Spirit.

At 3 o'clock the Sunday School was conducted by the supt. Thomas Green. There were about 20 scholars present. School opened with the Easter Corrols which the scholars are preparing for Easter Sunday under the direction of the chief Sup., Rev. E. A. Richardson. The evening service was very well attended, there being about 40 present. The Pastor took as his subject, "Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid." The speaker said that Christians should be cheerful and not grouchy, they should be joyful under all conditions of life and always face obstacles with a smile and not with a frown, always be patient and cheerful. His message was well received by the congregation, which was largely made up of the young people of the city.

The Stewardesses Society of the B.M.E. Church is holding a St. Patrick social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Green. On 8th Avenue East on Wednesday, March 17th. Mrs. A. Harrison is convener, assisted by other members of the Society. A good time is expected on St. Pats' night.

Mr. Burt Green of Montreal, Que., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Green, of Owen Sound, is the father of a fine baby boy. His name is Norman. This makes 39 grand children to the Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Green family.

Mrs. J. White is indisposed at this writing. She was out to church on Sunday morning and could hardly walk home again. Pray for her.

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Mr. W. B. Branch entertained at dinner, March 11th, in honor of her birthday. Covers were laid for nine. In the centre of the table was a beautiful bouquet of sweet-peas and tulips on a large reflector. The table favors were mauve sweet-peas. Mrs. Branch received some very beautiful gifts, the evening was spent in music and games. The guests who were Mrs. Geo. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown and Miss L. Handle departed after a very enjoyable evening, wishing Mrs. Branch many more happy birthdays.

The Jonquil Art Embroidery Club are offering two prizes for the ones selling most tickets for the concert on April 16th, in B.M.E. Church. This is to non-members of Club. 1st prize hand Embroidered bed spread; 2nd prize, Centre Piece.

Quite a large crowd attended a splendid all nation program given at the University Avenue Baptist Ch. last week and among the many pleasing numbers, the violin numbers played by Master Peel stood out as very very good.

We were very pleased to listen in Sunday, March 13th and hear the Baptist Choir and quartette sung over C.F.C.A. of Canada.

Did you hear Mr. Greenlaw over C.F.C.A. last Sunday morning, singing from St. Enoch's Church? His rendition was splendid and we hope to hear him again soon.

Mr. Westheimer, one of our university students has been under the weather for a few days but we hope by now he is up and out again.

The children of Toronto were royally entertained Saturday, March 13th by one of our lodges at the Occident Hall and I will tell you they had some time. All of them, from the toddling babies up, did the Charleston to perfection.

The committee elected to help raise a sum for the Home Service Ass'n. gave a very successful entertainment at the residence of Mr. Francis Simpson, 14 Lakeview Ave. and quite a number of persons were present.

Well the sun is beginning to shine on both sides of the street, Easter is only a few days off; new dresses, hats and various other things new are in order. Pretty soon some of us will be taking new names, or new responsibilities as the warm weather seems to make us want to get together. Look and listen for the wedding bells.

Toronto needs a baseball team this year, don't wait until the season is half over to start getting it together. God it now.

The Black and White Review at the Empire Theatre had an excellent jazz band, each member was an artist with his particular instrument and if I had any criticism to offer I would say they play entirely too loud throughout the entire show.

The National Tonsorial Parlors have taken a new lease on life and it now looks like a bee hive. The Duncan Cafe is feeding the multitudes and looking for more to feed. The

O.K. Barbers are still shaving, cutting and bobbing the regulars, from grandson to grandpa it used to be, but now they have included granddaughter and grandma. The Simcoe Cleaners have moved to the corner of Dundas and University Ave., 120 University Ave., and are cleaning up everything they can get hold of. Mr. Stevens, better known as "steve" is still giving your shoes new soles and heels.

You can listen in without eavesdropping now, by purchasing a radio.

Mrs. A. McEwen Williams is visiting her mother, father and son in Nashville, Tenn., for a while. The Rev. looks quite lonesome but he knows how it is down home Easter and can't help feeling someone should enjoy it.

On the evening of March 9th, Mr. J. Alex Knights, organist of the First Baptists held a recital of his pupils. The children exhibited great skill and ability and everyone was impressed with Mr. Knight's ability as a teacher as well as with the pupils talent. Mr. J. M. Bailey gave a short but interesting address on music.

The First Annual Concert of the Maple Leaf Association which was recently organized for the purpose of forming a new branch of the G.U.O. of O.F. was held in Occident Hall, the corner of Queen and Bathurst Sts., on Thursday evening, Feb. 25, 1926. The affair was a complete success in every way. It reflects great credit on this organization and we are justly proud of this record. The talent was of splendid quality, and every number on the program was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. More affairs of this kind are needed to bring out the noble and uplifting qualities in our people.

We, the officers and members of this association extend an invitation to all men of clean character to join us in building up an organization which will be worthy of the Maple Leaf. Your application can be given to any member of this association or direct to the secretary, S. H. Shepard, 258 Maria St., Toronto 9.

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WOODSTOCK

Mrs. J. G. Taylor, who has been visiting in Chatham for the past week has returned home.

Mrs. Mary Varon of Brantford is visiting, Mrs. Annie Morton, Main Street.

Mrs. Sarah Evans, who has been on the sick list for the past week or so is slightly improved.

Mrs. Walter Cromwell is confined to her bed with a severe cold.

Mr. Horace Marshall, who has been very sick for the past week is able to be about again.

Master Hoddie Marshall is confined to his bed with a very bad cold we hope for an early recovery.

Mr. George Selby is also confined to his home with a severe cold.

HAMILTON

We are sorry to report the illness of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wade. We wish them a speedy recovery.

On Thursday a quartette consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Berry, Mrs. Wilda Robinson-Townsend and Mr. Byron Wade journeyed to Woodstock where they delighted a huge audience with their musical numbers.

Mrs. Charles Allgood, who has been suffering with a sprained ankle, the result of a fall, is able to be up and around with the use of a cane.

Mrs. Tillie Johnson, who has been confined to the Mountain Sanitarium for some time past is improving nicely.

Messrs. Lloyd and Harold Duncan and their sister, Miss Evelyn, of Guelph, were the week-end guests of Miss Elfreda Holland, Hunter St.

Those attending the POUND Social Monday evening at the Parsonage, reported a good time.

Mr. Ewan Bell spent a few days in Toronto.

Mr. Phice Carter, who has been ailing for sometime is much improved at this writing.

Cary and Sons, ice dealers have their ice houses filled to overflowing and expect to do their usual big business this summer.

Hamilton Colored Athletes Score Success

The Annual 91st Indoor Track Meet took place Friday and Saturday evenings at the Armouries, at which time members of our race took a prominent place.

Mr. Ollie Johnson, representing Oakville A.A. showed splendid ability considering that he had not trained. Although winning his heat he finished third in the finals.

Masters Oliver Holland and Raymond Lewis represented the Hamilton Collegiate, Lewis carrying off two medals.

Masters Charles Brown, Glendon Hogan and Fred Holland represented King Edward Public School, Brown and Holland carrying off medals.

Misses Marion Harrigan and Lillian Holland represented Public School both carrying off medals.

Messrs. Chas. Morton and Phil Granville represented the Hamilton "Y" doing splendid work, Granville setting a new record. The ability and speed shown by all was indeed creditable and we wish to say to "Keep up the good work."

NORTH BUXTON

Large congregations worshipped the Baptist and B.M.E. Church Sunday. At B.M.E. Church, the pastor spoke on, "Why does a hen cackle after she lays an egg, and how can this be applied to the Christian life." It was a sermon of great interest and was enjoyed by all.

At the evening service, the pastor again spoke taking as his subject "The Aim of the Epworth League." At the close of the service the League was organized with a strong executive council.

Next Sunday will be Quartette meeting when Rev. Henderson Chatham will speak in the afternoon.

The Community choir which was recently organized, now goes under the name of The North Buxton Coral Society, and will make its first appearance in a cantata to be given on Easter Monday night.

The Busy Bee Club of the Baptist Church had a big rally last Sunday afternoon when a splendid program was rendered to the satisfaction of all.

All those who were sick are now on the road to health again, except Mrs. Mary Vincent, at whose bedside her daughter has been for the past fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker Jr. are rejoicing over the birth of a son.

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