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RACE FINANCIERS ORGANIZE LARGE FIDELITY COMPANY

First Organization of Its Kind To Be
Established by the Race.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 29.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau.)—Durham, that hustling little city whose Negro population of less than 20,000 have established and successfully operated more corporate Negro enterprises than any city in the country with twice its population, has just added a \$200,000 corporation to its list: a Fidelity & Surety organization chartered to write Fidelity and Surety Bonds, Accident, Health, Burglary, Automobile Theft, Plate Glass, Travel and allied lines of insurance.

First of Its Kind

The first of its kind to be established by the Race, the Fidelity began business a few weeks ago with schedule bonds covering over 5,000 Negro officers and employees of fraternal and insurance organizations. A fact made possible through the co-operation of the greatest group of Negro financiers assembled in one locality, directors and officers of the following Negro corporate enterprises: The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., organized in 1899, and the large Negro Life Insurance Company in the world with assets over \$2,000,000 and \$44,000,000 worth of insurance in force; The Royal Knights of King David, organized in 1883 and the oldest legal reserve insurance company in the world; the Bankers' Fire Insurance Co., chartered in 1920, operating in six states and the largest legal reserve Negro fire insurance company in the world; the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank, organized in 1908, with resources over \$800,000 and the only Negro bank in America with a branch bank located in another city—Raleigh, N. C.; the People's Building and Loan Association, organized in 1915, and the Mutual Building and Loan Association, organized in 1921, with combined resources of approximately \$500,000; and the National Negro Finance Corporation, organized in 1924, of which Principal R. R. Moton of Tuskegee is the president.

Mexico Will Admit Colored Americans

Mexicali, Lower California, Mex., Nov. 27.—After a recent conference with American Consul Bohr, Adolfo Miranda, chief of the immigration service in Mexicali, whose recent order barring Negroes from entry into Mexico for longer than a nine-hour period created national attention, modified his original order by stating that reputable Black Americans will be granted border permits which will entitle them to cross at any and all hours, provided they present letters of recommendation vouching for their character and their employment if employed on the Mexican side.

American Consul Investigates

In his conference with Mr. Miranda the American Consul was assured that every facility would be offered to so handle the regulations that no unnecessary hardship might be imposed upon the respectable, law-abiding Black American.

MEDICAL STUDENTS ROB GRAVES OF THREE MEMBERS OF JOHN BROWN'S BAND

Winchester, Va., Nov. 24.—The bodies of three members of John Brown's band, which raided Harpers Ferry in 1859, were dissected by students of the Old Winchester Medical College, Dr. William P. McGuire revealed here before his recent death. Dr. McGuire told, on his deathbed, that the students were eager for practice and specimens, and went out and dug up the corpses almost immediately after the burial. Because of the intense feeling against the men at that time no protest was made by anyone in Winchester. It was widely known throughout the town that the students had exhumed the three bodies.

DR. ROBT. R. MOTON SAILS ON TRIP AROUND WORLD

Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 24.—Dr. Robt. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, is scheduled to sail from San Francisco this Friday on the S. S. Tenyo Maru on the first lap of a trip around the world. The trip is being taken at the desire of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee, in hopes that it will aid Dr. Moton's health.

Sailing with Dr. Moton will be Mrs. Moton and their daughter, Catherine, Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, institute medical director, and his wife, Mrs. Dibble.

We Must Rid Our Minds of Prejudice

Achievements of Race Discussed by
Salt Lake City Club Women.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 25.—“If

we would come to an understanding of the Negro we must rid our minds of prejudice,” said Mrs. C. G. Plummer, prominent club woman of Salt Lake, who recently with Mrs. C. D. Moore collaborating discussed all phases of the Negro's accomplishments in the field of arts in present times, at the meeting of the Short Story Club held at the home of Mrs. R. I. Branning.

“There is happening today,” said Mrs. Plummer, “what someone has called a ‘resurgence of the people’ with this race that has heretofore suffered from the ‘mob spirit’ in literature. It presents to American writers the greatest possible opportunity that could be gives them today. There is a great interest in this subtle, elusive topic.”

“The highest hope of the race lies in the leavening that must come through its cultural side. The question is, what is the black man's intrinsic value; what has he to offer to the other races of mankind? Hidden deep in his being is the assurance of infinite spiritual power, but he is wholly without art in contracting that power. Amazing cheer and an exultant optimism are his—a total different reaction perhaps than any other race would have manifested under his experiences.”

Quotes Benjamin Brawley.

Speaking on the subject of “The Negro Culturally and Spiritually,” Mrs. Plummer not only analyzed the beginnings of cultural life of the Negro, quoting from Benjamin Brawley's work on the American Negro, but took up in turn the leading Negro exponents of the various arts, including DuBois, author; Braithwaite, poet; Chestnutt, writer; Johnson, poet; Dunbar, poet; Scott and Tanner, painting; Burley and Hayes, music.

NEGROES IN FRANCE FOUND A MAGAZINE

Paris, Nov. 24.—Although no color prejudice exists in France, a society for the protection of the colored race has been formed here by a number of political and literary leaders, and is already receiving warm support.

The committee announces its aims thus: The preservation of the colored race; to combat calumny and prejudices and to tighten the attachment of

CLARENCE BROOKS TO STAR IN INDEPENDENT PRODUCTION

Former Lincoln Actor Engaged For
Series of Three Productions.

Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 29.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau.)—Clarence A. Brooks, featured player in the Lincoln Motion Picture Company's “A Man's Duty” and “By Right of Birth,” after five years' retirement from pictures has been enticed back into the game through a very attractive offer to star in three six-reel productions, the first of which will be released about January 1st.

Harry Gant to Direct

Harry Gant, the former Universal camera man who photographed the “Bull's Eye” serial featuring Eddie Polo and Noble Johnson, and also had charge of the production work of all the Lincoln productions, will direct for the new company. Ira McGowan, of Chicago, formerly road show manager of the Micheaux Film Co., and D. Ireland Thomas, of Charleston, S. C., former road show manager of the Lincoln Co., will probably see after the distribution end.

While three former Lincoln Motion Picture men are connected with the new concern, the Lincoln Corporation itself has no interest or connection in the new venture, which is said to be backed financially by a group of white Hollywood financiers.

Mrs. Myrtle Fields of Detroit and her sister, Miss Freda Anderson of Buxton, were week-end visitors with their father, Mr. John Anderson.

Word came to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown of the sudden death of their father, Mr. John Brown of Detroit, last Tuesday. Mr. Brown left immediately for Detroit to arrange for burial. It is thought that the body will be taken to Buxton for burial.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Wright of Brantford motored to London last Wednesday for the purpose of visiting Mrs. C. E. Jenkins and her twin boys.

The maiden entertainment of the Merry Makers' Club last Thursday evening was a very successful event. Several out-of-town guests were present.

the Negro colonies to France. The publication of a new review is announced, “The Voice of the Negro.”

The editors are proclaiming that colored people are proud to be called Negroes. Sorbonne university professors are lauding the patience and studious capacity shown by colored students.

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Editorial

STARTING AT THE WRONG END.

It is to be hoped that both sides, the supporters of the Ontario Temperance Act and the advocates of the sale of liquor under Government Control are sincere in their efforts to curb the drink habit. It is to be hoped that both sides are working for the same identical end—to remove the temptation from our youths of forming the habit of excessive use of spirituous drinks. We emphasize the word "YOUTHS," for all reforms must begin with and among our children and among our growing youths. It is a high impossible to kill the taste for whiskey among adults who have been accustomed to strong drink for the greater part of their lives. From personal observation and investigation it has transpired that not more than one confirmed drinker in five hundred ever gives up the drink habit. Men and women, the great majority of them, who drank daily before the O.T.A. came into being will now at the end of a certain period, purchase a quart or two and drink freely as long as it lasts. There are others who will, when they cannot secure liquor, drink from wood alcohol down to prussic acid for the sake of receiving a "kick."

It would seem therefore that it is with the drink habit as with any other habit. We all agree that the drink habit is a consuming evil. That it has done more harm to the human family, morally and physically than any other evil in the world today. We should be pleased to see the drink habit banished from our land forever. But the place to begin to fight the evil is not with the habitual drinker, but rather with the babes at their mothers' breasts, with children and with the youths. History has taught us that reforms without revolutions, which were successful began with the children. Nothing but death will ever change either the habits or beliefs of the hardened average adult. But our youth can be saved through the proper system of education, education which appeals to their reason as well as to their emotions. We are of the opinion that the advocates of the O.T.A. as well as those who believe in Government Control have reversed the natural order of things in their desire to bring about real temperance. Had

half the money, time, energy and thought which have been given this question been spent in instilling into our children, into our youth, habits of sobriety, respect for parent-hood, respect for womanhood, respect for the mental and physical well-being of their posterity, the cause of temperance would have been helped to a greater degree than it has by the present campaign. Aside from the money and the time which have been spent in the present campaign it must be admitted that both sides have offered some splendid points in support of their platforms, points which were engendered only by deep thought and careful consideration. Suppose now, both sides, being interested as they claim in the accomplishment of one object, the saving of our youth, suppose they had combined their energy into one great effort to educate the children of our province as to the real danger of poisonous liquor? The results would have been far more beneficial and more far-reaching than it will be regardless of which side wins. It would be a grand thing if those who are interested would institute some systematic scheme of giving the children constant training in this direction. The little spasmodic advice we give them just before an election is not enough. The youth of today is sound at heart. His misdeeds are the result of our unwise handling of him. Under proper conditions he will invariably choose the right path. It is for us to supply the proper conditions. We can do this only by surrounding him with the right kind of education.

ARKANSAS COLORED FARMERS SCORE AT STATE FAIR.

Forrest City, Ark., Oct. 27.—H. B. Mitchell, colored farm demonstrator for St. Francis County, and L. E. Christman, home economic agent, have returned from the Arkansas State Fair in Little Rock and report the colored farmers of this county as having won first prize in their group with an exhibit of agricultural products. Many other valuable individual cash prizes were awarded the colored farmers of St. Francis County by the State Fair Association. The local demonstration agents were assisted in arranging this county's exhibit at the fair by C. L. Allen, Artie M. Long, W. D. Lucas, Eugene Williams and Jas. Pillows, all enterprising colored citizen here, and the county agents desire to express to them their sincere thanks as well as to all the citizens of the county who furnished material for the fair exhibit.

WILLS FOUGHT SHARKEY WITH HIS ARM STIFF

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Harry Wills revealed that he bore up stoically under odds in his encounter with Jack Sharkey two weeks ago, when he applied to Doc. Knight here last week for treatment of his left arm. The arm has been causing trouble for some time and has been in a paralyzed state since before the fight, according to Wills.

The big fighter stated that his left arm was of little use to him in his battle with Sharkey, as it acted as nothing more than a guard, being hooked at a 45 degree angle at the elbow. The kink is being ironed out by Knight, who promises to have the arm in shape in a short time.—St. Louis Argus.

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London's Hour Has Struck

Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, has appointed Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the presidential offices, Montreal, to open negotiations for a

New C. N. R. Depot for London

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RE-ELECT GLASS.

Get behind the London Depot delegation to Montreal on December 7. Show the C. N. R. a united front for progress. SIR HENRY THORNTON is WATCHING TO SEE HOW YOU SUPPORT LONDON'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR on Dec. 6.

Re-Elect Glass For Alderman

THE BALLOTS and How to Mark Them

Are you in favor of the erection on the Spencer site of a city hall somewhat similar in design to that of the Public Utilities Commission building, to be paid for out of money on hand and available for the erection of a city hall?	YES
	X
	NO

December 6th, 1926 Voting on the following question: "Are you in favor of the erection of a dam at Springbank Park at an estimated cost of \$150,000.00 and of the issue of debentures to pay for the same?"	YES
	X
	NO

This is the exact wording of the plebiscite on which Londoners will vote on December 6. On the result depends whether London civic offices continue to occupy the present obsolete quarters or a suitable, new structure to be built by a plan which involves no burden to the taxpayer.

EFFICIENCY

Co-ordination of city business and proper control of staffs will be possible in the new building. Civic accounting and auditing officials in the present makeshift quarters are hampered in their efforts to give service. A proper office building will mean a reduction of expense and a saving to the taxpayer.

ECONOMY

No debenture issue will be necessary. Funds are already available. All that is required is the approval of the voters. Local labor will be used in construction. A building will be put up that will always be marketable at a profit. The whole thing is a money-maker and a good civic investment.

The Thames Shall be Clean and Beautiful

When you vote "YES" on the Springbank Dam, don't be concerned about sewage.

The City Council is now engaged in a river clean-up under the direction of the Provincial Board of Health.

VOTE YES

Make it unanimous for a healthier, lovelier and more progressive London—and be assured that with your support the Thames will be both beautiful and clean.

Means More for Workers

The estimates include 1,400 weeks' labor for London workers at good wages. That is better for everybody than relief grants for unemployed. Vote for it.

Vote YES on the City Office Building Bylaw and for the New Springbank Dam

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MAYOR

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CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE

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MUNICIPAL PLATFORM, 1926

1. The return to the Ward System.
2. No reduction in the Board of Education—we stand for democracy against dictatorship.
3. All civic bodies to be elected bodies.
4. The payment of all members of elected boards.
5. Strict enforcement of the Fair Wage Clause.
6. The adherence to Day Labor on Civic Work.
7. Unemployment Work, or full maintenance for unemployed.
8. Work on New City Hall to be commenced at once to solve unemployment.
9. City Hall should be built on Federal Square, next to New Hotel, and abide by the vote of the electors on three occasions.
10. Public Ownership of all Public Utilities, including the Street Railway.
11. The Best Education in the Best Schools, with the Best Teachers, with Economy and Efficiency.
12. The Board of Education to conform to the City Fair Wage Clause.
13. The abolition of Military Training in Schools, substituting Physical Drill.
14. Free Text Books in all Public Schools.
15. Labor Representation on the Advisory Board of the Technical School.

TORONTO NEWS

The First Baptist Church has been celebrating its 100 years of existence and is making a creditable showing. Each member of the church, assisted by their friends, is making an extra effort to accomplish the desired end.

On Tuesday evening, November 23, 1926, the choir and quartette gave a sacred musical at the Walmer Road Baptist Church, which drew a large and appreciate audience.

Rev. Townsend of Nashville, Tenn., elaborated on the value and effects of music to the human race. The Rev. McDowell preached last Sunday evening to a large audience and, being an ex-pastor of the church, his sermon was well received and very highly appreciated by all present.

Dr. and Mrs. Dumas, who have been sojourning in Egypt and the East, were the guests to the genial hosts, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Montgomery, while in the city. They tell of a very fine trip abroad as well as a very pleasant stay in Toronto while en route to Washington, D. C.

Quite a fine American Thanksgiving dinner was served at the A. M. E. Church, corner of Elm and University Ave., which is pastored by Rev. Henderson. All the delicacies of the season were served.

What is causing the delay in the working of the "Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People?" Everybody wants to know.

The number of strangers seen in the city last week were members of the "7-11 Company" at the Gaiety Theatre.

The Home Service Association is giving a concert and dance at the Orange Hall, corner of College and Euclid Aves., on Thursday evening, December 30th, 1926. You are urged to be present as the proceeds go to help furnish Christmas cheer for unfortunate, deserving families.

The year 1926 is the banner year for the University of Toronto as far as our people are concerned, as we have three graduates from the medical department of that institution. Now I know you didn't know this to be a fact, as very little, if any, interest has been shown these young men by our people here in Canada. Two of these students have come from the Southern part of the U. S. for four years to get their training in this university, not because they could not have gotten just as good or probably better in the United States, but because it lends a kind of prestige to professionals educated abroad, or out of the U. S. One came from the West Indies Islands, and all these have successfully completed their university course, but on account of British fair play neither one of these three can finish his internship in the hospital here, because they belong to the Negro race. Were they Japanese or Chinese or Italians, or anything else but Negroes, they would not be denied this privilege, but just because they belong to the Negro race, even though one is a born British subject, they will have to cross over to the good old U. S. where a man is a man for a' that.

Strange to say, no Canadian Negro has ever taken advantage of this university. All it would cost him is his or her tuition, but these boys had to pay for everything, including tuition. Something is wrong with the educational desires of the Canadian Negro; the schools are not patronized half as much by them as they ought to be, and this is a job that the C. L. A. C. P. should be investigating thor-



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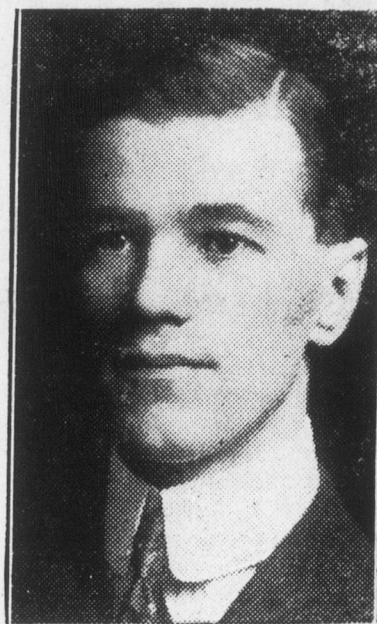
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The last name on your ballot.

oughly. Another thing they should be investigating is just why the immigration inspectors on the border continue to insult Negroes whose conversation alone would let anyone but the immigration authorities know who they were. Rev. McDowell, a native-born Canadian, says he was held up at the border by the inspectors and, though he did not say so, I am sure he was told what a number of intelligent Negroes have been told, "that the Negro was an undesirable person in Canada." Why?

One thing I have noticed: The dope peddlers, loafers, women of ill-fame and that class of Negroes are never molested, but come well dressed and well recommended and the immigration authorities are just as sure to tell you, you are undesirable as a nickel is to buy a doughnut. Now, I ask again, why is this so? Write your answer to The Dawn of Tomorrow.

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