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### THE NEGRO IN RURAL AMERICA

(From the Congregational Adult Bible Class Magazine)

The first Negroes did not come to America as slaves in 1619, but as explorers—some free, some enslaved, a hundred years earlier. The pilot of one of Columbus' ships was a Negro. Others came with Balboa and Cortez. The territory now forming New Mexico and Arizona was first explored by a party led by a Negro and Negro artisans helped found St. Augustine in 1565. The second settler in what is now Alabama was a Negro member of the De Soto expedition of 1540, who liked the country and settled among the Indians. Therefore, nearly all the present Negro population has a background of several hundred years of American-born ancestry.

Slavery was first permanently introduced in this country in 1619, when a Dutch trading ship landed twenty Negroes at Jamestown, Virginia. These were sold to the colonists as slaves, or indentured servants but some of them became free after a time. Until 1688, it was easy to get white indentured servants from England, but after this date, the importation of Negro slaves as a labor supply began in earnest. By 1775 there were 500,000 slaves in the colonies. Hundreds of ships were engaged in the slave trade, importing Negroes from the West Indies and Africa, until in 1800 there were one million here. About this time Congress passed a law prohibiting the further importation of slaves, but it continued illegally until there were nearly four and one-half million negroes here in 1860. While most of these lived in the South, northern states built slave ships and shared in the responsibility of importing, buying, and selling.

These slaves were not unintelligent savages, as we have sometimes been taught. The natives of Africa were perhaps the first to smelt iron and forge instruments of usefulness and beauty. They were skilled in the arts of weaving, rug-making, pottery and wood-carving. So in America the Negroes soon were doing practically all the mechanical work in the South, either for their masters or as hired laborers earning enough to purchase their freedom.

There were 486,000 free Negroes in the United States in 1860, or more than one-tenth the total Negro pop-



RICHARD T. GREENER

Who was the first Colored Graduate of Harvard University—in 1872. He was a poet, writer and diplomat and served as U.S. Consul at Vladivostok.

ulation. Many were property owners, and some were wealthy.

Slavery gradually declined and ceased in the North, but persisted in the South, because the latter was chiefly an agricultural community. Slave labor was particularly profitable in the production of tobacco, cotton, rice and sugar. We must recognize, therefore, the vast contribution of the mechanical skill and labor of the Negro to the economic development of America.

Besides this usefulness, these early Negroes showed a loyal spirit of devotion to their country. Three thousand proved their loyalty during the Revolutionary war and many sacrificed their lives to win independence for America.

#### The Effect of the Civil War

During the Civil War, although the Negroes knew that the victory of their masters would mean permanent slavery, as slaves they were faithful and loyal to the white women and children left in their care. No record of crime stands against them to mar the glory of the gift of freedom which came after years of waiting.

With the Emancipation Proclamation, four million slaves were set free—a helpless, uncertain company. Yet there was no revolution, as had been feared, no attempt at revenge, but speedy effort for readjustment to the new conditions. Many influential friends assisted in this upward

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### MASSACHUSETTS' FIRST GOVERNOR WAS A NEGRO

(from the Boston Chronicle)

The first Royal Governor of Massachusetts was a Negro, Sir William Phipps. Although this truth is history, the fact has been so obscurely recorded that it is not generally known.

The biography of Sir William Phipps has been written by many authors and is in many publications as well as in the Encyclopedia Britannica, but in most if not in all of these accounts his racial identity has been cautiously concealed. No mention of his color is made in them.

It remained for the Tercentenary booklet, a literary key to the three hundredth anniversary celebration of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, which is being observed here this year, to definitely mention Sir William Phipps as being a "Negro boy." This fact is recorded in the Historical material section of the book under the general subject, "The Times in Which the Puritans Lived" and are extracts from Albert Bushnell Hart's "Commonwealth History of Massachusetts."

Cotton Mather, educator, minister and author of note in his time, in his book "Life of His Excellency Sir William Phipps", says: "He was born in Pemmaquid (Bristol) Maine, February 1651. His father was James Phipps, a gun-smith. His mother gave birth to 26 children, 21 of whom were boys. William was one of the younger set. He was 18 when his father died.

"Sir Phipps married the young widow of John Hill, a well-known merchant. She was the daughter of Captain Roger Spencer, spoken of in the language of the times as "a person of good fashion."

"Sir Phipps was successively a shepherd, a carpenter, and a trader, and in 1687 recovered from a wrecked Spanish ship off the coast of the Bahamas, bullion plate and treasure valued at several million dollars, of which the British government awarded him the sum of \$1,500,000. This gained him a knighthood and the appointment of sheriff of New England.

"In 1690 he captured Port Royal (now Annapolis) in Nova Scotia, but failed in the following year in a naval attack on Quebec. In 1692, thru

### B.M.E. CONFERENCE AT BRANTFORD NEXT WEEK

Much interest will be shown within the next few days as the Ministers, delegates and visitors prepare to meet in the City of Brantford for the Seventy-Fourth Annual Session. It is significant in the history of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, Seventy-Five Years of unbroken administration has been given to our people.

The 18th General Conference will convene on Wednesday June 25th.

We are sure that Rev. C. A. Johnson and his committee have gone the limit in preparing to entertain all who will attend.

The Annual Conference work will occupy Monday and Tuesday, 23rd, and 24th, because of the limited time for annual reports, etc. and etc. the Conference Executive would urge upon all to have statements accurate and presented on time.

The Woman's Missionary Society will hold their session on Friday 27, when reports will show an increase in the interest of Mission Work among our people.

The convention of S.S. and Y.P.S. will be held on Saturday and Monday. Youth is the future church, and it will be revealed to any who attend their session and observe the manner in which they deliberate that the church of tomorrow is being well established in the life of our young people.

the influence of Increase Mather, Sir Phipps was appointed first Royal Governor of Massachusetts.

"During his reign this Negro governor put an immediate stop to witchcraft persecutions. He appointed a commission of seven magistrates to try all such cases. During this period the Elizabethan age had risen to magnificent heights, leaving an imperishable heritage in the arts and sciences. No man of the times in the British colonies contributed more to this progress than did Sir William Phipps. Though his education in letters was limited, his knowledge of affairs of state was termed "most extensive."

"He died February 18, 1694, in London, England.

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### Editorial

#### A GRATUITOUS INSULT.

We were privileged to be in Toronto during the whole time of the Shriners' Convention. We have never seen a finer gathering of men. Judging them from their conduct they impressed one as being the backbone of the best type of citizenship of the continent of North America. We came in contact with them on the streets, in the street cars, in restaurants and in other public places and we have yet to see one who disobeyed the decorum of a cultured gentleman. If the order of the Mystic Shrine is to be judged by the conduct of the delegates we saw in Toronto, it is indeed a worth-while organization.

**BUT**—and withal, one of the committeemen of the Toronto Shriners went a long distance out of his way to offer a gratuitous insult to every Negro upon this continent. The opportunity came to him when he was interviewed by a reporter from the Mail and Empire. The reporter asked the committeeman if he expected any Negro delegates to attend the convention and if so what arrangements had been made to entertain them. His answer was to the effect that there were no Negro Shriners, and if any such orders existed they were a cheap imitation of the white order, that he had heard that certain such cheap imitations had been fought through the courts and had been ordered to disband. He further stated that he expected no Negro Shriners and that if they attended the convention they would not be received. With these uncalled for, sarcastic remarks the committeeman seems to have exhausted his spleen and hatred for colored folk since it is not recorded that he said more. We confess we have not been introduced into the mysteries of the order of the Mystic Shriners, nor do we know whether there are Negro Shriners, real, imitators or otherwise, but we do know, according to the committeeman's statement that none had applied to participate in any way in the convention, which fact makes his insult all the more stinging.

He could have answered the few simple questions without gusto and bombast. Negroes had not placed themselves in a position to receive this gratuitous insult nor did they deserve it.

Negro business places and even colored homes were appropriately decorated with "Welcome Shriners"

emblems and flags, showing their patriotism for Toronto and their respect to white Shriners. It is meet therefore, that they themselves should have been shown common courtesy in attempting to honor others.

#### "The HOME OF THE BRAVE"

In the United States, the "home of the Brave and the Land of the Free" six Negroes have been lynched within the past four weeks. Of these six, three were charged with rape. Among the three so charged was Geo. Hughes of Sherman, Texas. Evidence has been brought out (from the lips of white people), to prove that Hughes worked for a white man who owed him three weeks' wages. An argument over this ended in a fist-fight with his white employer. When his employer's wife entered the fray she was subsequently scratched and otherwise bruised. The cry of rape was immediately set up with the result that the courthouse was burned, the Negro baked alive, hundreds of colored homes razed by flames, and the entire colored population fleeing to the swamp for safety.

In the case of Henry Argo, a 19 year old half-wit of Chicasua, Oklahoma, Argo and a Mrs. Skinner became embroiled in an altercation over a dog owned by Mrs. Skinner while Argo was out fishing. The usual cry of rape was set up which always gains sympathy and arouses the brutal passion of the Southern whites. Of course Argo was lynched.

These be the deeds of honorable governments in "The Land of the Free and the home of the Brave." The President and the Federal Government withheld action lest they interfere with State Rights. Should not human rights and human lives supersede any other consideration in the "Land of the Free?" Should armed majorities with brutality and utter disregard for law, shoot, burn, massacre the defenseless minority, destroy their homes in the "Home of the Brave?" We have recently seen in papers from the U.S. much advice to England on the present Indian situation. England should reply to her kinsmen in the U.S. that as her first cousins, they are a disgrace to England, to the entire white world and to the present civilization that they are giving the Nordic claim to superiority its death blow.

### Hampton Negro Choir

During the past few days Mr. Paul Robeson, the Negro singer, has interpreted the "Spirituals" of his race to thousands over the wireless. He would be the first to tell you that "Spirituals" really are a matter of solo and chorus, and not of solo only, but seldom is the opportunity afforded in this country of hearing these wonderful religious songs thus rendered.

The choir of Negro students from Hampton Institute, Virginia, under the leadership of Dr. Nathaniel Dett, the leading Negro composer, is arriving in England in ten days' time, however, and "Spirituals" sung as they should be sung, by the best Negro choir in America, will form the

bulk of the programme of their afternoon concert at Queen's Hall, London.

#### Founded for Ex-Slaves

Hampton, the great Negro school, founded by General Armstrong for ex-slaves in 1868, has probably done more than any other institution to preserve, and then to revive, the singing of "Spirituals." This has been part of the many-sided training given Negro men and women in the arts as well as in practical affairs of life from brick-laying and cookery to photography and nursing. Hampton students are not only able to bring out the full beauty of their own race, but with equal facility they sing the music of the world—old church music, Russian folk songs, and modern music. In the latter category must be placed many of the compositions of Dr. Dett, including that for which he gained the Francis Boott prize at Harvard, based on old Negro motifs.

#### Spirit of the Negro Race

The Choir's visit is avowedly "missionary" and not profit-making in its purpose. The choir aims at showing the spirit of the Negro race through song and also the high standard of present-day Negro artistic achievement. Their visit, therefore is of considerable inter-racial importance and significance.

Just before leaving America, the Hampton Choir is singing to President Hoover. Besides singing in London they are giving concerts in Berlin, Dresden, Cologne, the Hague, Antwerp, Brussels, Paris, Geneva and other Continental centres.

### LONDON NOTES

Pentecost celebration was observed by the city churches Sunday, June 8th; a union service was held in St. Andrews United Church under the Ministerial Association at 9.15 a.m. Beth Emmanuel Church was represented by Rev. E. A. Richardson.

Sunday, 8th, being the Nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost. Rev. Richardson brought a very appropriate message to the people. Speaking from I Cor. 5: 8,—The Pastor said Paul would have known nothing about sincerity had not the Christ gone away. The speaker said God is to be worshipped not in some Cathedral, it mattered not so much if in cottage or shrine, but in spirit and in Truth, he said reality and accuracy. The historical fact of Pentecost made possible Spiritual power for individual life in Christ.

The evening service was conducted by the school, when all assembled in the choir place and platform rendered a very well prepared program under the direction of the Pastor.

Miss Florence Drake, accompanist, was assisted by Mr. George Fountain, cornetist, and Mr. Hiram Fountain, violinist, which added much to the rendering of the choruses.

Mr. Wes Fountain was chairman. Rev. Richardson, using Prov. 4: 23, gave a talk and object lesson in drawings showing the issues of the heart of folly and that of wisdom.

Rev. Seay, Presiding Elder of the A.M.E. Church, Ontario District, passed through our city en route to his home when he paid a visit to the Rev. and Mrs. Richardson.

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 We come to Thee, this Holy Sabbath morning,  
 To ask that Thou wilt graciously forgive;  
 Oh, take us 'neath Thy tender care and guidance,  
 That for Thy glory hence we e'er shall live!  
 They, only they, are ever kept securely,  
 On native soil, or foreign land.  
 Who, on the way that ever leadeth westward,  
 Are gently lead by Thine unerring hand.  
 To Thee our lives are wholly, gladly yielded!  
 All mountain tops and valleys deep of soul,  
 All gurgling brooks of heart and fountains flowing,  
 We dedicate to Thy divine control.  
 Instil, in us, Thy gracious, Holy Spirit  
 And bring our wills to Thine, in sweet accord,  
 Until our words, our thoughts, and our affections,  
 Reflect the image of our peerless Lord. —Mack.

**Athletes Forget Color**

One of the grandest exhibitions of  
 sportsmanship ever noted here was  
 witnessed in the national amateur  
 15 mile run in Potomac Park, Satur-  
 day, under auspices of the D.C.A.A.U.  
 The incident involved Gus Moore of  
 New York City, national ten-mile  
 champion who was forced to drop out  
 because of a sore toe and Bill Agee,  
 Baltimore white youth, who won the  
 race in 1 hour 26 -5 minutes, a new  
 national record. Twenty-six runners  
 finished.

For about the first 9 miles Agee  
 fought a duel with Moore for the  
 lead. Throughout this struggle at  
 every half a mile or so, Moore was  
 give a bottle of water by fellow club  
 members who drove along beside him  
 in an automobile, and each time the  
 bronze Brooklyn boy handed over  
 half the bottle's contents to Agee.  
 When Agee was given a wet cloth to  
 mop his steaming face he immediat-  
 ly turned it over to Moore.

Moore's withdrawal came without  
 warning. He appeared to be run-  
 ning as smoothly as Agee when he  
 waved to his fellow club members  
 for aid and was quickly seated in the  
 machine.

Agee seemed to take on new life  
 when Moore dropped out and set a  
 terrific pace thereafter.

len, La.; Miss Jane Hunter, Ohio;  
 Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Iowa; Mrs. Lucy  
 Jefferson, Miss.; Mrs. Nellie Weav-  
 er, Green, Okla.; Miss Meta Pelham,  
 Mich.; Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Ohio.

**Question Originality**

New York, June 13—Credit for  
 some of the mirth-provoking remarks  
 of the popular Amos 'n' Andy should  
 go to Miller and Lyles, the colored  
 comedians of "Shuffle Along" and  
 other Broadway successes. This  
 statement is made in an article in  
 the Daily Mirror signed by Mark Hel-  
 lenger and summarized by the N.A.  
 A.C.P.

Mr. Hellenger states his belief that  
 Amos 'n' Andy "are cashing in very  
 heavily on something that the Mes-  
 srs. Miller and Lyles originated many  
 years ago. It is surprising to me  
 that Miller and Lyles haven't regis-  
 tered a squawk long before this." Of  
 the remarks made for years by the  
 colored men and now used by the  
 white blackfact pair, Mr. Hellenger  
 says they are "so similar in fact, that  
 the resemblance is almost uncanny.  
 If Miller and Lyles were substituted  
 for Amos 'n' Andy some night, I  
 would defy any one to detect the dif-  
 ference."

**England Greet Women**

LONDON, Engl—The distinguisht  
 ed group of Colored American women  
 delegates to the International Coun-  
 cil of Women at Vienna, Austria,  
 were highly entertained by English  
 Society when they stopped in Eng-  
 land for a number of days. Mrs. Sal-  
 lie W. Stewart, president of the Na-  
 tional Association of Colored Wom-  
 en, who is heading the group, said  
 they received a most cordial recep-  
 tion.

One of the fetes for the visitors  
 was a reception at the home of the  
 winner of the Noble prize, Dr. A. V.  
 Hill, and his wife, in Old Middlesex;  
 Mrs. F. A. Keynes, president of the  
 N.C.W. in England and Scotland, en-  
 tertained. The groups also attend-  
 ed a performance of "Othello" in  
 which Paul Robeson is starring.

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On May 6th at the Salvation Army Citadel a quiet wedding took place when Miss Lea Douglas, daughter of Mr. Jas. Douglas and the late Mrs. Jas. Douglas, became the bride of Wm. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Green of Owen Sound. The ceremony was performed by Adjutant Ketson. Miss Marie Courtney was bridesmaid and Mr. Earl Miller was best man. After the marriage ceremony the wedding party retired to the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Wm. Harrison Jr., where a most elaborate wedding dinner was served. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and other forms of mirth. The happy couple will reside in Owen Sound. We wish them a happy and prosperous future.

Mrs. M. Harrison has been appointed delegate to the B.M.E. Conference which convenes in Brantford next week while Miss Frances Molock has been appointed as our delegate from the Sunday School. Miss Molock is a student at the O.S.C.I.

The Official Board of the B.M.E. Church wishes to thank the ladies of Collingwood for the wonderful help rendered on tag day. They were Mrs. C. Deval, Miss F. Sheffield, and the Misses Wilson.

We are pleased to report that Master Theodore Earle, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the G. and M. Hospital here, is much improved. He is now convalescing at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Jas. Hill, who suffered a nervous break down recently, is improving. She is now able to carry on her household duties.

Mrs. Jas. Hall brought the remains of her infant baby boy to the city from Toronto, where he died a few days ago. The infant child was interred in the family plot here in Owen Sound. We extend our deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

**THE NEGRO EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH FLORIDA.**

New York—Our Negro Church people in the diocese of South Florida now have fourteen congregations, many of them very large and nearly all in a flourishing condition. Six Negro priests and eight teachers are at work in churches and schools. There are over 2,500 communicants. St. Patrick's, West Palm Beach, and Christ Church, Miami, moved into fine new churches late in 1929, which are of interest to all who contributed to the Hurricane Relief Funds in recent years, as these churches replace buildings destroyed in the hurricanes. The people of St. Agnes', Miami, with a well planned, but only partially built church, are renewing their efforts to finish it. Bishop

Wing writes, as many others have also testified, "I am convinced that the Church can do more for the people of this race than any other religious body. The beauty of her ritual will satisfy their desire to express their religion emotionally, and her emphasis upon the ethical content of Christianity will supply that which is frequently neglected in much of the teaching to which they are at present exposed."

—The Living Church

**HISTORY OF CHURCH PEWS IN RICHMOND, VA.**

Richmond, Va.—St. Phillip's Episcopal Church for colored people, Richmond, has a mission, St. Peter's, on Church Hill, which is using a church that was privately built over in New Kent County before the Civil War. During the war it was used as a hospital, and when the soldiers died, as many of them did, the ends of the pews were knocked off to use as markers for the graves. After the war the church was moved to Richmond, and the pew ends left the graves and returned to their former occupation in the church. Names and dates can still be read on some of them.

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#### LONDON NOTES

The mortgage committee under chairmanship of Mr. Fred Fountain have met with encouraging results up to date.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Buffalo, former residents of our city and nephew and niece of the late Miss Caroline Anderson, were visitors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Norris and daughter Elaine, of Lansing, Mich., motored to our city to spend Easter holidays with relatives and friends. While here they were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Gladys Wilson, Front St. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Norris and daughter Lorraine and Mrs. Edith Mitchell of Toronto joined the party here, making a happy family reunion. On returning Mr. P. Norris and family passed by way of St. Thomas, accompanied by Gladys and visited friends. All reported a pleasant holiday.

Mrs. Gladys Wilson recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cromwell and family of Gobles, Ont. also motored with members of family on a flying trip to Brantford, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Norris and their daughter Lorraine, of Toronto, Ont. were the week end guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Gladys Wilson, of Front St.

Mr. Jno. Cook of William St. died early Wednesday morning at Victoria Hospital. Mr. Cook suffered a stroke during the early part of the week. He was rushed to the hospital where he died a few days afterward. He was one of the city's oldest and best known colored citizens having been a barber for several years in Taylor's shop.

Mrs. C. Durant is confined at Victoria Hospital suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. Her many friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Stanley Drake of Detroit visited his mother and sister over the week end. Mr. Drake brought with him a Mr. Coleman who rendered two very pleasing violin solos at the evening service. Mr. Drake accompanied his friend at the piano.

Friends of Mrs. Cromwell will be pleased to learn that her sight has been almost completely restored. Going with her husband and daughter to Detroit and other points she was able to drive their car with ease.

Mrs. Eliza Groat and her son William motored to Stratford last Sunday to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Miss Anderson of Buffalo, N.Y., former residents of London, were week end visitors. Their many old friends were delighted to welcome them home again.

Several members of the bell staff of the Hotel London went to Detroit on the C.N.R. excursion trip last Saturday.

At a joint committee of the United Churches and the members of the B.M.E. Church definite arrangements

were agreed upon whereby permanent assistance is to be given the B. M.E. Church in order to assist its congregation in meeting the financial obligation. The spirit prevailing at this meeting was both cordial and happy, at the conclusion of which a banquet was served prepared by the ladies of the United Churches and served by a committee of colored ladies. During this same week the colored children of the city were called together at the church where they heard instructive addresses from prominent speakers of both races on the value of the church among all peoples. The children were also served a banquet furnished by the United Church ladies and served by a committee of our colored lady citizens. These meetings gave concrete evidence of the fact that there the friendship between the two races here in the city is real and genuine.

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## Negro in Rural America

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struggle, and through their efforts the Thirteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution was adopted, making slavery unconstitutional in the United States. Following this came the Fourteenth Amendment, giving citizenship to the Negro, and the Fifteenth Amendment, giving him suffrage. To make the provisions of this latter statute effective, Congress passed an act which declared: "All citizens of the United States who are or shall be otherwise qualified by law to vote at any election by the people of any state, territory, district, county, city, parish, township, school district, municipality or other territorial division, shall be entitled to vote at all such elections without distinction of race, color or previous condition of servitude: any constitution, law, custom, usage or regulation in any state, territory or by or under its authority to the contrary notwithstanding."

This was accepted as the law of the land for twenty years, but in 1890 the southern states started nullification of these amendments. These acts have taken the form of tax and property tests, educational tests, and the so-called "Grandfather" clause. Along with these acts has come an increased demand on the part of southern whites for complete social separation between the races, in school, church, public conveyance and hotels.

Since the Civil War, the progress made by Negroes has been phenomenal, more rapid than was ever shown by any other group in an equal length of time. It is estimated that their wealth has increased a hundred-fold, instead of decreasing in numbers, as was predicted after emancipation, the Negro population has increased until, in 1920, there were ten and one-half million Negroes, or one-tenth the entire population of the United States. Yet the rate of increase has fallen remarkably since 1860. This coincides with the rapid distribution of Negroes over other parts of the country than the South, and seems to prove that the conditions under which the Negroes live in the North are unfavorable for the natural increase of their race. Figures also show that southern cities are most unfavorable. In the rural districts of the South, however, there are three births for every two deaths. Migration from the agricultural districts of the South to the cities of the South, exposes Negroes to conditions tending to raise the death rate and reduce the birth rate. (Encyclopedia Britannica.)

### GREAT NEGRO ACTOR PASSES

The death is announced of Charles L. Gilpin, the Negro actor. He will be remembered for his fine work in "The Emperor Jones," one of O'Neil's earlier successes, and for the fact that despite his color, his fellow-actors and actresses recognized him as one of the leaders of the profession. Gilpin always believed that his own success was merely an accident which, in the very nature of things, could not happen to one of his race oftener than once in a generation. Events of the past few years have proved that he was unduly pessimistic. Wherever else it may exist, there seems to be little or no prejudice against Negroes either as entertainers or artists. —Mail and Empire

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