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HAILE SELASSIE CELEBRATES 25th YEAR SINCE CORONATION

Ethiopia Celebrated for Four Days in Honor of Emperor Haile Selassie's Silver Anniversary of his Coronation. All Government Employees were given a month's salary in advance so they would have money to celebrate.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia—Emperor Haile Selassie, one of the world's two remaining Emperors (Hirohito of Japan is the other), celebrated his 25th coronation recently with great fanfare, pomp and ceremony.

Although crowned 25 years ago, Haile Selassie has been on the Ethiopian throne only 20 years. He spent five years in exile in England, during which absence King Victor Emmanuel of Italy was designated Emperor of Ethiopia by Mussolini.

The Ethiopian Emperor began his Silver Jubilee day's round of ceremonies with prayer at daybreak, as the roar of 21 cannon volleys reverberated over the mountains and through the dales.

After the cannons' roars, the roll of an oversize tom-tom, known as the "Big Drum," drifted down on Addis Ababa from the compound of Menelik's old palace.

Seated in a gilded state coach drawn by six gray horses, the Emp-

eror and the Empress drove in great style through cheering crowds and smiling women of St. George's Cathedral for prayer and thanksgiving services.

The old Cathedral and its approaches were crowded with royalty, nobility and aristocrats and other high-ranking Ethiopians. Representatives of foreign states also were present.

The United States was represented by the American Ambassador, Dr. Joseph Simonson. Washington sent out as a special delegation to assist Dr. Simonson, an Oregon businessman, a Washington, D.C. woman civil leader, and the U.S. representative on the U.N. Trusteeship Council.

Thoughtful people here have been wondering why one of America's outstanding colored leaders was not included in the U.S. delegation sent to this African state.

With its huge colored population, America can hardly be said to be fully and completely represented at any celebration, meeting or ceremony abroad unless some colored person is included in its representation. This is particularly and peculiarly so when delegations are sent to Africa and other colored countries.

Rev. E. Richardson Named Chaplain

The Y's Men's Service Club of the London T.M.-Y.W.C.A. has asked Rev. E. Richardson to act as chaplain for their organization. The service club is one of the important works of the Y. Rev. Richardson, known throughout Ontario as pastor, counsellor and friend, has served in the B.M.E. connexion and many cities in Ontario. He has his headquarters in London for nearly a decade.

Replacing Rev. George Boyce, of the London B.M.E. church at the Y's Men's meeting last December, Rev. Richardson spoke on Race-Religion, and won the confidence of the Y's Men as an outstanding man and a credit to his people. At his next meeting a unanimous decision by the Y's Men to request Rev. Richardson to act in the capacity of chaplain was passed. This position was held previously by Rev. John of Dundas Centre, London.

DOUGLAS CITES HULAN JACK IN ANSWER TO RED QUERIES

NEW YORK — Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court was principal speaker at the 1956 New March of Dimes campaign last week at the Ambassador Hotel.

He told an audience of approximately 400 leaders of industry and commerce that while in Russia last summer, he was "cross-examined" about the treatment of colored Americans.

Justice Douglas said in answering their questions, he tried to give a picture that America was a place where people of all races, creeds and nationalities lived in democracy.

He pointed out that he was happy to reply that the President of the Borough of Manhattan, Hulan Jack, is a colored man and that we are all proud of him in America.

Mr. Jack was sitting on the platform as Justice Douglas spoke.

He went on to say he found in America an ever-present all-powerful "inequality" that "takes care of everything for the people," declaring:

"If Americans become 'dependent' on an all-powerful government, we become sub-servient to such a government and lose our much cherished freedom."

St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Father of Rejection
Father Lewis today told of the incident:

"They met me in front of the church and said, 'Father, we know you come to preach the word of God but we can't afford to have a colored priest preach to our congregation. We represent the delegation from the people.'"

"Then they said they would see the archbishop and they would stay at the church and tell the people there would be no mass that morning."

The archbishop's letter said one group of Catholics at Myrtle Grove had expressed sympathy and regret to Father Lewis over the incident.

NEGROES WIN TOP SPOTS IN STATE ELECTIONS

As the fall elections came to a close throughout the U.S. a number of Negro politicians have wedged a niche for themselves in the political picture, most of whom ran for office on the democratic ticket.

In New York, Judge Harold A. Stevens became the first Negro elected to the State Supreme Court when he piled the second highest number of votes, 415,351, to gain a seat on the high court bench. He won a fourteen-year term at a salary of \$30,000 and will serve in the first district, covering the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

Judge Stevens was serving a temporary six-month period on the appointment of Governor Harriman of New York. Before the appointment, he had been the first Negro elected to the Court of General Sessions.

In another jurical race, Judge Carson Dewitt Baker, also of New York, serving a one-year temporary appointment by Mayor Wagner, beat his Republican rival for judgeship in the Tenth Municipal Court. He will serve for ten years at a salary of \$17,500.

In Mount Vernon, N.Y. Republican H. Patrick Avery, and Democrat, Dr. William Randolph, were defeated in their efforts to seek election as Board of County Supervisors.

In Detroit, John Dingell Jr., who had the blessing of the political action committee (UAM-CIO), topped his contenders, the Rev. Charles A. Hill and Dr. Richard Bowman, the only Negro candidates seeking the democratic nomination for Congress.

The contest was for the unexpired term of the late John Dingell Sr., whose untimely death left the vacancy. His son, campaigning largely on his father's name, faces Republican Tom Brennan in the run-offs.

In Philadelphia, former Recorder of Deeds, Marshall L. Shepard, councilman Raymond Pace Alexander,

and 47th Ward Democratic Leader Earl Lane joined Mayor-elect Richardson Dilworth in his victory to continue Democratic control of the city.

Also in Philadelphia, Municipal Court Judge Theodore O. Spaulding amassed 647,680 votes on both the Democratic and Republican slate to return to office.

New Haven's 19th Ward whose candidates are traditionally Negro in both major political parties, elected two Democrats to office. They are: James E. Keyes, 35-year-old mortician, elected as 19th Ward Alderman, and Richard W. Brown, 29-year-old student embalmer, re-elected selectman.

In Memphis, the Rev. Roy Love, pastor of the Mount Nebo Baptist Church and the lone candidate to seek office on the City School Board made a strong bid for the post but fell 6,000 votes behind as the unofficial votes count was completed Friday.

In Toledo, Ohio, Councilman James B. Simmons Jr., retained his place in the City Council in the municipal election there last week. Democrat Simmons ran a strong fifth in the city-wide election to pick nine councilmen in a field of eighteen.

Elsewhere in Ohio: Charles Lucas of Cleveland won a victory to get a seat on the State School Board. Kellogg, Carr and Capers won in Cleveland's councilman's race. Atty. Russell Carter of Dayton lost his second bid for judge.

In Alexander, Ark., an aluminum worker was elected to the City Council. He was A. C. Wallace, one of seven candidates for the five seats on the council.

The Rev. Frank R. Gordon of Knoxville, Tenn., was nominated for a seat on the School Board in Knoxville.

In Pittsburgh, Democrats Paul Jones was re-elected to his position as City Councilman, and Harry Fitzgerald was re-elected alderman.

NEW ENTERTAINER IN LONDON — RICHARD DOUGLAS

Another young London who is making a name for himself in the entertainment field is Richard Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, of London, Ontario. Richard's tap dancing has been enjoyed by all who have seen him in and around London at hospitals, churches and benefits. Those who watched Kitchener T.V. station or happened to catch him at the Odeon Theatre in London, will agree that here is a young man to watch.

SHOTGUN KILLER STANDS MUTE AT ARRAIGNMENT

James Howard, 36, stood mute upon arraignment on first degree murder charges Tuesday for the shotgun slaying of Mamie Irvin, 23 of 1457 Sheridan last week.

Howard was remanded to county jail until a later pre-trial examination date has been set.

Mrs. Irvin, the mother of two children by a former marriage, was allegedly shot by Howard in the bedroom where her two boys were asleep following heated argument because she refused to cook.

Howard followed Mrs. Irvin into the bedroom and partially decapitated her with a blast from a .16 gauge shotgun from a distance of three feet, police said.

He then left the woman's body draped across the children's bed and calmly walked to another room of the house and went to sleep until 4 a.m., police reported.

The shooting occurred at 9 p.m. Mrs. Jesse Beckton, of 3705 Lafayette, said at the arraignment that Howard came to her home the next morning and related details of the slaying.

He said she believed Howard had been drinking at the time.

SUSPEND MISSION SERVICES AS NEGRO PRIEST REJECTED

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel has suspended services at the St. Cecile Roman Catholic Mission at Jesuit Bend because parishioners refused to permit a Negro priest to celebrate mass.

The archbishop also reduced services at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at Belle Chasse and at St. Joseph Mission at Myrtle Grove. All three churches are across the Mississippi River from New Orleans.

In a letter to members of the church and members, Archbishop Rummel said he addressed "with sentiments of deep sorrow" the first communications of its kind in the long experience of 27 years during which we have been entrusted by the Holy See with the Episcopal office.

Cites Discrimination
The letter told of the arrival of the Negro priest at Jesuit Bend on October 2, and added:

"He was approached by several members of the congregation and informed politely but in unmistakable language that he was not to celebrate holy mass in that mission chapel."

"The only reason alleged for the unwarranted interference with the discharge of his duty was the fact that he is a member of the Negro race."

The archbishop called the incident "clearly a violation of the obligation of reverence and devotion which Catholics owe to every priest of God regardless of race, color or nationality."

The Rev. Father Clement Meyer, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, identified the Negro priest as the Rev. Father Gerald Lewis of

SINGER TO FEATURE CHURCH BIRTHDAY

Miss Mattie Willis, of Battle Creek, Mich., presented a soprano recital at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mainland street. Miss Willis, a dramatic soprano, lecture-recitalist and a concert oratorio and radio artist, was here for the observance of the 50th anniversary of the church.

Miss Willis studied under the late Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, renowned Negro composer and teacher. She was taught by the late Harper C. Maybacc.

YOUNG STATE DEMS ELECT FIRST NEGRO

The Michigan Young Democrat Clubs elected a Negro for the first time to one of its top state offices, at its recent three-day convention held at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

Elected state treasurer was Raymond M. Murphy, 27, a Dodge Main employee, and member of Local 3, UAW-CIO, where he is active in the Fair Employment Practices Commit-

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Thomas Clifton Anderson, 62, of 1460 Fuller St. NW, received \$101.00 in contributions from a delegation of citizens in the 15-square-block area which he serves.

The gift was made in appreciation of his 35 years of faithful service in the neighbourhood. The presentation was made by Mrs. Evelyn W. Easterly of 936 S. St. NW, scene of the brief, moving ceremony.

Murphy, who was an unsuccessful candidate for state representative in the Thirteenth District last year, has been treasurer of the Young Democrat Club in his district for two terms.

He is also a delegate to the senior Democratic convention.

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EDITORIAL

Many people have the ambition to succeed; they may even have special aptitude for the job.

And yet they do not move ahead. Why? Perhaps they think that since they can master the job, there is no need to master themselves.

To attain greatness a man must excel, both in mastering his job and in properly governing himself. And to hold his position he must keep right on excelling.

When a man does a job superbly, he sets a standard for himself that people expect him to live up to. They expect a Babe Ruth to knock home runs, a Joe Louis to score knockouts, a Red Grange to make touchdowns, a Hemingway to write masterpieces, a Caruso to sing his heart out.

Getting to the top is a tough assignment; staying there is tougher. The secret of greatness is simple: Do better work than any other man in your field—and keeping on doing it.

Once a person has attained the heights in his profession, the strain of staying there becomes greater than the titanic struggle he had on the way up. For once atop his lofty perch a man and his work take on a new significance.

The public observes his work and personal activities with a more critical eye. He is expected to retain the same qualities in his work and character that helped him in his ascent to the top.

Too many men, unable or unwilling to make this sacrifice, too often topple from the top rung of the ladder to remain forever in mediocrity.

The price of being a top-notch is terrific. Few of us are willing to pay for it.

LONDON NOTES

Mrs. James Hill has been confined to her home with flu.

Mr. Wm. Hunter has been admitted to Victoria Hospital. His condition is reported serious.

Dennis and Kathy Johnson are home again from the hospital after an attack of measles; also Lynn, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Booker. All children are reported doing nicely.

Rev. Clarence Johnson and his brother David and Miss Muriel Ross are reported to be on the way to recovery after their recent car accident.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. Jenkins a baby girl Leslie Ann.

The Young People at Bethemanuel Church are progressing nicely. They have a membership of 20 or more. They meet each Monday evening in the Sunday School room.

On Sunday, February 12th the Bethemanuel Church will hold its 106th Anniversary of the first Negro Church in London. A special program is being prepared by the officers of the Church. On February 29th the Church will hold their annual Southern Dinner.

On Friday evening, February 10, the Community Family Club will hold a valentine luncheon in the Bethemanuel Church at 7:30, 424 Grey St. The Muncey choir will supply the entertainment with added quartet and duets.

Miss Donna Milton entertained at the Y.W.C.A. the occasion was her 16th birthday. The evening was spent in games and dancing, a dainty lunch was enjoyed by all and each one wished Donna many happy returns of the day.

Mr. Willoughby Hackett accompanied by friends from Detroit, spent the week end in the city visiting friends and relatives.

POLES TO TRANSFORM

UGLY INDUSTRIAL AREA

Planners in Poland are launching what is believed to be the first project of its kind in the world — the transformation of a huge industrial region blighted by smoke-stacks and slag piles to an area of broad green lawns and modern housing developments.

The area whose appearance is to be radically changed in the next twenty years is the Upper Silesian mine and foundry district almost the size of Rhode Island and with more than twice its population.

For years before the war, industry in Upper Silesia grew chaotic-

ally. Factories crowded mines and hampered the proper extraction of coal. Air pollution and undrinkable water were only two by-products of the grime and smoke that clouded the region. Destruction of green space added to the drab picture.

Under the twenty-year project, already approved by the Polish Government and described as an architect's and town planner's dream, the entire region will be overhauled with provisions made for a more rational use and expansion of its economic resources. In the initial stage, industrial establishments not dependent on the region for raw materials will be limited and later gradually transferred to areas outside Upper Silesia. New water supplies will be tapped. Trees are to be planted on what is now wasteland while green belts will separate housing settlements from industrial zones.

The entire project has a head start with the creation of Stalinogrod Park in an area of some 1500 acres between the cities of Chorzow and Stalinogrod. About a million trees and shrubs have been planted. Athletic fields are already completed and a stadium with a seating capacity of 80,000 is to be finished this year. An open-air theatre is planned for 1957. A zoo of 115 acres is rapidly taking shape. Last December Poland's first planetarium was opened in the park.

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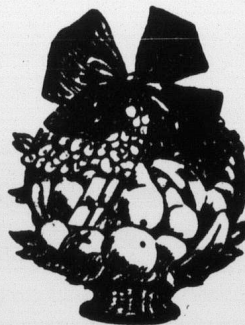
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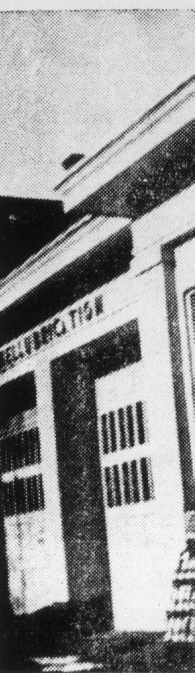
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He was sent from Crumlin to To- ronto to study. When he return- ed to Crumlin it was as Department head of Mosquito Aircraft radio in- stallations. At the conclusion of the war he returned to Shell garage where he went into partnership.

Following the death of his part- ner, W. G. Lumsden, Jim remained at the garage on the corner of Hor- ton and Mainland Streets and it was here that his son Garnet, who chose motor mechanics as his vocation, is now taking his apprenticeship.

A certificate presented to Jim by the vice President of Shell Oil Com- pany, commemorates 25 years of happy association with Shell.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brooks. His mother was born in Clifford, Ontario. His fa- ther came here from the U.S.

Mrs. Brooks has always been an enthusiastic pianist, and for many years sounded the beat for the spir- ituals at B.M.E. Church.

Jim lost his wife after 11 years of marriage. He and his mother have raised his only son. They have instilled in him a love of music, — as his father and grandmother — Gar- net both sings and plays the piano well.

Always having enjoyed music, Jim was a member of St. Paul's in Cleveland, Ohio. He has sung with his wife for many years in the B. M.E. Church in London, and they are well remembered for the fine entertainment they provided.

Never without some form of mu- sical activity, Jim has had charge of 3 choirs, 2 quartettes and a sex- tette. He is interested in choral work of various forms. Presently Jim leads a composite group of young adults from London churches with the assistance of Mr. Bert Po- kerton.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If you don't want to let cobwebs form in corners here's all you have to do. Use the long rods that come with your vacuum cleaner to swish corners clean each time you vacuum your rugs. A wave of the rods and the job is done.

To clean sinks, drains and tubs from grease and disagreeable odors pour hot salt brine through them once or twice a week.

In the winter, make sure you do not put rubbish or other litter near your furnace, since they're a dan- gerous fire hazard. Always store paints, turpentine and other painting materials far away from your heat- er.

You can keep the blades of your ice skates gleaming if you wax them. Paste wax does the trick. To keep the leather bodies supple use clean- ing wax.

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ALL-AFRICAN PLAY 'FREEDOM' OPENS IN LONDON

London — Recently the new All-African play called 'Freedom' opened triumphantly in the Westminster Theatre, London. As the curtain fell the audience, which packed every corner of the theatre, rose to its feet for a ten-minute standing ovation. They would not sit down, but went on standing while the cast sang a specially written song called 'Freedom' and then the Bantu National Anthem, 'Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika.' The African play began in darkness with the throbbing African drums and a haunting new song for Africa. When the curtain opened on a magnificent blaze of light and color of a Royal Palace the audience burst into prolonged applause.

Hundreds of Africans were in the theatre. The whole audience followed every line of the play with sensitive attention. Each colorful moving scene carried everyone into the heart of Africa. A Nigerian Trade Union leader said, "This play shows exactly what we Africans feel in a way no speeches or newspapers could ever do." The Chief who founded the West African Student Union in London stated, "Now we understand what MRA is — it means unity." One diplomat said, "This is the best play I have ever seen."

The High Commissioner from Central Africa changed engagements to be present and stayed three quarters of an hour afterwards. The Minister of Education from Sierra Leone was present. Fourteen African countries were represented. Also present were the officials from the High Commissioners' offices from Nigeria, the Gold Coast, India and Pakistan.

The Information Officer for the Nigerian Government rushed to the telephone in the first interval and rang a British National newspaper and told them, "You are missing an unforgettable experience." The paper had a reporter and photographer there in a half hour.

Cabled congratulations from two Nigerian Federal Ministers were read to the audience. A Pakistan industrialist gave two thousand pounds to help keep 'Freedom' on the road.

Hundreds stayed late in the theatre. A veteran theatre fireman summed up the unique quality of the evening, "You have blown the top off this theatre tonight. I've never seen a first night like it."

John McGovern, Member of Parliament from Shetlestone, in introducing the play spoke of the challenge which Africa and Asia are bringing. His closing words were: "Frank Buchman is the greatest living statesman of our generation. If he had been listened to by myself and others thirty years ago the world would be a different place. But let us make amends and stir the hearts and minds of men to save the world from the destruction that faces us."

"Freedom" was written and produced in six days by Africans from South Africa, Nigeria, the Gold Coast and East Africa. In the cast there are three West African M.P.s, the National Secretary of a Nigerian Trade Union, the Chairman of the Enugu Urban District Council, a bank manager, Nigerian, Cameroonian and Somaliland students, teach-

TEMPO LOOKS AHEAD

Watch for thousands of phony tax experts to set up offices across the country this spring. The Internal Revenue Service, as an economy measure, will stop helping tax payers prepare their income tax returns—except for answering broad general questions. As a result, many so-called experts will help taxpayers with their returns—possibly to get them into trouble.

Look for the West German Government to crack down on Communist infiltration in labor unions. The West German government will admit that there are over 2,000 Communist cells operating in the area's industrial plants.

If Congressman Clarence Brown (R., Ohio) has his way, there will be a Hoover-Hoover presidential ticket. Brown is privately boosting former J. Edgar Hoover for president and Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., for vice-president.

The Republicans boast they are the party of Abraham Lincoln. But the Democrats have coined a new slogan for them — "The Party of Lincoln—and Cadillac."

If you plan to travel in Russia you can expect the Central Intelligence Agency to interview you upon your return. Tourists often pick up information that our best agents inside Russia have been unable to get.

You can expect the United States to hold another series of H-Bomb tests in the South Pacific in May. The most spectacular explosion will be staged by the Air Force which, for the first time, will try dropping an H-Bomb from 50 thousand feet.

America may find itself dragged into a war by its own allies. U.S. interests in the northwest African protectorate of Morocco are trapped between hostile French and Spanish forces which are spoiling for a fight with each other. The U.S. would like to keep peace between these NATO allies, but both are bent on humiliating each other. If their antagonism turns to open warfare, Uncle Sam may have to choose sides and GI's may find themselves fighting—not the Communists—but their own friends.

RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

FROM MICHIGAN STATE U.

Howard McCurdy, better known to Londoners as Junior, has received his M.Sc. and a scholarship from Michigan State University that will enable him to work toward his Ph.D. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. McCurdy, formerly of London, Ont. After receiving his B.A. at the University of Western Ontario in 1953, Mr. McCurdy received his M.A. at Assumption in 1954. He has been named assistant in microbiology and public health at Michigan State University.

ers, American Negroes, the leader of the Market Women of Lagos and the President of 10,000 African teachers.

At its premiere in Caux, Switzerland, at the Moral Re-Armament Assembly there, Mr. Albert M. Bethune, son of Mary McLeod Bethune, and Assistant Grand Exalted Ruler of I.B.O.E.P. (Order of Elk), stated, "After you are through with Africa, come to America and help us. This is a great play and it will fulfil its world task."

DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE URGES CHURCHES TO BECOME 'COLOR-BLIND'

New York — Dr. Norman Vincent Peale urged all Christian churches to become "color-blind." "God made his children of various colors and His house is for all of them," Dr. Peale said in the new issue of Look Magazine.

The Evangelical Reform minister's statement that "people are all the same in our church, whether Negro or white, rich or poor, Jew or Christian," came in answer to a question from a worshipper in Dr. Peale's church.

The question was, "Do you invite Negroes to attend your services?" Dr. Peale's entire answer was: "We invite everybody. There are no barriers in a Christian church. We are color-blind. God made His children of various colors and His house is for all of them. People are all the same in our church, whether Negro or white, rich or poor, Jew or Christian. The church is there to help them all."

NEGRO HONORED BY NAVY LEAGUE

TORONTO — (CP) — For the first time, a Navy League of Canada scholarship has been awarded to a sea cadet who is a Negro.

He is Lemuel Boyd, of Edmonton, who will attend the University of Alberta, the Navy League said today in announcing award of seven more university naval training division scholarships.

Last year Lemuel won the President's Trophy, awarded annually to the Canadian Sea Cadet who has shown the most outstanding qualifications for leadership.

Other winners of the scholarship, with the universities they will attend: Robert N. Gordon, Toronto; Robert Scarth and Robert O'Hara, Edmonton; David C. Kerridge, Sackville, N.B.; Dalhousie; Merrill R. Conrad, Bridgewater, N.S.; Acadia; Louis Seratti, New Victoria, N.S.; Xavier Junior College, Sydney, N.S.

Valued at \$250 each, the scholarships cover first-year tuition fees at universities and colleges.

JEWISH MUSIC MONTH COMMENCES JAN. 28

Jewish Music Month will be celebrated during the period of January 28th through February 28th, 1956. The Canadian Jewish Congress, in co-operation with the National Jewish Music Council of America, has prepared materials for celebration of this month dedicated to Jewish Music.

The theme of the Music month this year will be the Music of Ernest Bloch in honour of the Composer's 75th birthday. A manual and list of program aids to help celebrate this event is available from the Congress, 493 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal.

Jewish music is as difficult to define as the Jewish people itself.

There are those who deny the reality of a Jewish music. They say that what is called Jewish music is really Slavic or Balkan, or Babylonian or Egyptian. Some are willing to admit that in the far distant past in the land of Judea, there was a Hebrew music. They will identify certain chants of the synagogue as its legitimate descendant. But they maintain that there has been no Jewish music since the Jews left their land in the first century of the Common Era.

We who are embarking on a month of Jewish Music Festival do not share this view. We begin our festival on the day which is called The Sabbath of the Song, the Sabbath on which the Synagogue Bible-reading contains the Song of Moses after the crossing of the Red Sea.

The Jews, at the very beginning of their career as a unified group, felt the need to give voice to their great experience in music. From then on until the present, the people has had its high dramatic moments, its deep tragedy, its religious faith, its simple joys and sorrows, and always it has needed to give them utterance in music. Whatever of the music has survived has helped them to remember and share the emotions of generations past, who have lived in widely scattered communities all over the world.

Professor Stresses "Color" Education

New York — A Georgia professor and a prominent Negro editor today stressed that it is the parents' job primarily to see that their offspring do not acquire prejudice against colored people.

Assistant Professor James W. May of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and William Gordon, Managing Editor of the Atlanta World, described their views in an article entitled, "What I Tell My Child About Color," in the new issue of Look Magazine. Both are fathers of nine-year-old boys.

Mr. May teaches his boy Jamie through "attitudes and experience" rather than through lectures. The issue is "discussed on the level the boy can manage," he added.

The best approach is "to provide normal boyhood experiences shared with Negro children," Mr. May said. He currently is arranging to have his son Jamie play with colored children at his home in Atlanta.

Mr. Gordon, who lives in an all-Negro neighborhood, said the color question "haunts every Negro parent who wants to bring up his youngster without fear and the crippling stigma of inferiority."

"Very few whites realize the trouble which some Negro families go to avoid hurting their children," Mr. Gordon said. "Some buy automobiles, even at a sacrifice, to take their children to and from school — just so they won't have to ride in segregated buses."

The Atlanta editor's son, Bill, Jr., had his first direct experience with prejudice while visiting the park with his teacher and a group of youngsters. A counterman in the park restaurant refused to serve him a sandwich. Fortunately, the boy "did not become embittered," Mr. Gordon said. He has "acquired no hostile feelings toward whites."

According to Mr. Gordon, "the day is not far off when none of us will have to explain color to our kids. Almost every day now, we get the feeling that more humane elements are at work all over the South."

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days,
You dreamed perhaps as I;
Of things to come, and the part you'd
play—
As the days slipped swiftly by.

At the swimming hole, oh, the times
you had . . .
Lighthearted and fancy free;
Then with pole and line, and your
faithful pup:
You were off on a fishing spree.

To dream of the things that you
would do,
The things you would like to try;
Shoot lions and tigers in countries
afar,
Or perhaps — fly a plane . . oh so
high.

You might be master of some sail-
ing ship,
And journey on all seven seas;
Or maybe, just be a rich million-
aire,
So you could do as you please.

On those glorious days we had as a
child,
They were endless then . . so it
seemed:
How I love to revive all those mem-
ories of old,
In those wonderful childhood dreams
—J.W.D.

MADAME WALKER ELECTED TO EBONY HALL OF FAME

CHICAGO—Madam C. J. Walker,
founder of the well-known multi-
million-dollar cosmetic company that
bears her name, becomes the first
person elected to the Ebony Hall of
Fame by Ebony Readers. Results of
the November balloting are an-
nounced in the February Ebony.
Mme. Walker, who takes her place
alongside ten other great American
Negroes in the historical gallery
housed in the home office of Ebony,
received sixty per cent of the 34,000
votes cast.

Born in a cottonfield cabin in Del-
ta, La., she took a few pennies and
a hair-straightening formula and
built the cosmetic empire. Mme.
Walker died in a magnificent man-
sion on the Hudson River. The \$250-
000 showplace was the finest home
ever owned by a Negro. She left
an estate valued at \$2,000,000 and
specified in her will that two-thirds
of the company stock be held in
trust for various charities. In her
last prayer, she summed up her life,
"Not for me, O Lord, but my race."

The 34,000 ballots cast were prin-
ted in the November Ebony and
readers will continue to elect new
members to the Hall of Fame with
ballots that will appear in each No-
vember issue of the magazine.

POLAND WINS CONTRACT FOR PLANS TO REBUILD MIDDLE EAST RAILROAD

A Polish engineering organization
has been awarded the contract to
plan the rebuilding of the Hejaz
railway line which runs for more
than 500 miles between Damascus
in Syria and Medina in Saudi Ara-
bia. Bids were submitted by fif-
teen countries.

The Polish bid was accepted by
a commission in Jeddah made up of
representatives from Jordan, Saudi
Arabia and Syria. The work will
be done by Cekop, a Warsaw enter-
prise one of whose specialties is the
design and supply of industrial
plants and projects for foreign use.

The Polish railroad and bridge
builders who surveyed the line,
most of which is across desert ter-
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