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60,000 At Colleges The Crisis Reports

NEW YORK, August 1950—There were nearly 60,000 Negro students enrolled in colleges, universities and professional schools in the United States during the school year 1949-1950, according to The Crisis, monthly organ of the N.A.A.C.P. which has published its 39th annual educational number.

Admittedly these figures are incomplete, because of the fragmentary information obtainable from mixed colleges. "This pleases us because it shows a steady trend toward that integration of Negroes into American life which is the goal of the N.A.A.C.P."

Of the 59,543 students enrolled, 8,018 were graduated with various bachelors' degrees; 458 with various masters'; 8 with the Ph.D. degree; 1 with the Pd.D.; 124 with the M.D.; 69 with the D.D.S.; and 30 with the LL.B.

Other items of interest in this issue of THE CRISIS include an article on "The Negro Private College," by Dr. Ira deA Reid; a report on the 41st annual NAACP convention, by G. Foster B. Current; and a reprint of an article, "The Negro and the Communists," by Walter White.

NOW! By R. M. Harrison

On the subject of exclusion of colored people from Essex County bathing beaches—the discussion was touched off earlier this week when a small Negro child was barred from swimming below Amherstburg—a Now Column scout has this to report: "It isn't done at Colchester and Oxbey, two of the cleanest and most up-to-the-minute beaches in this part of the country."

"The man of whom complaints have been made operates this beach for Mrs. Dube (pronounced Duby). He may, in fact, have leased the beach from her. I would not say.

"When a person charges a fee to the general public for use of a beach, isn't this beach automatically, according to law, declared public, with no restrictions as to color? I know this beach very, very well, and I also believe that if the Provincial Department of Health inspector ever looked it over he would close it immediately.

"Why? Because it hasn't the proper facilities to permit the public to use the beach. No life-guards. No water depth indicators. No dressing room except a two-by-four shack. The outside 'farm toilets' are a disgrace to humanity."

Walter White Speaks At Masonic Affair

BOSTON.—An appeal for support of the NAACP in its continuing all-out struggle against the evils of segregation and discrimination was made by Walter White, executive secretary, in an address before the 175th Anniversary Convention of the Prince Hall Affiliation Masons, held here recently.

"This convention," Mr. White asserted, "is being held at a time of the greatest crisis in American and world history, where two major issues face the world: one, the struggle between communism and democracy; the other, the clash between colonial exploitation and freedom for all men, irrespective of race or color."

"Of the two alternatives between which all of us are forced to choose in this struggle—either surrender to communism or fighting within the framework of democracy for what is rightfully ours—the NAACP has chosen to fight, and even in the face of what at times seemed insuperable difficulties, has demonstrated that courage, determination, and unity can smash down barriers based upon race."

London News

The Missionary Society of Bethemanuel Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Berry. Birthday gifts were given to three members, Mrs. Geard, Mrs. Coursey and Mrs. Hill. Dainty luncheon was served by the hostess Mrs. Berry, assisted by the convener, Mrs. P. Brown.

The annual tag day held by Bethemanuel Church on August the 5th had receipts of \$560.00. Rev. Geard and officers and members of the church wish to thank the friends and well wishers who gave their services and money so readily. The funds will assist greatly toward moving expenses of Rev. Geard and family to the city from N. Buxton, also toward repair work on the parsonage.

On Saturday, August 26th Rev. Geard was called to N. Buxton to conduct the funeral service of Miss A. Alexandra. Her death came very suddenly although her health had not been very good, it was expected she would resume her position as a school teacher in Welland, Ont. where she had taught for a number of years.

The Family Community Club was joined by Club 49 and the Young People's Association of Bethemanuel Church in being responsible for their annual picnic at Springbank Park on Civic Holiday. The picnic this year was the largest one yet with bus loads from Chatham and friends from Detroit, Cleveland, Brantford and Toronto enjoying the sports events and races for the day.

The Young People's Association of the Bethemanuel Church plan to open their season with a weiner roast which should provide stimulation for the coming meetings. The date is to be announced later.

The Inter-Race Inter-Faith Committee of London, who have made wonderful progress through the 1949 and 1950 Fall and Spring Season plan to begin their regular meetings again in September. An interesting and informative program is being drawn up, and the meetings are to take place at the Y.W.C.A. as in the past. The exact dates and schedule of coming meetings will appear in the September issue. Everyone is asked to watch for the dates and to try to attend as many meetings as time can be made for.

Remove Jim Crow Signs After Protest

NEW YORK, August — Signs segregating white and colored persons in a temporary picnic area near Buggs Island Dam, a federal power project being built on the Roanoke River near Boydton, Virginia, have been removed following a letter of protest by Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP.

Mr. White wrote Secretary of the Army Frank C. Pace, Jr., upon receipt of information from Attorney C. O. Pearson of Durham, N.C., who informed the national office of the signs at the picnic grounds and comfort stations designating "white" and "colored." Mr. Pearson expressed the opinion that the segregation policy might represent "the personal feelings of the engineer in charge" and requested the Association to take action "before this segregation policy is firmly established."

A reply from W. E. Potter, acting assistant chief of engineers for civil works, stated that the signs were placed in the area "to guide those visiting the dam in conformance with their desires and local customs" and pointed out that no signs were placed in construction areas. He indicated, however, that "in order that there may be no misunderstanding . . . the few signs in the picnic areas are being removed, leaving the visitors to guide themselves."

BROWN BOMBERS GRID TEAM OPENS PRACTICE

The Brown Bombers football team has begun training for the 1950 season at Lasky Recreation Center. The team is under the capable direction of Horace "Hap" Coleman, former backfield star at Western Michigan and University of Michigan.

General manager Bob Mays, who coached the team last year with the help of Bob Williams, is elated to have Coleman take over the coaching job so that Williams can devote full time as a playing member of the squad.

Coleman has only a month to whip the team into shape as the first game is scheduled for September 10th with the Bay City All-Stars in Bay City. The All-Stars are rated Michigan's top semi-pro football club. They played a National League pro grid team last year.

Although the schedule is not completed, the following teams have been contacted for games: Fort Wayne, Ind.; Coldwater, Mich.; Sarnia, Ontario; Hamilton, Ontario; Windsor Bulldogs; Patterson Panthers, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and the Highland Park Bears.

The Bombers expect to play at least 15 games this fall. One home contest is being planned for the early part of October.

The club hopes to represent the city of Detroit in the All-America Pro league next year if given the support of business and social organizations this year.

Such ex-Wayne stars as John Hazely, Willie Morgan, Irv Petross and Don Godbold are expected to be in the fold.

DROP "NO WAY OUT BAN." WHITE BIDS CHICAGO MAYOR

NEW YORK, August — The banning of the Twentieth-Century Fox film "No Way Out," by Chicago police censors, was vehemently protested this week by the NAACP. The Chicago censors have claimed that the film is dangerous and may incite violence.

In a telegram to Mayor D. Kennedy, the Association Executive Secretary Walter White strongly urged that the ban be reconsidered and rescinded.

This picture, he stated, is the most forthright and courageous picturization of the evil of race prejudice which has yet been made.

The Korean war has revealed distrust of the United States in Asia and other parts of the world, because of continued existence of racial prejudice in the United States. "No Way Out" exposes the evil nature of the practice and instead of inciting to riot, will do enormous good in the exactly opposite direction.

BERRY NAMED PRESIDENT OF D.C. INTERNES

CHICAGO — Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, senior attending physician at Provident and Cook County hospitals, was elected president of the Association of Former Internes and Residents of Freedmen's hospital at a recent session of the group held in Washington, D.C.

The well-known Chicago stomach specialist succeeded Dr. C. Wendell Freeman of the Howard University medical school.

Dr. Berry and Dr. T. M. Smith noted Chicago heart specialists, later were guest lecturers at the Annual Study Meetings of the Old Dominion Medical Society, a branch of the National Medical Association at Lynchburg, Va.

Both Chicago medics took part with white doctors of the medical college faculty of the University of Virginia in symposiums relative to discoveries and problems in their respective fields.

HONG KONG BOOMS WITH RED TRADE

LONDON — Hong Kong—British "boom colony" in far eastern commerce since the war—hit new peaks in 1949 including a "rapidly mounting volume of trade with North (Red) China," a colonial office annual report said today.

Imports valued at \$361,320,000 and exports worth \$405,720,000 represented increases of 32 per cent and 49 per cent, respectively, compared with 1948.

Raw materials and industrial merchandise were the main exports to Communist China, the report said.

WORLD ASSOCIATION U.S. ATA

OTTAWA, Canada — The American Teachers' Association of the United States was one of the four organizations of teachers admitted to the roster of national members of the World Organization of the Teaching Profession at its fourth annual assembly held here.

ATA President Dr. George W. Gore of Florida A. and M. College and ATA Secretary Dr. H. Council Trerholm, Alabama State College, were in attendance and officially seated.

FEPCC MAN MADE PUBLICITY HEAD IN FILM PUSH

Malcolm Ross, chairman of the President's Fair Employment Practice Commission throughout its three year existence, will serve as a special public relations consultant for 20th Century Fox on behalf of the new Darryl Zanuck production "No Way Out." The realistic story of racial hatred as it affects a Negro doctor in a white hospital, will have its world premiere next month in New York City.

Ross, now Assistant to the President of the University of Miami, arranged for a leave of absence to work on "No Way Out" because he believes the film is a courageous and powerful attempt to uproot "the bitterest soil of all—racial hatred."

GEORGE A. ISABELL ANSWERS CRITICISM OF RACIAL LABELS

In reply to criticism leveled by the Michigan Committee on Civil Rights concerning racial designations in real estate advertising, George A. Isabell, Detroit realtor, said he will continue to fight "pressure and confusion" groups who are retarding the progress of Negroes in Detroit.

Isabell said he has built his real estate business and has secured financial institutions to handle property "because I am a Negro."

He stressed that he will ask Federal aid to investigate subversive organizations among Negroes in Detroit.

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WHERE DELINQUENCY BEGINS

Sober citizens with the welfare of society at heart, should give more consideration to the cause than to the cure of juvenile delinquency.

There is no avoiding the fact that juvenile delinquency is definitely on the increase in all parts of the country and in all classes of society.

To the credit of the various communities and states great study, effort and expenditures are being made to solve this problem.

But unfortunately more attention is given to caring for delinquents than to preventing them.

Unfortunately this does not account for the fact that the great majority of the youngsters who grow up in such environments become decent, law-abiding, moral citizens.

If the majority can do so, why not the minority?

Why is it that one or two boys or girls in a congested working class block will go bad while all the others stay good?

And how does one account for the fact that many sons and daughters of the very well-to-do living in fine homes in genteel surroundings also become juvenile delinquents?

Other authorities are wont to attribute juvenile delinquency to subnormal intelligence and low educational quotient, but actually there are many times more subnormal youngsters than there are juvenile delinquents.

Some of the greatest civilizations have been run by illiterate people who, indeed, produced all of our basic inventions and discoveries, and domesticated our plants and animals before alphabets were born.

Most people are not very smart, not well educated nor do they live in the best surroundings, but nevertheless most people are disciplined, socially conscious and good.

The real reason why there is increasing juvenile delinquency—because parents are delinquent!

It is more than significant that most delinquents come from quarrelsome and broken homes where parents have little responsibility and less understanding.

Because of this they develop hatreds, sometimes of the mother and sometimes of the father, depending upon circumstances in every case abnormal and unmoral.

Children crave love, attention and recognition, and when they do not get either at home, they seek these elsewhere.

Usually that "elsewhere" is with a gang of gamins or with some scheming adults who shrewdly diagnoses their psychological difficulty and exploits it.

They go to the streets or to someone else for what they should receive at home, and this leads to all sorts of trouble.

The harsh fact of the matter is that juvenile delinquency begins in the home and will never be cured until the homes are what they should be.

Whatever the home may be, it is made that way by the parents who are the heads of the home.

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LONDON NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson c London are visiting their son Beverly and family in Halifax, N.S. for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Howson and family spent their vacation at Jackson's Point on Lake Simcoe where they had an enjoyable time.

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Today Louis enterprises are definitely on the upswing. Joe has surrounded himself with business figures who are not amateurs in the realm of high finance. His name now blazons from a housing development in California and on thousands of bottles of Joe Louis Punch. Peculiarly enough, his soft drink is better known in the Latin American countries than in the United States.

CALIFORNIA HOUSING

In California's San Fernando Valley, Valleyview housing development produced under "Joe Louis Homes, Inc.," has been opened to the public. Veterans can purchase homes with no down payment. The first of the Louis home sites was Parchester Village built on 800 acres and including 4,000 homes. These sites also include shopping and business ventures, schools and churches. Valleyview Village was constructed at a cost of \$8,000,000. Louis, who acts as President of Joe Louis Homes, Inc., announced the opening of this housing site on March 13th.

In addition to his California investments Louis also owns property in Chicago and Detroit. The national marketing magazine "Advertising Age" called Louis the "Super-salesman" in 1948. The magazine was referring to the sudden success of his soft drink company but it refers equally as well to all of the other ventures with which his name is connected. The golden name of Joe Louis is beginning to pay off in a golden stream of dollars running at last into the Louis pocket.

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CREATIVE SURGERY

Burnt esophagus replaced inside chest with tube made of patient's own skin

When he was 14 months old, Willie Buchanan swallowed lye. He was near death when admitted to St. Louis Children's Hospital back in September, 1944. Doctors found that his esophagus—the tube through which food passes from throat to stomach—had been severely damaged and a hole eaten into his windpipe.

For the next five years, while doctors tried in vain to dilate the badly-scarred esophagus, Willie was fed through an opening made in his stomach. During that time, the child suffered three attacks of bronchial pneumonia caused by foreign matter getting into his lungs through the hole in his windpipe. It became apparent that even if he could be kept alive by nourishment taken directly into his stomach, bronchial infections resulting from the ulcerated windpipe minimized his chances of survival. Drastic steps were decided on.

Through application of a newly-developed surgical technique, the youngster's damaged esophagus was removed and replaced by one made of his own skin. At the same time the hole in his windpipe was closed to prevent further infections. The esophageal reconstruction, which necessitated plastic as well as chest surgery, was performed by Drs. Eugene Bricker and Thomas Burford of the Washington University School of Medicine faculty. They developed the technique about three years ago for use in cancer cases, but this was its first application to a lye stricture case.

First of a series of seven operations that extended over a four-month period was performed about a year ago. The useless esophagus, except for a short length in the throat which was undamaged by scar tissue, was removed and the trachea or windpipe was repaired. Through an opening made in the child's neck, the end of the undamaged portion of the esophagus was brought temporarily to the outside of the neck. Then began construction of the new esophagus which was done in several stages.

Final operation in the long series was performed last July. Two months later Willie took food by mouth for the first time in five years.

Released from the hospital last fall Willie Buchanan remained on a special diet of soft foods until Christmas time, when he began taking solid food. The young patient experienced no difficulty swallowing or digesting it. Early in February the tube directly into his stomach, which had been left in place as a precaution, was removed.

With his new man-made esophagus, Willie now leads a normal life, playing with the other youngsters in the neighbourhood and eating anything. The success of Willie's case will probably have an important bearing on treatment of severe lye strictures in the future, but the young patient himself places a different emphasis on it. He sums it up with the observation: "Ice cream tastes better than I thought it would."

WORLD BAPTIST ALLIANCE 4 ATTRACTS 50,000 TO CLEVELAND

Prominent Detroiters Among Church Groups at Eighth Congress

Pages of history in the religious world were turned in Cleveland on July 22-26 at the Eighth Congress of the World Baptist Alliance when more than 50,000 Baptists from 53 nations assembled to lay plans for a better world through Christian living.

It was the first time in the history of the organization that the sessions were held in the United States. The Congress meets every five years.

Highlights of the Congress parade through the streets of downtown

Cleveland, were the mammoth parade and the singing of a choir of 5,000 voices in the Cleveland Stadium Saturday.

Some 300 singers of both races from the Detroit area were members of the mammoth singing group.

The Rev. A. A. Banks, Jr., pastor of Second Baptist Church, members of Second Baptist Senior Choir Missionary and Sunday School workers attended the opening session of the Congress on Saturday.

The Cleveland Baptist Congress is reported to have been the greatest in the history of the Baptist Church, where members of the five races of men sat together, worshipped together for the same purpose.

PHILOSOPHY TOWARDS WORK

Thousands of people today shun certain occupations because they think it is not honorable or because they think it is not dignified. As a result of this, some very lucrative jobs are swiftly passing out of the hands of Negro Americans.

They have lost the laundry business; they are fast losing the hotel business as bellhops, waiters and waitresses. Our good friends the Filipinos are slipping in as Pullman porters. They have lost the barber business in all except jim crow areas.

It has not been prejudice that has taken these things from us. It has been due to the backward philosophy we have in turning our noses up at work and not recognizing the value and the dignity of all work in all professions, all trades and all industries.

Anything that serves man, providing him with food, with shelter, clothing or service, is good for man.

Any job that pays well, that will give an individual earnings of thousands of dollars per year does not destroy one's health, is an honorable job.

AFRO-ARTS BAZAAR

For more than a year the first U.S. commercial outlet for documented African art and folk craft has been doing a thriving business in Harlem. What started as a questionable business in culture and curios on a \$3,000 investment has blossomed into a Dun and Bradstreet-rated concern with stock-on-hand valued at \$20,000. Located on Harlem's busy 125th Street, the Afro-Arts Bazaar is one of New York's most unusual gift shops where customers browse through fantastic masks, gaily-colored textiles and modern jewelry with a brilliant African motif.

"And they call these savages . . ." is a common remark made by buyers who range from the big metropolis' Negro residents to many art collectors who make special trips to New York to purchase from select items. Many museums recommend the shop to collectors who choose not only from African items but also work by colored craftsmen from the West Indies and U.S. Afro-Arts is currently planning to expand its business to mail order and will sell items out of a regular catalog.

MISS V AND MR. B.

MGM waxed another hit with the coupling of Sarah Vaughn and Billy Eckstine on the oldie "Dedicated to You."

The soaring swallow-like tones of Sarah Vaughn and the blissful bartone of Billy Eckstine make the smoothest boy-girl duet on shellac. The similarity of their styles, is of course, a great contributing factor to the sophisticated elegance with which the entire recording is handled.

Several years ago Sarah was female vocalist with the Eckstine group, yet she and Billy never recorded together until this M-G-M session. Publicity blubs from Metro call the disc one of the greatest single records of the decade.

FARM BRIEFS IN CANADA

Termite Traps

Have you termites in your backyard or basement? If you live around Toronto or Windsor there is a chance that you may have some of these unwelcome visitors, as the Department of Agriculture's Division of Entomology reports that the only termite outbreak in Canada to date has occurred in these two areas.

Science Service entomologists have devised spruce stakes for tagging the movement of these pests, the stakes being driven in the ground and left there for the termites to nibble on. Processed Publication No. 36, "Termite Control in Ontario" is available on request by those who suspect they might have termite troubles.

Woodlot Film

"Trees are a Crop", a 20-minute colour film on farm woodlots, is scheduled for the fall programs of the National Film Board's rural circuits. It was produced this year by the NFB with the co-operation of the New Brunswick Department of Lands and Mines.

Record Beet Year

Reports indicate that the largest sugar beet crop ever recorded in Canada is doing well and preliminary estimates of sugar from the more than 100 thousand acre crop have been placed at around 300 million pounds by officials in the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Land Utilization in B.C.

In asking for the services of a Federal entomologist from the Division of Entomology, Saskatoon, to assist provincial agriculturists in surveying land for the production of alfalfa seed, British Columbia officials are trying a new approach to utilization of land for agricultural purposes.

Canadian Canned Foods

The gross value of canned foods produced in Canada in 1948 rose to an all-time record total of more than 240½ million dollars, an increase of 10 per cent over the preceding year's value of 219½ million, and more than three and one-half times the pre-war 1938 figure of approximately 64½ million dollars.

PARALYZED DISC JOCKEY

George Prader, 38, does his broadcasting of a daily jazz record show, Harlem Echoes, for a Galveston, Texas, radio station from his bed because he is paralyzed from his shoulders down. His incapacity is the result of an auto accident some 19 years ago. Louisiana-born ex-chauffeur first broke into radio as guest in a local March of Dimes show in 1948. His appearance convinced Station KGBC to put him on a regular program. Today Prader's record program is a huge success, has a wide listening audience and a full schedule of 15 sponsors.

CHIROPODIST WITH WHITE TRADE

Dr. Henry A. Martin, 75 is the most successful chiropodist in Dubuque, Iowa. Trained in chiropody in a Chicago school (Moler Method) after he was 41, the Mississippi-born ex-popper now has an all-white trade in the bustling mid-western town of 55,000. He has been treating feet in the same spot since 1916 when he first set up offices in one of the city's best business buildings. He still puts in a busy eight hours six days every week. He is the father of nine children, all of whom have college degrees.

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Today Philander Smith College can look back and smile with pride at the difficult times it has passed through. It now has the highest of academic recognition. Fully accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; The University Senate—a highly critical accrediting agency of the Methodist Church, it has membership in the American Council on Education, Association of American Colleges, National Council of Church Colleges, National Collegiate Athletic Association and numerous other distinguished bodies.

Philander Smith College's well-trained graduates are serving throughout the nation. They make up a majority of the teachers in Greater Little Rock and Pulaski County in Arkansas. The college has graduated more than 300 ministers and full time lay workers, 75 have become physicians and dentists, 2,500 teachers, bishops, college presidents, foreign missionaries and many others.

Yes, Philander Smith College has served Negro youth well for over 83 years. But it still needs financial help in order to continue its wonderful work of preparing our young people for their work of tomorrow.

LOCAL 1419 CAN BLOCK THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLY

Nowhere in the U.S.A. does the Negro have more labor-power than in New Orleans' Local 1419 of the International Longshoremen's Association of the A. F. of L. This local, 3,567 members strong, can actually tie up much of the world's shipping at the booming New Orleans port. Scores of American cities from New York to Pittsburgh and from Cincinnati to Chicago and Kansas City pour their rich cargoes of steel, soap, farm machinery, and thousands of other commodities down through New Orleans to be shipped to all parts of the world. The coffee we had with our breakfast, or the delicious cookies, cakes and pies we ate a few days ago, were all probably seasoned with sugar that was handled by the longshoremen of Local 1419. In addition to being the gateway to trade between Central America, South America and North America, New Orleans imports from and exports to many foreign countries who depend upon the steady flow of tons of commodities—much of which is handled by longshoremen of Local 1419. But this powerful local hasn't always had such tremendous powers in the shipping industry.

Back in 1933 Local 1419 was first organized by Arthur Williams, Adolph Robertson and Paul Hartman; and in 1934 Joseph P. Ryan invited them to join his strong organization. The local didn't have much power then. In fact very few people even knew that it existed. There were only 700 members of Local 1419 in those days, but today there are 3,567 active longshoremen members. Much of the credit for the local's rapid growth is due Dave A. Dennis, fearless, ambitious president of the powerful longshoremen's local. Dennis was elected president two years ago and has been going strong ever since. Dennis was no stuff-shirted amateur at the business. He had worked for years as a longshoreman and knew all the curse-words and hardships that were flung at the longshoremen. A big man in size and personality, Dennis has always had the interest of his local's members at heart. When he was a boy he wanted to become an engineer, but the lack of funds and the necessity to earn a livelihood forced him to give up schooling at an early age. For five years he worked as a merchant seaman, and saved enough money to enter the restaurant business. Later he saved enough money to become owner of a cleaning

and pressing establishment. Dennis was still in his early twenties when he began to work as a longshoreman. One day in 1943, while Dennis was working as a deck hand, he was called up and appointed business agent for Local 1419. He was very popular and efficient, so he moved up fast. In 1946 he was made chairman of percentages—then in 1948 he became president of the local. What a guy.

Dennis is now the powerful head of 3,567 longshoremen, capable of tying up shipping at the booming New Orleans port. Under his wise leadership the longshoremen have gained higher wages. The average longshoreman earned 65¢ per hour in 1933, but today the basic pay-scale runs from \$1.85 to -3.68 per hour. Overtime pay runs from -2.77 to -5.22 per hour.

Local 1419 members get relief pay when not working, medical attention, when needed, and have their own insurance, which includes sick, accident and death benefits. Dennis is looking forward to the day when Local 1419 will have its own chain of grocery stores, a bank and a clothing store to outfit the members and their families. More evidence of Dennis' keen interest in the members of his local is reflected in the way he handles their union funds. Rather than let the union funds lay idle in the bank at low interest—Dennis puts them to work. Today, Local 1419 is one of the richest in the country with over \$300,000 in cash and bonds plus other assets of some \$200,000 because of their president's investment sense. Over \$100,000 of the local's funds have been invested in an insurance company and funeral parlor. The complete story on Local 1419's enterprises is really a remarkable story. No other Negro labor local in the world can compare with the outstanding record of this New Orleans local. These longshoremen, under the guidance of likeable Dave Dennis, have climbed from obscurity to popularity.

ROBERT BRADFORD STABBED IN ROW WITH YOUTH, 14

A 16-year-old youth suffered stab wounds Friday when he became involved in an altercation with a 14-year-old boy over money.

Robert Bradford of 4338 McKinley was rushed to Receiving hospital from 455 East Adams.

The youth told police he was stabbed by a boy known only as "Bubble Turmar, who lives on Theodore near Hastings.

DREAM COMES TRUE FOR GEORGIAN WHO WANTED TO TEACH

From September to June, Henry E. Forston presides over a dramatic living experiment in better race relations, but he doesn't regard himself as anything except a teacher handling the job he loves.

The Inkster, Mich., man is principal of Carver Elementary School, an "integrated school," whose student body is composed of both white and Negro youths.

The problems he faces in running his school are perhaps a little different than those that other American principals have to contend with but Forston thinks his reward in terms of satisfaction is far greater. The success of his "experiment" he attributes largely to 100 per cent co-operation by all parents.

Born in the tiny Georgia town of Hartwell, he is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, one of the 32 members of the United Negro College Fund. He earned his Master of Science degree in Biology at the University of Michigan, and then, for 14 years, was assistant principal of the J. R. Hawkins High School in Warrenton, N.C.

Forston has also served as director of Green Pastures Camp, Grass Lake, Mich., a project of the Detroit Urban League. In support of his belief that the "community is the school," he is a Scout Master, a member of the Recreation Commission of the village of Inkster and a deacon of Springhill Baptist Church.

REV. HENRI ROBONSONNE SLAPS "RACKETEERING" IN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Sunday morning at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church the congregation heard a far reaching sermon that blasted the Christian world for its sinful living, and racketeering in the church of the living God.

The speaker was the Rev. Henri Robonsonne, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Quebec, Canada.

Speaking on the theme "Lord Is It I?" the Rev. Robonsonne declared every Christian listening in the congregation should examine himself, secretly, and asked the "64-question" of himself, "Lord Is It I?"

Rev. Robonsonne said church members themselves, including the officials and leaders, lack faith in one another.

He added that many churches were making a racket out of ticket and dinner selling.

Speaking about the family-life, Rev. Robonsonne declared "Family-life means nothing today. Many members of the church are living together unmarried, and bringing children into the world.

"There is no harm in Christians drinking, but the sin comes when we drink and abuse it."

In speaking about Christians' community-life, Rev. Robonsonne said some Christians will not vote; others go about slandering their friends and neighbors. He said some young people isolate themselves because of their college degrees.

"The purpose of all learning is to know God. We should elevate our standard of living, but do it with God as the foundation."

Twelve new members joined. Worshippers were present from the following states: Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey, Colorado, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Music in songs by the Rose of Sharon Chorus and the Senior choir.

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Mrs. Eileen Berry Johnson of Toronto is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry for a few weeks.

Mrs. Bessie Fountaine is reported improving very nicely at her home on Sackville St.

Mr. James Brooks, mother and son Garnet are spending their holidays visiting friends and relatives in Cleveland, Detroit and N. Buxton.

Mr. Laverne Jenkins will attend the Toronto Exhibition over the week end.

Mr. George Ratheway from Bermuda will arrive in the city by plane Sunday, September 3rd for a lengthy holiday.

On Saturday, August 26th Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moxley of Phillip Street celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shed spent a

week of their holidays in Cleveland, Ohio, visiting friends. On their return to London Mrs. Hill was called to Guelph to visit his sick brother.

Among those of London who helped to make Brantford's tag day a success, were Rev. and Mrs. Geard, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs. Ilene Johnson and Aldene Anderson.

Mrs. P. Griswold and son Larry of Detroit, Mich., visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. E. Hackett for a few days.

We are glad to see that Mrs. E. Hackett, Elm Street, London, has improved in health and is feeling much better.

A dainty birthday party was held in honour of Miss Patricia Turner's 9th birthday. A tasty luncheon was served to twenty children. Patricia received many lovely gifts.

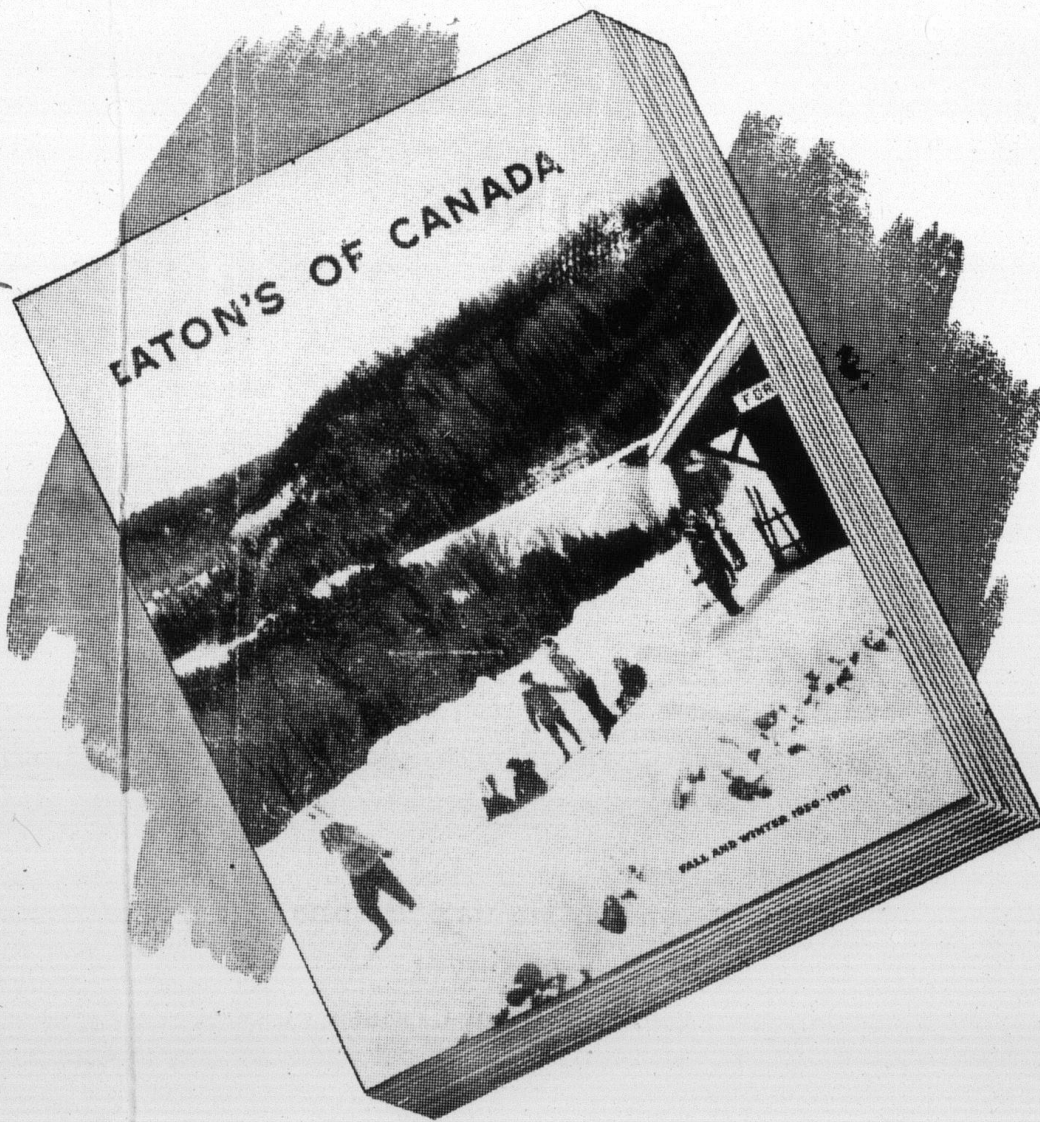
Mr. John Snowden of Brantford visited friends in London while attending the A.Y.P. Conference over the week end.

Mr. Clarence Johnson was accompanied by Miss Christine Jenkins, Miss Joan Brooks, Miss Marion Jenkins and Mr. James Booker of London, at one of his meetings held in Guelph, Ontario, recently.

Mr. James Moxley of Toronto visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Moxley over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kelly and son Lloyd are spending their vacation motoring to New York City.

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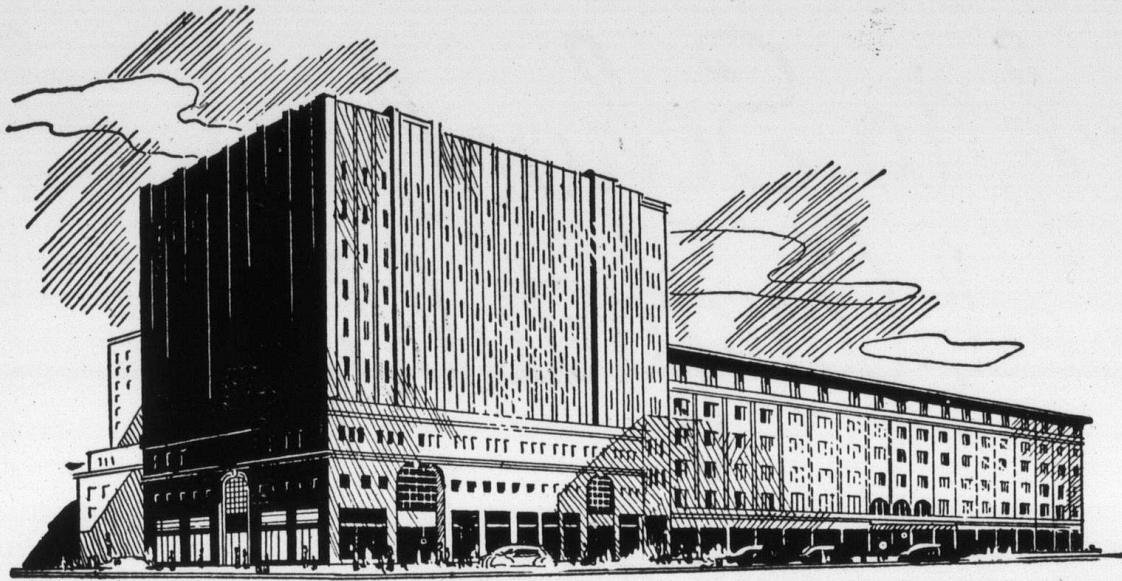
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