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THE STORY OF CLUB 48

To understand clearly the formation of Club 48, one must have the knowledge of the underlying circumstances behind it.

Early in the summer of 1946, a young Negro, Fitzgerald Alexander was tramping the hot pavements of Toronto because he had just been released from the temporary Civil Service. Although he had two years of university training in political science and economics he had found it difficult to get even a lowly clerical job. He then received a letter from an agent in Jamaica, B.W.I. seeking representation in Canada. To his knowledge there wasn't a Negro importer and exporter in this country. Seeing the opportunity he approached two former school chums Leonard Braithwaite who had just returned from service overseas in the R.C.A.F., and James Braithwaite his cousin who had recently been discharged from the R.C.A.F., and who was at the time taking the Business Administration course at the University of Toronto.

Together, they formed the B. & A. Agencies, and in the face of bitter opposition, secured an office in the heart of the business district of downtown Toronto. Meanwhile, Leonard Braithwaite had also entered the University of Toronto to study Commerce and Finance and Alexander was left to carry on the business of importing, exporting and Manufacturer's Agents alone.

In time B. & A. Agencies grew and was incorporated into Brailex Enterprises Limited. By the summer of 1947 James Braithwaite graduated and was able to apply his training and knowledge to the ever-mounting problems associated with the business.

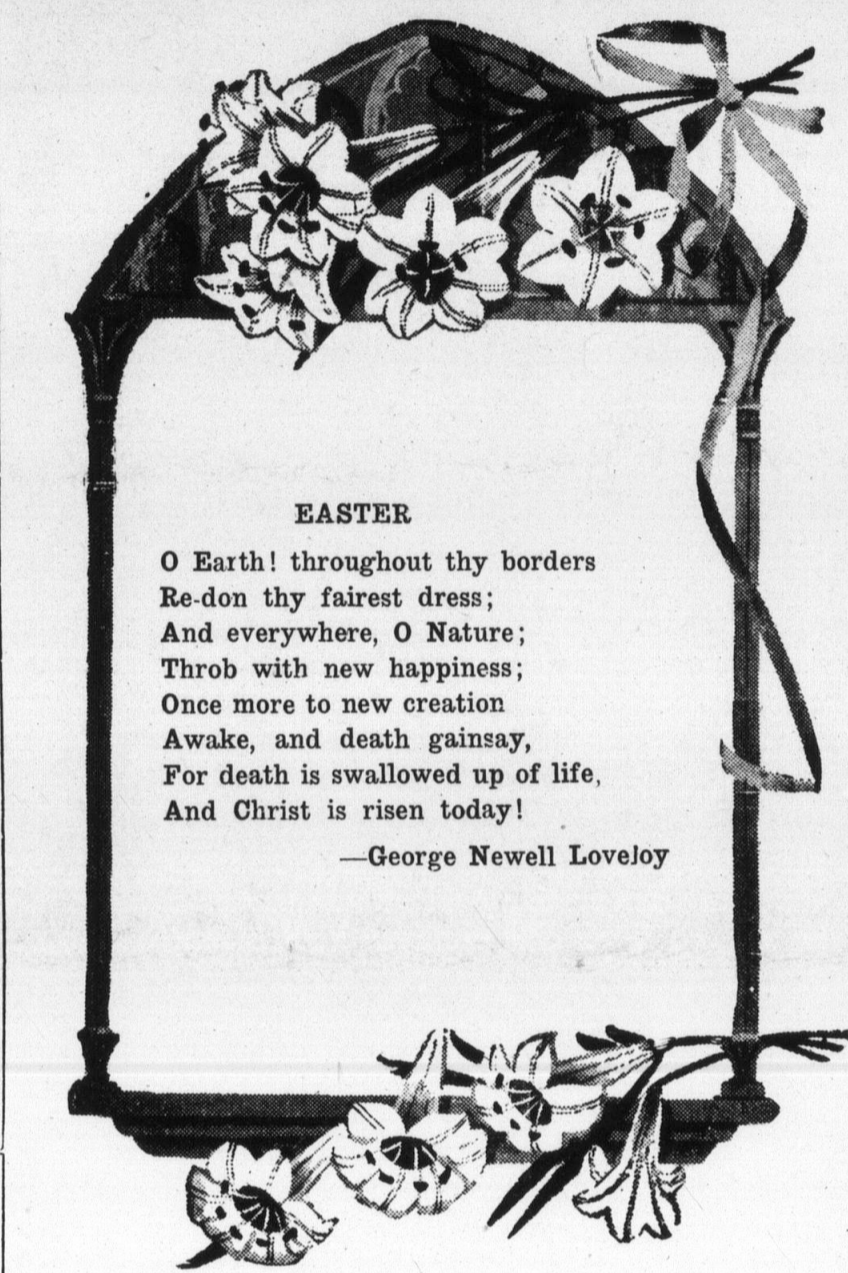
During the latter part of 1947 it had become the custom of the Negro young people to congregate at the office on Saturday afternoons to discuss current events, business in general and to meet their friends. As a result the office was crowded and these three young men saw the need for some club which could awaken the dormant potentialities within the young people and unite them into one strong central body.

That is how Club 48 was born.

Objects of the Club:

1. To provide entertainment of all sorts for all its members.
2. To provide a feeling of goodwill among all peoples.
3. To carry on activities designed to assist the welfare of its members. Such activities may include emergency funds and employment assistance.
4. To establish connections, or relationship with other groups or organizations interested in the welfare of the Negro community.
5. To acquire a clubhouse from which activities could be successfully executed, and to act as a clearing house for information on activities of other Negro groups throughout Canada.

Membership in this Club is open



to all Negroes, aged 18 years and over. The club plans to expand to the bigger centres in Canada and the U.S.A. in the future.

The first officers of the club are: James Braithwaite, President, Berry Clarke, vice president, a progressive minded young man of Toronto; Fitzgerald Alexander, secretary treasurer, and Leonard Braithwaite, chairman of the public relations committee.

To date the club has met with unqualified success, and hopes to continue doing so. Now that you have the knowledge of Club 48, you can understand the reason for such a medium. Your friendship and cooperation is invited.

We wish to announce that our club will hold its Easter Frolic on Monday, March 29th at Forester's Hall, 22 College Street, using Cy McLean and his outstanding orchestra. Dancing from 8:30 till midnight.

(Editor's note—These boys are some of our most outstanding talent. We ask you to give them your full support in making Club 48 a success.

CHOIR TO PRESENT CANTATA

The B.M.E. Choir under the leadership of Mr. Fred Ball will present an Easter Cantata on Easter Sunday. Mr. Ball is well known for his talent in arranging voices for various programs.

On Easter Sunday a sunrise breakfast will be given by Mr. Ball.

BRITISH STUDENTS PROTEST

EXCLUSION OF ADA SIPUEL

New York, N.Y., March — Mrs. Ada Sipuel Fisher's fight to gain admittance to the University of Oklahoma Law School has enlisted the support of the British National Union of Students which has officially protested to the American Embassy in London according to information The Union, representing 50,000 students of the universities and colleges of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, has forwarded to Mrs. Fisher a copy of their letter of protest to the American Embassy. The letter, signed by W. Bonnet Rust, president of the student union, expressed the organization's "strong feeling" against the exclusion of Mrs. Fisher.

COP BLINDS CHAUFFEUR

FEDERAL PROBE SOUGHT

New York, N.Y., March — The United States Department of Justice has been asked by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to investigate the charges that a Rock Island, Illinois, police officer struck a Negro truck driver with a black-jack, permanently blinding him in one eye. The truck driver, James Simpson, had been arrested and charged with negligent driving on November 2 last following a collision.

Simpson alleges he was attacked in his cell by police officer James Swift, who beat him across the head with a black-jack and struck him in the left eye. As a result of this he lost his sight in that eye.

Community Centre Project Approved

Plans for a community centre for Ward Three were approved in principle last night by a cross-section meeting at Trafalgar School of men and women representing churches and various organizations throughout the ward.

Mrs. C. E. Howson, president of the Family Community Club which originally broached the plan, was named chairman of a committee which, along with six members of the London Labor Council, will discuss the scheme with City Council March 30.

Details in Abeyance

Cost of the projected centre, and the form it will take were left to a later date for discussion.

The representative meeting of the Ward Three residents decided to go ahead with the plan after hearing the views of public library, school, church and labor leaders. All agreed unanimously that a Ward Three community centre of some kind was essential.

Morley Smith, vice president of the London Labor Council, before whom the plan for the centre was laid last week, said City Council had invited six members of his organization to discuss it March 30.

On the heels of residents' protests that other organizations and agencies should have a voice in the meeting with council, the committee, headed by Mrs. Howson and including representatives of all organizations at the meeting, was appointed.

Seek Civic Approval

It will join with the Labor Council appointees in seeking aldermanic approval of the scheme, and discussing a grant of land in an as yet undecided location from the city.

Although it had been originally suggested that the community centre might be located at Ash and Sycamore streets, delegates decided to leave open the question of location until council's views had been obtained.

R. B. Crouch, librarian at the public library, said the library was "keenly interested" in the proposed centre but suggested that it was premature to discuss incorporation of an East End branch of the library in the centre.

He pointed out that the question of location would have to be settled before any decision could be made on combining the library and community centre.

Trafalgar School?

He recalled that five or six years ago the Board of Education "almost gave Ward Three Trafalgar School for use as a community centre. He speculated whether the board might now consider the idea of extending the school to provide facilities for a community centre.

Reviewing the steps leading to the meeting, Mrs. Howson said that the Family Community Club had drawn a plan for a cement block building 96 by 54 feet, with a basement and ground floor, costing about \$25,000. She stressed that her group's plan

Appeal For Funds To Defend Family

New York, N.Y., March — An urgent appeal for funds for the legal defense of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, widowed mother of 12 children, and her two young sons, now under sentence of death in Americus, Ga., went out this week to the 1600 branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and to other friends of the Association.

Calling the Ingram case "one of the most shocking miscarriages of justice in the 39 years the NAACP has existed," Walter White, secretary, urged the branches to arrange mass meetings and send speakers to churches, trade unions and other organizations in a concerted campaign to raise funds for the Ingrams and other legal defense work of the Association.

The death sentences imposed on Mrs. Ingram, an impoverished share cropper, and her sons, originated in an argument last November with a neighboring white farmer, John Ed Stratford. Mrs. Ingram's pigs had rooted under the fence dividing Stratford's land from the farm on which she worked. Armed with a rifle, Stratford set out to shoot the animals. He encountered Mrs. Ingram and struck her with the butt of the firearm, inflicting a deep and bloody wound. She was struggling with him to prevent him from shooting her when two of her sons, Sammie Lee 14, and Wallace 17, rushed to her aid. Sammie Lee used the hammer with which he was repairing the fence to strike the white assailant and save his mother's life. The blow was fatal.

Mrs. Ingram and her sons were arrested and held without bail of trial for three months. In a one-day trial on February 3, with only court-appointed counsel to defend them, the mother and two sons were convicted and sentenced to death.

NAACP lawyers are seeking a new trial for the Ingrams. A stay of execution, originally set for February 27, has been granted

was only a proposal, subject to any change the community wished.

Mr. Smith in endorsing the plan for a community centre, said he believed it would be a big factor in cutting down juvenile delinquency in the district. He said that now Ward Three boys and girls had no recreational facilities.

It's strange, but there seem to be 10 girls to every boy on the streets in the east end," he said. "They need some place to go at nights."

Said Mrs. Lucy Cole: "It's just about time we woke up in Ward Three and did something for the children."

J. B. Marriage, a teacher at Chesley Avenue School, saw in the centre the chance for boys and girls of the district to have basketball and gymnasium facilities not now available anywhere in the ward. Similar views were expressed by F. Egan of Aberdeen School.

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Editorial

To be content in body, mind and soul is one of the finest blessings which we poor mortals can possess. It comes as a result of a sound, healthy body; a body free from ailments and disease, wholesome living. It comes from having found our place in the world and from knowing that we are giving to the world the best that is in us to give; from a knowledge of the fact that we have developed to the fullest extent the best there is within us. Contentment comes as a result of having done well our portion of the world's work. Contentment of soul comes as a result of pure motives, right thinking, unselfish devotion to high ideals, faithfulness and loyalty to some religion and from looking upon all men equally as our brethren. Such a state is the common heritage of all.

But there is another kind of content which is both false and misleading. There is the kind which comes as the result of inertia, as the result of a lack of energy, of push forward and struggle for the best things in life. It is expressed in that oft-repeated saying, "Let well enough alone."

I fear too many colored Canadians are affected with such contentment. In attempting to make economic and industrial conditions better for our boys and girls you will find many of our colored citizens who will exclaim, "What's the use of establishing colored business places." They are contented to help build big business enterprises for other races in which their sons and daughters can never expect to find employment. There is also the "self-sufficient" and contented "business man" who, when asked to cooperate in race building, will point you to the GREAT success he has achieved single-handed. "Let the race do as I did," is as much cooperation as can be had from him.

A little education is sometimes a dangerous thing. A little success is sometimes detrimental. A little liberty is sometimes disastrous. Some colored Canadians have run away with the idea that because we are accorded full justice in the courts of law, because we enjoy many privileges denied our race in the republic south of us—that because of these equalities, our economic and industrial condition is a thing not to be concerned over. They are content in their own ignorance. They fail to see that as the years go by the sphere of our industrial opportunities becomes more narrow. They fail to see that Canada is only in the making and that the attitude which this country will in the future assume toward us depends very largely upon the attitude which we assume toward ourselves. If we are willing to see without a protest opportunities which are rightfully ours passed on to others, no one will protest for us, no one else will offer any serious objection. The problem is our problem and we must play the major part in solving it.

BISHOPS ENDORSE TRUMAN PROGRAM

New York, N.Y., March —Support of the President's civil rights proposal, countering the barrage of southern criticism, continues to come from progressive church, fraternal and civic organizations. The powerful African Methodist Episcopal Church has entered the drive for enactment of civil rights legislation and has designated a delegation of five bishops to call upon the President and to express to him the church's support of his program.

The committee, composed of Bishops D. Ward Nichols, Frank M. Reid, Sherman L. Greene, John A. Gregg and Reverdy C. Ransom, was instructed by the AME Council of Bishops, at its meeting in Dallas, Texas on February 19, to present to the President the council's resolution expressing "thanks, commendation and unqualified endorsement" of his civil rights message to congress.

Bishop W. J. Walls of the AME Zion Church has sent a telegram to President Truman hailing his ten-point program as "America's truest domestic expression since Lincoln." In response to the Bishop's suggestion, the church's youth conference, meeting recently in New York, sent a telegram of endorsement.

On behalf of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of which she is president, Miss Dorothy I. Height wired the President commending his "timely and courageous civil rights message to Congress. . . . Your message and program offer minimum essentials for America's contribution to a peaceful world. Count us among the people of goodwill everywhere who strongly support your efforts to make our democracy work."

Other organizations which have already gone on record in support of the President's message include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Fraternal Council of Churches and the American Jewish Committee.

GOO!

Ten little fingers, ten little toes,
Everyone pink as the sweet wild rose;
One little mouth as red as a cherry.
Two little dimples, saucy! Oh very!
Shining eyes as heaven blue
Flowing curls of golden hue.
I said—"Oh sweetheart, who are you?"
She just smiled and gurgled "Goo!"

She raised those supple ten pink toes
Until they almost touched her nose
I couldn't help but pinch the cheek
And think no wonder men are weak,
When little rascals air their charms
And wave around those lovely arms.
"You know more that you care to tell,
Now truly aren't you Daddy's girl?
She only looked me through and through
And smiled again, and gurgled,
"Goo!"

INFORMATION WANTED

Information is being sought of Pinkie Powell on behalf of her husband, Jessie, who is concerned about her welfare and most anxious to receive word from her. She disappeared from home in January, 1947 and since then has not been heard of or from. Mrs. Powell was born in North Carolina in March, 1912. She is 5 ft. 4 in. tall, weighs 130 pounds, has black hair, black eyes and is dark skinned. Anyone aware of her location is requested to communicate with the National Desertion Bureau, 105 Nassau Street, New York 7, N.Y.



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The congregation Memorial Church will combine service at Church on March 1. Service was very interesting to cement brotherly standing.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenn family of Dresden Hamilton with Mrs. Mr. Alfred Richardson

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To Mr. and Mrs. (nee Cora Lawson of daughter, Yvonne.

To Mr. and Mrs. (nee Barbara Berry) sister for Robert and

Saunders-Brown

A charming home place at the home of Gordon Brown of 79 a.m., March 6th, when Eileen, their daughter, Mr. Arthur Hugh Saunders are Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, also of this C. Holland officiated many.

The bride wore matching accessories corsage of American Her only attendant, Mrs. Constance Dun grey suit, matching

HAMILTON NOTES

The congregation of Stewart Memorial Church were guests at a combined service at Grace United Church on March 14th. The service was very interesting and intended to cement better racial understanding.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Molder and family of Dresden now reside in Hamilton with Mrs. Molder's father Mr. Alfred Richardson.

Mrs. R. M. Goshin, of Toronto has been visiting with her family while her mother Mrs. E. Wade has been ill in hospital. But, we are glad to say that she is sufficiently recovered to return home to convalesce.

Miss Doris Mallott now resides in Hamilton at the home of Mrs. N. Miller. Miss Mallott, along with Miss Wilma Miller, is attending the Nursing Assistant's Training School. They will soon enter hospital for more practical training.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brown (nee Cora Lawson of Winnipeg) a daughter, Yvonne.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster (nee Barbara Berry) a daughter, a sister for Robert and Rodney.

Saunders-Brown Wedding

A charming home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown of 79 Gow St. at 10 a.m., March 6th, when Miss Kathleen Eileen, their daughter, married Mr. Arthur Hugh Saunders, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders, also of this city. Rev. J. C. Holland officiated at the ceremony.

The bride wore sky blue with matching accessories and a shoulder corsage of American Beauty roses. Her only attendant, her twin sister, Mrs. Constance Duncan, wore a grey suit, matching accessories and

a corsage of pink roses. The groom and best man, Mr. Clifford Miller, of Brantford, wore grey suits with white, carnation boutonnières.

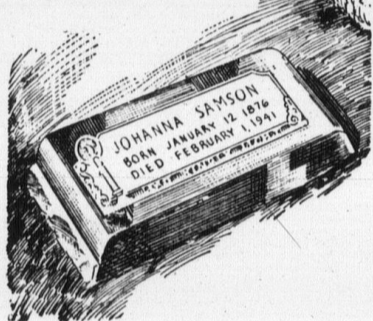
The bride's mother wore shades of maroon and blue with a corsage of Talisman roses. Mr. Kenneth Brown of Toronto, a cousin of the bride, assisted with the music.

The room was decorated with pink and white streamers, candelabra and baskets of spring flowers.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, after which the bride and groom left on their honeymoon, a week end in Detroit, Mich.

Phil Edwards, noted colored runner for McGill and Canadian Olympic teams in 1928 and 1932 is pretty happy about being named Medical Officer for the Canadian Olympic squad that heads for London this summer.

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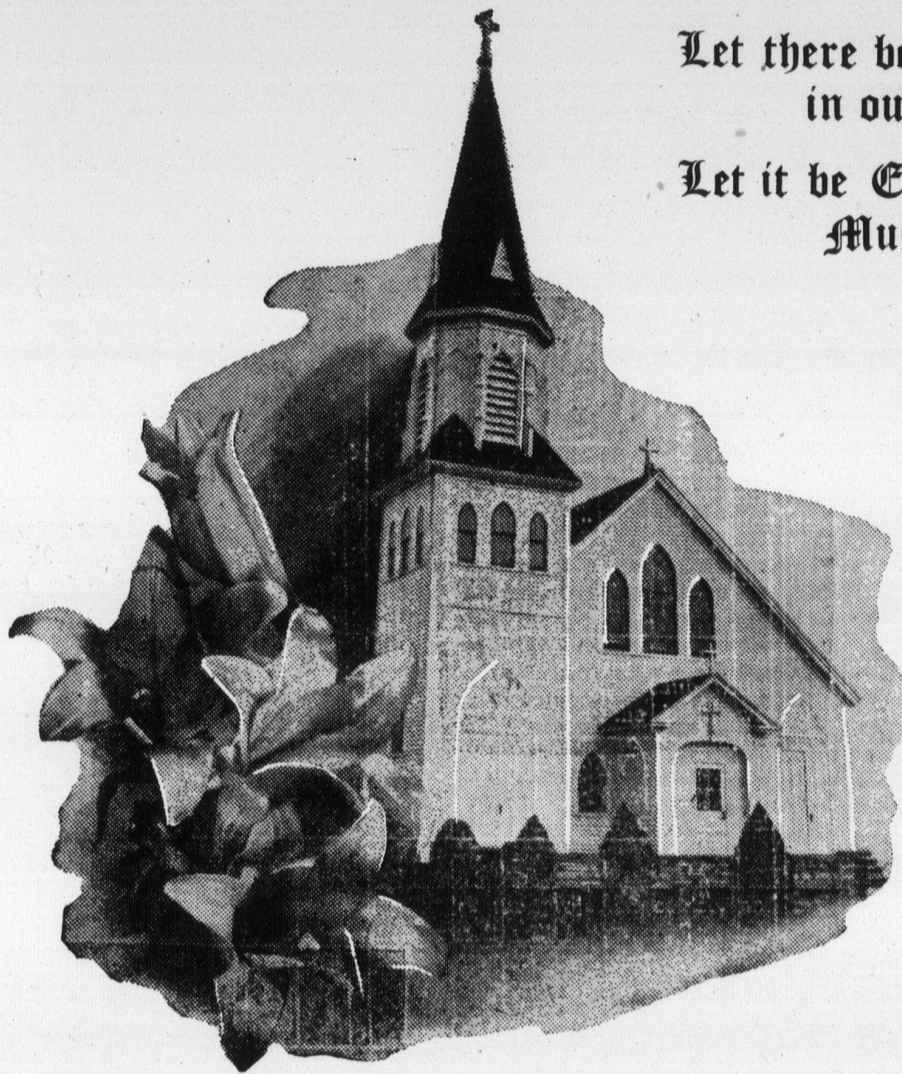
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MOVIE ASSURED WORLDWIDE SHOWING BY NEW FILM UNIT

Idea for the Burning Cross was born seven months ago. Co-producer Solly Levinson (World War II vet with 20 years in picture business) recalls: "The vet was being pushed around in housing. He had trouble getting his job back. The Columbians organized in Georgia. The vets had to take over Athens, Tennessee, to get good government. We thought it would be a fine idea to make an entertaining documentary film, showing the forces of evil trying to take over parts of the country again.

"Even though we knew Hollywood was always on the fence when it came to offending any group—even the KKK—we decided to go ahead. And strangely enough, many actors volunteered to do the picture for nothing so strongly did they feel about the script although the writers we consulted wouldn't touch it. They were afraid their name on the script would kill them in the industry"

Actually Levinson got his inspiration for The Burning Cross earlier in the Far East during the war. He relates: "At Chengtu, China, we got replacements in for an anti-aircraft battery. The highest-ranking non-com who was shipped in was a Negro staff sergeant. So he was put in charge. There was a Mexican boy, a Jewish kid, and Italian and an Irish guy—all under a Negro. Those boys lived together in the same tent and became so friendly, their teamwork made them the most proficient gun battery on the field. I guess they knew everybody bled red when wounded. Seeing those guys made me really feel what people could do when united—color or creed didn't mean a damn."

Levinson paraphrased his feelings

into a moving scene where Negro vet Charlie says: "There's something I'll always remember. I learned it in school. President Lincoln said, 'government of the people, by the people, for the people.' I was born in America. My father was born in America and his father was born in America. So I figure what Mr. Lincoln said includes me, too."

Worldwide distribution of The Burning Cross will be handled by Screen Guild Productions, a new movie outfit similar to United Artists. Plans include selling the picture in the South despite sure Klan opposition. Screen Guild president John Joy Jones insists: "We have the ability to reach the majority of movie houses in the world and this gives us an obligation to the public to expound democratic principles. We feel now is the time that there should be free and equal rights for all people."

CHATHAM NOTES

Mrs. Charlotte Taylor, wife of Mr. Tommy Taylor, Wellington St. E. was the victim of a fatal accident. Friends are still mourning her untimely death.

Mrs. W. H. Burke, Wellington St. gave a delightful surprise party in honour of her daughter Barbara-Jean's birthday on March 5th.

The death of Mr. John Matthews, Colborne St. was felt deeply by both friends and relatives. Surviving are his wife and son John.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allison Rolls a fine baby girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Rev. Dickerson, pastor of the Church of God in Christ, will formally open his new church on King Street East, Monday, March 22.

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THE WORLD'S WORST SLUMS

Behind the pomp and glamour of the recent royal tour of South Africa by Britain's King and Queen lies another story—a sordid, grim story spotlighted dramatically by a young, idealistic Anglican priest who was fined by a Johannesburg court because he chose to live with and share the suffering of Negro natives in the shantytown slums.

The Rev. Michael Scott defied long-standing racial taboos to go into the squalid shacks on a stretch of sloping veldt at West Orlando and bring out a gruesome picture of some 70,000 homeless squatters are living and dying in the worst slums in the world within the shadow of one of the richest cities in the world. Just outside the gold city of Johannesburg, Scott lived in a camp called Tobruk, so named because many of its colored dwellers found it fully as horrible as the prisoner-of-war camps they lived in when captured by the Nazis in North Africa.

Kept out of Johannesburg by the color bar and unable to live in the native reserves because of overcrowding, thousands of Africans have built their own cities out of rubbish and trash. Most of the men labor in the gold city's industries, shops and homes. But after work they ride 10 miles in Jim Crow aluminum-colored street cars back to the stench of enormous piles of rubbish composed of oxen entrails, human excreta and decaying garbage that infests Tobruk. They try to sleep in their makeshift huts but when it rains, the roofs leak and streams run down the hillside, often through the middle of the shack. Children can be seen lying on grass mattresses surrounded entirely by running water.

In the midst of the Tobruk camp, one of half a dozen such shantytowns, the tall, lean figure of the Rev. Michael Scott came to try to grapple with the hopeless burdens of these people, to become their only friend and adviser. He started a school and a chapel, but neither education nor religion can begin to meet the dire economic problems of the South African natives whose plight has become a blot upon all white civilization. It has made a tragic mockery of ex-Prime Minister Winston Churchill's wartime admonition: "There should be no barrier of race, color or creed to prevent any man by merit from reaching any station."

MINISTER PUTS CIVILIZATION ON TRIAL IN AFRICAN COURT

King George VI, Britain's first reigning monarch ever to visit the Union of South Africa, shocked a great many white Europeans on his first day in Capetown. He told a state banquet that he hoped South Africa would strive "towards a just and contented relationship between

all dwellers in your many-peopled land."

"By achieving such a relationship you can show to the troubled world how peoples of different race and color may live and work together for the common good," said the king.

There was bitter irony and hollow sham in those words for South Africa today is the exact antithesis of every concept of racial good will. Nowhere in the world is the Negro as oppressed and exploited as in South Africa. And in shantytowns like Tobruk the world can view the results in the raw. The Rev. Michael Scott graphically described the mis-African court he told the magistrate that white civilization rather than he should be on trial.

"Here we have a situation in which the poorest and most uneducated and untrained section of the people have neither land nor homes in which to bear their young. They are denied the most elementary needs."

"They have been regarded as our raw materials, as an endless field for exploitation, the residue to be discarded as useless refuse." Whether still "raw material" (av-

Easter Greetings

Easter is one of the most joyous and happy festivals of the Christian year. It is more to every grateful heart than the wearing of new clothes. It is more than gladness that the long winter is over and that spring has come again. Easter is more than looking forward to the full blooming of summer; more than beautiful Easter flowers and thrilling Easter music.

Easter is the celebration of the most important event in the whole history of man—the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. God in His wonderful Providence planned it to come in the spring so that Easter coincides with the bursting forth of new life from the dark cold earth. It is the renewal of hope in every heart that from "the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be." Easter is the joyous reassurance of the truth of those immortal words: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". These glorious words which have rolled down the centuries bringing solace and relief to the sorrowful and broken in heart, are sorely needed in our confused and anxious world.

According to a ruling established many centuries ago, Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox (March 21) which this year is March 28th. So that Easter comes this season almost as early as ancient law makes possible. Let us all celebrate Easter this year by attending Divine Service.

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The National Achievement award sponsored by Chi Omega is usually reserved for an outstanding American woman. This year the award committee selected for the honor England's Dowager Marchioness of Reading. She was designated for "distinguished services to her country which have been an inspiration to women of other countries." Chief of these services was three brilliant achievements in organizing Britain's women for war work, which furnished the pattern for our own Women's Voluntary Services.

The award is the latest of many, including the Grand Cross of the British Empire, made to Lady Reading during an extraordinary career of public service. She began with Red Cross work in the first World War, then went to India as a member of the Viceroy's staff. She married the Viceroy, Lord Reading in 1931, helped him with all his public works. She herself has held many posts, organized many community efforts. The final feat of recruiting more than a million "ordinary women", organizing them into a valuable auxiliary of her country's defense and maintaining their spirit during the darkest war days was superb.

Lady Reading is too dynamic a person to stop with one good job well done—or a dozen. She is now chairman of Women's Home Industries, an organization bent on developing individual craftsmanship to earn dollars for hard-pressed England. Her career is truly an inspiration. The American proferring and Lady Reading's acceptance of this award is a mark of the esteem between individuals of the two countries.

EMERGENCY FOOD

A Toronto scientist, Dr. Henry Borsook, now professor of biochemistry at the California Institute of Technology, is reported to have developed a concentrated food which may help to solve emergency relief problems at home as well as abroad.

Dr. Borsook's invention is a cereal which contains most of the essential elements required for adequate human nutrition.

It is known that a person's health and growth depend upon daily intake of the right amounts of protein, calcium, iron, phosphorous, iodine, calories and certain vitamins. Scientists have proven by laboratory tests that a diet lacking any one nutritive essential is a "disease-producing" diet. Children who live on sub-standard diets are stunted in growth, and develop deficiency diseases. Mal-nourished adults lack energy and vitality and are often incapable of resisting disease.

With this in mind, Dr. Borsook recently invented MPF—Multi-Purpose Food. The research which led to its discovery was financed by grants from the California Dehydrators' Association. But the sale and distribution of MPF is controlled by a philanthropic agency called Meals for Millions Foundation. Since July, 1946, the foundation provided MPF to 32 relief agencies which have distributed more than 5,000,000 meals in 21 war-ravaged countries.

Dr. Borsook's MPF is a coarse, light-brown cereal containing essential proteins, minerals and vitamins. Its base is soybean from which the unpleasant tasting oil has been removed and to which have been added protein, food yeast, herbs, vitamins, minerals and salt. It is low in calories and lacks vitamin C, which does not withstand cooking. Two ounces of MPF are said to be equal in nutritive value to an "average helping" of beef, green peas, milk and a small potato.

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CHATHAM NOTES

Mr. Jesse Bingo spent an enjoyable week end in Detroit attending a formal party.

Mrs. Christie Lawson and daughter Lorraine of Detroit were the week end guests of Misses Lena and Leata Lynn.

Mrs. Vandusen, Mrs. Burt Shreve, Mrs. W. H. Burke and daughter Letitia are planning to attend the Voice of Christian Youth Rally to be held at the Olympia on March 21st.

THE MAN BEHIND THE ALTAR
What is wrong with the Negro church of today? What is it that has immobilized the potential potency of this great institution?

Essentially the faults of the church are directly attributable to the man behind the altar. The magnificent advances of the entire Negro people in the past several decades have left the average minister behind, have outdistanced the very men who once led the masses to the very borders of the Promised Land and then lagged behind in the forward march. Once the chief outlet for every Negro's ambition, today the ministry is falling badly in status in the community.

With education more and more the main criterion for attainment, the average uneducated preacher (one study of 1200 found 70 per cent without college degrees) is losing influence with the community. And regrettably few college students are going into the ministry to make up for the inadequacies (less than one per cent of high school graduates expressed their intention of studying theology).

Not that there are not enough ministers. Certainly the Negro church has its share with 16.8 per cent of all clergymen. What is needed in the Negro church today is more of the brightest and most ambitious young Negroes to preach the Gospel with wisdom and to carry on the worthy heritage of great men of the cloth who inscribed their names in Negro history in the past.

Today "that old-time religion" is not enough to face the myriad race problems that confront colored Americans in every phase of life.

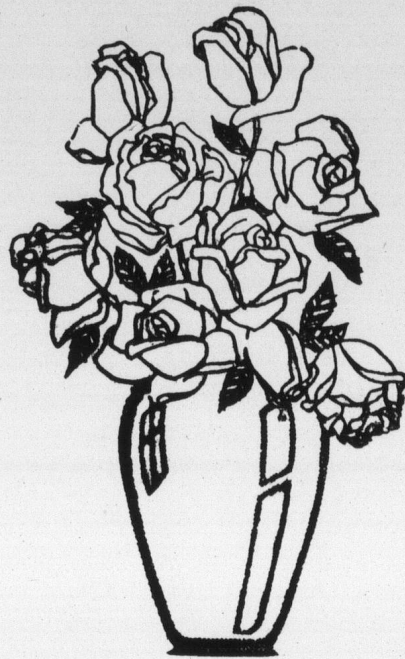
Today the Southern Negro will not accept advice such as one preacher gave his congregation who asked whether they should register to vote: "All we preachers are supposed to do is to preach the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, and that's all."

CHALLENGE OF THE TIMES

The Baptists meeting in Kansas City this month will have an opportunity to face staunchly the challenge of modern times. In their ranks are many outstanding clergymen who have made their own churches leading community institutions. They have recognized their function as more than just immersion of converts at baptisms and preaching a sermon every Sunday. They have been able to make their places of worship genuine community centers to which people of all denominations can look for guidance.

Unhappily as yet these clergymen are still a minority, a faint voice in the wilderness of too many jack-leg preachers who insist on "performing" and making the Negro church a freak-show for white visitors.

If the church is to take its rightful place in the community, the reins of leadership in the ranks of the big Negro denominations must be handed over to the well-educated youthful ministers who have demonstrated in their own pulpits their ability to bring new blood and new life into the church.



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LONDON NOTES

Mr. Bennie Grange of Dresden, Ont. spent the week end visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Bob Moxley spent the week end visiting friends in Toronto.

A delightful surprise birthday party was held in honour of Mrs. F. Howson on March 8th, by her family.

Mrs. H. Moxley's family held a birthday party in honour of her birthday on March 6th.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson and family visited with friends and relatives in Niagara Falls.

Miss P. Emanuel is returning to her home in Trinidad after spending a year in Queen Alexandra Sanatorium.

The B.M.E. Missionary Society held a double birthday party at the home of Mrs. Wm. Berry in honour of Mrs. C. S. Johnson and Mrs. Wm. Berry.

To Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Corey, a fine baby boy, Stacy Lorne, born Saturday, March 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Clinton a lovely baby boy. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. A. Smith, who still is in Victoria Hospital is reported to be doing fine.

A reception was held in honour of Rev. Wm. Harrison, mother of the late Richard B. Harrison, by the B.M.E. Willing Workers Society at the Church. This concluded the celebration of B.M.E. 100th Anniversary.

Mr. Melford Johnson visited with his family, Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson for a few days. Melford

is planning on taking a position offered him in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The Chicken Supper sponsored by the Community Family Group in Bethemanuel Church was a great success. The object of the supper was to raise funds toward bringing The Great Lakes Ins. Company Choir to the city. The date will be acted on at the Club's next meeting.

Don. Jenkins and his Combos were guests at a recent entertainment in Chatham, Ont.

Miss Marion Turner has had the cast removed from her leg and is able to go back to school.

Birthday parties for Douglas and Gilbert Jenkins were a great success. Each received many presents and had guests numbering 20 children.

Mrs. Evelyn Turner entertained in honour of her son Henry and daughter Marion's birthday. Table was set for 22. The afternoon was spent in games and sing songs.

Rev. Edwards of Windsor has made a contribution of \$25.00 to the B.M.E. Building Fund.

The B.M.E. Missionary Society will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. Drake on Thursday, March 25th. This meeting will also include a birthday handkerchief shower for the members having a birthday during this month.

Mr. Grant Boswell visited with his family in Blenheim, Ont. for a few days.

Mr. Donald David and Fred Jenkins visited with their sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Livingstone over the week end.

Mr. Wilbur Butler and Mr. Vincent Urn of Brantford and Hamilton were guests in London over the week end.

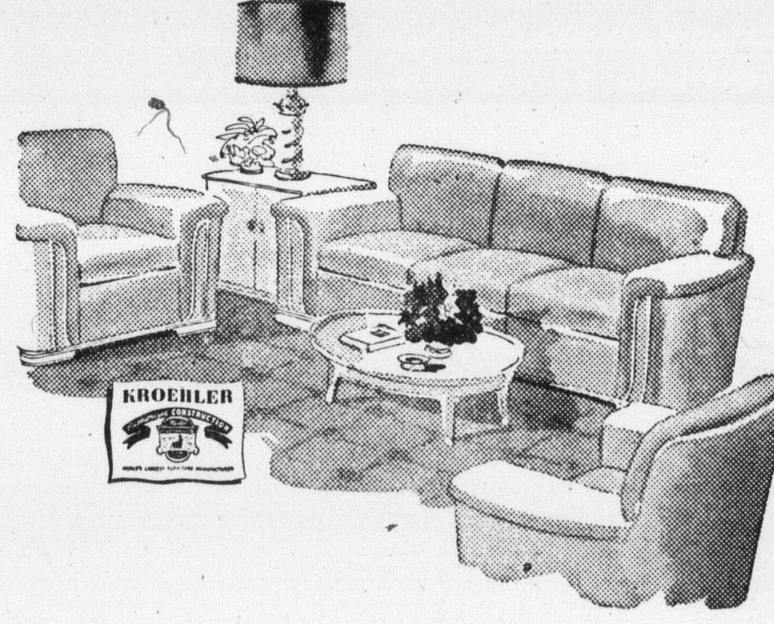
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**SEEK NEW TRIAL FOR
RAPE CHARGE VICTIM**

New York, N.Y., March — In a last minute effort to save the life of 20-year-old Samuel Taylor, convicted of rape by an Alabama court, attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on March 3, filed a petition with the Supreme Court of the United States, seeking a review of the judgment of the Alabama Supreme Court which confirmed the death sentence imposed by the Circuit Court of Mobile County.

Charging that the youth's conviction was obtained through the use of a confession extorted by force, violence and fear, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, the NAACP petition seeks a new trial free from fear. Pending the review of his case, Taylor has been granted a reprieve by Gov. James E. Folsom until April 23.

Arrested with three other Negro youths in the small town of Prichard, Alabama, nearly two years ago, Taylor was charged with the rape of a 14-year-old white school girl. Removed to the city jail, he was grilled, brutally beaten and otherwise mistreated by several police officers for a period of four consecutive nights, the petition alleges. His companions, charged with robbery, were similarly brutalized.

In fear of his life, Taylor confessed to the crime which the police accused him of having committed. Because of this fear, he failed to call to the attention of the attorney appointed to defend him the violent means by which the confession was extorted. He was convicted by the Alabama Court on Nov. 19, 1946.

Following his conviction and a futile appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court, his attorney filed the petition for a review of the judgment on the grounds that he had obtained new evidence that the confession used to convict Taylor had been extorted by torture. Supporting the petition were affidavits signed by the three youths arrested with Taylor who witnessed the police assault. The Supreme Court of Alabama rejected this application for a writ of error coram nobis. The NAACP petition to the U.S. Supreme Court cites this refusal of the Alabama court as further grounds for granting a review of the case.

**RENEW PLEA FOR BASIC
HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM**

Washington, D.C. March — Implementation of an effective program of civil liberties was urged upon the Conference on Human Rights and Freedom of Information by Walter White who, together with Dr. Raymond Logan of Howard University, represented the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the meeting here on Thurs. March 4.

The NAACP representatives expressed the opinion that the conference, called by the State Department, was devoted too much to consideration of what couldn't be done rather than to devising means of working out a program to assure essential human liberties to all mankind. Renewing the NAACP demand for the establishment of an international court of human rights, Messrs. White and Logan drew up a memorandum to be submitted through the State Department to the American members of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.



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