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Big Crowds Expected At Western Fair

Last Year's Attendance Over 150,000

With far more people employed than was the case a year ago and with the outlook for better conditions in every sphere, people this year are going to be in the mood for more enjoyment and relaxation. This is the opinion of exhibition and amusement authorities throughout the country.

In line with this thought, efforts have been redoubled to secure the best in the way of attractions and exhibits. The Western Fair, has not been behind in this respect as officials have lined up a superlative program of racing, stock judging, open air entertainment, exhibits, dog, horse and poultry shows and all the varied elements that go to constitute a first class Fall exhibition.

This year's grandstand show at Western Fair brings together some of the most outstanding acts ever seen. Among these are "The Revue of Revues," a massive and colourful production featuring some of the best open air entertainers available; a marvellously clever gymnastic team known as "The Arleys"; the screamingly funny Scottish comedian "Laddie Lamont"; incredible feats of dexterity by the "Helen Reynolds Skating Champions," an act which evokes a round of applause from crowds everywhere; "Will Morris and Bobby comedians known throughout the world as the laugh-extractors; "Les Kimris", a novelty apparatus act in midair, sensational and thrilling; "Christiansen's Great Danes," huge dogs of almost human intelligence, trained to perform surprising feats.

The Midway—popular resort of all who attend—will be crowded with the carnival shows of Rubin and Cherry, providing a wealth of clean and varied entertainment for all.

The Night Horse Show to be held on the first four nights of the fair will be one of the most popular features and seats will be at a premium it is expected. Six days of harness horse racing will attract thousands to witness close contests for the purses

DELEGATE OFF FOR GENEVA

Edward Strong Will Attend World Congress at Geneva

Washington (CNS)—Edward E. Strong, 22, national youth chairman of the National Negro Congress sailed for France, en route to the World Youth Congress, to be held in Geneva Switzerland.

Strong will attend the Congress as a delegate from the National Negro Congress. Youth from every country in the world are expected in attendance at this world meeting of young people.

In the selection of Strong as the delegate, the National Negro Congress has selected a typical American Negro youth. He was born in Texas in 1914 and spent his early years at work on a cotton plantation. Later his family moved to Flint, Michigan where he entered the Emerson Junior High School.

At Emerson High School he won prizes in oratory and scholarship. He then attended Flint Northern High School, where he won a place on the varsity debating team. He competed in the "Saginaw County Round Robin Debating Tournament" and won the title as the "Most Excellent Debater in the Saginaw Valley League." He was also elected president of Sigma Chi Lambda, school honor society. He was elected a member of Sigma Chi Sigma national honor society.

After High School, Strong entered the Central Y.M.C.A. College in Chicago, Illinois from which he was graduated last June. He was President of the Social Problems Club, vice president of the Student Council, while at college.

Active in Forming Councils

Since his graduation Strong has devoted his full time to the building of federations of youth clubs for the larger cities of the country,

totalling over \$3,300.00.

It is fully expected that this year's Western Fair will set new records in every respect and that last year's total attendance of 150,000 will be greatly surpassed.

Louis K. O's Jack Sharkey

It took but one minute and 20 seconds of the 3rd round for Joe Louis to permanently retire Jack Sharkey, ex-gob, ex-champion and non everything.

Joe slowed him down twice in the second round and twice in the third and after the fourth knockdown the Boston (Squire) was out cold for several minutes.

Sharkey did a lot of talking before this fight even up to the last moment and really put up the best battle of all the fighters that Louis has defeated. However, that old (Indian sign) of his failed to work on Joes despite all the white-eyed glare with which Sharkey tried to mesmerize his opponent with at the weighing in ceremony.

Louis got a huge ovation on entering the ring and a bigger one after the bout. Sharkey's gameness was rewarded with a parting cheer as he was carried to his dressing room. From his dressing rooms both men made statements.

Louis: "I am glad I won and I want to continue my way to the championship."

Sharkey: "All I can say is youth must be served. I thought I could come back — but somebody was wrong."

THE FUTURE

The future is uncertain. Had Sharkey won he was to have fought the winner of the Schmeling—Braddock battle. Mr. Braddock has an injured hand and won't fight until June 1937 and Schmeling declares that he will go back to Germany and wait until then. He evidently wants no part of Joes Louis—flukes seldom repeat. So Joes may have to wait a year before he gets a championship fight.

GLORIOUS MOMENT

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Hitler Squirms When Negroes Win Honours

With his stupid theories of Nordic superiority in mind, the world watched to see how Adolph Hitler would take the victories of the colored Americans at the Olympic Games. On the first day he arrived after Owens had won his 100 meter trial, and hurried away as the loud speaker announced Corny Johnson's victory in the high jump. The second day Hitler refrained from individually congratulating each winner but merely waved at Owens and others as they stood in line but on the third and fourth day when Woodruff and Owens again came to plague him, the "Little Corporal" couldn't take it any more; he fled to his car and his private tunnel. Deliberateness of Hitler's boorishness is seen in the fact that he received Helen Stephens, white American winner, and also had Long, a German, brought to his car for congratulations.

The reaction of the colored American athletes to such unspeakable conduct was summed up by Cornelius Johnson, who told an interviewer: "I don't mind if Hitler does not congratulate me. It is not on the program."

Owens Cheated

Experts are convinced that Jesse Owens was robbed of a well earned record in the 100 meters. Owens did 10.2 sec. in the trials, but the Olympic committee ruled that a favoring wind was responsible. It is said that not only was the wind not over four miles per hour but that 150 foot stand shielded the track which is also sunk below the surface of the ground. This made any claim to wind favor negligible. Jesse would probably have equalled the time in the finals but rain made the track heavy.

Other victories for the United States were Meadows, pole vault; Hardin, 400 meter hurdles, and Carpenter discus throw.

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I am hardly fit for a tip, but—believe me, when I go to church on Sunday I am considered some money!

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EDITORIAL

SOCIAL VALUE OF EDUCATION

All true education makes one a better man or woman and makes one more serviceable both to himself and to society and to the community. This being true then, the prime object of all education should be to fit the individual to the conditions (social conditions) by which he is surrounded. How to promote adaption of the individual to society, therefore, is the problem of education and herein lies the whole value of social education. It is the function of education to point out the value and the meaning of old sociological truths as well as to discover and point out new ones.

The aims which should dominate all education are first to diffuse such knowledge as enables one to interpret his social environments as well as other social environments, such knowledge as will enable one to gain control over the forces of nature as well as control over himself, third such knowledge as will enable one to be at one with his own social institutions as well as those institutions which embrace social progress of the world. It should also aim to teach of the individual social freedom as well as individual social responsibility.

Again it is the business of education to train and rear men and women who shall recognize the ties of human brotherhood and sisterhood. For the social relations of human beings are so intimate and the interest of one individual touches that of others at so many points, that to be able to lead a social life is all important.

Where then shall this training begin? It would appear that by all means we should begin with the child. For if, as we have intimated sociology is to control our educational policy, we should endeavour to give our children a consciousness of their place in the community and a sense of their responsibility to society as Ellwood has rightly said: "To think that good citizenship consists simply in vocational excellence is to misconceive the whole nature of social life and socialized education. Vocational education obviously can be made safe for democracy only by attaching it to a general program of social education."

"We must never forget that all men before they are members of any calling, trade or profession." Edwood rightly contends that social education must precede vocational education. Our children must first be taught the social point of view. They must be

taught to carry on their social life before they actually participate in it.

Social evolution has made its greatest progress through adaptation. We can understand therefore how necessary it is to begin with the coming generation whose habits are more plastic when we wish to institute reforms for the good of the social whole when we wish to eradicate evils, such as crime and the drink habit, and what shall we say of the value of education of the children who are born under the worst conditions in immoral and unsocial homes? Among such children education is capable of doing a great corrective and curative work. Starting in the kindergarten there must be a training which leads up to strong, healthy, growth morally, physically and intellectually, all of which makes for good citizenship. But if such children are allowed to run wanton during the first few years of their young lives, until evil habits become automatic in their lives, they will most certainly add to our already great number of unsocialized citizens.

But what of the social value of education of adults? Bishop Spaulding says: "The wise and good are those who grow old still learning many things, entering day by day into more vital communion, beauty, truth and righteousness." A nation's spiritual growth and prosperity depends upon the intelligence of all of its citizens. Millions of our citizens have remained children in education and are therefore, in need of continuous instruction. More and more we are beginning to realize that in a truly progressive community it is necessary for education to extend beyond childhood and youth into years of maturity. For how shall we have the proper social ideal, how shall we be able to choose that which is the best for the social unit or for ourselves individually, how shall we be able to overcome personal biases, to choose that which is best politically, ethically, economically or otherwise unless we keep abreast with the procession of education? How shall we understand how to choose out of life the things which sweeten and enriches human life except we be properly trained through education? For instance, when remember what a great percentage of our voting population are unable to understand intelligently the issues involved in any political issue, it will be seen how important the continuance of education is in any country whose government is determined by popular suffrage.

ETHIOPIA—BY WAY OF ENGLAND

"Mussolini may have Ethiopia, but England has got Haile Selassie." This comment by a contemporary editorial writer is exceedingly potent, especially after the refusal by League Powers to recognize Italy's conquest of Ethiopia and England's demand for continued sanctions.

We see Emperor Haile Selassie at some future time making a return journey to the Ethiopian throne by way of England and British bayonets. Il Duce is drunk with power and flushed with victory. Like Germany's Imperial Wilhelm in 1914, Italy too

has a Mad Dog and he is barking loudly. In fact he is so mad that soon he will essay to chew up vital British interests in Ethiopia and so promptly have his tail nipped by an angry lion—and it will be no helpless Lion of Judah.

Mussolini needs the waters of Lake Tana for his vast areas of dry land. England must have these same waters for the cotton plantations of Egypt which keep bread in the mouths of Britain's factory folk in Lancashire and Yorkshire. The first move that Il Duce makes to deprive English people of sustenance will find those same people demanding that their government should give him a spanking. The British Lion is slow to move but when he does there is no uncertainty about his actions. By land, air and sea Mussolini will have a real war on his hands and he will find that with Germany, France and Russia behind, it will be Italy around which an armed ring has been put. We are aware that Selassie will return to Ethiopia as a puppet ruler under Britain, but even that is preferable to the mockery that is Victor Emmanuel and Il Duce's Viceroy.

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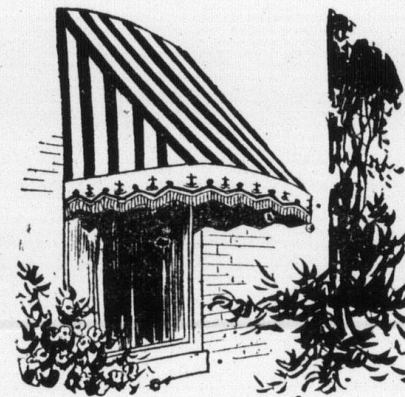
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Saga Of Jesse Owens

A heartening thing comes to our disturbed times this week. James Cleveland Owens, at the Berlin Olympics, is putting on the same one-man track show he originated on cinder paths here. He now holds or shares world records for three events, and Paavo Nurmi's is the only name in the history of modern athletics they can find to toss in with his.

This slender Cleveland Negro youth with the tiny ankles, long legs, and light chocolate skin becomes a character for the whole world's wonderment, six brief years from the days when he raced on E. 107th Street in tennis shoes. Reichsfuehrer Hitler salutes him with an arm wave and a smile for beating the Nordic heroes. In Rome, the Scandinavian countries, Cairo, the planters' clubs in Oriental jungles, Australia, everywhere the cables go, men and women who follow the sport climax (and how few do not!) are reading about, talking about trying to visualize Jesse Owens. His victories must be a comfort to poor Haile Selassie in exile. It is conceivable that Il Duce, Edward VIII, Stalin, Emperor Hirohito, President Roosevelt, Governor Landon, J. P. Morgan and even Anthony Eden must have noticed these last few days, the name and performances of Jesse Owens; possibly sighed for their own youth-times and wondered what life would have been like had they been able to run a 10.2s 100-meter dash.

Owens' fame is Cleveland's fame, in a year when Cleveland is having good advertisements of its achievements. And to have produced such an athlete is a fine reputation for a city.

Born on an Alabama farm, one of eight children, to sharecropper parents. Raised in the abject poverty of southern tenant agriculture, the Owens family migrated to Cleveland in the industrial trek of the war years and James Cleveland became one of the thousands of colored children living in the congested East Side. In time he reached Fairmount Junior High School, where teaches Charles Riley, one-time athlete and volunteer coach of schoolboy runners. It was a piece of luck for James—by now called Jesse from having given his name in school as "J. C."—to know Teacher Riley, for most junior highs have limited athletic activities.

Building a boys' track team, Riley met Jesse, timed him in a sprint down E. 107th, was startled, and immediately dedicated himself to hunting that coaches' will-o-the-wisp, the perfect sprinter. Riley learned all about the boy, took him under his wing, walked with him in the parks, talked to him about things far more important than racing; about life, perfection, 100 per cent mental as well as physical fitness. On some days

after school, training was merely a lecture in terms understood by a bright boy, on philosophy. So Jesse came to not only a great but an understanding track athlete. He was passed along to a high school coach with experience and feeling similar to Riley Ed Weil of East Tech, and when he was ready for college Ohio State's staff was primed and eager for him.

The Owens are colored, so they do not have quite an even chance in this civilization. They returned to poverty in the depression years and know what it is to go hungry. Jesse told in Berlin this week how on some days his family lived on carp caught by neighbours. The Owens are good people, churchgoers, good citizens unafraid of hard work. Jesse's mother is better than an average student of the Bible and trusts God completely. She and her husband have dignity and sensitiveness which no poverty, no bitter blows by life can overcome. They raised a son who not only could be a great athlete, but could also remain modest about it to the point of embarrassment.

So this week you saw a fine debt being repaid. The sharecropper's boy owes something to nature and a great deal to his father and mother. He owes something to a city which gave him Charles Riley, school teacher, a city which stands for giving a chance to every boy who will work and train. He owes something to Ohio State University's tradition of giving opportunity to merit, and to the taxpayers of a state proud of its university. He owes something devout to America. In what other country would this saga of Jesse Owens come true? And now in a week of astounding physical performance and courage before the eyes of the world, Jesse Owens is paying much of these debts—not the least by remaining the gentle, modest happy boy Cleveland knows. An American Negro youth ventures onto the stage occupied prominently by a Nazi dictator and steals the spotlight from him for a little while. The bright glow of romance hovers over such a feat.

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LONDON NOTES

Merlyn Cousey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coursey of Grey St. who has been ill is showing signs of improvements in Victoria Hospital.

Mrs. Fountaine and daughters La Reine and Jean spent a delightful vacation in Toronto visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Thelma Gaines from Detroit has returned to London for a short visit.

Master Fred Jenkins and William Fields spent a delightful week-end in Toronto attending the opening days of the Exhibition.

Mrs. Vant and family from Detroit

were the guests of her mother Mrs. M. Harris of the City.

Mrs. De Groat is convalescing nicely at her home on Trafalgar St. after a short illness.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. W. Meyers of Simcoe St., is seriously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks, a baby boy, Garnet Edward James Brookes

Mrs. Kelly of Mamora St. is recovering nicely after a slight illness.

Tag day which was held in this city for the benefit of the B.M.E. church

was very successful. With volunteer workers from Brantford and London.

Mr. Walter Cromwell, accompanied by his nephew Mr. Whitney Cromwell of Ann Arbor visited London for the week-end.

Mrs. Shreaves, and daughter, the Messrs Ladds, and Miss Waldon were the guests of Mrs. Jenkins for a few hours on Sunday, en route from Toronto to their home in Dresden.

Miss Evelyn Jenkins is the guest of Miss Verlyn Ladd in Dresden.

Rev. Gow of Niagara Falls has visited with the Jacksons while stopping in the city several times during the summer months. Rev. Gow was successful in obtaining his B.A. degree this year, and is now making plans to return to Africa.

Doctor T. H. Henderson of Amersburg assisted in carrying out the services during the Conference held at Emmanuel Temple in the city.

Miss Audrey Redmon of Toronto was the guest of Miss Kay Jenkins while visiting this city.

Mr. Howard McKurdy has returned home for a short visit in Amersburg.

Mrs. Chandler and her son and daughter had a very delightful time while visiting relations in Fort Erie.

Mrs. Levon Pryor was the guest of Mrs. Miller, Simcoe St., while visiting the city for a few hours Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiffen and son are visiting relatives in Detroit. It has not been decided if they will take up permanent residence in that city or not.

The conclusion of the 80th Anniversary of the B.M.E. Church will be held in Chatham on the 29th of Sept. in the B.M.E. church from which it was founded in the year 1856 by Bishop Nazary.

Mrs. Alice De Groat was winner of the 1st prize among the taggers of London, with Miss Margaret Jackson and Mrs. Miller runners up. Marion Jackson was winner of the Children's prize. The total amount \$160.34.

Mrs. C. Pondexter visited her mother-in-law in Chatham for a few days.

A lovely kitchen shower was given in honor of Miss Florence Drake by Miss Evelyn Jenkins and Miss Bernice Fountaine, at the home of Miss Fountaine.

A Miscellaneous shower was also given Miss Drake by the Guild of which she was a member, at the home of Mrs. D. Meyers of Simcoe St. A dainty lunch was served. Miss Drake received many beautiful gifts. Master Grandville Petgreve of

Toronto was the guest of Donald and David Jenkins during his summer holidays.

Mrs. Jenkins accompanied by her daughters Eveyln and Kay, Mr. Turner and Mr. Lewis of Detroit, and Mr. Wm. Harris of London was the guests of Mrs. Davis while visiting in Toronto for a short time on Sunday.

Mrs. Jordan and husband of Detroit visited Mrs. Jordan's mother Mrs. Harris of Trafalgar St. for a few days.

Coast Writer Raps Color Bar

Would Put Negro Team in Big League

Los. Angles, Cal—Coast sports-writers campaigning to place Negroes in major league baseball have secured a two-fold interest in the rumor that the St. Louis Browns will be replaced in the American League next season by a club from California.

A Coast representative in major league baseball has long been the dream of local sportswriters to begin with. Secondly the elimination of St. Louis will leave only one outstanding prejudiced city in the American League—that city being Washington D.C.

New York, Cleveland, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago and California all allow "mixed" competition.

St. Louis' highest attendance this year has been only 7,500 persons.

Time to End It

Again the matchless legs of Jesse Owens carried the American team to victory. This time it was the 400 meter relay. And sharing honors with him was that other splendid Negro athlete, Ralph Metcalfe, second only to Owens in speed.

Owens, Metcalfe, Archie Williams, Cornelius Johnson, Dave Albritton—these great Negro stars whom Hitler and the Nazi press insulted by their outstanding performances have given the lie to the barbarous Nazi race theories.

Their achievements, however, should bring home to us in America the vicious character of the discrimination and Jim-Crowism that prevails in our country—which the Nazis themselves have cited as justification for their own conduct.

This discrimination extends to the field of sport. Baseball, the most popular sport in this country, is completely Jim-Crow in both major and minor leagues. The Negro Babe Ruths and Ty Cobbs are compelled to play unheralded and unsung on teams of their own.

Isn't it about time to start a campaign to eliminate all discrimination against Negroes in sports, particularly in baseball? Let's stop giving ammunition to the worst enemies of liberty and democracy.

Miss Black The

By MISS HELEN

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IT WAS Spring, and when the ringing of the chimes of Saint the people to worship Day. The neighbor one, was bounded on Avenue, and on the structure of the Sixt reared its head. In block stood Saint J magnificent building tecture. Before it, attention, were the r of the city's most pr lectual citizens. F houses into the bal walked Miss Black. she carried a pekin royal gift to her. she gently placed th feeling free shook h and began to trot. high as she could plumelike tail was Ming, as she was ca Noot only was she intelligentsia who d but also with the which domiciled th Suddenly Ming st no means a strang do. She firmly pla on the pavement, them, and arching h "No, Ming, darli musical voice of must walk. You ugly." But Ming d then lifts her, ar about a yard, and Ming starts pullin She reaches the c looks around, decid northward, and cr that direction.

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Miss Black and The Lion

By
MISS HELENA JAMES

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IT WAS Spring, and the year 1936, when the ringing of church bells, and the chimes of Saint Judas summoned the people to worship on the Lord's Day. The neighborhood, an exclusive one, was bounded on the east by Fifth Avenue, and on the west the elevated structure of the Sixth Avenue railroad reared its head. In the middle of the block stood Saint Judas. It was a magnificent building of ancient architecture. Before it, like soldiers at attention, were the red-faced dwellings of the city's most prominent and intellectual citizens. From one of these houses into the balmy air of spring walked Miss Black. Under her arm she carried a pekingese which was a royal gift to her. On the sidewalk she gently placed the little dog, who feeling free shook herself vigorously and began to trot. Her head was as high as she could carry it, and her plume-like tail was also in the air. Ming, as she was called, was a beauty. Noot only was she a favorite with the intelligentsia who dwelt on the block, but also with the canine aristocracy which domiciled thereabouts.

Suddenly Ming stopped. It was by no means a strange thing for her to do. She firmly planted her fat paws on the pavement, rested her chin on them, and arching her back, stood still.

"No, Ming, darling," came in the musical voice of Miss Black, "you must walk. You will grow fat and ugly." But Ming does not budge. She then lifts her, and carries her for about a yard, and places her down. Ming starts pullink, then trots away. She reaches the corner, stands still, looks around, decides her walk will be northward, and crosses the street in that direction.

Turning the corner of the next street going east, Miss Black ran into Mrs. Simple the wife of the Chief Justice. Judge and Mrs. Simple had been friends of the parents of Miss Black who was exceedingly fond of the elderly couple.

"Why, my dear, how do you do?" said Mrs. Simple, "and Ming, are you being good on your walk?"

"Not very," said Miss Black. "I have already lifted her three times."

"And oh, Mrs. Simple, what has kept you from Saint Judas to-day?"

"I am told by my doctor that a daily walk of ten blocks would be marvelous for my figure, and on Sundays I find this time of day most convenient. Of course my membership is good, for the Judge gives a yearly subscription of \$1000."

"Isn't that splendid of the Judge?" remarked Miss Black.

"Really, Miss Black," continued Mrs. Simple "I do think that every one should be a member of a church. It lends a respectable feeling. I have never seen you at St. Judas, my dear; why don't you become a member?"

"I think you are right in what you

have said, Mrs. Simple. I can't begin to tell you how I enjoyed the Christmas service. It was heavenly!"

"Were you there?" asked Mrs. Simple.

"Oh no," was Miss Black's reply, "I tuned in on the radio, and they were singing 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Goodwill to all Men.'"

Said Mrs. Simple "Rev. O'Dedman kept the service. On that Day I worshipped with the Judge."

"It really seems to me, Mrs. Simple, that at this time of the world's history the present civilization enjoys a far less degree of peace than the beasts of the jungles."

"I really do think so my dear Miss Black, but what can we do about it?"

"When I think of the grip that ignorance and superstition are getting of the people, and causing so many youthful minds to turn towards crime, I am appalled. The first reaction of the average mind is murder. Dreadful, isn't it Mrs. Simple?"

"Only too dreadful, my dear, but what can we do about it? It seems as if the people in the world are gone mad."

"Not mad. Only last week I read somewhere 'The people have forgotten God, and God has made them to forget themselves.'"

"Oh, Miss Black, that is just what is wrong with the world to-day. You have hit the nail on the head when you say 'The people have forgotten God, and God has made them to forget themselves.' I'll ever remember this. But how much longer can things run as they are, I wonder?"

"I should think the cup is now pretty full, Mrs. Simple, but it has to overflow. A little more of it, I guess."

"By the way, my dear, what do you think I did on Friday morning?"

"Bought some more new dresses?" asked Miss Black.

"Not dresses this time, my dear," said Mrs. Simple "but the darlinest fur coat. I just could not help myself. Only six imported models, and this was just my size and style. It is a dream, and only costs \$5000."

"How lovely, Mrs. Simple! What does the Judge think of it?"

"At present he knows nothing about it. It is time enough when he receives the bill, then what can he do about it? Do let me help you with Ming, my dear. I would love to."

"I wouldn't dream of such a thing, She ought to walk again."

"Next Sunday, my dear, there will be a special service at the church for the unveiling of the statue of Saints Annanias and Sapphira. The Judge and I would love to call for you on our way over."

"It is very sweet of you both really. Whose work of art are they?"

"Mr. War, my dear. He lives on the block and has recently become a member of St. Judas. Just between you and me, my dear, he has an eye to business. There are a couple more saints to be immortalized. All the same he is the best sculptor of the age. Do you know the old Drake mansion on the corner of Fifth Avenue is at last tenanted?"

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LONDON NOTES

Mr. Robert Johnson, accompanied by his wife and three children, Mrs. Johnson and daughter Muriel, Miss B. Cleveland, were the guests of Mrs. Miller on Sunday, en route to Detroit and Jackson, Michigan. Shelby from Sarnia, and Mr. J. Ross from Windsor were the guests of Mrs. Miller on Sunday. Leone Clinton from Toronto is visiting her mother Mrs. Clinton. Verlyn Ladd of Dresden is the guest of Miss Evelyn Jenkins during exhibition week. Mr. Henry Turner of Detroit and Frank Maize of Toronto were the guests of Miss E. Jenkins.

GREEN PASTURES—BLACK JEHOVAH

The "Green Pastures" has been transferred to the silver screen and is being acclaimed throughout the nation. As in the stage production, it is prefaced by a statement explaining that the conception of God and Heaven is one conceived by illiterate Negroes in the "Deep South." To our way of thinking the picture has not surpassed the play as a production, consequently those who have seen the latter will be disappointed in the former—there appears to be something cheap and tawdry about the picture. We have heard criticism of the impoverished settings but we take it that that is in keeping with the aforementioned "illiterate Negroes."

The cast of the screen "Green Pastures" play their parts well. Rex Ingram does a better job as "De Lawd" than we thought him capable of, but it was ridiculous to think that he could ever stand in the shoes of the late Richard B. Harrison. The quiet dignity of that revered old gentleman was a gift from above—he lived rather than acted the part. In reality we know that Roark Bradford and Marc Connelly wrote the book "Old Man Adam and His Chillun" and "The Green Pastures" as a comic satire. Harrison made it a religious epic which the screen does not quite perpetuate. The reaction in our minds is how far has a jest reflected the truth. God made man in His own image and who can tell what image it was—red, black, white or yellow? Great historians have led us to believe that ancient man worshipped a Black God, statues in Europe have borne out that fact. They also tell us that the history of the black race antedates that of Jews, Greeks, Romans and any other race in the world today. All those things lead the thinking and fair-minded individual to ponder and hesitate to accept the idea of God as propounded by the white race. Perhaps he is black. The color of the Deity should not be important, but the white race has made it so and designated all that is evil and ugly as black. If God is black then those theories are reversed and made even more ridiculous. At any rate we have sufficient evidence to make us realize that we are inferior to none. That is important.

ANENT OLYMPIANS

Prominent New York papers were loud in their praises of the colored athletes as the following editorial excerpts show:

The New York Journal: "The achievements of Jesse Owens, Ohio State Negro athlete, to say nothing of Ralph et al and Cornelius Johnson other Negro athletes on Uncle Sam's team, will be hailed by all sport followers of this country—regardless of creed, color or politics."

The World Telegram: "Thanks to the three championships won by that amazing athlete Jesse Owens, the United States now stands far out in the lead at the eleventh Olympiad. The world will hail this great runner and jumper as thunderously as did

the Berlin crowd when he was crowned with a laurel wreath, ecked with his third gold medal and given an oak tree to be planted on the campus of his alma mater, Ohio State University.

The New York Post: "Every tape broken by Owens is an answer to Hitler that the burning of a thousand books cannot wipe out. That answer is Owens' great Olympic achievement. Hitler may refuse to meet Negro winners; his co-ordinated newspapers may refuse to print the stories of Owens' victories; his editors may shriek in protest against America's 'black auxiliaries'—but many a German we dare to hope, is with the Negro as he runs."

REV. F. A. PRICE, D.D., K.C. GUEST AT 80th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Price was 32 years missionary to Liberia, West Africa, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, headquarters 50 Fifth Ave., New York. Rev. Price was a guest of the B. M. E. Conference at Toronto.

During the Conference, Mr. Price delivered several inspiring messages which were well received and added considerable interest to the meetings. Mr. Price will shortly return to his work again in Africa.

THE SHOWDOWN NEARS

In 1914 while Europe was watching the "Yellow Peril" that Japan represented, the Kaiser sprung a World War on them. In 1936 the rest of Europe stood by and watched Italy rape Ethiopia and heaved a sigh of relief that they did not get into it; they viewed with alarm Germany's remilitarizing of the Rhineland and wondered what Hitler's moves in Poland and Austria meant.

Now from forgotten Spain comes the greatest threat to world peace since 1918. Grave as the European crisis was, knowing ones were always certain that Europe would do nothing about it. They didn't. But this is different. Here we have a country divided into Communists and Fascists fighting a death-determined struggle for supremacy. Already the Fascists countries, Italy and Germany are openly assisting the insurgents with munitions, money and military advice. They wait only for some flimsy excuse to pour the might of their forces into Spain and make a real war of it. France who has been playing the usual hypocritical peacemaker role will soon provide that excuse. The communist-minded people of France are straining at the leash to rush to the aid of their Spanish sympathisers and anyone can see those two arch-enemies France and Germany, snapping at each other's throat with Russia backing the former and Italy and Austria lined up with Hitler. England to protect the Mediterranean and her Empire must also back the anti-Fascists. They may avert a war again but not for long because all the dogs are sharpening their teeth and sooner or later one of them will dig up a bone that the others want. Then the showdown will be on.