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THE END OF AN EPIC

Almost 15 years ago—in May, 1933—The Legionary published a story entitled "Canada's Third V.C." It described in considerable detail the life of William Edward Hall, a full-blooded Negro from the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia, and how he won the Victoria Cross while serving as an Able Seaman in a special brigade composed of officers and men from H.M.S. "Shannon" which, during the Indian mutiny in 1857 went inland from Calcutta and participated in the relief of Lucknow.

After outlining the fierce battle on November 14, 1857, in which Hall won the V.C., The Legionary went on to describe how Canada's third Victoria Cross winner left the Royal Navy in 1880 and returned to his native province where he devoted himself to farming and where he died in August, 1904, at the age of 80.

As a result of the publication of this article considerable interest was aroused among Legion members in Nova Scotia as to where William Hall was buried. In due course the Provincial Secretary of the Nova Scotia Command—then, as now, Major Alistair MacKinnon—was able to inform The Legionary that a search party had located the grave hidden away and completely overgrown with brambles in an abandoned rural cemetery near Hantsport. The Nova Scotia Legion, he said, would endeavour to obtain permission from the provincial authorities to have the body disinterred and reburied in a proper cemetery and also have a suitable memorial erected over the grave.

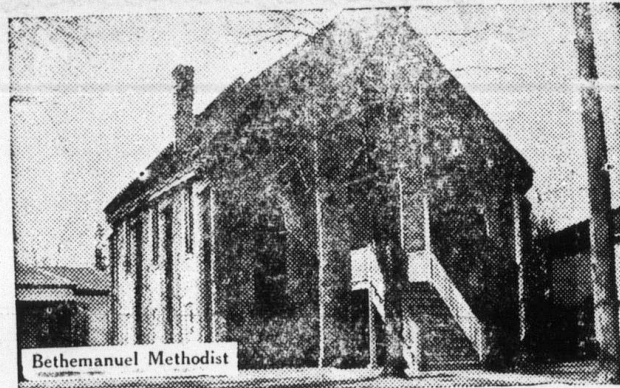
After many delays the disinterment arrangements were approved and reburial took place at Hantsport, but the outbreak of the Second Great War caused the memorial plan to be postponed. On November 9 last, however, at an impressive ceremony at Hantsport conducted by the Hants County Branch of the Canadian Legion, a memorial was unveiled to the memory of the old warrior. The monument, built of native field stone carries a replica of the Victoria Cross and a bronze plaque giving the simple details of the hero's birth and death. It stands over his grave in the churchyard of Hantsport Baptist Church, which he attended during his life-time. The congregation had formally presented the plot to the Hants Co. Branch of the Legion for the purpose of enabling them to carry out their worthy plan, and the Town of Hantsport has undertaken to give the grave perpetual care.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Rear-Admiral C. R. H. Taylor, C.B.E., of the Atlantic Command of the Royal Canadian Navy. A navy guard of honour was present together with the Royal Canadian Navy band from Halifax, and the moving ceremony was attended by a large gathering of citizens and Legion members from branches throughout this part of Nova Scotia, including the William Hall, V.C. Branch of Halifax, which is composed entirely of coloured war veterans.

Inspiring Addresses At B.M.E. 100th Anniversary

On Sunday, February 16th the B. M.E. Church celebrated the 100th Colored Methodist Church Anniversary, under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. E. A. Richardson, Mayor and Mrs. G. Wenige were among the guests. The choir assisted by singing spirituals: "Steal Away to Jesus", "When He Calls me I Will Answer" and "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." Mrs. A. Brooks was accompanied at the piano. Mr. Fred Smith from Woodstock brought a group who also assisted greatly by giving various numbers. During the evening Miss Donna Chase, of Winnipeg offered a soprano solo—"But I Know He Has Redeemed Me." Rev. Clifford Johnson, former pastor, read the Scripture lesson.

Rev. Richardson took as his topic "The Sermon on the Mount." He pointed out that Christ in preaching that sermon set clear rules for the living of a Christian life. He



Bethanuel Methodist

asked that the young as well as the old, give their service to the church to not give-up hope, and requested whole hearted support for the church which has served for 100 years and to adjust ourselves seriously. He also spoke of a blind plowman who had lost not his sight but thankful because his mind could see. There are certain revelations that God makes to man that never take shape or color. We must watch out for the young how we live so we shall not be blamed for their mishaps. Rev. Richardson also stressed the point of what shall a man gain if he gains the whole world and looses his soul—seek out more of God in these hectic days that are passing and exhorting them that have eyes to see—to see.

When one does not see behind his nose and cannot see ahead for the generations still to come, it does not look any too bright for the Christian world.

The Sunday offering was lifted by David and Donald Jenkins.

Thus, at last, this humble Negro seaman, the first "man of colour", and the third Canadian, to win the Empire's highest award for valour, has found a fitting resting place, and The Legionary is glad to be able, after 15 years, to publish the end of his epic story.

—Reprinted from The Legionary

Sunday February 22.
The continuation of the Centennial Services was carried on by the pastor, Rev. Richardson assisted by Dr. Edwards of Windsor, Ont. Dr. Edwards' address was "God and His People."—Psalm 46, verse 7. The God of Jacob is our refuge. Had it not been so we would not be able to have spent 100 years. Ever since the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, he said there are a great number of instances we could use to verify this statement if honest with ourselves and God. Once at Mons when they were delivered from the German attack, and secondly and more recently, at Dieppe. When the sea, rough one day, smooth the next enabled the evacuation of the British troops. Why? Because God protected them and is always with his people. God is real, because we walk and talk with Him when in distress. He comes to our assistance

and through His great loves for us He gave His only begotten son. Some know of God because of knowledge but can we say He is our all?

The God of Jacob is our refuge. The Lord of Hosts simply means in his majesty and glory, The God of Jacob is the same—He has come to the rescue of man. The Word Lord in small capitals letters means Je-



Dr. Dawson

RT. REV. T. H. DAWSON
Present General Superintendent
B. M. E. Church of Canada

hovah, my maker. The ancient Hebrews used the term I.H.B.H. and refers to Jehovah our Comforter or leaders, our shield. The Church has shed many tears; sometimes it has been thrown in the arena to be torn by wild beasts; again on the wild seas, and at times it has hidden in corners. But it still stands because Jehovah is with her. Let it be your resolution this centennial to be faithful and seek ye first the Kingdom of heaven. Man cannot sink so low

First Negro Solicitor

Ontario residents who have read reports of colored students seeking admission to American law schools may be interested in knowing that a somewhat similar problem was dealt with by the Ontario Legislature in 1884, and that on March 25 of that year "an act to authorize the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario to admit Delos Rogest Davis to practice as a solicitor" was passed by the Assembly.

The preamble to the Act states that Delos Rogest Davis of the Town of Colchester North, in the County of Essex, having spent four years as a public school teacher, was in 1871 appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits and in 1873 a notary public; that he was anxious to enter the profession of law; that in consequence of prejudices against his color and because he was of African descent he had not been able to enter the profession of law; that he had not-withstanding devoted himself to the study of law; and that in his opinion he had acquired such education in law as would enable him to pass the final examination prescribed by the Law Society for persons seeking to be admitted as solicitors.

It was therefore enacted that the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario might lawfully admit the said D. R. Davis to practice as a solicitor upon his paying the proper fees and passing the prescribed examination, without his compliance with any other requirement or provision of law or other rules or regulations of the said Law Society, any law custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. Joseph Garvey,
R.R. No. 1 Albion, Ont.

—From Toronto Globe and Mail

that God cannot bring him back to safety. In his closing remarks Dr. Edwards made an appeal to those out of the church to surrender all and to the older members to consecrate themselves to God and make this indeed a memorable day.

A quartette number, "Fight the Good Fight" by Rev. Richardson, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Ball. Mr. Ball of Windsor is the nephew of Mr. Fred Ball, city. He also sang a most appropriate solo, "Bless This House."

City officials and dignitaries have received invitations to worship with us Sunday evening, February 29th, when Mr. Wm. Harrison, brother of the late Richard B. Harris will conduct the services. On the following Monday evening an historical review of the church's history will be given.

Rev. Wm. Harrison and his late brother, Richard B. Harrison were at one time residents of this city.

A short history of the progress of the B.M.E. Church in this vicinity will be found on the inside pages of this issue of the "Dawn."

Negro Community Centre Proposed

The construction of a community centre for the Negro people of this city is proposed by the newly formed Community Centre Club. A request for a building site will be sent immediately to City Council. Negroes in London at present number more than 300, including 68 families, and it is believed that a common meeting place of this kind would bring them closed together.

It is proposed to build the centre on Glenwood avenue near Trafalgar street. If council accedes to the request for a site, the Community Centre Club will launch at once a program to raise a construction fund.

"We want to keep our boys and girls off the street," said Mrs. Frank Howson, president, who presided for the meeting. "Besides that, we feel that if we can get our people together they will be able to take a more active part in community life than they are doing now, and some of them will take a new interest in the church."

Instruction Classes

The centre would hold instructional classes for young colored people of the city. Instructors already have volunteered to teach girls art, needle work, cooking, sports and music, and to teach the boys leatherwork, radio, music, sports and other interests. Melford Johnson already has begun to organize basketball teams among boys and girls.

If Council agrees to grant land for the building project, members of the group say they will bring the Great Lake Choir of Negro singers here from Detroit to hold a public concert in a London theatre in the near future to help raise funds. This internationally famous choir is directed by Lorne Melbourne.

Officers Elected

Officers elected at the meeting include Mrs. Frank Howson, president; Mrs. Jack Moley, secretary; Mrs. James Coursey, treasurer.

Members committee: Mrs. Agnes Brooks and Mrs. C. S. Johnson; Luncheon conveners, Mrs. Harry Coursey and Mrs. Arthur Moxley. advisory board, Rev. E. A. Richardson, Rev. C. S. Johnson and James Brooks; building committee, Arthur Moxley, George Anderson; corresponding secretaries, Mrs. Allan Anderson and Mrs. George Anderson.

Speakers for the evening were: Rev. E. A. Richardson, Mrs. Richards of the Home and School Club; Mr. Roadda on music and his willingness to teach a band; Mr. Melvin Johnson, for the youth; Mrs. S. Johnson, on spiritual guidance.

JACK McVEA GOES TO HARLEM QUARTER CLUB, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Jack McVea will "open the door" at the Harlem Quarter Club in Oakland, California on February 4th. Always a favorite in the Bay Area the McVea Orchestra have just completed an extended run at the El Boracho in San Francisco.

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LONDON NOTES

Mr. Albert Smith has been quite ill in Victoria Hospital. He has shown signs of great improvement and is expecting to return home soon.

Mrs. George Anderson has returned home after being ill in Victoria Hospital for a few weeks.

Misses Alethea and Betty Mallotte and Jerry Moxley spent the week end in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Howson and daughters, Marion and Tinny Jenkins attended the Porter's Ball which was held in Toronto at the end of January.

Mr. Stanley Drake visited with his mother Mrs. M. Drake over the week end.

Mr. F. S. Howson has taken ill. He has been confined to his bed for a few days.

Mr. Wm. Berry who has returned home from Victoria Hospital a few weeks ago is doing very nicely.

Mr. S. Powell, Mrs. D. Merritt, and Miss B. Raday of Windsor, Ont. visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Evans over the week end.

Mrs. N. Hackett and Mrs. G. Benton, of Detroit, Mich. are expected to visit with their brother Mr. J. Evans and family.

A stork shower was held last Monday night for Mrs. B. Corey by Misses Christina and Marion Jenkins.

Mr. Grant Boswell spent the week end visiting his family in Blenheim.

From a sleigh ride party held for the colored children of this community on Saturday, January 10th, there came into being the Community Family Club. The first meeting of the Community Family Club was held by the women at the home of Mrs. F. S. Howson. At this meeting plans were made to make something big and worthwhile out of this Community Family Club. The temporary officers chosen were: Mrs. F. S. Howson, president, Mrs. Jack Moxley, secretary, Mrs. James Coursey, treasurer and Mrs. G. nd A. Anderson corresponding secretary.

After the next meeting of the Community Family Club held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Moxley, Philip Street, came the mass meeting held at the B.M.E. Church where the club presented to those present plans for a Community Centre Club. All present at the meeting were enthused with the idea and agreed to have the building built in the east end of the city. "I am sure," said Mrs. Howson at this meeting, "that such a centre where our children could find such things as crafts, cooking, needle work, music and instruction in radio and wood work would replace their

interests found in streets, pool rooms and elsewhere." The centre, which is estimated at the cost of \$20,000 will contain a large gymnasium, rooms for crafts and hobbies, and an auditorium for meetings. Classes are now being held every Tuesday evening at the B.M.E. Church until the building is completed. The doors are and will be open to all races, creeds and colors. The centre will be supervised and conducted in a well ordered and disciplinary manner. Other officials and officers added are: membership committee, Mrs. A. Brooks and Mrs. C. S. Johnson; unch conveners, Mrs. A. Moxley and Mrs. H. Coursey; building committee, Mr. A. Moxley, Mr. F. Howson, Mr. M. Johnson, Rev. E. A. Richardson, Mr. G. Anderson, Rev. C. S. Johnson, Mr. H. Coursey, Mr. Jas. Brooks and Mr. Jack Evans.

A chicken dinner is planned for Thursday, February 26th at the B.M.E. Church by the Community Centre Club. The proceeds will go into the building fund.

A dance sponsored by the C.C.C. girls is being held Saturday, February 28th. The proceeds from this will also go into the building fund.

TORONTO EVENTS

The Annual Cabaret Dance and Gala Floor Show given by the C.P.R. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters on January 29th, at the Hotel Lauraine was a great success. Mr. E. Stinson, acting as chairman of the entertainment committee is to be commended on the beautiful floor show presented by Toronto's young ladies. Mr. Shepherd who sang in his deep baritone voice is to be remembered. Then there was the orchestra led by Leo Romanelli, who played as they had never played before. Hostesses who were very efficient were Mrs. Mabel Dan and Mrs. Minnie Willis. Representatives, Mr. J. F. Cromwell, president, Mr. L. Cromwell, secretary-treasurer, Mr. L. Chevalier, vice president, Mr. C. Laster, Secretary.

You are invited. On February 11 the Club Amity will hold their Valentine Dance at Belvin House featuring all-star colored band. There will be door prizes, spot dances and lucky draw.

To Mr. and Mrs. N. Redmond, twins. Mother doing nicely. Babies (still-born).

Miss Gwen Abbott is planning on leaving our city in March to Trinidad where she will teach. Miss Abbott is taking a course at the Blind Institute.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Dawson wife of Superintendent Dawson of the B.M.E. Ch. Her death has been greatly felt in the entire connexion.

Mrs. Dorothy Freeman of Detroit, Mich. is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mabel Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howson and son Barry were the guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Livingstone; also Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis while in the city for a few days.

Misses Christina and Marion Jenkins of London, Ont., visited in the city over the week end.

Mr. Russell Rudd is planning to attend Harvard University in the near future. He will study to be a Doctor of Medicine.

ST. CATHARINES NOTES

On January 21st a great tragedy occurred when an overheated stove in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Flowers set fire to the walls, destroying the home and taking the lives of two infant children, Joyce Elaine, 4 month and Marilyn Lorraine, 4 years. The father was away at work at the time and the mother, having gone for an hour, returned to find her home in flames. Not knowing where the children were located in the home the firemen were unable to reach them.

Learning the home and furnishings were not insured some kind friend or friends arranged to move an empty building to Mr. Flowers' property for them to live in. This news spread from community to community. The ministers of the B.M.E. churches immediately asked for collections to be sent the Flowers family.

RACIAL ISSUE SHOWDOWN SEEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—(AP) — Governors of southern states were urged today to force a party showdown on the racial issue as angry Dixie Democrats denounced President Truman's civil rights proposals.

While hot words of criticism were shouted in the House of Representatives, talk spread of calling a convention to split away politically from Truman, a Democrat.

A senator who asked not to be quoted by name said such a proposal would be laid before southern governors when they met at Tallahassee, Fla., Friday.

At Annapolis, Maryland's Governor William Preston Lane Jr., chairman, said he knows of no such proposal.

But Representative Thomas Abernethy (Dem. Miss.) proposed that southern governors ask for a "showdown" meeting in Washington with party leaders.

Abernethy telegraphed his proposal to Governor Fielding Wright of Mississippi who has roundly criticized President Truman's policies.

"The time has arrived," Abernethy said, "for concerted action and for all true southerners to stand up and be counted."

"If there is any doubt in the minds of southern people that the present leaders of the Democratic Party are hell bent on bartering or destroying us, our southern institutions and traditions for the support of radical Negro minorities, then they need only examine the message which the president sent to Congress yesterday recommending, among other things, the immediate enactment of fair employment practices commission bill, anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bill and breaking down of segregation of races."

ROY MILTON ORCHESTRA SET FOR 3rd ANNUAL TRANSCONTINENTAL TOUR.

Roy Milton and his Solid Senders started with their California engagements prior to their coast to coast tour by playing the Military Ball at Brown Military Academy, San Diego, on January 30th. This marked the return of Roy Milton after his hospitalization. The formal welcome home dance at the L.A. Elks club broke all previous records for attendance on February 1st. Club Congo in Los Angeles is bidding for the services of the band before they leave. Dates already set include the Royal Theatre, Baltimore, week of April 2nd and Howard Theatre, Washington week of April 9th. Milton will of course play one nighters to and from the east coast being booked exclusively by the Reg. D. Marshall Agency of Hollywood, California.

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A Condensed History of The B.M.E. Church of Canada

Colored Methodist dates away to October 4th, 1848 when land was sold in trust to William Hamilton Benjamin Harris, John Osburne, Henry James, Henry Logan, Thomas Wingate and George Winemiller, for the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Property for building at 275 Thames St. was originally thirty feet frontage by a hundred and ten feet deep. It was sold to trustees by William Clark, a carpenter who originally secured the land from the Crown on September 8th, 1848.

Witnesses to the sale agreement were: William Patrick, Hunter Murray, and W. C. U. Connor, a missionary of A.M.E. Church. Those who witnessed registration of the deed were: Mr. Murray and David Hughes. Afterwards Judge Hughes of St. Thomas. The original A.M.E. Church of London was known as the "Old Fugitive Slave Chapel on Thames Street" because it was found by slaves who made their way to London by means of the underground railway.

Eighteen years before 1848 an effort was made to establish a colony of former slaves near Lucan at a place called Wilberforce in honour of the British Statesman of that name who had done so much to free Negroes in British possessions. The

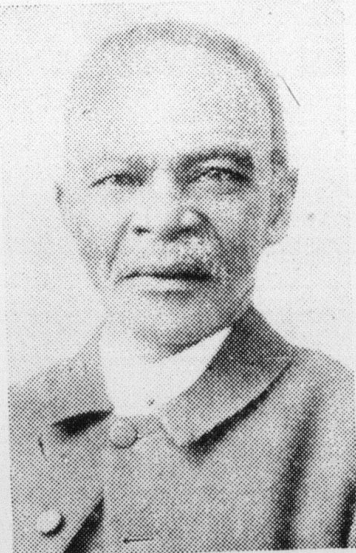
paper; Rev. Geo. Barclay, pastor of the chapel. James Worthington had a barber shop on the market. He lived at 446 Nelson St. Richard Smith resided at 66 William Street. George Duncan who was recognized



RT. REV. R. R. DISNEY
Bishop B.M.E. Church of Canada
1875-1886

as a physical marvel, lived on Maitland Street. He was employed for some years at Craig's Lumber Yard. He had two sons, Hodgen and Isca. Henry Logan lived on Pall Mall St. Mrs. Harper resided on Wellington Road South. Her son Alex Harper for years was city auditor of Chicago. Henry Moorehead, known as Professor Moorehead, along with A. B. and A. T. Jones, was mentioned in Drew's "North Side View of Slavery." William Berry lived over Clark's Bridge. He was a successful auctioneer and founded the City Chimney Sweep. He afterwards moved to Wharfedale Road. His son, William Berry still owns and operates the City Chimney Sweep business. George Peters spent fifty years of his life on the river bank at the foot of Colborne Street. His son George held the middleweight pugilistic championship of Canada and Michigan for many years. A frequent visitor to the city was Stevens. He was a fiddler who had no fixed place. With three or four dogs on a string he wandered from city to city playing melodies of the old south.

On the 29th day of September, 1856 the Canadian Church of the African



RT. REV. W. HAWKINS
General Superintendent
B. M. E. Church of Canada
1886-1894
Died at Chatham, Ont., 1894

colony failed and the fugitives were scattered. The failure was due to our "old friend" racial prejudice. The Canada Company feared that a colored community would hinder their interest. The Canada Company refused to sell any more land to Negroes.

Archie Bremer stated in his book "Illustrated London," that John Brown the Negro liberator, spent days in London drawing up a constitution for his Free Slave Republic. The constitution was adopted at a meeting of abolitionists and colored men in Chatham, on May 12, 1858.

City residents of years ago claimed that Brown held a mass meeting of colored people in the little chapel on Thames St. in 1858. Only those who knew the password were admitted. It was reported that Brown was the chief speaker of the evening. He wanted the Negroes of the city to be drilled, and in time, join with others on a raid of slave holders.

One of the original pastors of the chapel was Rev. Benjamin Miller, a runaway slave. Old city directories show that in the early sixties Rev. J. Rawlings was pastor.

Former slaves who attended the Slave Chapel were: Isca Adams, resided on (Ottway Ave.) South St.; Big Buckley, who turned a handle of a press that printed a local news-

Street to the building on Grey Street. Thus came into being, on September 29th, 1856, the Bethemanuel Methodist Episcopal Church on Grey St. one of the oldest churches in the city.

Rt. Rev. Willis Nazery came to London from the U.S.A. to be the first Bishop to take charge of the new connexion. He was bishop of the B.M.E. connexion from 1856 to 1875 when he died in Shelburne, N.S. on August 22nd, 1875. Next to become head of the conference was Rt. Rev. R. R. Disney, from 1875 to 1886. During the years between 1856 and 1898 the title of Bishop changed to General Superintendent. In 1898 it was changed to Bishop again. It was changed back to General Superintendent in 1908 and has remained General Superintendent since.

In 1886 Rt. Rev. Walter Hawkins was General Superintendent of the B.M.E. Churches of Canada, until 1894. He died at Chatham in September, 1894. Rt. Rev. C. A. Washington took his turn as head of the connexion, as Bishop from 1894 to 1906.

After Rt. Rev. C. A. Washington, Rev. S. R. Drake was General Superintendent until he died, May 6th, 1927. Then Rev. H. D. Wright was our next Superintendent until his death in 1932.

Since 1932 Dr. T. H. Dawson has been our General Superintendent. Much sympathy was felt for Dr. Dawson when he lost his loving wife, Mrs. Dawson on January 7, 1948.



RT. REV. C. A. WASHINGTON
Bishop B.M.E. Church of Canada
1894-1906
Died at Woodstock, May, 1908

When the B.M.E. Church of London celebrated its 70th Anniversary, Rev. Wellington A. McClure was the pastor of the London Church. He was a former slave from the state of West Virginia, U.S.A. He came to London in 1913 from his former charge in North Buxton. Church trustees at the time were: Frederick Fountain, Michael DeGroat, Mrs. Caroline Stevens, Mrs. Rosetta Moorehead and C. H. Brown. The women took an active part in the church affairs and were sometimes licensed as local preachers.

The stewards were: C. H. Brown, preacher's steward; Lewis De Groat, recording steward and Albert Smith, poor steward.

Class leaders were A. Mackey and W. G. Taylor.

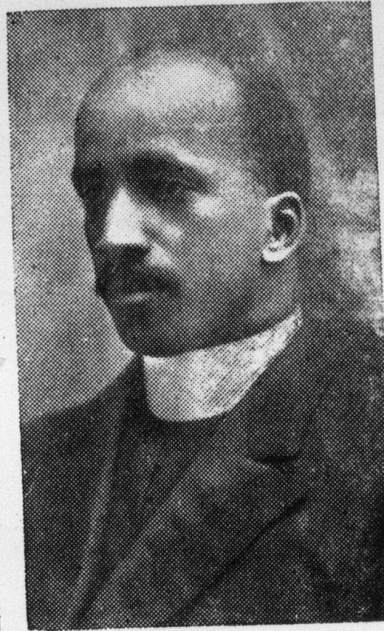
Stewardesses were: Mrs. Rosetta Moorehead, Mrs. Caroline Stevenson, Mrs. Albert Smith, Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mrs. Harris Duncan, Mrs. Rev. W. A. McClure, Mrs. Robert Harris and Mrs. Michael DeGroat.

Mrs. Michael DeGroat was church agent. Mrs. C. H. Brown was superintendent of the Sunday School. Wesley Fountain was the assistant superintendent of the Sunday School. Miss Alice Drake was secretary, and Mrs. C. Stevenson the treasurer. Lewis DeGroat and Stanley Drake were librarians. Teachers were Miss Elsie Walden, Mrs. C. Stevenson, Rev.

W. A. McClure and C. H. Brown.

There was also at this time a Women's Christian Temperance Union which was connected with the church. Meetings were held fortnightly. Mrs. S. R. Drake was president, Miss Mary Harris, secretary, and Mrs. Caroline Stevenson was the treasurer.

The majority of the members of the B.M.E. Church at this time were natives or descendants of natives of three U.S.A. states, West Virginia,



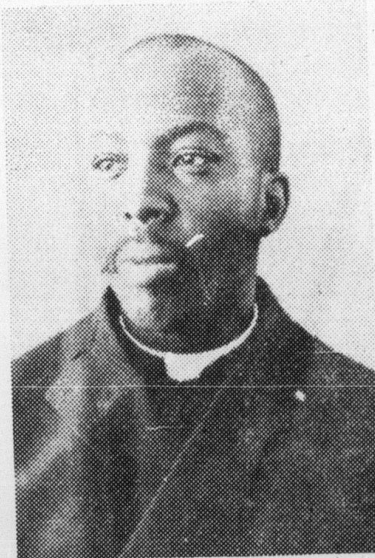
RT. REV. S. R. DRAKE
General Superintendent
B. M. E. Church of Canada
1906-1927
Died May 6th, 1927

Maryland and Kentucky. Former pastors of the B.M.E. Church in London, prior to Rev. W. A. McClure's time were Rev. J. M. Lawson, Rev. Herbert P. Wright, Rev. S. D. Smith, Rev. Mr. Ball and Rev. S. R. Drake.

In the same year that the B.M.E. Church was celebrating its seventieth anniversary the official board one Wednesday evening licensed as local preachers Mrs. Caroline Stevenson and Mr. Lewis DeGroat. Mr. DeGroat was then in his teens; a recording steward of the church and an officer of the Sunday School.

After Rev. W. A. McClure, pastors of the London Church were: Rev. Smith, Rev. F. O. Stewart, Rev. Woodcock, Rev. E. A. Richardson, Rev. T. H. Jackson, the late Rev. C. A. Johnson, Rev. Novie Cheney, Rev. C. S. Johnson and now once again Rev. E. A. Richardson.

In 1932 when Rev. T. H. Jackson came to London he worked hard in the five years that he was here to lift the heavy taxes which had hung over the church for years. He left London in 1937 to take up the charge in Windsor. The late Rev. C. A.



RT. REV. H. D. WRIGHT
General Superintendent
B. M. E. Church of Canada
1927-1932
Died in London, 1932

Jackson succeeded Rev. T. H. Jackson in 1937. Rev. C. A. Johnson before coming to London had the charge in North Buxton. It was he who is responsible for all the recent alterations and improvements made

in the church. And it was he who started the famous southern chicken dinners. The B.M.E. Church has become noted since for its famous southern chicken dinners. Each year one can see faithful workers like Mrs. Sarah Smith on Dundas and Richmond Streets selling tags for the church's annual tag day.

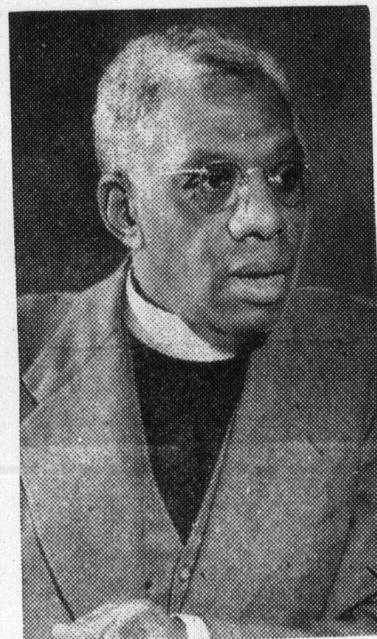
Now with the Rev. E. A. Richardson as pastor, the trustees are: Mr. Carl Kennedy, Mr. Paul Lewis and Mr. A. Brooks.

The stewards are: Mr. W. Fountain and Mr. Jas. Hill. The stewardesses are: Mrs. Jas. Hill, Mrs. A. Brooks, Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. H. Johnson and Mrs. M. Drake. The clerk is Mrs. Jas. Hill. Mrs. C. S. Johnson is president of the Missionary Society.

Mrs. A. Brooks is president of the Willing Workers Society. The financial board consists of Mr. Jas. Brooks, Mrs. H. Johnson and Rev. E. A. Richardson.

When Rev. E. A. Richardson was here for four years in 1928 to 1932 he was successful during those depression years in not only clearing off the mortgage but in installing a new furnace.

Rev. E. A. Richardson, since he has once again returned to London says: "I am more interested in seeing in the future, our church filled, with not only members, friends and well wishers but with more spiritual minded, God loving young people, because," he goes on to say "the



REV. E. A. RICHARDSON
Present Pastor of London
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young people are the church of tomorrow, and they must be prepared for that day."

RELEASE OF NEGRO VETERAN FALSELY ACCUSED REQUESTED OF WAR DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The Adjutant General of the United States Army was today requested by the NAACP to release immediately Joseph R. Davis of New York, now serving a fifteen-year term in the Ft. Leavenworth Prison for alleged participation in a riot in Japan. Davis, a former member of the 3774th Quartermaster Truck Company, was convicted and sentenced by a General Court-Martial in February, 1946.

Franklin H. Williams, N.A.A.C.P. assistant special counsel, cited in his appeal for Davis, release the sworn statements of Cleveland Waters of Philadelphia, Pa., William B. Smith of Gary, Indiana, and Clarence Coates, of Washington, D.C., members of the same army unit, that Davis had not participated in the riot at all and was asleep in his barracks at the time of the alleged trouble. The Adjutant General was urged to submit the case immediately to the Clemency Board with the recommendation that Davis be released in time to return home for the Christmas holidays.

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WALTER WHITE URGES
AID TO EUROPE

Washington, D.C., Jan. 27th—Support of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was given to the European Recovery Program by Walter White, executive Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., speaking before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations today.

Mr. White declared: "Unless the United States and all other nations which are able to do so co-operate in feeding and helping to rehabilitate war-devastated areas of the earth, the physical suffering and the obliteration of hope all over the earth will almost inevitably lead us into another war whose consequences in the light of the splitting of the atom and of a germ warfare, are too frightening to contemplate."

Reminding the United States Senate that hunger is as painful to brown yellow and black stomachs as it is to white ones, the executive secretary urged the extension of aid not only to the countries of Europe but also to the needy in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Mr. White also asked that the European nations included in the recovery plan be required to adopt programs under which their colonies would speedily be given the right of self-determination. "It would be utter folly for the United States to help white Europe to rehabilitate that part of the world and permit it to continue to deny freedom and opportunity to colonial peoples."

Mr. White also pointed out "The steadily rising spiral of inflation which is taxing to the bursting point the budgets of small wage earners and others will inevitably be accentuated by the European Recovery Plan." Since foreign aid will keep in short supply most commodities in domestic consumption, Mr. White urged that a comprehensive system of price controls be formulated and enacted now by Congress.

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NAACP LAUNCHES POLITICAL
ACTION PROGRAM

New York, N.Y., Jan. 29th—Pointing to the importance of the exercise of the franchise by the Negro voter in the United States, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, in a memorandum to NAACP branches, youth councils and college chapters, launched a nationwide registration and voting program this week.

Mr. White is urging all branches to conduct an intelligent and continuing campaign to induce all qualified people in their communities to register and vote. In a follow-up manual giving techniques for implementing the NAACP's political action program, branches are urged to acquaint voters with the records of candidates on such legislative issues within the NAACP program as FEPC, anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and price control.

Both the memorandum and the manual stress the mandate of the 1947 NAACP Convention which acknowledged the importance of political action to the NAACP and, at the same time, reaffirmed the non-partisan status of the association. NAACP units are reminded that branches cannot endorse candidates or any political party.

TO BRIGHTEN LEATHER

If the leather seats and backs of chairs become dull, beat the white of an egg and rub thoroughly. Then polish with a clean, soft cloth.

SHINY GARMENTS

When a garment becomes shiny, sponge it with a solution of one teaspoonful of ammonia to one quart of water. Then press on the wrong side.

TO CLEAN PLAYING CARDS

To clean soiled playing cards, dip a small sponge in spirits of camphor and rub lightly. This restores the newness.

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Household Hints

CARE OF UMBRELLAS

A wet umbrella should be closed and stood with the handle down. This prevents rusting of the point where the ribs join, and also prevents stretching of the cloth.

TO TEST EGGS

Place an egg in a pan of water. If fresh it will lie on its side. If a few days old it will tilt upwards. If stale, it will stand on end. If very old, it will float.

A CONVENIENT HIGH CHAIR

If four rubber-tipped door stops are screwed into the legs of an ordinary chair, it makes an ideal high chair for kitchen work, or for a small child.

PEELING ONIONS

Pour hot water over onions, allow them to remain for a few minutes, then drain and pour cold water over them. Then the skins can be removed easily.

SEWING ROOM HINT

Cut the strips containing buttons and buttonholes from discarded garments and use them under a fly in new garments. It saves time and labor.

INK STAINS ON HANDS

A solution of peroxide of hydrogen containing a few drops of ammonia will remove ink stains from the hands.

WHEN TOO MUCH SALT

If food is too salty, place a wet cloth over the top of the vessel which is cooking. The steam will draw the salt into the cloth.

A SUBSTITUTE BODKIN

A smooth safety pin for thin or lacy material makes an excellent bodkin. The pin holds the material securely.

FACE WRINKLES

Try binding the forehead with a linen bandage soaked in equal parts of alcohol and the white of an egg, allowing the bandage to remain over night.

AN IMPROVED DUSTPAN

Bend the hollow tin handle of the dustpan to a right angle with the pan and insert a discarded broom handle. It avoids much stooping.

THREADING THE NEEDLE

After threading the needle, tie a knot in the end of the thread that was last broken from the spool and the thread will not kink.

METHOD OF TESTING COFFEE

A way to test the quality of coffee is to put a spoonful in a glass of cold water and add a few drops of lemon juice. If the coffee is pure it will remain on top of the water; if not, the water will become brown in color.

TO ENRICH PLANTS

To enrich the earth around plants, water them with a solution consisting of 150 grain of glue to two gallons of water.

AN IMPROVED OVEN

Cut a piece of asbestos paper to fit the bottom of the oven. It retains the heat, saves fuel and prevents articles from burning.

TO SHARPEN SCISSORS

When the scissors are dull, run the blades across the neck of a small bottle, in the same position as though cutting off the neck of the bottle.

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(By Joseph M. Proskauer, President

The American Jewish Committee)
At Geneva, Switzerland, a short time ago, a new page was written into the record of human liberty when the United Nations Commission on Human Rights adopted the first draft of an International Bill of Rights to be submitted to the General Assembly at its next session. The nations of the world have thus recorded the growing realization that the racial, political and religious rights of men and women everywhere are of direct concern to all.

The United Nations in its brief lifetime has taken many steps to insure the dignity of the individual and to establish every person's equal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Not the least of its activities in that direction has been an uncompromising insistence that those on its own staff be judged always by their individual merits, rather than by the color of their skin, their religion or the country of their birth.

The recent appointment of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche as chief of the secretariat of the United Nations Palestine Commission is a case in point. This eminently qualified scholar was called to his new duties as a result of his splendid work with the Trusteeship Division and with the Special Committee on Palestine.

Dr. Bunche is the grandson of a Negro slave in the South. His post is a source of great pride to all of us who look forward to a world in which human beings are truly emancipated—freed forever from the shackles of race prejudice and religious bigotry. The leadership of the United Nations is pointing the way even to such freedom-loving countries as the United States.

We hope the time will come, in not too-distant future, when a well-deserved appointment such as Dr. Bunche's may be viewed, not as a sign of progress, but as a natural event among enlightened men. Until that day, thoughtful citizens will rejoice in each forward step that brings us closer to peace and brotherhood.

JUSTICE FOR JEWS PROCLAIMED BY UNITED NATIONS

(Editorial from Canadian Statesman, Bowmanville, Ont.)

By a two-thirds majority the United Nations Assembly has ratified the partition of Palestine into two autonomous states, Jewish and Arab. This is the first crowning achievement of the United Nations in implementing justice for a minority people. Jews now have a national home under self-government for the first time in 2,000 years. No longer will they be subjected to a dual nationality.

Already the Arabs are beginning acts of terrorism in opposition to the decision of the United Nations. Their aggression must be stopped at once for there can be no compromise, no weakening, not only as a matter of justice but to establish and maintain the authority and prestige of the Assembly.

A five nation commission has been set up to carry out the provisions of the decision and to supervise the creation of the two states by October 1, 1948. The members will be drawn from Bolivia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Panama and the Philippines. These minor states will have to be backed by force agreed to under the Security Council.

With Russia adhering to partition there will be no hope for the Arabs to upset the plan. Aside from Arab resistance the moral force of the whole world is on the side of the Jews. The Arabs were liberated by the Allies in World War I; they sided with Hitler in the late war. Now the must bow to justice for the Jews.

SHERMAN WILLIAMS, ORCHESTRA SET FOR SAN FRANCISCO ENGAGEMENT

Sherman Williams and his Bullitt Recording Orchestra who made their Pacific Coast debut at the Savoy Club in Portland, Oregon after a run of 12 months at Don Robey's Bronze Peacock in Houston have been more than well received on their initial appearance in the west. Held over for five weeks in Portland the Williams crew are slated to open at Louis Landry's New Orleans Swing Club in San Francisco on February 20th.

ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA, — January, 1948 — According to an announcement made by S. J. Phillips, President of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, Mrs. Ada Chappell of South Boston, Virginia, has been appointed postmistress at Booker Washington Birthplace, Virginia, which post office will be opened on February 12th at the birthplace of the famous educator.

Plans are under way to make the inauguration of this U.S. Post Office an outstanding event of Negro History Week, since it is the first time in American history that a Negro has been thus honored.

The Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial is sponsoring special mailing envelopes for this historic occasion. One of these covers bears an authentic picture of Booker T. Washington as a seven year old lad listening to the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation. Thousands of requests for these souvenirs of the post office opening celebration have already been received. They are obtainable at 15 cents each on orders to Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, Rocky Mount, Virginia.

In addition to these individual requests, group orders for large numbers are being placed by schools, and many business organizations of both groups are securing the covers for complimentary mailing to customers and friends. The huge volume anticipated will be further swelled by mailings to stamp collectors throughout the nation.

All these letters will pass through the Booker Washington Birthplace Post Office for cancellation during the opening period. Arrangement is being made to dispatch each with the recently issued George Washington Carver Commemorative Stamp, thus paying homage to two celebrated Americans on this historic occasion.

Mr. Phillips states that according to expressions received, the American public is pleased to have this singular honor given Booker T. Washington.

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