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"CHRISTMAS TO-MORROW"

The world is changing. Daily we have evidence of these changes not only in the material, but also in the moral and spiritual spheres. How many of us are conscious of these changes; how many of us realize that we are being affected; how many of us are trying to adjust ourselves to meet these changing conditions? How many of us are changing with the times?

We do not have to search very deeply into the pages of history and economics to learn how great the difference is today in these fields to what was prevalent a quarter of a century ago. No longer do nations resort to war to settle grave disputes. Today these great controversies are brought before Peace Conferences and League of Nations who investigate both sides of the problem and co-ordinate both mind and muscle to solve the problem. Today, thousands of able bodied men walk the streets of our cities without employment while Labour Unions strive to come to terms with Industrialists and Merchants. What is to be the outcome of these crises? How is the world changing spiritually?

Perhaps if we glance around us and view the evidence of a low spirituality, we will say "Alas poor world." But don't you think there is always a bright side? Can you see it in the new spirit of Christmas that is growing out of our great distresses?

The true thought of Christmas is coming to the front. Mankind the world over is beginning to realize that it is better to give than to receive. The thought of compensating gifts is being overshadowed by the joy of helping others. It is becoming the experience of more and more people every year to find someone who needs the cheer and uplifting that they can give. And each year these people, in ever increasing numbers, are learning that the spirit of Christmas is not

exemplified in Santa Claus but in Christ. Children are being taught that it is far better to be good children because Jesus was a good child and wants them likewise than to be or try to be good just before Christmas so that Santa Claus will remember them. They are being taught that to be able to bring a smile to the face of an unfortunate one is far more important than having their letter to Saint Nick answered. Children are learning today, that it is not the gift that should be appreciated by the giver, for they are learning that God gave Christ for their salvation.

The world is changing, yes. And whether we will admit it or not, we too are changing. Like the flower that blooms in the morning and fades at sunset, we change. When shall we reach the zenith of our perfection of character and personality? The flower is most beautiful in the light of day. Will our lives appear beau-

tiful 'neath the spotlight of Christ's perfection? Are we changing to become more like Him each day?

G. H. TALBOT

HALF-WHITE GIRLS SOLD INTO SLAVERY

Ceylon's Eurasian Problem Tests Christianity, Says Rajah

"Eurasian caste problem in the tea and rubber plantations of Ceylon has been accentuated in the last 70 years by the actions of a few godless white planters," said Rajah A. I. Singham, speaking on "Christ and India" at the business men's noonday Bible club yesterday. There is a half-white, half-black group of outcasts, of whom three girls were recently sold as slaves. If Christianity can break down caste barriers in such cases it will have proved its worth."

VIRGINIA SCHOOL ISSUE APPRECIATION

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 18 — Mary Baldwin College, noted Virginia school for girls, located here, has just issued "an appreciation" in memory of Mrs. Mary Scott, a remarkable colored woman, who, in the capacity of maid, was for twenty-four years a valued member of the institution's staff. The eight page memorial, with a picture of Mrs. Scott on the title page, contains a brief story of her life and glowing tributes to her character and usefulness by the president, the dean and the registrar of the college, and by the president of the student body.

Born in 1880 and brought up in one of the finest Virginia families, that of Dr. Robert E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Mrs. Scott came to Mary Baldwin College in 1910 and remained with the institution until shortly before her death, which occurred in the University Hospital in Charlottesville on August 31. She was buried just across the road from the Mary Baldwin campus.

In his heartfelt tribute, Dr. Jarman, president of the institution, says: "There are many people in the world who are just people. Mary Scott was more, she was very genuinely a person. All who came to Mary Baldwin were sensible of her presence; all who stayed felt her influence and loved her. She brought to the college high ideals of living, in the expression of which she grew to be a great woman. All of us are glad that we had the opportunity many times to assure her of our appreciation and our friendship."

Paying tribute to Lord Irwin, the rajah further declared, "All India agrees that she owes more to one man who has never visited India than all the others who have worked there, namely, Jesus Christ."

We wish One and All A Very Merry Christmas

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS AND THE COMMON PEOPLE

"God must have loved the common people because he made so many of them." As the Christmas season approaches our thoughts naturally turn towards Christ and the common people, the poorer classes, among which He was numbered. If we have ever desired to possess wealth it was for the purpose of elevating suffering humanity. The wish has always been the father of the thought. If we were asked the question, what in this life we should like to accomplish most of all we would readily respond, "To feed His sheep, to feed His lambs, to feed and clothe the poor, to build hospitals which administer to the cure and comfort of the sick and suffering, to create industry for all who are willing to labor, thereby banishing the unemployment situation forever, to administer in every possible way to that part of humanity which suffers and groans, to teach men to know and to understand that one Christ is our master and that we are all brethren.

During the next few days many societies and individuals will be busy giving out of their copious wealth for the purpose of making thousands of poor people happy on Christmas Day. And this spirit is born of a noble impulse. But the poor we have with us always and Christmas day is not an eternity. What shall become of the poor for the remaining 364 days which are still to be lived through after the yuletide has come and gone? Christ has told the world that it were better that one should tie a mill-stone around his neck and cast himself into the sea than to offend one of His little ones. Did He have reference to the poor when He referred to His little ones? He most certainly did. Did Christ love the poor of His day? If He did not then He loved not His Virgin mother, Mary. "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs." But he meant that this should be done on Xmas day and every other day. Let us be careful lest we offend one of his little ones—the poor.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. What a beautiful sentiment expressed therein. Such a spirit has in it the latent power to cure all of the evils of the world. Shall we not, my weak brethren and sisters, make the keeping of the golden rule our resolution of the coming year of our Lord, 1935?



Three years ago LLOYD KELLY, shown above, began his musical career. This week, the 12-year-old son of Fred W. Kelly, 9 Marmora street was awarded the E. W. G. Quantz gold medal for high standing obtained in his examinations from the elementary to primary piano grade. The medal is given in the public school department of music.

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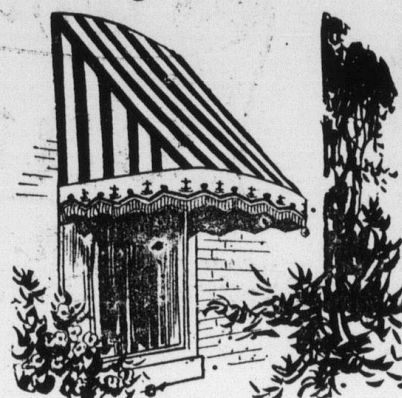
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Harlem Briefs



By C.E. Lee

Under The Harlem Moon

Mose is a DOCILE soul...In the midst of the Coal Bin ofays have the rank audacity to forcibly bar him from the various night clubs...And Mose is obsequiously silent...The Harlem sin-spot owner is far from being a smart entrepreneur...Mr. and Mrs. Eddie, from Greenpoint, journey to the Coal Bin to see its inhabitants frolic under the Harlem moon...When he crashes the "Aristocrat of Harlem" and the Ubangi Club, not a dark face crosses the horizon of his vision...The tourist is openly dismayed and disappointed.

Our white brother's prejudice is, by far, more active than his craving for money...A chap whose name will go unmentioned recently invited three white friends up to visit Harlem haunts...quite naturally they heard of the much-publicized Cotton and Ubangi Clubs and expressed desire to visit them.

They first went to the Ubangi Club. They were abruptly stopped at the door and informed that "Negroes and Whites" were positively barred from the premises. The same humiliation was perpetrated at the Cotton Club, "The Aristocrat of Harlem", because was a "mixed party."

Such clubs should be padlocked and their owners run out of Harlem. The owners contend, illogically and with a flavor of prejudice, that their patrons object to Mose at the same clubs they visit. This is obviously absurd. This is saying, in effect: "I am going to Paris but move all the Frenchmen out."

While these clubs might do some meagre good in the way of publicizing and employing Negro performers, still this doesn't spring from any desire to share their money with Mose. It is purely hard and calculating business—and Mose should be hard and calculating about his freedom—especially in the Coal Bin.

HOME OF HAPPY FEET

This is the one place in New York where the twain does meet and happily too. The porter who pulls a Georgia Buggy down Sixth avenue in the day may be found pushing his boss' daughter here in the night. A rotund individual who has been struggling pitifully under the weight of an equally rotund female growls at his neighbor who, in the heat of a trick step, carelessly trods on his pet bun-ion—They exchange evil grimaces—but the dance is the thing—and they slide off avoiding altercation. A short, frowsy white girl, with left-wing leanings, rightly looks up enraptured at a dark companion. He

seems indifferent to her romantic gaze. A timid youth from the southland may be heard asking a sleek slicker where fun can be had in this town. He is immediately hustled off by his, now, boon companion. Shop girls from downtown hold forth in their Klein's basement finery.

Perspiring couples melt into each other as Chic Webb's band wails the strains of some current hit. A beaming, grinning brownskin tosses his lithe partner around with gleeful abandon. This is the Home of Lindy Hop. Shorty and Essalina, the famed Lindy Hop team, had their novitiate here. The equally proficient team of George and Betty can be seen nightly at Small's Paradise, where they are featured performers. The dance instructors seem to have been selected by a knowing and skillful hand. Charles Buchanan the manager, surveys the scene with esthetic satisfaction but with economic unhappiness—business is not so flourishing these days. But depression or no depression the boys must have their weekly fling. The charm and patience the hostesses exhibit when carrying around a lumbering partner is something to marvel at. Besides the bands, these girls are the super-saleswoman of the Savoy. I sometimes wonder if these serenely lovely girls ever frown. But I guess they remember they are in the "Home of Happy Feet."

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WINDSOR, Ont., Nov. 12 — The First Baptist Church and the Aubin Road Baptist Church exchanged programme to the Temple Church Union on Victoria Ave. A very excellent evening was enjoyed by all in service with the three unions.

Miss Hunter of the Aubin Road Baptist Church gave a most interesting address on the exploits of Dr. Stanley Switzer a German doctor who is doing very renowned work in French Equatorial Africa toward the curing of severe diseases (leprosy, sleeping sickness) among the African natives. His staff at the hospital other than he and his wife comprises natives who are taught by him to administer the many applications necessary for these diseases.

The topic dealt with moral courage of a Christian man. Before his embarking to Africa he published articles on the works of Bach the renowned musician. He is himself an accomplished organist. These successes left him dissatisfied with his will to be of help to humanity. So, in 1913, he began the work of finding cures for these humans who so sorely needed it.

The remainder of the program consisted of vocal numbers by Misses Dorothy Taylor and Helen Lawson who gave a vocal duet and Mr. Eugene Kersey, a vocal solo. Their assistant at the piano, Miss Annie Chatters.

At the close of the meeting members present from the three churches enjoyed a sociable half hour during which luncheon was served by the Ladies of the Temple Church.

LONDON NOTES

The Sunday School will hold the annual Xmas concert in the auditorium of the B. M. E. Church, Dec. 20.

The Willing Workers under the supervision of Mrs. T. H. Jackson and daughter Marguerite held a musical program and lunch in the B. M. E. church, Dec. 10

Miss Lila Smith was the week end guest of Evelyn Jenkins.

Miss Smith has taken up residence in Montreal and is now on her vacation visiting with her family in Woodstock.

The regular night class in Sociology will continue in January under the leadership of Col. Bown.

Miss Anne Budd who has been confined to Victoria Hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown is rapidly recovering.

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By J. Max Smith

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oughly discussed at the newly organ-
ized people's labor union meeting
held at Brewster Center, 637 Brew-
ster St., last Monday evening.Among the speakers present were
Hon. Donald R. Marshall, assistant
general employment manager of the
Ford Motor Co., one of our race who
through years of experience in deal-
ing with the unemployment situation,
is indeed capable.Another speaker of prominence was
Judge Jeffries of Recorders Court who
brought some very interesting facts
to light, among which was the ab-
sence of Race men in Recorders Court
and the reasons why.Other speakers of the evening were
Arthur Caruso, chairman of the un-
ion; Ralph Bradley, Secretary and
Bill Perkins, prominent in business
and politicsThere are at present approximately
135,000 race people in the City of De-
troit, 48,000 of whom are on the wel-
fare list. It is the purpose of the
People's Labor Union to put as many
of this number to work as possible.
Considering the present condition of
things this is indeed a problem and
can be solved only through whole-
hearted co-operation in patronizing
the business men of our Race and
those employers of Race help. It is
the duty of every one of us to fight
together in all sincerity for an honest
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WHEN NEGRO BARRED**A group of Massachusetts delegates
to the Federal crime conference
threatened today to pack up their bags
and leave a capital hotel which re-
fused admission to a Negro.They said that Matthew W. Bul-
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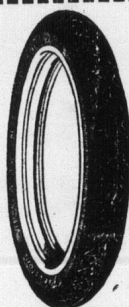
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WINDSOR NEWS

The annual public event of the Youthful Art Club took place at the Patterson Collegiate Friday evening, Nov. 23 in the presentation of the three-act comedy "Girl-Shy." A very favourable crowd was present to witness the humorous incidents in the life of Tom Arsdale as he underwent the steps from a girl-shy boy the fiancée of one, Babara Sanford, who it appeared was not quite up to the standard of Tom's dad's choice for a daughter-in-law, who happens to be Sylvia Webster. Lloyd Lawson as Tom and Everett Ball as Oke Stimson, the playboy friend of Tom serve to keep things alive. While it appears Sylvia and Babs will at any moment fly at each other, Asma and Berdie are more amiable as played by Velma Browning and Annie Chatters. Cecil Craven and Roy Dungy as the old maid and the father are more or less in their natural role and Lyle Talbot as the Dean who is fond of the old maid is very amusing. Of course, Dorothy Ball as Oke's girl friend knows all about the tricks of Babs, but neither Henry Allen as Chuck Mayo or Annabelle Shreve as Sylvia can figure any of it out, for Gladys Talbot as Babs has them fooled. And Grant Talbot as Alfred Tennyson Murgatoyd is poet superbly in name. In all it was a very good plot and well acted.

The sixtieth birthday of Rev. J. C. Browning, of Chatham Township was celebrated at a British Methodist Episcopal church with a very delectable banquet prepared and sponsored by the Usher Board. More than fifty of the friends and relatives of the family were in attendance and enjoyed a very splendid program including numbers by Miss J. Woodcock, Mrs. Ona Richardson and words of congratulation by Rev. Plummer, B. M. E. Church; Rev. Woodcock; Rev. H. L. Talbot, First Baptist Church and Joseph Smith, a very old friend. The 60 candles were lit by Velma Browning, the second oldest of thirty-seven grandchildren, of eight children. Rev. Mr. Browning has been a resident of Chatham Township since Nov. 18, 1870, and is well known throughout Ontario.

Eight of the Scott Sisters, who are part of a family of sixteen formerly resident at Puce, Ont. rendered an enjoyable musical programme in the Walkerville Baptist Church, Tuesday, Nov. 27 before a large and appreciative audience.

The B. M. E. Church choir were featured jointly with the still pictures of "Green Pastures" in the Westminster Church, on Tecumseh Road, Friday, Nov. 30. The stills were beautiful and impressive, emphasized by the incidental music by the choir, directed by Mr. Charles Ball, chorister.

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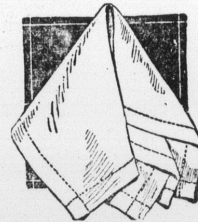
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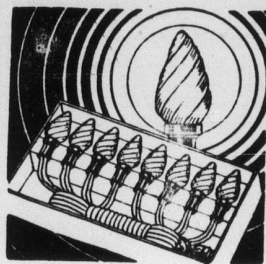
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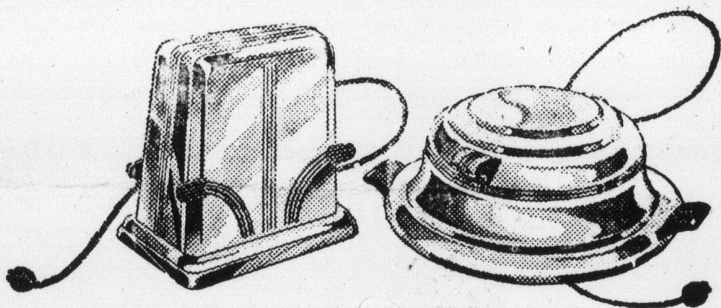
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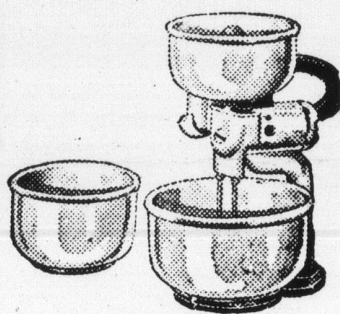
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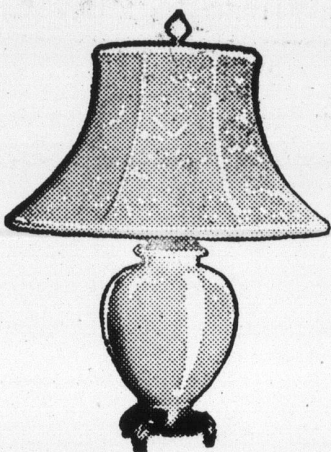
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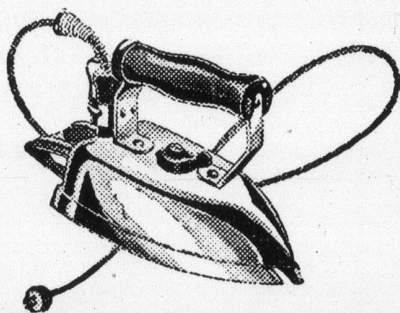


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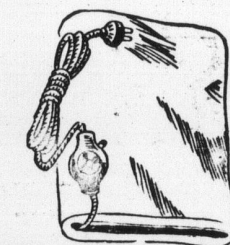


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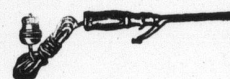
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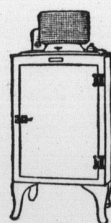
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