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TRULY GREAT IS SATCHEL

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In the midst of a torrid political campaign, some years ago in a Central American country, Pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige and his barnstorming Negro team arrived in town. One of the candidates, a longtime aficionado of baseball and Satchel, made his rival a sporting proposition: let the lection turn on the game; he would bet on Satchel, and whoever won the bet would win the election. The bet was made, Satchel won in a breeze, but didn't stick around for thanks: he detected the flash of machetes from the defeated candidate's supporters.

It is characteristic of Satchel Paige hero and narrator of this tale, that he does not remember when or where the episode took place. He is hazy about his age, his won-lost record, and the number of no-hitters he has pitched. Last week, when the Cleveland Indians signed him up, Paige became the first Negro pitcher in the American League.

(The Brooklyn Dodgers gave 17-year old Negro Pitcher Dan Bankhead a brief trial last year, sent him back to a Dodger farm.)

(His name is also arguable: it came perhaps from his suit-case-shaped shoes (size 12), perhaps from his early days as a Mobile redcap.)

Born, but When?
Satchel has been around the game so long that his memory—and his arm—ain't what they used to be. But he still makes the modest claim that he is the "world's greatest pitcher." Satchel Paige was born in Mobile, Ala., 39, 43 or more probably 45 years ago, son of a landscape gardener and a mother who hated baseball. He was one of a family of nine—or sixteen. This mathematical inexactitude did not trouble Cleveland's President Bill Veeck last week. For all Veeck cared, Satchel might be "two or three decades" older than the next man—as long as he could pitch. Bob Feller had told Veeck that Paige was the relief man the league-leading Indians so desperately needed.

Satchel Paige figures that in 20-odd years he has pitched at least 2,000 games. Record books in the Negro leagues are mostly blank or spotted pages, but even the authenticated feats of the long (6 ft. 3 in.) and languid Satchel are almost as incredible as the legend.

In 1933 Satchel pitched in 42 games, won 31, lost four. In 1936 he pitched (and won) five games in one week. His idolizing Negro fans expect him to play in every game. Satchel once pitched a no-hitter in Pittsburgh, drove all night to Chicago, shut out another team in twelve innings next day. Pitching for the Kansas City Monarchs in the 1942 Negro World Series, Showoff Satchel purposely passed a man to get Catcher Josh Gibson (Negro baseball's Babe Ruth) at bat, then forced him to send up a pop fly.

In exhibitions against white teams, Paige has faced and humbled the best. He struck out Rogers Hornsby five times in one afternoon. Joe DiMaggio nicked Satchel for one slim single in five games (said Joe: "Best pitcher I ever saw"). After dropping a 13-inning, 1-0 pitching duel to Paige, Dizzy Dean paid Satchel a dizzying tribute: "Me and Satch could win 60 games in one season." (To a reporter, Satchel Paige once confided the secret of his success: "Diet. I eat only fried foods.")

Born With Control
Playing summers in the U.S. and winters in Central and South America, Satchel Paige earned \$36,000 one year, and spent it in handfuls (he has a white Lincoln, a red Cadillac, a red jeep, a pallid station wagon and an arsenal of over 20 shotguns). Lately he has pitched only in three to five-inning stints. Some of Satchel's speed is gone, but not his control ("I was born with control").

Last week, just before signing Paige (for a reported \$10,000 for the rest of the season), Bill Veeck watched him throw about 50 assorted pitches to Manager Lou Boudreau, second best hitter in the American League. Only three or four were wide of the plate, and most of them had stuff. In his two-inning relief debut against the St. Louis Browns three days later, Satchel allowed two singles, no runs, struck out one, walked nobody.

Did he think he could last in the majors? Said Paige: "Plate's the same size."

"SATCHEL" TO DO RELIEF PITCHING
Cleveland (NNPA) — Leroy (Satchel) Paige, pitching ancient, was signed by the Cleveland Indians on July 7th as a relief pitcher who has something on the ball and can keep the ball in the strike zone.

That is the opinion of baseball experts who know that the Indians have badly needed this season a relief pitcher. How much help Paige can give the Indians now is problematical. But ten or fifteen years ago he might have been a sure-bet to win thirty games and pitched them to both American League and world championships.

Bill Veeck, president of the Indians, insists that he did not sign Paige as a publicity stunt. He believes Paige can supply some of the pitching help the Indians need to keep them in front of the American League pennant chase.

So does Lou Boudreau, the Indians' manager. At a secret tryout, Boudreau warmed up Paige, and then grabbed a bat and hit against him. It was the first time Boudreau had seen him in action.

Paige is still fast. "I ain't as fast as I used to be," he admitted, "but I'm a better pitcher. I used to overpower 'em; now I out-cute 'em." One thing, major leaguers will not scare Paige. He has pitched against enough of them in exhibition games to know that he can fool them just as he has ball players in the colored circuits and down below the border.

Friends Celebrate Joint Birthday

When two men share the same birthday it's an occasion to celebrate, believe Frank Howson, 95 Glenwood Avenue, and Jack Davis, of Toronto. Although unrelated, the men have been close friends for several years, and plan their birthdays together each year. They celebrated their 54th at the home of Mr. Howson on Saturday, with 100 guests present. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Howson are former school chums, both being from Chatham.

At the joint birthday party, held on the lawn of the Howson home, friends were present not only from the city, but from Toronto, Detroit, Cleveland, Brantford and Ingersoll. Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. John Mallott, of Brantford and Mr. and Mrs. James and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Vant, of Ingersoll; Dr. and Madame Brewton of Toronto accompanied by Mrs. Hopewell; Mrs. May Smith, Cleveland; Mrs. J. W. Marshall, Toronto; Mrs. Mamie Prior, Toronto; Mrs. Rose Armstead, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Edith Archer, Detroit; Mrs. and Mrs. Leon Harris, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Proctor, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. John Van, Detroit; Mr. Lloyd M. Johnson, Detroit and also the staff of the Detroit Tribune; Mr. Louis Harris; Mrs. Alicia M. Davis, Cleveland and a great number of friends and well-wishers of the city.

Anniversary Of Chatham Church

The month of July is to be observed by First Baptist Church, Chatham, Ont. as Anniversary and Memorial month. I shall have been pastor here 3 years. The plan is to use all the Sunday afternoons in the month, 4, 11, 18, 25. Sunday, July 4th, 3:30 p.m., Minister's Day. All the assistant pastors and pastor's assistants of Amherstburg Association will give music and messages.

Sunday, July 11th, 3:30 p.m. — Deacons' day. Program by all deacons from the First Baptist Buxton; Shrewsbury; First Baptist; Union Baptist; Queens St.; Dresden and Home Church.

Sunday, July 18th, 3:30 p.m. — Choirs' Day. A battle of Church music. Choirs of B.M.E. and First Baptist, Buxton; Prince Albert; Union Baptist; Queen St., Dresden; and Chatham City Churches.

Sunday, July 25th — Missionary Societies' Day. Missionary Circles from First Baptist, Buxton; Prince Albert; Union Baptist; Queen St., Dresden; First Baptist, Chatham.

On each Sunday afternoon memorials will be dedicated. Hymn books—Mrs. Anna Hurst; Outside, Vestibule, Office, Rest Rooms, Lights etc.; Transom over street door presented by the Amherstburg Association.

Slave Escapes From Louisiana Farm

ST. LOUIS (NNPA) — Henry Williams, a colored boy who said he has been enslaved for as long as he can remember on a 560-acre farm owned by a Louisiana parish official, was assured of a permanent home Tuesday, July 6th, with the family of William Brown, Venice, a St. Louis suburb.

The 15-year-old boy who exhibited 1½ inch square scars on the left side of the abdomen and the back of his left hand, which he said were the marks of branding, escaped from the farm by diving from a window of a loft in a barn, swimming and wading through ponds and swamps and hitch hiking a ride on a produce truck.

He told his story to Mrs. Mary Franklin in Venice. He told her his master had a small piece of tin with a wire handle.

He branded the youth with this and threatened to shoot a hole in his heart if he ran away.

Williams said he had never been off the farm which is in Tangipahoa Parish, sixty miles north of New Orleans. The barn loft in which he slept was locked during his sleeping hours. To escape he broke the only window.

When he reached the highway, he assisted a produce truck driver change a tire on his truck and was offered a ride in return. He came to the East side, because that is where the trucker was headed.

Barefoot, Ragged
When he arrived he was barefooted and his clothes were ragged. He told Mrs. Franklin he had always worn cast off clothes of other farm workers, most of whom were white people who had been convicted of law violations and whose freedom had been purchased by the farm owner.

Lives With Friends
The husky youth, who appears older than 15, is not in good health, a physician said, because of diet deficiencies.

He said he had been fed beans for every meal on the farm. His parents, he was told, were killed in an automobile accident.

Since shortly after his arrival on the East Side, Williams has been staying with Otis Butler and Edward Miles, Kerr Island.

On Tuesday, however, he moved in with the Browns. They will send him to school and try to build his health through proper diet.

PICNIC AT SPRINGBANK, CIVIC HOLIDAY! COME ONE, COME ALL!

The Community Family Club will hold a Union Picnic on Monday, Aug. 2nd, Civic Holiday at Springbank Park. Clubs and organizations are invited to unite and make this picnic the best ever had. Ball games, races, refreshments and dancing are to be staged for the day. Baskets will be spread at 4 o'clock on plot No. 16.

E. Embree Heads The Liberia Co.

Dr. Edwin R. Embree, President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund until its termination June 30, has been elected President of the Liberian Foundation, it was announced last night in New York City by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., chairman of the Board of the Liberia Company.

The foundation, whose leadership Dr. Embree has already assumed, will assist in the advancement of health, welfare, and education programs in the West African Republic of Liberia.

The Liberian Foundation was set up last fall in conjunction with the Liberia Company, a joint American-Liberian organization which is developing both the human and natural resources of Liberia. Ten per cent of the stock of the Liberia Company has been given to the Foundation as its initial grant.

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS HOLD THEIR ELECTION

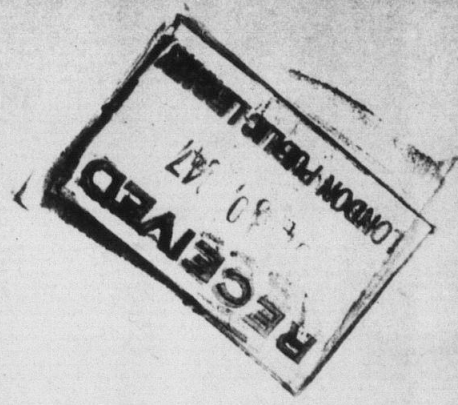
Election of officers of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters held their election of officers at the Home Service Club. Mr. Frank Cromwell, president by acclamation, also Mr. L. Cromwell as Secretary Treasurer, Mr. Leo Chaviler was elected 1st vice-president, Mr. Stanley Grazell, 2nd vice-president; Mr. Desmond Davis was elected to act as delegate to Detroit, Mich. in September to the international convention of Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters. Other offices will be filled by appointment.

JACKIE ROBINSON CHANGING BOSSES' MINDS

Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson is fast changing the minds of his Brooklyn fans and bosses. He has been subjected to heavy criticism all year from the New York press. Jackie has really been showing great speed in the infield and considerable power at bat. All those crepe hangers who went about bemoaning the misfortunes of Jackie's sophomore jinx and overweight problems will have to change to a livelier tune. Jackie and Campanella will be in the lineup when the Brooks hit Cleveland Wednesday.

AND STILL ANOTHER

After making American League history by signing a colored pitcher, Cleveland has signed another Negro, Al Smith, of the Cleveland Buckeyes. Smith is batting .302 and leads the Negro American League in stolen bases with 27. Smith has been a standout hustler in the outfield for the Buckeyes all season. Veeck is leaving no stone unturned to improve his team. In the meantime he is being subjected to much criticism from fans, and he certainly deserves credit for his courageous action.



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LONDON NOTES

B.M.E. Church Receive New Minister
Sunday evening found Bethemanuel members ready to welcome their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Edwards and son from Windsor who will conduct the services. They were introduced by Rev. Clifford Johnson.

Rev. Edwards' address to the congregation was on the subject, "Rebuild the Altars."

For Sunday evening next Mr. Jack Evans will encourage the young people to take charge of the service.

Mrs. Susie Johnson will also sponsor a drive assisted by Mrs. Howson to rebuild the Sunday School.

Mrs. Maude Cabera is reported as doing nicely in Victoria Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard, of Toronto were the guests of Mrs. Pearl Brown for a few days, also friends in Lucan, Ont.

Mrs. B. McCurdy and children are also the guests of Mrs. Brown.

Dr. and Madame Brewton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howson during their holidays.

Mrs. Kay Livingston and son are visiting with her sister, Mrs. E. Turner and parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson. Kay is on the air every Friday evening over CFPL London at 10:30. Be sure to tune in and hear her.

On the week end of July 3rd and 4th a large number of young people spent a memorable time at the Y.W.C.A. Summerholme. A crowd numbering 36 in all spent the week end swimming, hiking, playing tennis, croquet, ball and getting acquainted. Some of the guests at the week end which was sponsored by a group of London young people were: Misses Julie Snowden and Doris Mallott, of Brantford; Misses Beatrice Timbers and Lois Carter, of Chatham and Dresden; Granville Petgrave, Bill and Milton Myers, James and Austin Bowen, Carl Harris and Walter Clark, all of these young men were from Toronto. Misses Bernice Bowen and Eva Waterman, of Toronto, were also present. Among our American guests were: Messrs. Ewin Sutherland, Ponto Wiggins and John Took, all of Detroit. Reports are still being heard of the enjoyable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogan, of Detroit, visited with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, for a few days, also Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ford, of Toronto were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

Deaconess Addie Aylstock visited in the city en route to Nova Scotia.

Deaconess Susie Johnson is en-

joying her studies at Western University, also some classes at the Friendship House.

Mrs. F. Howson accompanied Deaconess Johnson and sons Clarence and David to Owen Sound by motor to attend the 92nd annual conference of the B.M.E. Church.

Mr. James Brooks and his son Garnett also attended the Conference at Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vant, of Detroit, Mich. are the guests of their mother Mrs. N. Harris on their 29th wedding anniversary.

FAMILY REUNION

On Saturday, July 17th, one of the largest family reunions took place when relatives of Mrs. M. Harris motored from all parts of the United States and Canada, gathered at the home of Mrs. Vant's mother, Mrs. M. Harris. The guests took charge of the home, supervised by Mrs. Vant who was celebrating her 29th wedding anniversary and prepared a banquet fit for a king.

The day was spent in sing songs and games, later attending a reception at the home of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson. Covers were spread for over 100 guests.

Toasts were made and good wishes expressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson on their 54th birthday.

CHATHAM NOTES

Club 21 again sponsored a very successful dance at the J. G. Taylor Community Centre. A large number attended.

The friends and relatives of Mrs. Sarah Henderson of Chatham were greatly bereaved at her passing, after a short illness. Mrs. Harrison is survived by her husband, three daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

Misse Artis and Carol Shreve have been spending a large part of their holidays in Detroit. Carol has returned home, while Artis has accepted summer employment in the United States.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Pauline Guest who has been at home following a recent illness is recuperating satisfactorily.

Miss Letitia Burke, of Chatham is spending her holidays away from her studies in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Miss Gloria Robinson, who has been attending school in Detroit, Mich., has returned home for the summer holidays.

Miss Verlyn Ladd of Dresden is attending summer classes at Normal School in London, while on her vacation from school teaching in Dresden.

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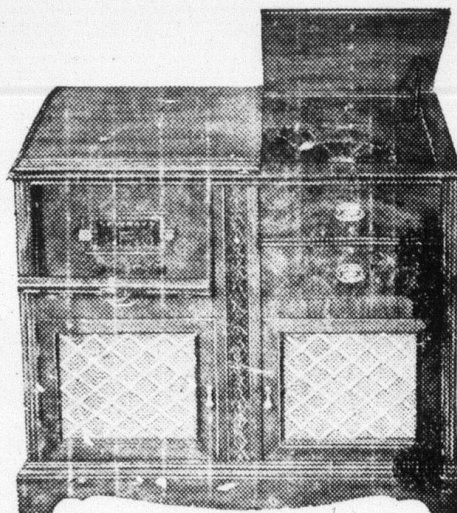
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On Tuesday, July 17th, the 92nd Annual Conference of the B.M.E. Church took place under the General Supervision of Rev. Dawson. There was a large attendance and the Conference will close on the 19th.

Rev. Williams, of the Montreal Church, gave the opening address to a large audience. The service was a Communion service. The choir of the church sang two spirituals, "Where Could I Find a Lord."

On Tuesday evening, the 18th, a religious message was given by G. Thomas Douglas on the subject: "The Lord." At the meeting 3 new members were added into the church.

On Thursday, July 20th, the League met in session. Their topic was "Increase Church Membership." This provoked much discussion.

The year: Mrs. L. H. Ontario, President; Hattie Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. Edna Taylor, Treasurer; Fort Erie, The stalled during the which was addressed by G. D. Topic: "Flourishes." During the message in song by Marion C. Newell, the Heart of Jesus Within."

During the day, a meeting was held for the wives and members. A noon session was held at Toronto spoke of the "Church."

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92nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF B.M.E. CHURCH HELD IN OWEN SOUND.

On Tuesday, June 29th in the City of Owen Sound, the 92nd Annual Conference of the B.M.E. Church took place under the leadership of the General Superintendent, Rev. J. T. Dawson. There were 40 ministers in attendance and 70 delegates. The Conference will carry on until July 6th.

Rev. Williams, representative of Montreal Church gave an inspiring opening address on "Going Forward" to a large audience. Following the service Communion was observed. The choir of the Church rendered two spirituals, "Farther Along" and "Where Could I Go but to the Lord."

On Tuesday evening an evangelistic message was delivered by Rev. G. Thomas Dougherty of Fort Erie, on the subject: "Let us Return Unto the Lord." At the close of this meeting 3 new members were received into the church.

On Thursday, the Ministers' Wives' League met in the 20th annual session. Their topic: "How can we increase Church Attendance" which provoked much thought and helpful discussion. Officers elected for the year: Mrs. L. B. Jackson, of Toronto, President; Vice President, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, of London; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Geard, of N. Buxton; Treasurer, Mrs. Dougherty, of Fort Erie. These officers were installed during the evening service, which was addressed by Rev. B. A. Geard. Topic: "As the Palm Tree Flourishes." During the evening a message in song was given by Mrs. Marion C. Newby, of Toronto: "Into the Heart of Jesus" and "Something Within".

During the day a memorial service was held for the deceased ministers' wives and members. During the afternoon session Rev. T. Jackson, of Toronto spoke on the "State of the Church."

On Friday the 38th Annual Session of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society.

On Friday an enthusiastic audience was present as the Missionary Society carried on their session. Mrs. Cora B. Ladd, of Montreal, was re-elected president for the coming year. Other officers who were returned were: Mrs. Flossie Stewart, of Windsor, recording secretary; Mrs. Ona Richardson, of Windsor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marva Richardson, of Toronto and Mrs. Mary Howard of Toronto, treasurer. At the conclusion of the business sessions Mayor E. C. Sargent, on behalf of the city officials, welcomed the ministers, delegates and friends to Owen Sound and informed them provisions had been made to have cars to take them sight seeing through the city. The mayor's welcome was responded to by Rev. I. H. Edwards, of Windsor.

Miss Primmer, local Alliance Tabernacle deaconess brought greetings from her church to the conference which was replied to by Miss Addie Aylestock, B.M.E. deaconess, of Toronto.

Mrs. Maude Harrison, on behalf of the Owen Sound B.M.E. Church extended a welcome to the visitors and Mrs. Edna Parker of Toronto responded for the Conference.

Throughout Saturday the 50th Annual session of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was in progress. Miss Agnes W. A. Clinton, of Toronto, presided when the delegates presented reports from various Sunday Schools and Societies. After the evening session Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Jr. entertained the delegates at their home.

Much praise must be given Mrs. Newby for her contributions to the conference in song which inspired all who heard her.

On Monday evening the ministers

were given their various appointments. Rev. Edwats, London; Rev. Richardson, Windsor; Rev. Stewart, St. Catharines; Rev. C. Johnson, Woodstock and Stratford, also financial agent; Rev. T. Jackson, Toronto; Rev. Geard, N. Buxton; Rev. Crawford, Brantford; Rev. Walter Johnson, Nova Scotia; Rev. Williams, Montreal; Rev. Wright, Fort Erie; Rev. Cornish, Owen Sound; Rev. Plumber, Financial Agent; Mrs. Carl Woodbeck, Financial Agent; Mrs. Maude Harrison, Financial Agent. Deaconesses: Mrs. S. Johnson, Mrs. A. Aylstock.

Ordnained Elders: Mr. Cornish, Mr. Crawford, Toronto.

Rev. Williams, who is an ordained minister of Jamaica, was received

MYRDAL SEES GAINS IN NEGRO STRUGGLE

New York — The Negro's struggle for equality is facilitated not only by the Constitution and the laws of the land, but also by "the glorious American ideals of democracy, liberty and equality," Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, author of "An American Dilemma," told a distinguished dinner gathering at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel recently.

The famous Swedish statesman and social scientist spoke under the auspices of the Committee of 100, the fund raising organization for the Legal Defense and Educational Fund of the NAACP. Sharing the program with Dr. Myrdal were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bartley Crum, publisher of the newspaper PM, Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, Walter White and Roy Wilkins. Musical numbers were rendered by the baritone, Joseph James.

"Negroes are constantly gaining" in their pursuit of liberty, Dr. Myrdal asserted. "They have always many of the best whites fighting with them. They can fight wholeheartedly while their adversaries have a split personality. They have not only the law, but the national creed on their side." Gains are being made, Dr. Myrdal continued, in spite of the fact that "the treatment of the Negro people is America's greatest and most conspicuous scandal. . . . For the colored peoples all over the world whose rising influence is axiomatic this scandal is salt in their wounds."

Continuing discrimination against Negroes "hurts our leadership in world affairs more than any other aspect of American life," Mrs. Roosevelt said. "It is our most vulnerable spot and practically every day we are attacked in international conferences because of it. While we now give world leadership in the economic field and potentially in the military, we will not achieve our destiny until we are able to give leadership in the moral and spiritual fields."

Mrs. Roosevelt, an American delegate to the United Nations, said that the American cause and prestige among foreign delegations were greatly enhanced by the recent Supreme Court decision which banned enforcement of restrictive real estate covenants by state or federal courts.

Mr. White asserted that in the four short years since publication of "An American Dilemma," much of its accurate information has been outmoded by the swiftly changing opinion on the race question, both as a national and as a world problem. "The uncompromising struggle led by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People highlighted by the United States Supreme Court decisions outlawing the white primary, restrictive covenants and educational inequalities, have caused to grow and to become increasingly articulate decent public opinion both white and Negro, in the South and throughout the country."

While great changes are shaping up the NAACP secretary said, the irony and tragedy of race relations in America are revealed by our activities at home and abroad. Today we executed seven Nazis in Landsberg, Germany for killing and maiming fellow Germans in compliance with racist theories, he pointed out. "But the chief of police who blinded Isaac Woodard walks the bloody soil of South Carolina a free man while his Senator, Burnet Baybank, demands that racial inequality be written into the selective service act."

In response to an appeal by Mr. Wilkins, a total of \$6,657.50 was contributed to the Legal Defense and Educational Fund by organizations and persons attending the dinner. The largest contribution, \$2,000 came from the ALF International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, contributed 1,000. Other large contributions included \$500 from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and \$250 from the Jewish Labor Committee. Contributions previously raised and announced at the dinner were \$7,500 from the Rosenwald Fund and \$1,000 from the CME Church.

NAACP OFFERS AID TO SENATOR TAYLOR

New York — Support of Senator Glen Taylor and others arrested in Birmingham for refusal to abide by Jim Crow regulations on entering a Negro church was today announced by Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a wire to the Senator who was fined \$50.00 and given a suspended sentence of 180 days, Mr. Marshall offered the "resources and services of our legal department in your fight against Alabama's archaic segregation laws." The Association, Mr. Marshall said, has been engaged in "a war against Jim Crow for nearly forty years and is ready to assist in your case in any way possible. Do not hesitate to call upon us in carrying your case to higher courts."

At the same time Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary, wired Eugene Connor, Birmingham police commissioner, protesting "the arrest of Senator Taylor and others who were scheduled to address a meeting of the Southern Negro Youth Conference in your city. We protest not only the treatment of Senator Taylor but the maintenance of segregation as a means of denying free assembly and free speech."

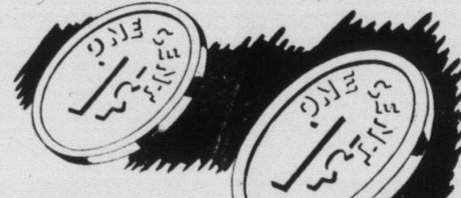
The conclusion is inescapable, Mr. Wilkins said, "that these arrests were political in nature designed to aid anti-civil rights candidates in the Alabama primary."

"HOME AGAIN"

"Home Again" is the name of a series of public service broadcasts which will be carried by the CBC over the Trans-Canada network starting Sunday, August 1st, 1948. It will be heard from 5:33 to 5:45 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on the stations of this network for five consecutive Sundays continuing up to Sunday, August 29th.

The series will be the story of Charles Grant, a Canadian businessman who spent the past 25 years in Europe and who because of his assistance to the victims of the Nazis was entangled in the web of Hitlerite intrigue and chicanery which eventually landed him in various German prisons and concentration camps throughout Europe from 1939 to 1945.

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New York — Charging that a Negro veteran had been given the run-around when he sought a commission in the New York State National Guard, Franklin H. Williams, assistant special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has written the Adjutant General of New York asking "What action, if any, your office contemplates to correct this undemocratic and wasteful practice of the New York National Guard in refusing to commission qualified Negroes solely because of their race."

The veteran, Frank R. Lawton of Brooklyn, served as a lieutenant in quartermaster and transportation units during World War II. A graduate of the Officer Candidate School quartermaster corps, Mr. Lawton served overseas from May, 1943 until November, 1945. He was shunted from one unit to another and was finally informed that Army regulations prevented acceptance of his application for a commission.

ILLINOIS NAACP BRANCHES TO PUSH REGISTRATION

Decatur, Ill. — Registration of all potential voters and a drive for the total elimination of segregation and discrimination in Illinois were the principal objectives of a two-day conference held here for the purpose of federating the 27 Illinois branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People into a state-wide organization.

The conference which closed with a mass meeting at the Trinity CME Church recently was attended by delegates representing a total membership of 25,000. Addressing the closing meeting were Franklin H. Williams, NAACP assistant special counsel, and Gloster B. Current, the Association's director of branches.

Herbert L. Wright, Maywood, was elected state president. Other officers were first vice-president, Levi Morris, Chicago; second vice-president, Fred L. Harris, Decatur; secretary, Mrs. R. Peannette Ivy, of Springfield; and treasurer, N. J. Hen-

derson, Bloomington.

The next conference will be held October 2 and 3rd at Springfield, Illinois.

ADA FISHER INVITED TO STUDY IN NORWAY

Chickasaw, Okla. — Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, unable as yet to enter the law school of the University of Oklahoma, has received an invitation from the National Union of Norwegian students to come to their country to study law at the University of Oslo.

"We are quite aware of the difficulties which are connected with such a proposition," wrote Sigmund Stromme in behalf of his fellow students, "but we only want to show that we are against any discrimination and that we want to help any student in the world who is persecuted because of racial discrimination."

MARION ANDERSON HAS OPERATION

Brooklyn (NNPA)—Marian Anderson, noted American contralto, is recovering from a major operation at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, it was learned Tuesday, July 6. She was reported to be "doing fine." The operation was performed two weeks ago.

Although the nature of the operation could not be learned her physician, Dr. Rudolf Nissen said "it has nothing to do with her throat." S. Hurok, Miss Anderson's manager, said the singer has no concerts booked until September.

TO ASSIST UN SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, youth secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been appointed a member of the consultative sub-committee of the Division of Social Activities of the United Nations. This committee advises the division on matters relating to juvenile delinquency in connection with its report on prevention of crime and treatment offenders. The report is being prepared for the Economic and Social Council of UN.

CANADIAN SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

American Negroes who escaped to Canada in the days before slavery was abolished, found new jobs open to them outside of farming. But today many of their descendants are making a good livelihood as sleeping car porters. As such, they are part of the Canadian scene.

During the war, railways were forced to hire a few white porters, but found that as a rule they were seldom as satisfactory as colored people. If the white man's prejudices have made it difficult for the Negro to find employment in other fields, here at least is one realm in which he reigns supreme.

Between seven and eight hundred porters work in Canada for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company alone, and an equal number work for the government-owned Canadian National Railways. The majority come from farming land around Chatham, Ontario. In the old days this district, between London and Windsor, Ontario, was at the end of the underground route which brought many slaves into freedom. Uncle Tom's Cabin still is in the locality, and arriet Beecher Stowe once lived near by. Today, Chatham is the centre of a prosperous beet and farming area, and the Negroes have proven themselves good farmers, too. They also provide porter recruits for the railways of Canada.

Other sources within Canada for colored labor are at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and a small settlement near Edmonton, Alberta. The remainder come from the West Indies or from the United States.

Travellers in Canada often remark about the cultivated accents of Canadian sleeping car porters. Few realize, however, that a good number are really "boys earning their way through college!" This is particularly true during summer months. To many a colored professional man, service on the railways has been the stepping stone to a degree in his chosen field. Salary and tips added together go a long way to meeting tuition fees. It is estimated that about one-third of the extra staff taken on during the summer months are students—both colored and white serving a meriod of jobs.

For example, of the 130 extra men hired by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company this summer, there were about 10 medical students in addition to 30 students from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia; about 20 from Fisk University at Nashville, Tennessee and 3 from Howard University, Washington, D.C.

What makes these recruits particularly interesting is the fact that a good percentage are veteran students. One example is W. H. Thomas, a pre-law student operating out of Winnipeg. A pilot and former member of the famed 99th Pursuit Squadron, he saw action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Holland, Germany and Luxembourg. Now his flying days are over, and he intends to specialize in corporation law.

The ages of these men vary generally from 22 to 35, although during the war younger men were accepted. According to CPR Instructor Cyril A. Wood of Toronto, it takes five years to make a good porter, but many of them do well enough to serve under competent guidance after ten days' instruction. Not only must they master the intricate technique of making up berths, but they also have to learn to regulate railway air conditioning equipment.

There are about sixteen veterans among the Canadian-born colored porters in Toronto alone. One of these is Captain L. T. Lightfoot, who was with the Canadian Army Dent-

al Corps. Another is Sergeant Seymour Tyler, veteran of the last two great wars. Instructor Woods himself is a veteran of the Boer War.

Thirty-five year old F. W. Roche, Toronto, was a store clerk before he joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps in April, 1942. Born in North Bay, Ontario, he is married and has one child. He was in the army for 3 years and ten months altogether—3 years and 6 months of which he spent abroad in the United Kingdom. None of his relatives have been porters and this is his first job on the railways.

Jerry Bates of Toronto was a musician before he joined the services in Ottawa in August of 1941. A private with the R.C.A.S.C., he saw action in Italy, France and Belgium. He now is working as a porter for the first time. He is married, has no children.

Thirty-nine year old S. Prevoe of Toronto was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, but had lived in Toronto for 7 years before going overseas. He was a chauffeur before the war. A corporal in the Royal Canadian Dragoons, he was in the army for 34 months, during which time he saw service in Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Cyril A. Wood, instructor of the School for Porters maintained in the Toronto yards of the CPR is one man who has helped to make service a by-word along Canadian Railway lines. A distinguished flutist and veteran of the Boer War, he has seen over 40 years of continuous service with the CPR. In 1928 he became part-time instructor to other sleeping car porters. For the past five years he has been a permanent instructor. It is also his duty to check on the work of the men as the cars come into the Toronto yards.

Born in Jamaica in 1881, he enlisted as a boy in a military band, choosing the flute as his instrument. Recognized for his outstanding ability, he was sent to Knellar Hall in England—a training school for the bands of the British Empire, irrespective of color or creed. Later he rejoined his regiment on the West Coast of Africa for the Boer War was in progress. (A West African medal with bars is cherished reminder of that service). Later he served in Sierra Leone and in Bermuda. After 10 years of military service, he came to Canada in 1906 to work for the C.P.R. He has been with them ever since.

His musical training has never been forgotten. Not a day goes by that he does not put in an hour at his instrument. He is the only colored member of the Flute Club of Toronto, headed by A. E. Semple. Needless to say, his musical tastes run along strictly classical lines. He has been heard over the air occasionally—In 1926 in one of the first musical programs broadcast from Toronto, he accompanied the soloist of St. Andrew's Church in "Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark"—a selection that only the most faultless performer would dare to attempt, as any flutist or soprano could tell you. He looks forward to finding a niche in the musical life of Jamaica, where he will eventually retire on pension next year.

He is a memorable figure, with his grey hair and golden-brown complexion and wrinkled countenance. In him the melancholy of his race is untainted by rancor, but tempered by wisdom and the firm knowledge that "in art there are no barriers." Mellow, philosophical, and with a fine simplicity of speech and of bearing, he represents the best traditions of a service that is little-known, unhonored and unsung—but a part of the Canadian scene, nonetheless.

NEGROES MAY VOTE IN DEMS' WHITE PRIMARY

Charleston, S.C.—Judge J. Waties Waring of the United States District Court, Easter District of South Carolina, issued a restraining order today in the suit filed today by attorneys for the NAACP against eighty-nine officers and members of the State's Democratic Party, who the complaint alleges, have sought to deprive Negro citizens of their right to vote.

This suit, filed on behalf of David Brown and other qualified Negro voters of South Carolina, follows by three months the victory won by the NAACP in the case of Elmore W. Rice.

In the latter case, Judge Waring held illegal the refusal of the Democratic Party of South Carolina to allow qualified Negroes the right to participate in the Democratic Party Primary.

Judge Waring's decision was sustained by the Fourt Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court refused, last April to review the decision.

Pursuant to this aim, the party passed rules prohibiting any Negro from joining Democratic Party clubs requiring that every Negro upon registering present a general registration certificate, and requiring every member of the Democratic Party to take an oath to uphold racial segregation and oppose federal fair employment practices legislation.

NEGRO LAW SCHOOL INFERIOR SIPLE WITNESSES DECLARE

Norman, Okla. — After five days of testimony by experts branding the Jim Crow Langston Law School as "inferior" Judge Justin Hinshaw has announced that at a later date he would hand down his decision on admitting Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher to the Law School of the University of Oklahoma.

The case, which was taken to the U.S. Supreme Court last January by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was retried in the District Court of Cleveland County, Oklahoma on the basis of NAACP claims that the State of Oklahoma, by setting up a separate three-professor law school for Mrs. Fisher, had not complied with the Supreme Court's mandate to make available to her forthwith a legal education equal to that provided white students.

Headed by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, a battery of legal talent including Amos T. Hall of Oklahoma, James Nabrit of Howard University and William Robert Ming of the University of Chicago carried the attack against Jim Crow in education. They sought not only to prove inequality between the facilities for legal training provided by the state for Negro and white students, but also to demonstrate the fallacy inherent in the "equal but separate" concept. The basic attack was against segregation.

INGRAM FUND STILL CLIMBING

New York — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People received \$803.09 this week in contributions to the Ingram Defense Fund, bringing the grand total to \$31,783.61. Of this money, the largest amount, \$23,162.74 has been donated by NAACP branches; \$1,444.53 has come from individuals; \$1,214.43 has been contributed by churches; and organizations have given \$6,001.93. Among the organizations which contributed to the fund this week are the 82nd Transportation Truck Company (Pacific Ocean Area), Madison County (Indiana) Industrial Union Council, Order of Eastern Star Pride Chapter 609 (Alabama), Negro Women Incorporated (Uew York) and United Steel Workers of America (Indiana)

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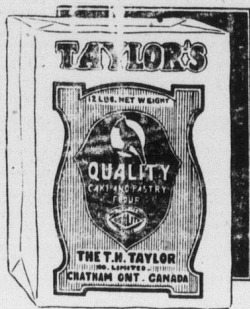
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TORONTO NOTES

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Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Davis and family returned from their holidays in Hamilton.

**NAACP HAILS DEMOCRATS
ON CIVIL RIGHTS STAND**

New York — Describing the civil rights plank adopted on July 14 in the platform of the Democratic Party as an example of "real Americanism," Walter White, secretary of the NAACP expressed the appreciation of the half-million NAACP members for this action.

Mr. White declared the Association delighted at the specific inclusion of remedial legislation and other action against long-standing abuses like lynching, the poll tax, job discrimination and segregation in the Democratic platform. "We believe," Mr. White stated, "the victory of decency at Philadelphia marks the greatest turning point for the South and for America which has occurred since the Civil War. Both parties are now committed to implementation of the major recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights."

The secretary expressed the belief that the southern delegates who walked out of the Democratic convention in protest against its firm stand on civil rights do not represent majority opinion in the South. "We have more than 700 branches in the South through which we keep closely in touch with opinion there," Mr. White pointed out. "Except in a few isolated instances, the type of sectional selfishness and bad manners exhibited at Philadelphia are not approved by church, labor, student and veterans' groups in the South. In sheer self defense, the South is going to find new political leadership to replace that which disgraced the South in fighting civil rights."

Other resolutions of the convention deplored the "all too common pattern of enforced segregation with in its own institutions, and urged these institutions and the local churches to renounce and correct this condition within their respective fellowships," affirmed the right of the individual to freedom of speech and association; and opposed compulsory peace-time military conscription.

"No nation in human history," Mr. White maintained, "has ever gone in for militarization of its people and the building of a vast war machine without eventually suffering defeat, the bankrupting of its economy, the impoverishment of its people, and the setting in motion of retaliatory measures which led inevitably to war and destruction."

JOE LOUIS RETURNS

TO RACKHAM
Chapion Joe Louis really takes his golf seriously and gets results too. I got an opportunity to see him play on Sunday at Rackham. Joe was surrounded by some of America's best colored golfers, Judson Grant from Los Angeles, Detroit Tupp Holmes, who eliminated Joe in the Cleveland tournament, and showman Leonard Reed filled out the foursome. Marva and the little girl were also on hand.

**ATLANTA SOCIAL WORKER
GIVEN JUVENILE JOB**

George T. Hedgespeth, 1948 graduate of the Atlanta University School of Social Work is now enjoying his work as Child Welfare Worker with the Social Service Bureau, Richmond, Va., and a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Among other duties, his work includes the supervision of juvenile parolees who have been returned to the local community

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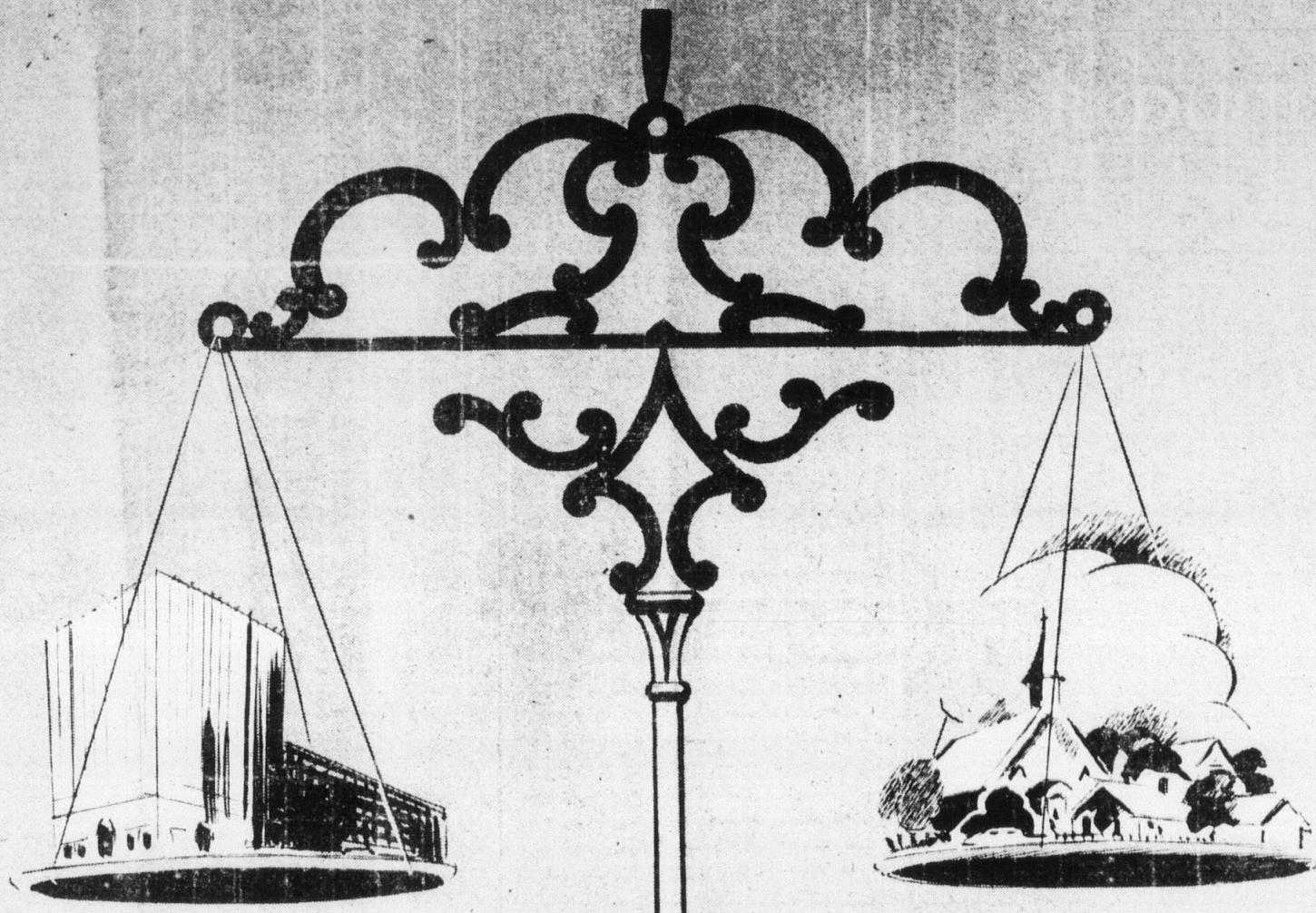
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