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COUNCIL VOTES \$1,000 TO DEFEND POLICEMAN HAYES SINGS AT AUDITORIUM TUESDAY P. M.

WRITER SAYS NOTED TENOR'S SUCCESS LIES IN HIS GREAT SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING.
Lives Simple, Serviceable Life

(By Mrs. E. D. C.)
When Roland Hayes was here in 1918 and 1919, I felt that I had mastered the English language sufficiently to describe his unusual voice and its unusual owner, but today—well, it seems there is no one language big and comprehensive enough to do it. The language has not changed; Hayes is the same Hayes today as he was yesterday and in 1918; his voice has not changed. It is true it has improved, but the quality, the richness, the sweetness and the soul were always there. But the people—it is the people who

times brag is both blond and dolichocephalic. And he sang 'Jesus Said Never a Murmuring Word' with the simple soul of a black man."

"Where there is such diversity as an American audience presents, one wonders how the singer sends the entire group away, not only pleased, but happy,—contented and divinely uplifted. Roland Hayes does not sing an "up and down" program in an effort to arrest and please the kaleidoscopic gathering that makes up his audience, but he sings in circles from the center outward. He sings through each successive soul strata, and in the whirl every soul is caught and there finds its place and is feasted.

But beyond and above all the thing that counts most, Roland Hayes is not SPOILED. He has kept that quiet, unassuming, yet positive demeanor, and that cultured, gentle manner which make him a King among men. With

Find Colored Children Intelligent as White in Los Angeles Schools

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)
New York, March 6.—A report received from Los Angeles, California, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 59 Fifth avenue, New York, state that tests made upon school children of Los Angeles show colored children to be as intelligent as the whites.

The tests were given to 500 Negro elementary school children, during the years 1922-23 and the report says "the group is probably representative of the Negro elementary school population of Los Angeles."

The findings are summarized as follows:

"1. Intelligence level.—The median intelligence quotients and the distribution of intelligence over the various classificatory groups indicates that there is no significant difference shown in the intelligence level of the Negro children and that of children in the fifteen schools taken as a whole.

"2. Educational accomplishment.—The average accomplishment and range of accomplishment for Negro children is practically the same as for the total population of the fifteen schools.

"3. Reading comprehension.—The average ability for all Negro children tested was 0.203 of a grade below the norm, while that of pupils in forty elementary schools was 0.016 of a grade below norm. This is not a significant variation.

"4. Arithmetic ability.—The average ability for all Negro children examined was 0.103 of a grade below the norm, while that for pupils in forty elementary schools was 0.38 of a grade above norm. The difference represents a little less than three months' school work.

"5. Spelling ability.—The average ability for all Negro children tested was 0.97 of a grade below the norm, while that for pupils in forty elementary schools was 0.79 of a grade below norm. Although the Negro children are nearly a whole grade retarded in spelling ability, the situation is not materially different for the total school population."

The report is made by Willis W. Clark of Los Angeles for the city school system.

Archbishop Hanna Pleads for Better Homes

"I only wish," said the Archbishop, "that some power could be called into play to teach the present-day woman what a supreme task she is overlooking. In this busy life when so many women are doing so many things which have no value is there not some power to let them understand that the task of molding a human character is the biggest job they can undertake?"

"A child is humanity's greatest growing thing and it is only growing things which are interesting.

"I wish that there were more old-fashioned mothers who would teach honesty, generosity, purity, and modesty, the only things after all which help when one gets in a jam in the thick of life's battle.

"I wish there were more homes which were sanctuaries, centers of recreation and rest, built on better marriage conditions. A child is as his environment, his home, mother, teachers and the world make him."

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Executive Board of Baptists Hold Meet

The second regular meeting of the executive board of the Northwest Coast Baptist Association held its session with the First Baptist church of Kenneydale, Washington, Wednesday, March 4, 1925. Rev. C. H. Graves, pastor of the Berean Baptist church of Tacoma, conducted the devotional services. The moderator, Rev. W. D. Carter, being absent, Rev. A. L. Bird, D. D., pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist church of Tacoma, first vice moderator of the association, presided. The members present: Rev. J. L. Murray, C. H. Graves, S. A. Franklin, A. W. Williams, J. W. Anderson and Rev. A. R. Kellar. The following brethren were present: Rev. W. F. Greene, Deacon Fields, Jones and Rev. Matthews. After reading the minutes of the session held in Tacoma, Rev. J. W. Anderson, superintendent and organizer, made his report. He reported having traveled 8642 miles from November 19, 1924, to March 3, 1925; preached 16 sermons; visited 114 families; prayed 134 prayers; visited 32 cities and towns in interest of the association. His report was adopted by the board. Dr. A. M. Williams, the missionary pastor, made a verbal report. He said that he had preached one sermon since the 19th of November, 1924, and had not traveled anywhere. His report was received. At 2:30 P. M. the women held their session, presided over by Mrs. C. H. Graves. Their meeting was a splendid one. A full board of the women was present with the exception of the president and the missionary. At 4:15 P. M. Rev. A. W. Williams, D. D., delivered a splendid sermon and at 7 P. M. the presiding officer, Dr. Bird, delivered a soul-stirring sermon. The board adjourned to meet with the Second Baptist church of Everett, Washington, in June.

Noted Pianist Sues for Divorce
Newark, N. J., March 4.—Mrs. John T. Williams (Helen Hagen), well-known concert pianist, has filed suit for divorce against her husband, Dr. John T. Williams, alleging cruelty. The complaint alleges the defendant broke a bone in the plaintiff's hand and further states that the domestic difficulties of the couple began when the Doctor installed his sister, Mrs. Jackson, in the home of the couple as bookkeeper.

Helen Hagen is known to musicians and music patrons in Portland, who were charmed with her playing a few years ago when she appeared in recital at Centenary-Wilbur M. E. Church under the direction of Mrs. E. D. Cannady.

Mrs. Ladd Dinner Guest
Mrs. D. L. Ladd of Redmond, Ore., and her son, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson Friday noon, March 6, at their home in Montevilla. After a delicious dinner the hostess and her guest spent a most delightful time in social chat. Being friends of 15 years' duration, they had much of mutual interest to discuss.

The Get Acquainted Club presents Mrs. Mabel Cooper in recital and a farcical entertainment "WANTED—A COMPANION," Friday, March 27th, 8:15 P. M., at Mt. Olivet Baptist church, E. 1st and Schuyler Sts. Admission 25c.—Adv.

For rent, nicely furnished room with h. k. privileges. E. Ast 5181.

Whitaker-Ray Regarded as the Most Valuable Man in Large Concern's Employ.

(Preston News Service)
Kinston, N. C., March 5.—An employer of hundreds paid a rare tribute to a "plain-every-day-man" at the funeral of Whitaker Ray here last Tuesday afternoon. S. Phil Hines, president of the Hines Bros. Lumber Co., sent a handsome wreath of flowers and with it a card stating that he sincerely considered Ray, killed by a train three days ago, the most valuable man in the company's employ. "Ray was a colored gentleman," he said.

"He never worked for anyone else. He started with this company 40 years ago. When he was a boy of about 15 years," Mr. Hines stated. "I never saw a more efficient worker, nor one more loyal. We have 300 employees. Many of these are ignorant colored laborers. We have labor troubles like other people. Ray, in his reserved, dignified way, took the men's part in any legitimate complaint they had to make. When they were in fault he promptly suppressed the agitation. He made little fuss about it."

Press Association Closes Session

St. Louis, Mo.—(Special to The Nashville Globe).—Fifty-seven newspapers were represented at the twenty-sixth annual convention of the National Negro Press Association which closed its sessions here Friday night. St. Louis was host during the three days of strenuous work which was sandwiched in with social functions and features, the result of a perfect organization of a local committee, business men and organizations.

Pleads for More Spirituality

Portland, Ore., March 9, 1925.

To the Editor:
Spiritual plowman, sharpen thy plow with the spirit; spiritual sower, dip thy seed in the spirit, so shall it germinate and ask the spirit to give thee grace to scatter it, that it may fall into the right furrows. Spiritual warrior, whet that sword with the spirit and ask the spirit whose word is a sword indeed, to strengthen thy arm to wield it; spiritual singer, sing spiritual hymns in their simple beauty, in their chastened and reverent language, in their high and holy thought, the joy of the young and the solace of the old.

Mrs. C. A. Jenkins.

Ministers Declare Ban on Sunday Funerals

(Preston News Service)
Fort Smith, Ark., March 6.—The Colored Ministerial Alliance of Fort Smith has issued a decree banning Sunday funerals, except in distinguished and special cases, because of the interference the funerals cause with public worship.

In a resolution signed by the five leading ministers of the city it is declared that the new rule of "no Sabbath burials" will go into effect after 30 days. Civic interests in the Negro section will be given an opportunity to voice protests each Monday morning from 9 until 11, when the Alliance will sit as a tribunal at one of the local churches.

Flags to Mark Anniversary

Crispus Attacks Exercises Also in Schools

(Preston News Service)
Boston, Mass., March 12.—Last Thursday in Norman Prince square, where Crispus Attacks, the colored sailor, and his comrade fell in the Boston massacre, flags were unfurled by the Bostonian Society from the Old State House, by the Merchants National Bank, Lee, Higginson, State Trust Co., Hodgdon, Kennard Co. and Hunt, Ellis & Co., at request of the National Equal Rights League. A wreath hung there at 10:15.

Flags were hoisted at Faneuil Hall, where the bodies of Attacks and Gray were taken, City Hall, Boston Common and Public Garden, also the State House, with exercises at the monument at 12:30. Mrs. Madeline Freeman and Mrs. Victoria Lockhart were the soloists.

The school committee directed the superintendent of schools to convey to the principals the request of the league for Attacks exercises at the schools. The day's exercises close with a meeting at Ruggles Hall, 5 Ruggles street, at night.

Colored Editor Arrested for Violation of "White Supremacy" Traveling Custom.

Sapulpa, Okla., March 10.—Nick Chiles, veteran editor of the Topeka Plaindealer, was arrested and thrown in jail here Saturday night, charged with violating the separate coach and waiting room laws of the state. Chiles spent the night in the city jail. He was released Sunday morning because of insufficient evidence. Editor Chiles stated before leaving for Kansas that he would file an action for damages against the City of Sapulpa and Oklahoma Union Railway in the Federal courts.

Chiles was on his way to this city from Tulsa when the altercation developed. It is claimed that he refused to move from the seat that he had taken when the interurban conductor ordered him so to do. Chiles ran afoul of a custom that the trolley conductors have, who make provision for about six Black Americans to be seated, between Sapulpa and Tulsa, regardless of the number who pay passage on the interurban trains.

This unfair custom is in vogue because of the very evident intention to see that white folk get a seat in the car, even if they get on the trolley half way to and from the two cities. Chiles refused to stand while there were vacant seats in the car.

Nick Chiles is a real fighter for constitutional rights. For thirty years he has been editing the well-known weekly, the Topeka Plaindealer. The scrap he has started will doubtless result in much good to the interurbans between Tulsa and Sapulpa.

Local Conditions Discussed at Social Workers' Meeting

At the noonday luncheon of the Oregon social workers in the Y. W. C. A. social hall, Mrs. E. D. Cannady, associate editor of The Advocate, delivered the address; subject, "What it Means to be Black in Portland, Oregon." Bishop J. W. Martin accompanied Mrs. Cannady and was invited to speak. He made very helpful brief remarks along the same line of thought. The president, Mrs. Sallie Orr-Dunbar, presided and Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, secretary of the child labor commission of Oregon, introduced Mrs. Cannady.

STORY OF ATTACKS

N. A. A. C. P. Commemorates Anniversary of First Martyr for American Independence.

Sponsored by the Portland branch, N. A. A. C. P., the people of Portland observed Crispus Attacks day at a meeting Monday evening at First A. M. E. Zion church, 417 Williams Ave. The meeting was due to be held March 5th but was deferred to the 9th, that being the regular meeting night of the association.

A large audience witnessed the splendid program rendered by Mesdames Lulu Gragg, who read a biography of the martyr, and Zepha Baker, who read an excellent paper on his life, little of which is known, closing with a poem read at the unveiling of the statue of Attacks in a Boston square. Master Donald Anderson furnished the music. J. A. Ewing outlined the scope of the association work, Garner Grayson appealed for new members, and Rev. H. Leo Johnston offered the invocation and the benediction. Fifteen or more members were enrolled.

A Negro Pioneer

Portland, Ore., March 11.—Back in the early eighties, William Bush, a Missouri colored man, went to Oregon. He had \$10,000 in cash and wanted to buy some Oregon land; but as that state had not coordinated with the federal constitution, Bush did not buy but journeyed on to Washington territory, where he bought a vast acreage which is now called Bush's prairie. Later, Bush was elected to the legislature. It was he who discovered what is known as Centennial wheat, and his exhibit took first prize at the Chicago world's fair in 1892. The Bush family is and has been well known in the southwest part of the state and has added much to the progress of Washington. Now that the states of West Virginia, Michigan and Wisconsin are making attractive offers to farmers, it would be well for those who know how to farm, especially those who are migrating from the southeastern states, to investigate these opportunities.

White Policeman Sentenced to 20 Years in Penitentiary Defended by City Council—Action of This Kind Unheard of Before Anywhere—N.A.A.C.P. Interested.

(Special)
New York, March 6.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth avenue, New York City, today received a report from Palm Beach, Florida, stating that after the conviction and sentence of a white ex-policeman to twenty years in jail for murdering a colored boy, the city council of Palm Beach went to the unheard of length of appropriating \$1000 of city funds for the purpose of assuring the ex-policeman an appeal for a new trial.

The young colored man, Henry Speed Jr., was shot some months ago by Fred Frantz, the former (white) policeman, and died of his wound within 48 hours. The father of the colored boy left no stone unturned to bring the murderer to justice and it is said the various trials cost not less than \$3000. A correspondent in Florida of the N. A. A. C. P. writes:

"The evidence submitted to the consideration of the jury must have been so convincing and damaging that they brought in a verdict of guilty against the white murderer of a Negro!"

"The judge imposed a sentence of twenty years imprisonment! But inasmuch as it seems to be an unwritten law in the South, but one as unalterable as that of the Medes and Persians, that no white person should suffer the penalty of any crime or injustice wreaked on a Negro, no surprise was created when the city commission voted one thousand dollars for a new trial!"

The Palm Beach Times further reports that the contingency fund of the city having a shortage, the \$1000 appropriation is to be taken from the police department budget, although Frantz is no longer a member of the police force. The Palm Beach Times states that the city council voted: "To secure the appropriation from any fund available."

Portland Will Hear Foremost American Soprano

Mabel Garrison, America's foremost coloratura soprano, and one of the most beloved women on the concert stage, is scheduled for a concert at the Auditorium next Friday evening, March 20, as one of the outstanding events on the Elwyn artist series.

Miss Garrison must be ranked as one of the greatest coloratura sopranos of her generation. Her voice has the bird-like purity and clarity and wonderful flexibility characteristic of the coloratura at its best. Yet, filled with a generous warmth and color that is most pleasing. When she first sang in Mozart's opera, "The Magic Flute," she staggered the New York critics by singing with ease the difficult staccato aria of the Queen of the Night in its original key which carries the voice of F above high C. Sopranos usually transpose this aria a third lower.

Miss Garrison in private life is Mrs. George Simon. Her husband was her teacher of harmony and piano in Peabody Institute in Baltimore and he now goes with her on her tours as accompanist.

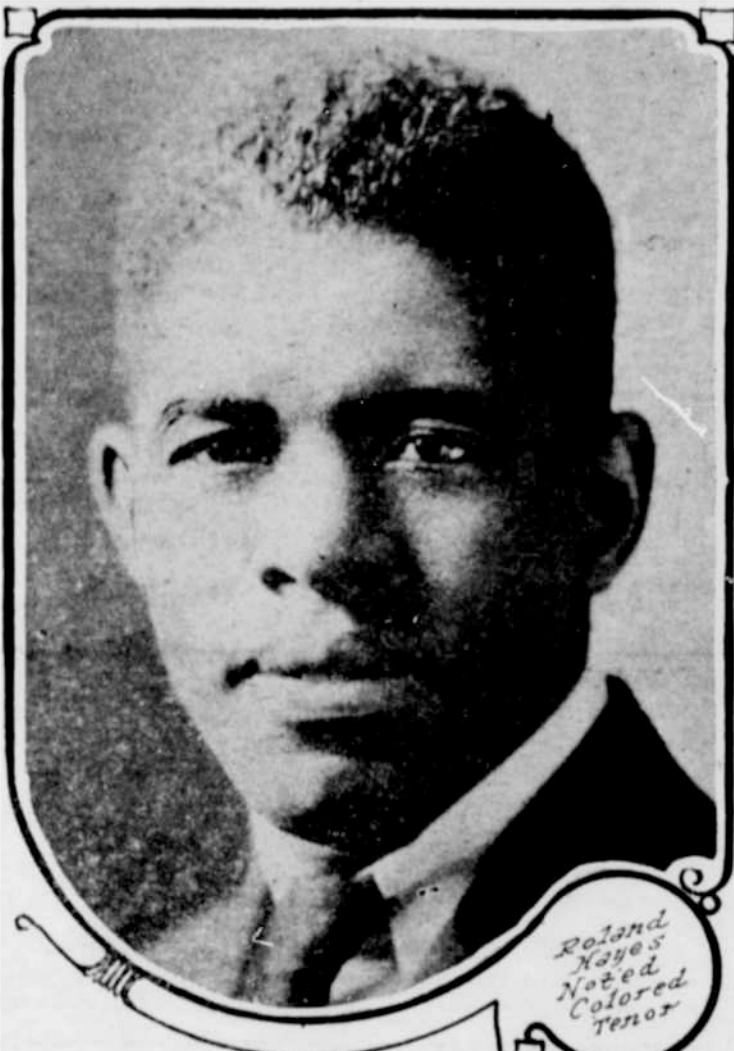
Visitors Entertained at Party

Misses Norma Keene and Margie L. Danley were joint hostesses at the home of Miss Keene on Friday evening, March 6, honoring Mr. William Lawrence and Mr. Howard Jordan, accompanist and secretary for Mr. Roland Hayes. Dancing, games, "500" and stunts furnished the evening's diversion for those invited. Prizes were awarded Mr. J. D. Jamieson and Mr. William Lawrence.

Women's Club Represented

At the noonday luncheon at the Portland Hotel Saturday, sponsored by the City Federation of Women's Clubs, honoring Dr. Miriam Van Waters of Los Angeles, the Portland Woman's Mutual Benefit Club was represented by Mrs. E. D. Cannady, chairman of the executive board, and Miss Freita Shaw, chairman of the music department. William Lawrence, Mr. Hayes' accompanist, was also present.

Bishop W. I. Sumner will administer the rites of Confirmation Sunday at 8 P. M. at St. Philips Mission.



Roland Hayes, Noted Colored Tenor

have (a few then) universally come into the realization of the greatness of his voice and therefore I am bewildered at the magnitude of it all, and feel the need of a universal language to tell of the spirit of the universal voice of the man. The whole secret I believe to Roland Hayes' success is his wonderful spirituality. In other words, Mr. Hayes keeps his hand in the hand of the Great Conductor of the Universe, and when we understand this, then we have the real clue to his spectacular success, and to his wonderful voice. A voice which has sung the prejudices of a lifetime against his race out of lives in one brief hour and supplanted a practical interpretation of the Brotherhood of Man. A voice which has mastered the various languages in such a way that one writer has said of it: "Mr. Hayes sang with the soul of a German—'Du bist die Ruh'. He sang with the soul of a Frenchman—'The Dream Song'. He sang of Cadmus and Alcide and of a caravan from China. He sang of the things which are integral with a civilization which we fondly tell ourselves has been white as far back as the record shows, and which today we some-

honor and jewels and fame heaped up on him, he is not turned from the straight and narrow path upon which he embarked, years ago, down in Curryville, Georgia, when as a child, he uttered his prayers as he knelt at the knees of the daughter of a slave,—his beloved mother. A stickpin forming the letters "G" and "M", topped with the Imperial crown, all inset with diamonds, presented to him by His Majesty the King of England, when he sang at the Kings' command in the Royal Palace, reposes in a jewel case along side of many other rare gems which the noted tenor does not wear, and seldom shows unless asked to do so. Roland Hayes does not like flashy jewelry; he prefers simplicity in dress and in manners, as it becomes the simple, helpful and serviceable life he lives.

When one marvels at the heights to which he has attained, not by the "Bagdad Carpet" route, but by sheer hard work and sacrifice, Hayes simply replies: "It is all His plan."

Popular Hotel Paper Fails.—New York, March 9.—"The Hotel Tatler," widely known and popular hotel publication, has against it a \$7000 judgment from printer's bills, resulting from a court action. The Tatler has suspended indefinitely.

Williams Avenue Y.W.C.A.

The Grade Reserves will make candy on Saturday afternoon. All grammar school girls of ten and over are invited to come to the Y. W. at 1 P. M.

The second annual card party of Wanauma Chapter, O. E. S., will be held Tuesday night, March 17, at the Stag Auditorium. Come out and help; the proceeds will go to the treasury of the order.—Adv.

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