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NEGRO BAPTIST LEAFER VISITS PORTLAND NEGRO PRESS IS ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

New York, N. Y.—(Special)—One hundred years have passed since the first publication of the Negro in the United States. Appeared from the press. It was March 16, 1827, when John B. Russwurm brought out the first edition of the Freedmen's Journal. Such is the subject matter of an especially prepared article appearing in the Amsterdam News this city, written by William N. Kelly, its editor on the one hundredth anniversary of the Negro newspaper.

The facts, as related by Mr. Kelly, and as are well known from research in the archives of Negro history, will be treasured by members of the fourth estate, editors and quill-pushers of America. The data in substance and in a concrete form, as put out by Mr. Kelly, shows that the Freedmen's Journal was the first Negro newspaper established in America. It was born in New York City on March 16, 1827; it was brought into existence, being, it was fashioned and shaped it was conceived by John B. Russwurm, its first editor, manager and guiding hand. This editor, this man of many parts was born in Jamaica, N. Y. in the year 1799. He had associated with him as publisher one Samuel Cornish. The two worked, as has often been said, hand in hand, side by side. It develops Mr. Russwurm also was the first Negro graduate from any American college, he finishing in the year 1828 just one year after he ventured upon his journalistic career. After spending some time in America, and some time in Liberia, W. C. A., as he was interested in the establishment of a government or a Republic, Liberia. After Mr. Russwurm left America Mr. Cornish continued as publisher, but saw fit to change the name of the paper from that of the Freedmen's Journal to "The Rights of All." Mr. Russwurm then assumed the editorship of the Herald published at Monrovia, Liberia. He continued to be active and at the time of his death he was governor of the Province of Monrovia in Liberia.

ONE BORN A MINUTE

Hollywood, Cal., Mar. 31.—(PCNB) Oval Miller, colored, of 1652 1/2 E. 43rd St., Los Angeles, drew his entire bank account, \$270 to prove to a strange colored man that she was accustomed to handling large sums of money. Hollywood police are now looking for the stranger, also the \$270. He worked the game of pick-up a purse with \$3,000 in it.

STUDY RACE MIXTURE

Honolulu, Mar. 23.—(PCNB) Hawaii with its racial mixtures of almost every possible combination is to be the mecca of delegates from every country and territory in the Pacific area as well as hundreds of representatives of the principal universities and colleges in Europe and America who have accepted the invitation of the United States Government sent out thru the Department of the Interior by Secretary Work, to attend the Pan-Pacific Conference on education, recreation and recreation which will meet in Hawaii April 11 to 16th.

STUDY RACIAL MIXTURE

While the conference will have as its chief purpose the discussion of the three main points, education, recreation and recreation, a considerable part of the program will be observation trips after the sessions close to observe and study racial problems.

Hawaii, the largest island of the Hawaiian group, is composed of many races and is held to be a ideal laboratory for the study of race problems.

The schools will be found interesting by delegates. In these schools American born children of Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Portuguese and South Sea Island Negro parentages can be found working side by side. Racial mixtures of almost every possible combination will be found in the schools.

The official delegates to the United States headed by the Secretary of the Interior sailed Wednesday, Mar. 30th, from San Francisco on a government vessel.

ONLY TWO IN JOURNALISM

Los Angeles, Calif., Mar. 23.—Mrs. Charlotte Spears-Bass, managing editor of the "California Eagle" has returned to her desk after completing a three month's course in journalism at Columbia University, New York. Mrs. Bass, wife of one of the vice-presidents of the National Press Association, is one of the two colored female journalists actively engaged in the successful operation of Negro journals in the West. Mrs. E. D. Cannady of Portland, Oregon is the managing editor of "The Advocate".

A Word To All

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THE "WILD CAT"

A copy of "The Wild Cat", annual publication of the senior class at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, reached our desk one day last week bringing with it fresh memories of delightful bygone days spent within her sacred walls.

Were it not for the old land-marks such as Carnegie Library built by Dr. H. C. Hudson of Los Angeles Calif., who was then a Fresh at Wiley, the President's mansion and a few others, together with the "smiling through" face of Dr. Matthew W. Dogan, the beloved president for the past thirty-one years, we would hardly recognize our dear Alma Mater—so great and so magnificent has she grown!

New buildings have displaced old ones and new ones have been added; new faces are seen within the faculty ranks and among the hundreds of students. But our heart beat quickened as we turned the pages and faced the stern but kindly face of Prof. Reid of whom we used to be so shy. Prof. Reed doesn't look a year older than the young Willie into a great and good man and woman.

The "Wild Cat" is profusely illustrated. There are pictures of the first three presidents (white) who have presided over this institution, and the present president Dr. Dogan, who as a little black boy made his way thru school and thence through colleges; members of the faculty, the seniors; group organizations, Greek, Letter-fraternities, sororities, and outstanding individual students and alumni.

The colors purple and white, which are the college colors, predominate in embellishing the edition which is the most handsome bound in the finest fancy art binding. In fine, "The Wild Cat" has out done our wildest dreams and is the best looking college annual it has been our pleasure to gaze upon. "Viva Cats!"

NEGRO HISTORY

"THE NEGRO IN OUR HISTORY" by Carter G. Woodson 4th edition, has been received at our office and not unlike Dr. Woodson's former publications is gratefully and thankfully received.

The history was written by Dr. Woodson who has received complete university training and equipment for scientific historical inquiry, and published in January, 1927. It is an inclusion and revision of and addition to the other three editions that came before it.

As Dr. Woodson states: "it is to supply an increased demand for a single volume, giving the leading facts of Negro achievement and the influence of the race on the history of the world."

In this work the author has endeavored to meet the long felt want for a suitable text book adapted to the capacity of advanced high school students desirous of knowing the leading facts of Negro life and history. The numerous references for more extensive treatment of the various topics considered, moreover, render it useful for classes in colleges and universities.

In this work the author has treated the important phase of history which has been influenced by the Negro. Beginning with the situation in Africa, the author discusses the enslavement of the Negro at home and abroad, the sort of bondage experienced, the first steps for its amelioration, the reaction against the Negro, the economic aspect of slavery, abolition, the reconstruction question in Congress, the civil war, the reconstruction, the readjustment, the achievement of the race in freedom, the Negro in the world war, and the struggle for social justice.

The introduction to the book was written by Kelly Miller, well known editor, author and journalist. Mr. Miller says: "The importance of Dr. Woodson's work is better appreciated when we reflect that the literature of the race problem abounds mainly in propaganda based upon opinion and argument."

"We are so anxious to solve the race problem we do not take time to study. Prof. Miller says this is true not only of the white race, but of the

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"ARROW TIPS"

By Kits Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's view, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane, and logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with her, and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

"God made us neighbors; let justice make us friends."—Borah.

In last week's column I promised to interpret the doings of the Charter Revision Committee, the President's farm relief veto and several other things that we Americans ought to be ashamed of. But too many other interesting things have happened during the week that I'd much rather talk about. The first in importance because it is nearer to us is the Northwestern National Bank trouble. A good sound business institution wrecked through malicious propaganda. I wonder if they will find the perverted mind that started the wicked rumor. But you know, friends, when you come to think of it spreading wicked, false propaganda is a lesson that we learned during the war. Then, nations were wrecked by it and thousands lost their lives through it. Hatreds were stirred up through it that it will take years to overcome. In this case, the fortunes of a group of substantial business men were seriously affected by it, but it is a lesson that we learned only too well in those sad years between 1914 and 1918-learned too, under the title of patriotism.

We must be prepared to unlearn that lesson if we would purge our souls of false doctrines, of revengeful thoughts and wicked practices. Every vile passion known to man was unleashed by the authority of organized

PORTLANDER GIVEN SCHOLARSHIP

New York, March 28.—Miss Mabel Byrd membership and industrial secretary, has been granted a foreign scholarship for special study at Woodbrook Birmingham, England. The scholarship is given by the council for International Service of the Society of Friends. The committee of management, Ashland Place N. W. A. has granted Miss Byrd a four-month leave of absence and she expects to sail for England April 20, returning to America about September 1st.

Miss Byrd came here from Seattle, Washington. Her home is in Portland, Oregon.

KNOW YOUR FUTURE

Send a dime and Birthdate. Let me try and locate your future mate, will send name and address, Box 1595 Sta. C. Los Angeles, Calif.

DIES AT NINETY-FOUR

Albany, Oregon, March 28.—Mrs. Amanda Gardner Johnson, 94, a former slave, died here yesterday at the home of Miss Maude Henderson, direct descendant of Mrs. Johnson's original owners. Mrs. Johnson came to Oregon from Missouri, her native state across the plains by ox team, in 1853, with A. Decker and family her owners.

She was then 20 years old. She knew seven generations of the Dickards. Mrs. Johnson was married in 1870 following her liberation, and continued to live here. Her husband died in 1901.

The funeral of Mrs. Johnson will be held here Tuesday.

RHINELANDER LOSES

Albany, N. Y., March 29.—Leonard Kip Rhineland, scion of a wealthy New York family, lost his fight in the court of appeals to have his marriage to Alice Jones Rhineland annulled.

By a unanimous decision, the state's highest tribunal refused to annul the marriage on Rhineland's charge that his wife had deceived him in that she had Negro blood in her veins.

Rhineland and his wife were married at New Rochelle October 4, 1924. Subsequently, he brought an action to have the marriage annulled, charging his wife had claimed to be white when in fact she was of Negro extraction.

Supreme Court Justice Morshauer, who heard the suit, refused to annul the marriage. Rhineland then carried his fight to the appellate division, second department, which upheld Justice Morshauer's decision.

In a last effort to free himself from his wife, Rhineland took an appeal to the state's highest court only to lose through unanimous decision.

colored people as well. Of course it has been difficult to get any literature except that which is based on or colored according to the opinion of the writer. History, however, is a true record of the actions and deeds of peoples. There can be no complete history of mankind without the record of the Negro.

Now that Dr. Woodson has given us this excellent historic record consisting of 564 pages, attractively and well bound, costing the small sum of \$3.25, there can be no good reason why every Negro family in the United States and all honest students of history, should not have a copy.

Dr. Woodson's history has already been adopted as a text book in many public schools throughout the country. It is published by The Associated Publishers, Washington, D. C. and may be ordered thru The Advocate office.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. B. J. Fuller who has been confined to her home on Tibbetts Street for the past several weeks, is much improved and able to be out.

Mrs. Fuller is sponsoring a Pageant which will be given at Bethel A. M. E. church on the 15th of April.

NOTICE

There will be a Special Program Sunday at 3:30 given by the Universal Negro Improvement Association at its hall, 514 1/2 Williams Avenue.

The public is cordially invited. The program will consist mainly of recitations, speeches and music.

TYPING

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Mrs. William Cain baked and presented to Mr. Hayes a lovely cake which he enjoyed very much during his recent visit here. This is a beautiful practice which she started upon in Mr. Hayes' first visit to Portland in 1918 and has kept up ever since.

BEAUTIFUL PAGEANT

"Christ In America"
At Bethel Church, Friday, April 15, 8:15 p. m.—Refreshments.

Mrs. Abernathy's little ten year old granddaughter will play several piano numbers.

Admission only 25 cents

NEGRO ATTORNEYS WIN

Sacramento, Calif., Mar. 23.—(PCBA) After hours of debate, followed by three unsuccessful efforts by opponents of the measure to amend it on the floor, the Assembly finally passed the "Volstead" bill by a vote of 61 to 15. The Senate having passed the bill, it will now go to the governor.

The bill proposes the creation of a board of governors to be chosen by the lawyers to have supervision of the 8,000 lawyers of the State 35 of whom are colored. The State bar will thus be enabled to handle all professional questions, including discipline and disbarment of attorneys, the authority to which now lies in the hands of the Superior Court.

Sensing a possibility of discriminatory legislation against the Jewish and Negro attorneys, strong opposition from these and other sources were marshaled under the leadership of Assemblyman Wm. Hornblower of San Francisco assisted by Frederick M. Roberts, colored Assembly member.


Following impressive speeches before the Assembly Judicial Committee by Attorneys E. M. McCollough and H. E. Conegys of San Francisco and Hugh E. Macbeth, of Los Angeles, representing the Negro lawyers of the state, the latter closed his address with the following quotation: "Will the proponents of this proposed self-governing bar bill stipulate here in open committee meeting as a condition precedent to its passage, that in the event the bill is passed by the Legislature that there will be but one common American program for all, whether they be white or black; Jew or Gentile; Catholic or Protestant; Capitalist or laborer; saint or sinner?"

J. J. Webb, father of the bill answering, stated that "the conditions set forth in the question propounded by Mr. Macbeth shall be the permanent policy of the self-governing bar and any departure from this policy shall be deemed authority on the part of the legislature to further amend the bill so as to guarantee this policy."

With this assurance Macbeth stated that he would therefore withdraw his opposition to the bill. Assemblyman Hornblower, leading the opposition, then changed his vote from "Nay" to "Aye" with the result that 61 voted for the bill; 15 against and 4 not voting.

In thus placing the law regarding body of the state on record as opposed to any color bar or racial discrimination, thereby assuring the Negro lawyers an equality status in the legal profession within the state, a position heretofore denied them, Assemblyman Frederick M. Roberts has won his greatest single victory in behalf of the Negro since entering the State Legislature in 1922.

J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON



Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn., speaking before an audience at Shiloh Baptist church, E. 79th and Everett streets, Monday night declared that it is not numbers nor imposing edifices that make a church, but that "wherever three or four are gathered together in God's name", there is a church. "This age in which we live is the greatest for the Negro since Egyptian civilization flourished," he stated. Enumerating many of the great inventions of today such as the airplane and radio, which make the world very small indeed, he urged the Negro to use his brain in planning and executing.

Only about 10 per cent of the people work from their chin up. Dr. Boyd declared, while the rest of them work from their chin down. "Take advantage of disadvantage to make good," he said. To illustrate this point, he told the story of a colored man who found himself up against a race prejudice in the south in his effort to get to his train which he had only a few minutes to catch it. The only available cab driver was a white man who refused to drive him because he was colored. The colored man simply put his luggage into the carriage opened the door and showed the white driver in while he mounted the box and drove the driver to the station. He took advantage of disadvantage and made his train in time.

The speaker emphasized the necessity of placing in leadership in business church and state, prepared men and women, regardless of personal likes and dislikes. In the church, he said, must be men and women who are capable of attracting the youth.

Speaking of opposition, Dr. Boyd

PROMINENT WOMAN PRAISES ADVOCATE

March 26—27.

Dear Mrs. Cannady:—

I have just finished reading your interesting editorial, contained in a late issue of your paper; concerning Roland Hayes.

The last part of your article touched me to the point of tears and no doubt had the same effect on many of your readers, especially those who had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Hayes.

find your paper "The Advocate", so interesting, and so full of informative material that I do not want to be without the help that it gives me; therefore am sending check to cover six months subscription and will renew when that time expires.

With very high regard for you Mrs. Cannady, and for the work that you have done, and are continuing to do in bringing about a better understanding between two peoples who are in reality one.

I am very sincerely yours,
Eva B. Pillsbury.

Editor's note: Mrs. Pillsbury is the RDState Corresponding Secretary of the W. C. T. U.

BACK HOME

Mesdames Ella Smith and L. B. Higby returned to Portland from California Sunday, where they spent the greater part of the winter season. The ladies came via bus and enjoyed the trip immensely. Both are active in club and social circles. Mrs. Smith being the president of the Old Rose Club. Their friends are extending them the glad hand of welcome back to their homes and to their hearts.

BLACKS FACE; ASSULTS

Louisville Ky., March 23.—An 18 year old white stenographer, Edna Dones, was rescued by her family from a soot-blackened white man who attempted to attack her Sunday night near her home. The girl at first declared that a Negro had attacked her, but when brought into the light it was discovered that her face and hands were covered with soot which had rubbed off her assailant during the attack. The girl said that the man grabbed her by the throat as she entered the garden of her home. Her screams attracted members of her family which caused the man to flee.

PRIMARY FIGHT NOT COSTLY

New York, March 25.—The victory before the U. S. Supreme Court in the Texas White Primary Case was won at the unprecedented low cost of \$2,909.31, according to announcement today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The low cost of this case is due to the gift without any charge whatever of the services of the N. A. A. C. P. attorneys, Messrs. Moorfield Storey, Louis Marshall and Arthur B. Spingarn.

In connection with the announcement, James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., said: "To win a historic victory at the low cost of the Texas White Primary Case, would be impossible for any individual. It is possible only thru the organization and cooperation of the N. A. A. C. P. and thru the generous and high minded public service of the eminent counsel whose aid the N. A. A. C. P. has been enabled to enlist. If these gentlemen had been paid what their services command the cost of the case would have been very high indeed.

"The moneys expended went to Messrs. Knollenberg and Channell, the El Paso attorneys retained at the inception of the case, and for the printing and other incidentals in carrying a case before the court of last resort in the United States."

CHORISTER DIES

Los Angeles, Cal. Mar. 28.—(PCNB) Viola H. Brandon the beloved girl chorister of New Hope Baptist church, whose marvelous direction of her choir in the new famous Choir Contest at Hollywood Bowl last summer in which the colored choirs of Southern California entertained 10,000 music lovers, a brief illness of six weeks here after, passed away at her home.

Mrs. Brandon was born in Springfield, Mo., thirty years ago and was reared in Pueblo, Colorado, having graduated from both the Pueblo Conservatory of Music and the Pueblo Conservatory of Music. She was an accomplished pianist and was considered a genius by eminent musicians.

MRS. MCCANNIS SPEAKS TO CLUB

Shirley McCann, director of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Chorus and prominent in music circles was the speaker before a group of the African department of the Monday Musical Club at the Y. W. C. A. Monday. Mrs. McCann told of the important role Negro music is playing and has always played in the development of mankind. A progressive and dramatic talk with several Negro songs, including "Since You Went Away". Mrs. McCann was beautifully supported at the piano by Mrs. Maude Cannady. In appreciation to her splendid contributions to the success of the meeting, Mrs. McCann was presented with a lovely corsage bouquet of rose buds, sweet peas and violets while Mrs. Bookers gave a beautiful bouquet of daffodils.

LIKES ADVOCATE

Writing en route to his office at Washington, D. C. Rev. Dr. W. W. Matthews said in part:

Dear Mrs. Cannady: I have been making a study of your methods in secular journalism, especially as it relates to racial issues, etc., and I have noted that not only are you progressive as to your methods of approach, but that you are also intensely aggressive. A progressive and aggressive woman usually wins. I have decided to keep a closer observance hereafter on the editorial columns of The Advocate. You deserve to win and I wish you success.

Yours sincerely
W. W. Matthews.

DR. MATTHEWS IS GENERAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dr. Matthews was formerly pastor of the local Zion church. Dr. Matthews recently lectured in Portland, illustrating same with stereoscopic slides. He pictured his trip two years ago through the missions in Africa.