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WHY ROBESON SINGS SPIRITUALS

Might well be answered in two brief sentences:—(1) Because he likes them. (2) Because he understands and can interpret them better than any other songs. Mr. Robeson explained, "Of course I can sing Italian but Chaliapin can beat me; I can sing German, too, but there are ten Germans who can beat me but when I sing Negro Spirituals none is my peer. "Are spirituals real music?"—One word would answer that, "yes". But Paul Robeson says: "When I sing Spirituals anywhere—let us not say in America—but anywhere else—in France, Germany, or even in England—whether the auditors understand anything at all of slavery or not—or whether or not they understand the language—they invariably are caught in their spell and cry for more. That is the real test of whether or not they are real music; that is all the proof I want." It is Mr. Robeson's belief that Negroes themselves ought to preserve the Spirituals in their original, primitive form for he says they are the only real American music. Many of them are against singing them and find fault with those who do but Mr. Robeson thinks that is due to the fact that these people live a life with their minds not far removed from the slave status. "Perhaps we are not far enough removed from the slave status in America to be able to appreciate them," Mr. Robeson concluded. One thing that at once impresses one with Mr. Robeson is his good sense. For example when asked how he felt when people insisted on trying to compare himself with Hayes, he said: "Hayes is attracted more to the French School of Music while I am attracted to the Russian and German Schools of Music. Here I am a big, broad, build, what would I look like trying to do some delicate turns and trills on the stage?" he inquired. The singer found his knowledge of law rather his legal degree an asset on going to England for the barrister in England is at once a gentleman, whatever else he might be, and hence is accepted as such in the best circles. Regardless of whether American Negroes like it or not, Mr. Robeson is going to sing spirituals—he is going to continue to specialize in them and he is going to sing them in dialect, too. And we say 'Sic 'em, Mr. Robeson.

WASHINGTON

Tomorrow, February 22, marks the 199th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the first president of the United States. It will be the occasion for commemorating the life of another of February's luminous figures.

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SHOULD DEFEAT PROPOSAL

The Oregonian of Feb. 20th carries an item which is of much more dangerous significance than first glance would seem to indicate. It says that the Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Departments are to be absorbed by the State Bureau of Labor with C. H. Gram, the labor commissioner, as secretary of both bureaus, a position held for years by our friend, Millie R. Trumbull. Gram says he can save over \$8000 to the state but in return his salary will be increased to \$3600 a year. We have here an illustration of rather doubtful politics. For \$50 a month increase in salary, two bureaus—non-political in work and administration, are to be sacrificed. Write to the Ways and Means Committee and protest against the consolidation. If efficiency were to be conserved, the matter would have a different complexion, but when the working women and children of the state are to be sacrificed in order that a man's salary may be increased, it is time to object and the colored people of this state will do so in no uncertain terms.

According to a news release which came to our desk this week, another important group of white women in South Carolina have joined in a new offensive against lynching. We have always maintained that lynching and other forms of injustice and discrimination against the Negro in the south would go when the good white women of the south would it to go. We still maintain that belief and time will reveal that we are right. Now that they have joined in with their important voice against this form of evil, even though rather late, we admit, (but when we realize that white women are just beginning to get their own freedom, it is early)—lynching will soon become history.

The editor is grateful for the many calls, letters and other expressions of appreciation for her small efforts in behalf of the program of Negro History Week by delivering an address over KGW, Morning Oregonian Radio Broadcasting Station last Saturday afternoon.

MARTHA ROOT

Portland will soon have the pleasure of entertaining a world traveller and lecturer in the person of Martha Root. Miss Root is a woman of rare attainments, possessing a wealth of information. Her contacts with people of various countries make her a universal character and she is dearly beloved by all who meet her. She is exceptionally versed in matters international in their scope. Already requests are pouring in for her services as a speaker. She travels anywhere and everywhere without cost.

ST. PHILLIPS MISSION NOTES

Rodney and Knot Sts., Rev. H. D. Chamber in charge. The regular monthly Communion will be observed Sunday, Feb. 22 at 11:00 a. m. with Rev. H. D. Chamber as celebrant.

During the Lenten season which began Wednesday, Mr. Coles, our lay-leader will deliver each Sunday a special lecture service concerning the Church and any one who is interested in the Episcopal Church will be able to gather some valuable information.

There will be a Lenten Tea at the home of Mrs. Diez, 436 Margurite Ave. Sunday afternoon from 3:00 till 7:00 p. m.

The ladies of the Guild are arranging their plans for their Easter entertainment. Notices will appear later. The music at the church is showing much improvement with Mrs. Jessie Flowers directing. Several new chants and Masses are being sung. Church Services at 11:00. Church School at 12:00. You are cordially invited to attend our services.

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Bethel A. M. E. Church, Larrabee and McMillen Sts. Rev. Daniel G. Hill Jr., Minister. First A. M. E. Zion Church, 417 Williams Ave. Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister

Olivet Church

DR. J. L. CASTON, Pastor (Mildred Ivey, Reporter)

Rev. Caston's subject tomorrow morning is "Divine Love", in the evening, "Divine Knowledge."

At 3:30 Sunday afternoon, a Bible lecture will be given to the "Mountain Climbers" on Folk poetry, and prose literature and tradition of the Jew. The Sunday School teachers and officers met Thursday to discuss the Sunday School equipment. There will be Lenten services every Wednesday evening from February 18 to March 23, March 23-29 is prayer week. Beginning on March 30 to April 5, will be Holy Week services every night. On Good Friday three services will be held at the church from 11 to 12, 3 to 4, and 8 to 9 p. m. Easter Sunday there will be Sunrise services and baptism at 6. Also service at 11:00; 4:00; 6:30 and 8:00.

Lena Hillsman will have charge and the topic for the discussion is every "Christian a Missionary."

Bethel Church News

Bethel By The Bridge On Larrabee and McMillen Sts. Rev. D. G. Hill, Pastor. Marguerite Griffith—Reporter

An appreciative audience received the message Dr. Mueller delivered last Sunday night. Mrs. Jessie Coles Grayson rendered several Negro spirituals. These were especially enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Lottie Rutherford was hostess to the Bethelite Club, at her home, Wednesday.

The S. S. P. B. met at the church, Mrs. Zepha Baker, teacher—No. 5 led the class.

Joymakers met at the home of Lenora Freeman, Thursday night.

The Spotlight Dramatic Club is meeting every week. They promise to give us one of the biggest dramas of the season.

The Junior Matrons' Club is rapidly increasing in number. Meetings are held every Thursday at the parsonage from 1:00 P. M. till 3:00.

The Junior Matrons are sponsoring a public speaker the first Sunday in March. All members are expected to be present.

Zion Church

Rev. W. R. Lovell, pastor. (By Kerem Mills Collins, Reporter) 10:00 a. m. S. S. 11:00 a. m. Preaching. 6:30 p. m. Varick C. E. 8:00 p. m. Preaching.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Rev. Lovell will preach on Sunday morning at the usual hours, 11:00 A. M.

At 3:00 P. M., Mr. J. S. Jackson, executive secretary of Seattle Urban League, will deliver an address to men only, the subject being "The Negro and the Social Order". Mr. C. E. Ivey, president of Portland's branch of N. A. A. C. P. will preside.

At 8:00 P. M., Mr. Jackson will speak on "The Changing Economic Status of the Negro." An interesting musical program will be given at both meetings.

The Vigilantes Club, Mrs. Camp, president, met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Pearl Carol.

The Zion Emergency Club, Wyatt Williams, president, meets every Friday night. Mrs. Lena Bowers will be hostess this week.

Zion's Varick C. E., Geo. Cannady, president, meets every Sunday at 6:30 P. M. Everyone is invited.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

IN THE REALM of Society

Pollyann, Society Editor

Mrs. E. S. Valentine during the past week has been the motive for numerous social courtesies among which were the following: Wednesday morning, guest of honor at the Esperanto Breakfast Club; Wednesday afternoon, special guest of the Rosebud Study Club at its meeting held with Mrs. Rosa Nichols, 407 Brazeal street. Wednesday night she was entertained informally by Mrs. Ella Smith at her beautiful suburban home. Thursday morning she was entertained at breakfast by Mrs. G. W. Kinney at her apartment on Page street; Monday night, Mrs. Lenora Henderson gave a surprise party for Mrs. Valentine at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralf Flowers on Victoria Avenue to which twenty guests were bidden. Music and refreshments were the diversions. Several other social affairs have been arranged in her honor among which are a theatre party and breakfast. Mrs. Valentine who is the house guest of Mrs. W. H. Myles plans to leave Monday for various points in California. She will be away indefinitely.

G. Hatcher of Bremerton, Wn., is a recent arrival in the city to take up his residence with his family at 870 Garfield Avenue.

Miss Gwendolyn Hooker was hostess for a surprise theatre party last Saturday night honoring the anniversary of the birth of her sister, Miss Violet Hooker.

One of the prettiest Valentine Birthday parties of the season was given on last Friday night by Mrs. Mamie Stanton and was attended by fourteen of her time honored girlhood friends, including some members of the Oregon Belles Drill Team. The house and especially the dining room was gorgeously decorated with Valentine attractions, red carnations and red sweet peas adorned the dining table. Place cards were ingeniously fashioned out of red candy hearts. The pretty birthday cake bore only two candles with numbers which revealed the honoree's age. Many beautiful and serviceable gifts were presented to Mrs. Stanton.

Mrs. Beatrice Cannady and sons were the guests at dinner Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pickett at 418 Vancouver Ave. The hostess served a delicate dinner assisted by her mother, Mrs. Avery. Covers were placed for eight.



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A very delightful luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. R. F. Morrison Monday in honor of her birthday. Places were laid for ten. Mrs. Morrison was the recipient a very pretty flower bowl and a plant.

Mrs. Jennie Ewing was hostess to the Culture Club Monday at her home. The Guessing Box was won by Mrs. Alexander. The ladies enjoyed several games of cards during the afternoon.

Honoring Dr. J. H. Mueller, Dean of the department of Sociology of the University of Oregon, and Paul Robeson, noted singer of London, England, Mrs. Beatrice Cannady entertained a coterie of friends at her home in Irvington last Sunday night including both colored and white. Among the out-of-town guests were Lawrence Brown of Boston, Mr. Robeson's accompanist and Mrs. Alexander Goldenweiser of New York City, wife of the eminent anthropologist.

The hostess was assisted in receiving and serving by her son, George annady and Miss Alfreda Franklin. Buffet service was had in the dining room which was very prettily decorated with red Valentine suggestions. Four tall red tapers furnished the soft light and bright red tulips and carnations, the Valentine gift of the Misses Violet and Gwendolyn Hooker, adorned the center of the table.

Red heart shaped cakes, sandwiches and other confections were not only delights to the taste, but also to the eye. Dr. Mueller, a Misourian by birth, has made a special study of race relations and an impromptu talk on the subject was enthusiastically followed by a general, enthusiastic discussion in which the noted Paul Robeson joined. The guests departed at a late hour expressing delight and thanks to the hostess for "such a rare evening."

A public reception will be tendered Miss Martha Root—world figure, Sunday, March 1st at Portland Womens' Club Bldg., 448 Taylor St. The hours are from 3 to 5 P. M. All are invited to meet this wonderful personality.

Zion's Emergency Club was entertained Friday at the home of Mrs. Ada McGill, 641 Union Ave. N. After the business session, the hostess served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lena Bowers. Visitors are always welcome.

Rev. Walter R. Lovell was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel G. Hill Jr., at the Robeson recital last Monday night.

The Esperanto Breakfast Club was entertained last Wednesday by Mrs. Nona Diez at her home, 436 Marguerite Ave. Eight members were present and Mrs. E. S. Valentine was a guest. The hostess served a delicious two-course breakfast, assisted by her mother, Mrs. R. P. Foster. The program hour was presided over by Mrs. Frank Adams, chairman. Mrs. Reynolds presented a poem, "The Melting Pot"; Mrs. B. Cannady exhibited the book "Paul Robeson", which had been autographed by Mr. Robeson and presented to her by Lawrence Brown, Mr. Robeson's accompanist. Mrs. Adams exhibited a book "Complete Poetical Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar", which was presented to her on her birthday jointly by the club and Mrs. Mamie Stanton. Mrs. Rachael Bellard read communications from an art club in Seattle inquiring about the Esperanto Club activities and inviting the club members to an entertainment to be given in Seattle. Mrs. Mamie Stanton sang "Who Knows", words by Paul Laurence Dunbar, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Elise Reynolds. The study period was devoted to reading and translating letters from Mrs. Anna Kincaid, local Esperantist. Next meeting will be held with Mrs. Cora L. Jamieson.

Mrs. Lula Gragg was hostess at a delicious dinner party Friday evening at her home in Alberta to members of the cast which recently presented the drama, "A Woman's Honor."

The Old Rose Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Clara Pickett, 418 Vancouver Ave., with the president, Mrs. Elsie Reynolds presiding. An interesting program was given as follows: piano solo, Mrs. Nona Diez; reading, Mrs. B. J. Fuller; vocal solo, Mrs. Clara Pickett and a review of "Paul Robeson" by Mrs. Elsie Reynolds. Among out of town guests present was Mrs. E. S. Valentine. The hostess served dainty refreshments.

Mrs. F. D. Young was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamieson at their home last Sunday.

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The YOUNGER SET

(By GENEVA IVEY)



Merriman Maxwell spent the past week-end in Portland.

A very large number of the young people attended that most wonderful concert of Mr. Robeson's at the auditorium Monday night. Those who did not go certainly missed hearing a great artist.

The High School Girl's Reserves club met and reorganized last Thursday. The following officers were elected: President, Benita Abernathy; Vice-President, Cora Franklin; Secretary, Evelyn Freeman; Treasurer, Juanita Gaston. Mrs. Hill is the girl's advisor.

The G. A. A. club did not meet Monday, but a special meeting was called by the president, Miss Maxwell on Wednesday night for final arrangements for the card and dancing. The party is tonight Saturday, Feb. 21 at Lenora Henderson's home, 874 Union Ave., North. Dancing, cards, prizes, and luncheon. All the young people are invited.

The A. M. E. Zion boys won over Milwaukee, Union High School last Friday on the U. H. floor. Don't forget the game with Coon's furniture store the 25th.

George Cannady has added to his already nice collection of trophies, pens and letters, a cup, and another letter. He earned these during the past fall term. The cup is a Grant football honor which signifies that the young man who received it made the longest run of any of the players during the Commerce-Grant football game Nov. 11. The cup is engraved, mounted and was presented by the Hollywood Times Shop. It will be recalled that George has also won the silver trophy given by Coach Long to the football man who had the highest scholastic standing. George's was 95 1/2 per cent. Getting the two previous mentioned honors, he naturally received his football letter.

Dolores Maxwell has gone to San Diego to join her mother.

TO OUR PATRONS

It is absolutely imperative that you come or send in and pay up your indebtedness to us. As we have so often said before, most of our business is on a cash basis. We cannot give you good service and a good paper unless we have money to pay our bills. If you pay us we can pay, if you do not, we cannot. Some of our patrons have accounts more than two years' past due, others months' and this is meant for those who do not pay, only. It goes without the saying that some pay, however, to be able to attend next year.

Russian Wolves Will Howl Their Tones Into Forest Microphones. Scientists in Soviet Russia are considering using the radio microphone as an aid in their campaign to exterminate the Siberian packs of wolves of the Siberian steppes, according to recent reports. Microphones connected by telephone lines with a common "central" would be fastened to posts or trees in this vast uninhabited land. These would pick up the howls of the wolf packs, which can be heard for miles over the silent plains. Thus located, the wolves would be exterminated by riflemen dispatched from patrol stations by telephone orders from the listener in the "central" where the microphone lines converge. Wolves have long been one of the factors which have made Siberia dangerous for settling or even traveling. In the severe Siberian winters they also constitute a menace to the towns on the fringe of civilization.

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