

What Tacomans Do

The Booklovers Club met on the 16th and closed Negro History week with a program, with invited guests as follows: The Negro in Literature, Mrs. Birdie Jones; The Negro in Economics, Mrs. N. J. Ashberry; The Negro in Music, Mrs. C. H. McCabe; The Negro in Education, Mrs. Helen Stafford; The Negro in Industries, Mrs. Florence Jones; The Negro in Religion, Mrs. Ella Davis and the Negro in History, Mrs. Inga Wilson. Musical numbers were rendered from Coleridge Taylor, N. Dett, Burleigh, Dawson, Johnson, Cook and others. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones, 1242 So. 49th St.

The Tacoma-Tribune of February 9th carried a splendid editorial under the caption of "Negro History Week" and under its department of "Editorial



Mrs. Nettie J. Ashberry

A number of Tacomas listened in last Saturday afternoon to the address over radio station KGW in Portland Oregon by the editor of the Advocate. At places tho' a little indistinct, we were able to follow the thread of her story.

History Week went over big here. Mrs. Nettie J. Ashberry who was in lead of the movement was unable to supply the demand for speakers and singers. In the work, however, N. B. Showalter, State Supt. of Education heartily cooperated.

J. A. G. Washington is president of the Pierce County Republican Club and Mrs. N. J. Ashberry is its secretary.

Several parties from Tacoma attended the Paul Robeson concert at Seattle Wednesday night.

by Readers—Other Viewpoints concisely expressed," it carried fully a half column on "Negro History Week" written especially for the paper by Mrs. Nettie J. Ashberry, chairman History Department of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Other news items in the dailies of Tacoma carried announcements of a bibliography of Negro literature prepared especially by the Librarian at Tacoma for Negro History Week.

A mass meeting of the Pierce County Colored Republican Clubs was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Elks hall. A large, representative crowd was in attendance. Miss Roberta Weber entertained with vocal selections.

PRESIDENT ADDRESSES GROUP BY TELEPHONE

Automotive Executives in New York Hear Mr. Hoover From Washington

The telephone enabled President Hoover to address the annual dinner of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, held at the Hotel Commodore in New York in January and attended by 1,200 executives of the automotive industry and their friends. The dinner is an annual event in connection with the National Automobile Show, which brings together the leaders in the automobile business and associated industries. President Hoover talked to the diners from the telephone in his study, over the regular long distance telephone lines. A Bell Telephone public address system had been installed in the banquet room, adjusted to amplify the President's voice so that it was clearly audible to all.

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Local Briefs

Mrs. Ila Fuller has returned from Tacoma, Wash., but is not able to be out. She is suffering from the effects of an automobile accident.

The Sun Cafe, open day and night—Chinese and American cooking, at 322 Williams Ave. Phone Lncaster 1882. J. D. Emery, Mgr.—Adv.

Miss Alise Evans of So. Water St., has been quite ill during the past week. Her many friends are wishing for her an early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Washington, of 334 Weidler street, have purchased a home in Montavilla and will soon take up their residence there. They purchased the Solomon Laurence property. Mr. Laurence has gone to Seattle to reside with his brother, and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laurence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laurence have been visiting relatives in Portland for the past six months. They formerly resided in Portland but moved to Seattle several years ago.

Mr. Leonard J. Moore will soon start his designing at his home, 1592 E. Glisan St.

Dr. J. W. Anderson returned to Portland Tuesday from San Francisco where he went recently on business.

Henry Gilliard has just closed a deal for whereby he got title to a valuable piece of real property.

The estate of the late E. Richardson through its administratrix, and heir, Mrs. Mamie Stanton is suing Messrs. W. D. Allen and George P. Moore to recover on promissory notes for money borrowed from the late E. Richardson.

The Police Bulletin of February 17th carried the following notice: JOHN L. BRATFORD, colored, age 15, 5' 3", 110 lbs. brown complexion, upper teeth overlapped, wore black coat, dark trousers, low cut black shoes, no hat, friendly and very talkative, plays the piano, may be in the company of 2 colored women, missing from Marysville, Calif. Notly Charles McCoy, Sheriff, Marysville, Calif.

Among recent subscribers to The Advocate are Mr. Kinney of Portland and Paul Robeson of London, England.

By mistake, in last week's issue we published the cut of John Brown for Fred Douglass. Similarity in the cuts was the cause of our mistake.

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Spokane Happenings

(By E. H. HOLMES)
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
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(Special to Advocate)

SPOKANE, Wash.—Weather fair and mild in Eastern Washington.

Lincoln and Douglas Anniversary was jointly celebrated Feb. 12 at Calvary Baptist church under auspices of N. A. A. C. P.

Fred E. Wilson, pioneer and race leader delivered an address on Lincoln. Elder E. B. Reed and Rev. G. S. Allen, Mrs. C. W. Davies, Miss Sybil Stafford and Levi Delaney, a personal acquaintance of Frederick Douglas, participated in the programme which was greatly enjoyed by all. E. H. Holmes, president, presided.

A strong effort to organize a Library Society in connection with the National Association is being made. It would fill a long felt want.

Frankie Childs had the misfortune to make a mistep at his residence last week and is suffering a dislocated shoulder in consequence.

Ike Jones is very happy lately having been advised of an increase in his pension and receipt of a fat check from Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Ruth Thomas returning from a trip to Montana stopped off for a day, while en route to Portland. She was a guest of Mrs. S. B. Coker of 35 W. Pacific. Pat Harris in charge of the Ho-

tel DEgink!! that has so splendidly cared for unemployed men, has recovered from a recent illness that confined him to Sacred Heart hospital. Pat has been taking care of a population of from 750 to 800 men daily during the winter.

Commissioners Ralph Hendricks and Arthur Burch are the leading contenders for re-election at the City election in March. Both are staunch friends of the ones who are supporting them loyally.

The Jointist charge against Jim Young, well known sporting man has been continued to the March term of the Superior court. Jim's many friends express confidence in him and his ability to prove his innocence.

Mrs. J. S. Payne of Everett, en route east and to points in Spokane and visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Porter during the present week.

The Fraternal club composed of Masons gave a dance at the Odd Fellow's hall, Sprague and Napa street last Thursday.

Mr. Ed. Winlock is fast recovering and has returned to work.

Paul Robeson celebrated Baritone and International artist will be heard at the Post street theatre Friday, Feb. 20. A big house will greet him.

Grand Jury Presentment Praises Telephone Operator's Work

When a sealed presentment which had been handed down by the Nassau County Grand Jury at Mineola, N. Y., in February, 1930, was opened recently in County Court, it was found that the grand jury had special praise for Miss Edith Smith, night telephone operator at Westbury, whose "heroic work and alertness" brought the police and the ambulance to the scene when Charles Bauer, Westbury druggist, was murdered by three young bandits. The presentment was not opened until the three youths had been executed at Sing Sing. The part played by the telephone operator was an important one, as she succeeded in interpreting the excited and almost unintelligible message of a caller who passed by the store as the druggist was slain, and who immediately made use of the telephone in an effort to summon the police, but who was too excited to speak coherently.

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THE MOTION PICTURE SITUATION

(By Chester A. Lyon)

The Advocate does not necessarily share in the writer's views, but whether we do or not, the opinions are sane, logical and interesting. It is the readers' as well as our privilege to disagree with the writer who invites your opinion upon the subjects discussed from time to time in this column.

ARTICLE No. 7

After Will H. Hays was hired by the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, for an immense salary, he formed a Committee on Public Relations, made up of 62 National Welfare organizations. The public was urged to patronize the best pictures and ignore the undesirable ones.

The life of the Committee on Public Relations was not long—it was organized by Mr. Hays in 1922, and on March, 19, 1925, Mr. Hays announced that the Committee on Public Relations was disbanded. There was every good reason for it proved to be only a high sounding name to impress the public. When Mr. Hays found that the National Congress of Parent Teachers Associations; the General Federation of Woman's Clubs and other organizations withdrew because they refused any longer to be represented in such inconsequential work, it was indeed time for him to disband.

It is also interesting to note that Mr. Julius Barnes, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, in December, 1922, withdrew his organization when Mr. Hays, without consulting the Committee on Public Relations, asked that the Arbuckle films be returned to the screen on the ground that Arbuckle had repented of his ill conduct.

After the Committee on Public Relations was disbanded, Mr. Hays then established in its stead the Department of Public Relations.

It will be impossible for lack of space to tell about this set up, by Mr. Hays in this article, so next week will be the final chapter of Hays' activities. Then for a discussion of the condition of things as relating to our own state, and the City of Portland.

The public will be interested to know that in 1925 four members of Congress who went on a cruise on different ships of our Navy, united in declaring before the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives that the motion pictures shown at sea were so indecent that they were degrading the morals of the men of the Navy.

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