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SECTION ONE

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NEW AWARD FOR LITERARY ACHIEVEMENTS

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON JOINS FISK FACULTY

DUBOIS HONORED

\$1,000 OFFERED FOR BEST LITERARY PRODUCTIONS

New York, March 25.—A \$1,000 prize to be awarded annually to writers is announced in the April issue of the Crisis, the mouthpiece of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Known as the DuBois literary prize in honor of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the Crisis, the award will go in successive years in rotation to writers of fiction, poetry and non-fiction prose. The award is offered by Mrs. E. R. Matthews, white, 439 East Fifty-seventh street, whose grandmother, Patty Thayer, was a prominent Abolitionist and secreted many escaped slaves in her attic.

Dr. DuBois, the editor, in whose honor the award is announced, is a leader of his race in America, and is the author of numerous books, including "Souls of Black Folk," "Dark-water" and many works of history dealing with the slave trade and the history of the Negro throughout the world, especially in America. He received the Spingarn medal in 1930 for founding the Pan-African Congress.

K. OF P. MEETS

Sunday night at 8 o'clock at Bethel A. M. E. Church members of Syracuse Lodge No. 1, K. of P. of N. A., S. A., A. A. & A., and the Court of Calanthe will hold their annual Thanksgiving and Memorial service. The sermon will be preached by Rev. T. A. Patterson, P. E., of Puget Sound Conference of the Bethel Church. The program will consist of Reading the official proclamation by Attorney Wyatt Williams, K. of R. & S. Remarks by E. D. Cannady, D. D., of Oregon, representing Syracuse, and Mrs. Sallie Santfield, Mrs. Illa Fuller, Mrs. A. Nelson and Mrs. Jessie Coles Grayson, representing the Court. The latter will sing. O. S. Thomas will act as master of ceremonies. The meeting promises to be of worth hearing and the public is cordially invited to be present.

Harold ("Warneke") Strasser met Harold Hayes, The Dalles bell hop, in the curtain raiser of Wiley Spivey's St. Patrick's day boxing show in The Dalles auditorium.

Freita Shaw, Singers In Broadway Film

By BEATRICE CANNADY

I dropped into the Broadway theatre last Thursday night to witness "The Prodigal," starring handsome Lawrence Tibbett in his first modern role. Much more awaited me of special interest than I ever anticipated. In the first place, the picture has many things in it which were wholly "different" and delightful. For example, Emma Dunn, who plays the role of mother, was the "official fixer" of the family, and although her decisions did not always meet the approval of her family, nevertheless they surprised and pleased the audience. Then the action centers around the animosity of two brothers, resulting in the one (Lawrence Tibbett) leaving home and becoming a tramp. His good looks, his kind, jovial, friendly spirit make him liked by everyone except his brother. Many other interesting situations follow in close sequence.

PIONEER WOMAN DIES AT HOME

"I'm going to sleep—and I will sleep for a long, long time," thus spoke Miss Blanche Crawford to her sister, Mrs. Hattie Redmond, last Sunday morning as she quietly folded her hands and silently stepped out into the Great Beyond.

Miss Crawford, the youngest daughter of the late pioneer, Reuben Crawford, died of cancer of the stomach. She was born in Portland 44 years ago, received her education in Portland school and spent her whole life in Portland, where she had a host of friends. Miss Crawford was a beloved member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and of "The Household of Ruth," O. E. S., of which Mrs. L. Hart is Noble Governor and Mrs. Lena Bowers Past Noble Governor. Funeral services were held at the Holman & Lutz Mortuary under the auspices of the Household of Ruth. Rev. J. L. Caston, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, officiated, and the church choir sang. Interment was in Lone Fir cemetery.

The funeral was largely attended and the floral tributes were beautiful and numerous. The deceased leaves to mourn their loss two sisters, a brother, a niece and great-niece: Mrs. Hattie Redmond and Miss Susie Crawford, of 740 East 32nd street, and Ben Crawford of Long Beach, Wash., and Mrs. Esther Akin and daughter, Jane Bryant, of Portland.

WOMEN REVIVE AUXILIARY TO PULLMAN PORTERS' GROUP

The Women's Auxiliary of the P. P. B. A. of A. met March 18th at the home of the chairman, Stanley Cago, 320 Halsey street. The meeting was called for the purpose of reorganization of the woman's auxiliary. Mrs. Estelle Culp, President; Mrs. Beatrice Banister, Vice-President; Mrs. L. Fisher, Secretary; Mrs. Winifred Cochran, Treasurer, and Mrs. Elsie Leay, Parliamentarian. The meetings will be held monthly and all wives of Pullman porters are requested to join. Seventeen were present, including two out-of-town guests. Anyone desiring information concerning the auxiliary please get in touch with the secretary of the auxiliary.

Slave Makes Contribution To Science

BISHOP CAREY DEAD

MRS. BRITTEN PASSES ON

Mrs. Margaret Britten died in Portland Thursday, March 19, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Williams, 94 East 74th street North, following a brief illness of bronchial pneumonia. She was 82 years old, having been born in Franklin, Tenn. For the past six years she has resided in Portland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 24, at Miller & Tracey parlors, Rev. G. G. Gardner officiating.

She leaves in addition to her daughter, Mrs. Williams, another daughter, Mrs. W. W. Robinson, of Monrovia, Cal., who came up to attend the funeral, and two sons, Andrew Britten of Franklin, Tenn., and Charles Rogers of Ellidabetshtown, Ky.

The deceased was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Sgt. Jas. White Camp, S. A. war vets. Mrs. Dolly Paries was soloist and the floral tributes and attendance were large.

ELLINGTON FINDS LAW KIND

New York, March 23. — Because Jackson (Duke) Ellington of Prospect street, Jamaica South, believes New York policemen are so courteous and gentlemanly that even a traffic law violator cannot refuse a summons from them with good graces, he received a suspended sentence Thursday from Magistrate Benjamin Marvin in Jamaica.

Ellington was caught violating a traffic law at Jamaica avenue and Sutphin boulevard by Motorcycle Patrolman William Hill. "Judge, I am not denying that I was guilty, but I want to say that this here cop is sure one gentleman. Of course, it was no pleasure to receive the summons from him, but listen, judge, he sure does take the sting out of it by being so polite," was Ellington's comment to the magistrate.

"It sure is a pleasure to hear you come into court with kind words about our policemen," Magistrate Marvin returned. "Many persons come into this court with anything else but kindness toward the officers of the law," the magistrate continued, "and because of your attitude I'm going to suspend sentence on you."

IN MEMORIAM
(Mrs. Blanche Crawford, who passed away March 22, 1931.)
By MRS. C. A. JENKINS
Dearest sister, thou has left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God who has bereft us;
He can all our sorrows heal.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more shall join our number,
Thou no more our songs shall know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the days of life have fled,
In Heav'n with joy we'll greet thee,
Where farewell tears no more are shed.

MRS. ROBESON SAYS NO OTHER WOMAN HAS A CHANCE AT PAUL

Following her return from Europe on the Olympic, Mrs. Eslanda Goode Robeson, wife of the actor and singer and his recent biographer, branded as false and unfounded rumors that a rift exists between them, in an interview Monday.

"Yes, I have heard the rumors," smilingly admitted Mrs. Robeson, "but there is no truth in them. It is just impossible that I should ever think of leaving Paul. It is true that numerous ladies have been interested in him, especially since he has accomplished so much, but I feel certain that they have not a chance in the world."

Asked about her husband's plans, Mrs. Robeson stated that he would arrive in the city Friday and will remain with her until after the concert Sunday night at Carnegie Hall. She will accompany him on the remainder of his tour.

"He asked me to come because he thinks his luck fails him unless I am along. I haven't seen him since December, you know," she said. While in the city she and her husband plan to decide what his future course will be. If he signs for a New York play, Mrs. Robeson will remain in America, according to her present plans, she stated.

Paul, Jr., and Mrs. Robeson's mother are wintering in Austria, Mrs. Robeson explained. He is still the image of his father, she said, and both parents are anxious to get back to Europe to join the boy and his grandmother.

OPERATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Word was received in Portland by Mrs. Clara Pickett, 418 Vancouver avenue, from her son, Dr. Hugh A. Bell, of New York City, that as the result of a recent operation on the eyes of Dr. and Mrs. Bell's daughter, Dolores, her eyesight had been successfully corrected and that she would not have to wear glasses. Three specialists were employed to perform the operation, which is said to have been extremely delicate.

TRIAL OF CHURCHMAN DELAYED FOR LAST TIME

Word has been received in Portland by friends that Bishop A. J. Carey, civil service commissioner indicted on charge of graft, whose trial had been postponed on account of illness, is dead. Details of his death are not known here as we go to press. Bishop Carey was of the A. M. E. Church.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking our many friends for their kindness and floral offerings during the illness of our beloved sister.

(Signed)
MRS. HATTIE REDMOND,
MISS SUSIE CRAWFORD,
BEN CRAWFORD.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their comforting messages of sympathy and tributes of floral offerings during our recent bereavement.

(Signed)
MRS. MINNIE CRAWFORD
AND FAMILY.

EFFICACY OF ETHER FOUND THRO' PLAY

Chicago, March 24.—Writing in the Journal of the National Medical Association for March, Dr. Julian H. Lewis, pathologist of the University of Chicago, and medical director of the Victory Life Insurance Company, submits information to the effect that a Negro slave boy was the first person to give impetus to the use of ether as an anesthetic.

Dr. Lewis' investigation disclosed the following facts: In the year 1832 in Athens, Ga., the white boys and girls of the town were in the habit of concluding their entertainments with what they called an "ether frolic." Slight use of the drug caused humorous actions, crying, laughing, dancing, etc., among the guests.

In the autumn of 1839 a group of young people met at the home of a Mr. Ware, and at the conclusion of the more formal of the evening's diversions it was decided to have an "ether frolic." All of the white boys and girls were given their whiffs. It then occurred to one of the white boys that it would be funnier still to have one of the Negro men servants to inhale some ether. The slave remonstrated, but so far had the youngsters gone that they paid no attention

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VICE-PRES. N.A.A. C. P. ACCEPTS CHAIR OF LITERATURE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 21, 1931.—James Weldon Johnson, for four years the secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been appointed professor of creative literature at Fisk University. Dr. Thomas Eliza Jones, president of Fisk, has announced this appointment to the recently created Adam K. Spence Chair of Creative Literature.

GETS SCHOLASTIC HONORS

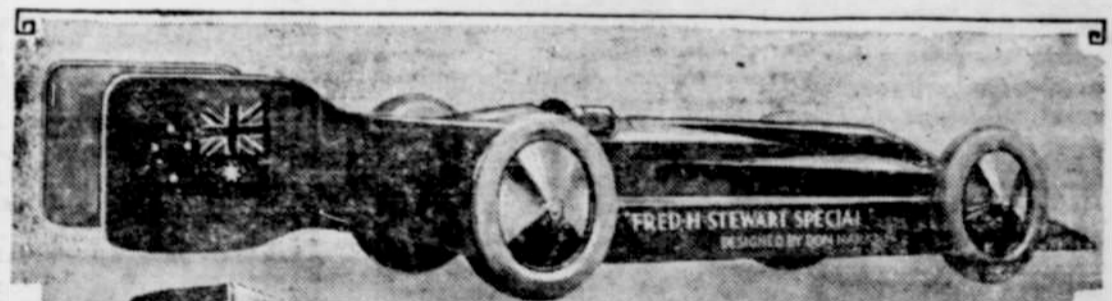
New York, N. Y., March 24.—Irving A. Derbigny, Columbia graduate student in chemistry, today had the distinction of membership in Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society. He also wears the Sigma Xi key.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their sympathy and floral tributes in the death of our beloved mother.

(Signed)
MRS. SARAH WILLIAMS,
MRS. W. W. ROBINSON.

Phenomenal Speed Record To Be Attempted In New Zealand



NORMAN "WIZARD" SMITH, AUSTRALIAN RACER, WHO WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE NEW SPEED RECORD



A PERFECT THIRTY MILE TRACK, NINETY MILE BEACH AT KAITEIA, NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand will be the scene of a new automobile speed record in May, if plans of Norman "Wizard" Smith, Australian racer, work out. A special car for the attempt to beat Sir Malcolm Campbell's present record of over 145 miles per hour is now under construction in Sydney, Australia.

Ninety-Mile Beach at Kaiteia, New Zealand, the scene of the record attempt provides at low tide a hard natural track, thirty miles long, one thousand feet wide, and smooth as plate glass. This is over three times as long as the famous Daytona Beach, where recent records have been made, including that just made by Sir Malcolm Campbell.

The greater length of Ninety-Mile Beach leads some authorities to the conclusion that Daytona Beach is rapidly outliving its usefulness. The thirty mile track on the New Zealand beach is of perfect sand so tightly packed that a heavy pneumatic tired vehicle traveling at high speed leaves but a slight feathering of the track where the tires have turned over the surface film, according to reports.

The engine of Smith's car, whose design is a close secret of the British government, is expected to develop approximately seventeen hundred horsepower, and reach a speed of three hundred miles per hour or better. It is said to be the most efficient engine ever fitted on a chassis. Smith is conferring with engineers of the Vacuum Oil Company, Pty. Ltd., of Australia, regarding the problems of fueling and lubrication connected with the machine.

Specially designed radiators, new streamlining designs to reduce wind resistance to a minimum, and a sloping nose to retain traction at high speed, are among the features which make Smith confident that he will establish a phenomenal record.

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