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# WORLD RENOWN TENOR TO APPEAR IN CALIF.

## DEPRIEST TO SPEAK IN PORTLAND SOON

### HAYES TO SING UNDER STARS

MARKS CLOSING EVENT OF SEASON IN HOLLYWOOD BOWL

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The News  
BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

SIX MONTHS OF SUCCESS

Exactly six months ago the subject of this column was, "Introducing A Daily", and immediately thereafter various comments were noted in quite a few of our leading publications and by various writers. Most of these comments acknowledged the particular undertaking but referred to it as an "experiment" and indicated that after a few weeks time the project would undoubtedly collapse, like the many other attempts at launching a daily.

Of course, the daily referred to, is the Atlanta Daily World, published by the Southern Newspaper Syndicate, and while I do not enjoy the confidence of William A. Scott, the founder and owner of this enterprise, I have through my regular releasing services, and through observation, been able to watch the record and the progress of this new journalistic venture.

Apparently some of the obstacles in the path of operating successful Negro dailies arise in the excessive equipment cost and an enormous amount of technically skilled labor unless the equipment and the labor can be kept constantly busy. Presumably the cost of maintaining a news and feature service sufficient for a daily is also quite an item. Even after these obstacles have been surmounted there is the all-important matter of circulation and prompt distribution to the readers.

In order to lower a necessarily large equipment and labor cost the Southern Newspaper Syndicate (SNS) have organized other World papers in nearby southern cities with the result that these added papers require but little more effort to edit and publish than would an extra edition of the Daily, merely changing mastheads, a substitution of pertinent "local" news and the rearrangement of a few features, and strictly "local" advertising matter.

Therefore, in addition to the Atlanta Daily World, the SNS also publish four semi-weeklies, The Birmingham World; The Memphis World; The Jacksonville World and the Nashville World, in addition to a weekly, The Jackson World, of Jackson, Mississippi, and through a mutual cooperation, The Louisiana Weekly, of New Orleans, is also published in the SNS plant at Atlanta.

This enables the SNS to keep their costly equipment in constant use. A corps of skilled workers are kept constantly busy. The cost of securing national news and features can be pro-rated among the several publications, while each local member of the affiliation can supply for the complete SNS service all of the "local" coverage.

The SNS also publish a national feature, the Gravure Weekly, being the only one of its kind published by or for Negro publications. This feature has a combined circulation of around sixty thousand weekly and is read by over a score of papers in nearly as many states. All of which indicates that the subject of this release could rightly be entitled, "It Can Be Done—by Negroes".

NEGRO ARTIST HEARD

R. Todd Duncan and William D. Allen Score at Recital  
R. Todd Duncan, baritone, and William D. Allen, pianist, both colored and music instructors in Howard university, Washington, D. C., appeared in concert Tuesday before a large audience in Henson Memorial Church auditorium, East Twentieth and Salmon Sts. Mr. Duncan has a light baritone voice of good quality, and sings with fine skill and expression. Mr. Allen pianist, has also been well schooled in that department, and played with creditable musical ability a number of pieces selected from works of Brahms, Chopin and other composers. They were kindly received.

### ADELAIDE HALL AND THE LARCHMONTERS

By William Pickens  
A white man named H. Leon Clayton, of Westchester County, has spoken against Adelaide Hall, well-known Negro actress, for leasing a house in a "white" section at Larchmont, where the "exclusive" (whites) live. He reasons that she would have done "more good" for her race, if she had selected



WILLIAM PICKENS

to live where "white people" of his ilk are willing to have her live—in Harlem, on the East Side, or in Greenwich Village,—or on the back streets in Larchmont!

Now isn't that some "logic" for you, though? That the best way to cure a prejudice is to acknowledge and obey it,—to feed it. Every "inter-racial" thinker with brains in his head, from Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison to the present minute, knew and knows that the only way to break up a social wrong is to contradict it, not to act in accordance with it; that the only way to expose a social lie is to act out the social truth, not to pretend, "peacefully", that the lie is the truth. What is the lie involved in this reasoning of Clayton's? It is this: that an "actress" and her husband of brown skins are by virtue of that brown skin more hurtful to some real values than are white actresses and their husbands. If Mary Pickford or Greta Garbo were acquiring residence in Larchmont, the Larchmonters would be preening themselves over it. Yet neither one of these whites (to speak most mildly) has a better character record than has Adelaide Hall.

I have tried to explain in a thousand reasoned addresses in thousands of places to doubtless hundreds of thousands of white people that a same Negro does not move into a good place to live "because white people live there", but because it is "a good place to live". Incidentally white people, because they control all our money for saving and other public improvements have "most unselfishly" taken all the best places everywhere for their use; and that a self-respecting Negro moves into such places "in spite of white dwellers" not because of them. It is easy to see that; there are plenty of other places where white people live, and where Adelaide did not move, like the East Side or like the unpaved streets of Jamaica or like the back streets of the Bronx, or the less desirable places in Larchmont! Any little bit of brains can see, then, that it is not the color of people but the quality of the places that determined Miss Hall's selection of a house. One does not choose trouble in order to get a good place which could be got without the trouble; but one may get trouble in order to get a good place which cannot be otherwise acquired.

All the other white people in America have the same right to "exclude Negroes" as have the Larchmonters. Catering to that barbarity would simply shut the Negro out beyond hope and "World without end."

Clayton is one of the most hopeful.

### METCALF REJECTS MOVIE OFFER

CHICAGO, Sept. 22—Forsaking an opportunity to appear in Berlin and other European cities this fall, Ralph Metcalf, Marquette university's brilliant Olympic performer, has decided to return to his classes there. It has also been learned that Metcalf's declined an offer of \$250 a week to appear in motion pictures. The Marquette sprinter has been given a tentative invitation to tour Europe next summer with a group of American athletes. He is expected to enter the pre-medical or pre-law course in the university this fall. He has been studying physical education.

### SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

PIONEER CITIZEN FOUND DEAD ON STREET DOWNTOWN

Warren Richard Peek, of 410 N. 21st street, a pioneer Portland citizen was found dead at the Sixth str. entrance to the Meier & Frank Department store. The body was removed to the county morgue where death was pronounced due to heart failure. Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon from the Saint Phillips Mission, corner of Rodney avenue and Knott street with the Rev. Mr. H. D. Chambers and Mr. Baine B. Colos, officiating. Miller & Tracey, morticians in charge. Music was furnished by the Saint Phillips choir under the direction of Mrs. J. Flowers. Interment was had in the Rose City Cemetery, along side of the grave of the late Mrs. W. R. Peek, who was the wife of the deceased.

Mr. Peek was a trusted and highly respected officer and member of the Saint Phillips church which he and his late wife help to build. He reportedly owned several pieces of valuable real estate, including the residence property at 410 N. 21st. He leaves to mourn their loss, a nephew, Dr. Homer Nash; a sister and a niece, all of Atlanta, Georgia.

### CHARGED WITH ASSULT

Reynold Otto Bush, 32 colored porter, 629 1/2 first street, was arrested Monday night on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on complaint of his wife. She told police he had stabbed her in the leg in a fight at their home. She was treated at emergency hospital. Bush is being held in the city jail under bail of \$1000.

### JR. N. A. A. C. P. PRESENTS W. J. WHEATON

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 20—The regular monthly meeting of the Jr. N. A. A. C. P. will be held on Sunday afternoon September 11th Miss Ella Lindsay, Chairman of Current Events will present the Speaker of the Afternoon who will be Mr. W. J. Wheaton. The Subject "Is The Negro Losing His Sense of Direction," will be opened by him. A fine musical program will also be presented.

October 9th, is Rally Day for the S. F. Jr. N. A. A. C. P.

### TO REPLACE KLAN

ORDER OF BLACK SHIRTS AIMS TO REPLACE KLAN

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 20—The Order of Black Shirts, a new brotherhood, whose membership is limited to white persons male and over 18 years of age, has reached out to Chicago from Atlanta, Ga., home of the Ku Klux Klan a antagonistic organization, that waxed and faded.

This new effort of American Fascists is seeking to enlist organizers willing to "make \$25 to \$50 a day" signing up recruits. Among its tenets is undying opposition to the amalgamation of the white and colored races and communism. Of these tenets the literature of the "Black Shirt," Order says:

The organization is pledged to fight to maintain white supremacy and to limit the ballot to persons who have paid poll taxes. In general, the platform is more severe and less intolerant than that of the Klan: "There are lots of things about the Order that cannot be printed," according to B. Cobb, of Atlanta, national secretary, who is responsible for the literature that is to be circulated.

### ENJOYS TRIP TO OCEAN PARK

Mrs. Charles Strain writes friends that she is enjoying her trip to Crater Lake Park.

### LOCAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS DEPRIEST



OSCAR DEPRIEST

ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN HERE TO GET VOTES FOR REPUBLICAN PARTY

Portlanders will again have the opportunity of hearing the Honorable Oscar Depriest, the Congressman from Illinois, when he speaks here on Saturday evening, October 1st at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, East First and Schuyler streets.

Mr. Depriest was here in 1929 and spoke to a large mixed audience at Lincoln High School auditorium under the auspices of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Depriest is on a nation-wide tour in the interest of the Republican party ticket. His local appearance is under the auspices of the State and County Central committees. Messrs. Wyatt W. Williams and C. E. Ivey are members of the Executive and congressional committees respectively of the county republican committee and are at the head of a non-partisan group of distinguished colored citizens who will welcome the honorable gentleman.

At a meeting held Thursday evening at the First A. M. E. Zion church the following persons were named on the reception committee: Wyatt Williams, C. E. Ivey, Wilbur Mercer, W. H. Holliday, Dr. DeNorval Unthank, Rev. W. R. Lovell, Rev. J. D. Wilson, Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Mrs. Bonnie Bogie and Beatrice Cannady-Franklin.

A tentative program arranged for the pleasure of Mr. Depriest, included a breakfast, a trip and luncheon on the Columbia River Highway, a rest period late in the afternoon, followed by his speech at night.

Mr. Williams presided at the meeting and Mr. Ivey acted as secretary. Mr. Depriest is one of a large number chosen to speak in behalf of the Republican party ticket, urging the Negro voter to remain faithful to the party and its platform. He will leave immediately after his speech, for Seattle.

Mr. Depriest is a forceful and convincing speaker and a large crowd is expected to greet him Saturday night. The meeting is free and public.

### SLAIN NEGRO MAY HAVE BEEN TRUCK THIEF

The body of an unidentified Negro about 40 or 50 years old was found near the Columbia River highway about 15 ft. from the road near Coopy Falls. The man apparently had been dead since June, according to the Multnomah county deputy coroner.

Death apparently had been caused by buckshot wounds. Officers who investigated said that during June a truckman reported that he fired several shots at a man who attempted to board the truck during a period when much freight was being stolen from trucks as they were moving slowly uphill.

George Spickerman of the Dalles, who hid in the back of one of The Dallas Truck line trucks, and one night several weeks ago fired three shots in the general direction of two men who attempted to get on the truck, was in Portland today, but Arthur Spickerman said that he did not believe that either of the men fired upon were Negroes, although it was impossible to be certain as the attempted robbery occurred during the night.

### URGES RACE TO PATRONIZE NEGRO PAPERS

HOLSEY HASN'T PATIENCE WITH NON-READERS OF NEGRO PAPERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22—"I have no patience with those of our race who frequently boast that they do not read the Negro newspapers," declares Albon L. Holsey, organizer of the C. M. A. Stores, in an editorial in The Negro Market, a publication of that body.

"When the same national advertisers are told that the Negro newspaper is the direct approach to the Negro market," says Mr. Holsey, "they dismiss the matter with a shrug of the shoulders, and the now-familiar phrase, 'Negroes who read, read the daily papers, so why should—etc., etc.'"

"At this particular time the proper use of our buying power is so clearly related to our economic liberation and is such an important factor in our civic adjustment that it transcends in potential power all other defensive tactics."

If people who boast that they do not read colored papers would think, says Mr. Holsey, they would easily understand that such remarks which give them false importance in their own minds serve no other purpose than to spread subtle propaganda against the power of the Negro press.

United and organized effort on the part of our newspapers and other leaders of our race will help to correct this situation, he points out, but the final responsibility rests with the masses of our people. We must buy Negro newspapers even if it hurts, and then we must tell the world, read them and to support the advertisers who use their columns.

### NEGRO IS NOMINATED

BY N. Y. COMMUNIST

New York, Sept. 15—William L. Patterson, Negro, was nominated today by the Communist party of New York as its candidate for mayor of New York City in the November election to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of James J. Walker.

### CHOSEN HEAD OF GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 22—Dr. Willis King, president of Sam Houston College, Austin, Texas, formerly of Gammon Theological Seminary, and for more than twenty years prominent in the ministry and in educational circles, has just been elected president of Gammon Theological Seminary in this city, according to an announcement from Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkfield, of New York, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Dr. King has notified the trustees of his acceptance and will enter upon his duties within a few days.

As president of Gammon Seminary, Dr. King succeeds Dr. Frederick H. Clapp, who resigned the office last spring, and becomes the first Negro president in the fifty years' history of the institution. He is believed to have peculiar fitness for the important position to which he has been chosen. Born in Rose Hill, Texas, in 1886, he graduated from Wiley College in 1910 with a Bachelor's Degree, and from Boston University School of Psychology from Boston University. He is also an alumnus of Harvard. In 1929 he was awarded a Rosenwald Fellowship for further study abroad. University and in research in Palestine and spent the following year at Oxford under the auspices of the American School of Oriental Research.

Dr. King entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1908 and in the next ten years served pastorates in Greenville, Texas, New York City, Boston, Galveston and Houston. In 1918 he was elected professor of old testament and sociology, in Gammon Theological Seminary, and continued in that capacity until 1929, when he went aboard. On his return he was elected president of Sam Houston College at Austin.

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## News Briefs

W. R. Peek Mr. Peek was Mrs. Bird's uncle by marriage.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carden who has been ill and confined in Emanuel Hospital for the past two weeks returned to her home, 1694 Maryland Ave. Wednesday. She is reported to be convalescing from her recent operation.

Mrs. L. K. Weeks was employed in the ladies check room at the Hotel Portland during the Legion Week.

Mrs. Hattie Smith who conducts a restaurant on N. Sixth street, has taken a Mrs. Moore in as a partner.

Charles Redd, well known hotel waiter, has gone to California in quest of a job.

Mrs. Lula Hubbard had charge of the check room at Hotel Portland during the Legion Convention.

J. W. Sims, who is a handy man as shoe shiner, farmer, and Railroad porter, was the chef cook on a visiting legionnaires' private car last week in the railroad yard.

Jimmie Waldron's face appeared like he had butted up against a brick wall recently. But Jimmie didn't. Jess Anderson wielded a knife, it is said which produced the same effect in a fight with Jimmie last week in South Portland.

J. Coleman, who fitted up a shine parlor on Third street near Burnside, two weeks ago, has another location.

Ivan Cannady who went to Willamette University on last Saturday, returned home on Wednesday. He was unable to get the course in Journalism and commercial art which he wanted and has registered for those courses in the University of Oregon Extension school. He will enter school Monday. He will enroll at Eugene in February.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22—Roland Hayes, one of the world's most famous tenors, and possessor of the greatest Negro voice of all time, will present a special concert in Hollywood Bowl on Friday evening, September 30.

This is the first time Hayes has been heard in the great amphitheater, and will be the only opportunity this year music lovers of Southern California will have to hear the noted artist.



ROLAND HAYES

A feature of the program will be the appearance of the Affiliated Choral Society of Los Angeles in support of the great tenor.

The concert will prove a fitting climax to one of the most notable seasons of musical events the Hollywood Bowl ever has sponsored.

The 300-voice chorus which will be heard with him on this occasion, under the direction of Minnie M. Albritton, is the group which presented a special program in the big amphitheater during the regular summer season.

### DEATH REMOVES VALUABLE CITIZEN

J. R. CHARLESTON DIES FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

J. R. Charleston, for 23 years a resident of Portland, died at the family tent 15th at the age of 68 years and seven months. He had been in ill health for seven years, the last three of which he was unable to do any kind of work.

Mr. Charleston was born in North Buxton, Ontario and came to Portland in 1909. He and Mrs. Charleston were married here that year and have ever since made their home in this city.

For 16 years, the deceased was employed on a S. P. & S. observation car where he rendered excellent service. Mr. Charleston possessed a quiet disposition and enjoyed a peaceful and happy home life. He had a few staunch friends, among whom he especially prized the friendship of Geo. B. Hardin, of 40 years duration. Mr. Hardin spent several hours with the deceased a few days before the end.

Mrs. Charleston, who is many times referred to as "the guardian angel" and "angel of mercy" was the patient, loving and unselfish wife and companion to the last. During the long months and years of his illness, she never tired of caring for and ministering to his needs.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 17th at the Miller & Tracey Mortuary with the Rev. Mr. Daniel G. Hill, officiating. Only 25 minutes were required for the entire service which included the reading of the 42nd Psalm and the obituary by Rev. Hill; "Lead Kindly Light" sung by Mrs. Jesson Grayson; Robert Old Duncan, baritone, of Indianapolis, accompanied on the piano by William Duncan Allen, sang, and Louis and Emma Lou Lawrence played a violin and Cello duo. Interment at Portland Crematorium.

Although Mrs. Charleston requested that no flowers be sent, several of her intimate friends sent beautiful flowers to the house and one piece from a life-long friend graced the casket along side of the piece placed there by the sorrowing wife.

The deceased leaves to mourn their loss, a widow, Mrs. Charleston, of Portland and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Coleman, of Indianapolis, Ind.

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