

# YOUTH SETS NEW RECORD

## INTER-RACIAL COMMISSION ISSUES REPORT

### EDITOR REFUSES WIFE'S PETITION

#### Abbott Contends For Absolute Divorce From Untrustful Wife

#### OPENLY DEFENDS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GENERAL MANAGER STATING INTERFERENCE IN ABBOTT'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

CHICAGO, Ill., June 29—Mrs. Helen Thornton Abbott received a terrific setback in her plans this week when her husband, Robert S. Abbott, editor and publisher of The Chicago Defender and Abbott's magazine, turned a deaf ear to her plea to come back home and to replace N. K. McGill, general counsel and manager of the Abbott publications.

#### Wants Him Back

Numerous motions have been made during the time the case has been pending and each time the wife has sought alimony, a settlement, a receivership for the Abbott publications or the removal of Attorney McGill.

Hearing on the merits of the case was begun this week. Mrs. Abbott pleaded with her husband to return to his home, to protect his business and live in peace with her. The editor would not listen nor consider living with her again.

Mr. Abbott told her in the presence of the court that in view of the false charges she has made against him and Mr. McGill and her efforts to damage the business, he did not care to live with her again and that he couldn't trust her. He wanted an absolute divorce.

#### Case Near End

Mr. Abbott not only declined her offer but stoutly defended Mr. McGill against the implications contained in statements which inferred the general manager had interfered with the domestic affairs of the Abbotts.

Scene of the court battle shifted to the private chambers of the judge on Tuesday, and from indications the end of the proceedings is near.

Following the refusal of Mr. Abbott to consider his wife's proposals, she announced that she was willing to drop her suit for separate maintenance. Mrs. Abbott asked for \$100,000 when the matter of settlement came up for discussion.

#### COLORED WRESTLER IS

#### AUTO MISHAP VICTIM

Hood River, Ore., June 30—William English, colored member of the Wyeth civilian conservation camp, suffered serious injuries at 2:10 a. m. Sunday when he was sideswiped from their running board of an automobile near Cascade Locks. English and comrades were returning to camp from a dance. The young colored man suffered fractures below and above the knee on one leg. He lost the kneecap on the other leg and his skull was fractured.

English was hurried to the Hood River hospital for emergency treatment and later was removed by the Hood ambulance to Vancouver barracks.

### Digesting . . . The News

BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

#### WRITING FROM CHICAGO

Heretofore my "digesting has been done from a prison cell. No longer is that necessary. I find myself, through no effort of mine, but all through the kindness of Harry H. Pace, president of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company, in a second floor office in their home office building. I look out the window—on the "Avenue"—and see life as it passes. I remain in the office and "digest" the news that comes to me through many papers, releases, and personal letters. Life is wonderful and I am grateful to be alive.

The building in which I am located is a virtual bee-hive of Negro business, affording daily employment to about one hundred in the various offices and stores, and seven or eight hundred more in the field. The building is owned by Negroes and in it can be found every form of racial enterprise. And from my scant observation of its tenants there are but two firms that

### VERBAL SNAPSHOT

BY W. J. WHEATON

The loyalty of the American Negro to the United States; his belief in its ideals and obedience to the law challenges the admiration of the thoughtful. In spite of all the inhibitions which curtail his citizenship and the injustice that hedge him in, in spite of hatreds and its accompanying brutality, he has never lost faith in the primary thought of the Nation's founders, that all men are created equal, and cherishes the faith that it will ultimately come true. The history of the nation is so interwoven with his sacrifices and his courage that try, as it does, no true and authentic narrative can be chronicled that does not record his deeds of valor. June 18th the battle of Bunker Hill was commemorated. How many remembered that Peter Salem and Lev, the fifer played a memorable part in that early struggle for the nation's independence? No American Negro need bend his head in shame, neither should he fail to acquaint the unknowing of the part that his race has played in the founding of the nation. Negro parents should teach their children the historical feats of their fore-bearers in the founding and preserving of our nation.

Our leading institutions of learning, notably Western University, Kansas, and Wilberforce, Ohio, are in a turmoil. Too much politics in the former while in the latter it is alleged that one of the Bishops prominent in the A.M.E. connection has a matter of \$18,000 to account for and wanted to select a president for Wilberforce who would not insist on the accounting. At Quindara "Western University" the

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I shall be reluctant to patronize—one is the beauty parlor and the other is the undertaker.

You are wondering how I got to Chicago? By bus, my friends, by bus. I often wondered how the business could transport people so cheaply but after riding from Jackson, Michigan, to Chicago, I am wondering no more. In fact I congratulate myself that I actually got here. "Nuff said! But may be I was on the wrong bus line. However, to anyone seeking cheap transportation I can recommend the bus from experience.

On the bus was a colored porter and another colored fellow who was "dead-headed" to Chicago. If it hadn't been for the "dead-head" we never would have reached Chicago in the same bus we left in. I asked the regular porter what was wrong with the bus to which he replied, "O, this isn't our regular bus. Our regular bus is broke down, the extra bus got lost and this was the only bus left." What a bus!

Our first trouble came before reaching Battle Creek. Having to wait there an hour or so for "adjustment" I strolled around the city. I visited with Lawyer John R. Colden, who, some of my readers will remember my writing about some time ago when he was

### NEGRO YOUTH SETS NEW RECORD

Soldier Field, Chicago, June 29—The winged heels of Jesse Owens, the brown-skinned Negro, sent three national high school records spinning into discard and won the U.S. interscholastic track and field championship for East Tech, Cleveland on June 17.

In one of the greatest individual exhibitions of sprinting and jumping in prep school history, Owens won three events, broke three national records, scored 32 points by himself and ran as anchor man on his relay team.

Great Negro athletes of the past—Howard Drew, De Hart Hubbard, Eddie Tolan, Ralph Metcalf and others—never equalled Owens' achievements' that day. He stepped out and won the 100-yard dash in 9.4 seconds, breaking the high school record by two-tenths of a second and equalling the fastest time ever made in the century by any sprinter. Then he came back and won the 220-yard dash in 20.7 seconds breaking the former national record of 21.1 seconds.

With these two great sprinting records behind him, Owens then won the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet. 24 five-eighths inches set by Eddie Ham of Loanoake, Ark., and later Olympic broad jump champion in 1928. Ham's record had stood for nine years.

### EDITOR SPEAKS BEFORE BAHAI'S

Mrs. Beatrice Cannady Franklin addressed the Bahai Assembly Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce Building. She gave the Bahai principles of racial amity and urged greater activity on the part of Bahais to hasten more friendship and goodwill between the colored and white races in America.

### MRS. GRAYSON SINGS

Mrs. Jesse Grayson, contralto was presented in recital Thursday night at the First Methodist church. A large audience greeted the popular singer, who plans to leave in a few days for Chicago to attend the National Federation of Women's Clubs of which she is a member.

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### HEART ATTACK SUFFERED IN DENTAL CHAIR

#### ALL FUNCTIONS IN HIS HONOR TO BE WITHOUT PRESENCE OF RETIRING MAYOR

Mayor George L. Baker collapsed late Tuesday in the office of Dr. H. F. Cession, on the seventh floor of the Oregonian bldg.

Doctors were summoned immediately and issued orders for the mayor to be kept in the dentist's office until they would restore his heart action.

In the meantime all formal functions in honor of the mayor who is retiring



George L. Baker

July 1 after years of service, were called off as far as the mayor's presence is concerned. Hal White, secretary of the mayor, announced that plans for the fetes and dinners in his honor might proceed. But the mayor could not be present.

Doctors blamed the strain of the final hours of the mayor's regime for the physical weakness that brought about the attack.

The mayor was seated in the dentist's chair when the attack occurred. Dr. Cession was "doing a little work on his teeth," according to White.

A dinner Thursday night and a reception at Jantzen beach Friday night were the functions planned in honor of the mayor, who will be succeeded by Joseph K. Carson.

At a late hour the mayor was being kept in the dentist's office under surveillance of physicians.

White said he had regained consciousness, but could not be moved.

### SHIPMENT OF CUBS GOES EAST

Rainier, Oregon, July 1—For the second time in recent months, four cub bears were shipped from here Wednesday by Oscar Taylor, colored. As before the cubs were consigned to Donald S. Crowe at Pequanock, N. J. Taylor said he captured the cubs near Oregon City, the same story he told when the first shipment went east. Just why he prefers to use Rainier as a shipping point is a mystery which he prefers not to explain.

The cubs shipped Wednesday were about six weeks old. They were detained in heavy wire cages and created considerable excitement at the S. P. & S station while waiting for their train. The little fellows were extremely playful and spent their time attempting to chew the shoes of numerous boys who ventured too near.

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### Interesting Program Marks Young Democratic Club Meet

The Colored Young Democratic Club of Multnomah County, had a very interesting meeting Wednesday night. Among the speakers were Mrs. Maude B. Thames, publicity secretary of the Multnomah County Central Committee



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and editor of the Oregon League of Democratic Women; Albert Absber, secretary of the Multnomah County Central Committee; Secretary of the Willamette Society, First Vice-President of the Jackson Club and candidate for Postmaster. Mrs. Thames spoke on "Why Women Should Be Interested in Politics". She urged the colored women to organize a Democratic Club and install in their members the principles of good government and the real meaning of democracy, in order that they might exercise their right to vote intelligently. She emphasized the importance of women taking a more active interest in politics because their very independence depends upon this. She made a very forceful speech that was well accepted.

Albert Absber delivered a talk on Jeffersonian Democracy. He pointed out the fact that the Democratic party has always championed the causes



Albert Absber

that were for the welfare of the masses and told the assembled members in a few brief sentences just what the Democratic party has done for the country. Mr. Absber made a big hit with the club.

Mr. Charles Adams, the president of the club, made a speech stating that the Republican party has never done anything that was especially beneficial to the colored people.

The Colored Young Democratic Club of Multnomah County, with Adams as president and Jerome Franklin as secretary, has made wonderful progress. The club has a membership of 130 active members and is expecting to have at least a thousand members by the end of the year. They are doing some wonderful work and are to be congratulated for their splendid endeavor in behalf of the Democratic party. Their objective is to have three thousand colored people registered as Democrats when next election time rolls around.

Mrs. Frank Adams is chairman of the program committee.

### GIRL ATHLETE ENROLLS IN TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., June 28—Cora Gaines, a graduate of the Snow Hill Institute, Snow Hill, Ala., Class of 1933, winner of the running high jump and the 80 meter hurdle race at the Seventh Annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival, has enrolled at Tuskegee Institute. She will be a Freshman.

Miss Gaines was developed by Coach Ruben Alba, a graduate of Tuskegee who is the physical director at the Snow Hill institution.

### AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS IN PROGRAM OF RACE RELATIONS

#### CHURCH URGES PEACEFUL METHODS IN SETTLEMENT OF RACIAL DISPUTES

New York, July 1—Americans stand "at the crossroads in race relations", states the report of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches made public here today. One road leads to race and class conflict and violence; the other road to interracial understanding and goodwill through cooperative activity.

"Peaceful methods of adjustment through friendly contacts, through educational projects and through experiments in cooperative activity have grown increasingly effective, with a growing conviction of the ultimate power of the Christian religion to solve race problems", declares the report. "At the same time racial conflicts are becoming increasingly acute. This has been partly due to friction engendered by feelings dramatized in such movements as the Ku Klux Klan on the one hand and radical organizations on the other.

We stand at the crossroads of adjustment in race relations."

In a graphic way this report describes the activities of the churches and allied agencies in the national movement for peaceful application of Christ's ideals to the civic, economic and social relationships of racial groups in America, and views this program as challenged by radical movements which are bidding for the loyalty of oppressed racial minorities by advocating doctrines of "class struggle". The story broadcasts an aggressive advanced program for better cooperative living of white, Negro and Indian groups.

The Race Relations Department has been active in national, state and community conferences, assisting hundreds of leaders who are working and thinking along constructive lines to combat the evils of interracial maladjustment and promote a constructive program of interracial understanding, justice and goodwill. It has given counsel and other help that the underprivileged racial groups, especially Negroes, may receive fair consideration in all plans and activities for relief and employment.

"Protestant Churches in the United States", continues the report, "moved forward, since the formation of the Department of Race Relations twelve years ago, from a considerable confusion about treatment of race problems to a clearer understanding of methods of applying justice and goodwill to them. The major field of action of the churches had been missionary support of education of Negroes and other underprivileged groups. There has been transition of efforts for the advancement of these groups toward equality of opportunity for them in economic, political and social life of the community."

Two of the most progressive steps taken by the Department were the promotion of study and discussion groups of white and Negro leaders for better understanding of race relations in industry, and a study made of certain southern cotton-growing communities in Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi, as a basis for constructive steps of betterment in those rural areas. The far-reaching educational effects of Race Relations Sunday bring thousands of white and Negro people into friendly contact in many places through mass meetings. Through the co-operation of sixteen local radio stations and national hook-ups, the theme messages of peaceable race relations reached nation-wide audiences. The activities of church women in removing superficial barriers, and aid to talented Negro artists were some of the other accomplishments. Partly through the influence of the churches in arousing the public conscience, lynchings have further decreased. Publication of material on race contacts has spread authoritative information.

Reports from nearly fifty local interracial committees in the north, west and south that actively cooperate with the Department, bear testimony to the effectiveness of the national policy and program. Summaries of these reports furnish a concrete bird's-eye view of what is taking place in friendly understanding and cooperative goodwill between white and Negro groups over the nation.

portend the approach of the day star of our hopes. Compared with this hope everything is but dross.

"Some distant day

The wheels will falter, and the silent sun

Will see the last beam leveled to decay

And all man's futile clangor spent and done.

Yet after brick and steel and stone are gone,

And flesh and blood are dust, the dream lives on."

And God lives in that dream.

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