

General Race News

RACE YOUTH GIVEN IMPORTANT POST.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3.—Success of a Detroit boy was made known recently in the appointment of Daniel F. Cole as chief engineer and technical adviser of the Ontario Aeroplane Company, Ltd., of Gravenhurst, an enterprise financed by a group of Toronto capitalists to make fliers for the British army.

Young Cole was born here and educated in the Trowbridge and Central high schools, and his "arrival" is considered by his mother, Mrs. Maggie Porter Cole of 273 East Euclid avenue, formerly known as a singer, to reflect credit on the enterprise and ability of the members of his race here. She is intensely proud of the achievement of her son.

"This is an answer to the question 'What are the young Negroes accomplishing?' that we hear asked," she declared. "My son has made good after a terrible uphill fight, and there are others who are doing the same thing as business men and lawyers."

FIGHT SEGREGATION.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 3.—A case which probably will reach the supreme court and be a precedent for the future was tried in the circuit here recently. The case was that of two colored women against G. M. Luttrell, manager of a moving picture theater. Manager Luttrell has been segregating the colored and the whites in his theater and these women refused to occupy the seats designated by him and were refunded their money. They brought suit in a justice court, charging unjust discrimination. That court decided in favor of the theater manager and an appeal was taken to the circuit court. After being out two hours the jury returned a verdict in favor of sustaining the verdict of the justice court. It is said that a state organization of colored people is back of the suit, the main purpose of which is to fight against discrimination of colored citizens in public places. Some points involved in the case have never

before been brought up to the courts for decision and John M. Butler, attorney for the colored women, is of the opinion that a favorable decision by the supreme court will result in colored people in other states taking up the same issue.

WOMAN ORATOR GIVEN HONOR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Tuesday evening, November 24, in New York City, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the race's illustrious platform orator, delivered a notable address at the famous Fifth Avenue Marble Collegiate church, to an audience made up of the wealth and fashion of the nation's metropolis, appearing under the auspices of the Women's Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church of America. This is the first time a woman of our race has been invited to speak before this splendid organization and the first time the platform of this celebrated edifice has been graced by a race advocate. Mrs. Terrell presented the issues of the day in a forceful, yet graceful and diplomatic way, and made many converts to the cause she came to espouse.

Mrs. Terrell made a pronounced hit at the expositions in San Francisco and in San Diego early in the fall, and is in demand now for more lectures than her pressing domestic duties will permit her to accept.

DIXON PHOTOPLAY BARRED FROM MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 3.—"The Birth of a Nation" will not be allowed to come to Memphis, the local moving picture board having barred it. John M. Dean, a member of the board, saw the play in San Francisco and decided then to use his influence against it should an attempt be made to show it in Memphis.

The board of censors gives two reasons for its action: First, that the picture stirs race prejudice; second, that it will have a bad moral effect on the community.

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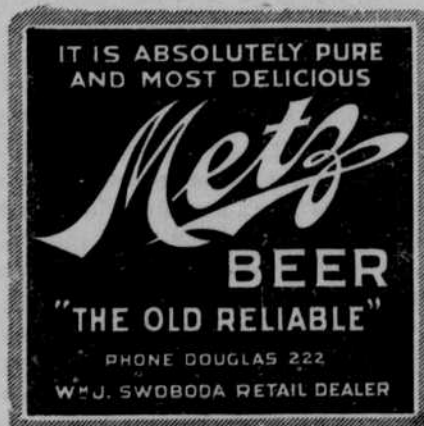
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