

Plays White Part
Critics Say Canada Lee's
Portrayal of De Bosola a
Success

BOSTON, — The first attempt of a Negro to portray a white character on the American stage was labelled a success today by critics who witnessed Canada Lee's debut in the "The Duchess of Malfi."

SPECIAL MAKEUP

Lee, wearing a special white makeup, took over the role of the villain, Daniel De Bosola, and impersonated a white man in a near perfect manner

Because Lee took over the part on short notice when McKay Morris dropped out of the show last week, critic Cyrus Durgin of the Boston Globe made no attempt to analyze his performance other than to say his voice and makeup offered no clue to his Negro origin.

Elliot Norton of the Boston Post found Lee played the part well, though not perfectly.

OPENS NEW FIELDS

Lee himself was jubilant over his success and said the experiment opened wide new fields to the Negro actor. "I hope this has been a long step toward my being known as actor Canada Lee—not Canada Lee, Negro actor," he said.

Elisabeth Bergner, star of the play, agreed with Lee that the performance probably would lead to other Negro actors being given parts that formerly were restricted to white actors.

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Literary Column



by Mrs. Roy Killinger
 Hastings, Nebraska

The Making of Friends

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
 And nobody helped us along,
 If each and every man took care of himself
 And good things all went to the strong,
 If nobody cared just a little for you
 And nobody thought about me,
 And we stood alone in the battle of life,
 What a dreary old world it would be.

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made.
 And the things which in common we share;
 We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
 But because of the people who care.
 It's giving and doing for somebody else—
 On that all life's splendor depends,
 And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up,
 Is found in the making of friends.

E. A. Guest

Urban League Fair

The annual Fair of the Urban League was observed October 4 & 5.

Special features included a boxing match of the boys from the Urban League and Belmont community center. Gifts were given to all the children participating in the boxing. The second night was an amateur show directed by Weiland Tarpley. Of special attraction was a duet by Victor McWilliams and Weiland Tarpley.

Door prizes were given each night. Mrs. Betty McWilliams received the prize for the first night and Mrs. John Irving the second.

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ANA Admits Race Nurses

ATLANTIC CITY—The American Nurses Association last Friday in convention voted unanimously to admit to membership those qualified Negro nurses barred from their State nurses' associations.

The convention instructed its board of directors to devise a plan and take steps in implement "this action" by affirming its policy that every qualified nurse should be eligible for membership regardless of race.

In the debate which preceded the adoption of the resolution, several delegates from the States among the thirteen denying Negro nurses membership, argued in behalf of the resolution and pledged their support to lift the ban on their return home.

The question of Negro nurses came in for discussion a second time when the house of delegates adopted a program for a vigorous campaign to bargain exclusively for its members. On the question of whether Negro nurses would be included in bargaining arrangements in States where they cannot be members of the State association, the delegates adopted the rule, "all nurses, whether they are State nurses' association members or not, may assign their bargaining rights to the State nurses' association to act as their representatives."

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