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Miss Anderson Commends Robeson's Decision

by Charles Washington

The favorite Negro spiritual of Marian Anderson, world-great Negro contralto, is John Payne's arrangement of the "Crucifixion," she revealed Tuesday when in Lincoln for an evening concert at the University of Nebraska coliseum.

"The sentiment of the scene of Christ suffering agony and pain upon the cross without saying a 'mumbling' word has always been a source of encouragement to me," she stated. "If the whole world could catch the significance of this song, what a better place it would be to live."

Her voice, she believes, is a "direct gift from God and my singing a religious experience." You could see a devout responsibility passed over her countenance as she added, "When a person comes to me after a performance and says 'For awhile tonight I forgot everything around me,' I feel that I have succeeded in projecting my message.

It was her opinion that Negro history should be given more space in the American history books and not taught as a separate subject. "When we ask that the history of our race," she exclaimed, "be studied apart from the history of America, we are merely asking that our achievements be segregated from those of this country."

She thought that Paul Robeson's decision to quit the concert stage after this season and tour the country making speeches in the interest of better race relations "is an excellent choice."

"He has busied himself trying to find out the conditions of the rank and file of the race and is in a good position to be of great help," she concluded.

Teen Age Chatter

Reporter Dotty Greene
Asst. Ruby Lee Harper
Asst. Loretta McWilliams



We had the pleasure of attending a concert given by the great contralto, Marion Anderson, Tuesday evening. I'm sure those who heard her enjoyed it very much.

Phyllis Holcomb journeyed to Kansas City recently. She had a most fine time.

The Teen-Timers Club is making plans to charter a bus and go to pioneer park for an evening picnic.

Joy Night, which will be presented at Lincoln High School, April 17-18-19 has a big treat in store. Some of the teen-agers to be in it are Bob Graham and Arnold Walker in Boy's Glee Club; Phyllis Holcomb in Rhapsody in Tumbling G. A. A. and Elbert Starks in the House of Blue Lights.

I hear Birdie Powell made quite a hit with Miss Anderson. (Good work Birdie.)

The Mystery Person of the Month Contest

The reporters of the Teen-Age Chatter are sponsoring this contest. Any one is eligible to enter this contest that lives in Lincoln, with the exception of the teen-age reporters of "The Voice".

We will give you a description of a girl or a boy and you are to write to 2221 S Street if you can identify this person. The prize if you answer the description the 1st week is \$1.00, if you answer it the 2nd week it drops to \$.50, if no one answers it in two weeks the money will be added to the next month's Mystery Contest. If \$5.00 accumulates it will be turned over to the Scholarship award.

Mystery Person for the Month of April

First set of clues—

1. She wants to learn to drive a car when she arrives at the age of 16.

2. She goes with a well known Lincoln Boy.

3. She is slim, trim and cute.

The letter with the correct answer and the earliest postmark is the winner.

Question of the Week was—

What did you think of Marian Anderson?

Peaches Winston—Marvelous

Tony Smith—Wonderful

Birdie Powell—Out of this world

Vonna Finley—Nice

Doris Powell—Swell

Lopy Finley—OK

Susie Mae Whitehall—Allright

Lorretta McWilliams—Fine

Betty Wilson—Wonderful

Bye Now,

Dottie, Ruby, Loretta

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ZEPHYR EMPLOYEES INJURED, APRIL 3, 1947

Crew members injured in the wreck of the CB&Q's Twin Cities Zephyr on April 3rd are showing some improvement, it was announced this week by E. T. Bell, General Chairman of Local 311, UTSE-CIO.

Thomas Davis is confined to the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Illinois, with pelvic fracture and leg lacerations. In the same hospital is John L. Owens, President of Local 311, suffering internal injuries.

Eddie Rice, leg injury, D. Stohrer and Delos Taylor, bruises and cuts were able to leave the scene of the accident and are at their homes. All of the men reside in Chicago.

Owens said that he is lucky to be alive on two counts. He had just turned from L. W. Wright, who occupied the first seat, when the car plowed into the Downers Grove station killing the passenger instantly. Everyone in this particular car would have been electrocuted had not a diesel engineer arrived on the scene by chance and cut off the generator a few minutes after the crash.

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Newman Methodist News

During the recent 55th anniversary of the church a fine variety of programs was featured. Choirs from Christ Temple and Mt. Zion sang, while Rev. Trago McWilliams, Jr., Rev. B. T. McDaniels and Rev. J. S. Favors all brought inspirational messages. Miss Freddie Powell, Miss Mattie Sue Nevels, The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Curtis Club also helped with the programs. Miss Powell, the Sunday School Superintendent will be guest speaker at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church Sunday, at 11:00 P. M. She has, under the helpful leadership of Rev. G. W. Harper, made the Church School one of the best with progress and increased enrollment reported in all departments.

The Baby Contest sponsored by the Steward Board, Mrs. Dora Hubbard chairman, was closed, netting \$163.42. Each baby was given a cash prize. Reports were Marilyn Jones, sponsored by Mrs. Dora Hubbard, \$37.50; Willine Anderson sponsored by Mrs. Mary McWilliams, \$15.61; Claudette McWilliams sponsored by Mrs. Cora Gomaz, \$12.95; Donal Ray Collier, \$6.00; Lois D. Shepherd sponsored by Mrs. C. O. Shepherd \$91.50.

Dr. G. D. Hancock held his 4th and last quarterly conference. Total raised \$314.83.

Rev. Harper left Wednesday morning for St. Louis, Mo. to attend the Annual Conference at Union Memorial Church, April 16.