



Harry T. Burleigh Name Among The Great In Music

Composed Over 50 Spirituals

BY ALVIN E. WHITE

NEW YORK. (ANP). Harry T. Burleigh will be remembered as long as people sing, Chief, and his death recalls two interesting events concerning him which I will always remember.

I first heard Mr. Burleigh sing when I was a shaver down in Richmond. Some theatrical group called the "Frogs" was on tour and they presented Mr. Burleigh at the old auditorium on Carey street. It was a gala affair as you might well imagine. The big barn-like place was jam-packed, and of course, there were whites in the audience to hear the noted colored baritone.

Know what? Harry brought the house down singing the "Toreador Song" from Carmen; "Two Grenadiers" and "Danny Deever." Man alive, it was the first time I had ever heard those last two songs, but they were given the masterful Burleigh touch. As an encore, Mr. Burleigh sang a cute little thing, "Why Adam Sinned." Never heard it since but as I recall it, Adam never "had no mammy to take him on her knee." Well, that has been so long ago, I don't even remember when it was, but I do know it was an event that stirred Richmond as nothing else had done, not even the concerts of the famous "Wednesday club."

My other recollection of the great artist is not so laudatory, I am afraid. It concerns Marian Anderson's appearance in Harlem for a group called the "Young Men's club."

Marian had just started her sensational climb when this group—some of whom were working with George Harris' old New York News—brought Marian to Harlem to sing at Rev. Cullen's Salem church.

I believe they were to pay her three hundred dollars for the concert. But the chaps were unable to raise all the money in front and offered Marian what they had and a promise to pay the balance.

Miss Anderson sat it out in an ante-room of the church waiting for the contracted sum—three hundred dollars. I don't know how much the fellows had in hand, but it wasn't three hundred.

After a couple of hours when it was evident that the crowd would not bring that much at the door and the young men didn't have the cash, Marian left the church and those who had paid for tickets were given refunds. It was said that Mr. Burleigh advised Miss Anderson not to sing until she got all of the contracted money.

One thing for certain was that Mr. Burleigh came out of the church behind Miss Anderson.

But Harry Burleigh's name will live in music as long as people sing. His music knew no racial influence, although some of his strongest and best known compositions are protests.

His long service at St. George's Episcopal church here has been seldom equalled and never excelled.

Start to School The Healthy Way



By O. M. Whittier, M.D.

Six-year-old Jimmy Bradley made a mistake when he tried to ride his older brother's big two-wheel bicycle. When he fell to the pavement, he bruised and scratched the skin on his face, legs and arms. His mother hurried with him to my office because she thought that his painful swollen nose was broken.

Fortunately, Jimmy's nose was badly bruised, rather than broken. I set to work treating the tearful boy's cuts and bruises to relieve his pain and prevent infection.

"Honestly, doctor, it's not easy raising boys," said Mrs. Bradley. "Jimmy is supposed to start school in a few weeks and I figured if he was badly hurt, we would have to postpone it."

I assured his mother that Jimmy's would be healed in time for school. Mrs. Bradley then said it didn't seem possible that Jimmy was old enough for school and I agreed. I had treated Jimmy for minor illnesses when he was smaller, but it occurred to me then that I hadn't examined the child in over two years.

I asked Mrs. Bradley if Jimmy had had a physical check-up in recent months. When she said he hadn't, I reminded her that it was important, especially since the child was planning to start to school. Mrs. Bradley hadn't thought of it, since Jimmy appeared to be in good health, but agreed that it was a sound idea.

The child and his mother came back the following week. Jimmy's height and weight were satisfactory for his age and build. I could see he was getting the foods he needed for health and growth, and the proper amount of sleep and rest.

Jimmy's vision was sound too. But when I examined the boy's ears, I found an accumulation of wax which could impair his hearing and which had to be removed. Mrs. Bradley seemed surprised at the news and said she had always been careful to keep her children's ears clean. I explained that the wax in the outer ear is nature's way of protecting the delicate hearing apparatus against injury and infection. But sometimes too much wax accumulates and should be removed by the doctor to restore a person's hearing efficiency.

The accumulated wax in Jim-

Atty. Gen. Jas. Anderson Explains Gambling Order

Anti-Gambling Ban Applies To Every Form of Illegal Gambling; No More 'Cease and Desist Order'

Wide-open gambling no longer exists in Nebraska, and it won't come back as long as the state's laws and constitutional prohibitions against gambling remain in effect.

Those two points highlighted a statement released Saturday night by Attorney General James H. Anderson just a week after he announced a campaign to end gambling throughout the state.

And the attorney general emphasized that the crackdown is aimed at all forms of gambling.

He said there will be no more "cease and desist" orders, but that any further appearance of gambling will be prosecuted and confiscated and destroyed.

The statement by Anderson in full:

"At the end of the first week of our anti-gambling drive, this office finds that its efforts and those of the other law enforcement officials of the state have had most encouraging results. The overwhelming public approval has been extremely gratifying.

"As the reports from local law enforcement officials pile up, all indications are that for all practical purposes wide-spread, wide open public gambling in Nebraska is a thing of the past. We know, of course, that there are doubtless some infractions of the gambling laws still taking place in scattered areas and as rapidly as possible, such violations will be sought out and prosecutions instituted. We know our program will have to be one of constant watchfulness and strict enforcement for the future. You don't wipe out a multi-million-dollar gambling take and not run into plenty of opposition, and we know there will be many attempts by the groups interested to nullify our efforts.

"Let me make one thing clear. The anti-gambling ban applies to each and every form of illegal gambling. There are no exceptions. There have been apparent attempts to confuse the issue by claiming that we have banned only certain types of illegal gambling and are, therefore, guilty of partiality. Such statements are either the result of ignorance of the facts or deliberate misrepresentation. Even a cursory reading of our proclamation discloses that it is all-embracing and applies to every type of gambling with the exception of pari mutuel horse racing, which the people of this state have exempted by constitutional amendment. The language is clear and unequivocal.

"There is one more matter about which we especially desire no misunderstanding. There will be no more 'cease and desist orders.' Any further appearance of gambling will be prosecuted and any and all gambling devices confiscated and destroyed. Let no one be misled into believing that there is anything temporary about the anti-gambling ban. As long as the constitution and statutes of this state prohibit gambling, this ban will be and remain in full force and effect."

—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

Physically Handicapped To Be Helped

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP).—President Truman last week opened the 1949 drive for greater employment opportunities for the physically handicapped by signing the annual proclamation and receiving members of his committee at the White House.

Speaking to the 225 visitors, including representatives of the governors of some 25 states, the President said he was doing everything he could "to restore the physically handicapped to the point where they can be self-supporting and also to prevent physical handicaps from happening."

The Proclamation called upon the people and "the Governors of States, the mayors of cities and other public officials, as well as upon leaders of industry and labor, of civic, veterans', farm, women's and fraternal organizations, and of all other groups representative of our national life, to lend their full support to the observance of the Week."

Stressing "equality of opportunity" for the handicapped, the Proclamation said that "continued employment of these workers will prove beneficial not only to them but to employers and society as a whole."

Mary Bethune Literary And Art Club Holds First Fall Meeting

The Mary Bethune Literary and Art club held its first regular meeting of the fall season Thursday afternoon at the Lincoln Urban League. The fall program will include a special project taken under consideration for approval by the club. Extensive discussion was heard about the need for an outdoor fountain at the Urban League. Several money-raising projects were proposed, the first of which will be a pancake supper to be given at the Urban League the evening of October 14. Mrs. Mary Burden Davis was appointed chairman.

The club went on record, after much discussion of the 'no gambling order' as being in full agreement.

October 6, will be the next regular meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, 1970 T street. Mrs. William B. Davis is president of the club.

my's ears was removed. If his ears had been neglected, his hearing would become impaired and serious ear trouble might have developed.

Jimmy did get his clean bill of health to begin his school days. But there are many children who are not so fortunate. Because their regular physical examinations are neglected, children all over the country start school with poor eyesight, impaired hearing, undernourished bodies, nervous disorders or other physical handicaps. (ANP).

New Hampshire and Indiana are the only states which no mottos.

Special Days Quinn Chapel Women vs. Men

By Dorothy Greene.

Sunday, September 18, marked the close of the rivalry between the men and the women of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church. The rivalry began Sunday, September 11, when the men had their day and Sunday the women of the church observed women's day.

On the morning program the speaker was Mrs. Rubie W. Shakespeare. Her topic was "Rediscovering Life's Happiness." Music was furnished by a choir of approximately 25 voices and a lovely solo by Mrs. Izetta Malone, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

In the afternoon Mrs. Golden Brooks brought the address entitled "Portrait of a Woman," which was very inspiring. Others on the program were: Readings by Mrs. Rachiel Fields and Mrs. John Favors, Omaha, and Miss Martha Hammonds, a student in nurse training at Bryan Memorial hospital, and the choir which included the Mt. Zion Baptist church choir, totaling about 35 voices. They sang several excellent spirituals including "The Year of Jubilee," and "Search My Heart." Others on the program were Mrs. Margaret McWilliams, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Sara Walker, Mrs. Mary Burden Davis, mistress of ceremonies, Miss Ada Coffey, Mrs. J. A. Shelby and Mrs. J. L. Humbert and a large number assisted in various ways.

Mrs. Rubie Shakespeare was the chairman of the women's day program and Mr. Clayton Lewis was chairman of the men's day.

The results in every phase of the program proved the women could top the men.

Mrs. Hazel Wilson was in charge of the choirs.

Your Civil Rights Book Released

CHICAGO. (ANP). Publication of the handbook, "Your Civil Rights," by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations was announced last week in a joint statement by Augustine J. Bowe, chairman and Willard S. Townsend, vice chairman, of the commission. The handbook, the first publication of its kind to be issued by an American municipal agency, gives in total all state statutes and city ordinances covering civil rights for all citizens.

Emphasizing the basic purpose of the handbook, Bowe and Townsend stated:

"A democratic nation and a democratic city must be constantly alert to ensure the same privileges, observe the same laws, and receive the same services. The rights of one group of people cannot be violated without threatening the freedom and liberty and security of all.