

"Brightest Singing Star of 1943"

CHRISTIANS SS GEO. WASHINGTON CARVER

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LENA HORNE, WHO STARS IN "MGMS" CABIN IN THE SKY"

Miss L. Horne Chosen By Newspaper Guild as Outstanding Singing Star of 1943

HOLLYWOOD, (PPS, Inc.)—In a nationwide broadcast, Friday night, April 30, the New York Newspaper Guild presented the pretty, young and talented screen and stage star the famed annual Page One eMedal Award. She was signally honored for gracing the position as the "Brightest Singing Star of 1943". The affair was held at Hotel Astor, New York City. Scores of actresses from both Hollywood and Broadway vied for the award with a certain amount of priority in their favor, but the gentlemen of the fourth estate were confident that Miss Horne met all the qualifications the Medal demanded. "Test everybody you like but you'll come back to Lena" is a statement made by one of the Guild officers. Miss Horne sang George Gershwin's "Embraceable You" during the broadcast and handled the song well with a generous amount of depth and feeling. Her tonal qualities and voice range used in proof of the Number One position this great number was sufficient over American singing stars, given her by the New York Newspaper Guild.

MR. SHERMAN SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. Sherman of the Edholm and Sherman Laundry, well known in this community, and a member of the local draft board No. 2 of this city, is reported very seriously ill. His two sons who are in the armed services have been called home to his bedside.

OMAHA BOY AT FT. CLARK, TEXAS PROMOTED TO S-SGT.

Col. Morris H. Marcus, Commanding 9th Cavalry 2nd Cavalry Division, Fort Clark, Texas, announced the promotion of Sgt. John Glass to the grade of S-Sgt. S-Sgt. Glass is the son of Mrs. Ora D. Glass of 2539 Burdette St., of this city.

WILLIAM NELSON DIES FROM HEART ATTACK

One of Omaha's most prominent citizens succumbed to a heart attack the evening of April 21st at his home 2614 Blondo St. Mr. William Nelson was a resident of Omaha or more than 30 years, coming here from his home in Minden, La. He was a devoted and active member of Bethel Baptist church for 25 years and at the time of his death, he held the office of Treasurer which he filled with credit for a number of years. His kind and pleasant disposition won for him many lasting and loyal friends. He leaves a devoted wife Alice, and a brother Richard of this city. Out of town relatives attending the funeral were Mr. Frank Williams an uncle of Muskogee, Okla., Sisters Leona Bowden of Tulsa, Olivia Mason of Minden, La., a brother Homer of Muskogee, Okla., was unable to attend.

\$3,000 RAISED IN COMMUNITY BETHUNE-COOKMAN DRIVE

Daytona Beach, Fla., May 2 (ANP)—Churches, clubs, civic and fraternal organizations, and school children gathered in the dining hall of Bethune-Cookman college Wednesday evening and eagerly listened to the report announcing the receipt of \$3,265.68 raised by them toward maintenance of the institution.

TWO BROTHERS IN ARMED FORCES; PROMOTED

Cpl. Boyse Wright stationed at Aberdeen, Maryland, on returning back to his camp was delighted to discover that he had been made Sgt. while he was on leave visiting his relatives and friends. And also to his surprise his brother, who was a Pfc, was made a Cpl. while he too was on his furlough here visiting relatives and friends. He is now Cpl. Edward Wright of Camp Walters, Texas instead of Pfc.

The relatives and friends of these two well known brothers are proud of their surprise promotions and wish for them much success. These soldiers are the sons of Mr. and Mr. John Wright.

Many Noted Colored Actors at Launching of SS George Washington Carver Liberty Ship

Negro stage and screen celebrities who witnessed the launching of the SS George Washington Carver at the Richmond, Calif., Shipyard No. 1 of the Kaiser Company this week lauded the contributions of the celebrated scientist to his country and its war effort. Todd Duncan, star of "Porgy and Bess," now making a two weeks run in San Francisco, declared: "George Washington Carver was a simple man, a great and wise man. He knew so well the secret of the soil of America. I am very proud that his name graces the prow of a fighting Liberty Ship. I like to feel that there is a wonderful comparison with the work Dr. Carver did and the vital job the SS George Washington Carver is going to do. From the soil he loved, this ship of steel will soon slide triumphantly into the water. With the mind of this re-water perverted Negro scientist, earth and water performed performed miracles. Let us pray that this new ship will help to bring us victory sooner, that it will be blessed with the spirit of this great man and the hopes of all American Negroes, fighting for the complete freedom of the world, a freedom upon which this Democracy is founded. Mr. Duncan had appeared in concert at Tuskegee Institute three times and knew Dr. Carver well. Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, whose "Born Happy" revue opened in San Francisco recently, declared: "George Washington Carver is a real lasting credit to the Negro race, a great scientist, and an intellectual man of note. If he had lived, his scientific knowledge would have been invaluable in this all-out war effort. Mr. Carver and Mrs. Bethune hold with Booker T. Washington the highest places in the history of American Negroes. This new Liberty Ship has a name that would be an honor to any ship."

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"Honor Thy Mother" Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th

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A TRIBUTE TO THE MOTHERHOOD OF AMERICA BY JIMMY GENTRY OF CHICAGO (Chicago, PPS, Inc., 6201 So. Parkway)

Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. Throughout the nation, these "little old women" will be the queens for this day only. But Mother should be men and women's daily pride and joy. However, Chicago, like other cities, is preparing to join the celebration of the occasion with precious gifts, flowers, and soft words.

Mightier pens than mine have written that mother has been the chief inspiration of the poet, the most beautiful model, the most precious subject the painter and the grandest theme of the orator. But mother's beauties, and her love-fulness are beyond the poet's praise, the sculptor's skill, the painter's power, and the orator's eloquence. In fact, mother's gentle influence stands high above everything else in the patent power that makes and molds man's destiny. Her image is in the heart of all the luminaries of the world. You readers who have dear mothers, some in this town, state or wherever she may be, should pause on May 9 and brighten her wrinkled face with a huge basket of deep red roses, box of fine candies, or, still better, your presence will help her stem the tide a bit longer. She is indeed the last and best of all God's gifts.

Come with me, dear readers, let's go to our "imaginary island" and look for her just for one moment. Ah—there she sits in her "Old Kentucky Home," in the "Old Rocking Chair"—cane by her side—wearing the same "Old Gray Bonnet." My, look at those "Apron strings"—she used to tie us to them—what the old cradle? Yes, and she has stood by us from our cradle days to this very moment. Remember—at her knee we would linger long after our "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" prayer. Her gentle, patient in our "Babyhood Days."

Just can't forget how she chased us from the high boughs of the "Spreading Chestnut Tree," and spanked us for the tinkering with "Grandfather's Clock"—which gracefully sat on "The Mantle Piece." My memory lags when she balled me from the ol' cistern in the huge "Oaken Bucket" and drove me out of the "Ol' Swimming hole" down by the "Old Mill Stream," but in youth she was our sweet heart—and still she shares all of our triumphs and defeats, all our ecstasies and tears stream incessantly while I write this column.

How we ran through the meadow—"from behind the ol' 'Hay Stack," where we learned cob-pipe smoking."

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3-Big events in one nite for sepia-goers LEGION HALL JAMMED

Negro Vote Worry-in'Dem. Leaders

WASHINGTON, May 8—(ANP)—Certain influential members of the Democratic party in the nation's capital are becoming restive over the unpredictability of the vote among Negroes in next year's important presidential election.

The growing concern is not without foundation, in the opinion of spokesmen for Negro organizations and other political observers. Only last week one individual, admittedly a political weathervane for an outstanding Democrat, voiced his own apprehension during a conversation with a small group of Negro labor leaders.

"We're pretty much alarmed as to what's going to happen," he said. "It would be unfortunate indeed if there should be an appreciable switch," he added.

It was pointed out to him by one individual in the group that the administration's vacillating attitude on various issues which have been vital to the Negro people have been the main cause for the cooling off. The influence of the southern bloc upon policy, it was said, has contributed considerably to the changing thinking among Negroes.

The partyman, a midwesterner, viewed "the belt that extends from Pennsylvania through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois" as pivotal states in which the Negro vote might be decisive. He contended that Negroes ought to remember that it was the Democratic party which has been primarily responsible for the social reforms that have come about. For this reason, he said, the party ought to be identified with the forces of "liberalism" rather than the reactionary south, "which has been used."

He saw no advantage in a switch to the Republican column for under such circumstances, "it would take another catastrophe" before the Democratic party might return to influence. In another quarter, a northern party leader feared the truth of reports that had reached him that Negroes might fall into the Republican ranks without that party doing anything to earn this support, simply because of the wide swath the southern bloc is cutting in government circles now.

Colored Omaha had quite a time of festivities and entertainment Monday night, May 3, 1943. Three big affairs were carried out—Flora Pinkston presented Leon Kirkpatrick, Master Pianist in Pianoforte Recital at Zion Baptist Church at 8:15 pm. to a very large and appreciative music loving audience—Martin Bush of the World-Herald as a music critic has this to say of Mr. Leon Kirkpatrick—

In a program that could have graced Carnegie hall, Mr. Kirkpatrick left no question as to the firmness of his grounding in the most rigorous phases of piano performances, for his is an adequate technique, his tone is a luminous one and he grades these attributes with uncommon poetry and imagination.

Then there was, for those who love styles and dancing, the gay, well attended annually sponsored, "Quack's Style Revue and Dance" at the beautiful Dreamland hall—and the third big event—the jammed session of the evening was the formal opening of the new Roosevelt Post Number 30's home quarters. The hosts and hostesses of the Post had their hands full—their new quarters was packed full with people and well wishers of both races standing and sitting in the jammed hall, on the stairways and even some on the sidewalk below, who still had hopes of squeezing in, but it couldn't be done. It would have been impossible to even cram a sardine into the main lounge after 9 o'clock. Most of the men who were seated gave their seats to the ladies who were present, and standing.

The program which came off grandly and very smoothly, even exceeding the expectation of hard working Post Commander, J. C. Carey. Speeches and remarks by leading white and colored members of our city were heard by the huge crowd and they were loudly applauded.

The musical program arranged by H. L. Preston, was beautifully rendered indeed. The program was as follows: 1. Meeting called to order and advancement of colors, J. C. Carey, Commander. 2. Invocation by Chaplain 3. Remarks J. C. Carey, Comm. 4. Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Past Commander, Dr. W. W. Peebles, by J. C. Carey 5. Address of Welcome, Honorable Dan B. Butler, Mayor. 6. Response, Mr. Thomas P. Mahammit. 7. Vocal Solo Rufus Long 8. Instrumental Solo, Miss A. Easta Carey. 9. Selections by Paul Briggs (under direction of Henry Washington). 10. Vocal solo Mrs. Lulu Bryant 11. Reading by Mrs. Carrie Carter 12. Vocal Solo Miss Charlotte Preston. 13. Vocal Solo Mrs. Irene Morton 14. Bass Solo H. L. Preston 15. Activities of Roosevelt Post

FOR 3RD YEAR By appointment of Bishop Robert E. Jones, the Rev. Clarence C. Reynolds will begin his third year as pastor of Clair Church this coming Sunday, May 9. Rev. Reynolds will be happy to greet the members and his many friends at Clair Sunday morning when he will deliver a Mother's Day sermon and announce his program for the year. Mrs. Gertrude Greene will also bring a report of the Conference. Rev. Reynolds delivered the introductory sermon at the Conference Wednesday night, April 28. He is a member of the Publishing Committee, Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism, and Financial Secretary of the Topeka District.

The Pastor and Members of the Mason Memorial Church of Kansas City, Kansas are to be complimented on the fine way in which they provided for the comforts of No. 30.... Atty. Ray L. Williams 16. Introduction of Distinguished Guest. 17. Remarks Mrs. H. L. Preston, Post No. 30, Auxiliary. and Hon. Judge Herbert Rhodes. 18. Guest Speaker, John E. Curtis, Comm. Dept. of Nebraska, American Legion. 19. Remarks: Mr. Geo. Bangs, Pres. Omaha Letters Carriers Association. 20. Retirement of Colors.

After the program, the bar and luncheonette, which was closed because the Legionnaires had only anticipated an formal evening for the program and inspection of their new home, was then thrown open after the public began joyously clamoring for service ala highball and ala Mc's delicious luncheons.

Everyone expressed their hats were off to the Legionnaires and the Ladies Auxiliary for doing a great job—a great contribution to our community. The beauty of the Lounge, newly decorated, could not really be appreciated, because of the crowd. Visit some evening when you wish to relax and enjoy yourselves amid the spacious surroundings and get a full view of the new Roosevelt Post No. 30 Legionnaires' and Auxiliary's new home.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHURCH LEADERS ENDS AT NASHVILLE Nashville, May 2 (ANP) The fifth annual session of the National Conference of Church leaders ended here last Wednesday evening after two days of searching analysis of the responsibility of churches and religious leaders in the present crisis and the post-war period to follow. The conference was attended by some of the nation's top-ranking religious, educational and civic leaders who conferred at length and exchanged ideas as to duties involved. Being interracial and interdenominational in its composition, having the presence and services of some of the outstanding leaders in several professional fields, the movement was termed—"one of the most momentous interracial and interdenominational movements of the past 50 years."

CIO HEARS ANTI-JIM CROW COMMITTEE REPORT Washington, May 3 (ANP)—The CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination met last Monday and heard the report of its director, George L. Weaver, in which he announced that a questionnaire had been circulated among all CIO internationalists seeking data in connection with the "upgrading and integrating" of Negroes into the industrial war effort.

He reported also that a pamphlet dealing with the various patterns of Negro discrimination and the methods to be used in their solution will be ready shortly for distribution throughout the labor movement. The appointment of Weaver as director for the committee, announced

11,000 at Capital See Negro Baseball Opener

Secy Knox Gets "Plan" On Admission of Negro Women To Navy, Marines

In an unrelenting fight to have Negro Women admitted to the Navy—WAVES, SPARS, and Women Reserve Marines, Mrs. Thomasina Walker Johnson, Legislative Representative of the National Non-

Partisan Council on Public Affairs, was told from the office of Adm. Randall Jacobs, Chief of the Personnel Department of the Navy that a "plan" had been given to Secretary of the Navy Knox for the ad-

mission of Colored women in the Navy for his approval. Mrs. Johnson pointed out that she wishes a conference with Adm. Jacobs to discuss the plan and proposed policies on the admission of Colored

Women in the Navy before they became the policy to avoid the criticism that followed the change in policy affecting Negro men in the Navy.

Washington, May 2 (ANP)—The National Negro Baseball league opened its season here Easter Sunday with the Washington Grays taking a double header from the Newark Eagles before a crowd larger than any opening day crowd in either the American or the National League parks. More than 11,000 paid admissions were in the stands, topping the Yankees by 5,000 and the others almost as much. This is an indication of the hold baseball has on the Negro popu-