

Cleaves Temple Missionary Society To Hold Geo. Washington Carver Program Sunday

A George Washington Carver Program will be sponsored by the Cleaves Temple Missionary at the Church, 25th at Decatur Street on Sunday, February 11, at 4 pm.

Mr. D. R. Crooms, Boys Worker of the Urban League, will speak on the "Life and Works of Mr. Carver." Mr. Crooms is an able and well prepared speaker.

Because of the many contributions to industry by Mr. Carver, the Labor organizations affiliated with both the CIO, which will include most of the Packinghouse workers, and the A. F. of L., which include the Pullman Porters and Auxiliary, and the Dining Car Waiters and Auxiliary, have been invited to be the guest of the Missionary Society on that day and sit in a body with their respective organizations.

Mr. Frank Cronin, Regional Director of the CIO will speak on the "Contributions of Organized Labor through the CIO to the Negro Worker."

Other representative speakers of the various organizations will speak briefly on the contributions made by their individual organizations locally.

Mr. Rufus Long, Executive of the Local Dining Car Waiters, will speak on the "Contributions made to Organized Labor through the A. F. of L. by his organization."

Mr. George Althouse, President of the Pullman Porters, will represent their organization in the contributions as made by them.

Key people of the various organizations and their Auxiliaries will be introduced.

Musical numbers will be rendered by some of the best talent in our city.

Mr. Cecil Holloway will speak on "The Contribution and Benefits of his local to the CIO."

NEGROES BECOME MILLIONAIRES OVERNIGHT IN MISS.

So reported through the columns of Collier's Magazine by Harry Henderson and Sam Shaw, noted writers.

The Omaha Guide received this advanced release from the Crowell Publishing Co., 250 Park avenue, New York, N.Y., who are publishers of the magazine.

CLAY COUNTY YIELDS POT OF OIL

On August 23, 1929, a well drilled by the Union Products Co., brought in G. C. Woodruff No. 1, Mississippi's first commercial oil well. The well expanded so rapidly that now it is the third oil producing well in the country.

You will find in the columns of the Collier Magazine's next issue such headlines as the following:

"CLAY HUNT YIELDS POT OF GOLD," "BIG MONEY IN THE MAKING," "WHEN IGNORANCE WAS NOT BLISS".....

One item especially interesting is about Mrs. Husband. "It seems" said Mrs. Husband, "we just didn't know a thing." One day Mrs. Husband accepted \$100 from a strange white man for a third of her royalty a few days later, her son Norman, to whom she had given some land, accepted \$280 for a third of his royalties. Not until a sister got \$5000 for a similar share did they realize the value of the rights. Yet Mrs. Husband is not bitter about it. She is a woman who has come a long way on a long road, and knows there is still quite a stretch ahead. She built Heidelberg's first school for Negro children by selling coffee and cakes to teamsters on cotton wagons and trains as they passed her home. She says simply, "God made flowers and God made people, too. People are like flowers, all always think. They are all different colors. But they are all alike and they are all brothers. God made all of us, people and flowers."

She lives comfortably in a little white cottage and works endlessly on quilts for her 74 grandchildren, her 28 great grandchildren and her only great-great grandchild.

There is an old axiom among oilmen that wherever there's mud, bad roads and bad titles, there's oil. Mississippi fulfills all these qualifications and Heidelberg wins special honors in the matter of unclear titles. Oilmen told us fifty percent of the land titles in the field are tied up in law suits. The chief cause of all this legal snarling seems to have been the general poverty of the land. Land would sometimes be sold and the deed never recorded, because nobody else wanted it. In many cases the boundaries are vague, often identified by things, like "the old white post," which have long since disappeared.

On our way out of Mississippi, we walked into the bus station in Prentiss, in Jeff Davis County. "Quick," called out the ticket seller, "a well just came in and Mr. Reggie Dale says he is going to shoot it from the courthouse roof." We chased and caught Mr. Dale, who with 1400 acres of land, was fairly bursting with the good news. He wasn't ready to climb the courthouse until the well was officially completed. "But I'm going to do it when it's official," he said. "I've waited twenty years for this, and another thing, I'm going to get a can of fresh oil and pour it over my banker's bald head. He always said I was crazy."

Respectfully Submitted by
ROBBIE T. DAVIS

As you all know one week each year has been set aside by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History to find more about the contributions of the Negro to our national culture. However, there are some people who have little knowledge of these contributions and therefore have no appreciation for the very fine works of this group.

In order that we may refresh ourselves at this time of year you will find below a list of books that may be obtained from your libraries. Obtain a few of these and place them conspicuously so that you may be reminded to take a few moments each day to broaden your knowledge of the contribution of the Negro to American life.

- Akin, E. E., IDEALS AND ADVENTURE.
- Barnes, A. C. NEGRO ART IN AMERICA.
- Bond, Frederick, THE NEGRO AND THE DRAMA.
- Brawley, Benjamin G., EARLY NEGRO AMERICAN WRITERS.
- NEGRO BUILDERS AND HEROES.
- NEGRO GENIUS.
- Brown, Sterling A., THE NEGRO CARAVAN.
- Chestnut, Charles W., THE HOUSE BEHIND THE CEDARS.
- THE WIFE OF HIS YOUTH THE CONJURE WOMAN, BRIEF LIFE OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS.
- Conrad, Earl, HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.
- Cromwell, Otelia, READING FROM NEGRO AUTHORS.
- Cullen, Countee CAROLING DUSK.
- THE BALLAD OF THE BROWN GIRL, COLOR.
- THE MEDIA AND SOME POEMS.
- ONE WAY TO HEAVEN.
- Daniel, Sadie J., WOMEN BUILDERS.
- DuBois, W. E., BLACK FOLKS THEN AND NOW.
- DUSK OF DAWN, SOUL OF THE BLACK FOLKS.
- NEGRO COMMON SCHOOL SUPPRESSION OF THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE, AND DILL, A. G., NEGRO AMERICAN ARTISAN.
- Dett, Nathaniel, IN THE BOT-TOMS. (a suite containing JUBA DANCE)
- Dunbar, Paul Lawrence, CANDLE LIGHTING TIME, THE FANATICS, COMPLETE POEMS, LIFE AND WORKS.
- Embree, Edwin R., BROWN AMERICA (837), 2 BROWN AMERICANS (3) d.....
- AMERICAN HEROES. A Handbook.
- THIRTEEN AGAINST THE ODD.
- Frazier, E. Franklin, NEGRO YOUTH AT THE CROSSWAYS.
- Fuller, T. O., PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO.
- Graham, Shirley and Lipscomb, DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER.
- reen, Mrs. E. A., THE NEGRO IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN LITERATURE.
- Hare, Maud C., NEGRO MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC.
- Haynes, G. E., THE NEGRO AT WORK IN NEW YORK CITY.
- Helm, McKinley, ANGEL MO AND HER SON, ROLAND HAYES.
- Holt, Rachman, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER.
- Hughes, Langston, THE WEARY BLUES, THE BIG SEA, THE DREAMKEEPER AND OTHER POEMS, FINE CLOTHES TO THE JEW, FREEDOM'S PEOPLE.
- Hunter, Jane, A NICKEL AND A PRAYER.
- Johnson, James Weldon, GOD'S TROMBONES, NEGRO AMERICANS, WHAT NOW, COLLECTION OF POETRY AND BIOGRAPHY.
- Johnson, Charles S., EBONY AND TOPAZ, THE NEGRO COLLEGE GRADUATE, THE NEGRO IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION.
- Kaufman, H. L., ARTISTS IN MUSIC OF TODAY.
- Locke, Alain L., LEGACY OF THE ANCESTRAL ARTS THE NEGRO IN AMERICA THE NEGRO IN ART, THE NEW NEGRO.
- Loggins, Vernon, THE NEGRO AUTHOR.
- Lotz, Philip, RISING ABOVE COLOR.
- Moton, R. R., FINDING A WAY

IN COMMEMORATING 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEGRO PRESS THE OMAHA GUIDE..... Will Hold Essay Contest for High School Pupils

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For Those Leaders, Citizens, All Who Are Interested In Politics, Progress....

Here Is Your Book Of The Year

Special Offer! ... EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD READ THE CIO'S OWN BOOK

The First Round

THE STORY OF THE CIO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

By JOSEPH GAER

Read the History You Helped Make!

"EVERY labor leader, as, in fact, every forward-looking citizen interested in political action, should read **The First Round**. It is both a splendid record of what the CIO Political Action Committee has accomplished to date, and a primer on the important educational approaches leading to political action. I heartily recommend this book to you."

— Philip Murray, President, Congress of Industrial Organizations

By special arrangement with the publishers, you may obtain a copy of the special edition of **The First Round** for \$1.50, plus 20 cents for packing and mailing. (The First Round sells for \$2.50 in bookstores.) But we suggest that you place your order immediately while this special offer is in effect.

Read What Other Say About It

COMMENTS ON "THE FIRST ROUND" by Joseph Gaer

THE FIRST ROUND is an uncommon book for the Common Man. It tells clearly and forcefully what PAC is about and why PAC is here to stay. The PAC program is one designed to safeguard our democracy. Why this program looks to the welfare of all our people is lucidly outlined in this work—"must" reading for every student of America's dynamic institutions.

Vice President HENRY A. WALLACE.

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PHILIP MURRAY, President Congress of Industrial Organizations.

PAC is here to stay. It has already demonstrated its usefulness in our struggle to preserve and to strengthen our democracy. PAC's educational and political efforts will undoubtedly increase and expand. Anyone who wishes to obtain an accurate account of PAC's objectives and methods should read **THE FIRST ROUND**. It contains good food for deep thinking on our political future.

SIDNEY HILLMAN, Chairman CIO Political Action Committee.

THE FIRST ROUND belongs on the desk of every labor leader and every citizen interested in the political life of America. Here is a hot-off the press account of how American labor has put on its political long pants. Read **THE FIRST ROUND** and you'll understand and help win the second round.

R. J. THOMAS, President, United Automobile Workers of America.

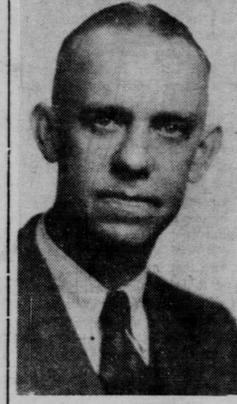
I liked Mr. Gaer's book very much and think everyone with an interest in the labor movement and in politics will want to keep a copy of "The First Round" in their library.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

THE FIRST ROUND is the authoritative, inside story of the be-

Noted White Southerner To Write Column For The Omaha Guide

EXCLUSIVE IN THIS TERRITORY



HAROLD PREECE

This paper is proud to announce the addition of a Southern white man who grew up in a Texas cotton patch, and who is known throughout America as a fighter for Negro rights, to its list of distinguished columnists.

Harold Preece's "home-made column for home-made folks," "THE LIVING SOUTH," will appear weekly in THE OMAHA GUIDE, EXCLUSIVELY, beginning next week. Written in the everyday language of everyday people, this column has run up a record for its message of unity between white and Negro Southerners during the two years when it has been an exclusive feature of the Chicago Defender.

"The South is changing and white Southerners are changing it," Mr. Preece told this paper. "Bilbo, Rankin, and Pappy O'Daniel make more racket than a bunch of tomcats on a treadmill, leading a lot of good folks up North to think that they are speaking for the South. But that outfit is just talking for yesterday."

"Right now, we have more white and Negro Southerners organized and pulling together than at any time in the South's history. We have new forces coming up from the cities and the cotton patches of every Southern state to make our South a homeland for all its children who will learn to live together in peace, freedom and prosperity."

ANCESTORS FOUGHT SLAVERY

Mr. Preece is the grandson of Texas mountaineers who organized guerrilla companies of Southern Unionists to fight slavery and "bushwhack" the Confederate forces during the Civil War. His grandfather was a sharpshooter in a Southern Union regiment, the Texas Mountain Eagles. His great grandfather, a cousin of Daniel Boone, was doorkeeper of the first Texas Reconstruction legislature, having been elected to this post by Negro and poor white legislators.

And Mr. Preece follows in the footsteps of his Reconstruction ancestors by fighting slavery. He has written for practically every Negro magazine and newspaper in the United States and went all the way to New York last year, to attend the convention of the National Negro Publishers Association. He is actively identified with every Southern organization fighting to bring democracy to Dixie.

Ex-Congressman Martin Dies on Texas hates Mr. Preece like poison and accused our new columnist in a printed blast of being one of those responsible for driving him out of Congress. But Harlem Congressman Adam Clayton Powell is one of those whom Mr. Preece counts as his friends. Mr. Preece has promised he will "tell off" Bilbo, Rankin and their associates whenever they

FOUNDER'S DAY AT ST. JOHN AME CHURCH



BY REV. E. F. RIDLEY Pastor

Throughout the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday, February 11th will be celebrated as "Founder's Day," in honor of Richard Allen, the founder of the AME Church and its first consecrated Bishop. Born a slave, February 14, 1760 in the state of Pennsylvania, he by his own labor purchased his own freedom after he was grown for \$2,000. Being thoroughly reliable and a consistent Christian, he was in constant demand in colored and white churches of his day, even when he was a local preacher, he was highly respected. Even his own master was converted by his preaching.

In 1787, the major part of the Negro membership of St. George Methodist Episcopal Church (in Philadelphia, Pa.) because they were relegated to the balcony and snatched off their knees while in the act of prayer, resigned their membership, and organized the Free Will African Society. Out of this "Society" developed St. Thomas Episcopal Church (opened in 1794 with Absalom Jones, ordained as its rector, the first Negro rector in the United States), and Bethel Methodist Church and erected by their own efforts in 1793 on Lombard St., with Richard Allen as its leader.

Richard Allen and his followers at Bethel suffered many embarrassing experiences at the hands of the white pastors and brethren of Saint George Methodist Church in the matter of appointment of pastors and other things.

About this same time, many colored churches of Baltimore and surrounding places were experiencing similar difficulties, so, upon the invitation of Richard Allen, they met in the quiet celebration of this "Founder's Day," February 11th, in St. John. We invite you to come and take part and witness the same during our Morning Worship at 10:45 A. M.

In the afternoon at 3 pm. sharp, the Blue Jacket Quartette will render a program. At 6 pm. will be the A.C.E. League, and at 8 pm. the "Union Service" will be e'd. Rev. F. C. Williams, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, will be the speaker.

The National Newspaper Publishers' Association in connection with the Annual Negro Press Week Observation (February 25 to March 3) will sponsor a National High School essay contest—Subject: "The Negro Newspaper, Crusader for Real Democracy." Coupled with this national contest is a local essay contest sponsored by THE OMAHA GUIDE. Local prizes are \$10.00 IN CASH, FIRST PRIZE; \$5.00 IN CASH, SECOND PRIZE; \$2.50 IN CASH, THIRD PRIZE.

The three prize winning essays of THE OMAHA GUIDE Contest will be entered in the National Contest.

National prizes are \$100; \$75, and \$50, all War Bonds. This year marks the 118th Anniversary of the Negro Press. All essays must be mailed to the Negro Press Essay Contest Editor of THE OMAHA GUIDE and should be postmarked no later than March 3, 1945.

RULES

1. Manuscripts shall contain no less than 800 and no more than 1000 words.
2. Manuscripts must be written on theme paper using one side only.
3. The contestant's name must not appear on the manuscript. Attach to the essay a separate sheet of paper on which should be written the name and address of the contestant, name of the school and of the principal.
4. Winners will be selected by five judges to be named by this newspaper. Prizes listed above for the local contest will be awarded by this paper according to the decision of the judges.
5. The first three prize winning essays in this contest will be entered in the National Negro Newspaper Week High School Contest.
6. A committee of judges, no more than seven in number, shall select three National prize winners from among the essays submitted to them by the various member papers.
7. The decision of the judges in both contests shall be final. All essays become the property of the NNPA and none will be returned to the contestants. Judges will base their choice on the character of the material, originality, composition and neatness.
8. Only persons of high school age in the continental United States, now attending high school, are eligible to enter this contest. No member or relative of a member of the staff of any newspaper will be eligible to compete in this contest.

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visitation of Richard Allen, delegates from these various churches met in Philadelphia April 9, 1816 and organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church as a Holy Protest against segregation in God's house, duly elected and consecrated Richard Allen as its first Bishop and set forth as part of its doctrine "God, Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man, Everywhere Our Brother."

The AME Church will accept as a member, anyone regardless of race, color or nationality.

From this humble beginning, the AME Church with over 7,000 churches, 16 Bishops, one to each of the 16 Episcopal scattered over the Americas, the isles of the sea and parts of Africa, 15 General Officers 16 Colleges, 2 publishing houses, AME book concern (The oldest in the New World) Seminaries, Douglas Hospital, and hundreds of thousands of members and adherents is the greatest example, and expression of self-help and the greatest force and organization in the Negro race working for its religion, cultural, and general good.

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get "rambunctious."

An authority on Negro culture and history throughout the world, Mr. Preece co-authored with Arthur I. Hayman the book, "Lighting up Liberia," published by Creative Age Press in 1943. His next book, "Dew on Jordan," written in collaboration with his wife, Celia Kraft, will be published this year by E. P. Dutton and Co.

BISHOP IN CITY FOR A FEW DAYS

Bishop F. C. Scott of Oklahoma City will be in the city with the Church of the Living God, 2316 N. 25th St., Monday night, February 12, 1945 at 8 pm. Bishop Scott will hold services for three or four days. The public is invited to hear this great man preach each night—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and perhaps Thursday pm. also.

PLAN PRESS WEEK OBSERVANCE

The Press Week Committee of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association has completed plans for the Annual Negro Press Week Observation, February 25—March 2. This year plans include world-wide broadcasts, national and local essay contests and programs. Shown above as they met in Detroit, Michigan last week after similar confabs in Washington and New York are (left to right): Dowdell H. Davis, Jr., Advertising Manager of Kansas City Call; (center) Frank L. Stanley, Press Week Committee chairman and publisher of the Louisville Defender; and (right) Thomas W. Young, Business Manager of the Norfolk Journal & Guide.

