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MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

BY WILLIAM T. GRIMES

MAKING THE MUSIC OF THE CHURCH

MORE EVANGELISTIC

There are conditions under which the music program of the church, like other programs, can be made more effective. There are times when wholesome entertainment such as good music can give the very much desired uplift to the church as a whole. The church is one foundation, Jerusalem the Golden, Amazing Grace, Come to Jesus, and others are full of spiritual value for edifying sinners to repentance. Let us help to carry the gospel in all the world in songs.

PERSONALS

The holidays in Rocky Mount were filled with many varied and beautiful occasions. The Young Men's Club gave a dance at the Community Center which was well attended and very enjoyable. On Friday night, December 17, the annual Holy Spirit Club Christmas dance took place. This affair is always one of the seasons top entertainments. This dance was very beautifully carried out, representing the high type of social entertainment where old friends meet for a gala affair. Beautiful decorations, good music and pleasing smiles added grace and delight to the occasion.

The teenage group enjoyed activities at the teen age club supervised by Mrs. Warren Braswell. This club is under the supervision of very fine personnel whom one can rely upon for clean entertainment well supervised.

On Friday, December 17, the teachers of the Little Raleigh Kindergarten were treated to their annual Christmas party sponsored by the preschool committee composed of Mrs. Nellie Hill, chairman, Mrs. Emma Leonard and Mrs. Mollie Parker under the direction of the instructor, Mrs. C. B. Sessoms. Before the cocoa and cookies, a lovely short Christmas program was given by the children. Santa Claus then surprised them by giving each child a large number of presents and friends present. All seemed to have enjoyed the party.

The Rev. and Mrs. V. V. Joyner and children of Washington, Ga. spent their holidays with their father and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Laura Johnson.

On December 27, the Annual Fellowship dinner sponsored by the city-wide Missionary Union, was given in the Little Hope Baptist Church house annex. This Union is under the active leadership of Mrs. Florence Hines, president. The devotional service was conducted by the following ministers, the Rev. W. L. Mason of St. James Baptist Church, the Rev. C. E. Spicer of Mount Zion Baptist Church, and the Rev. Mr. Hunter. A big gathering of members and friends from the many churches enjoyed this great spiritual feast. The junior department served as hostesses. Their loving added much enjoyment to the occasion, as they represented their junior missionary circles.

This occasion afforded a great fellowship meeting during which time a great spiritual blessing was experienced by those present. The Rev. C. E. Spicer led the closing song, "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Negro Housing Project Goes Up In Rocky Mount



Lincoln Park, the subdivision shown in the photograph above, is Rocky Mount's latest housing project for Negroes. The project, located on the Old Leggett Road in the northeastern section of the city, will total 51 homes to be sold to Negro families under FHA financing. The project is designed to fill a pressing need for housing at moderate prices, a need not satisfied by Rocky Mount alone.

Photo Courtesy of News and Observer.

WRITER LAUDS LACK OF COLOR BIAS IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

BY FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

HONOLULU (ANP) — Yes, there's Jim Crow in Honolulu. Most of the 1,000 Negro civilians and the 2,000 members of the armed forces will agree to that. They are bitter about the "separate but equal" system which has been the heritage of World War II. And after they have had their say, they will then tell you:

"Hawaii is still the best place under the American flag. We get better treatment here than in any place on the mainland."

Behind this, the writer means that even the "best" are exemplified by the islands, is still far short of what democracy is supposed to be. What one person so gloriously sells to the world as considerably different from the product as it really is.

I say this after two weeks in Honolulu which, the people here insist, is not the real Hawaii. They tell my wife and me that we must leave Oahu, the island on which we were staying, for the beautiful Honolulu is located, and go to the unspoiled "outer islands" where life is more leisurely, the people more friendly and the scenery more lovely.

Few complaints

But thus far, we have few complaints with Honolulu other than high prices and the housing shortage. Still, we're mere "mollusks" (the Hawaiian word for newcomers) and as yet unable to distinguish the good from the bad by sound standards. However, judged by Chicago or New York, this place is pretty terrific. We've had experiences that just simply couldn't occur anywhere on the mainland.

We arrived in the morning by plane. Hubert White, the Associate Negro Press correspondent, says he had the idea we were getting in that night. So we read in the morning paper that the "Negro editor and his wife" were due to arrive that evening. That night, I later learned, White took a battery of cameras and reporters from the daily papers and both the Associated Press and United Press to the airport. Naturally, we weren't aboard the plane from California. Next morning the paper headlined his story, "Negro Editor Failed to Arrive."

At this point our travel agent, a huge and friendly native Hawaiian with an unpronounceable middle name, who had got us reservations at the ritzy Willard Inn, a half block from a famed Waikiki beach, called Mr. White and told him we had been in Honolulu for a whole day.

By that afternoon's paper explained that we had arrived "exactly" and had gone into seclusion for a night "rest" after our trip before meeting the press. It also made the radio news building that night.

COST HIGH

It would have been all right with us had the Willard also considered us as arriving a day later. It's a beautiful place, with private cottages in the midst of a tall coconut grove, but it's a tourist trap and it costs you to bunk a day. But anybody who wishes can stay here and the treatment will be extremely courteous. This is true of all the other leading Honolulu hotels as well as most of the second and third rate hostels.

Five days later, a press conference was held at the Willard. The reporters were white or "haole" as they are called here. One photographer was Japanese, the other Chinese. Both dailies gave prominent space to the interviews and used two column pictures of my wife and me. Her picture was carried alone on the society page of the afternoon paper. Altogether, there have been some eight news articles about us in our two weeks here and the daily papers have dealt with us as they would any newsworthy. I know of no place on the mainland where we would receive like treatment.

And it seems that an amazing number of the 275,000 people of all colors and descriptions who make up Honolulu read the papers. Since how had the idea we were getting in that night. So we read in the morning paper that the "Negro editor and his wife" were due to arrive that evening. That night, I later learned, White took a battery of cameras and reporters from the daily papers and both the Associated Press and United Press to the airport. Naturally, we weren't aboard the plane from California. Next morning the paper headlined his story, "Negro Editor Failed to Arrive."

Disunion, a hotel more in keeping with the economic status of a reporter. The neighbors' on our floor are Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and a few Mainland holets. The maids are Portuguese.

With the wide variety of people here, ranging from black to blonde, nobody pays much attention to color — on the surface. It's too dangerous. About the only people wanting to make an issue of race are hales newcomers, mainly from Dixie. And they don't get too far, generally speaking. But in specific instances, they have been amazingly successful, such as in some taverns, restaurants and the like.

Thus far, I have not personally experienced Jim Crow here. But most Negroes, liberal whites and Orientals tell me of its existence and have many examples. However, my chances of meeting with discrimination, they say, are much less than those of the average Negro because: (1) the daily papers stated I was going to write about conditions in the islands; (2) I am considered a "superior Negro" because I am a poet and reporter; and (3) the old residents (called "kamaainas") both hale and oriental are embarrassed by the rising tide of anti-Negro feeling and want to keep down bad publicity which would make the islands less the "paradise" they are supposed to be.

But I'll tell more about Jim Crow and its rise here later. I'm still enjoying a "winter" where people swim every day and many kids and adults never wear shoes or coats, where the mercury drops to 66 at night and gets up to 77 in the day, where I have the most beautiful people I have ever seen and where even the slum shacks have banana trees and mangoes and orchids.

(To Be Continued)

100-Bushel Corn Club Seeking New Members

"Are you a member of the North Carolina 100-Bushel Corn Club? If not, look up one of your neighbors who is a member, and get him to sponsor you for membership in 1949."

That's the advice given to Tar Heel farmers this week by Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy extension at State College.

Every adult farmer, 4-H Club or FFA member who belongs to the 100-Bushel Club will be asked to sponsor another person for membership this year, Dr. Collins said.

As a reward, each sponsor will receive an allocation of nitrogen top-dressing sufficient to take care of his own corn crop and that of the person he is sponsoring.

The two growers will be expected to confer frequently concerning the choice of hybrid seed, spacing, cultivating and fertilizing practices which will result in the highest yields.

Members who decide to accept the sponsoring offer should notify their county agent. In counties where orders are large enough to justify it, cooperating fertilizer distributors will ship the topdressing material in carload lots. Farmers will be required to accept delivery as soon as the material arrives in January, February or March.

The 100-Bushel Club, started in 1945 for the purpose of encouraging the use of hybrid varieties and better production practices, reached a membership of 633 in 1947. The total may exceed 1,500 when all reports have been received for 1948.

The club is considered one of the major factors responsible for raising the State's average corn yield from 23 bushels per acre in 1945 to an estimated 33 bushels per acre in 1948.

Henderson Lodge Gives Charity Bingo Party

HENDERSON — 15th Temple No. 168 of Henderson sponsored a Charity Bingo Party on Thursday evening, December 23, at the Henderson Institute Gymnasium. An appreciative crowd attended and won many valuable prizes.

The success of the affair was due largely to the untiring efforts of Noble Robert Hawkins, the Chairman of the planning committee.

This was the first attempt made in a success. In view of the time program and the interest manifested by those who participated, other parties will be planned in the future.

Iran Temple is grateful to all who played a part and invite you to come next time.

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CHURCH NEWS

A Christmas Pageant, "In The Manger," was given on December 22 at Mount Zion Baptist Church, directed by Miss Christine Wells and Miss Flossie Smith. This was a very beautiful program offered by the children of the Sunday School. A Christmas tree on which many gifts thrilled the young hearts as well as the old. Lent added zest to the occasion.

Ebenezer Baptist Church presented a Christmas program and treat on Monday night, the 27th of December. The music was directed by Mrs. Geneva Taylor while the program was under the guidance of Mrs. Annie Boykin and Mrs. Fannie M. Pipkin.

Mrs. Iva Barnhill presented her Christmas party for the Kindergarten for the South Rocky Mount Section. Many parents and friends were present. Every one had a good time.

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Mrs. Mary F. Anthony of 630 W. Thomas Street died Thursday, December 30, at her home. Funeral services took place at Stokes Funeral Home Saturday, January 1, 1949. The Rev. Annias Hyman, Elders George Sumler and Dorsey Battle spoke at the service.

Surviving her is her husband, the Rev. J. W. A. Anthony.

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