

C.R. Frazer, Retired Author Businessman, Educator Dies

EAST ST. LOUIS, Illinois—Charles Rivers Frazer, Sr., retired educator, businessman, and author died here March 2. He was 90.

Frazer was among the last of a group of pioneer Negro educators who were prominent a half century ago. He was a native of Auburn, Ala., the son of Edmund and Estelle (Mitchell) Frazer and grandson of Joshua Frazer.

Holder of B.A. degrees in languages from Shaw University (1900) and the University of Chicago, (1907) he headed the College department at Shaw University, Raleigh, from 1902 to 1910. He was Shaw's first Negro Dean and served in that capacity from 1910 to 1921.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Daisy Christian of the home (258 N. 14th St., E. St. Louis, Illinois), one daughter, Mrs. Eva Frazer Ray, Durham; one son, Dr. Charles R. Frazer, Jr., E. St. Louis, Illinois, three grandsons, Charles R. Frazer, III, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Charles A. Ray, Jr., Durham, and Wyatt Christian Frazer, St. Louis Missouri; and two grand daughters, Eva Louise Frazer, St. Louis, Missouri, and Veronica Ray, Durham.

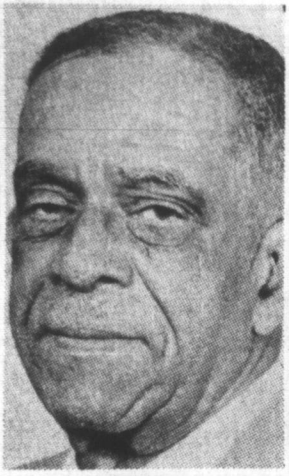
Frazer held a variety of administrative business positions after leaving school work. For a time he was manager of Progressive Real Estate Company, and Secretary of the Capital Building and Loan Association, Raleigh.

From 1923 to 1935 he was Cashier of the Raleigh Branch of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham. From 1935 to 1945 he was Field Representative of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank and the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. After 1945 he entered private business and continued until his retirement.

Retirement marked the beginning of a busy writing career. Among his publications are the following pamphlets: Nicholas Franklin Roberts, Pioneer in Education and Religion; Oscar Sidney Bullock, the Builder and Ten Poems. He is also author of a full length treatise called White Man, Black Man, and had recently completed the manuscript of his autobiography.

As a young man Frazer was active in athletic and musical activities. He was one of the founders of the recently disbanded Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and at various times coached tennis and baseball. His directing of the Deep River Chorus in the Raleigh (NC) area during World War II was widely known.

The University of Chicago bestowed a gold medallion upon Frazer on the 50th anniversary of his graduation. He



FRAZER
also was recipient of medals and certificates of appreciation from Shaw University, and the CIAA.

Black Methodists Question Church

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—The role and the value of the Christian church were sharply questioned here today in several presentations to the third annual convention of Black Methodists for Church renewal, which drew some 400 members from across the nation.

Dr. Vincent Harding of Atlanta, Ga., director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, Prof. questioned seriously whether the Christian church has a role now, especially in denominations like The United Methodist Church, since the mood of the black community is that the church "has been one of the major obstacles toward liberation of black people. And the implications are many."

In interpreting the mood and movement of blacks today, Dr. Harding said: "The liberation movement is imbued with black nationalism at its best; and that this movement is tied to the whole movement of formerly colonized people, who are seeking to realize a break from the power of white racist oppression."

The noted author and historian explained that "the movement today has within very deep and strong strands of anti-Americanism as America has defined itself. And if there is any religion that has been the American religion it certainly has been Methodism."

This, he said, means "therefore that black Methodist churchmen are pressed against the wall if they face the implications of the question and of the mood." Search For Manhood

This movement of blackness is also a tremendous groping after an understanding of black manhood. "And one of the questions that is asked again and again is can we find our manhood in the very institutions that were first introduced to us as tax-making institutions. And certainly one must state that for American Methodism."

The implications of the black movement is pressing upon all black churchmen, Dr. Harding said. "One consequence has been the searching after African roots: 'What it was we were before we were Christians, or were we nothing but pagans?'"

Another aspect of this searching has led to black autonomy. He observed that "white folks call it racism and separatism but we pay no attention to such words. 'The meaning of black autonomy and black solidarity mean in the face of all the denominational divisions in which blacks now find themselves is being questioned by blacks, too.'

New Methods
"Do we have time for such a luxury as the structures of white denominations?" asked Dr. Harding, who said the structures had been imposed upon blacks. Even if new ecumenical institutions are considered, he declared, there must be "better ways than whites have found so far."

The overarching concern, however, for blacks is the meaning of black autonomy and black solidarity, Dr. Harding said adding: "Does it lead into black solidarity? Does it lead into black autonomy? Or is it another tool for dividing black people?"

Dr. Harding reported how a recent study made of the role of western missionaries in southern Africa revealed how they committed "the most damnable thing to separate and break up families in a land where family unity was and is so essential" for survival.

Urging that there can be no political liberation without spiritual liberation, Dr. Harding called for blacks

Gospel Singer Returns To U.S. After Europe Tour

NEW YORK — Arthur Bradford has returned to the U. S. A. after having conducted several Youth For Christ crusades in several countries in Europe, Africa, South America and the West Indies during 1969 and early 1970. Mr. Bradford and members of his Evangelistic team are making preparation for a Tri-State Youth for Christ campaign beginning Easter Sunday, March 29. Mr. Bradford is inviting clergymen, missionaries, gospel singers, church workers, students, men and women of all races and faiths to assist during the crusade. During the campaign there will be speakers from South Carolina, Barbados, Dominica, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Liberia and Trinidad

The Rocky Mountain big-horn sheep found in Wyoming is the foremost among wild sheep races in the United States.

First Calvary Holds Annual Youth Day

First Calvary Youth celebrated Annual Youth Day Sunday March 8, with Hubert L. Gooch, Jr., of Creedmoor.

The Youth of First Calvary will have charge of the service all day Sunday. The Sunday School will be presided over by Misses Myme Webb and Patricia Best. With Miss Deborah Burnett presiding at the 11 o'clock service. Some other young people taking part will be Miss Carolyn Grafton, Trudia Watson, Gloria Mallock, Diane Thompson, Alton Weaver, Eugene Jacob, Michael Thompson, Lee Richardson, Michael Thompson, and Michael Butler.

Ten Morehead Junior Choir will furnish music for the afternoon service at 6 o'clock. The public is asked to please come out and see the young people in action.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Floral Club met in the Chapel Sunday March 1, at 4 p.m., Mrs. Dorothy Williams conducted the devotions.

The usual business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Nonnie Hamilton. Plans for the fashion show and contest were discussed, which is to be held March 22 at 3 p.m. at the church. A special committee was appointed to organize the Senior Citizens of the Community and Church.

Present were Mesdames Essie Malone, Bertha Snipes, Mattie Holloway, Marina Fisher, Helen Jones, Lillie McIntyre, Dorothy Vanhook, Ethel McNeil, Addie Barbee, Rose McClain, Celeste Dairymple, Estella Shaw, Josephine Plummer, Flora Purgear, Effie Chavis, Helen Lash, Dicie Morgan, Martha Stanley, Lillie Mae Upchurch, Ruth Davis and Artis Plummer, Sr. Mrs. Marina Fisher thanked the club members for their kindness shown her during her recent illness in Lincoln Hospital.

A lovely repast was served for Mrs. Lovella Kelley by three persons who served as hostess, Mesdames Nonnie Hamilton, Ruth Flowers and Lillie Mae Upchurch.

Mrs. Hattie Lane will serve as hostess in April.

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The sermon Sunday morning will be delivered by A. H. Parker. Music will be rendered by the Mt. Zoar Gospel Choir.

McKinley Mangum, president of the group will preside on the two day meeting.

NAACP Protests Demeaning Acts

NEW YORK—Reports have reached the NAACP that members of a white fraternity at the University of Vermont have attempted to "stereotype and embarrass" black students by staging "cakewalks" in blackface.

to "affirm the faith of OUR fathers," because "I do not trust anything the west has invented for us," including "structures shaped by a colonizing world." He added that "the cleansing of racism from a predominantly white church may not be our calling now; we may need to experiment with a religion that grows out of our blackness and nothing else."

Concerning the continued miseducation of black young people, who "are miseducated and destroyed in the school systems" and are "spewed out into the streets and sucked into the military-industrial complex," he asked what would be the response of black churchmen now: "chaplancy? ... or action?"

He further said that blacks ought to question whether (United) "Methodist church buildings can be used to train black children taken from the horrors of public education ... as is being done by Catholic and Jewish communities. If not, what is their function?"

In another question concerning the degree of seriousness to which members of Black Methodists are committed since its founding three years ago to renew the church and put itself out of business, Dr. Harding asked: "Does the man remain in the same church that made him a 'nigger,' or enslaved his father?"

Mt. Zoar Baptist To Host Sunday School Meeting

The First District Sunday School Convention will meet at the Mount Zoar Baptist Church, on Cheek Road here March 6 and 8.

Items on the agenda include enrollment of delegates and committee appointments, field missionaries report and various other reports.

Highlighting the Friday night session will be a oratorical contest. The subject will be "What is Man's Duty to God?" Scriptural text for this subject

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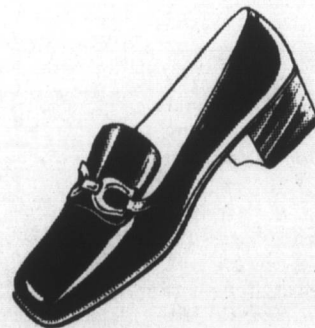
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