

"The Confessions Of A Ham Singer"

BY CHARLES JACOB HARRIS
(Continued from last week)

(This Thing Called Voice)
Before the school year was over, Professor George A. Towns, a Harvard graduate, sent for me. I began to wonder just what he wanted with me. I did not think I merited discipline. (Discipline in those days was more severe than it is now.) For example: there was the case of a teacher of the university who saw a student of the school smoking on a street in New York City during vacation, and at the opening of school in the fall, the instructor had the student suspended for three months.

On reaching Professor Towns' office, he floored me by saying that he wanted me to try out for the college quartet. I am sure the shock of that coming ordeal must have shown in every fibre of my being. The audition was to be in the afternoon; hence, I went to the chapel at noon, during the recess period, to do some practicing. If you have ever heard "a hog caller," you will get an idea of the racket I made.

There was hardly a note sung. I hollered high F's and G's right and left until I am sure there would have been no need for a siren had a fire broken out.

Came the hour for the audition. I entered the music studio where Professor Towns awaited me. He took me through a few scales and arpeggios. After what seemed an interminable interval, Professor Towns said, "Well

Harris, your voice lacks resonance and that carrying power to make it suitable for halls and hotels where we do concerts." So, "kerblip" went my first opportunity as a vocalist. I was undaunted by this disappointment. Wasn't I going to become a great concert pianist? I remained in Atlanta another year studying and attending exceptional performances of classical music.

GREAT ARTISTS
The first world famed artist I heard was Eugene Ysaye, the great Belgian violinist. He was such a robust and powerful looking man until the violin seemed like a toy in his hands.

His performance in the Grand Theater electrified me. It seemed that he traversed the whole gamut of human emotions—so masterfully did he play. He made the violin cry, moan and literally shout 'til it appeared that a soul from a lost world had arisen to tell this one a thing or two. Judging from the spiritual depth of music in this man's soul he must have suffered tortures of the damned when he lost four sons in World War I.

My greatest disappointment during my sojourn in Atlanta was my inability to hear Dame Nellie Melba, then at the pinnacle of her career. When I went to obtain an admission, the house had been sold out. I didn't hear the great 'Diva' until ten years later at Symphony Hall in Boston, Mass.

Most of the stars of those by-

gone days have taken their flight to Valhalla. Among that great galaxy of celebrities, a few names which come to mind are: Lillian Nordica, Emma Eames, Marcella Sembrich, Johanna Gadske, Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the Dereske Brothers, Plancon, Enrico Caruso, and many others. (to be continued next week.)

Mrs. A. B. Boyd Returns From L. A. Confab

PLYMOUTH
Mrs. A. B. Boyd, supervisor of Washington and Tyrrell Co. Schools, has just returned from Los Angeles, California, where she attended the A.S.C.D. Convention which was held in the Shrine and Phil-Harmonic Auditoriums, respectively.

She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Katie B. Anderson, who has been in the educational field for several years and is also a member of the A.S.C.D.

While there, they visited some of the schools and colleges, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, N.B.C. Warner Brothers, Walt Disney and Universal Studios. They saw the oil wells in action, visited the International Airport and many other places of interest.

On returning they spent a day in Chicago where they were escorted through the Chicago Stock Yards by an observation guide who explained to them the many interesting activities being carried on.



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Journey To Faith To Be Presented At Local Library

For Easter, The Stanford L. Warren Public Library is presenting the film JOURNEY INTO FAITH, Thursday, April 15 at 8 p.m., in the Library auditorium. The picture brings to life the dramatic story based on the events prior to the crucifixion, and the reassuring account of Jesus' appearance to two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. The public is in-

vised to attend this free showing. From April 12th until May 7th, the library will have the following films available for circulation:

1. AND THE EARTH SHALL GIVE BACK LIFE: The engrossing story of the unending quest for powerful new antibiotics in tiny samples of soil gathered from all parts of the globe.

2. REMNANTS OF A RACE: This is an exciting journey into the land of the Bushmen and his search for happiness in the waterless stretches of the Kalahari desert.

3. SINGAPORE: A pictorial visit to the capital and seat of government of the crown colony of the Straits Settlements.

4. UNDERSTANDING THE LAW: Explains the right of individuals to be protected from the law and by the law.

5. WESTERN EUROPE: Factories, Mines, and Waterways. This film accompanies the captain of a coal barge on his trip from Strasbourg to Pont-a-Mousson on the Rhine Marne Canal.

6. YOUR DOCTOR: Surveys the various kinds of work done by doctors and features the practice of George Bond in the mountains of Hickory Nut Valley.

White Minister Joins Race Group

BALTIMORE, MD.
Bishop Edgar A. Love of the Baltimore Area of The Methodist Church has announced the transfer of the Rev. Dr. Ralph

T. Templin, a former missionary to India, and a teacher at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, since 1947, to the Lexington Conference of the denomination's Central Jurisdiction.

Bishop Love acted for Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the Saint Louis Area, of which the Lexington Conference is a unit, during Bishop Clair's tour of mission fields of the church in Africa.

So far as it is known, Dr. Templin is the first white minister to join a Negro Methodist conference. Fifteen or more colored ministers are members of white conferences in the Northeastern and Western Jurisdictions of the church. They, however, served Negro congregations.

In a letter to Bishop Love acknowledging his transfer, Dr. Templin said, "Joining the Central Jurisdiction has seemed to me appropriate in terms of my work in Ohio and especially with the natural and inevitable course in line with the steps of

the way along which God has led us."

A native of Kansas, he and his wife served as missionaries in India from 1925 to 1940. He has three brothers in the Methodist ministry.

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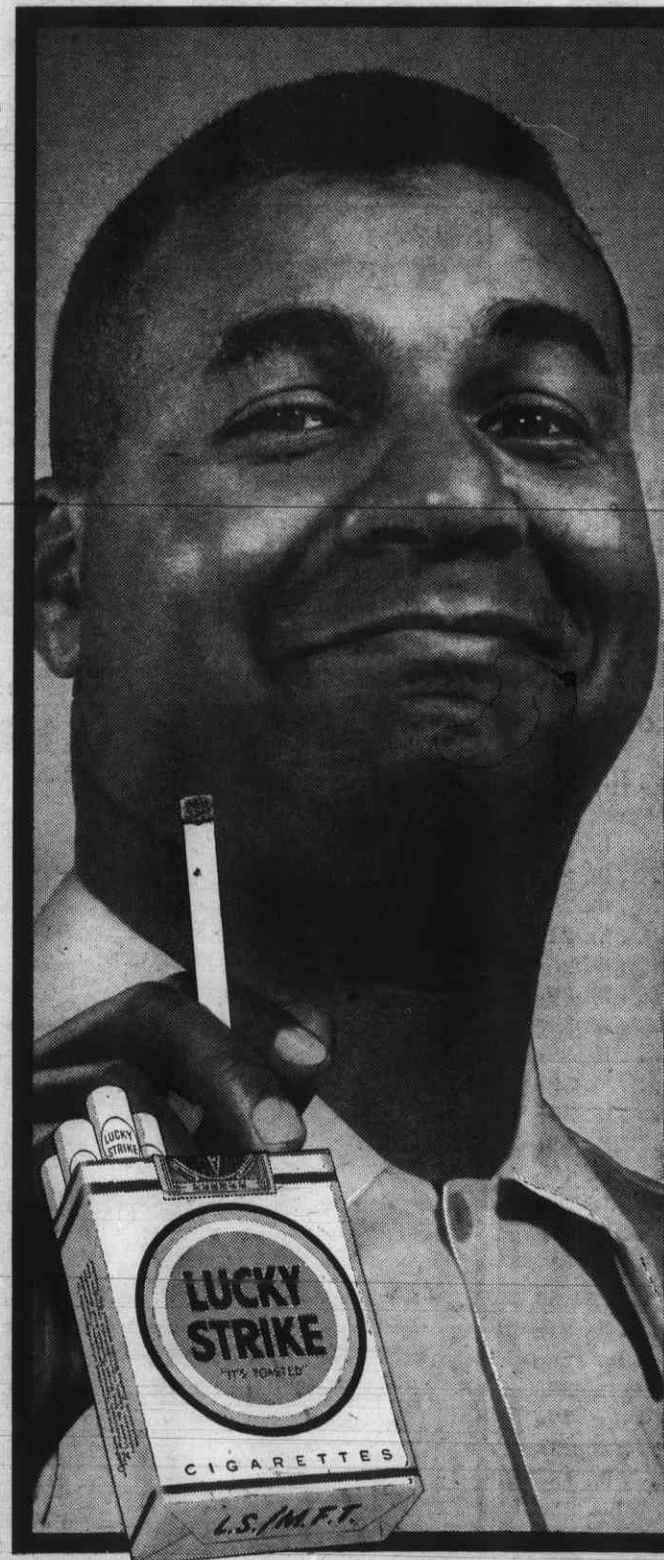
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I even prefer catching to hitting. And I really like to hit that ball. But catching's best.

It keeps you on the ball. I'm in on plenty of plays. I like calling pitches and I get a good feeling every time we get a strike-out.

Lots of guys in baseball would say I'm all wet about catching. That's their idea. But it doesn't change mine. Not a bit.

Lots of things are—what d'you call it?—all a matter of taste. Like smoking. I go for Luckies. For some reason, Luckies taste better to me. That's why I smoke them.

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