

CHORUS OF 700 THRILLS VAST AUDIENCE

Waco, Tex. Dec.—(By A. N. P.) While 10,000 people packed the Coliseum here to hear a concert by 700 Negro singers, 5,000 more hammered vainly at the gates and were turned away disappointed. The concert, which was staged by two of the local daily papers as a Christmas present to the people of Waco and Central Texas, was the most notable musical event ever witnessed here. According to the Houston Informer, leading colored weekly, it was also an interracial occasion of great significance. Among those present were Gov. Dan Moody, accompanied by a party of twenty-five who occupied a box especially prepared for them.

Three choral groups from Houston, Waco, and Fort Worth comprised part of the chorus of 700 voices, each group being featured in special selections and all taking part in the ensemble. According to the daily papers the concert was "a remarkable tribute to the ability of T. B. Wilson, who trained and directed the enormous vocal orchestra." The News-Tribune says the universal comment of musical critics was, "We never heard so many people sing so well together." The Tribune devoted to the occasion two columns of the most enthusiastic description and comment.

BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA

Mt. Hermon Church News

We have not sent any news to the Africo for some time, though we are trying to keep busy with our church work.

Miss Lucy A. Duff attended the Synodical in Asheville, N. C., October 18th. Miss Duff is our Recording Secretary for the Synodical.

The Mt. Hermon Missionary Society met at the residence of Mrs. B. M. Harris on the second Thursday in November with a good attendance. The third Sunday we had our barrel rally. It was a grand success. Little Miss Margaret Wood won the first prize of \$5.00 in gold for bringing in the most money which was \$13.25. Rev. Hood preached on the night of the rally from Mark the 14th chapter and part of the 8th verse. The sermon was very fitting for the occasion and we were all benefited by his discourse.

Mrs. Nelson Netherland and two attractive children, Nelson, Jr., and Margaret, have joined Mr. Netherland in Big Stone Gap. Mr. Nelson has a position at one of the hotels.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall and son Lois, of Johnson City, Tenn., have moved to Big Stone Gap to make their future home. We are glad to have all of the children in Sabbath school and their parents in our church for preaching services.

On November 3rd, World's Temperance Sunday, the Junior class won the banner. The Junior class is a wide awake class of boys and girls.

Union Thanksgiving services were held at Mt. Hermon Presbyterian church. Rev. Daventport, the minister of the A. M. E. Zion church, preached the Thanksgiving sermon from the 116th Psalm and the 12th verse, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

A mixed choir of the different churches sang, with Mr. E. M. Carr, presiding at the piano. At night a union program was carried out very successfully.

On December 1st, Rev. B. C. Hood preached a special sermon to the young people from Matthew the 4th chapter and the 19th verse: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

On December 8th we had a Leper Program, and raised a neat little sum which was sent away to help make this a merry Christmas for the lepers.

Every one is busy getting ready for Christmas. I will now say, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Africo and all of its co-workers and friends.

MISS JANIE DUFF.

REV J. L. HOLLOWELL, D. D.

I must confess that nothing has been more shocking to me during my ministry of twenty-five years than the sudden death of Dr. Hollowell. I had to read the postal of his charming wife three or four times for satisfaction of its truth.

Dr. Hollowell was a most pleasing personality—friendly, humble, intelligent, sympathetic and willing to do what his hands found to do for good and the uplift of others. I first met him in 1907 in his own birth town, Goldsboro. He consented to preach for me on the Sabbath while there visiting his mother and he thrilled us on the subject, "The Abundant Life." His mother was delighted on that occasion with her son.

Rev. Hollowell's lot was cast in the west of this grand old State, where men of our great Church are congenial and helpful and Dr. Hollowell continued upward. In his last climb every body was apparently pleased and Harbison College seemingly had a most pleasing outlook, but before our subject could get acquainted with his new duties, the last enemy overtook him and severed the relation.

No, we can not understand his sudden departure, but we shall ever cherish his memory. We are in dire need of men of his type and spirit,—not bombasts and crushers, but real men of integrity and spiritual power. We commend the devoted wife to Him who always provides.

J. BURTON HARPER, Rocky Mount, N. C.

EXHIBITION OF NEGRO ART HELD

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec.—(By The Associated Negro Press). The first annual exhibit of contemporary Negro Art was held at the Southern California Art Club, Barnsdahl Park, here, sponsored by Los Angeles Art Lovers.

Work of nationally known artists was assembled and sent to the Coast by William Edouard Scott of Chicago. A number of specimens of his work were sent. Among the artists whose work was on exhibition and drew much comment from the throngs of art lovers who attended daily were Arthur Diggs, William Farrow, King Ganaway, and Chas. Dawson, of Chicago, Albert Smith, of New York, and Henry Tanner, of Etaples, France.

A student of the Polytechnic High School, Miss Constance Phillips, already locally famous for her wonderful paintings and etchings, is chiefly responsible for the collection and assembling of the California Artists work, she having first done so a year ago at a similar exhibit.

Her contributions included "A Negro Girl" with Mary Turner as a model, and "Youth," represented by two boys, Archie Herbert and Fred Lewis. A large painting from life of Neil Clisby, famous coast prize fighter, in action, is considered one of the best ever done here for its coloring and life-like appearance. A nude, by Miss Phillips, was not entered because of objection by one of the committee of sponsors. Other California artists represented were Mrs. S. M. Taylor, Mrs. Jack White, F. Paynes, Paul Williams, Sargent Johnson, Mrs. Eva Jessie Smith, Mrs. Mary Dobbs, and Miss Octavia Young.

Dr. Elzora Gibson was the moving spirit behind the exhibition in Los Angeles, and the collection is to be sent to other California cities.

Organizations and prominent persons sponsoring it were the California Branch of National Music Association, The California Art Club, N. A. A. C. P., the Colored Women's Federated Clubs, Fellowship of Reconciliation, The Japan American Society, The Interracial Society, Mabel Wing-Castle, Beulah Storrs, Lewis, Mrs. W. A. Whitmore, Mrs. Antoinette Cable, Mrs. C. A. Bass, Mrs. A. Hill, Mrs. H. C. Hudson, Mr. L. G. Robinson, Mrs. M. S. Nelson, Mrs. Helen Werner.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR JANUARY

Opportunity, Journal of Negro Life, auspiciously begins the New Year with a brilliant article on "The American Occupation of Haiti," by Dantes Bellegarde. It is a devastating and sweeping indictment of American rule from the pen of the scholarly Haitian who is a Commander in the Legion of Honor and was formerly minister from Haiti to France.

"A Crusader," a vivid story, by Emile G. Thomas, is based on America's entrance into the Virgin Islands.

J. H. Dillard, director of the Slater Fund, writes in a happy vein of the County Training Schools in the South from their beginning until the present time.

"Father Fields" is the subject of a sympathetic biographical sketch, by Mary Simkhovitch.

The Book Reviews include Gordon's "Born To Be," by Eugene Gordon; Gides' "Travels In The Congo," by Blair Niles and Pushkin's "Captain's Daughter," by Alice Dunbar Nelson.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, SALISBURY

By Mrs. Julia Hipp Sunday morning, December 29th, a number of people assembled at the place of worship to have their spiritual strength renewed. A very striking sermon was delivered by Rev. J. M. Morton, our pastor. His theme was "Fruit Bearing," based upon Matthew 7:19, "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." His discourse centered around the tree that beareth not good fruit.

We were delighted to have worship with us Elder Goodman from Mt. Tabor, and his daughter, Mrs. Clingman, from Massachusetts, and her daughter, Willie Mae, from State College, of Durham, Mrs. Reaster and daughter and others. We

hope they will come again. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Sam Black on W. Horah Street, Friday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

MRS. HATTIE KNOTTS

Mrs. Hattie Knotts departed this life, November 18, 1929. She was a genuine Christian, first in her home. She was a cheerful and devoted wife. She did not regard her domestic affairs as a burden and always welcomed visitors with much cheerfulness.

Second, in her church she was indeed loyal and always willing to do whatever was assigned her. She was a great missionary worker, having been President of the missionary society for a number of years.

Third, in the community she let her light so shine that we who knew her saw the light of God in her daily life. Will we miss her? Yes; a thousand times, yes!

But as we bow in sadness, let us bow in submission to God, the One that never makes a mistake. And it is rejoicing to think and know that some sweet day we will meet Sister Knotts never to part again.

A FRIEND, Monroe, N. C.

The Commission on Interracial Co-operation, a Southern organization with headquarters in Atlanta, is offering two awards of \$100 each for the best papers on "Justice in Race Relations" submitted by students in Southern Colleges during the present school year.

Papers should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length and must be delivered or mailed to the Commission not later than May 1, 1930.

For further information, suggestions and reading list, write R. B. ELEAZER, Educational Director, Commission on Interracial Co-operation, 409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga.

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BOONEVILLE CHURCH NOTES

By Mrs. J. H. Greenwood

December 15th our beloved pastor, Rev. H. O. Walker, broke to us the bread of life from I Samuel 16:11, "But the Lord said unto Samuel. Look not on his countenance or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart."

He said that where so many of us make mistakes, we so often look upon man or woman according to what he or she is worth, or because of their fine appearance, or because of their intellectual ability, and yet their hearts may be as black as the shades of midnight.

Rev. Walker is a forceful speaker and a hard hitter to those who are in the wrong. Rev. Walker is also a splendid pastor, and is much loved and respected by the church and community. He tries hard to bring the church and community up to a high standard of intelligence and Christianity. He is unselfish, always thinking of others first. We feel that he is the one we have needed here for years.

Our revival meeting began October 20th, with Dr. West, of Charlotte, assisting Rev. Walker. Dr. West preached splendid sermons all the week and we had good meetings but no converts.

Mr. M. C. Greenwood, father-in-law of the writer, departed this life November 2nd, after an illness of about three weeks, aged 84 years. Mr. Greenwood was converted in the first revival meeting held in Booneville by Rev. H. O. Walker. Rev. Walker was successful in doing what no other minister had done; that is, in getting Mr. Greenwood to go to the church. Rev. Walker would stop every meeting day and bring him to the church until finally he became interested in the church.

Mr. Greenwood leaves to mourn their loss a wife, Mrs. Maria Greenwood, three sons, J. W., W. P. and E. P. Greenwood; one daughter, Mrs. Lillie Garrett, and eight grandchildren, all of Booneville, except a granddaughter who lives in New York.

As the deceased was related to Rev. H. O. Walker the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Bonner, of Grace church, Winston-Salem. As the deceased was an old citizen of Booneville and was highly respected by both races, the floral tributes were profuse.

December 24th our Christmas tree was carried out very nicely. The program by the children was very good, conducted by our day school teacher, Miss Grace Harris. Miss Harris is quite an efficient young woman and a splendid teacher.

Elder E. L. Cundiff and family are with us to spend Christmas. Elder Cundiff went from us some months ago to the mission fields of South Carolina. He reports much success in his work.

Some weeks ago the stork visited the home of Elder and Mrs. T. W. Cundiff, bringing a beautiful nine pound baby. Last Friday night the stork again visited our community bringing to Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Dobson a fine girl. Mother and baby are doing well.

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