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CHURCH OF GOD BISHOPS GET TOGETHER



The nation's fastest growing church is the Church of God in Christ. Its spiritual leaders, the bishops, are pictured above as they got together at a recent meeting.

Pictured above are: Seated (left to right): Bishops O. W. Kelley, New York; C. T. Jones, Philadelphia; C. H. Mason, senior bishop and founder, Memphis, Tenn.; the late R. F. Williams, at the

time of the meeting national chairman, Cleveland, O.; V. M. Barker, Kansas City, Mo.; and J. H. Boones, Indianapolis, Ind.

In seat: Bishop W. M. Roberts, Chicago. Standing (left to right): Bishops J. S. Bailey, Detroit; C. E. Bennett, Gary, Ind.; A. B. McEwen, Memphis, Tenn.; Samuel Crouch, Los Angeles; Charles Pleas, Kansas City, Kan., and D. Bostic, St. Louis. —(ANP)

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WITH BOB

I wish to thank everyone for their kind words and compliments appertaining to this column. And I assure you that every thing written is this column is written to help, and not to hurt; to build up, and not to tear down. That, my friends, is the policy of this paper. After getting that off my chest, I would at this point, like to dedicate a little poem to the writer of this wonderful bit of literature, Mr. Robert Robinson:

Here's a fine sort of chap, with a temper that's mellow,
You can trust your very best girl with this fellow.
He's gentle, but firm, and wears no man's collar,
He's truly a gentleman, and a scholar.

WHO WAS DODGING WHO

Last Sunday night, a uncertain young fellow was trying his darndest to dodge his girl friend, with not very much success. For everywhere he went, there she would be also. He doesn't know it, but she was trying to dodge him too.

INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

The air force boys, from the Waverly Radar Base, have been doing quite a bit of flying around in Waterloo, lately, and have been keeping several of our young ladies up in the air. But as my flying instructor used to tell me, when I was learning to be a pilot, "It's not the take-off, or flying that matters most — it's how you land."

HE'S DONE IT AGAIN

Mr. William Flowers, 211 Albany Street, better known as "Big Son Flower", Waterloo's greatest football player, wishes to announce that, with the helpful assistance, and willing cooperation of his wife, Mrs. Addie Flowers, he has become the proud parent of a beautiful baby girl, born last week, April 3rd, at the Allen Memorial Hospital. The father is resting nicely.

Mr. Flowers is thinking of raising himself a football team, and is well on the way to doing so. Of course, the latest new-comer is a girl, but Mr. Flowers figures that by the time she is a grown, women will be playing football, and doing just about everything else a man does. They're just about doing that now. And I "aint just a-whistling".

LIFE IS LIKE THAT

The young fellow involved in the following experience, authorized my use of his story in this column, if I would promise not to tell anyone his name. That promise I made, and that promise I'm going to keep.

It seems that when he was married, women literally camped on his trail. Women flocked around him like bees around a honey comb. Finding women was the least of his worries. Finding time for them was what was driving him crazy. He had a lovely wife — lovely both in features, and in nature. Not content to be just one of his women, she decided to leave him, and did. It was one cold day in December that she packer her bags, and left. Just like that.

Yes, you guessed it. Now he can't even find a she-dog to keep him company. Women avoid him as though he were a leper. And all the young ladies who used to flock around him like flies around a honey barrel, now seem to go blind every time he comes in sight.

"That's nothing, my friend," I told him. Life is like that. When you are doing well and have lots of money, everybody wants to be your friend. Everybody wants to do something for you, loan you money, give you things. But just go broke. Hear me. Just go broke. And you might as well be dead. Your former friends will feel insulted if you merely look in their direction.

Now don't ask me the name of the fellow in this tale. This is an old, old story. It could happen to anyone. Let's leave it like that.

STRONG DRINK MAKES WEAK MINDS

Little girl, you should stop drinking. It makes you do, and say things, so many things, you ordinarily wouldn't do or say under any circumstances if you were sober. You should learn to control your liquor, and not let it control you. And since that isn't possible — it may be possible, but it isn't probable — why don't you stop drinking, for your own sake, and for the sake of all those who love you. I know that many of you are wondering what "little girl" this is. Well, it could be just any little girl who drinks — or any little boy.

GOOD GUY OR SUCKER

Why is that the good person always gets the bad breaks? If you are a woman, and are good to your man, he'll take advantage of you, and probably give all of his money to some silly little skirt, who loves no one, and is true to no one but herself. If you are a man, and are good to a woman, if you give her your love, slave for her, and help her when she is down and everyone else has turned their backs on her, when she gets on her feet again and gets a little money, she'll more than likely throw you overboard, and take up with some scoundrel who wouldn't give her a plugged nickel, but will probably beat her half to death, and take every penny she can beg, borrow, or scrape together.

They tell me that the good man will get his reward in heaven. But as for me, I'm not ready for heaven yet. I'd like to get a little appreciation right here on earth.

Well, my friends, until we meet again over the back fence, I must say adieu, toodle-oo, I'll be seeing you!

ROBERT ROBINSON

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The words that we once put on wings

Will fly away from shore to shore;

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Are never secrets any more.

No matter what may be the urge

There are some things which we

must keep;

Because somewhere along the way

They will, if told, cause us to

weep.

African Hero Becomes Policeman



John Kwasi Oppong, youthful Gold Coast hero, recently became a member of the Gold Coast Police force. Oppong is holder of an award presented by the Royal (British) Humane Society for his bravery in saving the lives of three small boys last August. He saved three small boys from drowning in the Volta river on a dark, windy night. He won the bronze medal and certificate of the Humane society.

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THOMPSON AT KURTZ'S FRIDAY, APRIL 11th

Like most musicians (Long Gone) Thompson is a baseball fan. His team? The Brooklyn Dodgers. Thompson's a great golfer and he's in the low 70's most of the time. Art Tatum is Thompson's idol, and like the great Duke Ellington, he (Thompson) will tell you, "No one tops Tatum."

Well, Thompson isn't Ellington nor is he Tatum and vice versa, but he's on no Tatum pole although he'd vote for Art Tatum to head any poll of great pianists.

Thompson studied at the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

He once had an 18-piece orchestra and played the El Grotto in the Windy City.

A native of the home of the Chicago Cubs and White Sox he's been known to spend all his day rootin' for the home team—particularly when the Sox are playing. He's a "Minnie" Minoso fan. But when the dodgers come to town he's for Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe, Roy Campanella, et al.

When he played the Beige Room in the Hotel Persian Thompson was acclaimed the most colorful and

most popular of the Negro band-leaders by a bobby sox group of teen-agers. In fact wherever Thompson's band plays it seems that the youngsters vie with the older folk for the Thompson brand of rhythm. And that brand is super-duper.

Sonny (Long Gone) Thompson and His Orchestra comes to Sneider Kurths' on Friday. You must attend and witness the sensational battle of the tenor saxes. Thompson recently played to capacity crowds at Harlem's Savoy Ballroom, the "Home of Happy Feet." Don't miss the King recording artist—his tops.

Tickets are on sale now at the Blue Shadow, corner Halstead and Oneida.

U.P.W.A. Reactivates Anti Discrimination Committee

The United Packinghouse Workers of America, C.I.O., Local 46, has found it necessary to reactivate their anti-discrimination committee.

The necessity for such action had been brought to their attention, by various happenings around and about the plant, and neighborhood, and within their own group.

One such incident occurred when a union steward went into a tavern with a colored member, to discuss a grievance over a glass of beer. The first time around they both were served. The second time the tavern keeper refused to serve the colored fellow. The steward told him that if he couldn't serve his colored friend, he couldn't serve him then or any other time, and they, both, walked out together.

Realizing that in order to be at

full strength, the workers must be united in every way, the U.P.W.A. resolved that discrimination was an evil that tended to divide the worker, weakening his strength, and must be done away with in every form, and wherever found.

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The only team in the league that has a Negro player with Negroes on Cleveland Indians, Doby, Easter, and Robinson.

As the season progresses, more and more colored lads are appearing on the field. Some as fast as the pace. Babe Ruth and Wilson of the Yankees were the first to be "hit" by Willie Mays when he was a parent club and a rampage.

The Cleveland Indians search for pitched the prize. They traded C. "Lefty" Grove to the Sox for their medical staff. This same Mike Sox on fire was base-running.

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Play Ball--1952

In April 1951 we saw the baseball season open and gazed with amazement at the impressive array of Negro talent scattered throughout the major league teams. Last year the season began with 14 Negro players on the rosters of four teams. The National league had Negroes on three of its teams. Brooklyn had four—Robinson, Campanella, Newcombe and Bankhead. The Giants had four—Thompson, Irvin, Wilson, and Noble, and Boston Braves carried two colored stars—Jethroe and Marquez.

The only team in the American League that began last season with Negroes on the squad was the Cleveland Indians. They were Doby, Easter, Simpson and Minoso.

As the season wore on and the races more heated, some of the colored lads really began to sparkle. Some as well couldn't stand the pace, Bankhead of Brooklyn and Wilson of the Giants were the first to be "farmed" out. Young Willie Mays was brought up to the parent club and began his amazing rampage.

The Cleveland Indians in a search for pitching strength "pulled the prize boner-or-the-year". They traded Ortestes Minoso, one of their mediocre "bench-warmers" to the Chicago White Sox. This same Minoso set the White Sox on fire with his batting and base-running.

Luis Marquez who was playing in Jethroe's shadow all season couldn't live up to his advance notices. When the season came to a close two Negroes were serious contenders for the MVP award in the National League—Roy Campanella and Monte Irvin, the nod going to Campy.

Two others, Orestes Minoso and Willie Mays should have won the rookie-of-the-year award in their respective leagues. Mays copped the award in his league, but the sports writers, many who later admitted their mistake, by-passed Minoso in the voting for the award in the American League. All in all the Negro lads performed remarkably well last year.

This year to begin the season, there are six major league teams with 18 Negroes on their rosters. The St. Louis Browns changed owners in mid-season, took on the "ageless" Satchel Paige, who begins the 1952 season with them. The White Sox who had no Negroes to start with last year now have three—Minoso, Rodriguez and Boyd.

Cleveland has four. The Braves have three, Brooklyn three, and the Giants have four. . . the loss of Newcombe, Mays and Irvin will severely be felt by their teams but if the tan lads are true to form there'll be others to equal or better those fellows performances this season. . . So this corner wishes them the best of everything in the coming season.

Drake Prepares For Relays Weekend

Drake Relays machinery--packed away part of the year in a semi-monthball state--is back in motion again. The 43rd Drake classic will be April 25-26 at Drake stadium.

This year's Drake Relays promises to measure up to the fine standards of past events which have thrilled thousands of sports lovers.

Lending a boost to the 1952 Drake derby will be the fact that this is an Olympic year. Fans who attend the relays are slated to see several of the athletes who in just a few months will be battling for Olympic honors.

Drake itself has one of these--Jim Lavery, chosen as the outstanding athlete in the 1951 relays when he anchored the Bulldogs to an unprecedented triple win in the 440, 880 and mile relays.

Lavery, however, will be wearing the colors of Canada when he bids for Olympic honors. He's a native of Calgary, Alberta.

Along with Lavery and several other standout Canadians, the relays will have an international flavor. Cirilo McSweeney, the Illinois U. ace, is from Panama, and Rick Heber, Arizona State Tempe javelin thrower, is from South America.

A new crop of trackmen appears on the collegiate horizon this year--athletes like Jim Golliday, the get-propelled Northwestern U. sprinter; Jerry Mashburn, sensational Oklahoma U. quarter-miler, and Arnold Batton, Drake's sophomore high-jumper.

Tommy Deckard, boss of the Drake show, could cut quite a swath again this year in the relays. In addition to Lavery and Petton, Drake has Dewey Johnson, one of the nation's best milers, and Jim Ford, national A.A.U. 200-meter title holder.

The Bulldog mile relay team, anchored by Lavery, will again be a strong contender for honors in the John L. Griffith memorial race. Griffith, founder of the Drake classic and former Bulldog coach, would have been proud of his Bulldogs last year. It was the best Drake showing since the 1910 opener.

Tickets for this year's carnival may be ordered by writing the Drake ticket office. Reserved seats are \$2.50 Saturday and \$1.25 Friday.

ALL MISSOURI PREP SPORTS OPEN TO NEGROES

Columbia, Mo. — The Missouri State High School Activities Association has approved full participation by Negro schools in all association sports.

Jake Noel, association secretary, said a majority of the organization's members gave approval for full participation in a recent mail poll. The results are being considered by the association's board of control.

Noel said that 519 of the association's 688 member schools replied to the questionnaires, with 363 approving full participation.

Ninety-five schools favored participation as it is now conducted—limited in baseball and track—and 61 wanted no participation by Negro member schools.

FBI INVESTIGATING ANTI-NEGRO BOMBINGS IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, CAL. (ANP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation and local police still are investigating the latest bombings of Negro property in a mixed neighborhood here.

Two bombs, planted in front of two homes located across the street from one another, and set off simultaneously by timing devices, damaged the two houses last week.

One of the houses was occupied by a Negro family, and the other soon was to be occupied by Negroes. No one was hurt but total damage was estimated at \$3,000.

The FBI said its investigation sought to determine whether any federal violation of civil rights was involved. It was believed that the bombings were done in an effort to prevent Negroes from living in the neighborhood. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that restrictive covenants on property are unenforceable.

Asleep in one of the homes were William Bailey, 33 a science teacher at a junior high school, his wife, Willa, 30, and their son, William Jr., 12.

In the other house were Ralph Martinez, 25, a film studio worker, and OJim W. Potts, 32, a restaurant owner. Martinez is of Mexican descent and Potts is white. They told police they were planning to move out shortly to permit a Negro family to move in.

About a year ago, police said, the home of a Negro family four blocks away was blasted. Since then five other bombings have occurred in the neighborhood.

The Baileys said they moved into the house last January and had received no threats. However, police said the former owner of the house had reported he had received two telephone calls and a letter warning him not to sell the property to Negroes. Several colored families have been living in the Dunsmuir Avenue section, located

in the western part of the city, for about a year.

The latest bombings have aroused civic groups throughout the state. In denouncing the blastings, members of the Second Baptist church at Los Angeles in an open letter to the mayor, said in part:

"We, the members of Second Baptist church, the largest of the Negro groups in Los Angeles, voted at morning worship . . . to send you this appeal. We are stunned at the cowardly bombing of properties in Los Angeles recently acquired by members of the Negro group.

"We denounce these bombings as un-American and un-Christian. We call attention to the changing pattern of attempted racial intimidation in which the bomb was supplanted the lyncher.

"We appeal to the mayor and city council to issue a strong statement at once denouncing these bombings and, that the mayor appeal to the conscience of this city in his weekly broadcast. We appeal to the police commissioner to exercise every diligence in protecting innocent citizens. . ."

Mayor Bowron, in commenting on the bombing, said:

"Los Angeles will not stand for this violence and there will be no whitewash. But we will not let these acts be used for communist purposes. I assure you I consider this a dastardly crime and everything will be done to track down the guilty parties."

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