

## COLORED COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Teenagers Enjoy Activities Offered At Service Center

To the rhythmic strains furnished by Harry Chipchase and his boys, more than three hundred "teenage guys and gals tripped the gay fantastic at a gala semi-formal ball given at the Service Center May 1, 711 Whitehead Street.

For those who were of the opinion that it was impossible to get our youth to service, this affair was really something that they would have witnessed.

A center where our boys and girls can really enjoy themselves in clean wholesome entertainment is now really a reality. It is quite a bit of pleasure to the older people to know where their boys and girls are gathered now. They feel at ease because they know that when these youngsters are at the Service Center, they are chaperoned by people who really care.

Already the results of this Center are being felt. Our boys and girls no longer wander aimlessly around the streets. They know that there is a place where they may go every evening of the week to gather and meet friends of their own age, play games and exchange intelligent experiences, often with people with a wide range of knowledge - as some of the young men of the Service have traveled the world over.

It is the hope of all concerned that this "Center" will prove a home for the enlisted men away from home.

Much credit is due to the willing workers who give so much of their time to chaperon our youngsters while they are having fun.

We know that very soon we will be able to note a vast decrease in crime problems.

Praise goes to Fred Dion, one of the most outstanding white citizens, for having donated a watch rhinestone necklace outfit that was used to raise money for the Center. George White, a Navy man located at Boca Chica, won a beautiful outfit which he is giving to his mother for a Mother's Day gift.

The Junior Hostesses were their most courteous at the May 1, function.

Those serving were The Misses Ferguson, Frances Castillo, Marjorie Rolle, Yvonne Rolle, Melba Sears, Matilda Robinson, Joyce Robinson, Carolyn Montgomery, Berntha Pratt, Georgianna Clarke, Julian Robinson, the Whymys sisters and Shirley Roberts.

### The Significance Of Mother

By Alfred M. Evans, Sr.

A mother looking into the face of her new born babe is startled by many thoughts. Not only does she suddenly realize that that little life depended upon her life's blood but each heart beat breathes a prayer and each prayer is filled with dreams, hopes, and visions for the future.

This mother's heart may well chime in with the poet who wrote "A little child is a bundle of possibilities."

The mother's heart is more than a human source of physical life for the child. It may be a hub around which revolves the child's training.

It is true, the father, other members of the family, playmates, the church, community, and countless other factors may make their contributions but primarily the mother can influence the child for the most good.

### Marie Welters Is Director Of Service Center

Mrs. Marie Spaulding Welters is now the official directress of the Service Center. No one is better able to carry out this great work than is Mrs. Welters who is a tireless worker in all civic programs. Ever since she came to Key West, thirteen years ago, Mrs. Welters has been willing to help in any and all civic programs.

She is the only past president of the Auxiliary to Walter Micks Post 6021 and still is a very active member. She works most diligently with the Cerebral Palsy Association, is a most active member of the Woman's Civic Club and donates her time to general relief whenever needed.

Parents can rest at ease when such a person as Mrs. Welters is looking out for their children. Being a most devoted mother herself she takes each youngster's problems into consideration. In talking with her you will soon discover that she desires for your child the same good things in life that she desires for her daughter, Ursula. She is now engaged in teaching the girls many worthwhile things through learning as well as through example.

Mrs. Welters desires the public to stand by her in her new work and to offer such suggestions as will help build better womanhood among our girls. She wants parents and friends to drop by the Center often. She wants you to feel that you are always welcome.

She has a keen regard for our boys in Service. She realizes that they are not all angels and that they come from varied environments, however, it remains that these boys are making great sacrifices that we may live in peace. Her plea to all citizens is to make these boys feel that we appreciate them and to let them know that we are always willing to help them.

Mrs. Welters is married to Samuel Welters, Jr., and is the mother of a daughter, Miss Ursula. She lives at 222 Eneas Lane.

### Churches Form Union

The members of the Ushers Board of Bethel A. M. E. Church and the Presbyterian Church have formed a union. At a meeting called at Bethel A. M. E. Church, April 9, the following officers were appointed: Yvonne Allen, president; Rosalee Hall, vice president; Samuel Williams, Jr., secretary; Edith Lampkins, assistant secretary; Izette Scott, treasurer; Sylvia Smith, reporter, and Nancy Evans (Presbyterian), and Viola Manuel (Bethel), program committee.

On each fourth Sunday of the month the union will present a program.

Following is the program that was given at the Presbyterian Church April 26.

Hymn — "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" — Congregation  
Invocation — Rev. W. N. McLean

Responsive Reading — No. 8 — Miss Izette Scott  
Prayer — Miss Sheila Allen  
Minutes — Samuel Williams, Jr.

Solo — Miss Virginia Lennon  
Reading — Miss Sylvia Smith  
Hymn — Bethel's Junior Ushers Board

Solo — Mrs. Ethel Matthews  
Guest Speaker — Rev. Everett Duet — Miss Virginia Lennon and Samuel Williams.

Offertory — Congregation  
Hymn — Bethel's Senior Ushers Board

Remarks — Mrs. Malinda Farrington  
Remarks — Rev. W. N. McLean  
Hymn — Onward Christian Soldiers

Benediction — Rev. Everett Duet  
Mistress of Ceremonies — Miss Sylvia Smith

All officers are asked to be present at all meetings.

### Weekend Guests At The Williamses

Weekend visitors in the city were Mr. and Mrs. Julian Williams, Orlando; Miss Josephine Cole, Jacksonville; and Miss Juanita Walton and daughter, Sandra of West Palm Beach.

These visitors who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of 205 Julia Street worshipped at the Seventh Day Adventist Church while in the city. They were very much impressed with Key West and will return for a longer stay in the latter part of the year.

### Douglass Seniors

In order that you may become better acquainted with this year's Senior Class, each week the pictures of two or three of them will appear.

This year's class consists of 20 members of which the following are class officers:

President — Hilton Williams  
Vice President — Anthony Gibson  
Secretary — Alfred Saunders  
Treasurer — Eloise Fisher

Chaplain — Pauline Edwards  
Business Manager — Willis Knowles  
Assistant Secretary — Barbara Lennon

Reporter — Dorothy Williams  
The Seniors of Douglass School are about to bid farewell to their "Alma Mater."

For twelve long years these young people have struggled and now they have reached the first great milestone in their lives. Following is a schedule of their program for the remaining part of the year, which they will be very happy to have you attend.

May 18 — Just Eighteen — Class Play — 8:00 p. m.

May 22 — Junior-Senior Prom — By Invitation — 8:00 p. m.

May 25, 26, 27, Senior Chapel each day in auditorium at 11:00 a. m.

May 31 — Baccalaureate Service — Zion Church

June 1 — Class Night at 8:00 p. m.

June 2 — Alumni Night at 8:00 p. m.

June 4 — Commencement at 7:00 p. m.

Other school activities are as follows:

May 15 — Play — Intermediate Department 7:30

May 29 — Primary Department 7:30

Senior Exams — May 28 and 29  
School Exams — June 4 and 5  
Step Up Day — June 8

### DEATHS

Mrs. Rosa P. Sweeting  
Mrs. Rosa P. Sweeting, age 68, died Tuesday, May 5, in Tampa at the Negro General Hospital.

Funeral Services will be conducted Sunday, May 17, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 5:00 p. m. The pastor, Rev. John Henry Reece, Jr., will officiate.

Survivors are Hilson (Eka Sweeting), Key West; Roosevelt Sweeting, New York City; Beauregard Sweeting, Philadelphia; and Langford Sweeting, New York City — sons; Violet Sweeting Sears, daughter; Julia Pedican Mingo, sister; 12 grandchildren, 5 nieces, 4 nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

James Jones  
The body of James Jones, age 24, was shipped to his home in Darien, Georgia, on Tuesday, May 5.

Jones who was a shipper by trade died as the result of drowning on May 1.

Victor Tynes  
The funeral of Victor Tynes, retired postman, will leave the house 811 Thomas Street at exactly 2:30 p. m. on Sunday for Cornish Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church.

### Victor Shavers Attends School In Wash., D. C.

Victor Shavers, son of Maxwell Shavers and the late Mrs. Lorraine Shavers of 821 Thomas Street, is attending Browne Junior High School in Washington, D. C.

Shavers went to live with his uncle and aunt, Mrs. James Shavers, 3029 Clay Place, Washington, D. C., after the death of his mother.

His father states that he is doing outstanding work at the school and will complete his junior work on June 18, when school closes.

Shavers writes that it is necessary for the pupils and parents to have an idea of what is planned for the pupil's career as his enrollment in the Senior High School must be determined by June 15. Shavers will be at home to his friends on or about June 21.

### Natl. Youth Day Observed By Elks

Thursday, April 30, marked a most interesting program on the Douglass High School Court. The occasion was the celebration of National Youth Day as presented annually by Elks.

Lodge No. 531, B. P. O. Elks took charge of the program for Key West.

The following program was presented:

1. Invocation — Chaplain H. Rued

2. Presentation of Colors — Marine Color Guard

3. Pledge of Allegiance — Assembly

4. Song, "America" — Assembly

5. Introduction of Speaker — Exalted Ruler Earl R. Adams

6. Address — Rear Admiral Irving T. Duke, U. S. Navy

7. Song, "The Star Spangled Banner" — Assembly

8. Benediction — Chaplain H. Rued

The highlight of the program was the presentation of a Bible to Douglass High School by Exalted Ruler Earl R. Adams for the Elks Lodge.

Principal Roy A. Allen accepted the gift for the school in the hope that it will last for many years and serve as an inspiration and consolation to at least a portion of the student body.

### Is City Male Chorus



Back row: Irving Carey, Robert Butler, James L. Lloyd. Front row: Lee Bennett, Floyd Hannibal, Austin Stocker. (Sitting) Harry Evans, Leon Sumner, Edwin Lampkins.

### State Educators

Mrs. M. H. Fields, supervisor of Negro Elementary Education and W. E. Combes, a specialist in Secondary Education, were in session with the teachers of Douglass School on April 24.

Both Mrs. Fields and Mr. Combes are from the State Board of Public Instruction with offices at Tallahassee. They make annual tours to all Negro Schools in order to inspect and offer information for improving their educational standards.

While here Mrs. Fields was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans of Windsor Lane and W. H. Combes was the guest of Principal Roy A. Allen.

### 4th Grade On Tour

The pupils of the fourth grade under the guidance of Mrs. Vandene Edwards and Mrs. Shula Alexander, will make a tour of the lower East coast with Miami as their destination.

Enroute they will stop at "The Theater of the Sea," "The Serpent Farm," and all the leading schools of Dade County.

Parents of children of this grade are asked to see to it that their children make this tour which is a very important educational experience.

The tour will be made on Tuesday, May 12.

Throngs of "teenagers" attended the dance given on May 1.

### Birthdays

Those known to be celebrating birthdays this month are Mrs. Isabel Cox Sands, Mrs. Mildred Brown Harris, Mrs. Ethel Robinson, Mrs. Doris Gallagher, Miss Lillian Robinson, Mrs. Bernice Gallagher, Miss Phyllis Hannibal, Mrs. Valderine Dean, Miss Rondalee Curry, Mrs. Rowena Pinder, Miss Phyllis Marie Allen, Archibald Pinder, Ralph Welters, Kyles Miller, Wendell Gallagher, and Ernest Perkins.

Adell Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alice of 515 Virginia Street, celebrated her fifteenth birthday on Wednesday, April 22.

The following people who have been under observation at the Municipal Hospital have had their operations:

Miss Joan Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, 727 Monroe County Lane — appendectomy.  
Mrs. Carnetta Skinner, 918 Terry Lane — major operation.

Mrs. Evelyn Patterson of 904 Terry Lane has gone to Asbury Park, New Jersey, to spend her annual vacation. She will return in the early part of September.

NOTICE  
The members of St. Paul's Building Fund are conducting a rummage sale at the parish hall of St. Peter's Church located on Center Street until 6:00 p. m. today.

There are some real bargains.

NOTICE  
St. Joseph's Emergency Nursery, under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Sanchez, will render its annual concert Wednesday, May 13, at 6 p. m., at the hall on the corner of Angola and Thomas Sts.

### THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Magie Belle Bastian takes this means of thanking all their friends who were so kind to them during their recent bereavement.

A special thanks is extended to the Key West Undertaking Company, Father John Henry Reece, Jr., Vicar of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the V. F. W., and all kind friends who sent cards of sympathy and floral pieces.  
Samuel Bastian, husband  
Mrs. Julia Riou, sister  
Mrs. Eleanor Stanton, niece

IN MEMORIAM

In said but loving memory of our loved one, Mrs. Norma M. Evans who departed this life May 8, 1952.

"We cannot say - and we will not say,  
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