

# Robert Hayden Scores In Gardner's New Play

A large and appreciative audience filled the auditorium of Lucy Thurman YWCA Monday, May 22 to view Willard Leon Gardner's play, "Booker T. Washington."

The play, which was dedicated to the Booker T. Washington Trade Association, dramatized the life of the great educator, the late Dr. Pooker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Institute.

## In Title Role

Robert Hayden, in the title role, proved himself an artist of outstanding dramatic ability, and won the enthusiastic applause of the appreciative audience. Hayden was especially triumphant in three of the scenes. The first which deeply moved the audience was the one in which Booker Washington traveled from his cabin home to Hampton Institute, where he cleaned class rooms and scrubbed floors, before he was admitted to the institution.

Another impressive scene was that in which Washington, as a student in Wayland seminary, Washington, D. C., so impressed Senator B. K. Bruce with his ability, that the Senator invited him to become a political student under his tutelage.

The crowning scene in the play was the one in which Booker Washington, a former slave boy, presented his famous Cotton Exposition speech in Atlanta, Ga. It was in this masterpiece that the educator declared that the Negro's hand, as well as his mind, should be developed.

Hayden was supported by an excellent cast, among whom were Ruth Webb, the registrar at Hampton, who made him scrub the floor; Frank Davis, a friend of Senator Bruce; Nimrod Carney, as General Armstrong, a friend and source of inspiration to Booker Washington; Bessie Zampy, who played the part of Booker T. Washington's mother; McKinley Wilson, as Uncle Joe; and George Higgins, as Governor Bullock.

Others in the cast were: John



Although the bride and groom, little flower girls, bridesmaids and all that goes with a real wedding are shown here, yet this is not a real but a mock marriage ceremony, which took place at John Wesley AME Zion church, Beechwood and Moore place, on the evening of May 15. A large audience was

present. Reading from left to right in the picture, are (top row)—Mrs. M. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Jeff Miles, Miss Miss, Miss Jessie Moreland, Samuel Flood, Rev. Dillard, Second row—Mrs. Leroy Simrill, Mrs. Susie Cook, Mrs. Geneva Hawshaw, Mrs. Julia Critz, Mr. Farmer, Mrs. John Jackson, J. Jackson, Mrs.

## Just A Mock Wedding In A Play

## AFTER DARK

Revelry In The Night Spots  
By Russ J. Cowans

Larry Chism, scat scribbler who is regular and imaginative, is smiling broadly....No longer will Bre'r Larry chant the low-moaning chords about the sweet little kals met in his scurrying about the time to dig up information concerning the activities in the field of entertainment....Did you ask why?...Well, Larry has done gone and got hitched....Yes sir, he's tied down tighter than a hatch on a tramp steamer to a little girl who answers to the name of Juanita. The marriage occurred two weeks ago.

Now that Larry is hitched, perhaps he will avail himself of my wisdom, gained in long years of experience....For instance, when he remains out all night, just tell the little woman that he had to go to Chicago, New York, or some other faraway place, to "cover" a story for the sheet....Or that he was slapped in the calaboose while investigating a murder....One lie is just as good as another, providing you can make it stick, Larry.... But don't get caught....

But Arline Sutton, personality girl at Earl Walton's Studio Club, has stated emphatically that she would not be fooled by such shenanigans....But Arline is a smart girl who has a charming voice, and perhaps she would use that soothing lullaby—as she does for the patrons of the Studio....

Rollo S. Vest boarded a train last week and rattled off to Mansfield, Ohio, to see the wife and family....where they are spending the summer months with Mrs. Vest's mother....Lois Peterson will leave Friday for St. Louis....Lois, a clever little designer is the wife of Jimmy Peterson, (tiny dancer who has just returned from an engagement in Toronto....Joe (Little Ziggy) Johnson is in Chicago, but he continues making telephone calls to Detroit....

Wheelock (Bee) Mitchell, Hugh Gaskill, Jimmy McAfee, and Homer Gaines will motor down to Homer's parents' home in Madison, Ind., to spend the holidays....It was good seeing by Robert Hayden and Nimrod Carney of Willard Leon Gardner's "Booker T. Washington" drama Monday night in Lucy Thurman YWCA....Both young men have been complimented by those who saw the play....And Gardner has come in for his share of the applause....

Don Redmon will be at the Graystone Monday night to play for the Andrew H. (Jap) Sneed and Wilson (Stutz) Anderson dance. Don has surrounded himself with a fine group of musicians, and according to reports from the East, it is the best outfit Won has had in many moons....

Duck Collins, member of LeRoy Smith's orchestra, is a camera fan....Duck has three on hand, and will soon buy another....And his work is good....Speaking of LeRoy Smith calls to mind that he will furnish the music for the Trojan Club's moonlight....Danny Carter will tell you more about that in an adjacent column. And you'll also find something about a dance to be given by the Central Motor City Ten-

nis club at Mayfair ballroom Memorial Day....Lillian Burch, one of the better tennis players in the city, is authority for the information I'm handing to you....Lillian was in the other day to tell me about the dance....and also about the various tennis tournaments....

A men's style show!....Well, that's what members of Alpha Phi Alpha have on the calendar for June 3 at Maccabees ballroom....I want to be among those present to see what the boys will wear during the summer months. Gloster Current will furnish the music....

## "Swings"



Leroy Smith, whose popular orchestra, will furnish music for the annual "moonlight" lake ride, to be sponsored Monday, June 5, by the Trojan club.

## Trojans Will Open Summer Season With Moonlight Boat Ride

By Danny Carter

The out-door summer season will officially open Monday night June 5, when all septa Detroit will "moonlight" with the Trojan club, on the palatial Steamer, Columbia.

The steamer's spacious ballroom, gayly-colored deck chairs, state rooms and lounge will all combine to assure each guest enjoyment and fun in plenty.

The suave and silky rhythm of Leroy Smith and his musical aggregation will supply music in the "moonlight" manner. As most folk know, Mr. Smith is a musician who has long been in the national lime light. His band smoothly plays the hand-holder's way, or swings in the jitterbug style.

The Trojans, after five years of organization, have succeeded in its aims to foster civic, social and educational activities. Due credit must go to its president, Charles Brown. The other six Trojans include Art L. Officer, vice president; Robert M. Middleton, treasurer; Charles Smith, Mack Ellis, and Harold Crosby.

The Trojans, aside from their contributions to local worthy causes, presented a season or two ago the musical comedy, "Frankie and Johnnie" at McClellan hall, which received great commendation. Be sure to make reservations for the Trojan's "moonlight" on the Steamer Columbia, June 5.

## AKA's To Stage Three-Act Play June 9th

### Robert Hayden In Lead Role Of Vehicle

Intrigue, romance and mystery are combined to make "The Dark Tower," a melodrama in three acts, which will be presented by members of the local A. K. A. sorority on the evening of June 2, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Frances Calloway, in the leading feminine role of Jessica Wells, is a promising actress, fresh and new to Detroit audiences.

Mrs. Calloway is ably supported by Robert Hayden, as Damon Wells, her brother. Mr. Hayden is likewise directing the play.

Mrs. Geraldine Bledsoe takes the part of Martha Temple, Jessica Wells' aunt. Nimrod Carney, as Stanley Vance, is Jessica's husband. Her close friends, Dr. Kendall and Daphne Martin, are played by George Higgins and Jessie Carlington, respectively.

Betty Cain is seen in the role of Hattie, the Housekeeper. Ralph Cazort plays the part of Barry Jones, and John Frazier takes the part of Ben Weston.

Humor is added by Pasty Dowling, whose part is played by Yvonne Lucas. McKinley Wilson is the detective.

## "Run Little Children" Starts Second Year At Hollywood House

HOLLYWOOD—(A. N. P.)—"Run Little Children," Hall Johnson's spectacular folk drama-musical, has opened at the Hollywood Playhouse for what promises to be the start of its second year's run.

Officials of the Hollywood chamber of commerce and scores of screen celebrities were present to pay tribute to the federal theatre's great hit production.

"Run, Little Children" holds the all-time national record for FTP plays with 213 performances having been played at the downtown Mayan theatre, attended by 300,000 patrons.

The cast of gifted Negro actors, singers and dancers includes Jess Lee Brooks, Florence O'Brien, Ruby Elzy, Edward Thompson, Gertrude Saunders, Cleo Desmond, Arthur Ray and Roy Glenn, principals; Carlyle Scott's might chorus of FMP singers and Janet Collins, who leads a troupe of dancers in the original New Day Pilgrim cult sequence; Clarence Muse directed the piece.

## Clippings FROM THE Big Apple

By Little Lovett and Billy Roach

The J. O. Garrett construction company, directed by J. Garrett and brother William Garrett, together with the assistance of secretary, Miss Alma Penn, has just completed renovations of Lincoln apartments located 2269 Seventh avenue. These apartments were furnished with latest modern improvements, upon completion, they were ready with select tenants.

The biggest thing in Harlem the present time seems to be the juvenations of several night spots. Small's Paradise, The Brite Yearh Man's Club, and the Victor are plugging away at a mid-son pace. All are in readiness for the World's Fair visitors, at the Lenox and Seventh avenue fronts.

In the swank Sugar-Hill station where the who's who of septa Blue Book mingle, we find 721 Club, La Mar Cheri, Ben man's and Eddie's niter, hosts their greatly numbered party with the best of entertainment services.

The local baseball season starts with a Fourth of July ball with a double header, between teams, and will take place at Yankee Stadium. The first game of the season will take place June 4, with the Baltimore Elite playing the Cuban Stars and the Philadelphia Stars meeting New York Black Yankees.

Several new comers will be added to local fans who have been posing records, on teams who have previously played.

In sympathy with the recent destruction of the St. Martins church by fire, several benefits have been given which were successful, rendering great financial aid, which the pastor appreciates cooperation of the public.

Hi Ho Detroit's beautiful Al Penn of J. O. Garrett & Co. is hitting....Billy King bedded at Columbia Medical Centre at 150 street and Broadway, and will prelate a line from his friends....Jimmy Lancelotti doing a cap city house at the Apollo....Three Rhythm Dandies—Courtland Carter, Nora Lee King and Williams—heard on the May 18th program May 18 have been flooded with requests for photo and will have a return engagement at some future date....Williams is a Detroit lad, a pianist who is familiar to all cats at the Musician's club.

9th Annual TRADE EXHIBIT & SHOW—Sponsored by the—Booker T. Washington Trade Association—and—Detroit Housewives League Forest Club June 12-13

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## Federal Music Project Presents All-American Orchastral Works

NEW YORK—(By Carl Dixon for ANP)—The National Association of Negro Musicians probably has the distinction of being the only Negro association co-operating in any way with musical events that are to take place in the near future in connection with the New York World's fair.

Monday evening at Carnegie hall an All-American concert of orchestral works was presented by the Federal Music project of New York City. Compositions of symphonic proportions by Aaron Copland, Walter Piston, Roy Harris, Paul Nordoff and William Schuman made up the list. The works were excellently chosen, at least from a standpoint of musical form, for they were not in the slightest tedious to listen to.

## DIGGS

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as those not equipped with electric lights, running water, inside toilets, or which may have inadequate cellar drains, defective plumbing, inside rooms with no windows, improper exits or defective stairways.

If such houses were not brought up to standard within two years, they would be listed as "unlawful dwellings."

Only 411 Standard

The senator said that a survey of

38 blocks on the East Side of Detroit, bounded by Dequindre, Hastings, Maple and Fort streets, showed a total of 1,296 sub-standard dwellings and only 411 that could be considered standard.

There is five times as much crime in this area, according to Senator Diggs, as in a normal area, and 15 times as many criminals. He also pointed out that there is 10 times as much tuberculosis in normal areas, three times as much pneumonia, six times as much infantile paralysis.

## Governs Construction

The Diggs bill amends the State Housing Code of 1917 which governs the construction of dwellings from the standpoint of sanitation and fire safety. As amended, its regulation for multiple dwellings, hotels and apartment houses would apply throughout the state, in both populated and rural areas.

Concerning single homes and two-family flats, the amended legislation would apply in all cities of 100,000 or more, and in cities of 10,000 or more if the local legislative body voted to come under the provisions of the act.

The introduction of the amendment to the State Housing Code comes as a result of an investigation made by a committee, of which Senator Diggs was chairman, two years ago.

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