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It was a proud moment in the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Evans of Washington, D.C. when their four-year-old daughter, Lillian, in pinafore and cotton stockings stood on a stool in Friendship Gardens to sing for charity.

It was a great hour for America when that child, grown to magnificent womanhood, covered herself with glory in her native Washington at the Water Gate, in her best-known role of Violetta in "La Traviata". Handsomely costumed in gowns of her own design and handiwork . . . singing her own English translation of Verdi's masterpiece . . . she *lived* the famous role as it never before had been seen or heard.

The famous aria, "Ah, Fors e Lui" brought an audience of 30,000 to its feet with cries of "Evanti"!, "Evanti"! "Bravo"! Critics acclaimed her brilliant performance.

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Madame Evanti conceives it to be her mission not merely to entertain but to inspire her audiences with the beauty and power of music. She sees music as one of the most democratic arts, reaching the greatest number of people of all races and of all classes. She has said, "If you can persuade multitudes to sing together — or even to listen together — you have solved many of their most wearisome problems. Walt Whitman was right when he prophesied . . . I Hear America Singing . . . We shall come to that one day."

Evanti has blazed the way for the Negro in Grand Opera and it is her fervent hope that many more will prepare themselves to excel in this singing dramatic art.

From Triumph to Triumph

Evanti, the first American woman of her race to sing in Grand Opera, made her debut at Nice, France, in "Lakme". Since then she has appeared with outstanding success in almost every European and South American Country and has a repertoire of 24 operas to her credit. Critics have acclaimed Evanti the greatest coloratura since Gallicurci . . . the most stirring emotional actress since Bernhardt and Nazimova.

Throngs have listened in hushed amazement at the tremendous appeal of Evanti in Madison Square Garden. She has given brilliant concerts at the White House at the request of the President of the United States.

The Good Neighbor

As a Good Will Ambassadress, this world-famous coloratura has made three tours of Latin American countries, singing her way into the hearts of our neighbors South of the Border.

So imbued with music at its best is Evanti that she is the creator of many fine compositions, the most famous of which is her "Himno Pan-Americano", which has been published in English, Spanish and Portuguese. This musical tie with our sister Republics had its introduction in Mexico by the dramatic soprano Maria Luisa Escobar.

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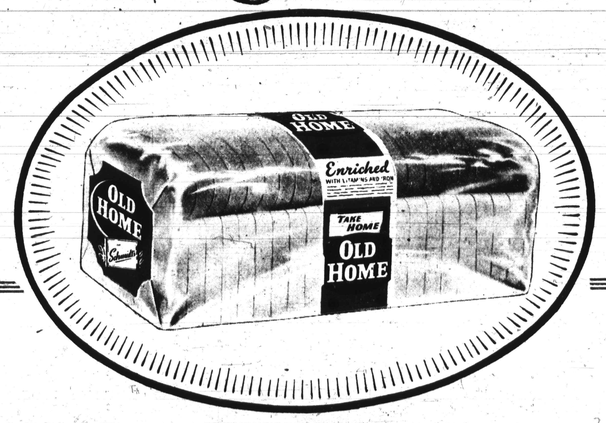

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Man Says He Stole Gun to Save Own Life

Charged with the larceny of a revolver, Richard T. Bagley, 32, of 2530 Druid Hill Ave., told Magistrate James H. Ellis he took the weapon to keep from being shot. The gun, valued at $35, is the property of Mrs. Zelva Marshall of 903 Myrtle Ave., who accused Bagley of taking the weapon on several occasions.

"Terrorized" Man Fined

Bagley's argument was that he had been threatened by Mrs. Marshall's husband and he took the revolver to save his own life.

Magistrate Ellis favored the story of the plaintiff and fined Bagley $25 and costs.

DARNEY MARKS 48rd YEAR

CINCINNATI (ANP)—Wendell Philips Dabney, dean of colored newspapermen, observed his 48 birthday, Nov. 4, by working as usual on his one-man 48-year-old newspaper, the Cincinnati Union.

Party Heads Map Plans for Future

Try to Keep Adherents 'On-the-Ball' All Year

With the recent election now a matter of history, members of the Democratic and Republican parties, are making plans for future political action.

Marse S. Callaway, veteran Republican figure, attributed the Democratic landslide to overconfidence on the part of Republicans throughout the country.

He revealed, however, that his local group is working silently toward the gubernatorial election of 1950.

Keeping Fences Mended

"We're going to send a Republican to the governor's mansion in Annapolis and back him up with a Republican House and Senate," Mr. Callaway predicted.

On the other side of the fence the Democrats are strengthening their forces and staging group meetings to keep alive the spirit which marked the Nov. 2 election.

The members of the Monumental Democratic Club meet Thursday evenings in their club home at 1422 Pennsylvania Ave. Tuesday they were addressed by Charles Brown, placement counsellor of the department of education.

Democrats Hail "Victory"

On Monday evening, members of the 16th Ward Democratic Club sponsored a victory celebration at the Cricket Club, 706 N. Gilmor St.

Remarks were made by Mrs. Vivien Allevne, Mrs. Victorine Adams, Lloyd Randolph, Dan Chambers Jr., president of the Board of Supervisors of Elections; Dr Robert L. Jackson, Joe Neal, Frank A. Reger, ward executive, and others.

Dr. Thomas A. Pitts, first vice-president of the organization, shared honors as co-host with U. Theodore Hayes, president.

Year-Around-Program

It was disclosed that the group plans to follow a year-round program of encouraging potential voters to register and to develop and arouse the interest of the public in general in civic matters of a varied nature.

Mr. Randolph lauded the work of the Womens' Division of the Democratic Campaign Committee during the campaign and on election day, itself. Mrs. Adams is the chairman.

Referring to difficulty many politicians experienced in soliciting judges to serve at the polls, Mr. Chambers predicted that their salaries will be raised before the next election.

Tennis Demonstration Rasped

Judges receive $15 a day for their services. It was revealed that a move is under way to have the State Legislature increase this figure to $20.

Rapping the tennis players whom he accused of "creating a public display to elicit sympathy," Mr. Chambers advised his audience to "go to the [illegible] and do things you want [illegible]."

In order to get rid of new prejudices and similar conditions, you must have the proper type of leadership," he declared.

New Solon Appreciative

William P. Rolton, who defeated Earl Shipley for election to Congress from the Second District, thanked the group for their support.

The club carried 10 of the 11 predominantly colored precincts in the 16th Ward. Calvin Douglass was present as assistant city solicitor.

Two of the club members, Melvin McAdory and Clarence Williams, volunteered their services to help entertain the guests.

100-Dollar Watch for Lucky Man

Mrs. Melvina Jackson, AFRO secretary, admires the $100 gold wrist watch which the makers of RWL Wine will award to the "Man-of-the-Year." Spot checks indicates—including several for John Doe and Harry S. Truman! Clerks are busy tallying — look for the announcement of the winner in your Tuesday AFRO.

Blind Workshop Stand Location Is Sought

The Maryland Workshop for the Blind is a seeking suitable location for the placement of a cigarette and candy stand that may be operated in a public building by one of the persons trained under the vending stand program, inaugurated in 1936.

One such stand is now in operation at Provident Hospital, with Miss Katherine Lewis as the first colored person to be assigned to service it.

Second Trainee Ready

According to Milton Freeburger, assistant superintendent, another woman has completed the training period, but the workshop has been unable to find a suitable stand location.

Additional information about this program may be obtained from Mr. Freeburger at the Workshop, 601 N. Fulton Ave., telephone Gilmor 4567.

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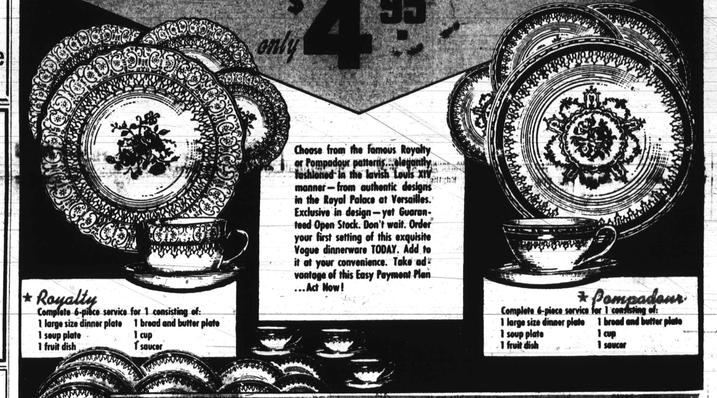

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