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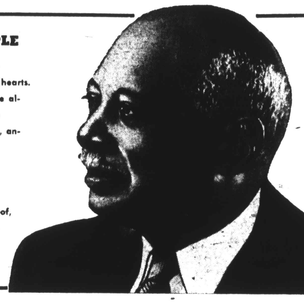
THE MUSIC OF A PEOPLE

W. C. Handy has said that the blues do not come from books, but from broken hearts. They are the story of a people who have always found consolation in music. The Negro sings one song when he is happy, another when he is sad, but he always sings. It is his music, poetry, painting and religion all rolled up in one. In 1914, Handy's Band played "ST LOUIS BLUES" tango on Alaskan Roof, Memphis. It took wings and was translated and recorded in other languages becoming a favorite with royalty.



A MAN OF THE PEOPLE

W. C. Handy has written more than sixty blues compositions, drawn from the storehouse of his memory enriched while working as a ditch digger, steel mill worker, school teacher . . . playing and singing almost anywhere for anybody. As a molder's helper in the Birmingham Bessemer Iron Works he heard ditties that thirty years later were shaped into his famous "Harlem Blues". And it was W. C. Handy who in 1909 wrote the first of all blues . . . The Memphis Blues.

"WE ARE AMERICANS, TOO"

Now seventy-four and almost blind, W. C. Handy has carried on from where Stephen Foster stopped. If it could be done, he would like to climax his career by leading his band down Broadway. "Somehow," he says, "I'd make them understand that no race that can laugh and sing and dance like that can really be deserving of hatred. The one big thing I'd like to do before I go to 'green pastures,' is to convince a nation that 'We Are Americans, Too'."

*With acknowledgement to the Macmillan Company for Title.

SCHMIDT'S
OLD HOME
BREAD

Phi Delta Kappa Sorority Holds Annual Grand Conclave in Jersey

Mrs. Olivia S. Henry, supreme basileus, of Philadelphia, is shown addressing the executive committee of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority at the opening of the sorority's annual grand conclave in Newark on Monday. Seated is Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, executive committee adviser, of New York City.

Mrs. Anna Davidson (left), Midwestern regional director, makes a presentation to Mrs. Thelma Powell, who has been appointed principal of a Chicago school, at one of the sessions of the conclave.

Miss Mae Mulford of Newark (left) registers Mrs. Geneva Collie, Mrs. Gladys Robinson and Miss Helena Thompson, all of Florida, for homes on their arrival, Monday, for the conclave. Visitors were greeted not only with the warm hospitality of Jerseyans, but also snow and a temperature near zero.

Welcomes Wife to Japan

Sgt. James E. Hudson of the 212th Military Police Company was on hand to greet his wife, Catherine, when the U.S. Army Transport David C. Shanks docked at Yokohama this month. Their home is Irvin, Va.

Miss Mabel Stokes Becomes Bride of Ossarew Gee Jr.

Miss Mabel I. Stokes, member of the faculty of School No. 116, and Ossarew F. Gee Jr., vocational teacher, were married at Fulton Baptist Church, Sunday.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. F. Jackson.

The bride, given in marriage by her foster father, John Barnes, wore a gown of ivory satin with long veil. She carried a Bible marked with a white rose corsage and ribbon streamers. The Bible was the gift of the pastor of the church in which Miss Stokes was reared and in which she now serves as vice president of the Sunday School. She is also vice president of the BTU Convention of Maryland.

Honor Attendants

Matron of honor for Miss Stokes was Mrs. Merita K. Stokes and maids were Misses Annie Sue Holloway, Louise Gee and Alice Fauntleroy. Barbara Mae Coleman was flower girl and ushers included Charles Wilson, John Stokes, Myles Robinson, Nathaniel Banks and James Johnson.

Dewitt Howard was best man. The attendants wore frocks patterned after that of the bride; the matron wearing a model in temple gold, and those of the bridesmaids being in lavender, turquoise and old rose. They carried candles in evergreen holders, adorned with a poinsettia and contrasting ribbons. Their headdresses matched their dresses in color and were adorned with evergreen sprigs.

Reception Held

A reception was held at the home of her parents following the ceremony.

In the receiving line were the bridal party, Mrs. John Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Ossarew Gee Sr., Mrs. Melvin Hunt, Miss Addie McCormick and George G. Kelson.

Assisting hostesses were: Miss Anna Young, Mrs. Charlotte Watkins, Miss Bernice White and Mrs. Marian Banks.

Shower Honoree

Prior to her wedding, Mrs. Gee had been showered at a number of pre-nuptial affairs, including showers by Mrs. Lottie Parker, Mrs. Margeret Petersen and Mrs. Alice Fauntleroy.

After a honeymoon in New York City, the couple will be at home at 1833 Madison Ave.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding and reception were:

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibbs of Greensboro, N.C.; Mrs. Rebecca Jones of Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Felton of Brooklyn, N.Y.;

Mrs. Anna Otery of Jersey City, N.J.; Mrs. Robert B. Jones of Paterson, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Minneapolis, Minn.;

Dr. Helen Rhetta of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wilmore of Summit, N.J.; Mrs. Belle Ware and Mrs. Lottie Hyde of Minneapolis, Minn.;

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dunlap of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Starks of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Collie Davis and Errol L. Taylor of Hampton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neville of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. David Byrd of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimble of Boston; Mrs. Rose C. Johnson of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Pousaint of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stovey of Norfolk, Va.; Miss Mildred Tate of Norfolk, Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Boardley of Philadelphia.

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Les Camarades Hold Sessions

Les Camarades Club closed their year's program with a meeting with Mrs. Sara Jones as hostess, Saturday. The business meeting was followed by cards.

Since the club has been playing "big sister" to a young woman they are sending to college, most of the business centered around her welfare. Members brought gifts of clothing and other necessities for their protege. They contributed also to her education fund. Mrs. Edna Thrower sold Christmas cards, the proceeds going to the fund and Mrs. Marcella Tillman was responsible for a purse and gifts collected by her from her friends. The meeting closed with a Christmas party.

Mrs. Catherine Royston heads the group. Other officers are Mesdames Frances Thompson, treasurer; Catherine Hogan, secretary. Members include Mesdames Thelma Weaver, Gertrude Corbett, Mary Johnson, Lillie Pace, Esther Isler, Ethel Shell and Alia Gross.

Omegas Announce Essay Winners

PETERSBURG, Va. — Ishmael Garcia of New York City has been awarded first prize of $125 in the national high school essay contest sponsored in November by Omega Psi Phi fraternity as a feature of its National Negro Achievement Week.

Miss Gladys L. Jones of Wilmington, N.C., was adjudged second prize winner and given an award of $75, and Miss Janice Savage won third prize, an award of $50. Mrs. Marie T. Edwards, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., received honorable mention.

Contestants from 25 States and the District of Columbia and from 65 cities submitted essays on "The Individual Key to True Democracy."

Judges for the contest were Prof. B. F. Dabney, Dr. Luther P. Jackson, and Dr. A. G. Macklin, all of Virginia State College. Dr. Macklin is director of the fraternity's National Achievement Week observance.

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1949 meeting place. Only two changes were made in the official family, all other officers being re-elected.

The new officers were Miss Gwendolyn Brown of West Chester, Pa., elected supreme tamiouchos to succeed Miss Bertha Maples of Woodbury, N.J.; and Mrs. Valeria Rhinhart of Chicago, named editor of the Quinon to succeed Mrs. Grace Bouldin, also of Chicago.

Three new members were added to the executive board at large. They were Mrs. Theresa Melver of Baltimore, Mrs. Lelia Butler, Birmingham, and Mrs. Thelma Powell of Chicago.

Officers re-elected included: Mrs. Olivia S. Henry, Philadelphia, supreme basileus; Mrs. Gertrude A. Robinson, NYC, executive advisor; Mrs. Daisy Simms, Wilmington, Del., 1st anti-basileus; Mrs. Laura C. Buck, Tuskegee, second anti-basileus; Mrs. Anna P. Davidson, Cincinnati, third anti-basileus; Mrs. Marion H. Blutt, Washington, supreme grammateus.

Sorority Bazaar Aids Home, Fund

WASHINGTON

Alpha chapter of Psi Gamma Mu Sorority held a Christmas bazaar last week at the 13th St. YWCA in benefit of the sorority's project fund.

Beneficiaries of the bazaar are the Ionia R. Whipper Home for Unwed Mothers and the scholarship fund.

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FEMININE FRONT

Bridegroom Gets Marital Badge

Miss Mabel Stokes places the wedding band on the finger of her bridegroom, Ossesew F. Gee Jr., during the ceremony performed by the Rev. B. J. Jackson in Fulton Baptist Church, Baltimore, Sunday, while the matron of honor, Mrs. Merita Stokes, and flower girl, Barbara Mae Coleman, look on.—(Photo by Paul Henderson)

The bride and bridegroom leave the church for a reception to several hundred guests at the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes. Her gown was of white satin, with full-length veil.

Hendin's Hosts Holiday Party

Employees of the Hendin's Hollywood Fashions Shop were guests of management at a Christmas party at the store, 1725 Pennsylvania Ave., Christmas Eve night.

Gifts distributed from a beautifully decorated tree, bonuses issued and a buffet supper were highlights of the affair.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hendin as hosts was Mrs. Iva Amthene.

Guests included:

Mrs. Voial White, London Baker, Lucinda Payne, Miss Ruth Shaw, William Ford, Ollie Denby, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Isaac, Mr. and Mrs. Avon Butler, Charles Amthene;

Louis Kadig, Dr. and Mrs. Shoben, Mr. and Mrs. Margulies, Mr. and Mrs. Redler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hendin, Irving Stone, Mrs. Minnie McNeal, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, Miss Joy Richardson;

Lloyd Richardson, Miss Janie Amthene, Miss Anita Snead, Miss Evelyn Winder, Dr. St. Elmo Brady Jr., Paul Anderson;

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Fortune, Mrs. Lula J. Garrett, Francis Yancey, Mrs. Lena Berlin, Miss Sarah Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Miss Ruth Rea, E. B. Rea, Clarence Amdar, Miss Lillian Newman and M. McClan.

FRANCES WOOD MARKS FIRST BIRTHDAY

Frances Murphy Wood had her first birthday party, recently.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wood, she entertained eight young guests at her Walton Court address. The guests included, Bettye Matthews, Cheryl Coie, Brenda Clarke, Jill Collins, Yvonne Lassey, Vashti Smith, Albert LaForest and Robert Matthews. The hostess greeted them attired in a yellow dress with a white organdy pinafore and yellow accessories.

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Costellos Mark Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Costello, 923 N. Eden Street, celebrated their wedding anniversary Tuesday night by entertaining a host of friends at a dinner party.

Costello, a former sergeant in the Maryland State guards and a Colonel of the Antieretd guards of Elkton, is president of three civic and social groups. Mrs. Costello is a member of Great Southern Temple of Elks.

Guests included:

Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Catlin, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Tyler, Thomas Giles, Harris, Bunny Davis, Mary Ringgold, Howard Davis.

Lucille Thomas, Agnes Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, Virginia Johnson, Elsie Horsey, Marie Matthews, Lavender Robinson, Susie Graham, Marie V. Knuckles, Mrs. Robert Bright, Daisy Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Finkard Dickerson, Willie Crodden, Elizabeth Brunson, Samuel Overton, Cora Brown, Emma V. Pulley, Early Phenix, Mamie Paschall and Bertha S. Giles.

Paige Home Party Scene

Charles A. Glover, exalted ruler of Neptune Lodge of Elks of New York City, was the guest speaker at the annual Community Christmas tree party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Paige, 2016 N. 22nd St., Arlington, Va., last week.

The tree bore over 450 gifts which were distributed by Jack as Santa Claus. Guests attended from Washington, Baltimore, Richmond and New York.

Messers. Glover and Albert Brown, also of New York, later were guests of honor at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Newman, 2225 N. Culpepper St., where over 150 persons enjoyed a repast.

En route home Mr. and Mrs. Glover and Mr. Brown paid a surprise visit to Mr. and Mrs. George D. Tyler at 421 N. Wolfe St., where they were served breakfast and cocktails after a drive from Richmond where they spent the Yule tide with their son and Mr. and Mrs. John Folkes, 1204 Wallace Street.

MRS. VIRGINIA HOPKINS HOSTESS AT DINNER

Mrs. Virginia Hopkins and Charles Stanley entertained at a dinner party at 926 N. Eden Street, Sunday.

Their guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. William Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. George Givens, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Costello, William Crowder, John Daniels, George Harris, William Bennett, Mrs. Berthel Giles, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Laura Bates, Mrs. Lillian Parker.

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U. S. No. 1 Md. Golden Sweet Potatoes 3 lbs 23c
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