## The Colored Man Who Founded Chicago

### Pirate's son, Indian chief, hunter, trader; this was the cola ed pioneer, Jean Baptiste Pointe I eSable.

Chicago was founded by Jean Baptiste Pointe DeSable, a colored man who braved British and Spanish soldiers, angry Indians and the American wilderness to found a trac ing post which became this nation's second largest city.

Jean Baptiste was a friend of Daniel Boone, a honorary Indian chief and used his infl ence to make peace among the red-men and

It is this brave pioneer's story that Shirley Graham tells so vividly in her newest

The story begins in the eighteenth century. America was still dominated by foreign powers. France, Spain and Britain were in a bitter struggle for this rich land. Life on the frontier was one continual song of

Jean Baptiste was well - prepared to face the American wilderness. His father had been a pirate, second in command of the Black Sea Gull which raided Caribbean ports and \_\_\_\_\_

#### Meet The Author



her excellent biographies of Was Once A Slave" wo her a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Julian Messner Award for the best book

Miss Graham is famous for

vant," the life of eBnjamin Banneker; "The Story Of Phyllis Wheatley" and "Dr. George Washington Carver: Scientist," in collaboration with George D. Kipcomb.

By CLARENCE SYDNEY

"Jeff, I-take care of yourself in the ar-

my." Barbara said softly, aware of all the

words she wanted to say but couldn't. Not

with all those people around, and not after

all the time they had worked together with

nothing more to remember than that they

"Sure I will," he grinned. "Nice of the of-

fice to throw me this party as a going away

present. I hear I have you to thank for

"I just happened to mention it first, that's

Inside she was happy that he knew it had

"Hey, Barbara. Boy, what an idea I got,"

Don shouted as he came into the office.

Barbara asked. "He wanted to tell you

what a terrific publicity stunt I've cooked

"Forget him. Wait until you find out

"I don't feel like listening to your crazy

on watched her leave, a crooked grin on

fung the door of her room open,

his face, "Well," he said to himself, 'I'll tell

her tonight. Who knows, with that lunk Jeff

First To Suggest

been her. And then he was gone.

ideas right now. Later, maybe."

and threw herself down on the bed.

gone, maybe . . "

worked together.

"Well, Barbara, so long." Jeff said.

Born in Indiana, the daughter of a Methodist minister, Miss Graham is a graduate of Oberlin College and has studied at the Yale School of Drama. She has received several awards for her creative writing.

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Mother Murdered

Jean's me er was murdered by the Spanish at Sain Domingue in the West Indies. He was of rican and French extraction. Like his her. Jean loved the sea and

wanted to L a sailor but his father packed him off to ance to study. Those we the only restful days in his

Jean boug a boat, set sail but a hurricane off the coast. Louisiana wrecked the vessel. He arrived New Orleans alone, broke and

It was rivy for him to stay there. The Spaniards eatened to take this French New World ity and he could not prove himself a f colored man if they came. So Jean ptiste headed north to make his fortune

Indians ca ured him as he traveled up through the ississippi Valley with his trading party an he was taken before the great chief Pontia. They thought him to be a spy for the Brit

Miss Grab n writes:

"Half a zen Indians were standing watch over sem while several . others moved abo apparently making prepara-"Additiona torches were brought in and

placed at the far end of the room where DeSable now aw a platform more luxuriousheaped was furs than any along the side. "After a ort interval the three prisoners were thed toward this platform. opened at this end of the room to ac if two Indians . . . . faces and bodies were treaked with paint and from each side c. their heads sprang horns.

"DeSable I d his breath. Even before the third figure the doorway could be clearly seen he was ertain who it would be.

".... his es riveted on that tall commanding for which moved with such majesty and di ty as the third man mounted

leave

Later that wening there was a knock at

her door. "E bara. There's a card here for

Barbara aned the door and took the

"Got to se you. Seven p.m. ferry from the

Jeff, thoug Barbara. She changed clothes.

and took a b. The ferry from the point

was almost serted at this time at night.

He wasn't the lounge, and she stepped

They stock for a moment, looking at each

other, and an he was holding her close.

almost left bout telling you I loved you.'

"arliDng," a murmured, "To think that

"Jeff," Ba ara whispered, "I thought you

"I go tome ow morning. Will you wait for

Oh, Jeff, he y, why haven't you told me

Not Don's Girl

"I always lought you were Don's girl."

I wait as long as I have to

why didn't you tell me you

card from landlady. It was an ordinary

postcard, we her name typed on one side.

On the oth was a short message;

and she just arely made it.

didn't leave atil tomorrow"

"No till I your card."

"You didn know" he asked.

out on the ck.

#### • He Built First House In Windy City •

Jean Baptiste Pointe DeSable, by Shirley Graham, Julian Messner Company, New York. \$2.75.

Prize-winning biographer Shirley Graham (life of Fred Douglass) goes back into early American frontier history for this dramatic account of the career of Jean Baptist Pointe Desable.

Here are passages from the latest of her books: "By the spring of 1774 DeSable persuaded the entire Potawatomi (Indian) village to move to Eschikagou with him.

FIRST BUILDINGS "In the summer of '72 DeSable took a band of workers to the portage, cleared a space and put up a large square building.

. The logs were peeled and set upright in Indian fashion, but instead of simply leaving a slit in the roof for smoke, DeSable built a huge stone fireplace . . . windows were cut in the logs. The floor was hard-packed clay. . He painted a sign in French which said, "Come in and build a fire" after

which he signed his full name. He fastened the sign over the door where anyone who passed along the route could see it. "Then he took wide, smooth strips of bark and he drew pictures which would say even more to the Indians.

"Col. Arent de Peyster, commander of British forces in the Northwest, described DeSable in his memoirs as "a handsome Negro, well-educated and settled at Eschikagou, but much in the interest of the French.'

The Colonel also told of the trading post, wharves, barns, mill, smokehouses, cultivated fields, and grazing cattle that DeSable had planned and worked.

the platform and turned toward them.

that he was in the presence of the chieftain And it was this meeting that changed DeSable's whole life.

"Instinctively DeSable bowed. He knew

He was 22 at the time. Death might have been his fate had it not been for a strange coincidence surrounding his name and something out of the great chief's past.

It is this coincidence that is a highpoint of Miss Grahams' biography. Chief's Friend

DeSable became Pontiac's trusted friend. He was with him when enemy tribesmen murdered the great ruler. Near death, Pontiac asked Jean Baptiste to show his peace belt to the Ottawa tribe and ask them not to avenge his death.

Jean Baptiste traveled among the dead chief's tribes, urging them not to fight but the British and Spanish were forcing the Indians further into the wilderness. War finally

"You got my card I got yours, you mean."

He took a postcard from his pocket. It was

addressed to him, and said: "Got to see you.

"But I didn't send that. I got this one."

Enter Don

"Hey There you are. I thought you had

gone off to the arms of Uncle Sam." Don

"What are you doing here" Jeff demanded.

"The cards. See, I mail the cards out to

people. They come to find out what it's

"Great publicity stunt, see. Maybe for a

perfume advertiser. We give them a bottle

of perfume. Or some soap for another ad-

"But why the initial J" Barbara asked.

"Every gal knows somebody named John

or Jack, or Jim, or Joe. Same with the B

there's Betty, Betsy, Bertha, Bonny, Oh, it's

"Yes," Barbara sighed. "It was a great

Jeff kissed her again, "Terrific. Now scran

Don. The lady and I just got to see each

all about, and I give them a prize,

She showed him the card she had received.

7 p.m. ferry from the point. B."

They stood staring at each other.

"What idea" Barbara asked.

stood beaming at them.

"My idea. It worked."

some tickets to a show.

vertiser. It's a natural."

a great idea. Don't you think"

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Jean Baptiste met his wife - to - be, Kittihawa, and Indian maiden. In order to marry her he joined her tribe. She bore hin

a son and a daughter

It was time to settle down after a lifetime of wandering and trading in the region around the Mississippi River.

He decided on a place on a river near the Great Lakes that the Indians called Eschicagou. Jean Baptiste built a hunters' lodge here, leveled the fields, built other

Soon Indians and white traders moved in with him and a city began to rise out of the frontier. The Yankees went to war against the British. The Great Lakes region became a battlefield.

Jean Baptiste's Chicago was destroyed. He

Forgotten Man

He prophesied that Chicago would be a mammoth city as it did become eventually. But ironically, Jean Baptiste who founded the city did not share in its growth. He was hoodwinked by the Yankees he had befriended and sold out his interests.

In his last days, he became a confidant of Daniel Boone, the fabulous Kentucky adventurer who similarly had not received a rightful share of the land he had explored.

Jean Baptiste died August 29, 1818, not in his own Chicago but in the tiny town of Saint Charles, Mo., a forgotten man.

## Helpful Hints

To relieve a baby from the discomfort of prickly heat, he should be sponged often with a sudsy washcloth. This removes the dust and perspiration which aggravate summer skin

Have you ever wondered how the doctor can visit patients every day, and yet seldom catch a contagious illness himself? Doctors aren't immune—at least, not without the precautions they practice religiously. These precautions are soap and water, faithfully used.

Why not do as the doctor does, when some member of the family is ill. Scrub your hands thoroughly after every contact with the patient or with things the patient uses. And do you really know how to scrub? It's no hitand-miss process. The doctor scrubs his nails with brush, then lathers his hands thoroughly. then rinses them again and again with hot water. Another important thing to remember o use a clean towel for drying your

Velveteen is washable, of course. That goes for the bright color velveteen heels on novelty stockings. To keep the pile smooth and lustrous, just avoid hard squeezing or twisting in either suds or rinses.

surfaces, scrub cellar floors, porches, and steps often with hot soapsuds.

To prevent dirt from grinding into concrete

# Why Koreans Do Not Want A Truce Signed

End of fighting means, End of millions spent In impoverished country

By JOHN BARSTOW

I stood within a few feet of Syngman Rhee as he talked to a gathering of newsmen and soldiers recently. He said:

"There will be no peace inside the boundaries of Korea as long as there is a Communist left here. We will continue to fight for justice and honor in the cause of democracy so that the sacrifices of our men will not have been made in vain." "If you must go, thank you, and goodby."

In front of the aged, bronze-face old man were representatives of 15 nations fighting in one of the corps in Korea- all colors, kinds, races, and religions. His speaker's stand was guarded by white

and colored soldiers who stood at his right and left. His Austrian-born, Korean-dressed wife sat at his side along with the Eighth Army commander and all of the lesser There was a trembling feeling in the presi-

dent's voice as he talked. He expressed regret at the possibility of UN troops giving up the fight "before the communists have been driven out of Korea." There was a kind of accusation in his voice. One got the idea that here is a person who feels that he has been

One could hear the fighting at the front. The heavy brass on the speaker's stand tried hard, but often without much success, to keep their faces expressionless. One GI said "What's

he trying to do make a martyr out of him-Doubtless you have already read Rhee's

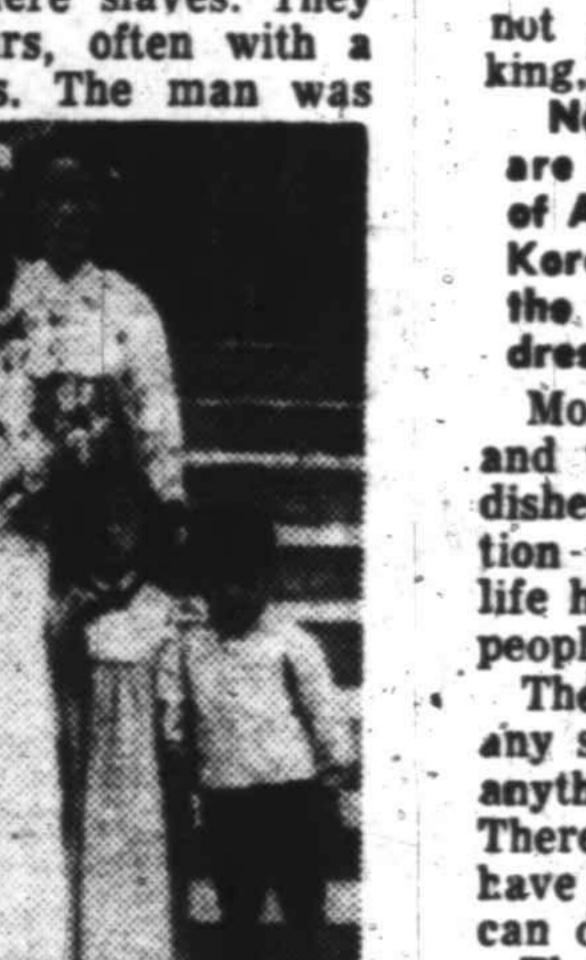
statements concerning the truce treaty. That s not what this story is about. I felt that might be of interest to know what is happening as results of the truce efforts. This is a stage of great tenseness in Korea. Rhee is not alone in not wanting the

sure that the rank and file of the Korean. soldiers and civilians are with him. do not think that this desire to keep fighting is particularly inspired by political reasons. I think that deep down inside of the average "man and woman in the street" the Korean war is one of the best things that

UN soldiers to give up the battle. I am

has happened to them Americans and other GIs are pouring thousands of dollars a month into the economy of the country. American dress, habits, food, and the general way of living has been taken up by the natives and I am sure that they will put up quite a fight before they let go of the new life that we have taught them. A Korean businessman told me: "Koreans will never be Koreans again. They have tasted the way that the other part of the world live and now they will never be satisfied with the way we used to live."

The greatest change is expected in the women. Formerly, they were mere slaves. They worked hard and long hours, often with baby tied upon their backs. The man was



WESTERN INFLUENCE — Portrayed by the wedding clothing worn at this Korean



king, as one wife put it "He is my god. Now that is being changed. The women are making demands. They have pictures of American women pasted in almost every Korean home and the girls and women the house are trying to copy after he dress, hairdo etc.

More Koreans have tasted American and they will not go back to their native dishes without a fight. After years of occupation and three years of fighting, our way of life has made quite an impression upon these

The American GI has the biggest heart of any soldier in the world. He will give almost anything away. He has sent home for clothes. There is hardly a single Korean that does in have at least one complete outfit of Ameri-

There is a blackmarket in Korea. Not a big one when measured by the ones that were Europe. But, for a price the Korean pick up anything from American cigarettes to

Then there is the fear of the Communist coming south again. It is impossible to talk this fear out of the heads of persons who have been caught before.

They feel that this truce is a trick to get mericans many miles away. And then the Communists will find a loophole to attack. Before "Americans arrive in sufficient numbers and war power we will be already pushed into the sea," they complain.

Syngman Rhee knows that his countrymen will fight hard and long to keep the Communists from coming and the Americans from leaving the country. They know

a good thing when they see it. So there is fighting, truce talking, and a great deal of unrest in Korea as this letter being written. Through radio, soapboxe gossip, signs, and almost every means of comnunication the unrest is beginning to spread. 'We might have to fight our way out of here," one man stated, "If they sign that

## Hero of Mt. Everest Climb

The conquest of Mount Everest, the 29,000 Himalayan peak, named after George Everest, who first surveyed it in 1852, may not seem to have any political or social significance from far away. But here in India there are deep currents of feeling concerning the role of Sherpa Tensing, here of the

Most Americans probably do not know that his name is not Sherpa at all. "Sherpa" Nepalese word used to designate anyone who is a "carrier." Members of the expedition will call all the boys and men who carry the luggage and equipment "sherpa." It roughly analogous to "boy" as it is used in the deep South, or to "bearer" in India.

His real name is Tensing Norkay, and though born of Nepalese parents, he married to a girl from Darjeeling, which is in India, and he is a voting resident West Bengal, India.

The fact that Tensing was not given the opportunity to carry an Indian flag with him, has not been lost on national scious Indians still smarting from the woun inflicted by the British when the nation was in power. Tensing, according to one correspondent, said before the expedition began that in not being allowed to carry the In dian "colors" his success, if achieved, would

Tensing's exploits are very much simila

nied Admiral Peary to the North Pole. Though a vital member of the expedition vithout whom, by Peary's admission, the uccessful accomplishment of the mission would have been impossible.

It has not been until recent years that denson has received the plaudits he justly

o those of Matthew Henson who accomp

There is ample evidence from the many letters being published daily in an Indian newspaper that mountain climbing enthusiast as well as others, feel that Tensing was reated as a "sherpa" and not as the veteran and brilliant climber that he is.

For example, there is much criticism over the fact that he was not allowed the first second try for the peak, but was kept waiting with the third team. It is not without some malice that the letter writers point that both attempts without Tensing

Everyone in India is convinced that h was the first man to get to the top and that ne actually helped Edmund Hillary make the final assault by carrying the New Zealander part of the way.

The Governor of West Bengal, Dr. H. Mookerjee, sending greetings to Tensing' wife, wrote: "Permit me to congratulate yo on the glorious achievement of your hus-

band, who has set up a mountaineering record by being the first man to set foot on the summit of Mount Everest."

Bhutia (Tiger) Tensing, as he is often called, became a "sherpa" at an early age, as did most of the men in his mountain lage, in order to earn a living. He differed from them, however, in that

he was a natural born climber with an instinct for care and self preservation that saved many an expedition from coming t serious harm.

In the last few years Tensing's craftsmanship as an ice guide became so indispensable that no group hoping to conquer Everest would go without him. Yet, he never made hving, and between expeditions he had leave his wife and two daughters in jeeling, while he sought work elsewhere.

As a "sherpa" for an expedition he received about 225 rupees for the entire journey This roughly amounts to forty five dollars at the current rate of exchange between dollars and rupees.

As he was so outstanding, and not just carrier. Tensing was awarded three extra rupees a day, or about sixty cents. Even his clothes were not the same as t other members of the expedition. As one of

As for the renaming of Mt. Everest . there can be only one name as far as all f India is concerned, and that is Tensing

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the letters in a daily paper pointed out: "His equipment and clothing were on several occasions not as superior as those of the other members of the teams with which he imbed, which fact can be verified by his

Tensing Norkay is today a famous man and his little home in the slum area of Darjeeling, known as Toon Soong Bustee, i the scene of crowds that gather to pay homage to him.

In a way he is the average man of India; poor, uneducated, and hard working. He is determined that his two daughter. Pepem and Nima shall have schooling.

Perhaps, the most tragic note in this saga of success, but one which is not surprising n a country where ninety percent of the women are illiterate was struck by Mrs. Tensing when she told a reporter that, "although her husband had won world recogni tion, she was unable to read the tributes paid by people all over the world because she did not know how to read."

Tensing is the hero of the hour. He is the Lindbergh of the fifties in this country and he will be given that kind of tumultuous welcome when he comes to New Delhi where he will be presented with a medal which has been especially designed for him.