SAY RATS ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSES REGULARLY

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Health Week Survey Shows Rodents Menace Health In No. 116

EAT ON SICK COUCH

Find Teacher's Lunch And First Aid Table To Be One And The Same

That rats attend history, spelling and arithmetic classes and show up regularly at devotional exercises in Public School 116, was revealed in a report of a committee to study sanitation in certain public schools sent out by the Health Week program.

The committee which is headed by Dr. O. D. Jones and R. Maurice Moss, of Baltimore Urban League visited Schools Nos. 103 and 116 and their report in part on same follows:

"School No. 103 was found fairly clean, but the room which is used as an infirmary in case of illness is also the rest room for the teachers and the room used by them for cooking and lunch. The medical cabinet was found in a desk drawer. The eating table for the teachers and the sick couch were found to be one and the same. The girl's lavatory was found to be in bad condition but the boy's was better.

School 116, according to this report, was built in 1841 and was entirely inadequate for its purpose. The first complaint registered by the teachers in this building was the prevalence of rats. One teacher reported that they attended history classes, spelling lessons and devotional exercises without any distinction. Another teacher exhibited a newly covered note book which had been placed in the bottom of her desk and which showed grease spots caused by rats tracking in this drawer.

The rooms are large but poorly ventilated and poorly lighted, artificial light being necessary on the brightest days. They found that the drinking fountain for the girls had been out of use for three months and that for the boys inadequate. Other bad conditions were noted."

COUNCIL TO CONDUCT AUTO SAFETY SCHOOL

Baltimore Safety Organization Will Conduct Classes

The Baltimore Safety Council is making plans to conduct a Safe Drivers' School for colored men and women during the month of May, according to announcements just made by J. Harry West, who will be in charge.

The school will be conducted along the same lines as the one held last year and . West will be assigned several assistants. The sessions will be held either at the Y. M. C.A., or School 112, depending upon the number registered.

The aim of the course is not only to teach safe traffic rules but will give comprehensive instruction in the driving, care, and upkeep of motor vehicles. The classes will be opened to experienced drivers as well as those who want to learn how to operate cars.

UNBLEACHING America

1. Do you think black and white races will amalgamate?
2. Would amalgamation lead to destruction of our civilization?
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4. Do you think the Negro inferior to the white.
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These questions answered for the AFRO by twelve leading scientists and thinkers of the country—the brain of America. They are:

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ROBERT BEAN, Professor of Psychology, University of Virginia.

FAY-COOPER COLE, Ethnologist, American Museum of Natural History.

JEROME DOWD, Anthropologist, University of Oklahoma.

ALGERNON LEE, Director Rand School, Social Sciences.

DR ALES HRDLICKA, Smithsonian Institute.

EUGENE KINCKLE JONES, Director National Urban League.

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Secretary N. A. A. C. P.

FRANZ BOAS, Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University.

ALBERT E. HOOTEN, Anthropologist, Harvard University.

Their views will be given in a series of 14 articles, compiled by Thomas L. Dabney, especially for the AFRO-AMERICAN.

You can't afford to miss a single article. Clip the whole series of 14 and have what America's best minds consider a solution of the race problem.

It is of special interest to note the foreigner's point of view relative to race amalgamation.

The Negro problem in all of its ramifications was discussed a great deal during and following the World War. For that period foreigners exhibited a keen interest in America's race problem. The French point of view on race amalgamation is quite unique.

Being of a matter of fact turn of mind, and cut off from contact with all but a few Negroes, it is not a surprise that among the French we should find a saner attitude toward race mixing than among some people.

Number of Novels

A number of novels have been written recently by French authors bearing on race amalgamation. Among these, the two most important ones perhaps are "Batis et Nous" and "Romulus Coucou" by M. Paul Reboux. After writing "Romulus Coucou", M. Reboux sent the following three questions to the leading men and women of France.

1—What is your opinion of the treatment of the blacks by the Americans?

2—What do you think of marriage where the different races mix?

3—If a man distantly descended from blacks no longer reveals the characteristics in appearance, if he is agreeable tender and faithful do you believe he could be loved and be married by a white woman?

2040 Answers

The answers to the above questions were published in "Eve", a paper printed in Paris. The writer had the pleasure of reading and translating some of these replies. Of 2040 answers received on the question "Would you marry a colored man?" 1060 said no and 980 said yes. Two of the four women who won prizes for the four best replies have colored husband. These replies were published in 1920.

All of them are interesting and informing. In the characteristic French manner, each writer approaches the question calmly, dispassionately and sanely. They seem frank in the giving of their opinion. This collection of opinions on race inter-marriage is the larges that the writer has had the privilege to read.

Social Environment

Of course, every American knows that the French live in a social environment more conducive to a sane and unbiased consideration of race amalgamation than that which exists in the United States. Our Negro population is over 12,000,000 while France has barely no Negroes excepting those in her military service.

Already there are about 3,000,000 mulattoes in the United States. And thousands of white Americans have Negro blood in their veins.

None of these facts however are alarming to the white. The situation calls for cool, calm intelligent action, not hasty blind action. It requires scientific, social control, not hysterical, impulsive bold-rash such as the Stoddard—Grant Cox group is noted for.

As for race mixing, who can stop it?

(Continued next week)

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MAN GIRL ACCUSED IS GIVEN FREEDOM

Ernest Easley Found Not Guilty Following Criminal Court Trial

Ernest Easley, 132 North Calhoun street, was found not guilty in the Criminal Court Friday of assaulting seven-year old Lucille Smith, 502 Bloom street.

Easley was alleged to have committed the crime on April the fourth. The story told by the little girl, was one of the most sordid reported at the station this year, was committed in the home of the man while the child was there on a visit. This inference is drawn from the fact according to physicians of the police department, who examined the child. She is a victim of a dreaded disease as a result of the crime.

Charges against Easley were preferred by Mrs. Henrietta Smith, who became alarmed when her daughter complained for several days of an infection. The child then told of the act committed by the man. A warrant was secured and Easley was given a hearing Friday morning.

According to the child's story she was taken to the home of the man's wife, where she was left to play with the children. The wife left the house leaving the child alone with the man. It was at this time that the crime was alleged to have been committed.

Easley was dismissed when his attorney, Roy S. Bond, objected to a physical examination.

OLD BALTIMOREAN PASSES AWAY

Mr Dorsey Holland Davis, died at the home of his sister, 538 W. Lafayette avenue Saturday, April 18, after a brief illness.

He was born near Clarksburg, Montgomery County, Md. Came to Baltimore about 40 years ago and worked in the furniture business as decorator and finisher. He was Past Chancellor of Enterprise Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias.

Surviving him is a sister, Miss Belle Davis, many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services took place Tuesday afternoon from his late residence. Rev. B. T. Perkins, former pastor of Metropolitan M. E. Church, officiated. The floral designs were numerous and handsome. Interment in Mt. Auburn Cemetery

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DUEL OVER GIRL ENDS IN FATAL STABBING

Jealousy Enraged Man Stabs Rival Found Entertaining Sweetheart

SLAYER CAPTURED

Is Held For Murder After Hearing In Northwestern Station

With a rosary dangling from his neck, Leroy Brown, 508 Pearl Street, was brought in the Northwestern Police Station Friday morning and charged with the murder of Benjamin Wilson, 566 Oxford street, whom he stabbed Sunday.

Brown, who had been at large since the stabbing, was apprehended late Thursday night. Wilson died in the Colonial Hospital Wednesday, from a stab wound in the abdomen which he received when Brown is said to have stabbed him while he was in the latter's home. According to the hospital authorities peritonitis set in causing the victim's death.

Jealousy Cause

That jealousy was the cause of the fatal stabbing can be drawn from Wilson's dying statement in which he informed police that he was in the basement kitchen talking to Myrtle Brown, supposed to be the prisoners' wife, when Brown came down stairs. When he entered the room the girl is said to have fled from the table where they were sitting. Brown, without declaring his intention, seized a large paring knife which she had in her hand and rushed toward Wilson, slashing him several times across the stomach.

Girl Also Held

The girl, whose real name is Myrtle Gray, and who was merely common law wife to Brown, was also ordered held as a State's witness in connection with the killing. William Parks, of 66 Oxford street, who accompanied Wilson to the girl's home, was held at the time of the stabbing, but was released under bond as a witness.

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SLAIN WIFE VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES

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Father Tells Of Daughter Estranged By Unhappy Love And Marriage

"Its the story of an unfortunate love affair, an unhappy marriage and a fatal ending," was the way Charles Shoults, 841 Harlem Ave., explained to a reporter for this paper, the incidents leading to the slaying of his daughter, Mrs. Elijah Smith, by her husband recently on her return home.

NAT. TRAINING SCHOOL GIRL

Only a few weeks ago, Elsie was a young woman who had previously studied at the National Training School. Then she met Smith and although the family did not approve the match, she was wedded and from that time on she and her husband became strangers to the family. We knew she was having a "hard road to weed" but we did not think it would end this way," he remarked.

The same kind of statement was made by the Rev. J. H. Peters, a former missionary to Africa and relative of the young woman. Members of the family took the body of the unfortunate young wife and buried it in their home town, Brownburg, Va., Wednesday, April 15th.

The tragedy took place early Sunday morning when the wife returned after spending the night out. After calling her several times to come upstairs, the husband is said to have rushed down to the basement and stabbed her before onlookers were aware of what had happened. She crumpled and was dead from a heart thrust before she reached the Maryland hospital.

Those who were in the house at the time of the tragedy were Bowley Johnson, 2003 Oak Street, Gus Robinson, 2003 Oak street, Mabel Smith, 217 W. 21st Street, Isaiah Willis, 2003 Oak street, Leola Johnson, 2021 Oak street and Geoorge Tabot, 2012 Mace street.

The body was removed to the morgue.

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Bonds and Stocks Owned (Mainly Government, State, County, and Municipal Bonds)	$ 6,773,485.32
Real Estate Loans, First Mortgages (Mainly loans on moderate-sized farms occupied by owners))	4,353,961.74
Cash in Banks and Offices	709,412.09
Real Estate Owned (New Home Office Building)	793,295.11
Loans on Bonds and Stocks (Mainly at Interest)	14,625.00
Net Unpaid and Deferred Premiums	259,675.81
Policy Loans	35,349.52
Interest Accrued and Unpaid	130,319.40
TOTAL ASSETS	$13,070,123.99

LIABILITIES

Legal Reserve, Life Insurance Policies (American Experience 3½ Per Cent, Standard and Substandard 3½ Per Cent)	$ 5,155,187.82

LIABILITIES (Continued)

Legal Reserve, Disability Policies	193,598.87
Contingent Reserve (Mainly to cover increased Disability Claims account advanced age of Policyholders)	2,750,000.00
Reserve for Epidemics (To cover excess mortality or disability by reason of general epidemics)	1,000,000.00
Gross Premiums Paid in Advance	321,873.08
Taxes Accrued, But Not Due (Payable in 1925 on 1924 Business)	266,141.17
Due to Agents on Bonds, Deposits, Etc. (Mainly a Savings Fund)	326,970.52
Policy Claims in Process of Payments and Adjustments	114,701.66
All Other Items	71,567.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$10,200,040.12
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS (Margin of Safety to Policyholders over all Liabilities)	2,870,083.87

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GROWTH BY FIVE YEAR PERIODS

ASSETS YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1904	$114,674.79
Dec. 31, 1909	$416,448.77
Dec. 31, 1914	$1,394,071.67
Dec. 31, 1919	$4,415,089.26
Dec. 31, 1924	$13,070,123.99

CLAIMS PAID YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1904	$ 123,452.12
Dec. 31, 1909	$ 404,107.01
Dec. 31, 1914	$1,417,261.41
Dec. 31, 1919	$3,303,721.05
Dec. 31, 1924	$5,020,662.91

POLICIES IN FORCE YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1904	72,708
Dec. 31, 1909	170,483
Dec. 31, 1914	438,894
Dec. 31, 1919	1,007,236
Dec. 31, 1924	1,387,470

Total Claims Paid 25 Years Ending December 31, 1924 . . . $40,141,939.18

Total Life Insurance in Force December 31, 1924 . . . . $155,397,938.00

KILLING FOLLOWS MYSTERY ARGUMENT

One Killed When Pair Shoot It Out In Ajax Alley

Police are seeking a man known only as "Pop Corn", who is alleged to have shot Edward Smith, 573 E. Monument street, causing his death Wednesday night.

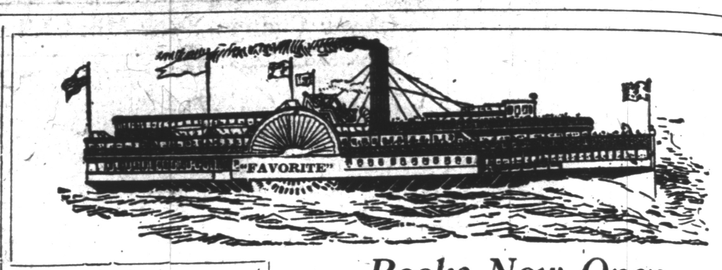
Smith was found prostrate on the pavement at the corner of Harford avenue and Monument street, where he had followed the man after the shooting. He was rushed to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he was found beyond medical aid, with a bullet wound in his chest just below the heart. Smith's only statement was that he had been shot by "Popcorn" at 726 Ajax alley.

Acting on this information police of the Northwestern District raided the house at the above address. At which time five were taken and held for an investigation. They were: Thomas Burke, 726 Ajax alley; M. Harvey, 1600 Spring street; Frank Lee, 827 Ashland avenue; Mable Thomas, 230 East street, and Vestilia Gray. From these witnesses it was learned that they were visiting at the house and were talking quietly in the dining room when Smith went out into the back yard. During his absence the man known only as "Popcorn" entered the front door and inquired if Smith was there. When the two men met, an argument ensued. So desperate did it threaten to be that Vestilia Gray ran for a patrolman; the others also left the room. Four shots were heard and both men ran into the street. After a few paces Smith fell and "Popcorn" made his escape.

Gives $500 For Elocution Prize

Miss Anna Kelley, 2018 Druid Hill avenue, has pledged $500 to Morgan College to be used to provide an annual prize for excellence in elocution.

Miss Kelley is providing for the payment of this pledge by means of an Endowment Insurance Contract arranged by John L. Berry of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.



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GIRL HELD IN $2000 MERCHANDISE THEFT

Officers Find Large Cache Of Clothing and Jewelry In Woman's Home

Miss Bartha Carr, 22, 801 Sapp street, charged with robbery and having more than $2000 worth of merchandise in her home, was held for the Criminal Court this week.

The young woman was arrested when she is alleged to have entered the home of Joseph Applebaum, white, 2314 Whittier avenue, and attempted to take $2 on a table. When her home was searched by officers from the Northwestern police station, it was found tha she had secreted more than $2000 worth of jewelery and other articles. It is believed that she is responsible for a number of robberies in the Northwest section.

Countee Cullen Here

Countee P. Cullen, well known poet, and Mr. Harold Jackmon, New York, were the house guests of Miss Marie Mitchell, the poet's cousin, 1216 Druid Hill avenue, last week.

Mr. Cullen took the Scholarship honors at New York University, and is the author of "To A Brown Girl," which was published some weeks ago in the Afro.

He was shy of interviews and did not wish to be approached on the subject of poetry. He came to rest he said.

Mr. Jackmon is a New York School teacher

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May

30—Y. M. C. A.

June

4—Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 165, Knights of St. John of St. Peter Claver Church.
7—Minuet Social.
8—Uniform Dept., K. of P., to Cambridge.
9—Provident Beneficial Society.
11—Maryland Workshop for Blind (Colored Division).
12—Peoples Church.
13—Eastern M. E. Sunday-School and Epworth League.
14—Pacific Pleasure Club.
15—Nonpariel Beneficial Association.
16—Fountain Baptist Church and S. S.
17—St. Barnabas School.
18—Allen A. M. E. S. S.
21—Maple Leaf Literary and Musical Circle.
23—Eastern M. E. Church to Cambridge, Md.
25—John F. Goucher Leegue of Ames M. E. Church.
26—Sharp St. Church to Chestertown.
28—Cetennial M. E. Sunday-School.
29—People's Church and S. S.
30—First Baptist S. S.

July

2—St. John's A. M. E. S. S.
4—Whatcoat M. E. Church.
7—Enon Council No. 1194, G. U. O. of St. Lukes.
8—Payne A. M. E. S. S.
9—Union Baptist S. S.
10—Sharp St. S. S.
12—People's Church (Baptizing)
13—League and Sunday-School of Eastern M. E. Church.
14—Asbury M. E. S. S.
15—Jezebel Court, K. of P.
16—Macedonia Baptist S. S.
17—Ladies' Aid, Metropolitan M. E. Church.
19—Social Free Will Baptist Church.
21—John Wesley M. E. Sunday-School.
23—St. Paul M. E. Sunday-School.
24—True Reformers.
26—Asbury Church (M. E.)
28—Centennial M. E. Sunday-School.
30—Ebenezer Baptist Sunday-School.
31—Y. M. C. A.

May

30—Ladies' Aid of Centennial M. E. Church.

June

1—Wilson Brothers.
2—Golden Bar Pleasure Club.
3—Ladies' Aid and Ushers of Asbury M. E. Church.
4—Beacon Light Campaign Organization of Eastern M. E. Church.
5—Pastimers (Private Outing)
11—Working Men's Social.
12—Ladies' Aux. of Y. M. C. A.
15—Male Ushers of St. John A. M. E. Church.
16—Brown's Circle.
17—St. Barnabas.
18—Tee-Tar-Tee.
22—Female Ushers of St. John A. M. E. Church.
26—Shriners.
27—Lady Ushers of Trinity A. M. E. Church (twilight).
29—Chrysanthemums.

July

2—Knights of St. John, No. 564, Ladies Auxiliary No. 219, of St. Barnabas
3—Enterprise Social, No. 1.
4—Calendar Circle of Baltimore.
6—Jefferson Pleasure Auxiliary.
8—Stewardess Board of John Wesley M. E. Church.
9—Golden Rod Pleasure Social
11—Improved Lion Tamers Social (twilight).
14—Male and Female Ushers of Enon Baptist Church.
16—Rosebud Social.
18—The Emerzency Circle (twilight).
20—Friendship Lodge No. 14, G. U. O. of Good Hope.
23—Starlight Social.
Ames M. E. Church.
25—Excelsior Pleasure Social (twilight).
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