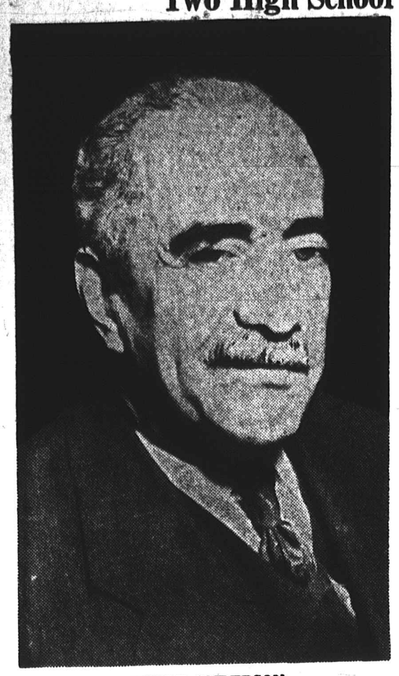
Two High School Graduates of 1896



HENRY ANDERSON

SAMUEL MORSELL

Two 1896 Douglass Grads Have Had Varied Careers

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh in a series of articles about the graduates of Douglass High School beginning with the year 1889.]

By LOUISE KERR

The first flag on the old high schobl building at Saratoga and Courtland Streets, and its first library books about achievements of colored people were placed there through the efforts of Samuel Morsell, one of the nineteen graduates of the class of 1896.

Colored schools were not included when a white group donated flags to schools, so Sam Morsell collected $60 for the purchase of a 24-foot flag, the largest ever made in the city at that time.

He was chosen color-bearer, and flanked by a color guard, the student body, parents and friends, he raised Old Glory to the top of the pole on the day before Thanksgiving in 1892.

Noting the absence of books by and about the colored race, he interested the high school Literary Society of which he was president, in purchasing such books.

This collection has been increased to meet the needs of the expanding student body.

Quit Teaching for Ministry

Following graduation, Mr. Morsell taught four years, serving in Ellicott City, the Frederick Road School, at School No. 111 under Dr. George B. Murphy and as teacher in charge of an annex on Mt. Olivet Lane.

In 1901 he resigned to study for the ministry. He finished Oberlin College in 1907 and received the B.D. degree from the Yale Divinity School in 1910. To him goes the distinction of being one of the first high school graduates to finish a large white college.

Served as Y Secretary

The same year he became the first executive secretary of the Centre Avenue YMCA in Pittsburgh, Pa., and during his administration the new $27,000 structure was built. He is known also as the "daddy" of the NAACP in that city, and one of the organizers of the Urban League.

He organized the YMCA in White Plains, N.Y., in 1929 and the next year came to Baltimore as head of the Druid YMCA where he served until he reached the retirement age of 60 in 1936.

Since that time he has served as sales manager of a local cemetery and supply pastor of both the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church, in New Haven, Conn., and the Madison Street Presbyterian Church here.

Has Two Children

Last year, Mr. Morsell organized and worked in the campaign which resulted in the liquidation of the mortgage on the local Masonic Temple.

For the past thirty-three years he has been married to the former Miss Maude L. Wright of New Haven, Conn., and is the father of two children, John Albert, N.Y. Welfare worker, and Mrs. Justine McClarrin, Baltimore teacher.

Musician Recalls Early Years

Another 1896 graduate, Henry Anderson, was started on a musical career in 1890 when Edward Forrest, a white school principal, gave him a cornet for Christmas.

Reflecting on his musical life, Mr. Anderson recalls having accompanied the famed Abbie Mitchell and the late Sisseretta Jones, then known as Black Patti, served as cornetist nineteen years at the Madison Street Presbyterian Church, and played in most of the colored municipal bands.

He organized and directed the Cosmopolitan Band, in 1917, played with Briscoe's Quintette, Kerr's Orchestra and The Commonwealth Band, and lastly with the Colored Symphony Orchestra.

In addition he is one of the charter members of the Musicians' Local No. 543.

Taught Five Years

Like many of his classmates, he began teaching the year after graduation, serving first at the old "tin factory" School No. 9 at Gold and Calhoun Streets under the late Jacob Nicholson.

He resigned five years later, and for forty-two years worked as a bartender in some of the largest hotels in the city.

Prizes Letter from Faculty

Most treasured of Mr. Anderson's possessions are the letter and the chair given him by the high school faculty as a "token of esteem for gentlemanly conduct and many services so cheerfully rendered."

The letter is signed by the late Misses Bessie L. Rice, Mary E. Hudgins, and Nellie O'Connor, members of the last all-white corps of high school instructors.

Failing health has slowed the pace of Mr. Anderson in recent years, but he has a keen interest in the current wartime happenings, and possesses a phenomenal memory of Baltimore and Baltimoreans dating back to the days of his father, the late John H. Anderson.

Other Members of Class

Forty-one years ago he married Miss Edwardie Lane, and they are the parents of Dr. Erroll Anderson, pharmacist, of Washington, D.C.

Other members of the class include Mrs. Constantia B. Reckling, one time the leading soprano of Baltimore, and now a voice teacher; Mrs. Florence H. Carter, Mrs. Louise B. Braxston, and Mrs. Alice R. Reynolds, of Atlantic City.

TWO WOMEN OVERCOME BY FIRES FROM FURNACE

Mrs. Henrietta Brown, 78, and Mrs. Lucienda Smith, 72, were overcome by coal gas at their home, 2267 Madison Avenue, when a defective flue in their furnace filled the house with fumes on Wednesday. They had to be revived.

Likes Mother-in-Law, Wife Leaves, He Gets Divorce

BALTIMORE — It was not mother-in-law trouble, but solicitude for his mother-in-law that lost him a wife, according to the testimony of Casper Holmes of 1546 N. Carey Street.

Mr. Holmes, who won a divorce from Mrs. Susie Holmes, said that his wife left him following his suggestion that they live with her mother. He told the court that his father-in-law died and his mother-in-law, left alone, wanted her daughter to return.

The couple, married in 1933, lived together until 1937. Mr. Holmes said that he pleaded with his wife to return up until three months ago.

Wins Children, Support

Mrs. Addie Banks of 1621 McCulloh Street, won a divorce from Eugene Banks, custody of their three children, and $15 per week for their support, this week.

The wife said that they were married in 1931 and that the union ended in 1942, when he deserted her. Thomas Knox was attorney for Mrs. Banks.

Also winning a divorce was Mrs. Orrice Jones of 1039 S. Sharp Street from Samuel Jones of Miami, Fla. The decree was granted on grounds of desertion.

Roy S. Bond, attorney, won divorces for six clients in Circuit Court, Monday.

A divorce went to Joseph M. Gallop of 24 N. Poppleton Street, who said that he and Mrs. Mattie Gallop of Newark, N.J., agreed to separate in 1934.

William Newman of 119 W. Montgomery Street testified that Mrs. Gertrude Newman of Philadelphia deserted him in 1940 after their marriage in 1936.

The testimony that won a decree for Homer G. Bowman of 415 Schwartz Avenue from Mrs. Nellie Bowman was based on voluntary separation. William English of 1712 Mosher Street charged Mrs. Lula English of New Brunswick, N.J., with having deserted him. Their marriage lasted from December 7, 1941 to March 15, 1942.

James R. Edwards of 1506 Baker Street, said that he and Mrs. Ular Edwards of Durham, N.C., voluntarily parted. Richard Smith of 1626 McCulloh Street charged Mrs. Annie Smith of New York City with having deserted him.

13-Year-Old Plea Granted

Leroy Haywood of 715 N. Caroline Street won a divorce this week on a petition filed in 1931. He said that his wife, Mrs. Clara B. Haywood, left him in 1925 following their marriage in 1918. The husband was represented by J. Howard Payne.

Also divorced was Mrs. Georgia Laws of 615 N. Paca Street, who said that Vincent Laws became so angry when she suggested that he contribute to her support that he left her. William Buckner was attorney for the husband.

Also winning a divorce was Leroy Simpson of 519 N. Caroline Street, who said that Mrs. Bernice Simpson of Washington deserted him.

3 Pedestrians Hurt in Accidents

Three East Baltimore pedestrians were injured as the result of automobile accidents over the week-end.

Thomas W. Carter, 35, of 1836 Ashland received a fractured skull and leg when struck by a car at Orleans and Eden Streets on Saturday night. He is confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Operator of the car, Anthony Monteteone, of 1018 N. Broadway, charged with failing to give a pedestrian the right of way and of reckless driving, will be tried in Traffic Court on January 21.

7-Year-Old Girl Hit

Gloria Perry, 7, hit by a car at Bond and Gay Streets, was treated at Johns Hopkins for an injured knee. Driver of the car, Lawrence W. Lipscomb of 2533 E. Oliver Street is accused of reckless driving.

Anderson Goldston, 70, of 419 N. Durham Street, struck by an alleged hit-and-run driver, at Caroline and Orleans Streets, is confined to the rospital with a fractured right leg.

NAMED SERGEANT-MAJOR

Sgt. Freddie Howard of Howard County, Md., has been named sergeant-major of a unit somewhere in France.

Four Injured in Auto Accidents

Four persons were injured as the result of automobile accidents in Northwest Baltimore last Monday.

The victims were Sterling Smith, 25, of 910 N. Mount Street; Samuel Williams, 65, of 8 Jones Avenue, Catonsville; Charles Green, 41, and Miss Viola Carter, 29, of 1036 N. Stricker Street.

Smith, Williams, and Green were hurt when the car that Smith was driving collided with a No. 5 Street Car at Druid Hill Avenue and Wilson Street. All were taken to Povident Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Driver Summoned to Court

Smith has been summoned to appear in Traffic Court on a charge of operating a car without a license.

Miss Carter received a sprained ankle and a bruised face when she was struck by a car at Pennsylvania Avenue and Robert Street. She was treated at Provident Hospital.

Washington Taft of 1726 N Mount Street, driver of the car, will be charge with reckless driving and failing to stop, duhing a hearing in Traffic Court on January 10.

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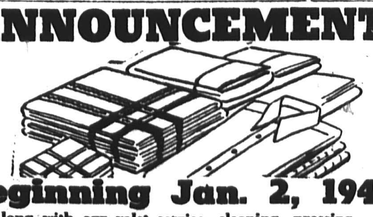

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