On Monday evening, Nov. 6, 1939, the Afro-American Co-Operative Buyers' and Consumers' League of Western New York, held their election of officers for the ensuing year to serve for a period of six months; at a meeting at the West Side Y. Some 40 persons were in attendance including League members as follows: H. W. Cole, T. Griffin, R. Harp, J. H. Miller, S. S. Bishop, W. Wright, K. Hill, E. Geary, J. Alden, C. Bailey, J. Campbell, H. Gary, Dr. S. A. Lindsay, E. Hurter, Mrs. J. M., Mrs. L. M. Smeltz and a number of interested friends and supporters.

The Co-Operative was founded in July, 1935, by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cole, editors of "The Voice." A special speaker from the Genesee Co-Operative, Inc., Mr. Robert Taylor, manager of the organization, gave a very interesting address and took charge of the discussion period. Mr. Taylor presented pictures, exhibits, educational material and other information vital to the setting up of discussion groups and a buying club. Mr. Taylor has worked with the League for the past three years trying to help the organization to succeed.

The following officers were elected to serve as chairman, Mr. Howard W. Cole, explained the work of the League for the past four years. Mr. Cole gave his reasons for resigning at this time which were as follows: first, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; second, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; third, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; fourth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; fifth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; sixth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; seventh, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; eighth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; ninth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; tenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; eleventh, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twelfth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; thirteenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; fourteenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; fifteenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; sixteenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; seventeenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; eighteenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; nineteenth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twentieth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-first, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-second, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-third, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-fourth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-fifth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-sixth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-seventh, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-eighth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; twenty-ninth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman; thirtieth, for the good of the organization, he felt more progress would be made with another chairman.

The Co-Operative is to set up a meat market and grocery founded on the Rochdale principles of the cooperative movement which are as follows.

1. Have open membership.
2. Are democratic—members one vote.
3. Pay limited interest on capital.
4. Pay patronage dividends on purchases.
5. Sell for cash at market price.
6. Are neutral in race, religion and politics.
7. Educate constantly.
8. Expand constantly.

The membership fee is $1.00 which includes literature and books and educational material. The shares may be purchased at $1.00 and $10.00, interest rate 3%.

There are no monthly dues; however, your attendance is always looked for at these meetings for the general success of the whole movement. The next meeting will be held Tuesday night, Nov. 21, at Elks Home, 179 Clarissa St., 8:30 p.m. Five years ago the seed was planted by the League. Let's think and work for ourselves and the entire Negro race in Rochester, and not for a few. The Voice has led the way in the economic field—help it to carry on for the benefit of the race. Join the League now—$1.00 makes you a member and can be paid in monthly installments of 25c to the Secretary, Mr. Roosevelt Hargrett, 11 Gladstone St.
**Community Congregations to Join Union Thanksgiving Service**

**Special to The Voice**

Members of many congregations from this community will participate in the Union Thanksgiving Service to be held in Eastman Theater on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m. under the auspices of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and vicinity.

Mrs. Harper Sidley, prominent civic and religious leader, nationally known for her work among the laywomen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will make the Thanksgiving addressing in Eastman Theater. She is the speaker for the occasion. Doctor Hugh Chamberlin Burr, executive secretary of the federation of churches, explained that she is the first woman ever invited to serve in this capacity, and the first Rochester asked to conduct the service.

**Negro Churches Sponsor Program**

A number of churches throughout the city on Friday, Nov. 10, participated in a joint program given at the Monroe County Home.

 Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Mary Crockett, Miss Bunchie Richardson, and Mrs. Emma Dentinger. A cello, piano, and violin in duet, overture to “Zampa,” was given by Miss Mary Stone and Kenneth Mumford News By Mrs. Blackburn

The Rev. H. Blaylock of Harriettburg, Pa., and a student at the Rochester Colgate Divinity School, accepted the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School, Rochester, New York, was a veteran of the Civil War, Nov. 4th, the pastorate of the Monroe-Buffalo Baptist Church, as well as being the father of the first Negro churches in the history of Monroe County. It was founded over 43 years ago by the Rev. Clayton A. Mumford, the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School, New York, who was a student at the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School, New York, and a member of the committee of arrangements. This is one of the oldest Negro churches in the history of Monroe County. 

**The Insurance Racket**

(As told by Drew Pearson and Robert Allen in their column appearing in the Rochester Times-Union.)

"War news has obscured a lot of things in this community which are of the most importance being the investigation of insurance companies, being conducted by a section of the Securities and Exchange Commission .

The investigation is being held in a second-rate apartment house for the past two years. The county of Monroe, and a student at the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School, was asked in more than 10 instances by the Rev. H. Blaylock of Harriettburg, Pa., and a student at the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School, to induce a former Negro and a white insurance salesman, to induce two of the largest Negro workers in the country, in his opinion, have been fattening on insurance companies in the United States. The investigation will evaluate the policies and collections, and to determine the value of insurance, the SEC will require information from the companies and the SEC will provide no information.

One of the most startling facts about industrial insurance which the SEC report will set forth is that the SEC has found that more insurance companies have been buying ordinary insurance policies, even in cases where the same company, to the point where they would have no cash surrender value until after five years, or in the case of some companies, after 10 years.

A worker who buys industrial insurance pays from 80 to 100 cents per dollar higher than he would pay for ordinary insurance with the same company.

Most companies terminate these policies only four and one-half of the policies have a present value of $2,000.
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By VALERIE DU MOYNE

Youth Faces the Future

On Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th, Negro youth from all sections of the city and nearby towns took part in the Youth Conference sponsored by the West Side Y. M. C. A., Mr. George Hancock, Executive Secretary, in cooperation with the local Y. M. C. A., N. Y. A. and local youth clubs.

The registration period from 9 to 2 p.m. took place on Saturday, November 11th.

The topics for discussion were as follows: "Youth and Christianity," "Youth and Courtship and Marriage," and "Youth and Employment."

Sessions were held at the West Side YMCA, Mt. Olive Baptist Church and the A. M. E. Zion Church.

The registration fee was 25c and included a social on Saturday day and breakfast Sunday morning.

The entire two-day session proved to be interesting as well as a revelation to the youth of this community.

Pastor Organizes

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 1939, a meeting was called at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church by the pastor, J. E. Rose, to organize a form of co-operative, with the pastor acting as chairman.

After a long explanation by the pastor concerning his ideas of a co-operative were heard, a motion was brought before the house to organize and was seconded. When the question was put to the group by the chairman, Mr. H. W. Coles rose to his feet and stated his unreadiness, explaining and reminding the group that they knew well that such an organization had been founded in 1903 by an interested group of individuals in Rochester. Others also stated their unreadiness on the subject. However, a vote was taken 18-9 in favor of organizing and not to recognize the Afro-American Co-Operative League.

Officers elected were as follows: E. J. Rose, vice-chairman; Mrs. M. Whiteby, Sec.; Dr. C. T. Lanier, Treasurer, after which a board of directors was appointed to represent these persons who voted in the majority.

The meeting as a whole was well attended in spite of the inclement weather and proved to be quite interesting.

Announcement

All parents and friends of the West Side Y. M. C. A. are cordially invited to attend a "Get Acquainted Tea" to be held at the "Y" Sunday, November 18th, from 3 to 5 P. M.

MRS. HERMAN LANDALE, JR.

will speak, in addition to a musical program.

A silver offering will be taken at the door.

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Sunday and Monday Nov. 19th and 20th

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Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jay Haley, Charley Grapewin

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Rita Johnson, Tony Neil

In Memoriam

In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Harold James Greenfield, who passed away November 15th, 1939. We often sit and think of you, and wonder why you had to die. We wish to have a chance to say goodbye. Sadly missed by wife and son.

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Hon. Robert Brooks

Balls will be given every Sunday night at the Little Harlem, 179 Joseph Ave, which will be headquarters for all voters. Contest ends on Jan. 1, 1940. Watch for announcement for the grand ball which will be given in honor of the Mayor-Elect, and in closing, let's hope the best man wins. This contest is being sponsored by Babe Venter and his Brownskin Buddies.

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City Negroes Air Progress in Directory

Booklet Issued as the NAACP Opens Member Drive

Rochester's first Negro directory, dedicated to the progress of the colored community, was off the press yesterday coincidentally with the opening of a membership campaign of the Rochester Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The directory, with a complete listing of Negro business and professional men and women and commercial and residential phones, organizations and churches, also presents a brief history of Negro progress in Rochester. It was edited by Howard W. Cox, editor of The Voice, weekly newspaper.

The NAACP, organization of both whites and Negroes and headed by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church, will continue its member drive until Monday, Oct. 19, when final reports will be presented at a meeting in the YWCA, 190 Franklin St. Miss Betty Hutchinson, "Y" Secretary, is campaign chairman.

In a foreword to the Rochester City Directory of Negro Business and Progress, as the pamphlet is labeled, Cole cites the struggle of the Negro against retrogression during the depression years but adds:

"The contents of this book demonstrate quite convincingly that the Negro's progress and development commercially, industrially and financially is not commensurate with those of the entire city, but do show that they have made some progress and are endeavoring further to improve their general condition each year. Hence there is a growing demand for some kind of record of their varied activities and achievements."

(Editors' Note—Reprinted from a recent article appearing in the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle.)

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Pre-Thanksgiving Sale of Fine Wines and Liquors

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