Douglass Day Celebration Draws Large Crowd!

On Thursday and Friday, June 6th and 7th, the Negro Citizens of Rochester and their friends—representatives of church, fraternal, social, and inter-racial groups, observed the Annual Celebration in memory of the great American, Frederick Douglass, who worked and lived in this city for more than a quarter of a century. This affair was sponsored by the Rochester Citizens' Committee, which committee has succeeded in establishing a Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund—for the benefit of local students.

The Douglass Ball on Thursday night, June 6th, ushered in the beginning of the various sessions. One of the notable features was a special concert where Miss Sepia Rochester was chosen for 1940. The concert was in charge of Mrs. Elise Johnson and Mr. Stanley Clark. Mrs. Elise Ball was chosen queen of Miss Main Christian with second prize.

On Friday, June 7th, after a parade through Main St., led by the white and Negro color bearers of the Army and Navy Union, the paraders passed at the foot of the statue of the colored anti-slavery orator and journalist in St. Paul's and Central Avenue and laid a wreath on the grave of Frederick Douglass. The paraders passed by the bronze statue of the colored anti-slavery orator and journalist in St. Paul's and Central Avenue and laid a wreath on the grave of Frederick Douglass. The occasion was attended by a large number of colored and white people.

The ceremony opened with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner". The wreath was placed by Elizabeth Moore, granddaughter of the late John W. Thompson, who forgets the fund and built the Douglass Statue. Presiding was Benjamin Harrison, commander of the Henry Wilde Garrison of the Army and Navy Union. Dr. Lewis was introduced by Dr. Andrew Roberts, a young Rochester physician.

The Rev. R. B. Jones of Bethel Methodist Church led in prayer. The evening meeting was directed by the Rev. Clyde Davis, assistant pastor. Mrs. Eloyse Johnson opened the meeting and the Rev. R. B. Brown and the Rev. N. B. Brown of Mr. Vernon Baptist Church offered prayers. The exercises closed with the singing of the Negro National Anthem.

The Exposition Committees were as follows: Honorary Chairman—Dr. Francis P. D. Perry, Judge Myers A. Price; General Chairman—Howard W. Coles; Vice chairman—Mrs. Frank Davis; Vice chairman and Chairman of Exhibit Committee—Ursula V. Wilson; Secretary and Treasurer—Alma Keldso; Refreshment Chairman—Wm. Brinkley; Chairman of Planning Committee—Mary E. Langford.

Felicitations Received from Various State and Local Officials and Organizations

TELEGRAFM FROM J. J. LEVIN
Chairman Douglas Celebration, Edgerton Park Auditorium.

My Dear Mr. Coles:

I wish you every success.

I would appreciate it if you would extend my greetings and good wishes to your visitors.

Very sincerely yours,

HERBERT H. LEHMAN.

LETTER FROM EARL BECHTOLD
Citizen's Committee, Douglass Day Celebration, 451 Clarion Street, Rochester, N. Y., Gentlemen:

I regret that illness will prevent my attendance at the celebration. Rochester is proud of Frederick Douglass and his name and deeds must never be forgotten.

With best wishes for the success of your celebration, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

EARL K. BECHTOLD.

LETTER FROM BISHOP KEARNY
Mr. Howard W. Coles, Frederick Douglass Celebration, 47th Exposition of Progress, 441 Clarion Street, Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Coles:

I understand that on June 6th and 7th there will be held in Rochester the Frederick Douglass Celebration and 76th Exposition of Progress.

Please join with the officials and citizens of Rochester in honoring the memory of Frederick Douglass on Friday evening, June 6th, and Saturday evening, June 7th. I doubt whether I shall be able to attend in person but I am sure that the Episcopal Church will be represented by the Rev. Frank L. Brown and the members of Saint Simon's Episcopal Church.

Godspeed and sincerely yours,

BARTLE, H. REINHEIMER.

LETTER FROM HUGH CHAMBERLIN BURR
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HUGH CHAMBERLIN BURR.
Draft Bricker Committee

We colored people in the United States must shake off the inferiority complex which is now handicapping us, otherwise we will lose the social, political and economic advantages gained since the war between the States.

Legally, economically and socially we have won recognition at the hands of the serious and responsible people of the country. In the States where our franchise is unrestricted we have earned representation in public office.

We are approaching a Presidential campaign and all of us are familiar with the great power of the President of the United States in the administration of the laws afflicting us. There is encased here-with a statement which shows that we hold the balance of power in States casting 234 electoral votes—the balance of power.

There is nothing objectionable in our form of government as "group" or "class" action. But, "group" or "class" action can be too late! Next year will be too late! It is the David who will rise up and challenge the giant that is causing all this confusion? Where is the spirit of comradship, and we trust it will be accepted in the same spirit.

THOS. W. MYLES, Sec., Afro-American Council, Bill of Rights Committee.

Dear Friends:

Eternal vigilance is as truly the price of liberty today as it was when the maxim was phrased. It was a great poet who said: "The liberty alone that gives the flower Of fleeting life its lustre and perfume, And we are weeds indeed without it."

Proverbs are not made by catchy phrases; they are the products of the hard experience of the human race.

If Lincoln could only be brought to life again, for at least a moment by our jealous affection! We need to revive his words of wisdom — by our jealous affection! We need to put him at the head of the platform committee to urge its adoption; and your con- sent to the use of your name as a member of the Bill of Rights Committee. It is understood that membership on this committee does not commit you to any particular candidate will carry out the mandate of the convention.

The Committee on Resolutions will meet during the week preceding the opening of the convention on June 26th. It is of the utmost importance that we receive your assent at the earliest possible moment. No matter what course you may choose to pursue, please be good enough to acknowledge this letter and the enclosures.

This letter is going to a large number of our people.

THOS. W. MYLES, Sec., Afro-American Council, GEO. W. HARRIS, Chm., Bill of Rights Committee.

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MAKE THIS SUMMER COUNT

The young boy or girl that is tired of staying at home doing nothing may now avail himself of the opportunity to study bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, general clerical, secretarial practice, and related commercial subjects by registering at the Board of Education Building. These courses are offered by the Board of Education in cooperation with the State Education Department and WPA. There is no tuition fee.

Register at the Board of Education Building, Room 103, 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 M., except Saturday, at Jefferson High School, Edgerton Park.

NEW ERA SCHOOL TO OPEN FOR 8TH SUMMER TERM

Courses in elementary and advanced shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, business English, commercial arithmetic, general clerical, secretarial practice, and related commercial subjects will be presented when the New Era School of Adult Commercial Education begins its 8th summer term Monday, July 1st.

Classes will be held daily from 6:00 A. M. to 12:00 M., except Saturday, at Jefferson High School, Edgerton Park.

The registration for the past five summers has been as follows:

1935 300
1936 300
1937 200
1938 275
1939 200
1940 220

Many graduates were turned away because of lack of facilities this year. We are in a position to accommodate all who register.
The engagement of two clergymen—Bartel H. Reinheimer, one as Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare, Rochester, and R. Fisher, rector of St. Mark's and School Teachers which is being held Wednesday evenings in Saint Luke's Parish House, Rochester.—were a saluteto Tuberculosis Association throughout the State.
Seventy-third Commencement Exercises
Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C.

Twenty-seven recipients of the Bachelor of Arts degree, five graduates of the Bishop Tuttle Training School, and six students completing the preparatory department of the College, received their diplomas and certificates of graduation from the President, the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, D.D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, on the evening of May 31st. It was sent to my home in Rochester, N. Y. and Helen Jane Farrar, Raleigh, N. C. both to freshmen. The special prizes in English composition offered by the American Church Institute for Negroes, through its director, Rev. Robert W. Patuna, D. D., first to Miriam Roberts, '41, of Columbus, S. C., second to Rosa E. Hall, '40, of Adoption, S. C., third to Violetta Edwards, '43, of Pottsville, Pa.; for greatest improvement in English in the freshman class, to Leon W. L. Prettlophine Simons, Dud- dle, N. Y. for greatest improvement in English in the sophomore class, to Leon W. L. Prettlophine Simons, Dunkirk, N. Y. and Helen Jane Farrar, Raleigh, N. C.

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P.S.—May I suggest that my ad- dress be changed on your records.