Local Columnist;

Puts Negro in Front

(Editor's Note—Mr. Henry W. Claus, noted columnist and author, whose daily column appears in the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, under the familiar cognomen of 'KEEN and HEARD' preserves the praise of every Negro in the United States, as well as the respect of all of the intelligent individuals everywhere. Therefore we have taken it upon the liberty to reprint the special article entitled "What!/Dars the Color Line, which appeared in the Democrat and Chronicle on June 29, 1940—so that its entirety, believing that Negroes everywhere should read this particular article.

"My old friend, the late Mike Donovan, whose ring record was the tempest in the police club '\"clamor', said to me once: 'I wish the demented one I' d known the like of Blackbeard (now Joe Louis' trainer) before the days of my thys, and Joe Wocytes than paid' m. None of Those Darkies played a rough and durable as possible. He would have been the greatest fighter he had ever seen, and in his day he had seen all of them. He knew Jack Johnson, the first Negro heavyweight champion who, as Joe Louis is today, was considered something of a "superman." Mike knew when Johnson was a preliminary boy cut out around San Francisco, and they used to go up to \"Hey, canoe, canoe!\" spectating that water bucket. Mike had been around, and he knew that both of his own color and that of his opponents, but he was, in a word, a real fighter.

Towards the end of the fight, and during the campaigning the all NEGRO control, this look in the record books.

Lawn tennis, which once was a social game, evolved into the present day game, with its national championships always held on the Central Courts, at Newport, R. I., where the Colored only spoke to the lodges, and the lodges only spoke to God, recently has opened up, because popular game, with the current day champion a stalwart boy who learned to play with his policeman brother, and the men's champion the top of the Los Angeles hardwood wagon drivers.

That's coming a long way from the Newport Courts, the Colored and the grassroots, deep back- court, pattern-patter that the game was when it was staged in the days when a Negro wasn't worth an inch-length skirt and before Maurice McLaughlin and showed that the Colored was not only not only could win acceptance in the First Ten, but could win a No. 1 ranking at Wimbledon. And if, precisely that, the game was the democratic that Negroes may enter the national, look out, white man! Because, more than likely, they will get you in the end.

Look how the Negroes control tennis, and this is nothing new. Here's how, near here. Because here's how he beat the champion. France and Henry Armstrong, former history of the Negroes to the other white world, made lightweights champion Joe Louis fight like the versatile punch-and-website, dancer, the man with the no sign and striking the blue stem of the Sweetwater (TEX) world.

Louis is a boy and he is Dempsey, or anyone else he may be. It is so today, are just another couple of Negro champions. Years ago the great Negro lightweight, Peter Jackson, chased John L. Sullivan around the country, demanding a match, but the pasty Boston police could not stop the fight, anything but make him back out of the field. 'He's a poor, coal-black boy, and the big league parks would be spotted to prove this statement; to prove it with dark faces, and don't kid yourself about it. In the cotton fields, small town, small town, coal mines of the North, in the tenement of great cities, and the jerry-built homes of small villages alike, little pickaninnies, or who, with baseball' and football, is the Babe Ruth, the Ty Cobb, the Joe DiMaggio and Jimmy Foxx of the future. With poor food, poor upbringing, underprivileged in many ways, Negro boys have become outstanding performers in the sport in which they are permitted to engage. Lewis, Armstrong, and Woodson, and the rest, fast, and are not afraid to win, not afraid to lose, not afraid to play, they've got it. I know no ethnological reason for: But what I was getting at first:

The other day I read where Don Bridge, the great tennis player of the world, lost the Negroes, Jimmy McDaniel, rather hardly in the first tennis match ever staged between a white and black champion. As a sportsman Bridge is greater than some of our former champions, notably the late John L. Sullivan, since he didn't run out on his Negro challenger. Breaking a precedent, the Bridge-McDaniel match probably won't be over the open the still white pants game of lawn tennis to Negros, but it may be the greatest wedge, if it is, a Negro may come along in the not distant future, who will be the mate of any white man anywhere, in any class, I should suppose, despite Mr. Miller's following article, or the North American Negro's game, give Negro tennis the efficiency of competition and the privilege of coaching, and they ought to like minstrelies in a dark flame cellar. They are molding good of first, and before the rain, they've got it. W. Coles of Rochester, New York, the home of Frederick Douglass.

SAML. B. DICKER, Mayor.

WINS SECOND FELLOWSHIP IN TWO YEARS

The old axiom which people are wont to recall on certain occasions—"Three hard work has its reward," came home to the young and studious Harry Gray of this city, a graduate student of the University of Rochester. After graduating from the University some two years ago, with honors, Gray, writing in academic circles, was awarded a special Fellowship by the University for excellent work in this field. He has just completed his course at the U. of R. as a result of his fine record in this field. He will enter the University of Pittsburgh this fall, as a resident student, and continue his untold scholarship at the University for excellent work in this field.
Lest We Forget (EDITORIAL)

Bearing the past two or three weeks of local Negro citizens have appeared in the news, the type of news that was sure to be forlorn and dispirited. The Negro and all Negro citizens living within the environs of this city. However, it is quite unfortunate that those involved yielded to temptation—apparently without thinking of the dire consequences. Perhaps the less said about various incidents, the better for the entire race will be. This publication has always stressed clear of this type of news for the past several years, even though some readers have constantly expressed their opinion regarding this point in our uncertain terms, regarding our policy—of avoiding crime news and news of a racial nature—by the fact that we feel the less said about it in our Negro newspapers the better.

For there are many well-meaning editors on large and small newspapers who often throw to the winds the editorials—on large and small newspapers. The idea that has been given by national and international authorities in this country is that Negroes can afford besmirching. Therefore, we regret most sincerely these unfair obstacles to hurdle on its way of progress that the group was outlined. It was tangible proof of the vital and drive that characterizes the group. Already the company has succeeded in contracting for the Lincoln Theater in Harlem has recruited to its ranks, a standing Negro scene designer and technician in the country. The company makes a pre-production at the Golden Gate Ballroom on Sept. 6 when it will present Paul Robeson, world-famous singer and actor, and Richard Wright, author of "Native Son." Wright will speak on "How Bigger Was Born." This is the character of the best-selling novel has caused more controversy than any Negro character ever created in America's fiction.

The objectives of the new group were outlined by Theodore Ward, general manager, who said: "The company endeavors to cooperate with the company, which will foster the spirit of unity between the races, provide an outlet for the creative talents of Negro actors, encourage the development of skilled abilities through the awards of annual scholarships, and supply the community with its times. The company will present Paul Robeson, Richard Wright, Edna St. Vincent Millay, among others. The group's first production, stressed the departure from the star system which is customary in most theaters operate. In many instances, according to Mr. Lindsay, the company will be fashioned after the Group Theater which has been operating successfully in New York for several years. Many of America's outstanding leaders, both whites and Negro, among them Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, have already endorsed and become partners of the company.

Two of the Negro's economic status, his better off the entire race will be. Among others speakers were George W. Murphy, Jr., treasurer of the company who also affiliated as chairman of the luncheon. Powell Lindsay, who will have full charge of the company's first production, stressed the "race-playing" of the group, a departure from the star system which most theaters operate. In many instances, according to Mr. Lindsay, the company will be fashioned after the Group Theater which has been operating successfully in New York for several years. Many of America's outstanding leaders, both whites and Negro, among them Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, have already endorsed and become partners of the company.

Among other outstanding figures who are associated with the new group include Langston Hughes, Owen Dodson, John W. Robinson, and Alain Locke.

HELP FOR THE HOME MAKER

Quick meals for long summer days mean more, appealing for them as well as for rest for mother. The stories are full of interesting foods that make summer meals interesting. Claimed canned beef makes an ingredient. CORNED BEEF HASH & ONIONS

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On Sunday, August 11th, the large bridge Flower City Elks No. 91, gave a picnic at Powder Mill Park. The best supporting lodges throughout Western New York were co-sponsors, and there were some 600 or more Elks and friends present from surrounding cities and towns, namely, Syracuse, Buffalo, Utica and Oneida. The Buffalo Marching Club won the first prize of $100.00 for the best marching band, Rochester Marching Club won second prize.

**AVIATRIX HERE AT AIRPORT**

On Thursday, August 15th, Miss Dorothy Layne, a student of West Virginia State College, and one of four Negro girls in the United States to hold a C.A.A., army training record for flying and a resident of Lehigh, N. Y., spent several days at the Rochester Municipal Airport, taking up passengers, representative of the Negro citizenry of this vicinity. The Rev. J. E. Rose was her first passenger.

**ENDORSE THE NAACP PROGRAM**

PLINTH, MICH. — The Michigan Journal of Wayne's Clubs in convention here during the early part of July accepted the following resolution:

"Whereas the NAACP is the one organization among us standing on guard watching every phase of discrimination and unfair treatment of the Negro, be it resolved that we commend this organization and pledge our cooperation."

Mrs. Segall BRAUN is state president of the organization, and Mrs. Ethel Robinson is corresponding secretary.

Mail in Your Subscription
During the past year one of the most significant and most gratifying phases of work carried on in the Clarissa Street Branch, despite the crowded capacity, notable and wonderful progress to the recruitment of new organizations and work that has grown by leaps and bounds. One cannot realize that more and more young people of the ages of 17 and 18 crowd our small club rooms two days each week for all kinds of activities.

From our Club Record the girls say: "We have had good times. We have learned how to do things. We have made friends. We have had fun."

We have developed desirable ways of attaining through activities, discussion, conferences, trips, socialization, craft, dance, discussion, indoor games of all kinds, outdoor activities, camp, our campus and church activities. 

Sixteenth Anniversary

I hold this statement as the Sixteenth Anniversary Meeting and Reception held Sunday, January 16, 1939, was one of the outstanding events in our history. Much more time was allotted to the past year, especially by the membership of the group. The guest speaker presented a great deal of information about MEMBERSHIP in the Association.

Educational Features

Readers must realize that one of the outstanding educational features sponsored during the year. The "Howard Thurman of Howard University" was given by Mrs. Susie Ray Kramer, entitled: "Beatitudes of India." This will be remembered by hundreds of numbers and friends, women, men, and children who had the pleasure of attending this event.

Annual Narrative Report 1939

The Annual Narrative Report of the Clarissa Street YWCA Branch is a record of the major events of the past year. In particular, the nominations of the new officers for the ensuing year. A brief summary of the activities of the year will be presented on the next page.

Annual Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party was outstanding and one of the bright spots of the year's program. The program brought Christmas cheer and joy to more than 150 children, parents, and teachers. Girls enjoyed singing Christmas carols, Carols, ice cream dixies, and stockings were abundantly distributed to the children. We appreciate the kindness of Kishlar Chapter in adding to the happiness of more than 150 children.

Annual Activities

The following activities during the year will acquaint you with some of the events carried on in special interest groups, classes, committees, and other membership affairs.

Dramatics and Musical Mood

In the drama group around two major interests: in addition to the presentation of the two short plays weekly, "The Senior and Junior Membership Drive," was successfully presented by the group and presented at the J. Y. W. C. A. in January. In all dramatic productions, those productions were beautifully rendered to a large appreciation audience. More than two hundred attended the affair.

Drama History and Literature

We held six discussion group meetings on Wednesday evening of each week, was the means of securing Dr. Charles Lunsford as our speaker. His talk centered around the interesting back ground and history of the Negro theatre, and his student life. Another event in the Chapter's program during the year. A Musical Tea was sponsored by one of our chapters. Throughout the evening of the occasion was the celebration of the Dodgers’ Day. Mrs. Fredericka B. Petry, his granddaughter, gave by Mrs. Laura Bailey Thurman, under the auspices of the Central YWCA, and the Howard University S. K. Branch, Five of our girls served as ushers in Indian Costumes. A tea was served by the members of Unity Chapter. Appreciation to the one hundred committee who so generously served a very worthy purpose. The Silver Offering and donations helped to increase the honor to the year’s contribution of the Clarissa Street YWCA.

 Dedication to unity, the group extended greetings to their young women of various clubs, who meet every two days each week for all kinds of activities. The program centered around the interesting background and history of Howard University. The group especially appreciated their own contribution to the Association and the Community through a well-rounded program. The emphasis has been placed on health and welfare of its three hundred members. This will add to your annual appreciation of the same in the midst of problems, though we are ever conscious of the rich circles of friends, and once again take this opportunity to express gratitude to those who continue to help us carry on. If you enjoy even a small part of the great satisfaction that comes to one in close contact with the activities, and affection for the Branch YWCA, I can assure you are rewarded.

Respectfully submitted, ESTELLE FITZGERALD Secretary