

WRITERS ENTERTAINERS ROOSEVELT

FIRST LADY AND AUTHORS SWAP NOTES

Move Begun To Organize Literati Of Capital - At Get-Together

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An informal get-together of Washington authors, with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President of the United States as guest of honor, was held Monday at the Riederer Book shop, 614 Seventeenth street.

Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith welcomed the 40 authors and stated her purpose to compile a complete list of Washington writers, and to hold similar meetings from time to time. Dr. Alan Locke, author of 'The New Negro', 'Race Contacts and Interracial Relations', 'Negro Art and Music' and Dr. Emmet Scott, author of 'Tuskegee and the Builder of a Civilization', 'The American Negro in the World War' and 'Negro Migration During the World Conflict', were among those present.

Others were Miss Isabel Boardman, secretary of the American Red Cross, and former commissioner of the District of Columbia; Ruby Black, author of a biography of Mrs. Roosevelt; David Cushman Coyle, author of 'Roosevelt: A Study of the American People'; Miss Helen Mathews of Washington; the recently published book 'Mathews of Washington', a record of the 100-year history of that church; Mrs. May Merrill Miller, author of Justice Justin Miller of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; Dr. William R. Inge, former U. S. Department of Justice, whose book, 'Permanence', advocates the creation of a super-state to include all civilized nations; J. P. Kinney, author of 'The Continent Lost: A Civilization Won', and others.

Mrs. Edwin M. Brown reeled Mrs. Roosevelt's 'A Christmas Story', just published. After refreshments Mrs. Roosevelt playfully read 'Clare's Visit from St. Nicholas', beginning with the familiar line, 'Twas the Night before Christmas, and all through the year.' She also engaged in good-natured banter and reminiscences with those present.

Dies Under Wheels Of 'L' Express

Ira Davidson, 37, of 3509 Calumet avenue, was crushed to death Wednesday morning when he either jumped or fell in the path of a speeding express train, from a platform of the Fifty-third street elevated station.

Davidson, his body mangled beyond recognition, was identified later in the day by means of a social security card found in a coat pocket. Davidson's death is the second such mishap to occur at this station within the past five months.

A young executive was identified as the man who was completely because of her mate's refusal to marry her, committed suicide last week at the same station platform in a similar manner in which Davidson died Wednesday.

Witnesses who testified Thursday, refused to state for a certainty whether in their opinion Davidson had jumped or had fallen on the tracks. Motorman of the train said the victim walked to the edge of the platform, passed a moment and then leaped in front of the onrushing power car.

A verdict of suicide was returned Thursday, following an inquest conducted by Deputy Coroner George Proctor at William Morgan, 5121 State street. Davidson's widow, Leona, will arrive in Chicago Friday morning to assume to take charge of the remains.

Capture Fourth Youthful Confederate In Slaying

Three youths, members of a hold-up gang, are in police custody this week awaiting trial for murder as result of the fatal shooting of Fred Mackeshee, 50, of 4129 Calumet avenue, who was slain Friday night in a grocery store located in the building where he resided. A fourth member of the gang, Tommie Watts, 16, of 4299 Indiana street, was captured in Clarksville, Miss. Tuesday. Mackeshee was killed when Goodwin exchanged shots with Gary Mueh, proprietor of the store, after Goodwin and Butler, another gang member, handed Much a note which read: 'This is a hold-up. Be calm and don't move. Hand over your cash.'

AT PUBLIC HEARING ON POOR HOUSING



Sara Merchant, member of the James Weldon Johnson Youth council, shown testifying before jury at a public hearing on bad housing conditions conducted by the South Side Action committee. Shown acting as attorney at the hearing is Paul Picquet, executive secretary of the committee. Joseph Barton, seated in foreground, is chairman of the committee and acting judge at the hearing.—Gushinette photo.

'Shoe-Box Baby' Doctor In Jail Again For Malpractice; Silent

Dr. Oscar P. Roberts, of 6933 State street, is once again behind the bars, facing charges of murder by abortion.

The 60-year-old physician who first broke into headlines as defendant in the famous 'shoe-box baby' case of 1939, is now facing charges filed against him this week by George Thomas, 5117 Calumet avenue, husband of a woman who died December 12 at Provident hospital, allegedly as result of an illegal operation performed by Dr. Roberts.

Held for Grand Jury The physician was arrested here for action of the grand jury Friday, following an inquest into the woman's death, conducted at her home, which was held in Dr. Roberts' office at 6933 State street on December 13, last. The doctor had been arrested on a warrant issued by Thomas, but that Dr. Roberts had steadfastly refused to make any statements since his incarceration. Alice Thomas, 29, died of complications which set in after she had submitted to an illegal operation in the physician's office the latter part of November.

Wife Confesses Thomas revealed that the abortion had been performed without his knowledge or consent and that concealing the fact from him his wife had been forced to forego testimony, which she took next month. She confessed to him concerning the operation, on December 7.

Dr. Roberts, now in county jail awaiting trial, narrowly escaped a guilty verdict of having performed a similar operation in which the baby child was still alive. In the former case the physician, after delivering a baby in a shoe box and left it on the back porch of his office. The mother, Mrs. M. Roberts, said she had thought the baby was born dead.

Baby Left In Shoe Box After the infant was left on the porch in the pasteboard box all night, the box was taken next morning to a garage and given to a janitor to burn along with his rubbish. The janitor, however, opened the box and discovered its contents. A physician was called in and after working over the infant more than an hour, finally succeeded in restoring it to life. The baby, a girl, celebrated its first birthday a short while ago at a state orphanage.

GIRL SHOT AT BALLROOMSUES FOR \$20,000

Says Dance Hall Owner Ignored Her, Tried To 'Buy Her Off'

Miss Alene Beasley, of 4501 South Park way, acting through her attorney, Samuel Cohen, instituted a suit for \$20,000 Friday, in Superior court, naming Ernest Bacon, proprietor of a chain of garage filling stations, and a ballroom on Chicago's South side. The action grows out of a gang shooting which occurred September 5, 1939, during a dance in Bacon's Casino, Forty-ninth street and Washington avenue, in which Miss Beasley was struck in the leg by a stray bullet.

Tried To 'Buy Her Off' In this suit, the plaintiff filed that other than an attempt to 'buy her off', Bacon took no action toward indemnifying her for lost wages, hospitalization and doctor's bills.

Miss Beasley said the attempted 'buy-off' occurred about a month after the shooting, when a man who she identified as Bacon's son, came to her home and suggested that Bacon was willing to pay her \$100 cash and give her a 'lifetime' job. Mrs. Beasley said she rejected the proposition. She identifies the bullet wound, the woman revealed that she had also suffered internal injuries when she was knocked down and trampled by the crowd in the dance hall.

Massachusetts BOSTON Columbus Avenue A.M.E. Zion church greeted Christmas morning in pageantry with 'The Adoration of Jesus, the Light of the World,' arranged and directed by Mrs. Blanche Blaylock-Payton in a repeat performance. The program, with a cast of 50, was presented December 17 to a large audience. Part one depicted the nativity; part two, 200 nations in colorful native costumes at the adoration of Christ.

The Case Of J. Phillips, The Janitor James Phillips, 17, a janitor, may not get his job back but, in all probability he'll be a much-wiser janitor after his experience of Saturday night. Phillips and three other persons, the latter all white, sustained injuries and burns Saturday when the janitor, given a pile of cast-off celluloid by John Tucker, tenant in the building at 17 and 19 West Ohio street, crammed the waste into the fire-box of his furnace. A resultant explosion set the basement ablaze, burning Phillips and Tucker, and causing Mrs. Mary Cole, white, another tenant, to leap from her second-floor window during the excitement. Fireman Thomas Sullivan, white, sustained minor burns while extinguishing the blaze. A Swiss physician has invented a hand operated pump to force air or oxygen into the lungs of persons overcome by gas.

KILLED BY BROTHER Trudlove Pruitt, 24, of 4330 Forestville avenue, was stabbed and killed by his brother, Albert, during an altercation at the Pruitt home. The players son, Phillip, age 4, was accidentally slashed in the back by Trudlove, during the fight.

T. B. COURSE GRADUATE RECEIVES DIPLOMA



Dr. Clarence Jamison, left, receiving diploma at dinner held for doctors completing post graduate course in tuberculosis sponsored by the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Bryn Mawr and Crawford avenues Tuesday, Dec. 17. Left to right are: Dr. Jamison, Dr. Karl Henrichsen, medical superintendent; Dr. Leo M. Czaia, general superintendent; Dr. Richard D. Davis, director; Dr. Frederick Tite, president of board of directors; Frank Reynolds, director of M.T.S.; and Dr. E. P. Troy, superintendent of dispensaries.—Gushinette photo.

TENNESSEE STATE

MY PLEASANT By Mrs. M. H. Hardison Miss Irene L. Nicholson of Nashville, Tenn., spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Gracia M. Nicholson. Runners-up were Misses Sibba Southall, Mattie Peasfont, Annie E. Lewis, Elsie A. Jones and Dorothy Holt.

The Home Economics club for the year 1940 and 1941 was organized at the school. The following officers were elected: Miss Hazel Reeves, president; Miss Elizabeth Walker, vice president; Miss Patricia Jones, secretary; Miss Thelma Young, assistant secretary; Miss Lydia Peasfont, treasurer; Miss Anna Southall, chairman, program committee.

The school P.T.A. sponsored a picnic at Clark training school on December 16 at 4 p.m. Mrs. M. B. Hardison was president.

JOHNSON CITY By Garland K. Brien A singing convention was held in Thankful Baptist church under the auspices of the senior choir on December 8 which was occasioned by a group rally. Numbers were rendered by the Paul A.M.E. Zion, Methodist, and Thankful Baptist senior choirs.

Clarksburg Messrs. Charles F. and William C. Lewis, K.K. brothers of Prof. B. Bailey Cobb, have been called to Clarksburg on account of the serious illness of their brother. At this writing Prof. Cobb shows a marked improvement.

The Young Men's Club has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Emma W. Hartman, to Wood Thompson at their home in North Third street.

The Young Men's Club held an elaborate banquet Thursday in the gymnasium of Clark High school.

BOIVAR By Elbert Bonin, P.O. Box 124 The former Miss Irene Blair is the happy bride of Green Spink. Harris is hereditary carrying on the job of 'wildcat blacksmith' having done repair work for a number of years. He also holds the position of foreman in Boivar, and is always at hand to make metal out of the residents' corn supply.

NEWS BY James G. Lee JACK BILLET is back in Jellico doing his same work. Miss Nelly Bobb spent the weekend at her home in Lenoirville. The school gave their program on December 19.

MISS E. M. Lutz was a recent weekend guest of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Willie Jenkins shopped in Knoxville recently. The Williams met with Mrs. E. L. Frazier. The Willing Workers' club met with Mrs. Ellis Benson.

THE BAPTIST and A.M.E. churches held interesting programs and Christmas entertainments this week.

TULLahoma Friends are sympathizing with Mrs. Jennie Harris in the loss of her son, James Harris, of Louisville, Ky. It is here to attend the funeral of his brother.

MISS Lou Pratt of Jefferson, is still ill. Mrs. Joseph Mann of Forsythe, Ga. has returned home to attend sick relatives. Mrs. Alma Dixon Freeman spent the week end of December 15 in Chattanooga.

MARTIN By Lena Clements Temple Methodist church met with Mr. and Mrs. Tynd Henderson. A Christmas program was sponsored by the church, December 19, with a score of 14-14. The P.T.A. sponsored another of its contests, giving away a turkey to Mrs. Lou Jones, lucky number holder, December 16.

A reception honored Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller was held December 25. The Junior and Senior Literary clubs will give a Christmas party in C.T.S. auditorium December 28. Percy Dudley is improving.

NEWBORN A Christmas pageant, 'The Night Before Christmas', was presented at Monroe school December 20 by the sixth and seventh grades. A beautifully decorated tree and stage, with carols sung by the children. It was enjoyed by all. Each child received a gift from Santa Claus at the end of the program. A turkey was also given away that night by the P.T.A.

The cafeteria department of Monroe school received a large supply of surplus food commodities from the government last week. Healthful nourishing meals are served to the student body each school day. The Y.G.C. Girls' club meets each week at the school. Miss Hazel Bailey is president; Miss Hazel

Smith, vice president; Miss Marylyn Scott, secretary and Miss Eater Moore, treasurer. The club sponsored a movie, 'The Life of Christ', and 'Wheels Across Africa,' by Bishop McFadden. Final rites were held for Frank Williams on December 15 from the Methodist church. Surviving are his widow, Betty, and a son, Augustus.

Mrs. Edna Goward died recently while visiting in Lake county. The remains were brought here from the Methodist church in Lake county, where she was buried on December 12. She is survived by her husband, Roy, and a sister who lives in Lake county. Rev. A. B. Rice, pastor of the C.M.E. church, officiated.

Visiting their parents during the holidays were Miss Lorin Smith, daughter of the Rev. Samuel W. Smith, Miss Rena Williams, daughter of Robert Williams; Harry, the son of E. B. Scott, Jr.; Miss Anna and A. I. State college in Nashville. James Scott, the E. B. Scott son, Miss Anna and A. I. State college in Nashville. James Scott, the E. B. Scott son, Miss Anna and A. I. State college in Nashville. James Scott, the E. B. Scott son, Miss Anna and A. I. State college in Nashville.

SWEETWATER The Royal Ambassadors' club benefited a banquet. The High Point high school basketball team played the Lenoirville team at Lakeview. The High Point girls' team won, however the High Point boys lost.

America's last minute Christmas shoppers in Knoxville were Mrs. and Mrs. Glenn Thompson, Mrs. Brown, Miss Marcela Thompson, Miss Florine Upson, Mrs. James Prater, Winifred and George Prater. Mrs. and Mrs. George Prater were present at the death of Johnnie Upson who died in Knoxville, Mrs. Anna and A. I. State college in Nashville. Mrs. E. A. Shearer and Rev. W. D. Edgington.

The church was decorated for Christmas and Mrs. Nannie Thompson and Mrs. Nettie Donaldson presided.

W. VIRGINIA

ETHIEL By James Latham The Rev. H. Hood's first anniversary was nicely attended. The following ministers participated in the service: Revs. R. E. Esten, D. E. Hopkins, W. R. Carter, S. D. White, J. S. Berry, J. P. Holden, and others.

Mrs. Eunice Holton of Faison, W. Va. was visiting relatives and friends at Faison, W. Va. last week. Mrs. E. Rinkins spent the week end in Holden, W. Va. and Mrs. D. Gray and family are in Holden.

Mrs. Jessie Taylor and Mrs. Abigail Rice are spending the holidays in Welch, W. Va. with friends. A. C. Caplan is spending Christmas in Caplan. Richard Jones is spending the holidays in Praco, Ala. Mrs. Nancy Foster and son, Charles, are spending the Christmas holidays in Cleveland, Ohio with her brother.

Mrs. W. M. Simmon is spending the holidays in Holden, W. Va. Luther Easter is visiting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

CONNECTICUT

NEW HAVEN By Carl A. Hartman Mrs. Celia Austin, host of the junior department of the Sunday school, gave a beautiful birthday party in honor of the junior and senior Sunday school.

Richard McIntyre of Waterbury and Mr. and Mrs. Penn of Dickeron, Waterville, Me., and Mrs. Givens of Waterbury, Lafayette Springs, New London, Conn., and Mrs. Josie White of Waterbury were all guests of Miss Lois Chambers of Dickeron street.

Rev. H. Jones, blind evangelist, made a return engagement at St. Paul U.A.M.E. church on December 12 and 13 at a candlelight service. A goodly number were on hand to receive him. The Holy Ghost Quartet recently sang in Bridgport. Two one-act plays were given by the Holy Ghost Quartet at St. Paul U.A.M.E. church on December 8. Mrs. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Tillman and Georgia Faye recently visited Gary Williams of Charles street.

Hawaii reported approximately 15,000 cases of capped pneumonia and influenza in the first eight months of this year.

Asks \$20,000

MRS. ALENE BEASLEY Who instituted a suit for \$20,000 against Ernest Bacon, prominent South side garage owner, this week in Superior court. Mrs. Beasley charged Bacon made no effort to reimburse her for hospital expenses incurred after she was accidentally shot in the leg during an altercation at his dance hall on September 5, 1939.