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Questions And Answers In Negro History

(By The Associated Negro Press.)

How early in history did Negroes make their appearance in America? According to the latest developments in archeology, the Negro made his appearance in America between 1150 and 1200 A. D. or about 250 years before the time of Columbus. Prof. Weiner, of Harvard, and Prof. Spender well known American archeologists, maintain that African Arabs (Negroes) were the real founders of the Aztec and Mayan civilizations of America. These Arabs established a trading province, on the west African coast as Mindango and voyaged west, Michoacan, Mexico, being the leading point.

In reviewing the remains of these civilizations it has been found that Arab names and words were very current among these peoples and that their word for chieftain "Toltec" is pure African.

When Columbus arrived in America he found that Negroes had preceded him and they were known as the "Black Merchants from the Southeast." The gold which these merchants carried was peculiar in that it was alloyed with copper and known as "gold guanines." These guanines have been found in great numbers in Southeast America and in Africa.

Therefore there seems to be an abundance of evidence that sustains the proof that Negroes preceded others to America and instructed the Indians in the arts of civilization.

Also many of our present fruits and vegetables were first brought over by these Negro Arabs from parts of Asia and Africa.

A recently returned traveller from the far East broadcast the information that there are 275,000 bicycles in Tokyo, Japan.

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The Lady Beautiful

By Kathryn Wilson

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Questions pertaining to Beauty anywhere, if of general interest and not too long, will be answered by Miss Wilson in this column, when space will not permit and the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered subject to proper limitations, and when a stamped envelope is enclosed. Address all communications to Miss Kathryn Wilson, The Associated Negro Press, 3423 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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(Author and publisher of the Hairdresser For The Associated Negro Press.)

Many times since entering the profession of Beauty Culture, I have heard these expressions: "What will I do for my hair? It is dry. It is falling or it is turning gray. My face is oily and covered with pimples or blackheads. My eyes are sunken and grow smaller each day. My hands are hardened and my nails are not shapely. Where can I find a remedy?"

The answer is this: The Lady Beautiful column has been added to this paper to render service to its readers. If you have your hair, face and skin, we will help you remedy them.

Everyone is troubled with such perplexities which oftentimes interfere with their beauty, popularity, and general disposition. If this is your plight, this column welcomes you to bring your troubles before its editor. Her authority is unquestioned by those who lead in the profession as Beauty Culturists.

Miss G. W. H.—You say that you are troubled with large pores and blackheads. Medicated soap, applied and followed with hot towels, will soften your blackheads. After the blackheads have been removed, use a good ointment. Cold water or an ice pack makes the best

astriquent we know and after the blackheads have been removed, this astriquent will greatly assist in closing the pores.

If you are seriously troubled with these unsightly little plugs of dirt and oil, for in reality they are such, send a self addressed letter to the editor, and she will be able to help you.

Alice—Everything in nature grows from the inside out, the fur of the animal, the blade of grass and likewise the hair on your head. The papilla from which the hair springs is the expansion of the nerve and the blood. Therefore, your appearance of baldness may require the services of a physician. Since your case is of a such a nature, you had better explain it more fully and I may be able to help you.

Miss Gertrude—Oh! yes, I heartily endorse massage, not only of the face and body but of the arms and neck as well. The hands, like the neck are barometers of age and the skin on the hands and arms becomes wrinkled and rough which gives the impression that the person is much older than they really are.

A splendid arm and hand bleach may be prepared with the juice of a lemon, one ounce of glycerine, one ounce of rosewater, and a few drops of carbolic acid. This will keep the hands soft to touch, pliable in action and beautiful to look upon.

Z. M.—I agree with you absolutely. Facial massage is very beneficial, if you know how to do it. It is of great benefit to tone up the muscles, to soothe the nerves and to pep up or stimulate the blood. You had best make a study of the muscles, nerves and arteries before you do too much facial work.

C. E. J.—Do not allow your hair to grow dull and fade in color. If you will write inclosing self-addressed envelope, we will treat your case thoroughly.

Bring your problems to the Lady Beautiful. If you are too busy to write us a letter, write your questions on the coupon below, and mail to The Lady Beautiful.

PICKED UP BY THE PAGE IN NEW YORK

By J. A. (Billboard) Jackson. New York, N. Y., May.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Lester A. Walton, a feature writer on the New York World and an erstwhile theatrical man himself had a very interesting article in the Sunday issue of that great daily. In it he emphasized the need of an

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adequate history of the Negro with especial reference to the theatrical group. In the lengthy and illuminating story that he admits was prompted by the inadequacy of the speech upon the subject that had been delivered at a recent dinner, he states "There are members of the Race who have set themselves up as dilettanti and are seeking to arrogate to themselves to say who is as well as who was without regard to facts. * * * To an imperial observer—it appears to be assuming authoritative roles without the necessary information." After mentioning a number of errors of omission and commission in the speech discussed, Lester says "let's give encouragement to those who aspire to faithfully chronicle the steps of racial endeavor." To this the Page says Amen.

A recent visitor to the Billboard office, drawn to New York to attend the same dinner referred to above was one of the most promising young men of Boston—Eugene Gordon, short story editor of the Boston Daily Post. While talking with the Page, he delivered himself of very similar views as Mr. Walton expressed. With becoming modesty, he neglected to mention that he himself is contributing—three cash prizes to be awarded to short story writers who pass in a contest now being conducted by the Boston Chronicle, a friend of Mr. Gordon, who is a "Key man" from Harvard, is also an official in the National Guard, proving that he is virile, though modest.

The passing of Madison Square Garden has inspired many editorials concerning the history of the famed structure. Our amusement folks have figured in almost every phase of that history though few writers seem to recall the fact. The New York Tribune, in an editorial on May 9, however, mentions that Mme. Sissereta Jones sang there in 1892.

George McClennon and his laughing clarinet are outstanding features of the Cain and Davenport summer run burlesque show at the Columbia theatre. Maude DeForest who was to have worked with him, has been obliged to return to her home in Philadelphia because of illness.

Met the Games Brothers, Cuban acrobats while they were playing in town. The boys have October, November and December contracts in their pockets now. Looks like a hard winter for them, especially since the salary named is a "knockout" one.

Carter and Clark keep busy about town. Carter who is a "Big Mason" was very much peeved to find that his agent had booked him for Sunday, May 9, at the Nonpareil Club Brooklyn when he had hoped to be at liberty so as to attend the annual ceremonial sermon to the United Supreme Council

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at Salem church in Harlem. Switching of bookings that took the Chocolate Dandies to Baltimore disappointed Al F. Watts, and he too, missed the assemblage of Masonic dignitaries from all over the Northern Jurisdiction that were the guests of King Davids Consistory for the sessions of the United Supreme Council. Al missed most of all the chance to meet the Deacons in the group and the banquet. He likes to eat.

Minstrelsy at a five dollar top: That's just what W. C. Handy presented at the Greenwich Village theatre on May 17. Songs of the Seventies and Eighties rendered by Tom Fletcher and others who knew and still know the art of featured. More about this later; but it was great.

Solomon Riley is attempting to establish a park for Negro patronage on Harts Island near the City Reformatory. It seems that city officials do not look with favor upon the project. It hangs on the balance for the Prison Commission sees in the presence of so many Harlem's populace on the island a vision of escaping prisoners. Inasmuch as about 250,000 of the unclaimed dead of the city are buried on part of the island, we wonder if it would be a success anyhow. My people never could get much fun in the vicinity of a graveyard. At that, it is pitiful that we should not be wanted anywhere, even next door to the prison and the cemetery. Yet there are plenty of Negroes in both places. Mr. Riley is a Negro and his jazz artists are playing at the Ace In The Hole, a Broadway club.

F. Grant Gilmore of Philadelphia has announced the publication of Negro Reference Guide and credit report Bureau organization under the name of the race guarantee Company with offices in the Quaker City. Its first publication will contain commercial information covering race business folks that will require a book of 300 pages. Gilmore is president of the concern.

The Comedy Club, a theatrical organization in New York, ville bill at the Lafayette theatre is presenting a ten-act vaudeville. The proceeds of the week's business is to be utilized for the benefit fund of the club.

RICHMOND PROUD OF ITS SINGERS

Richmond, Va., May.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—The citizens of this city are exceedingly proud of the stand taken by the Richmond Treble Clef Club, along with the other singers, in their refusal to carry out the musical program scheduled for Tuesday night at the International Council of Women's convention at Washington because of the segregation of the race.

When news reached here that Richmond's singers were as steadfast in their refusal as were the others—even acting more independently than the Hampton Institute choir—the folks were jubilant, though it is reported that Mrs. Ora B.

Stokes, a race delegate from Richmond and who was instrumental in getting the Richmond singers on the program, wanted them to sing anyway regardless of the situation. But Mrs. Savilla E. Briggs, the conductor of the Treble Clef Club, and Mrs. Ida O. Hosley, the president, very emphatically informed Mrs. Stokes that they had no intention whatever of singing under the existing conditions, even refusing to sing at the Howard theatre, the next day. Mrs. Stokes appeared so hurt over this, it is said, that she was moved to tears. In this respect she was, seemingly, the only person of color who appeared not to be indignant over the treatment accorded them. Mrs. Stokes intimated, however, it is said, that it was not because she was not with the others in the stand that they took, but that she had put forth so much effort in raising the money to defray the expenses of the Club to Washington that she did not want her efforts to be lost.

MISSISSIPPI WHITES ASSAULT NEGRO DOCTOR AND FIANCEE IN AUTO-MOBILE.

Jealousy of Negro's Prosperity Assigned as Cause of the Brutal Attack.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, has received a report of a brutal assault committed by four Mississippi whites near Meridian, upon Dr. Charles Smith, a local colored physician, and Miss Myrtle Wilson, his fiancee. The whites stopped the automobile in which the colored doctor and his fiancee were riding, dragged them from their seats, administered a severe beating to both and fired shots which wounded the colored doctor in the head and may cost Miss Wilson her eyesight. The automobile was riddled with gunshot and pistol bullets.

A local informant of the N. A. A. C. P. states: "Dr. Smith is Miss Wilson's fiance and is quite a promising and successful physician at Meridian. He has just recently bought a new car and is building a home. I know Miss Wilson personally; she is highly respected and regarded as a young woman of excellent ability and character. She taught night school at Tongaloo College while taking a college course there until called home recently by illness in her family. She was to be married in June. At the time of writing this letter, it is feared that Miss Wilson will not regain her eyesight."

No cause for the assault upon the colored doctor and the young woman is given except jealousy among local whites of the doctor's new car and new home.

Babies in Argovie, one of the Swiss cantons, must be weighed, measured, and their fingerprints taken within 24 hours after their birth.

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