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THE BROWN BOOK

Its Purposes and Ideals

At the turn of the 19th century, approximately 20 years past the signing of the "Proclamation of Emancipation," Negroes first came to Joliet. The planned construction of the locks and "deep waterway" in this area gave impetus to employment which in turn proved a "magnet" in attracting workers to this area including a substantial number of our race group.

The advance of this community, industrially, economically and culturally from its early beginning, has been a continued pattern of progress. Negro citizens working and living in this community have kept pace with every advance. From a mere "handful" of Negroes residing in this area in the early beginning of the 20th century, our race population has grown steadily to the present figure of 15,000.

While every citizen within this community has no doubt contributed somewhat to our total advance, it is to be expected that a **STRONG LEADERSHIP** has made possible the fulfillment of our ideals thus far. It is the purpose of the **BROWN BOOK** to set forth a recognition of such leadership and pay tribute to those men and women, organization, groups and services that have stood foremost in this historic advance.

Herein contained, are words and pictures that will give evidence to the work that has been so nobly performed. **THE BROWN BOOK** does not seek to add nor detract from these noble achievements, yet we hope that the perusal of these pages will serve as a "silent force" toward greater accomplishments in the years to come.

The **MEMORIAL SECTION** of the Brown Book is presented in the spirit of deepest humility, for we thoroughly realize that were it not for the **PIONEERING SPIRIT** of these great men and women, the spiritual, cultural and educational advance of our community would not have been possible. These noble men and women were also "pioneers" in the cause of **RACE RELATIONS**. It is for this reason we have toiled and climbed side by side with our white neighbors within the community peacefully and with a feeling of assurance that our labors have not been in vain.

It is to the memory of those who have passed on, those who now toil on the path during this present day and to our posterity who must **TAKE THE LEAD** in future years to come, we dedicate this initial issue of **THE BROWN BOOK** fully realizing that **GOD'S GRACE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO THE END**.

Very humbly yours,
Chastine C. Mason,
Editor and Publisher

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

(Negro National Hymn)

Words by J. Weldon Johnson

Music by J. Rosamond Johnson

Lift Every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing
rise High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a Song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us; Sing a song full of the hope that the
present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
Where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with
The wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand; May we forever stand
TRUE TO OUR GOD, TRUE TO OUR NATIVE LAND!

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Cho. Swing Low sweet chariot, coming for to carry
me home; Swing low sweet chariot Coming for
to carry me home.

1-1

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
Coming for to carry me home?
A band of Angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home.

2-

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,
Coming for to carry me home,
But still my soul feels heavenly bound,
Coming for to carry me home.

3-

If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,
Coming for to carry me home.

MEET YOUR EDITOR AND PUBLISHER



Chastine C. Mason

CHASTINE C. MASON, editor and publisher of the **BROWN BOOK**, also editor and publisher of the **NEGRO VOICE**, a weekly newspaper serving the suburban areas of Chicago, came to Joliet with his parents the late Rev. J. M. Mason and Ellen T. Mason also others of the family, during the year 1911. His father serving for 13 years as pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist church.

Our editor is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and completed a post course in the field of engineering following his graduation. For 27 years, (1915 to 1942), he was employed as Chief Engineer at the Woodruff Hotel (Joliet, Ill.) In the latter year of his employment, Mason was stricken with spinal arthritis, from which he has suffered since that time.

During World War 2 he was employed as a Senior Clerk-Interviewer with the Personnel and Industrial Relations Departments at the Elwood Ordnance Plant.

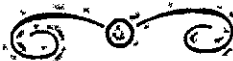
In 1946, he, together with his wife, Beatrice (nee) Saunders organized a cosmetics manufac-

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a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their
lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we
should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate,
we cannot hallow this ground! The brave men, living and dead, who struggled
here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The
world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never
forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here,
to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus so nobly advanc-
ed. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us
—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for
which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve
that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall
have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the
people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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PIONEERS And Direct Descendants

The early history of Will County is filled with interest setting forth the great accomplishments of a pioneering people who came, toiled and established residence that we of their posterity might have the opportunity to expand further the boundaries of so great an advance.

It was in the middle of the 19th century that persons of our race group became attracted by the rumors of job opportunities in Will County. The early construction of the "Deep Waterway" and Locks at Lockport, the opening of the coal mines in Braidwood and the rapidly growing industrial



Mr. and Mrs. James William Carrington
early settlers in Braidwood.

community in Joliet was the magnet of attraction. Mr. and Mrs. Rastus Brown were the first of the early group to establish residence in Will County in the Lockport area.

These early pioneers, who came to these parts in 1853, had nine children, two girls and seven boys. All seven boys saw military service during the Civil War, direct descendants of the Browns was a daughter, who was the mother of Jessie Foster (now Mrs. Jessie Carrington). Pictured here are the Fosters and Jessie, as an infant. Mr. Foster was the first Negro policeman to be connected with the Joliet Police Department. Also in 1853 about the same time the Rastus Brown family was establishing residence in



Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, early Will County residents.
Mrs. Foster is daughter of the Rastus Browns first of our group in Lockport area. (Infant—Jessie Carrington.)



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John Thomas Carrington



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Jessie Carrington

Lockport, the family of James William Carrington came to the Braidwood area. Mr. Carrington was soon employed at the mines where he worked until 1880 when he moved to Joliet to work in the old steel mills. The James W. Carringtons were the parents of nine children, William, Mary and Elizabeth (twins), James and Bertha, born prior to moving to Braidwood. John Thomas, Solomon, Charles and Walter, born in Braidwood.

Because of Indian abstraction the elder Carringtons were not in Slavery but during the Civil War were permitted to sell pies and other foods to the soldiers. The John Thomas Carringtons now residing at 9 DeKalb street
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As one of Joliet's pioneer business and professional women, Dr. Josephine S. McDonald soon became a leader in the cultural, educational and spiritual advance of her race. Dr. McDonald's contributions to many fields of culture, including fraternal, social and civic accomplishments have been indeed outstanding.

In her chosen and trained profession, Dr. McDonald entered the field of Chiropody 38 years ago and opened her first office on Scott street, Joliet, Ill. in a small building where the Yellow Cab office and garage now stands. She later moved to the newly constructed Adam Arcade Building, considered up to that time to be Joliet's most modern structure. Two years later the building, which was located on the northwest corner of Ottawa and VanBuren Sts., was completely destroyed by fire. She then moved to the ultra modern, D'Arcy Building where her offices are presently located. Throughout 38 years of her professional career, Dr. McDonald has enjoyed a large interracial patronage, serving many of Joliet's outstanding citizens.

In fraternal circles, Dr. McDonald has been a member and officer in several organizations. She served as Worthy Counselor in the local Court of Calanthe and is a Past Most Noble Governor in the Household of Ruth. Her greatest action in fraternal work has been with the Eastern Star to which she became a member in 1921. She served as Worthy Matron of Ruth Chapter No. 9 O.E.S. in 1923. She has been active in the Eureka Grand Chapter having served as Grand Associate Conductress, Ruth, Grand Deputy, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, also a member of the committee of Arts and Crafts where she has served for the past 15 years. Dr. McDonald has also served as Grand Reporter for Eureka Grand Chapter also chairman of the Badge Committee.

She is a member of the historic Edith P. Stewart Matrons and Patrons Club, serving as Chairman of the Badge Committee for that organization. Dr. McDonald was married to the late Dr. T. D. McDonald, also a chiropodist by profession and a leader in fraternal and cultural circles in this community. Dr. J. S. McDonald was one of the organizers of the Psi Sigma Gamma Sorority, Alpha Chapter and at present is familiarly recognized as the "Mother" of the Chapter. She is a charter member of the famed Joliet Junior Choral Club and The Forum Choral Society. She is a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist church under the pastorate of the Rev. A. M. Varnado.



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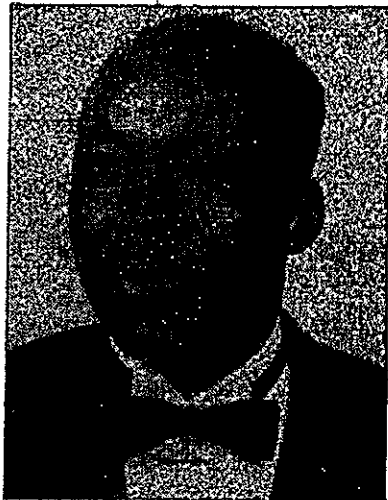
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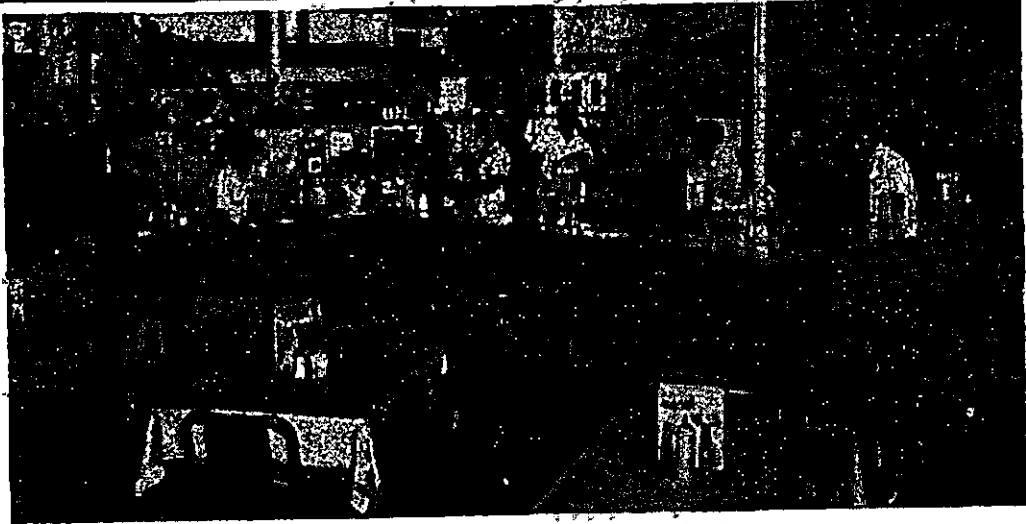
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WILL COUNTY PIONEERS

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are among those, together with their parents helped mold an early history in this county and local community. John Thomas (familiarly known as Tom) was employed by the Dr. Eldred and George Barr families for 42 years). For the past six years he has been employed by the Price Company on East Cass Street.

Jessie was born in Joliet on Cass Street on the spot now occupied by the Henneberry Buick lot. The posterity of the Rastus Browns, the William Fosters and the James W. Carringtons, those who have passed on and others who yet live, have given to our community a history of family and race loyalty and a pattern of progress toward better things to come.

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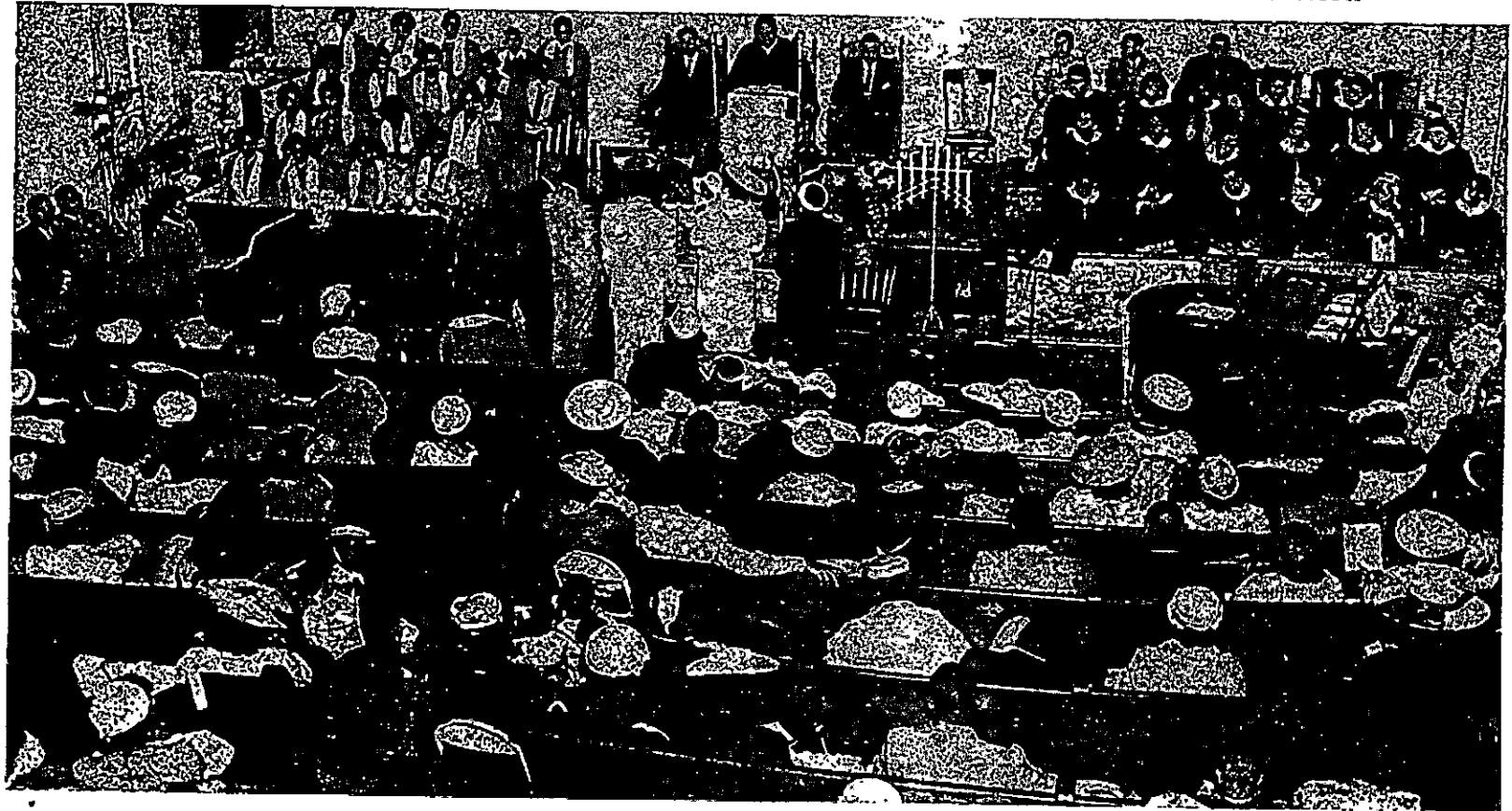
turing concern, Mason Laboratories serving customers from coast to coast. The UNITED PUBLISHING COMPANY was organized in 1950 with its first publication, The Negro Voice being presented to the public. Serving as associate editor and vice president of the operating company is Beatrice S. Mason.

Our editor has served on numerous committees in community activities and has contributed extensively to the cultural, educational and spiritual advance of this community. His literary contributions and editorial writings in the Negro Voice have been considered outstanding. Mason has been a "hard fighter" for the things that involve the progress and welfare of his race. His hobby is music and for over 45 years he has directed church choirs in this city. He is the organizer and director of the famed, Joliet Junior Choral Club, a member of the Board of Managers Community Branch Y.M.C.A., President of the Men's Social Club, a member of the Will County Editors Club, the Joliet Association of Commerce, Illinois Press Association, Associated Negro Press and the National Editors Association.

The Mason's have one son, Larry, age 12.

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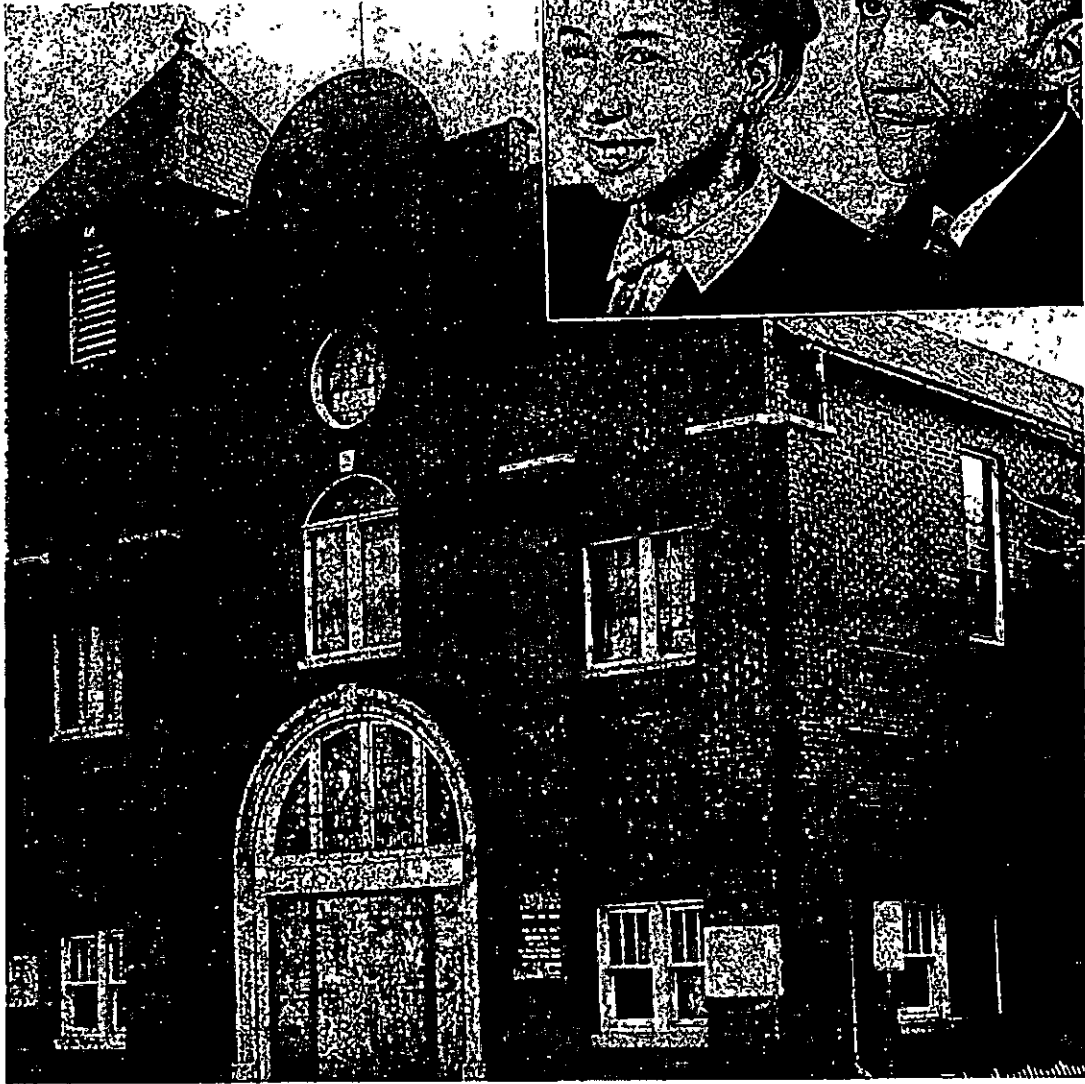
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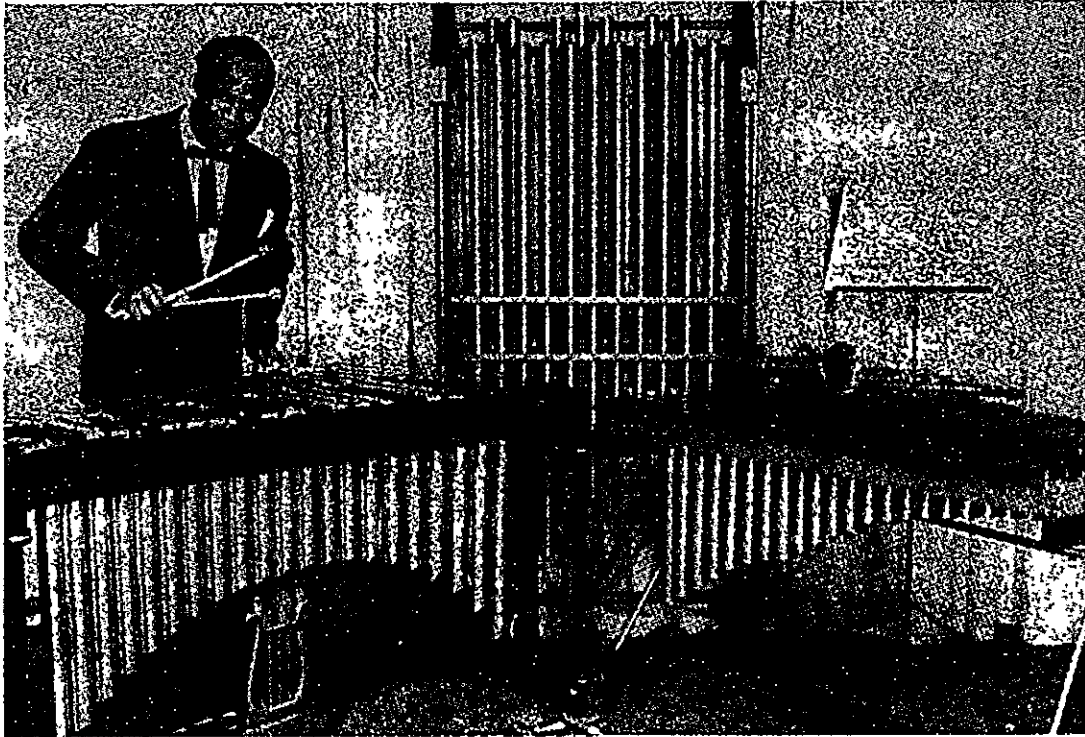
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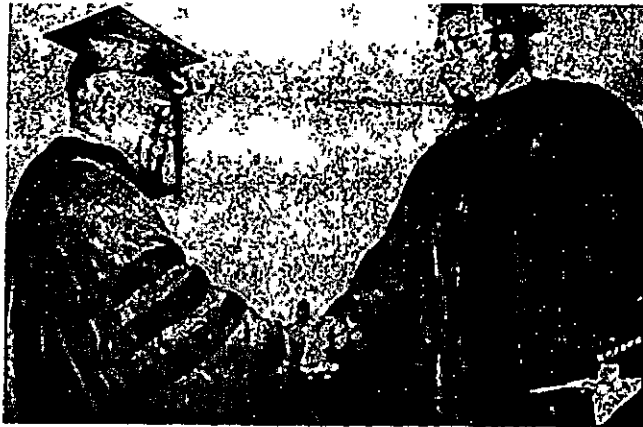
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THE BUSY BEE CLUB was organized in 1947 as a Saving and Social Club. In 1950 upon the suggestion of Mrs. Lois Anderson, the club included charity in its activities making it a Saving, Social and Charity Club. Annual assessments for each member are used for charitable purposes.

Mrs. Amy Bishop, now deceased, served as the first president. The only active charter member is Mrs. Rachel Wilson. Charitable donations by the club include gifts to Sunnyhill Sanatorium, St. Joseph Hospital Building Fund, the Marilyn Shaw Fund and gifts to deserving individuals.

The organization promotes two annual affairs, a Queen Contest and Fashion Show, during the fall months and a Raffle and Christmas Basket during the Christmas Season.

Members of the Busy Bee Club shown in the above photo, (Standing, left to right, are; Mrs. Ollie Boykin, Mrs. Lois Anderson, Club Reporter; Mrs. Viney Carter, Mrs. Rachel Wilson, Mrs. Daisy Akers, Ass't. Corresponding Secy.; Mrs. Annie Williams, Ass't. Financial Secy.; Mrs. Alberta Foster, Flower and Sick Fund Treas. SEATED (left to right) Mrs. Edith Ware, Financial Treas.; (seated with Mrs. Ware is little Renee Clark); Mrs. Ferol Warick, Financial Secy.; Mrs. Josephine Armstrong, President; Mrs. Ethel Williams, Corresponding Secy.; Mrs. Nancy Davis. Other club members not shown in the picture are, Mrs. Bettye Browne, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Edna Williams, Banking Treas., and Mrs. Josephine Thomas, Honorary member.

MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB OF JOLIET



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The club membership, (seated from left to right)—William Jones, Treasurer, James Sinclair Chaplain, Chastine C. Mason, President, Claude Downing, Charles Crusoe. Standing left to right —Theba Foster, L. Thomas Dougherty, Vice President Henry Fleming, Ovette Boykin, Scoby Logue, Luther Bell. Sr., Secretary. Not shown on picture Vanderbilt Davis.

THE MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB of Joliet, is the oldest men's social and charity club in Joliet and Will County. Organized in 1948, the club has been active in cultural, educational, charitable and spiritual affairs in the community. Each year, on the first Sunday in May, the group promotes the "Rainbow Society Tea and All Male Style Revue" which is recognized as the "highlight" of the social season. More than 500 guests annually enjoy this brilliant affair. Proceeds derived from the event are used for charitable purposes including annual gifts to the rehabilitation Program of Sunnyhill Sanitorium, St. Joseph and Silver Cross Hospital Building Funds and other worthy causes.

Chastine C. Mason, president of the Men's Social Club since its inception, had this to say regarding the organization. "There is not a finer group of men in our community who have become initiated and dedicated in the finer things of life. We were first organized as strictly a social club, but in thinking of the many world problems and problems within our own community, with human suffering and need all around us, we soon turned our major efforts in bringing some relief to those who deserve and are in need. Social functions of the club, which are supported through the regular membership "dues," include an annual picnic on the 4th of July and a New Year Party given on that day. Wives of the club members partake in these affairs.

THE ASSEMBLY SOCIAL KLUB, INC.



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ASSEMBLY SOCIAL KLUB, Inc. (Seated—left to right) — Annetta Foster, Cor. Sec'y., Ethel Donnelly, Treas., Ruby Spivey, Vice Pres., Cecelia Simpson, Pres., Christine Martin, Sec'y., Gladys Boyden, Viola Howard, Reporter. (Standing—left to right)—Catherine White, Bessaline Craig, John M. Boyden, Sponsor; Dr. Josephine McDonald, Co-Sponsor Ceola Wilson, and Brenetta Kiser. Other club members not seen in picture are, Fleda Davis, Dr. Dovie A. Harris, Geraldine Pickens, Helen Morris, Mary Smith.

The Assembly Social Klub was organized February 10, 1946 at the home of Mrs. Melissa White, 157 S. Chicago St., under the sponsorship of Mr. John M. Boyden. The club's first president was Mrs. Brenetta Kiser. She and Mrs. Gladys Boyden are the only original members presently active. The club was chartered under the presidency of Mrs. Viola Howard in March, 1950.

The purpose of the club is to promote social activities among its members and friends. Two outstanding functions are sponsored by the organization annually. On New Years Eve the members entertain their friends at a New Years Ball, and in the Spring an Installation Ball is given.

John Boyden, the sponsor, has made available the Boyden Building for meetings and entertainments and during the Summer his resort home at Shavehead Lake in Michigan is opened to all members and their guests. Dr. Josephine McDonald is the Co-Sponsor of the organization.

THE BEACON SOCIAL CLUB OF JOLIET, ILL.



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Beacon Social Club was organized December 17, 1954, John M. Boyden, temporary chairman. He was later elected as permanent Advisor to the club. The purpose of the club is to promote social recreation among the members and friends of Beacon Social Club. The club has grown from nine members at its beginning to forty-five. The membership is limited to fifty persons.

Shown in the above photo are the following members: Seated: left to right: Jonathon Simpson, Robert Keyes, S. A. Dorsey, O.D., Secretary, John Hill, President, Hosea Spinks, Vice President, Oree Ellis, Correspondent Secretary, Sharels Howard, Sgt.-at-Arms. Standing: James Harris, Henry Walker, James Duncan, George Richardson, Robert Campbell, Roland Green, David Anderson, George Harris, John R. Ellis and LaSalle Thompson. NOT SHOWN IN THE PHOTO: Buford White, John M. Boyden, Advisor, LaVerne Moulton, Tom Bishop, Sherman Davis, Sr., George Crenshaw, Robert Dougherty, Walter Willis, Harden Willis, Walter Young, Dr. W. H. Wilson, Treasurer, J. W. Holloway, V. E. Dillon, Percy Washington, Andrew Hinch, Julius Sims, Willie Wilson, William Tramel, Charles Cook, Charles Cain, Otho Donnelly, Lucius Whittaker, Leslie Shorter, Theba D. Foster, Clifton Davis, Billy Jones.



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THE SOJOURNER TRUTH CLUB was organized in 1938 for the purpose of studying Negro History and to help further the education of our youth. The Club has established an annual scholarship of \$100 with the Joliet Junior College Scholarship committee and donates toward tuition of others as the need arises. Once each year, on the Sunday following Easter the club sponsors a Tea and Style Show to raise funds for the scholarship. All money solicited by the club is used for education and charity. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month. In the above photo (from left to right—seated) Mary Ida Bankston, Sec'y.; Frances Rucker Pres., Marie Dougherty, Treas.; Willie B. Range, Asst. Sec'y.; (Standing left to right) Josephine Dotson, Annie Crusoe, Margaret Hollands; Lucille Crusoe and Ceola Wilson. Other club members not on the picture are, Janie Cage; Leon Holmes, Dorothy Fuqua and Ione Sullivan.

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Juanita Kinder

(Teacher Thompson School)

Graduate, College of St. Francis was one of the first two teachers of our race employed by Joliet Public Schools. (Sept. 1954). Also playground instructor during summer months.



Ina M. Varnado

(Teacher McKinley Park School)

B.A. Degree—Jackson College

M.A. Degree—University of Illinois was one of first two teachers of our race employed by Joliet Public Schools (Sept. 1954).

LES COIFFURE'S



THE LES COIFFURE'S was organized in the month of October 1957 at the home of Mrs. Inola Spinks 316 So. Desplains St., Joliet, Ill. It is a social club with the purpose of exchanging and comparing ideas in the field of BEAUTY CULTURE. An annual affair will be given each summer to acquaint the public with activities of the club. Shown in photo, top row (left to right) Mrs. Velma Pinick, Treas., Mrs. Sumantha Pitts, Mrs. Inola Spinks. Seated (left to right) Mrs. Naomi Moulton, Secy., Mrs. Jessie Braxton, Mrs. Mattie Keyes, Pres.

The Crusoe's (Annie and Charles)



Joliet has enjoyed a large number of "substantial" citizens who have contributed to the advance of the community and held high the banner of race consciousness. Among those who have stood foremost in this respect is the Charles Crusoe family of 215 So. Ottawa St.

Annie and Charles came to Joliet in 1926 from Columbus, Mississippi, as married "teenagers." They are the parents of three daughters, Fannie, Doris and Christine. All are college graduates. Fannie is now the owner of a Beauty Salon in

Chicago; Doris majored in Music Education and is now a teacher in that field at Froebel High School, Gary, Indiana. Christine is in the field of nursing and is presently employed in the hospital at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Charles, noted for his music capabilities, was the owner and organizer of the first Negro Orchestra in Joliet and he was the first of his race to join the Musicians Union. In employment, Charles was the first of his race to operate a nail making machine at the American Steel and Wire Mill. His wife Annie is a Fboro College graduate in the field of beauty culture, however at the present time she is a practical nurse. Plans are being completed for the opening of a nursing home under her supervision.

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Joseph D. Matthews

Winner of 12 special awards in photography exhibition is seen in the above picture executing last minute "touch ups" on a photograph which was destined to become one of the prize winning exhibits in area competition. Looking on the proceedings with much interest is Mrs. Matthews, (Genevieve), who is the capable assistant to Mr. Matthews in the operation of the Matthews Studio. Mr. Matthews recently became one of the 14 Illinois photographers now certified by the Illinois Professional Photographers Association. His work received "honorable mention" at the recent State meet held in Springfield.

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BERTHA has been a resident of Joliet for the past 30 years. She has contributed extensively to the cultural, educational and spiritual advance of this city. In an official capacity she has been active Brown Chapel A. M. E. church, for a number of years. In her early employment, she was a beauty operator for 7 years.

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The Brown Book
Chastine C. Mason
Editor and Publisher
Beatrice S. Mason
Associate Editor
●

THE NEGRO VOICE, a weekly newspaper publication, published and circulated by the United Publishing Company was first offered to its reading public in June, 1950. Chastine C. Mason, Editor-Publisher and General manager had as his early associate, James A. Saunders who later resigned to accept a position with the School of Journalism at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The **NEGRO VOICE** is a news periodical of general circulation reaching into several communities within the Chicago Metropolitan area., including Waukegan, Maywood, Elgin, Aurora, Batavia, Harvey, Phoenix, Dixmoor, Markham, Chicago Heights, Hopkins Park, Kankakee and the city of publication—Joliet. Aside from its extensive reader coverage, the newspaper is a media for advertising, serving shops, stores, and services in the several communities served by the paper.

Beatrice S. Mason, wife of the Editor and Publisher is now the associate editor and also in charge of newspaper circulation.

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exclusive manufacturers of **SPECIALIZED TREATMENTS** for the hair and scalp, facial cosmetics, toiletries and perfumes was organized and began manufacture in August, 1945. The company has established a nationally recognized and superior brand of merchandise throughout the country with an extensive mail-order business, serving thousands of customers from coast to coast.

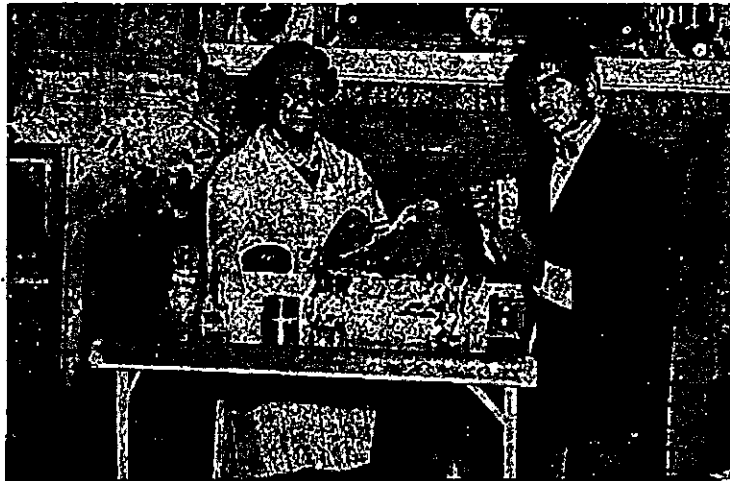
The Wholesale division, serves beauty shops and hairdressers with preparations used in hair styling and scalp treatments. The wholesale division also serves cosmetics jobbers, distributors, retailers, shops and stores with merchandise for re-sale purposes and has also established a nationwide agency coverage for house-to-house sales. The company has an established branch in Cleveland, Ohio.

Through its agency outlets, Mason Laboratories has made possible the employment of several hundred persons of our group on a full or part time basis.

Chastine C. Mason, founder of the manufacturing concern continues to serve as president and general manager. Beatrice S. Mason (Mrs. Chastine C. is the assistant manager in charge of production.



Beatrice Mason, Associate Editor checking special issue of the Negro Voice.



Examining and checking a new and exclusive line of cosmetics, toiletries and perfumes soon to be placed on the market by MASON LABORATORIES is Beatrice S. Mason, assistant manager of the manufacturing concern, pictured with Larry Mason, (their son), who appears rather pleased and proud of the beautiful line. Because of the extensive mail-order shipments by the operating company it is necessary that every product and every label on each product pass a rigid inspection to assure accuracy.



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In 1957 the Lanes erected this two story brick building on the same spot which the Ice Shed had stto for many years. This building houses on the first floor a beauty shop, a barber shop, the ice house and a small store. There are two dwelling apartments on the second floor. At the read of the building is the Lanes two story frame residence which was moved to this location from south Chicago St.

The Lanes own the two story four apartment building at 119 S. Joliet St. and a five room house at 105 Dekalb St. Both of these units are used for rental purposes.

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**The Negro Population in Will County
And Other Important Factual Data.**

FIRST NEGRO SETTLER IN WILL COUNTY	1853
FIRST NEGRO FAMILIES ESTABLISHING PERMANENT RESIDENCE	1860.

**EARLY NEGRO POPULATION IN WILL COUNTY
(1865 to 1880).**

JOLIET	600
Lockport	200.
BRAIDWOOD	150.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—It may be surprising to note the population of our group in Lockport and Braidwood during this early period in comparison with the Negro population of Joliet. Negro workers were early attracted to the Lockport area because of the canal construction and in Braidwood the coal mines was the focal employment attraction. The early Negro families establishing permanent residence in this section came to Lockport and Braidwood before venturing into the more thickly settled community of Joliet. This fact changed considerably when the mills and major industries of Joliet opened employment to Negroes.

FROM THE EARLY POPULATION CENSUS OF 1900

JOLIET	1800.
LOCKPORT (TOWNSHIP)	350.
BRAIDWOOD	200.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—It is readily noticeable, the increased Negro population in Joliet at this time. This was brought about because of the increased job opportunities. This was the beginning of the first early migration of our group from the south to this area. It also marked the early beginning of the settlement of our group in the RILEY HILL (Lockport Township) area.

CENSUS — 1920

JOLIET	8100.
LOCKPORT (TOWNSHIP)	450.
BRAIDWOOD	100.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—During this period and a few years earlier, there was a marked decrease in the Negro population in the Braidwood area because of the inactivity of the coal mines also because of the attraction of the "Bright Lights" of Joliet. Many families now living in Joliet were former residents of Braidwood. It was during this period that the Negro citizenry in Will County began playing an important part in the cultural, educational and spiritual advance of the several communities within the county, and particularly in Joliet. The Negro was beginning to be looked upon as a "decided factor" in the political affairs of our city, township and county governments.

CENSUS — 1940

JOLIET	3600
LOCKPORT	550
BRAIDWOOD	75

EDITOR'S NOTE.—During the depression years (1929 to 1937) the Negro population of Will County remained at a virtual standstill, with not much change noted in the incoming our outgoing trend. Because of the difficult employment situation and difficulty in establishing permanent residence in other communities and inability to get recognition for ration cards etc. Negroes preferred to stay in their "home town" and among friends rather than venture out among strangers in strange communities.

CENSUS AND SURVEY — 1950

JOLIET	5600.
LOCKPORT (TOWNSHIP)	750.
BRAIDWOOD	50.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Immediately following the beginning of world war II, America became an ARSENAL for the allied powers, furnishing ammunition, explosives and guns also airplanes to other countries who were unable to meet the demands of a progressive and extensive manufacture of "war goods." Joliet soon became a focal point in the manufacture of war materials. With the construction of the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works, 15 miles south of Joliet and with the establishing of a naval depot for supplies in this city and other industries turning out strategic goods for

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MEMORIAL SECTION

"With Respect And Fondest Memory"

For Those

Who Have Served And Passed To A Greater Beyond

Some thro' the waters,
Some thro' the flood.
Some thro' the fire
But all thro' the blood:
Some thro' great sorrow,
But God gives a song,
In the night season,
And all the day long.

~~~~~  
When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing  
That will be!  
When we all see Jesus  
We'll sing and shout  
The victory

~~~~~  
When life is over
And daylight is passed,
In heaven's harbor
My anchor is cast,
When I see Jesus,
My Saviour at last,
O that will be sunrise
For me.

**In Loving Memory
Of My Parents**

Julia Hart and Nelson Hart

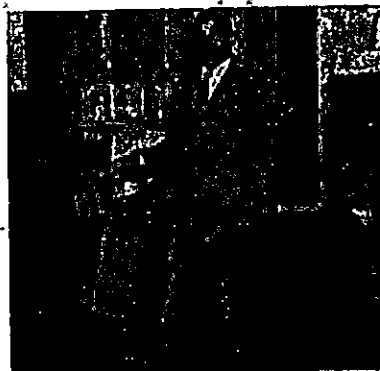
Mrs. Julia Hart passed away July 23, 1935, while Mr. Nelson Hart passed away May 18, 1952. They were the parents of the late Dr. T. D. McDonald, the late Mrs. Vera McGill, the late Dave Hart, and Mrs. Ruby Cole. All were members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

He let them pass out of the shadow
Into a clearer light
Stepping behind the curtain
Getting a better sight
Passing out of the shadow
Into eternal day:

Let us not call this dying,
This beautiful passing away.
They are not dead, they have but passed
Beyond the mist that binds us here
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere:

Lovingly,
Ruby Cole

**In Loving Memory
Of My Husband
James Carson**



James Carson was born November 25, 1890, and died December 4, 1955. He was a deacon of Second Baptist Church, serving under Rev. W. L. Petty, the Rev. J. P. Spivey, and the Rev. T. Moore King. He was a member and Past Worshipful Master of the A. R. Robinson Lodge Yorkrite Masons with the degree of Royal Arch. Soldier of Christ, well done. Praise by the new employ. And while eternal ages run Rest in thy Savior's joy. Wife, Lottie Carson

**In Loving Memory
Of My Husband**

Anthony R. Crusoe

Anthony Crusoe passed away October 28, 1951. He was born on August 12, 1885, and was the father of Charles and Albert Crusoe and Mrs. Ida Bankston. He was a member and former trustee of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He was an Odd Fellow with the rank of Patriarch. He served as both Deputy Grand Master and District Grand Master. In 1921 he laid the cornerstone of the Mt. Olive Church for the Odd Fellows Lodge. He led the movement in purchasing the Odd Fellows Home located on South Chicago street and was active in fund raising in both the church and the lodge.

The voice at midnight came
He started up to hear
A mortal arrow pierced his frame
He fell but felt no fear.

In Fond Memory

Fannie Mae Waricks

Mrs. Fannie Mae Warricks, nee was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 28, 1888. At the age of fifteen she moved to Joliet. In the year 1905 Fannie Mae was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Edward Waricks.

Mrs. Waricks was one of the founders of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Joliet, while her husband, Mr. Waricks, was a deacon and former church clerk. They remained as members of the church until death.

They were survived by six children: Mrs. Edith Ware, Mrs. Lois Anderson, Mr. Russell Waricks, Mr. Freeman Waricks, Mr. Lawrence Waricks, and Mr. Oliver Waricks, and one grandchild, Loretta Anderson.

Edith Ware, Lois Anderson

In Loving Memory
Of Our Father



James Madison Mason, B.Th.D.D.
Born in Snowsville, Virginia—Died February 1921
In the ministry 53 years, School teacher at the age of 18
Principle of high school at the age of 22
Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist church (Joliet) 1911 to 1924

In Dearest Memory
Of Our Mother



Ellen Thomas Mason
Born in Frankfort, Kentucky—Died February 6, 1918.
Outstanding Missionary Worker — Foreign and Home Missions
Founder of the Missionary Union (Joliet)

In Fond Memory
Our Dear Brother



Marion M. Mason
Born Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Died November 1948
Favorite Sermon Text
My Yoke Is Easy, And My Burden Is Light.

In Loving Memory
Our Dear Husband and
Brother



Rev. Walter Clay Mason
Born Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Died Sept. 26, 1951
Ordained to the ministry
Nov. 1934
FAVORITE SONG—
"Jesus Rose of Sharon"

In Fond Memory
Our Dear Brother



Robert E. Mason
Born Tuscaloosa, Alabama 1893
Died Sept. 25, 1951
Favorite Song—"He'll Understand and say, Well Done."

**In Loving Memory
Of My Parents
Nora Carter and Joseph Carter**



Mrs. Nora Carter

Nora Carter, mother, passed away October 15, 1943, and Joseph Carter, father, passed away April, 1945. They were the parents of Mrs. Fannie Mae Warricks, Leonard Mitchell, Mrs. Leola Denby, Horace, Frank, and Joseph Carter, Mrs. Mary Oliver, Mrs. Thelma Childress, Mrs. Josephine Dotson, and Esther Carter. All were charter members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Mr. Carter was one of the first deacons and was active, also in the early history of the Second Baptist Church. Mrs. Carter was one of the founders of the Mt. Olive Missionary Society. She organized a Sunshine Band in Manningdale, which has continued through the years. Her work as a missionary, was known throughout the community.

Leola Denby

**In Loving Memory
Of Our Parents
Alfred Huskey
and
Sallie Huskey**

Alfred Huskey passed away January 1, 1913, and Sallie Huskey, who passed away January 9, 1946. Mr. Huskey was a deacon and both were early members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. They were the parents of Offutt, James, Flora, Booker T., Evelyn, Mrs. Eva Edmonds, and Mrs. Vanda Bell.

We cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with us no more
Along the path of life we tread
They have but gone before.

Vanda Bell, Eva Edmonds

**In Loving Memory
Of My Mother
Malinda Lockett**

In loving memory of my mother, Malinda Lockett, who passed away January 11, 1933.

She's away from all sorrow
All sadness and despair
She's with God in Heaven
In His loving care
She's dwelling in a mansion
In the beautiful promised land
Where someday I will meet her
Someday I'll clasp her hand

Jessie Moore



In Loving
Memory
Of Our
Dear Parents

Rev. J. P. Spivey

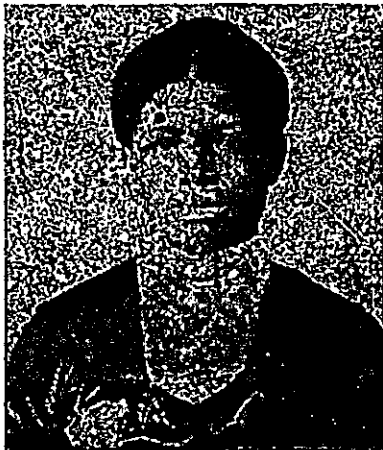
(Jan. 10th, 1942)

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Baptist Church
1925 to 1935

Minnie O. Spivey

Dear parents: So gentle, good and kind. Look down from Heaven above, And know that the care you so tenderly gave, Is returned in our deathless love.

Willie J. Spivey and Family



In Loving Memory
Of Our
Sister And Aunt
Lessie Fentress

Who passed away August 28, 1949

The way she talked, the smile she wore,
And all the thousand things so dear we loved
about her while she lived,
Haven't gone with her from here:
They're planted deep in memory's garden
and watered daily with our tears.
To keep them ever fresh and vivid through
all the coming years.

Sister, Nieces and Nephews.



In Loving Memory Of My
Dear Husband, Our Father And
Grandfather
Odie Mitchell

Who passed away Sept. 1, 1956

You went first, it was God's will,
But in our fond memories you liveth still.
We tread the path to your grave,
And know you were truly saved.
It has left a home of loneliness, no one else
can fill.
Hoping some day we will meet on yonder
hill,
Sharing happiness together as we did before,
Knowing we will have to part no more,
And peace be with thee, dear loving one.

Wife, Children and Grandchildren



President
Will County Steel Workers Council
and Will County Steel Workers Club
C.I.O.

In Fondest Memory
Of Our Dear Husband And Father

**NATHAN
RICHARDSON**

May 27, 1889 — January 12, 1952

Outstanding Labor Leader
And
Parliamentarian

Lovingly
Wife — Roverta
Daughters: Frances R. Rucker
Kathryn (Mrs. J. H. Mason)
Son: Nathan J.
Grandson: Nathan Leroy Mason

In Fondest Memory



Anna Johnson

Born — October 1896 — Died October 1951
"My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Blood and Righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name."
(Lovingly, The Johnson Family)



**In Loving Memory
Of Our Daughter
Mamie Logue McGraw**

Mamie Logue McGraw passed away July
22, 1940. The mother of Arthur Davis. A
member of Second Baptist Church and was
soloist in the church choir and gospel chorus.
She was an ardent worker in the Sunday
School and B.Y.P.U.
We miss you now, our dear hearts are sore
As time goes on we miss you more
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.
Parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Davis

In Loving
Memory

of our Mother

Julia Brown

Who Died Feb. 16, 1957

And Our Father

Coleman Brown



Coleman Brown

Julia Brown

Both came to Joliet from Munroe, Louisiana in 1923. Mr. Brown was ordained a deacon in Mt. Olive Baptist Church by the late Rev. O. W. Williams. He later served as a deacon at the Second Baptist church under the pastorate of Rev. J. P. Spivey and Rev. T. Moore King. Mr. Brown was a member of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Second Baptist Church, serving with the Ministers and Deacons Wives Council and Missionary Society. She was also a member of the Three Rule Household of Ruth. Their great and untiring service to the church and community has built a monument which shall never be forgotten. As long as life shall last, we will cherish their fond memory.

The daughters,
Mary Ann Meads
Ceola Wilson
Rosie Gardner



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR MOTHER, Sarah Abigail (Abby) Dishman, the daughter of the late James Monroe and Sophia Brown, was born Sept. 22nd, 1860 in Hudson, Michigan and departed this life in Joliet, Illinois on Jan. 23, 1954 at the age of 93 years.

When a small child she moved with her family to Morris, Illinois where she completed her education graduating with a teacher's degree.

On Feb. 2, 1887 she was united in marriage to Mr. Elizah Clinton Dishman in Joliet, and to this union five children were born—3 girls and two boys. The boys preceded her in death. Also her husband passed in 1915.

She was a faithful member of Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church a chapter member of Ruth Chapter 9, Eastern Star, charter member of Gate City Household of Ruth 5625, a charter member of Naomi Court 42, a member of Macebeth Temple 216.

She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters Mrs. Myrtle L. Morris, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Thalia I. Blackshire, Joliet, and Mrs. Rebecca A. Robinson, Lorain, Ohio. One grandson Floyd Clarke of Minneapolis, Minn., 8 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Daughters
Myrtle, Thalia & Rebecca

IN FOND MEMORY
of our
Husband, Father and Pastor
Rev. T. Moore King
(1895 — 1956)



"When We Assunder Part,
It gives us inward Pain;
But we shall still be Joined in Heart,
And Hope to meet again."

Rev. T. Moore King was called of God to the ministry in 1921. His first pastorate was the Rayfield Baptist Church, Chicago. He later pastored for a number of successful years at Shiloh Baptist Church of Waukegan. In 1935, Rev. King was called to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church of Joliet, Ill.; where he remained as an humble servant of God for 21 years to the time of his passing, August 1956.

The protracted number of years served by Rev. King in the ministry were busy years. He reached the pinnacle of spiritual and administrative success during his pastorate at Second Baptist Joliet. His successes extended far beyond the walls of his own church and far beyond the congregation which he served. He was known and loved by the entire community, district and state. For more than 15 years, he was President of the New Era Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress, for seven years he was the Corresponding Secretary of the Illinois Baptist General State Convention, and for eleven years was one of the administrative secretaries of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.



In Loving Memory
Of Our Dear Parents.

Florena Saunders (Born Savannah, Georgia) Died 1933	Joseph Scott Saunders (Born Amherst Co., Va.) 1871 1951
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Among the early settlers in the Lockport area were Joseph Scott Saunders and his wife, Florena. Mr. Saunders worked in the early construction of the "Locks and Deep Waterway." To the Saunders marriage were born 15 children, among which are those who are successful in educational and cultural fields. Seven of the boys served in World War II. The largest contingent from any single family in Will County. Joseph Scott Saunders served as a Deacon of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Lockport and the Second Baptist Church, Joliet for more than 40 years.

(Negro Population, Cont. from Page 36)

use in the war effort, Joliet was recognized as a KEY INDUSTRIAL CENTER. It was during this period that Joliet population increased by leaps and bounds. The Negro population increase was the result of a heavy migration from the South. This migration has been continuous from world war two until the present time.

(SURVEY AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION) - 1955

JOLIET (Within City Limits)	10,000
JOLIET (TOWNSHIP) Outside Limits	2,500
LOCKPORT (TOWNSHIP)	1,500
BRAIDWOOD	50

EDITOR'S NOTE:--Population wise, it was at this period (1954 to 1957) that Joliet experienced its greatest expansion. The increase has been brought about principally because of the tremendous industrial expansion within this area. This of course meant more job opportunities and a greater buyers market. (This is not taking in account the present recession at this time which is currently resulting in layoffs in employment at various industries local as well as nation wide.) The source of the extremely heavy migration to this area, as in years past, has been from the south. Negroes have come to this and other northern communities because of employment advantages. They have come also to escape the "tyrantic" rule of the south based upon racial intolerances, prejudice, discrimination and SEGREGATION OF THE RACES. The current migration is no different than others in previous years except on one point and that is a very important factor. SOUTHERN WHITES, mainly so called "hillbillies" are coming to the northern cities in just about the same ratio as Negroes. They, too are attracted by job opportunities and high wages. It is needless to point out that the southern white migrants are also bringing along their old customs and traditions of race hatred and discrimination. What effect it will ultimately have on the thinking and action of northern communities remains yet to be seen.

NEGRO POPULATION IN WILL COUNTY AS OF 1957

(SURVEY DIRECTORY and ESTIMATES)

Including JOLIET (TOWNSHIP), LOCKPORT (TOWNSHIP), BRAIDWOOD and other points within the county boundaries

Grand Total Population - 14,000

EDITOR'S NOTE:--The figure of 14,000 Negro residents now living in Will County is based upon the last government statistics, various community surveys, city directory service, local census and survey plus a conservative estimate established on authoritative sources. THE NEGRO VOICE, Joliet weekly newspaper, publication has assisted in bringing a great deal of the important data to light. The ministers, churches and other civic groups have cooperated in this regard. The Negro in Will County has recognized as an important part of the community. Their contribution to the various fields of culture, education and religion has been outstanding. Joliet's GREAT FUTURE is now on the horizon. It will be a city of many mansions, in total accomplishments, it will retain its status as an industrial center, an educational and cultural.

NEGRO HOME OWNERS IN WILL COUNTY	1200
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUATION (OWNED OR CONTRACT)	\$7,500,000
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY VALUATION OR COMBINED	\$875,000
NUMBER OF CHURCHES (Joliet and Lockport Twp.)	18
TOTAL CHURCH PROPERTY VALUATION (Realty Estimates)	\$550,000
STORES, SHOPS AND SERVICES (All not listed)	125
TRUCKING, HAULING AND TRANSFER (If not listed)	12
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (All not listed)	10
MINISTERS (PASTORING)	12
MINISTERS (AFFILIATED-NON PASTORING)	25
MANUFACTURER (MASON LABORATORIES) (COSMETICS)	
NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION (WEEKLY) THE NEGRO VOICE	
DIRECTORY SERVICE (THE BROWN BOOK)	
TAXI CAB SERVICE (COMMUNITY CAB CO.)	
RECREATION AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (INTERRACIAL)	3
VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OR AUXILIARIES	
CIVIC, SOCIAL AND CHARITY CLUBS	(SEE LISTINGS)

