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THE WORK OF REV. R. M. MITCHELL

Within the past few weeks, two outstanding former citizens of Buffalo passed away. Their work on the Niagara Frontier has been another plank which helped to develop the minority people's progress on the Western Region. At their very beginning here, the Criterion worked very closely with them as no other medium did, because this paper could see at that time, urgent need for their particular endeavors.

They are the late Rev. Roscoe M. Mitchell, whose work we will highlight in this editorial; the other is the late E. Vincent Suitt whose activities we will touch upon later.

The Rev. Roscoe M. Mitchell who had been a resident of Buffalo for some fifteen years, before taking ill, was a highly competent and efficient man. He came to Buffalo, and took over the leadership of the Faith Baptist Church, 626 Humboldt Parkway. The church prior, met in Glenwood Hall, 292 Glenwood Ave. on Sundays, The hall was also rented for social affairs.

We think that Faith Baptist Church, when it was purchased and moved to its present location in Humboldt Pkwy., took a giant step in helping to develop the Parkway for minority residents in this city.

Upon relocation, the Criterion, through the late Mrs. Mary Long, published Rev. Mitchell's weekly sermons, and the church joined Friendship, New Hope and Bethel Churches in selling as many as 150 Criterions each week for a long duration.

Humboldt Parkway was an avenue that first broke down the color bars when Dr. I. L. Scruggs purchased a home there about 1942. We also covered the house warming of Dr. Walter Holland in the mid '40s and an athletic meeting in the beautiful home of Marshall Miles. However, the desire and dream of inhabiting Humboldt had been in the minds of minority children when Mayor Schwab lived there in the early '20s. During Xmas time he would give away gifts and invited the children to pay him a visit there.

This paper covered the very first day's service at Faith Baptist Church, much of its nursery activities, numerous programs, plus state and national meetings held there and has watched this section of the city develop with our citizenry.

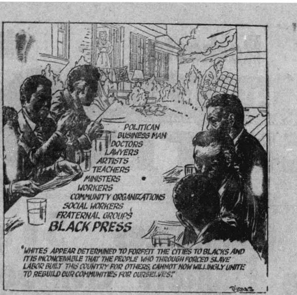
An admirer of Martin Luther King, Rev. Mitchell was instrumental in bringing the civil rights leader to Buffalo to plan for the first and only National Baptist Sunday School Convention to be held in Buffalo, about 1960. He later built a Martin Luther King Center, as an addition to Faith Church.

Rev. Mitchell also was partially active in politics and was a good friend of Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Shortly after moving to Buffalo, his son, Scoey Mitchell, of national TV fame, moved here and was featured at the Shalimar on several occasions. This past summer, at the request of their son, Scoey, the Mitchells moved to Los Angeles, where the end came.

While the end has come for Rev. Mitchell, Faith Church, the Martin Luther King Center and the further development of Humboldt Pkwy., through the first minority public facility to be located on it — will live and play a part in the cultural, religious, civic and educational acitivities of Negro Buffalo for many more years to come.

Faith Church recently held a Memorial Service in Rev. Mitchell's memory.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Health Hints

FROM BLUE SHIELD

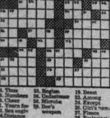
Halloween Safety

Besides ghosts and goblins, there's often real danger lurking in the Halloween night air. Every year many trick-or-treaters are seriously injured or poisoned from eating candy and other goodies given to them by strangers. Youngsters have been known to receive candy coated with rat poisoning and fruit containing razor blades. Parents should give their children strict instructions not to eat anything given to them by strangers until they arrive home. At home, parents should carefully inspect everything received.

Also, if youngsters trick-or-treat at night, be sure they wear light colors so they can be seen by cars, walk along the shoulder of the road facing traffic if there are not sidewalks, wear makeup instead of a mask to see better, wait outside of homes of strangers for treats and carry flashlights instead of candles or jack-o'-lanterns.

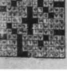
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Linking device
8. Barrel
12. Aardvark
14. Bitter drug
15. Common dog
16. Hasten
17. Warble
18. Compass point
19. Girl's name
20. That man
21. Hindu queen
22. Greek letter
25. Fresh
28. Pale
30. Curved plank: naut.
32. Toward
33. Becloud
34. Bingo
36. College degree
37. Stop up
39. Grain
40. Before
42. Behold!
43. On the ocean
44. Thus
46. Numbers
48. Cheer
51. Yearn for
53. Sea eagle
54. Distance measure
55. Region
56. Unfastener
58. Microbe
59. Bee's weapon



DOWN
1. Arrived
2. Burden
3. Spoke
4. Animal friend
5. French "the"
6. Of racial groups
7. Check
8. Money
9. Foreigner
10. Offspring
11. Cask
13. Paper measures
19. Beast
22. Among
24. Except
26. Girl's name
27. Fleece
28. Ecclesiastic
29. Proximate
31. Long ago: archaic
35. Ripping
38. Motor lodge
39. Unable to
41. Ardent
45. Make-believe
47. Cupid
49. Sheltered side
50. German "mister"
51. Droop
52. Anger
54. Humans
57. Yes: Span.

Answer to Puzzle



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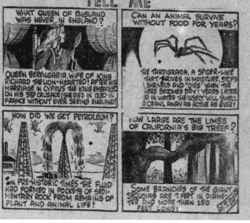
WHAT QUEEN OF ENGLAND WAS NEVER IN ENGLAND?
QUEEN BERENGARIA, WIFE OF KING RICHARD THE LION-HEARTED! AFTER HIS MARRIAGE IN CYPRUS THE KING EMBARKED ON HIS 3RD CRUSADE! SHE DIED IN 1230-IN FRANCE WITHOUT EVER SEEING ENGLAND!
CAN AN ANIMAL SURVIVE WITHOUT FOOD FOR YEARS?
THE TARDIGRADA, A SPIDER-LIKE THAT THRIVES IN MOISTURE, STOPS, SHRIVELS AND "DIES" WHEN THE HERE BECOMES DRY! YEARS LATER D IN WATER THE INSECT WILL SWELL D CRAWL AWAY AS ACTIVE AS EVER!
HOW DID WE GET PETROLEUM?
IN PRE-HISTORIC TIMES THE FLUID HAD FORMED IN POCKETS OF SEDIMENTARY ROCK FROM REMAINS OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE!
HOW LARGE ARE THE LIMBS OF CALIFORNIA'S BIG TREES?
SOME BRANCHES OF THE GIANT SEQUOIAS ARE 7 FEET IN DIAMETER AND MORE THAN 150 FEET LONG!

Meharry Alumni

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schedule of meetings for the Board of Management, and the projects developed should prove beneficial to the association.

The Metropolitan New York Chapter of the Alumni Association made arrangements for the meeting. Attending were representatives from the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Members of the Board of Management also attending were Dr. Robert C. Stewart, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. Dazelle D. Simpson, Miami; Dr. C. O. Spann, Columbia, S.C.; Dr. Eustace E Corbin, Miss Phyllis B. Allen, R.N., Dr. Alphonzo Jordan, Mrs. Addie M. Crawford, R.N., Mrs. Dorothy P. Lane, R.N., all of New York.

Dr. Lawrence W. Coffee, Dr. James E. Austin, of Detroit; Dr. Herbert C. Harris, Dr. Raymond Pierce, of Chicago; Dr. Otis W. Smith, Atlanta; Dr. Jean C. Moses, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Theodore E. Bolden, Dr. A. P. Johnson, Dr. Lloyd C. Elam, President of Meharry Medical College, Dr. Ralph H. Hines, Executive Vice President of Meharry, Miss Benetta Bashaw, Administrative Assistant, Alumni Affairs, all of Nashville.

Xmas Fair

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house Snack Bar; Mrs. Charles Bernstien, Publicity; Mrs. Edward C. Crangle, Advertising; Mrs. Jerome O'Connor, Light- and Mr. Peter McGlynn, Decoration.

The Buffalo Association for the Blind, a member of the United Fund, provides community resource of information consisting of:
and technical, social assistance and rehabilitation services to the visually handicapped.

The Christmas Fair is one of the important means of showing the public what the blind are capable of performing.

All the products that are made by the blind for sale are of superior gift quality and they are paid for their work. The more sold at the Fair, the more jobs created in the workrooms.

Among the large selection will be featured terry and flannelette robes for children, stuffed toys and clowns, handbags, all types of festive smocks and aprons, pillows, pot holders, barbeque packs, towels, sheets, pillow cases, trays, dusters, tennis racquet covers, hand-knit items and quilted hostess skirts.

The Lighthouse unit of the Blind Association will provide a snack bar with delicious food served continuously. All the proceeds will go towards providing services important to the social lives of the sightless.

Please come, select your Christmas gifts, and Help the Blind Help Themselves."

Quotations With A Meaning

From Various Authors

By ALMA BROOKS

"There is a difference between concern and anxiety. Love leads to concern; fear leads to anxiety. Anxious people are not necessarily concerned people."

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"One should always mistrust those who complain of their lot. Destiny is cruel only to the weak who do not know how to realize its blows.

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"Melancholy almost always begets a mental condition bordering on indifferences; it suppresses the desire for life, the key of all good resolutions and continual perserverance."

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"For thinkers the happiest solution always includes some risk, and even the germ of anger."

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"Be yourself. Copy no one. Do not assume the manner or style of others. Follow your own temperment. You are already distinguished from many."

You and your pet

By TED KAVANAUGH, DIRECTOR,
ALPO PET NEWS BUREAU

World Records For Dogs

Largest: The world's heaviest breed is the St. Bernard. "Baron Von Bruno," owned by Ronald G. Sarlo of Pueblo, Colorado, was weighed at 250 lbs. in May, 1963.

Smallest: The world's smallest breed is the Chihuahua, some specimens of which weigh only 16 oz.

Strongest: The greatest load ever shifted, by one dog was a 3,142 lb. sledge pulled by "Charlie," a Huskey owned by Larry Clendenon, in a test at Anchor Point, Alaska, on February 11, 1961.

Fastest: The fastest breed of domestic dog is the Saluki, which may attain a maximum speed of 43 m.p.h.

Oldest: The oldest reliably recorded dog was "Adjutant," a black Labrador gun dog who lived 27 years 3 months, owned by James Hawkes of Lincolnshire, England.

Largest Litter: The largest recorded litter of puppies is one of 23 whelped on February 11, 1945 by "Lena," a Foxhound bitch owned by Commander W. N. Ely of Ambler, Pennsylvania.

Tallest: This dog record is held by "Broadbridge Michael," an Irish Wolfhound (born 1926) owned by Mrs. Mary Beynon of Kent, England. He stood 39 ½ inches at the shoulder.

My thanks to the publisher of Guinness Book of World Records (copyright 1966) for providing those, and other, world record facts.

Did you know that since 1965, Russia has issued six stamps depicting these dogs: Caucasian Sheepdog, South Russian Sheepdog, Turkestan Sheepdog, Laika (the famous mixed breed astronaut dog), and an Irish (Irish?) Setter. When will the U.S. close the dog stamp gap? That may be a suggestion your dog club could make to your Congressman.

Old English Sheepdog: 25th In AKC Registrations

And Did You Know . . .

Many of us are familiar with famous dogs of today and yesterday, like Lyndon Johnson's beagles, President Nixon's Irish Setter, the Welsh Corgis of Britain's Royal Family.

But did you know that Michelangelo's Pomeranian accompanied his master to work in the Sistine Chapel; that Wagner's Poodle sat in the orchestra pit pricking his ears to the sound of the Valkyries; that Chopin's Minute Waltz was written for a Poodle? And that a Fox Terrier named Laurel followed Napoleon into exile?

Remember, your pet's best friend is the veterinarian!

LIVING UNDER LAW

Note: The New York State Bar Association offers this column as a public service

POLITICS

"Politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians." Yet the politician who is too serious may find it hard to survive in the political world.

A candidate is open to public scrutiny as to his fitness for office. Just about any criticism of a public official will tend to affect his private, as well as his public reputation. However, there is a great interest in allowing a free flow of information to the public. It is difficult for a person to prove malice or reckless disregard for the truth. A mistaken accusation can be retracted. An "innocent mistake" is not knowingly a false statement nor is it reckless.

"Public figures" include more than office holders and political candidates. A police detective, a famous football coach, a garbage company owner that serves the public, just about anyone whose activities greatly affect the public is a "public" figure. ***A wide range of comment is*** **permitted.**

Generally statements made during the course of a judicial proceeding, allegations in pleadings or other letters exchanged during the course of a trial are privileged. Accusations and misstatements in such cases may not be the basis of separate court action.

IRS Temporary Office Closed In Corning, N. Y.

Friday, Oct. 27th, marks the last day assistance will be available from the Internal Revenue Service's temporary office in Corning, N. Y., John E. Foley, Buffalo District Director of the Internal Revenue Service has announced.

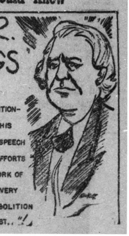
The office was opened last July to help victims of Hurricane Agnes, take advantage of certain tax benefits entitled to them under a special amendment to the tax law.

Mr. Foley said that a decrease in the activity of the office has shown the need for such assistance has subsided.

Area residents who may need assistance, may visit or contact the Elmira, N. Y. Internal Revenue Service office, which is open Monday thru Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Things You Should Know

Joshua R. GIDDINGS



THE FIRST MILITANT ABOLITIONIST IN CONGRESS, KNOWN FOR HIS FAMOUS DEFIANT ANTI-SLAVERY SPEECH IN WASHINGTON IN 1841, HIS EFFORTS DID MUCH TO OPPOSE THE WORK OF JOHN C. CALHOUN, THE PRO-SLAVERY LEADER WHO SAID, IN 1836, "ABOLITION AND THE UNION CANNOT CO-EXIST.."