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CHRISTMAS PLAY A SUCCESS

"The Bird's Christmas Carol" was one of the best Christmas plays ever presented in Dunbar," was the comment of Miss M. P. Burrill, teacher of dramatics in the Dunbar High School, when asked her opinion of the play presented by the Players' Guild on Tuesday, December 22, 1925.

"The acting of the different parts by certain students was simply splendid," Miss Burrill continued, "and the naturalness and ease with which they carried out their particular parts showed great improvement over plays presented in recent years."

Miss Burrill especially commended Maud Davis who played the role of Mrs. Ruggles with a naturalness which showed not only her acting ability but artistry as well. Clara Brown, who very skillfully interpreted the part of Carol, also received very favorable mention.

Frederick Philips, to whom was assigned the role of Uncle Jack, was complimented for his excellent portrayal of the character. The ease and naturalness with which he entered into the spirit of his role was apparent.

SENIOR STUDENTS GIVEN PASSES

The senior students who report to



CORTEZ PETERS

STUDENTS OF DUNBAR RENDER AID TO POOR AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a season in which the spirit of charity is more prevalent, than at any other time of the year.

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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SO- RORITY PRESENTS DR. A. J. COOPER

A large and appreciative audience gathered at the Rankin Chapel, Howard University on Tuesday evening, December 29, 1925, in response to an invitation from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, to witness the presentation of Dr. Anna Julia Cooper, recent graduate of the Sorbonne, Paris, France.

The audience rose and accorded Dr. Cooper most hearty applause as she, accompanied by Basileus Harriet B. Allen, Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook, and others mounted the platform.

The first speaker of the evening was Basileus H. B. Allen, who after giving a short sketch of her educational activities and achievements, presented Dr. Anna J. Cooper to the audience. In her response, Dr. Cooper said that whatever she had achieved had been inspired by the hope that she would stimulate the youth to follow her example. "I take at your hands, therefore, this diploma, not as a symbol of cold intellectual success in my achievement at the Sorbonne, but with the warm pulsing heart throbs of a people's satisfaction in my humble efforts to serve them," were Dr. Cooper's closing words.

Following her address, a represen-

have been given a pass by Mr. W. L. Smith, principal of the Dunbar High School, which permits them to enter their locker at any time during the first and second periods.

On Tuesday, December fifteenth, a small slip of paper awaited each member of the sections that reported at intermission. After they were distributed among the members of the various sections, each teacher explained that these were passes issued by Mr. Smith, permitting the bearer to enter the locker at any time during the first and second periods. They also explained that if they were lost it would be "Just too bad," as no more would be given them.

MR. LANGSTON HUGHES TO APPEAR JANUARY 15

Mr. Langston Hughes, the young Negro poet of high rank, will render a reading from his noted poems at the Playhouse, January 15, at 8:30 o'clock. His appearance will be under the auspices of the Playwriter's Circle and promises to be a brilliant success. The first group of poems which he will read are under the head of "Poems of Experience," and the second group of poems will be composed of "Poems of Negro Life." Dr. Alain Leroy Locke will preside.

Mr. Hughes is praised throughout the country as a poet informed with "a sensitivity and a nostalgia for beauty, color and warmth."

Very recently several of Mr. Hughes' poems were included in a program given by Vachel Lindsay at the Wardman Park Little Theatre, Washington. "The Weary Blues," Mr. Hughes' first book of poems will be published by Knopf, January 20, 1926. The title poem of his book, won first prize in a contest held by Opportunity in 1924.

dents of unbar fostered and carried over a plan which would make it possible for some unfortunate children to have a real Christmas. The day before the holiday, a large tree was beautifully decorated by members of the school. Every student was given his chance to play the part of a good Samaritan, by contributing some token toward the Christmas tree for the children. There were a large number of toys, books, fruits, and simple garments given by the student body.

On Christmas morning, the children were invited to attend the party of Santa Claus. When the children arrived, they were entertained by Santa with games and songs. After this program, the children were presented with some tokens and fruit from the tree.

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

March 12-13, 1926, in the City of New York

The second annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association will be held at Columbia University, in the City of New York, on March 12-13, 1926. The contest to be held at the same time will be conducted under the rules similar to those of last year, but changes have been made in the classification of the magazines, and newspapers.

The Observer was represented last year at the convention, and we hope that it will be entered in Class A publications with as high esteem as that of last year.

CATHOLIC FATHER WILL VISIT DUNBAR

Section A-1 History class will be addressed by Father Tonquo Thurs-

Practice of the... School, has recently accepted an offer as expert demonstrator for the Underwood Typewriting company at an initial salary of twenty-one hundred dollars per year. This more permanent emolument was preceded by an award of one hundred dollars from this company.

Mr. Peters will journey to New York early in February to enter upon his new duties. His work will practically carry him all over the United States and Canada.

Due to his own intensive training and the coaching of Mr. J. C. Wright, his former instructor and a personal friend, Mr. Peters was able to take first honors in the world amateur typewriting contest with a speed of 119 words per minute, and only 20 mistakes in the half hour of writing.

J. CARTER.

BURNS PROVE FATAL TO DUNBAR STUDENT

As a result of burns sustained when her clothing caught fire on Thursday, December 31, 1925, Doris Epperson, fifteen, died at her home, 1503 Fifth Street.

She was carried to Freedmen's Hospital but efforts to save her proved futile. She was returned to her home where she died Friday, January 1, 1926.

Miss Epperson was a member of Section G-1. Her subject teachers and Dr. N. F. Brown, her section teacher, sent flowers.

The burial took place at Norfolk, Virginia, her former home.

day, January 14, during the fourth period on the interesting subject, "Scientific methods before Civilization."

The class is looking forward to this address with keen anticipation.

degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Sorbonne University of Paris upon Dr. Cooper. The audience again rose and vigorously applauded.

The next address was made by Dr. Alain Leroy Locke. Dr. Locke formally expressed his opinion that Dr. Cooper's achievement will have a beneficial effect upon the youth of the race.

"The achievements of women" was the title of an address by Mrs. Cora-je Franklin Cook. Mrs. Cook reviewed the achievements of women from Bible times up to the present. She paid a high tribute to Dr. Cooper as an ex-principal of the M Street High School.

The music of the evening was furnished by Soror Mayme A. Holden of New York, Professor Wesley Howard of Howard University, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Glee Club.

Dr. Cooper is the first woman of Washington to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Sorbonne of Paris, France.

Officials of the public schools of Washington as well as of Howard University were among those gathered to pay homage to Dr. Cooper.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS

During the holidays heavy white lines were placed in the Dunbar High School halls, by order of Mr. Smith, the principal, in order that jay-walking might be prevented in the building.

The purpose of the white lines is three-fold. They serve as a visual reminder, as an economizer, and a habit former. With the aid of these lines the traffic directors will be able to avoid congestion in the halls.

Mr. Henry Grant is head of the traffic department. He has as his assistants the members of the Rex Club, an organization of senior boys.