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GOD doth not behold differences of hue and complexion. He looketh at the hearts. He whose morals and virtues are praiseworthy is preferred in the presence of God; he who is devoted to the Kingdom is most loved.

-Baha'i Writings



Richard R. Edwards

## Probation Office Post To Edwards

Richard R. Edwards of 907 N. 5th St. has been appointed as an additional probation officer for Champaign County. Judge Frederick S. Green announced Monday.

Edwards, a member of the Unit 4 Board of Education, will be one of four probation officers under chief probation officer Russell Burke. His duties are described as those of a youth counselor.

He has been a resident of Champaign more than 40 years and has long been active in civic affairs. He is now employed at the Champaign Post Office.

Edwards has served as chairman of the advisory committee for the Douglass Park Community Center, as exalted ruler of University Lodge of the Elks and as a deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church.

He will begin his new duties as soon as he can make the necessary arrangements.

## Oct. 12 Proclaimed As Columbus Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy has proclaimed Oct. 12 as Columbus Day.

He asked the people to observe the day — the 471st anniversary of the sighting of the new world by Christopher Columbus and his crew — with appropriate ceremonies in their churches, schools and other suitable places.

## W.E.B. DuBois Dies



A pioneer founder of the civil rights movement in the United States died in Africa Tuesday night on the eve of America's greatest protest demonstration, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, 95, author, sociologist, lecturer, traveler, leading authority on Africa, and a founder of the NAACP, died at his home in Accra.

The Ghana government announced his passing "with extreme regret". No cause of death was given. Dr. DuBois moved to Ghana last year and was naturalized as a Ghanaian citizen early this year.

At the time of his death he was editor of a massive project, "The Encyclopedia of the Negro" 1931-1946; "Dark Princess" 1924 "Dark Water" 1920; "Souls of Black Folk" 1903, which was recently republished in paperback edition, and "Black Reconstruction" Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, told the Freedom Marchers Washington Wednesday that "Soul of Black Folk" is as true in 1963 as it was in 1903.

Dr. DuBois is survived by his wife, writer Shirley Graham, who lived with him in Ghana, and a daughter, Mrs. Yolanda Williams of Baltimore, Md. Mrs. DuBois who is also well known for her autobiographies of Booker T. Washington, Paul Robeson and Dr. George Washington Carver. Dr. DuBois' first wife was the late Nina Gomer DuBois.

One of the founders of the American Negro Academy, Dr. DuBois was one of the organizers of the segregation-fighting Niagara Movement, out of which grew in 1909-10 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Later he became editor of "The Crisis" the NAACP magazine. He broke with

the NAACP in 1948 and devoted time to movements that were left-of-center.

In 1949 he served as co-chairman of the American delegation to the World Peace Congress in Paris. In 1959 the Soviet Union awarded him the Lenin Peace Prize. He joined the Communist Party in 1960 when he was 93.

William Edward Burghardt was born in Great Barrington, Mass. February 28, 1863 of mixed Negro, Dutch and French ancestry. He was educated at Fisk, Harvard and Berlin Universities and received his doctorate in philosophy from Harvard in 1895.

Dr. DuBois was the first Negro to be elected to the National Institute of Arts and Letters and was a life member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He appeared in every issue of "Who's Who in America."

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THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION has made grants totaling \$69.2 million to provide special housing for paraplegics.

## Witnesses Meeting Draws 1,020 People

One thousand and twenty persons attended the final session of the three-day "Feed My Little Sheep" circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses Sunday in the Crawfordsville National Guard Armory.

The convention drew delegates from 35 towns and cities in Illinois and Indiana. Eighty attended from the Champaign-Urbana congregation.

Peak attendance was reached when many visitors from the Crawfordsville area attended the keynote address by Angelo A. Catanzaro, district minister, on the subject "The Bible Triumphs in a Scientific World."

## Bowles Lauds Local Negro Leadership

Support of Negro leaders "who have earned their right to leadership" was pledged Sunday by Robert O. Bowles, executive secretary of the Champaign County Urban League.

Expressing the role which the Urban League must play in the current swift-moving events in the field of civil rights, Bowles declared, "We must say loud and clear that we are in accord with the goals of the Champaign-Urbana Improvement Association."

Bowles addressed about 50 members of the Urban League, reporting to them on his trip to a national conference of the league at Los Angeles last month.

Of CUIA president Rev. J. E. Graves, Bowles declared, "I respect and admire Rev. Graves. He has led and held together the Negro community in a town where I was once told, 'There is no Negro leadership.'"

## Leadership by Negroes

Bowles told the Urban League members that they must deal with Negro leaders who have earned their positions. "It is no longer possible for the white community to appoint the leadership of the Negroes."

He told the group that the consensus of the delegates at the national conference was that the Urban League could be successful in its goals to improve housing and employment and other opportunities for Negroes, only if it maintained the respect of the "new leaders who have sprung up this summer." He described the Rev. Mr. Graves as typical of this new leadership.

Bowles said the national organization is seeking specific programs to "help the Negro catch up to the white race, so he can compete with an even break."

"It is not enough simply to hire people on a merit basis," he said. "Negroes must be hired and taught to do the job. They must be given a chance to overcome hundreds of years of deprivation."

## Program Commended

Bowles said the program designed by the local Urban League is a "step in the right direction" toward this goal.

Also at the meeting, the group heard reports from Mrs. John Bardeen, chairman of the league's education committee, and John R. White, member of the employment committee.

Mrs. Bardeen reported that four Champaign schools are being aided with \$600 in scholarships raised last year by the Urban League, and that money will again be raised next spring to provide aid for Negro students.

She also revealed that her committee is planning a program for "Tomorrow's Scientists and Technicians" to give help and en-

## THE PEACEMAKERS

Last Sunday during our Church School assembly period the superintendent asked me to give some highlights of the lesson. I began by asking the question, "Who is a peacemaker?" to which one of junior boys quickly answered, "A peacemaker is one who breaks up fights." In spite of the out-burst of laughter that followed, these words stuck in my mind and I have not been able to get rid of them. And the more I think about them, the more meaningful they become. Yes, a peacemaker is One Who Business It is to Break up Fight.



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The fights may be in the home, the church, the community, or within one's own bosom; wherever it is it should be broken up for the good of all concerned. If there ever was a time in world history when Peacemakers are needed it is now, for there's much fighting going on. There is tension, anger, discord, and strife everywhere, and man seems bent on global conflict. We need someone who is able to break up the fights that rage.

A PEACEMAKER is more than one who breaks up a fight. He is one who seeks to prevent fighting. He is one who has peace within his own heart, and because of this, his very presence speaks of love, understanding, and peace. In his presence discord and anger vanish; tenderness and friendship are generated. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God," is a text for each of us to ponder, in ourselves to the business of peacemaking, to breaking up fights where ever they are found.

MAY we pray in the words of Mr. Van Dyke:

"Thou Love Divine, uttered in human need—Oh, teach our warring word this lesson still, Thy way of PEACE, the footpath of good will."

W. Howe Donaldson

couragement to individual students, encouraging them to "put forth the necessary extra effort needed to overcome the handicaps they have."

White said his committee is compiling "an inventory of skills" of Negroes in the community to aid Bowles in placing them in jobs. He also said the committee is working with the Champaign Chamber of Commerce to secure cooperation of labor unions in finding employment for Negroes.

There is no road too long to the man who advances deliberately and without undue haste; no honors too distant to the man who prepares himself for them with patience.—