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# Hear! C. Satchel Morris

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ORATOR

Tuesday Evening, At Beth Eden Baptist Church  
27TH AND PALOMA



CHARLES SATCHEL MORRIS, JR.  
The Race's Greatest Spokesman

Young Morris is the uncrowned King of the American Platform. His famous address, "The Hour has Come", will be heard Tuesday night, July 15th at the Beth Eden Baptist Temple, 27th and Paloma streets.

Dr. James A. Francis, pastor of the First Baptist Church (white) who was a life long friend of young Morris' father, and who has known young Morris from boyhood will introduce the orator. He is the real leader of his Race.

Because of the advanced sale of tickets, the public is asked to be on time in order to avoid the rush.

The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock sharp, after which time seats will be at a premium.

## THE MATTER OF BRUCE'S BEACH

To the Board of Directors,  
L. A. Branch, N. A. A. C. P.

In reference to the matter of Bruce's Beach, referred to this office for an opinion, permit me to advise that an investigation shows:

That Mrs. Bruce's property is not strictly beach property; Mr. Peck be-

ing the owner of the land intervening between Mrs. Bruce and the water. So far as has been ascertained two ordinances passed by the City Council of Manhattan Beach; one condemning the property under consideration for the park purposes and the other zoning it for residential purposes and disallowing bath houses and other business in that territory. These two ordinances conflict; but it is likely that the former will be abandoned and the latter sustained by the council.  
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Mme. Jessie C. Grayson  
FAR FAMED PRIMA DONNA  
Portland, Oregon



Mme. Jessie Coles Grayson  
Mrs. Jessie Coles Grayson, whose reputation as one of the greatest nightingales of this country and whose fame has gone forth to every section will make her first appearance in this city on Monday evening, June 14th, at the Eighth and Towne Avenue Church. Mrs. Grayson should receive a notable reception for truly Los Angeles is her home town, and in days gone by she was on the staff of the West's greatest weekly.  
She is a sister of Mrs. Fannie Williams, well known beauty artist and leading citizen of this city. Mrs. Grayson stands out as a wonderful artist, and her home town cannot afford but give her a royal reception, for the mark she has made in her profession.

## SWEET GIRL GRADUATE



Miss Flossie Washington  
Since her coming to this city about five or six years ago, Miss Flossie Washington has not only made many friends and taken part in many social gatherings of the younger set but has steadily applied herself and on Thursday evening, June 26th, received her diploma from the Los Angeles Polytechnic High School.

Miss Flossie Washington is the sister to Mrs. S. Alexander, well known wealthy society matron with whom she makes her home. Mrs. Alexander made the little Miss a present of one thousand dollars as a graduation present.

Sensation Divorce Case, Wm. Stevens Vs. Willa Stevens In Judge Burnell's Court.

CORRESPONDENT WAS IN TESTIMONY REPORTED TO HAVE SAID: "YOU ARE THE LION, I AM THE MOUSE; LET ME LIVE."

In Judge Burnell's Court, Dept. 4, of the Superior Court, the soiled linen of the divorce case of Wm. Stevens vs. Willa Stevens was hung out on the lines for cleansing. In many ways it is a remarkable case and one in which the plaintiff, despite the damaging and seemingly overwhelming evidence of misconduct, refuses to back up one inch and flatly disputes every allegation made against her.

The case up to this writing with the defendant on the stand; witness after witness giving damaging testimony including the Plaintiff. The defendant, Willa Stevens, goes on the stand and not one word she says that has been uttered against her is true and on the contrary what has been testified, she is a true, loyal and loving wife. That she did not commit adultery as alleged, neither did she fail to cook defendant's meals or to mend his clothes, etc.

BIG DRAWING CARD  
The trial itself was the big drawing card for the week. Not many murder trials of noted criminals have attracted bigger crowds. Los Angeles' smart set has been largely represented. The club women, the clergy, some of the staid, sturdy citizens have been like clock work in making time for this case. They are there morning, at noon, and at all the recesses.  
However, after several postments,

the trial itself as exclusively announced in this paper was started off before Judge Burnell on last Tuesday at 10 o'clock A. M.

EVIDENCE ADDUCED  
The legal lights appearing in the case are: Judge Thomas P. White and Hugh E. Macheth for the Plaintiff and Willis O. Tyler for the defense.

WM. STEVENS, PLAINTIFF ON THE STAND

Stevens is rated as one of the shrewdest detectives who ever set out to solve a criminal case in all sections of the country and he is a terror to criminals. He is fighting this counter charge to his suit for divorce and in the same methodical manner as in all his other cases he seems to be prepared in this one.

After the usual preliminary questions Judge White questioned Wm. Stevens as follows:

Q. On the 22nd day of April, what time did you come home?

A. At 1:30 P. M.

Q. How long did you wait there?

A. Until about 6:30 P. M.

Q. During the time mentioned what did you see?

A. I saw James Brown come into the house. I watched him through holes bored into the ceiling. I saw  
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## COMMENTS

W. J. Wheaton

We were astonished to hear a young man make the remark that "it was no use for a Negro to equip himself for anything more important in life than that of a boot black as he would never be given any opportunity to advance". Now this young man, from an intellectual standard is above the average. He is a product of our public schools and is to enter for a course of study at one of the universities. But there is something radically wrong with that young man; something lacking in the stuff from which men are moulded. Education without stiff vertical backing is like a fine looking machine with defective driving power, polished on the outside but no good for the grade.

What this Race needs is young men and young women who will fight to obtain an education and then use that education as a weapon to remove the barriers which confront them. It seems sometimes to us that we lack that grim determination - that possessed our fathers and our mothers of past days. That unconquerable spirit which helped them to bear the burdens of slavery and yet trod bravely on toward the beacon light of freedom. And then the indomitable will to give to their offspring the heritage of an education to fit them for life's battles, battles which they knew would have to be fought in the march for racial achievement. Such thoughts should inspire our youth with courage and a desire to conquer. Give us the boys  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF NAME

Mrs. Pearl G. Hall of 1240 Long Beach Ave., announces to the general public that her name as afore written or stated Mrs. Pearl G. Hall, has been legally changed to Miss Pearl G. Mays.

## Betrothal Announcement



## Miss Ethel Frances Billups

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howard, 1340 E 41st street was the attractive center for the gathering of a very expectant crowd of popular young people of the city Friday evening, June 27th, 1924. They all knew something of important interest was due to take place. After the young people had very thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment the announcement of the betrothal of Miss Ethel Frances Billups to Mr. Louis Raymond Hurd was read. Miss Billups is the daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Billups, 112 S. Rivera street, this city, and is very popular among the young set.

On Sunday, July 13th, Graduation exercises of the Wilkins School of Music will be held at Rev. Holt's Church at 21st and Spring.

WALTER V. ALLEN IN RECITAL

Hamilton M. E. Church, Monday, July 21st



WALTER V. ALLEN

The Smiling Thru Club of the New Hope Baptist Church presents Walter V. Allen in Recital, Monday evening, July 21, 1924 at the Hamilton M. E. Church, 18th and Naomi Sts.

Mr. Allen comes to us highly recommended as a Soloist Tenor. He has traveled very extensively in the States and in Canada and has won the admiration of music lovers wherever he has appeared.

He was ably assisted by Lawrence Lassiter, Violinist, whose playing always captivates his hearers.

Mozelle Te Outley will be the accompanist for the evening.

## MRS. S. B. STRICKLAND IN EAST

Word has been received from Mrs. S. B. Strickland of her safe journey East.

Mrs. Strickland, well known Missionary and civic worker in Los Angeles, Pasadena and in fact the whole state of California, left about two weeks ago for an extended trip over the middle west and east.

Ever since the thought of the Old Folks Home was conceived in the minds of its founders it seems as if simultaneously Mrs. Strickland was chosen to be the one most to "ake the burden of the work upon her heart

and mind. Since the writer can remember when the name of the Old Folks Home was mentioned it carried with it the name of Mrs. Strickland. For many years she has been president of the Board of Management of the Home. She has given her time and of her substance that this, a most needed work, might be established. The Baptist founders of the home, have appreciated her work to the extent that they have kept her at the head of it all these years and are loath to lose her even for a moment. A pleasant stay and speedy return are wished for her.

COSTUME DANCE, THURSDAY EVENING JULY 17TH, ARION HALL, 311 1/2 THIRD STREET SOJOURNER TRUTH CLUB SPONSORING  
PROF. WELLS FLOOR MANAGER