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tribute. The latter said in a memorable speech, 'You think me a fanatic tonight, for you read history not with your eyes but your prejudices. But fifty years hence when Truth gets a hearing, the Muse of History will put Phocion for the Greek, and Brutus for the Roman, Hampden for England, Fayette for France, choose Washington as the bright, consummate flower of our earlier civilization, and John Brown, the ripe flower of our noon-day, then dipping her pen in the sunlight, will write in the clear blue above them all, the name of the soldier, the statesman, the martyr, TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE.'

"Wendell Phillips based his stand on the fact that while Washington and the others had been born free and had resources, greater or less to start and continue their early careers, Toussaint rose from the very depths. He was a slave who had to pick up stealthily even the mere rudiments of education and then forge his weapon of victory against a mighty, well-trained power from the crudest materials.

"Having done all this, untaught and with natural inborn powers, how far might he not have gone had he Washington's advantages; or had he even been born in France and to a great extent free from color prejudice? History, three centuries hence, might not put Toussaint above Washington but it will certainly class him with one of the ablest and most phenomenal figures of all time. Born under Islam, and even a slave, he would have been another Kafur, Tarik, or Mahmud of Ghazni.

"TOUSSAINT IS often pictured either as a monster or a saint. Both these views are wrong. Like every other man who rose to great prominence, he was a mixture of good and evil and, in his case, as in certain others, the good was predominant. He acted hypocritically at times, like all statesmen, but he was inherently just, courteous, and humane. Had he been a saint, he would have remained a slave, obedient to his master and Haiti would not have been free. He had to deal with tricky, ruthless men, white and black, and candor and open dealing would merely have put him at their mercy. His task called for cunning, deception, ruthlessness, in a word, statecraft, and he was abundantly endowed with them. When the mulattoes opposed him he massacred 10,000 of them. Terrible in combat though he was, he was magnanimous in victory. This his white enemies were not--nor his Negro aides or opponents, with the exception of Petion.

"THE UNITED STATES of America owes him a great debt. Because of events he had set in motion, the power of France in the New World was broken, hastening the sale of the Louisiana territory, or nearly half of what is now the United States, for a trifling sum."

"Toussaint Louverture, it seems, after a stable government had been assured to Haiti, had hoped to found an empire on the West Coast of Africa somewhere in the region of Dahomey. From there he intended to attack the slave-trade.

"For this purpose, according to Gragnon-Lacoste, he had placed in the safe-keeping of an American Consul, Stevens, better known as Edouard Girard, the sum of 6,000,000 francs in gold. This sum, the writer charges, was appropriated by Girard. After Girard's death there was considerable litigation over the money, which finally went to the founding of the Girard College in Philadelphia, an institution from which people of Negroid descent are barred.

"Placide, one of Toussaint's step-sons, married the daughter of Marquis de LaCaze and had a daughter who was 69 years of age in 1892. She lived in Dordogne, France, where she was highly respected by her neighbors, and on a pension from the French government. The last child of Toussaint, Marie Asselin Dessables, died at Lagrac, France, January 23, 1859, at the age of 85. Years after Toussaint's death, his estates, valued at 1,125,000 gold francs, went to his supposed heirs, the Legros of Haiti.

"Napoleon, while looking out on the blank ocean from the rocks of St. Helena as Toussaint had done on the snows of the Alps, regretted his treatment of Toussaint. He wrote, 'It was one of my greatest follies. I should not have sent an army to Haiti. I ought to have contented myself with governing the island through Toussaint L'Ouverture.' Napoleon had not only lost Haiti as a result but his army, too. Incidentally, the heir to the throne he had built, Prince Napoleon; was ambushed and killed by Negroes in the Zulu War of 1869."



STATE OFFICIALS of the Church of God in Christ are gathered here in Las Vegas to pay tribute to Nevada Bishop C.C. Cox (shown above) and Mrs. Cox in a week long Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Service... The program which began on Monday concludes Sunday, October 30. All activities are being held at the Church of God in Christ, 1117 'F' Street.

Theme of the Appreciation Services is most suitably derived from First Timothy 3:1--'This is a true saying, If a man desireth the office of a Bishop, He desireth a good work'.

33 YEARS WITH FBI

WASHINGTON--(NPI)--One of the first Negro FBI agents has retired after 33 years' service. Worthington Smith, 66, was hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1933 as a messenger. A few years later, he became the first Negro to serve as an FBI clerk. Less than a decade ago, he was appointed as an agent.

And now he has retired, to spend his time taking care of his seven dogs, hunting, and fishing. Smith said he commanded respect, even in the 1930s, when few Negroes were employed in the FBI in other than menial positions.

The racial climate has improved tremendously since, then, he said. "Today, there are more colored agents, and our women hold excellent secretarial positions in the agency," he said, adding that the FBI still has a long way to go before it achieves job equality.

CARSON CITY--The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles has devised a plan to clearly mark the driver's license of every person under the age of 21, Director Louis P. Spitz announced today.

THE PLAN will include imprinting the information "Minor Until..." and the year in which the licensee will become twenty-one, according to the director.

"A license such as this will give the Department of Motor Vehicles and other persons needing to know the person's legal age status a much more positive means of ascertaining this information, since a license such as this will be virtually unalterable," Spitz stated.

The IBM-produced license which Nevada currently is issuing has had a much lower incidence of alteration than the plastic, graph-o-type produced driver's license which the Department of Motor Vehicles issued prior to July 1, 1963.

HOWEVER, increasing incidence of the number of attempted alterations of licenses reported to Spitz by the DMV's chief of the Driver License Division, John N. Glover, has led to the new licensing policy for minors. Spitz explained.

The precise format for the new driver's license for minors is being designed jointly by the Driver License Division and the Automation Division of the DMV. It should be into production prior to January 1st, Spitz said.



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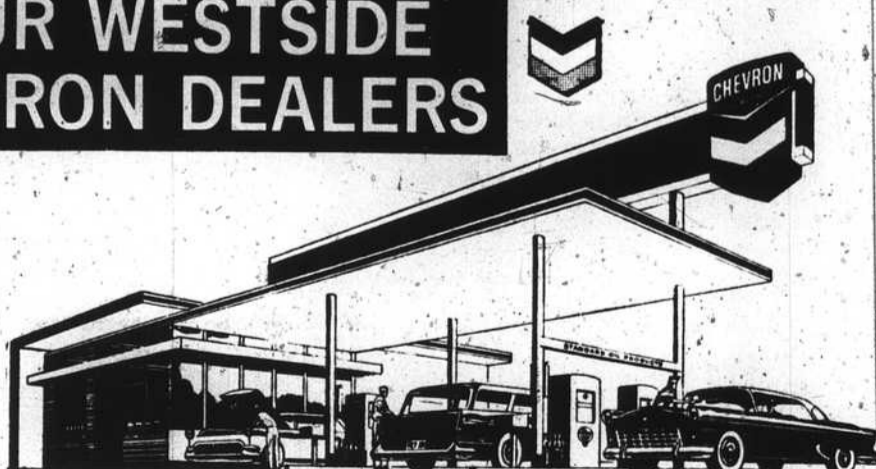
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