

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

THE SOMEBODY THAT'S BLACK

SKY-HI---I get no kick out of flying so high in the sky, but certainly the opportunity to think a lot, particularly on this long TWA run to Las Vegas. One thing which ran through my mind was the contents of M. A. Harris', "A Negro History Tour of Manhattan." How democratic it would be if Mr. F. C. Wiser, president of this jet liner, had made arrangements to have several copies aboard. Published by Greenwood Press the price is under 4-bucks, and if no other place, it can be found at the Micheaux Book Store on 125th St. off Lenox Ave. It's an intriguing guide, as it points out sites and provides data on persons and events which connects the history of Black Manhattan to the history of the city and country. Starting from the Battery in the 17th century it facts its way through the city and the years to the present.

In compiling this editorial effort the Negro History Associates, under-earthed a lot of facts to stimulate my thought en route to the dice palaces of Las Vegas. Did you know that there is a bronze tablet on the left front of the U. S. Custom House at the foot of B'way at Battery Pk. and Bowling Green which honors an unknown Black hero who saved N'York from distruction in 1689. The Dutch settled Manhattan in 1634. Black labor built Fort New Amsterdam and the Church of St. Nicholas which stood on the site now occupied by the Custom House. It was in the tower of this church that an unknown Black caught a man setting a fire which was intended to ignite the gunpowder in the fort. Colonial records say the entire city and population would have been destroyed had not the culprit been discovered. The bronze plaque, which called attention to this heroic deed, was unveiled by Congress Lady Shirley Chishlom, Dec. 19, '68.

On the corner of Church and Leonard Sts., in front of 240 Church St., there is a bronze tablet on the sidewalk marking the original site of the Zion Church, the Mother Church of the A. M. E. A. denomination. This religious edifice is now located on West 136th St. and is known as Mother Zion. This was the first church in N'York built and led by Afro-Americans.

Would you believe the property on which the Criminal Courts Bldg. now stands, at 100 Centre St., was once owned by Blacks. Today there is a reminder plaque which honors the "N. Y. African Society for Mutual Relief," the first self-help group of Black Manhattanites. The organization was formed in 1808 and incorporated in 1810. Where the Criminal Courts now stands it had a club house and a station for the underground railroad. The plaque was unveiled on St. Valentine's Day in 1969 by Irving Hamilton and his spouse. He is a direct descendant of the first president of the Society and she a descendant of a later chief of the group.

The Dunbar Apartments on the Upper end of Harlem has been made historic by a tablet which honors Matthew Henson who died there in '55. His historic mark was made in April of 1909 when he was a co-discoverer of the North Pole and was the man who planted the Stars and Stripes at the top of the world. The tablet was unveiled April of '70 by two pupils of I. S. 10, and very appropriately Capt. Charles Conrad, Commander of Lunar XII, the first man vehicle to land on the moon.

These are just some of the historic facts and sites that are a part of N'York that have been overlooked too long by Fun City vistors abroad and at home. This scribe is happy that this flight interlude presented the opportunity to give some thoughts to who we are. The Negro History Associates, which may soon change its name to Black History Associates, are doing an incredible job in its attempt to alert Americans about the historic oversight of the Black man's contribution to the building of America. Pick up on this book, you'll enjoy it. When you're leaving N'York you think about these things and it makes you feel good. If you're white, it will give you some needed respect for the Black American....STAY LOOSE.

Bowlers League To Start Winter Season



The Progressive Mixed Bowlers League will be starting their winter season Sat. Sept. 11th at 6:30 P.M. at the College Park Bowl. Anyone interested in bowling in the league should contact Eva Simmons, league secretary at 642-3471. A successful summer season was just completed with outstanding scores bowled by Eva Simmons, 255.

Bertha Hoggard, 260, Odell Davis is League President.

Members of the Progressive Mixed Bowlers at close of summer league season are: (front row) Rita Logan, Dorothy Garnett, Corine Carter, Arlene Hicks, Johnnie Simmons, Levi Haynes, Judy Banks, Bobby McDaniel, and Bill Brown. Top row: Monroe Phillips, Claude Smith, Tilmon Banks, Andrew Mathews, Jim Hicks, Joshua Isham, Pearl Robinson, Donald Collins, and Dave Prowell.

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