

TO LAUNCH DRIVE FOR ABBOTT MEMORIAL

Douglass Students In Memorial Services For Robert S. Abbott

Rev. B. H. January Suggests A Monument To Defender Founder

The Rev. B. H. January, pastor of Southwestern Baptist church, 4838 Dearborn street and head of the Bud Billiken branch club at that institution, took the lead this week in a proposed nation-wide drive to secure funds from Billikens for the purpose of erecting a memorial at the grave of Robert S. Abbott, editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender who succumbed February 29.

Rev. January said the Billikens at his church were ready to put their nickels, dimes and quarters in a fund to erect the memorial. "We know it can be done and we want to do our part to help," he said.

With the assistance of his adviser, Mrs. Sadie Owens, directress of the Southwestern church choir, Rev. January is preparing for a memorial service at the church on Sunday, April 14. The program is scheduled for 3 p.m.

* * * Memorial Services

Members of the Negro History club of the Douglass elementary school, Thirty-second street and Calumet avenue, bowed in tribute to the late Robert S. Abbott at a special assembly on Thursday morning. Peggy Buckett, president, acted as mistress of ceremonies.

The following was the program: Reading of letter sent to Mrs. Robert S. Abbott, Peggy Buckett; Baha'i Prayer, Gale Welch Jr.; What other Billikens are doing, Lee Doris Pender; Life of Robert S. Abbott, John Shaw; vocal solo, Mrs. Myrtle Thomas, "When They Ring The Golden Bells;" Words of Robert S. Abbott, members of the club.

The following are the members of the club: Pearl Buckett, president; Alice Williams, secretary; John Shaw, treasurer; Shirley Smith, Roy Archie, Evie Mae Anderson, Virginia Washington, Lee Pender, Albert Porter, Dorothy McCallum, Ruth Jewel Doudon, Florida Thomas Sanford, teacher and sponsor and H. B. Smith, principal.

* * * More Telegrams

Among the numerous wires sent the bereaved family of Editor Abbott, were the following from Bud Billiken branch club boosters and sponsors:
Bud Billiken
3534 Indiana Ave., Chicago Defender

The Prairie Bud Billiken branch club extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Robert S. Abbott and family in the passing of Mr. Abbott. "His memory shall live forever.—Nellie Whitlow, sponsor, Chicago.

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Bud Billiken

Please accept our deepest sympathy to the loss of your great chief, Mr. Abbott. We all loved him but God loved him best. He was everybody's friend.—Bud Billikens of the Southwestern Baptist church. Rev. B. H. January, pastor; Sadie B. Owens, sponsor, Chicago.

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Bud Billiken

Our sincere sympathy for the irreparable loss you and the Billikens sustain in the passing of Robert S. Abbott, your friend and inspiration. I am thinking of that day way back when fresh from high school, you, with faith in him, asked for a job and he, with faith in you, started you on the road that has led to your present coveted spot in the hearts of Chicago's thousands of kiddies. May the beautiful memory you have of all he has meant to you and to his race drive you on to fill the place in journalism left vacant by his passing. He is at rest.—Gladis and Alonzo Pope, Chicago.