

# From The Defender Files

## 10 Years Ago

NEW YORK—Nina Mae McKinney, popular New York dancer, has been given the leading female role in King Vidor's production of "Hallelujah," a Metro-Goldwyn photoplay. She will replace "Honey" Brown whose illness forced her to retire. Daniel Haynes of "Show Boat" fame who is playing the leading male role is winning praise from the critics.

NEW YORK—Dr. William H. Johnson, oldest physician in the city, died last week. He was born on Long Island in 1854.

BOSTON—Mrs. Mary E. Redmond is dead at the age of 88. She knew John Brown the abolitionist.

NEW YORK—Charles J. Greene, who started working for the New York Central railroad five years ago as an attendant, has passed the state bar and has been granted a license to practice law in New York. He has been appointed to the legal department of the railroad company.

NASHVILLE — Capt. Reuben Richardson who has served on the local police force for 36 years has retired.

CHICAGO — Hundreds attended the funeral of Martin B. French, 75-year-old guard at the Franklin bank who was slain in a gun battle with four desperadoes at Thirty-fifth and Michigan avenue. Edgar F. Olson, cashier, and Leo Poquette, assistant cashier, were wounded. Four men have confessed to the robbery and shooting. They are Melvin Jenkins, Lefron Fisher, Leon Brown and Leonard Shadlow.

CLEVELAND — Councilman Thomas W. Fleming will be tried on charges of having solicited a bribe. Walter Oehme, crippled policeman, claims he paid Fleming a check for \$200, drawn on the Cleveland Trust company bank, for legislation enacted by the city council to reimburse Oehme for medical bills for treatment to injuries during service.

## 15 Years Ago

CHICAGO—Cassius King, first male member of our race to be born in Chicago, died at the home of Mrs. Dora Ward, 2666 Park avenue. Mr. King was 77. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. King and was born in a house on the corner of Harrison street and old Fourth avenue.

WASHINGTON—Dr. J. R. A. Crossland has discontinued his services with Veteran Hospital Unit No. 91 at Tuskegee, Ala., on orders issued by General Hines of the Veterans' Bureau. He has been accused of giving out misleading statements regarding the conditions at the hospital. Dr. Crossland's appointment did not meet with the approval of the National Negro Medical association.

CHICAGO—Louis Phal, better known as Battling Siki, visited Chicago for the first time in his life. He worked out in a loop gymnasium.

NEW YORK — Lew Raymond, matchmaker for the Queensboro stadium, Long Island City, N. Y., announced that Luis Angel Firpo has accepted the American syndicate's offer of \$25,000 to fight Harry Wills in a 15 round bout in July.