



**A 100-YEAR OLD PECAN TREE**

**FELL OVER, BUT DID NOT DIE, AND NOW FIVE NEW FRUIT-BEARING TREES HAVE GROWN UP FROM THE FALLEN MONARCH, AND EACH HAS ITS OWN TAP ROOT.** Mile Post, Ogeechee Road, Savannah, Ga. 9-24

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**DERRICK'S PECAN TREES IN 'THIS CURIOUS WORLD'**

The five pecan trees growing from an old tree that had fallen many years ago at the place of J. W. Derrick on the Ogeechee road are pictured today in "This Curious World," a daily feature in the Evening Press.

**Passing Of Prof. W. duHenri Brown**

Monday afternoon, the funeral of Prof. W. duHenri Brown was held at his late residence, West Park Ave., the Rev. N. M. Clark, pastor of Beth Eden Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. B. N. Bunn conducted the religious rites. The funeral was largely attended by people from every walk of life, due to the educational and social activities of the deceased which covered a large number of years. Prof. Brown was one of a large family. Graduating from the West Broad St. School and later from the college department of Georgia State College. Soon after his graduation, Prof. Brown entered the education work, for which he manifested extraordinary talent, and later entering the journalistic field, editing for many years the popular column of the Savannah Journal, under the heading, "Views and Reviews." The outstanding work of his career is the Springfield Terrace building. Beginning his work in that section in an old dilapidated church building, he immediately set about the task of securing for his community a representative building in which his young charges could be trained for life. Overcoming many difficulties and obstacles, he finally succeeded in the realization of his dream. Soon after the completion of this work, health failed and regardless of pressure, he resigned from the field. Prof. Brown has for many years headed a racial movement called the Negro Improvement League, the purpose of which was to develop appreciation for the cultural things of life. They along with representation from the community, Alumni Society, and others read many resolutions of sympathy and eulogies setting forth the esteem in which the deceased was held. He leaves to mourn his loss several brothers and sisters, other relatives and a host of friends.

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**FRUITS OF SMALL BEGINNING**

The recent passing of Wm. duHenri Brown recalls the fact that the full meed of praise has been withheld from him. Most of us are prone to forgetfulness and some are given to downright ingratitude and failure in giving due credit where it rightfully belongs. Were it not for Mr. Brown possibly there would not have been a Springfield Terrace public school. It is true that other elements are to be given some credit, but most of it goes mainly to him. Many years ago Mr. Brown saw the condition of the people of the water works section and decided to open a night school. It proved successful and resulted in a day school. This rapidly grew and taxed the building in which it was taught. This condition was noted by Mrs. Pearl Smith who interested several others. The school was visited and it was readily seen that something should be done immediately to better the situation. A committee composed of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. M. L. Ayers, Rev. L. M. Glenn, the late A. B. Singfield and a Tribune representative was authorized to suggest some plan for betterment. It was first decided to secure the aid of the board of education. Mr. Gibson who was then superintendent, was called upon. His sympathetic suggestions and stated that if a location could be secured the board would erect the building. While in the superintendent's office the idea was conceived to secure the assistance of Mrs. A. R. Lawton. She was reached over the telephone and in less than fifteen minutes she was there. Our purpose was disclosed to her and she too became sympathetic and left the conference with the idea of inducing the city to donate sufficient jobs for the building. Mayor Hull who was seen by her, approved it and at the meeting of city council the next night an ordinance was introduced and finally passed, donating the lots to the board of education. The approval of the legislature, then in session, was also secured. True to his word, Mr. Gibson, who was truly a friend to Negro education, presented the idea to the board of education. Appropriation was made for the building and within six months afterwards it was ready for occupancy. The well planned Springfield Terrace school is proof of all of this and full credit for its establishment must be given Mr. Brown, who was made its first principal and acted until his health precluded further service. In extending this credit to Mr. Brown we are not unmindful of the efforts of others who played their parts effectively in giving our children this educational institution.

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Family Member Founder of Pearl E. Smith Elementary School