

Local Urban League Sponsors Big Debate

Question of Negro Migrant to be Discussed at Watt School by Prominent Debaters

The ever-recurring question of the advantage or disadvantage of the growing presence of Negroes from the South in northern industrial communities will be vigorously debated at Watt School, Watt street and Webster avenue, on Friday night of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp.

Watt school, located in the center of the Hill district, has for several years afforded a place for strenuous debating along many lines. However, many of the persons who are on the inside, state that there is no question so aggravating in the minds of the colored population as the question of the Negro newcomer to the community. What shall we do with him? If he goes down, he takes us down with him. If he goes up, we are permitted to go further up.

Debaters Well Known

The men who will compose the debating teams on this weighty occasion are well known and upstanding men in the community. Attorney Thomas H. Barton is considered one of the shrewdest and ablest Negro lawyers among the younger set in the city of Pittsburgh. He is best known for his dogged determination in securing facts and presenting them in an uncompromising and most convincing manner. His teammate, Paul Ford Jones, son of the Rev. Augustus Jones, former pastor of the Central Baptist Church, has long been known as a debater and an orator. These two men maintain throughout the course of their argument that the migrant Negro should not return South. The affirmative side of the question will be upheld by the widely renowned team of Stanton and Stanton, father and son. The name of William H. Stanton as an attorney in the city of Pittsburgh is a by-word to the Negro in legal distress, so successful has he been in winning his cases in court. The recent partnership formed between him and his son, Wendell, 1929 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Law School, indicates that this team will be as difficult to handle in debating

on the rostrum as in the courtroom. This debate is perhaps the most discussed thing in the community today, and it is expected that Watt street school will be crowded to the doors with those interested in its outcome.

T. B. Hamilton, Master of Ceremonies

Since this effort is a cooperative effort between the Urban League of Pittsburgh and the League of Legal Fraternities, as master of ceremonies for the evening, the redoubtable T. B. Hamilton, attorney at law, will

Both the vocal and instrumental music on this occasion will be selected. Ballots will be cast for a popular decision on the subject of the debate. Louis A. ... registered architect ... in Pittsburgh. There will be no ...