

The other is the very efficient administrative assistant who served me so long, Dorothy Ellen Bauer, who left last week to return to college.

*(Applause.)*

Delegate Koger.

DELEGATE KOGER: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen, you have heard quite a good bit at this Convention concerning the contribution and achievements of the Maryland Negro. Nine times out of ten most of you have heard of Henry O. Tanner, who was an outstanding artist, who has pictures hanging in the Louvre, who was from Maryland.

You know of Ira Aldridge who was a Shakespearean actor.

You know Matthew Sousa and John Price, Free Negroes on the Ark and Dove.

And you know Matthew Henson, the explorer.

Whether they would make an historical contribution I do not know, but I do have here some books about Negroes.

I have a brother, A. Briscoe Koger, who is an historian, a retired lawyer, who has written THE MARYLAND NEGRO; THE MARYLAND NEGRO SOLDIER; and DR. HARVEY JOHNSON, who was a Negro minister and pioneer civic leader; THE NEGRO LAWYER IN MARYLAND.

I have a book THE MARYLAND NEGRO. I have also promised THE GREAT MEN OF MARYLAND by Father Arthur Bragg, who has since deceased.

I have THE NEGRO IN THE MAKING OF AMERICA by Dr. Quarles, Professor of History, Morgan State College.

These books I am going to present to the President of our Convention in honor of this Convention, so perhaps you will get a chance to read them.

PRESIDENT ENEY: Delegate Koger, you may bring them forward to the rostrum at this time.

DELEGATE KOGER: This is the first game about Negro Heroes, which was invented by Earl Koger and copyrighted in 1959.

There are 7,000 copies of this game, and on each card you will find an American hero. Incidentally, this game was played by the Kennedy children in the White House and through Mrs. Roosevelt, 37,000 copies were in schools; and also by Earl

Koger, A NEGRO HISTORY, and also a story by Earl Koger. This is the story of a little boy whose statue used to stand out on the lawn. His name is Jocko Graves. He was a hero in the war at Trenton. He was first recognized by George Washington who erected a statue to him on his lawn when George Washington retired.

Thank you.

I should like to present to you NEGRO BAPTISTS OF MARYLAND, THE MARYLAND NEGRO IN OUR WARS, a game called "Negro Heroes, where you have the pictures of all of the heroes; you play it somewhat like "Old Maid." THE NEGRO IN THE MAKING OF AMERICA, by Dr. Quarles; THE LEGEND OF JOCKO, by Earl Koger; DR. HARVEY JOHNSON, who is one of our most outstanding leaders, by A. Briscoe Koger; THE MARYLAND NEGRO and THE NEGRO LAWYER IN MARYLAND, by A. Briscoe Koger; and NEGRO HISTORY COLORING BOOK, by Earl Koger, Sr.

Thank you so much.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, and on behalf of the Convention I accept them with a great deal of gratitude. I will put them with the Convention records.

This Convention has been noted for many things. Sometimes the records would indicate that we are not the speediest of all, but I think that charge, if it has been a charge, can be set at rest now for evermore.

It gives my great pleasure to present to you, Delegate Koger, a photograph of you making the presentation a few minutes ago, taken by Delegate Finch.

*(Laughter and Applause.)*

DELEGATE KOGER: Here is one for you, Mr. Eney.

Thank you so much.

THE PRESIDENT: You really cannot beat it. This is a picture of me just shaking his hand.

Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: I was going to ask for equal time, but I yield to Delegate Borom.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE WHITE: We give up.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Borom.