

Two Ghana Speakers Outline Africa At Annual Father and Son Banquet

"You should be very thankful for the Y.M.C.A. It brings you nearer to God and creates good fellowship. Make it a point to enjoy all the facilities available." one of two special speakers from Ghana, Africa, urged in his concluding message to young guests attending the 11th Father and Son Banquet in the Y.M.C.A., Thursday, April 28.

Just concluding their second year at the Guelph O.V.C., Bill Bosu and Joe Ocran shared the spotlight during the banquet as they outlined the terrain, tribal customs, population and educational systems prominent in Africa today.

Showing the various sections of Africa on a large map, the two speakers held the attention of nearly 90 fathers and sons during the banquet catered to by the ladies of the Y Auxiliary and served by members of the Hi-Y Club.

Newest Independent State
Bill Bosu, first speaker, told his audience that Ghana was the newest independent state in west Africa and reviewed its progress since the 18th century.

He told of the great strides made in recent years and stressed the increase in population, trading and educational standards.

He told the young boys they had probably heard of "black Africa" and corrected any misinterpretation as he explained the name was not derived from the color of the natives but from the hardships encountered by settlers in attempting to reach the central regions. Swamps in the feisty with mosquitoes, foiled white settlers striving to invade the depths of Africa and malaria had killed off adventurers to the country.

Mr. Bosu explained throughout the country races vary from whites to very dark-skinned races and customs vary greatly.

The boys learned the population of the country had reached more than 100,000,000, ranging from tall black-haired tribesmen living in the northern section to pygmies in the southern portion.

Raise Education Standards
Mr. Bosu told of the great strides in the field of education since the adoption of schools 100 years ago. Today university degrees are available in Africa.

English is the most prominent language but the young listeners learned about the different languages throughout the various tribes.

Joe Ocran, second speaker, reviewed the tribal customs and dress and held the young boys' interests as he outlined the religious, marriage and burial customs of the country. Typical African dress was donned and explained to the audience.

One interesting phase of the talk dealt with the marriage customs. Mr. Ocran told the youngsters that prior to marriage the father of the boy visited the home of his bride-to-be after learning of his son's intentions. All the time the courtship is going on, the boy remains at home and the discussion continues between the boy's and girl's parents.

After everything has been settled, the girl's parents visit the boy and a date for the wedding is set. The boy's dowry collected amounting to about \$50 goes to the girl's parents.

The day of the marriage, great celebrating takes place and bands visit each home, playing loudly on horns and dancing. In the evening, the couple are finally united in marriage when the boy's mother bids everyone farewell and puts out the light in the couple's hut. No minister is present, the boys were told.

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took place, the boy's parents could reclaim the \$50 dowry.

50 Languages
The second speaker noted there were 50 different languages with English the first and foremost. He described the paramount chief's costume, explaining this man was the head-man in the community.

He told how the chief's costume was hand-made and cost approximately \$150 to \$200 to make.

The youngsters learned that Christmas in Africa differed from Canada as the natives mourned their loved ones during the time when Canadians celebrated with festive occasions.

Both speakers thanked the Y's Men's Club for having them to the annual affair and offered to return and explain further details of Africa at any time.

Dinner Program
The dinner program sponsored by the Y's Men was chaired by Ralph McKeown.

Introduced by W. Dubois, the two guest speakers were thanked and presented with gifts on behalf of the club by F. Koch.

W. Wilson, president of the Y Board of Directors, welcomed all the dads and lads present and stressed that no one gets too old to attend the banquets.

He told the youngsters the work of the Y has been going on for over 100 years and urged them to take an active part in their Y.M.C.A. and to take advantage of what the Y offered them.

Following a toast to the Queen, the Rev. H. B. Stokreef said Grace prior to the turkey dinner.

The following were introduced by E. Brears as head table

Future Nation
In conclusion, the toastmaster told the boys, "The nation is built up of sons and you are the future nation. We are proud of you and you will make a good nation."

He was answered on behalf of the boys present by his son, Danny Arbic, who enlarged on the father-son fishing trip and concluded by saying, "Mother plays a large part in a meal but father in the main course."

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Assisting the ladies serving were Carol Goodwin, Jackie Dave, Mardi Paul, June Davidson, Anne Briggs, Dianne Robinson and Pat Adams.

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Discussion Highlights 4-H Club's Sixth Meet
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Roll call was answered with "A dinner menu".

A helpful discussion followed on "Health Rules". Home assignment, work on charts "My home and myself".

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Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sunter, Niagara Falls, visited on Sunday with the former's mother and aunt, Mrs. G. Sunter and Miss E. Baldie.

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After everything has been settled, the girl's parents visit the boy and a date for the wedding is set. The boy's dowry collected amounting to about \$50 goes to the girl's parents.

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guests: Mr. Stokreef and his son for the night, David Clarke; R. McKeown and his son, Bill; W. Wilson and his son for the night, Keith Andrews; G. V. Barbeau and his son for the night, Peter Masales; and president E. Masales and his son, Russel. Other head table guests included the two main speakers.

Following the dinner, Y's Man D. Copeland, accompanied by G. Banks at the piano, led the group in a sing-song.

Harry Arbic, in proposing the toast to the sons, told the young lads, "Fathers in general are proud of their sons from the first day they are born - thus the traditional cigar." He noted there was a slight depression the following year as the sons kept them awake at night but he stressed the importance of father and son growing up together, emphasizing the favorite fishing trips taken together.

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DARKEST AFRICA was explained by two natives Joe Ocran and Bill Bosu, both students at the Guelph O.V.C., at the annual Father and Son Banquet Thursday night. The two are pictured above pointing out their native land to three interested youngsters in attendance. Pictured left to right are Mr. Ocran, Michael Boughton, Brian Boughton, Raymond Saitz and Mr. Bosu. The speakers donned typical dress for the occasion.

Home for Week Cars at Station

Maybe you haven't started your spring house cleaning yet, but the railroad has.

This week nine work cars moved into their temporary spot on the siding at the station. Tuesday the cooks and housekeeping gang arrived to prepare the home on wheels, and Wednesday 25 workmen settled in.

The men have been hired as seasonal extra work crew. Their spring housecleaning jobs: resetting ties on the main line between Acton and Georgetown, levelling up the track and general maintenance.

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First and second winners for the ladies were Mrs. Charlie Greig and Mrs. Harlow, with Mrs. W. R. Norton taking the consolation; Clara Wilson, Harry Scott and George Henderson taking the men's prizes, in that order.

Unfortunately for the association the able and popular president Bill Earle, will be leaving to take up residence in London soon. However, George Henderson, vice president, will carry on in his place until elections in the fall.

Mr. Earle, in thanking the board for their co-operation during the year, especially mentioned Ben Case, secretary-treasurer, for his faithful and enthusiastic work on the executive.

The ladies provided so bountifully for the lunch that several cakes were auctioned off by George Burt, to swell the funds of the association.

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