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BI-STATE BALL SEASON OPENS ON SATURDAY

Expected Great Interest Will Be Taken By the Various League Cities in the National Pastime

The Bi-State baseball league is officially open to season for the first time since its inception in 1928. The season will begin on Saturday, May 18, at the home of the Martinsville team at the stadium on Fayette street. The league consists of ten teams from Martinsville, Roanoke, and the surrounding area. The season will run through the month of September. The league is expected to draw a large attendance from the various league cities in the national pastime.

DRY OFFICERS ARE DRYING UP THIS SECTION

Excelsior Hotel's Being Closed to Liquor

The Excelsior Hotel, one of the largest and most popular hotels in Martinsville, has been closed to the sale of liquor. This is due to the fact that the hotel is being operated by a group of dry officers who are determined to enforce the prohibition laws. The hotel has been closed since the beginning of the year and is expected to remain closed for some time.

BASSETT CLUB HEARS LIEUT. GOV

The Bassett Club, one of the oldest and most prominent clubs in Martinsville, has heard a lecture by the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. The lecture was held in the club's hall and was attended by a large number of members and guests. The Lieutenant Governor discussed the current state of the Commonwealth and the role of the Bassett Club in the community.

NEGRO

The Negro population in Martinsville is growing rapidly and is becoming an important part of the community. The Negroes are engaged in various occupations and are contributing to the development of the city. The Negro community is becoming more organized and is playing an active role in the social and economic life of Martinsville.

NEW BALDWIN THEATRE May 15-16

BIG!

Dramatic Thrilling Amazing Epochal Reverent



CECIL B. DEMILLE'S

KING OF KINGS

JEANIE MACPHERSON

The management of the New Baldwin Theatre is pleased to announce the showing for two days at this theatre, beginning on Wednesday, May 15, of Cecil B. DeMille's world famed picture of pictures. "The King of Kings." This is a reverential, massive, beautiful visualization of the greatest tragedy of the ages. A story of the final months of the life of Jesus. It has been acclaimed by scholars, celebrated divines, educators, press and public in this and foreign countries, as the crowning achievement of cinema art. **MINISTERS ADMITTED FREE.**

The new theater could seat more than 400.

THE FIRST MOVIE theater for blacks in Martinsville opened in 1911 on Fayette Street in the basement of the old Jones building now housing the Martinsville Hotel. It was an early business effort of Dr. Baldwin's that didn't succeed.

However, once he opened the Baldwin Theater on the Block in 1929, with Cecil B. DeMille's "King of Kings," the Saturday tradition of ten-cent movies and nickel sodas had arrived. When he later leased the operation to R.S. Brown, the name changed to the Rex Theater.



Historical issues of the Martinsville Bulletin are available on microfilm from the Blue Ridge Public Library and can also be read at the Bassett Historical Center.

WORKING AND PLAYING ON FAYETTE STREET: an exhibit created through the partnership of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and the Fayette Area Historical Initiative.



Rex

WEEK BEGINNING TODAY
TODAY ONLY

