

A Digest of Brooklyn Happenings

Lieut. McKaine at Douglass Forum 1

Lieut. O. E. McKaine was the principal speaker at the Frederick Douglass Forum at P. S. 83, Thursday evening, November 20. He spoke on "The Negro's Part in the Reconstruction." He dwelt at length on the great conflict our men have gone through during the war and the spirit that it had given them; and stated that out of it has come a new Negro who demands a square deal, and will employ all fair means to obtain it. The speaker also touched upon the American Legion and the attitude assumed by the white southerners on Race men establishing posts in the southland, and said the best way to combat this was for war veterans to join and fight within the ranks and not out as we should in all fights, political, economical or social, for there seems to be an organized force to give the Race man an inferior status, and these issues must be met. George E. Wibecan, the chairman of the forum, presided. Attention was called to the protest made by the N. A. A. C. P. to President Wilson on the Arkansas outrage; and upon motion of S. A. Gibbs, the forum was empowered to send a letter indorsing the action of the association. A fine musical program was rendered during the evening by a group of young boys and girls.
